

ILS 275 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN INTEGRATED LIBERAL STUDIES THE VIETNAM ERA: MUSIC, MEDIA & MAYHEM

Fall 2012

Tuesday & Thursday 2:00-3:15pm No prerequisite.

The Vietnam Era: Music, Media and Mayhem provides

a veteran-centered focus on the culture and events of the war in Vietnam and the Vietnam era. Framed by the music, film, journalism (both print and television) and war literature of the period, the class challenges students to look beyond the stereotypes of the 1960s, and of Vietnam vets in particular, to recognize the complexity of experiences which are much more complicated than the convenient labels of pro-war "Hawks" and anti-war "Doves." Over the course of the semester, students will meet several Vietnam vets in addition to the veterans on the teaching team: co-instructor Doug Bradley, US Army journalist in Vietnam, and TAs Wyl Schuth, a Marine veteran of the Iraq War, and Anthony Black, a veteran of both the US Army and Marine Corps.