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Welcome to History 101, the History of Western Civilization to 1600 C.E. My name is Greg LaMotta and I have been teaching at NOVA since 2009 at the Annandale Campus, and I joined ELI in 2013. Before teaching at NOVA, I worked at the National Archives for about 25 years. In one way or another, my whole professional career has been connected to the study of history.

I earned my PhD from the University of Maryland in 1992, where my specialty was the history of the Caribbean region. It may seem like quite a switch to go from studying the history of the Caribbean to studying the history of peoples in areas and times such as ancient Mesopotamia or medieval Europe, but knowing the history of western civilization is crucial to understanding the history of any part of the world. Indeed learning history is one way to get to know yourself better.