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**ILR Covid-19 Precautions:** since this class will be held via Zoom, there will be no need for Covid-19 precautions.

## 22-201Z Looking For The Good War (Book Discussion)

Nell Brownell, Thursdays, 10 am to 12 noon Zoom July 7, 14, 21, 28

World War Two has shaped Americans' perception of our national identity and of America's place in the world in many significant ways. A new book from West Point professor of English, Elizabeth Samet, revisits the role the war has played in creating a powerful narrative of "dangerous sentimentality," arguing this attitude has undermined Americans' ability to accurately assess the global role and reach of the United States in the 21st century. Please join us in July for a four-part Zoom book group, led by Nell Brownell: starting on July 8th with discussion of the prologue and introduction, we will look at two chapters from the book for the following three weeks.

Check out this PBS interview with the author to see if you might be interested in joining us! https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/challenging-aromanticized-view-of-the-wwii-era-the-myth-always-seemsto-win-out

Nell Brownell, Ph.D. American history, recently retired from 25 years of teaching in small colleges and state universities where she emphasized an approach to American history that looked for themes and patterns in the multiple conflicting stories of our American past.