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The 2022 Annual Lecture in Ottoman History:
**OTTOMAN CULTURE AND THE
GROWTH OF CIVILITY, c. 1600-1800**

**THURSDAY
APRIL 14 2022**

LECTURE 6:00 PM
UH Student Center South,
Space City Room 214

Presented by
Dr. James Grehan



While few historians today accept that the Ottoman Empire sank into a long 'decline' in the 17th and 18th centuries, they have struggled to replace this dismissive view with more compelling narratives. This talk will offer a fresher perspective, focusing on the history of manners. It will reveal how towns across the Ottoman Empire underwent a noticeable expansion of 'polite' society during the 17th and 18th centuries, showing how these Ottoman experiences matched cultural transformations that were taking place across the 'early modern' world.

Dr. James Grehan is a renowned professor of Ottoman history at Portland State University who specializes in the early modern and modern Middle East. Dr. Grehan is the author of *Twilight of the Saints: Everyday Religion in Ottoman Syria and Palestine* (2014) and *Everyday Life and Consumer Culture in Eighteenth-Century Damascus* (2007).

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