

# HIS 4900: AUGUSTUS, NERO, and CONSTANTINE: Imperial and Christian Rome

and

# REL 4900: PETER, PAUL, and MARY: Early Christian Rome [annotations by Daniel Browning]

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