**RELI 3360A - An Introduction to 'Ayn al-Qudat**

This course will focus on the life and thought of the famous Sufi master ‘Ayn al-Qudat Hamadani (d. 1131). A student of Ahmad Ghazali (d. 1126), ‘Ayn al-Qudat was a religious judge and spiritual teacher who was put to death by the Seljuq government at the age of thirty-four, ostensibly on charges of “heresy.” Having come to terms with ‘Ayn al-Qudat’s life, martyrdom, and self-perception as a teacher and scholar extraordinaire, we will then venture into an in-depth analysis of his writings, focusing on his major philosophical, theological, and mystical ideas which shaped in many innovative ways the later trajectory of Islamic intellectual history.