The Past Haunts the Present
INT 35DS
Summer Session B, 2017
MTWR 2:00-4:50p.m., Phelps 3523

This 8-unit course will be team taught by Beth Digeser and Paul Spickard, both Professors of History.

"La peste," by Arnold Böcklin (1898)

We live in dark times. Specters we assumed were long buried have arisen and walk the land. Xenophobia, misogyny, racism, and religious bigotry all continue to plague society in the United States and around the world.

How old are these patterns? Why did they arise? Why do they still haunt us today? To what extent do they exacerbate other perennial problems such as poverty, disease, environmental collapse, human migration, or forced labor? Why do technological innovations never vanquish them?

This interdisciplinary course will explore the roots and growth of these issues around the globe. Through field trips, we will also study their unique expression in Southern California. Majors in History and History and Public Policy may petition to have this course fulfill requirements for HIS 2A and 2C.