Scott Allison is a professor of psychology and an expert on heroes. Allison can break down at least five different types of heroes in the GoT series from an “Underdog Hero” like Tyrion Lannister to Theon Greyjoy, an example of a “Redeemed Hero.” “We look forward to the series’ eighth and final season when all these hero journeys reach their natural completion,” Allison said.

Kristin Bezio’s teaching and research focuses on the ways in which literature, drama, film, and video games have influenced society and the way people think about issues of leadership and followership. She can speak to why we’re interested in books, films, and TV shows about terrible leaders, many of which can be found in GoT, in our present sociopolitical climate.

Professor of History Joanna Drell teaches courses on medieval-Renaissance European history. As a medieval historian she can discuss how historians in the U.S. and abroad are engaging with the GoT series. She can also provide perspective on medieval themes such as chivalry, honor, religion, dynastic struggle, queenship, and the ‘occasional dragon’.

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