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INTRODUCTION

The University Seminars are groups of professors and other experts, from Columbia and elsewhere, who gather once a month to work together on problems that cross the boundaries between university departments.

Each Seminar elects its own officers, plans its own program and selects its own Members from Columbia, Associate Members from elsewhere, and any speakers or other guests it invites to its sessions. About half the Seminars admit selected graduate students as guests. Seminar participants and speakers attend by invitation and neither pay nor are paid, although a central office supports travel and hotel expenses for speakers when its endowment income permits.

As independent entities, the Seminars can take intellectual risks the University might not otherwise assume. They provide something every great institution needs: a small area where activities are fast, cheap, and out of control. Columbia is one of the few universities, or businesses, with the courage to institutionalize such independence.

The Seminars link Columbia with the intellectual resources of the surrounding communities. This outreach also offers to both worlds the fruits of interaction and mutual criticism, as well as the advantages of close contacts: a place to network, establish ties, exchange scholarly or professional news, or explore either side of the job market.

For the benefit of a broader audience, the Seminars make the minutes of most past meetings available to users of the Columbia Library. Each Seminar has a web page, but decides for itself how to use it. (To encourage candor in discussion of controversial issues, Seminars may exercise discretion over the contents and distribution of their minutes.) The Seminars subsidize the publication of certain books written under their auspices, and arrange conferences to make public their discoveries or to work quietly with scholars too distant to be regular Seminar participants.

Some Seminars are tight, restricted discussion groups that study unfashionable problems; others are broad-based lecture series where eminent visitors disseminate the latest knowledge. Frank Tannenbaum, the founder of the University Seminars, believed that uniformity would destroy them.

Scholars seeking to attend a Seminar should email their credentials to the Chair listed in this directory. Email addresses are on the website: www.columbia.edu/cu/seminars.



Faculty House, 1923

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HISTORY OF THE SEMINARS

In the nineteen thirties, Professor Frank Tannenbaum had discussed with Nicholas Murray Butler the idea of ongoing groups of Columbia professors and experts from the whole region to explore matters no single department had the breadth or the agility to study. Butler liked the idea as a quick way to mobilize the intellectual resources of the University about suddenly emerging problems, but World War II supervened and it was 1944 before his successor, Frank Fackenthal, approved the first five University Seminars. Three of these Seminars still meet: Peace, Religion, and The Renaissance.

The Seminars have continued to serve Butler's purpose, but they have also become an intrinsic part of the enterprise Columbia does better than any great university in the world, the ongoing education of its own faculty.

Most of this education takes place within the academic departments, but Tannenbaum was continuing a tradition of General Education in a Core Curriculum that Columbia had been developing for thirty years. The Contemporary Civilization and the Humanities courses are famous for the breadth they give Columbia undergraduates, and astonishingly unrecognized as a bootcamp where econometricians acquire sophistication by conducting rough and tumble discussions of Plato.

This tradition positioned Columbia professors to invent the interdisciplinary regional institutes that trained graduate students to handle post-war complexities beyond their departments, but also forced political scientists, economists, and literary scholars to learn from each other. Over the past two thirds of a century, the Seminars have offered more and more specialists from Columbia and elsewhere the chance to learn and discover things together.

When Tannenbaum died in 1969, there were fifty Seminars. He and his wife left the Seminars a million and a half dollars in their wills, to be invested and reinvested as a dedicated part of Columbia's



Frank Tannenbaum 1893–1969; historian of Latin America; Slavery; and Prison Systems. Professor Tannenbaum was a founder and the first director of the University Seminars.



The philosopher James Gutman succeeded Tannenbaum as director of the Seminars; and in 1976, Aaron Warner, professor of economics and Dean of the School of General Studies was appointed as his successor.

endowment. Tannenbaum wrote a charter to “protect the spontaneity of the Seminars from an unstructured situation [in which] interference is inevitable, because the desire for general rules and uniformity is irresistible.” The Director of the Seminars was to be appointed by the President of the University but selected and instructed by a General Committee, consisting of Columbia’s President, Provost, and the chairs of all the Seminars.

In the four decades since, the number of Seminars has grown to the eighty-one listed in this Directory. About half the Seminars that have been founded are still meeting, while half have merged, split, or dissolved. James Gutman followed Tannenbaum as Director from 1969 to 1975, followed by Aaron Warner, from 1976 to 2000, when Robert Belknap succeeded him.

THE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
DINNER MEETING

TANNENBAUM-WARNER AWARD

for Exceptional Service to the University Seminars

to

SETH NEUGROSCHL

This year's award was presented to Seth Neugroschl, the Co-Chair of the Seminar Computers, Man and Society. Professor Neugroschl, like his father, mother and wife, took Columbia degrees, earning his BA as a member of the class of 1940. He took a degree in industrial engineering in 1941, developing an interest in managing change coherently. For the next 23 years, he managed industrial plants, and then worked in the Marshall Plan and later for AID, in Europe and Latin America. In 1964, Professor Neugroschl's consulting experience led him to IBM, where he spent eight years as a management planner in their advanced systems development division. While at IBM, he taught Organizational Design and Behavior at Columbia. He was a member of Robert Livingston's Seminar on Organization and Management, and has been a chair of our Seminar on Computers, Man and Society since 1981, the same year IBM announced the PC.

Presentation of the Tannenbaum Award was followed by The Tannenbaum Lecture, "George Washington's Third Term: the afterlives of democratic politicians," given by Lisa Anderson, the James T. Shotwell Professor of International Relations in the Department of Political Science and at the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University. The dean of SIPA from 1997 to 2007, Professor Anderson has written widely on academic freedom, social science and public policy. Her recent book, *Pursuing Truth, Exercising Power: Social Science and Public Policy in the Twenty-first Century* (Columbia University Press, 2004), was an outgrowth of the Leonard Hasting Schoff Memorial Lectures of 2000. Professor Anderson is one of the United States' most eminent scholars of the Middle East and North Africa and a noted authority on modern Libya. Her research focuses on state formation, regime transition and social change. Before coming to Columbia, where she also served as Director of the Middle East Institute and chair of the Political Science Department, she taught at Harvard University. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and has served on the Board of Trustees of the American University in Cairo. As of fall, 2008, Professor Anderson is the Provost of the American University in Cairo.

From “George Washington’s Third Term: The Afterlives of Democratic Politicians” by Lisa Anderson

For decades—indeed centuries—the United States has promoted democracy as the most desirable form of government. Much energy has been devoted to drafting constitutions, designing representative institutions, constructing electoral systems, and assessing the most desirable sequence of reforms for democratic transitions. Throughout, however, almost no attention has been given to the individuals who make themselves the trial subjects of democratic experiments: the elected officials of new democracies. Yet the decision to risk defeat in elections or—more boldly—to retire from office at the end of one’s term, assumes that political figures have something else to do—a metaphorical farm to which to repair.

In the industrialized world, there is a robust private sector into which to retire; handsome speaking fees, lucrative consultancies and prestigious appointments await retired public servants. Bill Clinton’s post-presidential life is well documented; Ireland’s Mary Robinson made a career of advocacy, serving as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and now as President of a foundation-supported NGO. Even in new democracies, former heads of state sometimes do very well: Mexico’s Ernesto Zedillo teaches at Yale and serves on the board of directors of Procter & Gamble, Union Pacific, Alcoa, and Electronic Data Systems.

But for many newly retired new democrats, the question is not so clear. Take, for example, Benjamin Mkapa, former President of Tanzania (and Columbia alumnus), who stepped down in December 2005 at the end of his second five-year term. Accustomed to the perquisites of office, including a controversial presidential jet, Mkapa’s plans were the object of considerable curiosity; by the spring of 2006, he was the focus of local press stories complaining that he was virtually invisible: “Mkapa should come out and tell us what he is doing. We have the right to know what our former president is doing.” Insofar as democracy depends on the willingness of its most faithful servants to abandon their roles, failure to attend to the afterlives of public servants represents a striking, and perhaps even dangerous, omission on the part of both its promoters and its scholars.



Lisa Anderson, the James T. Shotwell Professor of International Relations in the Department of Political Science and at the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University

TANNENBAUM-WARNER AWARD RECIPIENTS

1992 William S. Vickrey	2000 Aaron W. Warner
1993 Paul Oscar Kristeller	2001 Oscar Schachter
1994 John N. Hazard	2002 Marshall D. Shulman
1995 Wm. Theodore De Bary	2003 Sam Devons
1996 J. C. Hurewitz	2004 Ken Jackson
1997 Joseph B. Maier	2005 Carole Vance
1998 Joan Ferrante	2006 George Halasi-Kun
1999 Anslie T. Embree	2007 Harry R. Kissileff

TANNENBAUM LECTURERS

1971 Gilbert Highet	1989 Robert L. Belknap
1972 Philip C. Jessup	1990 Fritz Stern
1973 Harvey Picker	1991 J. C. Hurewitz
1974 Paul Henry Lang	1992 William S. Vickrey
1975 Theodosius Dobzhansky	1993 M. Elaine Combs-Schilling
1976 Eric Louis McKittrick	1994 Eli Ginzberg
1977 Daniel Yankelovich	1995 [50th Anniversary Celebration]
1978 Harrison E. Salisbury	1996 Alan Brinkley
1979 Barbara W. Tuchman	1997 Eric Foner
1980 Charles Gati, John N. Hazard, R. Randle Edwards, Seweryn Bialer	1998 Martin Meisel
1981 Marshall D. Shulman	1999 Cynthia H. Whittaker
1982 Richard N. Gardner	2000 Richard W. Bulliet
1983 Richard W. Lyman	2001 Robert O'Meally
1984 Gerda Lerner	2002 Andrew J. Nathan
1985 Joan M. Ferrante	2003 John Stratton Hawley
1986 Robert L. Payton	2004 Alice Kessler-Harris
1987 Henry F. Graff	2005 James G. Neal
1988 Arthur A. Hartman	2006 Herbert S. Terrace
	2007 Ester Fuchs

THE FIFTEENTH SERIES OF THE
LEONARD HASTINGS SCHOFF
MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

given by

PROFESSOR DOUGLAS CHALMERS

Professor Emeritus of Political Science

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT REPRESENTATIVES:
SEVEN REASONS TO THINK BEYOND ELECTING
EXECUTIVES AND LAWMAKERS

I.

*War, Inequality, Environment, Growth:
Successes and failures of representative government*
8:00 PM, Monday, November 12, 2007

II.

Why Representation is a Process, Not a Set of People
Porous citizenry, multiplex communication
and informed decisions
8:00 PM, Monday, November 19, 2007

III.

*Key Institutions of Representative Government:
creating the processes that solve problems*
8:00 PM, Monday, November 26, 2007

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Room 1501
420 West 118th Street

Douglas A. Chalmers is a Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Columbia University. He has served as Chair of his Department, Acting Dean of the School of International and Public Affairs and Director, the Institute for Latin American Studies. His Yale PhD dissertation was on post-WWII German party politics (*The Social Democratic Party of Germany, from Working-class Movement to Modern Political Party*, Yale University Press, 1964) He has written about parties and clientalism in Latin America, particularly in Brazil and Mexico. More recently he has written on social movements and civil society organizations. He was an author and co-editor of *The New Politics of Inequality in Latin America* published in 1997 by Oxford University Press, suggesting the importance of personal, 'associative networks'. Very preliminary versions of the current lectures were presented and published in Argentina and Mexico.

PREVIOUS LEONARD HASTINGS SCHOFF MEMORIAL LECTURES

1993: DAVID N. CANNADINE

Moore Collegiate Professor of History
The Rise and Fall of Class in Britain, 1700–2000

1994: CHARLES E. LARMORE

Professor of Philosophy
The Romantic Legacy

1995: SASKIA SASSEN

Professor of Urban Planning
Governing the Global Economy

1996: KENNETH T. JACKSON

Jacques Barzun Professor of History
and the Social Sciences
*Gentleman's Agreement: Political Balkanization
and Social Inequality in America*

1997: IRA KATZNELSON

Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History
Desolation and Enlightenment:
*Political Knowledge After the Holocaust,
Totalitarianism, and Total War*

1998: CAROL GLUCK

George Sansom Professor of History
*Past Obsessions: War and Memory
in the Twentieth Century*

1999: ROBERT POLLACK

Professor of Biological Sciences
The Faith of Biology and the Biology of Faith

2000: LISA ANDERSON

Dean of the School of International and Public Affairs
Professor of Political Science
*The Scholar and the Practitioner: Perspectives
on Social Science and Public Policy*

2001: PARTHA CHATTERJEE

Professor of Anthropology
The Politics of the Governed

2002: DAVID ROSAND

Meyer Schapiro Professor of Art History
The Invention of Painting in America

2003: GEORGE RUPP

President, International Rescue Committee
*Globilization Challenged:
Conviction, Conflict, Community*

2004: LESLEY A. SHARP

Associate Professor of Anthropology
and Sociomedical Sciences
Bodies, Commodities, Biotechnologies

2005: ROBERT W. HANNING

Professor of English and Comparative Literature
*Serious Play: Crises of Desire and Authority
in the Poetry of Ovid, Chaucer, and Ariosto*

2006: BORIS GASPAROV

Professor of Slavic Languages and Literature
*The Early Romantic Roots of Theoretical Linguistics:
Friedrich Schlegel, Novalis, and
Ferdinand De Saussure on Sign and Meaning*

THE SCHOFF AND WARNER PUBLICATION AWARDS

In 1991, Leonard Hastings Schoff's will endowed a fund to support the publication of books written under the auspices of the University Seminars that involve the Social Sciences or their subject matter and have been accepted for publication. Seminar members, guests, and even speakers may send the Seminars Director a letter, or better, an e-mail, naming the publisher, describing the contribution of a Seminar to some part of their text, and giving an outline or table of contents in a page or two, as well as listing the sums available and those needed for indexing, translating, editing, picture permissions, etc. Usually, though not always, the Schoff Committee decides on its allocation quite promptly. In 2008, the Seminars allocated parallel funds for the Aaron Warner awards, to be granted in the same way as the Schoff funds, but not restricted to the Social Sciences. A dozen Seminar members have already applied and been awarded funds under the new Warner fund.

In 2007–2008, nine books were published with assistance from the Schoff fund; two Schoff-supported works that appeared in 2006 are also belatedly listed:

Frances Bernstein, *The Dictatorship of Sex: Lifestyle Advice for the Soviet Masses*, April 2007

Edward J. Blum, *W.E.B. Du Bois, American Prophet*; May 2007

Eliot Borenstein, *Overkill: Sex, Violence, and Contemporary Russian Popular Culture*; November 2007

Krin Gabbard and William Luhr, editors, *Screening Genders*, July 2008

Uwe P. Gielen, editor, *Principles of Multicultural Counseling and Therapy*, June 2008

Joseph Massad, *Desiring Arabs*, September 2008

Mary McGlynn, *Narratives of Class in New Irish and Scottish Literature: From Joyce to Kelman, Doyle, Galloway, and McNamee*; April 2008

Robert Bruce Mullin, *A Short World History of Christianity*, March 2008

Lyudmila Parts, *The Chekhovian Intertext: Dialogue with a Classic*, April 2008

Muhsin al-Musawi, *Reading Iraq: Culture and Power in Conflict*, June 2006*

Jeffrey C. Kinkley, *Corruption and Realism in Late Socialist China: The Return of the Political Novel*, November 2006*



Aaron Warner, Director of University Seminars from 1976 to 2000, and the physicist I. I. Rabi.

2007–2008 SEMINAR CONFERENCES

The University Seminars are ongoing companies for which monthly discussions have proved an efficient way to discover or transmit important understandings. Occasionally, however, a Seminar's central concerns involve scholars too distant for regular participation, or a Seminar wants to engage a broader audience in its concerns. On such occasions, the Seminar Chair, usually accompanied by an energetic colleague or two, discusses the viability of the idea with the Seminars Director. Seminar-sponsored conferences may last half a day, or more than a week, may have a dozen invited experts working alone on a problem, or may be open to the public. Conferences often have co-sponsors and do not have to meet at Columbia. Seminars may receive funds for travel, accommodations, meeting rooms, audio-visual rental, translators, food, but not for honoraria, even from a co-sponsor.

In 2007–2008, seven Seminars sponsored or co-sponsored the following conferences:



THE PULSE OF DEATH NOW

The Austin H. Kutscher Memorial Conference

An interdisciplinary meeting on the experience
and representation of mortality in the 21st Century

Sponsored by the Columbia University
Seminar on Death

Saturday March 29, 2008
Columbia University
The Kellogg Center
International Affairs Building

The Columbia University Seminars were founded in 1945 as a meeting ground for cross-disciplinary and inter-institutional inquiries, bringing together academia, policy makers and community practitioners. The Seminar on Death, one of seventy-five seminars, was established by Austin H. Kutscher in 1970 and flourished under his enthusiastic and resourceful leadership for several decades. At his death in May 2007, Dr. Kutscher was professor emeritus of psychiatry at Columbia University.

Members and associates of the Seminar on Death are drawn from faculty departments of Columbia University, from other colleges and universities, and from experts and specialists in nonacademic pursuits, representing, among other fields, medicine, psychology, anthropology, art history, religion and ethics.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

9:00–9:30: Welcoming remarks and tribute to Austin H. Kutscher	<i>Reframing Death & Dying</i>
Christina Staudt, Austin H. Kutscher, Jr. and Robert G. Stevenson	Philip Alcabes The Behavioral Turn and the Refashioning of American Death
9:30–11:00	John Eric Baugher Encountering the Intimate Stranger
<i>Death and the Clinician</i>	Herbert G. Gingold & Ruth Mutzner Death: Near and Out of Sight
Miriam Piven Cotler How We Let Us Die; Ethics & Modern Medicine	Alan Pope The Influence of Buddhism on Western Death Attitudes
James M. Hitt Dead But Animate	11:15-12:45
Maureen O'Reilly-Landry Death on a Chronic Dialysis Unit: A Psychodynamic Formulation	<i>The Dying Process</i>
Thaddeus Mason Pope Medical Futility Statutes: Can They Be Resuscitated?	John Fox The Changing Cultures of Dying within Medical Institutions
<i>The Psychology of Death—Religion and Violence</i>	Joanna Sheinfeld What Dying Patients Should Expect from their Health Care Providers
M.K. Bartalos Violence and Adaptation—A New Framework	Margaret Souza The Irregular Pulse of Death
J. Harold Ellens Death in the Psychology of Genocide and Terrorism	Margaret A. Yard De-civilization as Response to the Cultures of Death and Societal Trauma in the Second Millennium
David Greene Revelation and Death in the 21st Century	
Jerry Piven Terroristic Apotheosis in Death	

Death as Advocacy

Banu Bargu

Weaponization of Life: Proletarian Violence,
Instrumentality, and Partisanship

Ibrahim Abu Bakar

Thanatopsis in Muslim Theological
and Ethical Works

Brigitte Nacos

Mass-Mediated Debate about Torture in the
“War on Terrorism” in Post-9/11 America

Julio Pino

Soldier versus Shaheed: How Martyrdom
Turns Death into Life

Death & Representation

Angela Belli

Witnessing Death on the Modern Stage

Marcelline Block

Capturing Death on Video: Sophie Calle’s
Public Installation at the 2007 Venice Biennale

Jeehey Kim

Korean Funerary Photo-Portrait:
Photography and Death

David Sterritt

Steven Spielberg’s *Flesh Fair*:
Film, Fantasy, and Death Denied

1:30-3:00

Death of the “Objectionables”

Kristen Drybread

Social Life and the Deaths of
Brazilian Street Children

Ana María Gómez López

From Mass Graves to Public Cemeteries:
Unidentified Bodies in Colombia’s conflict

Robin Root

Disarticulating Death and Dying in Discourses
of HIV/AIDS in Swaziland

Ronald F. White

Assassination Discourse and Political Power

Life & Death as Willful Choices

Elena B. Bezzubova

Death: Destiny vs. Choice. Are We Ready
for this Paradigm Shift?

Angela Garcia

Suicide as a Form of Life

Jerry Thomas Nessel

Increasing Life Expectancy and
the Hope of Increasing Life Span:
Resetting the Pulse and Clock of Death

Judith Schwartz

When Dying Patients Request a Hastened Death:
Evaluating Meaning and Responding to Nuance

Memorializing in the 21st Century

Mikita Brottman

Virtual Limbo: MyDeathSpace.com

Sayantani DasGupta & Marsha Hurst

Death in Cyberspace: Challenging the Boundaries
of the Public/Private Dimensionality

Maura Spiegel

Transforming Grief into Mourning:
Movie memorials in the American 21st Century

Lauren F. Winner

From Black Crepe to Mourning Tattoos:
The Return of Embodied Memorials
in Twenty-First-Century America

3:30-4:30

Plenary session

Gavriel Reisner

Hamlet & the Death Ego

Neil Kressel

The Religious Motivation of Jihadi Suicide Bombers

Ruth Stein

Purification Unto Death

Intellectual Foundings: J.G.A. Pocock and the Cambridge School

Conference for the Study of Political Thought
2007 Annual International Meeting

28 September 2007

J.G.A. Pocock is Henry C. Black Professor Emeritus at Johns Hopkins University. He has authored and edited numerous publications, including *The Ancient Constitution and Feudal Law* (1957), and most recently *The Discovery of Islands: Essays in British History* (2005). Among his many awards and honors are the American Philosophical Society's Jacques Barzun Prize in Cultural History (2000), the distinction of Officer of the Order of New Zealand Merit (2002), and the American Historical Association's Award for Scholarly Distinction (2004).

SESSION ONE: 9:30–11:30

Moderator: Akeel Bilgrami, Columbia University

“John Pocock and the Legal Tradition”

Donald Kelley, Rutgers University

“Alive and Kicking: The Ancient Constitution
and Feudal Law at 50”

Janelle Greenberg, University of Pittsburgh

“Beyond the Shadow of 1688:

Lawyers' Histories in the 18th Century”

David Lieberman, University of California, Berkeley

Respondent: David Armitage, Howard University

SESSION TWO: 1:15–3:00

Moderator: Jennifer Pitts, University of Chicago

“The Plotter's Principle: Robert Ferguson and
Ancient Constitutionalism in Late Stuart England”

Melinda Zook, Purdue University

“Hobbes and the Ancient Constitution (Again)”

Richard Tuck, Harvard University

**Respondent: Mark Bevir,
University of California, Berkeley**

SESSION THREE: 3:15–5:00

Moderator: David Johnston, Columbia University

“Ancient Constitutions and the Indian Law”

Robert Travers, Cornell University

“Some Methodological and Comparative Observations”

Sudipta Kaviraj, Columbia University

Respondent: Kirstie McClure, University of California, Los Angeles

A symposium co-sponsored by the Center for Law and Philosophy,
Columbia University Seminar on Political and Social Thought
and the Heyman Center for the Humanities



rites of return: poetics and politics

The Graduate Center, CUNY and Columbia University

A two-day symposium about the new genealogy, cultural memory
and the contemporary obsession with the recovery of roots.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 10, 2008,

Columbia University Law School

3:30pm: Opening Remarks

4–6pm: Sites of Return and the new tourism

Should sites of trauma and atrocity be preserved? What new modes of return have they engendered?

Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, Performance Studies, NYU

Rising from the Rubble: Building the Museum of the History of Polish Jews on the Site of the Warsaw Ghetto

Liz Sevcenko, International Coalition of Historic Site Museums of Conscience

Sites of Conscience: Activating Historic Sites for Addressing Contemporary Issues

Diana Taylor, Hemispheric Institute of Performance and Politics, NYU

Witness to the Ruins: Trauma and Durational Performance

Susan Meiselas, Magnum Photos

Photographic Returns: Nicaragua, Kurdistan

Moderated by **Marita Sturken**, Media, Culture, and Communications, NYU

6–7pm: Opening Reception

7–8:30pm: Rights of Return: The Question of Katrina

What have the responses to Katrina revealed about the politics and the rights of return? What is the place of Katrina and the people it has displaced in US national memory?

David Troutt, Law, Rutgers University

Segregation's Diaspora: Localism After Katrina

Keith Calhoun and Chandra McCormick, Photographers, New Orleans

Free

Farah Jasmine Griffin, English and African-American Studies, Columbia

Children of Omar: New Orleans, Resistance, Resilience & Resettlement

Patricia Williams, Law, Columbia University

O Give Me a Home: Discouraging Words From Out on the Range

Moderated by **George Lewis**, Center for Jazz Studies, Columbia University

Friday, April 11, 2008, Elebash Recital Hall, The Graduate Center, CUNY

9:30am: Opening Remarks

9:45–11:15am: Rootless Nostalgias: New Routes, New Medias

How do the new technologies of the archive affect the reconstruction of lost communities? What effects do new media and the Internet have on individual remembrances and cultural recall? What is the future of nostalgia?

Marianne Hirsch, English & Comparative Literature, IRWAG, Columbia and **Leo Spitzer**, History, Columbia and Dartmouth

The Web and The Reunion: <czernowitz.ehpes.com>

Jay Prosser, American Literature, University of Leeds, UK

My Grandfather's Voice: Jewish Immigrants from Baghdad to Bombay

Svetlana Boym, Comparative Literature, Harvard

Nostalgia and Eccentric Modernities

Moderated by **Geoffrey Batchen**, History of Photography and Contemporary Art, Graduate Center



11:30am–1pm: The Body Politic: Roots and DNA

What are the assumptions of genealogical identity? How can we complicate questions of origin to take into account new forms of family and history? What is the status of origin in the age of DNA and the new family?

Nadia Abu El-Haj, Anthropology, Barnard
History Meets a New Biology: the Embrace of DNA in the Age of Identity Politics

Jarrold Hayes, French and francophone studies, University of Michigan
Queer Roots for the Diaspora

Alondra Nelson, Sociology and African-American Studies, Yale

The Factness of Diaspora: The Sources of Genetic Genealogy

Moderated by **Brent Edwards**, Columbia

2:30–4pm: Literary Returns: A Conversation

Daniel Mendelsohn, author of *The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million*

Saidiya Hartman, author of *Lose Your Mother*

Eva Hoffman, author of *After Such Knowledge*

Moderated by **Nancy K. Miller**, English and Comparative Literature, Graduate Center, CUNY

4:30–6pm: Keynote

Amira Hass, journalist, author of *Drinking the Sea at Gaza*

Introduced by **Aoibheann Sweeney**, The Center for the Humanities, The Graduate Center, CUNY

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SHAKESPEARE AND HISTORY

A Day-Long Colloquium

15th in this Series

This year's presentations focus both on Shakespeare's plays on English history — particularly those covering the reigns of Henry IV and Henry VI—and on such topics as Shakespeare's view of time, his treatment of aging, the relationship of other plays of the period to his work and the history of their staging and production.

Saturday, October 20, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.



TIME GOES IN DIVERSE PACES: HISTORY AND DRAMA IN SHAKESPEARE

Lawrence Danson

Lawrence Danson is professor of English at Princeton University, where he is currently the Cotsen Faculty Fellow, awarded in recognition of his undergraduate teaching. He has written *Tragic Alphabet: Shakespeare's Drama of Language* and *The Harmonies of "The Merchant of Venice"* (both for Yale University Press) and *Shakespeare's Dramatic Genres* (for Oxford University Press). Most recently he edited the Longford Cultural Edition version of *The Merchant of Venice*. In addition to many articles on Renaissance drama, Danson has also written *Max Beerbohm and the Act of Writing* and *Wilde's*

Intentions: The Author in His Criticism (both Oxford). Shakespeare's history plays (and plays about history) dramatize his truism that "Time goes in diverse paces." "Time" includes the vast sweep of history as well as the daily treadmill of one-damning-after-another; it is not only the subject of history but the medium of drama; the plays enact time as the actual medium of the two (or three) hour's "traffic of the stage."

THE BREATH OF KINGS: BRITTLE GLORY AND NAKED AMBITION IN SHAKESPEARE'S RICHARD II

Thomas Cartelli

Thomas Cartelli is a National Endowment for the Humanities Professor of Humanities at Muhlenberg College. He is co-author, with Katherine Rowe, of *New Wave Shakespeare on Screen* (2007), and author of *Repositioning Shakespeare: National Formations, Postcolonial Appropriations* (1999) and *Marlowe, Shakespeare, and the Economy of Theatrical Experience* (1991). He has recently edited *Richard II* in a new paperback series of Shakespeare's plays to be published by Barnes & Noble, and is currently assembling a Norton critical edition of Shakespeare's *Richard III*. Both volumes are forthcoming in 2008.

Seeing *Richard II* as more about the rise of the

ambitious Henry Bolingbroke than the self-defeat of the King. Thomas Cartelli concentrates on moments of suspended “text” whose implications we tease out and constantly rewind. Putting the play in conversation with earlier dramatic works, he explains why the story was so often retold and why it mattered.

TIME'S DOTING CHRONICLES (2 HENRY IV, 4.4.126): SHAKESPEARE'S GEEZERS, POLITICS AND NOSTALGIA

Naomi Conn Liebler

Naomi Conn Liebler is professor of English at Montclair State University, where she has taught since 1972. In 1990 she was named a University Distinguished Scholar. She has published four books: *Shakespeare's Festive Tragedy: The Ritual Foundations of Genre* (Routledge, 1995); *Tragedy*, a theory reader co-edited with John Drakakis (Longmans Critical Readers Series, 1998); *The Female Tragic Hero in English Renaissance Drama*, an edited collection of essays (Palgrave, 2002); and, most recently, another edited collection, *Early Modern Prose Fiction: The Cultural Politics of Reading* (Routledge, 2007). Her current research focuses on “Shakespeare's Geezers,” his negotiations of old age throughout his dramatic and poetic genres.

2 Henry IV is particularly concerned with time

as succession and as national crisis. Shakespeare pauses to reflect on time's passage as a concern more personally focused on two old men, representatives of law in the lives of ordinary folk. Their exchange occupies the central space of the play (3.2) and these old men function as metonymies for right rule, succession and redemption, and thus as a serious meta-commentary on the Tudor Myth.

SHAKESPEARE'S EARLIEST HISTORY PLAYS

Phyllis Rackin

Phyllis Rackin is professor emerita of English at the University of Pennsylvania. A former president of the Shakespeare Association of America, she has published extensively on Shakespeare's history plays. Her books include *Stages of History: Shakespeare's English Chronicles* (Cornell, 1990, 1993); *Engendering a Nation: A Feminist Account of Shakespeare's English Histories* (Routledge, 1997), which she wrote in collaboration with Jean E. Howard; and *Shakespeare and Women* (Oxford, 2005).

Although Shakespeare's Henry VI plays have suffered a long history of neglect and disfavor, they were popular in their own time. Phyllis Rackin examines and challenges the arguments often given for the supposed inferiority of these plays, and argues that they may well be due for a major revival.

The Reflective Self

A Panel Discussion on Egological and Non-Egological Approaches to Consciousness

SATURDAY – MARCH 1, 2008

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Does all conscious experience involve some kind of self-awareness? Is consciousness fundamentally “egological” (being constituted by an ego, or sense of “I”)? Is it possible to reconcile a view of consciousness that takes the first-personal dimension seriously with a non-egological position?

A recent trend in Analytical philosophy of mind is to argue that consciousness essentially involves intransitive self-consciousness, in addition to transitive (object-directed) consciousness. In Continental phenomenology, this thesis derives from Brentano and is central to Husserl’s thought. Though this issue has prompted some discussion between these two traditions, very little attention has been paid to philosophical discourse in the Indo-Tibetan tradition, in which issues of selfhood are of greatest concern.

The time has come for dialogue and debate.

DAN ZAHAVI (philosophy, University of Copenhagen)

EVAN THOMPSON (philosophy, University of Toronto)

GEORGES DREYFUS (Indo-Tibetan Buddhism, Williams College)

JOHN DUNNE (Indo-Tibetan Buddhism, Emory University)

40 YEARS ON . . . A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

Friday, April 18

THE STUDENT PROTESTS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN APRIL 1968

What did they mean then? What do they mean now?

Sponsored by the Columbia University Libraries and
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Above: Robert Belknap, Robert Friedman, Lowell Harriss, Susan Heuman, Seth Neugroschl, Chauncey Olinger, Mark Rudd, Michael Ryan, Allan Silver and others at the reception in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Below: Michael Sovern, Paul Carter, W. T. De Bary

**10:30 a.m.—Earlier Political Activism
at Columbia University**

**Robert McCaughey, Paul Cushman,
Robert Belknap, Chauncey Olinger**

**1:30 p.m.—After the Protests at Columbia
University in 1968—A conversation with
key administrators:**

Michael Sovern, Paul Carter and W. T. De Bary

**3:30 p.m.—Discussion of the 1968 Protests—
Faculty; Alumni and others who Occupied
Buildings or did not: Mark Rudd, Susan Heuman,
Allan Silver, Lowell Harris and others.**



5:00 p.m. Reception

**Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Butler Library
Display of documents and or materials from the
Spring of 1968**

THE RISORGIMENTO REVISITED

19th-Century Italian Nationalism at the Intersection of Culture and Politics

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Italian Academy at Columbia University, New York City, 11-12 April 2008

In the last fifteen years the study of the Italian Risorgimento has been renewed in significant ways. By drawing on the approaches to the study of nationalism pioneered by Anderson, Hobsbawm and others, and by utilizing the methods of the 'new cultural history' historians of the Risorgimento have been asking new questions about nineteenth-century Italian nationalism, and have reached new conclusions about its cultural and political expressions, its appeal, limitations, and long-term impact. This international conference will bring together several of the practitioners of this new research. Its aim is to make the debates on the Risorgimento known to a broader public and to encourage the development of new perspectives on the history of Italian nationalism and national identity. By addressing the issue of how modern Italian identity was first conceived and constructed, the conference will also invite reflection on the issue of nationalism in present-day Italy.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 11 APRIL

10:00–10:30am: Welcoming Remarks: Silvana Patriarca and Lucy Riall

10:30–11:15am: Keynote Lecture
Paul Ginsborg (Università di Firenze):
Romanticism and the Risorgimento

11:30–1:00 pm: Publics and Voices of the Risorgimento
Chair: **John Davis** (University of Connecticut, Storrs)
Michael Caesar (University of Birmingham)
The poet on stage: improvisation and the Risorgimento public

Carlotta Sorba (Università di Padova)
Staging the Risorgimento: the theatricality of Italian revolutions (1820–1848)

Simonetta Chiappini (Florence)
From the people to the masses

2:30–4:00 pm: Gender, Nation, and Political Emotions

Chair: **Mary Gibson** (CUNY, Graduate Center)
Arianna Arisi Rota (Università di Pavia)
Falling in love with the patria: the Risorgimento first generation

Ros Pesman (University of Sydney)
Mazzini and love (Sara and Janet Nathan)
Marina d'Amelia (Università La Sapienza, Roma)
Personal and political passions: the difficult challenge for women

4:30–6:00pm: War, Revolution, and Political Identities

Chair: **Marta Petrusiewicz** (CUNY, Graduate Center)
Agostino Bistarelli (Università La Sapienza, Roma)
Brothers and Fratellanza
Lucy Riall (Birkbeck, University of London)
Soldiers, martyrs and the male ideal
Gilles Pécout (ENS, Paris)
War, public feeling and international friendship

6:00–7:00 pm: Keynote Lecture

Chair: **Victoria De Grazia** (Columbia University)
Alberto M. Banti (Università di Pisa): *Towards an historical anthropology of the Italian Risorgimento*

SATURDAY, 12 APRIL

9:15–10:45 am: Uses of History

Chair: **Nelson Moe** (Barnard College, Columbia University)

Giovanna Ceserani (Stanford University)
Greek pasts and Italian uses of history: the case of Magna Graecia from Vincenzo Cuoco to Ettore Pais

Emanuel Rota (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

Imagining a small community: Michele Amari and Sicilian nationalism

Manhaz Yousefzadeh (NYU)

Anti-hegemonic Nationalism: the Dante Centenary of 1865

11:00 am–1:00 pm: Empires, Nations, and Beyond

Chair: **Marjan Schwegman** (Netherlands Institute for War Documentation)

Maurizio Isabella (Queen Mary, University of London)

Italy's Civilizing Mission? Risorgimento, European Empires, and the Mediterranean

Steven Hughes (Loyola College, Baltimore)

A tale of two nationalisms: Ticino and the Risorgimento

Dominique Reill (University of Miami)

The Risorgimento: A movement against independence?

Nadia Urbinati (Columbia University)

& Stefano Recchia (Columbia University)

Nation building and democracy beyond borders: The legacy of Giuseppe Mazzini

2:00–4:00 pm: Religions and Identities

Chair: **David Kertzer** (Brown University)

Manuel Borutta (University of Cologne)

War against the clergy: the anticlericalism of the Risorgimento, 1843–1870

José David Lebovitch Dahl (European University Institute)

Between intransigence and nationalism: “the Jew” and the “Honest Italy” in the rhetoric of La Civiltà Cattolica during the Risorgimento

Tullia Catalan (Università di Trieste)

Italian Jews and the revolution of 1848: patriotisms, conflicts and multiple identities

Carlotta Ferrara degli Uberti (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)

Religion, family, nation: how the Jewish minority viewed itself

4:30–5.30 pm: Roundtable: How to Revisit the Risorgimento?

Chair and Moderator: **Silvana Patriarca** (Fordham University)

Discussants: **Catherine Brice** (Université de Paris XII),

Adrian Lyttelton (Johns Hopkins University, Bologna Center),

Glenda Sluga (University of Sidney)

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2007-2008 SEMINARS

Below is a listing of the 2007–2008 University Seminars, with their topics and speakers. The seminars are listed in order of their Seminar Number, which roughly follows their chronological founding. Some of our seminars are still going strong after more than 60 years; new ones continue to be formed. Four seminars were inaugurated last year. Our seminars span a wide range of interests, from contemporary and historical topics in religion, literature, and law, to technical and administrative issues in contemporary society, to area studies, Shakespeare and the sciences.

THE PROBLEM OF PEACE (403)

Founded: 1945

This seminar is concerned broadly with the maintenance of international peace and security and with the settlement of international disputes. It considers specific conflicts and also discusses the contemporary role of the United Nations, multinational peacekeeping, humanitarian efforts, and other measures for the resolution of international conflicts.

Chair: Dr. Roy S. Lee

Rapporteurs: Ms. Sarah Thomas and Mr. Jonathan Gant

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| January 22 | <i>Problems of Elections and Democracy: Lessons from Recent Events in Kenya and Pakistan</i>
Dr. Massimo Tommasoli |
| February 26 | <i>Preventing Deadly Conflicts and Mass Violence: A Suggested Approach</i>
Dr. David Hamburg |
| March 17 | <i>China's Environment and Development: Issues and Results</i>
Mr. Martin Lees |
| April 27 | <i>Peace and Security Issues in Afghanistan: Personal Reflections</i>
Dr. Zahir Tanin |

STUDIES IN RELIGION (405)

Founded: 1945

The approaches to religion in this seminar range from the philosophical through the anthropological to the historical and comparative. We concern ourselves with religion in all of its manifestations—ancient and modern, primitive and civilized, heretical and orthodox, individual and cosmic. The guiding thread is whatever subjects are uppermost in the minds of those composing the membership at a given time. Since members come from different disciplines as well as different traditions and have a variety of personal orientations, we are assured maximum openness and flexibility.

Chair: Professor Raymond F. Bulman

Rapporteur: Mr. Joel S. Lee

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 15 *Shifting Scholarly Paradigms in the Study of Rabbinic Narratives*
Dr. Jeffrey Rubenstein, Skirball Professor of Jewish Thought and Literature,
Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, New York University
- November 12 *Between Religion and Politics: Gilgamesh from Assyria to Israel*
Dr. David Damrosch, Professor of English and Comparative Literature,
Columbia University
- December 17 *Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel*
Norton Mezvinsky, Professor of History, Central Connecticut State University
Charles Selengut, Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies, Drew University, NJ
- February 11 *Religion and the Presidency: from John F. Kennedy to George W. Bush*
Randall Balmer, Professor Religion, Barnard College, Columbia University
- March 10 *Religion: Visible and Invisible*
Mark Taylor, Chair, Department of Religion, Columbia University
- April 7 *Bondage and Exodus: Experiences in the Lives of Indian Dalit Christians in the Diaspora*
Rachel McDermott, Department of Religion, Barnard College and Columbia University
- May 5 *Politics, Religion, and the Paranormal: The Strange Case of Lieutenant James N. Sutton*
Robin R. Cutler, Ph.D., Historian and Media Consultant

THE RENAISSANCE (407)

Founded: 1945

This seminar covers all aspects of Renaissance culture, from political and social history to art history, literature, languages classical and vernacular, music, philosophy, religion, science, and learning. The Renaissance is taken to begin about the time of Petrarch and to end—according to the field examined—at various points in the seventeenth century. Later scholars who conceptualized the Renaissance are also discussed.

Chair: Professor Elizabeth Hill

Rapporteur: Ms Lelia Scheaua

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 11 | <i>Nativity Scenes in Venician Quattrocento Painting</i>
Sandra Sider |
| October 2 | JOINT MEETING WITH MEDIEVAL STUDIES
<i>The Conscience of the King</i>
Paul Strohm, Columbia University |
| November 13 | <i>Milton's Primavera: The Epilogue of 'Comus'</i>
William Shullenberger |
| December 11 | <i>Saint Cicero and the Jesuits: The Liberal Arts and the Adoption of Moral Probabilism</i>
Robert Maryks, Bronx Community College |
| February 12 | <i>History as Science: The Question Revisited with Reference to Renaissance Humanism and the Two Cultures Debate</i>
Cynthia Pyle, N.Y.U., American Academy in Rome |
| March 11 | <i>Defending Copernicus and Galileo: A Galilean Approach to the Two Affairs</i>
Maurice Finocchiaro, University of Nevada, Las Vegas |
| April 8 | <i>Royal Personae: King François I Writes in the Female Voice</i>
Anne Lake Prescott, English Department, Barnard |
| May 13 | <i>Preserving the Poor: A Short Primer on Medieval and Renaissance Polish Hospitals, 12th-17th Century</i>
Wladyslaw Roczniak, Bronx Community College |

CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (411)

Founded: 1947

This seminar is concerned with methodology and theory in the social sciences as well as with its substantive results. As a rule, members and sometimes guest speakers present their current research in a manner which enlightens the seminar on various theoretical and methodological advances and helps the researcher to solve his difficulties and formulate a codified view of ongoing research in social sciences.

Chair: Mr. Tony Carnes

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Letchworth

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 12 | <i>Max Weber, Legitimacy and The Da Vinci Code</i>
James Mahon, William Paterson University |
| October 12 | <i>Britain: Islamists in the Rainbow Coalition</i>
Robert Carle, The King's College |
| November 14 | <i>Talking to Terrorists: The Role of Religion in Making Peace in a World of Terror</i>
David Porter, ECONI, Northern Ireland |
| December 12 | <i>Forty Years of the Matthew Effect</i>
Tad Krauze, Hofstra University |
| February 13 | <i>The Epistemological Fate of the Authoritarian Character Theory of the Frankfurt School</i>
Helgard Kramer, Freie Universitat Berlin |
| March 5 | <i>Artists in Exile: Tibor Gergely and Greta Schreyer</i>
Judtith T. Marcus, SUNY—Potsdam and Zoltan Tarr, sociologist |
| April 9 | <i>Images of Mothering: A Pre-History</i>
Ruth Rubinstein, SUNY—FIT |
| May 14 | <i>'The Most Scientific Religion': The Religious Discourse of Muslim, Hindu, and Sikh Applied Science Professionals</i>
Richard Cimino, The New School for Social Research |

EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPEAN CULTURE (417)

Founded: 1962

Scholars from a variety of disciplines — history, literature, philosophy, political science, music, and art — present papers from work in progress treating some aspect of eighteenth-century European culture. The Seminar's meetings in 2007–2008 were devoted to the origins of the modern concept of free speech, both conceptually (e.g., what is the relationship between free speech and the period or idea of “the Enlightenment”?) and contextually (what conditions promoted its institutionalization?).

Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Powers
Rapporteur: Ms. Nicole A. Seary

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- September 20 *A Positive Passion for the Public Good: Speech and Privacy in the Early American Republic*
Alison LaCroix, University of Chicago Law School
- October 11 *Cynicism and Cosmopolitanism at the Roots of Freedom of Expression:
The Case of Denmark–Norway*
John Christian Laursen, Department of Political Science,
University of California, Riverside
- November 15 *Banned Books: Alexander Radishchev's "Journey from Petersburg to Moscow"
and the Limits of Free speech in the Reign of Catherine the Great*
Douglas Smith, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington
- December 13 *Radical Enlightenment "Free Press" Versus Moderate Enlightenment "Free Press:"
The Clash of Two Antagonistic Conceptions*
Johnathan Israel, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey
- January 31 *Morality and Politics in 18th Century Germany: Wieland, Free Thought, and the Public Sphere*
John A. McCarthy, Max Kade Center for European and German Studies at
Vanderbilt University, Nashville
- February 21 *Debating the Limits of Freedom of Speech during the Crisis of the Hispanic World:
Liberty of the Press and Public Opinion*
Javier Fernández-Sebastián, Department of Political Science,
Universidad del Pais Vasco in Bilbao, Spain
- March 21 *Beyond Liberalism? A Typology of Arguments in Favour of the Freedom of the Press:
England and the Netherlands, 1650–1800*
Joris van Eijnatten, Department of History, VU University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- April 17 *Rousseau, Constant, and the Emergence of the Modern Concept of Freedom of Speech*
Helena Rosenblatt, Department of History, Hunter College, New York

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT (423)

Founded: 1951

This seminar addresses issues related to the structure and management of purposeful human enterprises. The membership is highly interdisciplinary. In addition to university and visiting scholars, distinguished individuals from industry and government participate regularly. The seminar selects themes for deliberation for one or more academic years. Recent themes have been: concept formation in developing theories of management; how should managers be educated, with implications for business administration curricula; managing increasing complexity, scale and change; measurement in management; and currently, managing in times of fundamental transformations. The consistent long-range effort has been toward an operationally verifiable theory of organizing and managing, including managers' education and training, and the emerging effects of globalization.

Chair: Professor Peter V. Norden
Rapporteur: Ms. Doris Elizabeth Carrion

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 10 | <i>Propaganda as Cultural Persuasion</i>
Arnie Silverman |
| November 12 | <i>Corporate Entanglement in US Courts Under the Alien Tort Statute</i>
Terry Meyers, Partner, Gibbons Law Firm |
| December 10 | <i>Screening of "The Corporation" by Directors Mark Achbar and Jennifer Abbott</i>
Howard Finkelberg, Program Director |
| February 11 | <i>Chemical Warfare: An Overview by Gerald Sherwin</i>
Gerald Sherwin |
| March 10 | <i>Transforming CA: America's Most Dysfunctional Company</i>
John G. Napoli |
| May 12 | <i>Evolving Corporate Governance</i>
Ernest C. Miller |

STUDIES IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THOUGHT (427)

Founded: 1968

The current diversity and vitality of the field of political theory is reflected in the wide-ranging interests of the seminar. In recent years, this seminar has explored a broad spectrum of topics and modes of discourse, including methodological analyses in historiography and the philosophy of social science, specific historical and conceptual studies of particular thinkers and ideas, and exercises in “applied” political theory dealing with contemporary issues of social and public policy.

Co-Chairs: Professor Anna Stilz and Professor Melissa Schwartzberg

Rapporteur: Mr. Reidar Maliks

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 28 | ALL-DAY CONFERENCE
<i>Intellectual Foundings: J.G.A. Pocock and the Cambridge School</i> |
| October 25 | <i>The Most Natural State: Herder and Nationalism</i>
Alan Patten, Princeton University |
| November 29 | <i>Social Theory in the Age of Empire</i>
Karuna Mantena, Yale University |
| February 7 | <i>Democratic Theory and Border Coercion: No Right to Unilaterally Control Your Own Borders</i>
Arash Abizadeh, McGill University/Princeton University Center for Human Values |
| March 13 | <i>Toward a Pragmatic Conception of Democracy</i>
Archon Fung, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University |
| April 3 | <i>Hegel, Tocqueville and Individualism</i>
Dana Villa, University of Notre Dame |
| April 24 | <i>On the Architecture of the Human Condition</i>
Patchen Markell, University of Chicago |

AMERICAN STUDIES (429)

Founded: 1954

The concern of this seminar is the history, literature, and culture of the United States. The focus is primarily on nineteenth and twentieth centuries, but recent subjects have ranged from Emerson to Star Trek and African American popular art. A number of presentations have positioned the United States in transnational or comparative contexts. The seminar's strength is the variety of fields represented by its intellectually active participants. The very lively discussion periods are one of the most appealing aspects of this seminar.

Co-Chairs: Professors Monica L. Miller and Elizabeth Hutchinson

Rapporteur: Ms. Jenna Feltey Alden

MEETINGS 2007-2008

Theme: American Studies and Visual Culture

- October 4 *On This Spot: Charlotte Cushman, Lady Macbeth, and the Place of American Art*
Alexander Nemrov, Department of Art History, Yale University
- November 8 *Selling Culture: Mexico in the American Modern Imagination*
A. Joan Saab, Department of Art History and Visual and Cultural Studies,
University of Rochester
- February 28 *The DIY Museum: Repurposing the Past at the City Reliquary*
Leah Dilworth, Department of English, Long Island University
- March 27 *Topsy at the Dressing Table: Visual Apocrypha and Uncle Tom's Cabin*
Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw, Department of Art History, University of Pennsylvania

MEDIEVAL STUDIES (431)

Founded: 1954

This seminar exists primarily for the purpose of discussing problems which are of common interest to all branches of medieval studies. The seminar particularly encourages interdisciplinary topics and approaches, which will stimulate discussions of issues in the study of medieval culture. One of the great advantages of the seminar is that it brings together representatives of medieval disciplines, from Columbia and elsewhere, who otherwise would have only rare opportunities to talk about questions of common interest.

Chair: Professor Susan Boynton

Rapporteur: Mr. Liam Moore

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| October 2 | JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON RENAISSANCE
<i>The Conscience of the King</i>
Paul Strohm, Columbia University |
| November 13 | <i>How Long is a Quotation?</i>
Sarah Kay, Princeton University |
| December 11 | <i>Imperial Dreams: Relics and the Construction of Memory at Aachen, Conques, and Quedlinburg</i>
Cynthia Hahn, Hunter College CUNY |
| February 14 | <i>Love-Letters from Byzantium: Discourse and Desire in Eleventh-Century Constantinople</i>
Stratis Papaioannou, Brown University and Dumbarton Oaks |
| March 11 | <i>My Life with the Druids of Chartres</i>
Margot Fassler, Yale University |
| April 8 | <i>Testamentary Bequests and the Power of the Living (Le vif saisit le mort):
The Case of Jeanne de Navarre (d. 1305) and Philip the Fair of France (r. 1285–1314)</i>
Elizabeth A. R. Brown, CUNY |

STUDIES IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICA (435)

Founded: 1956

The seminar provides a lively forum for historians and social scientists engaged in the advanced study of Sub-Saharan Africa. Faculty and visiting scholars from Columbia University and neighboring institutions actively participate in the monthly evening sessions. Seminar discussions often focus on theoretical and comparative approaches to the study of colonial and contemporary states, processes in political mobilization and leadership, the impact of the international community, and the roles of gender and cultural identities.

Co-Chairs: Drs. Ousmane Kane and Yuusuf S. Caruso

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- February 7 *Muslim-Christian Relations in Niger*
Dr. Barbara Cooper, Director of the Center for African Studies and Professor of History,
Rutgers University
- February 27 *Participation in Violence: Sierra Leone, Liberia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo*
Dr. Macartan Humphreys, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Columbia University

CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION (441)

Founded: 1958

This seminar exists to further, in the New York area, the study of the literature, art, archaeology, and history of the ancient world. Seven meetings are held each year attended by twenty to sixty members drawn from universities and colleges within reach of New York. There is no set theme to the seminar for a given semester or year.

Co-Chairs: Professors Joel Lidov and Katharina Volk
Rapporteur: Mr. Ian Halim

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 20 | <i>Speech and Silence in Caesar's Bellum Gallicum</i>
Christina Kraus, Yale University |
| October 18 | <i>The Fairest Victory of Them all? Hieron, His Rivals, and Pindar's First Pythian</i>
Kathryn Morgan, The University of California at Los Angeles |
| November 15 | <i>Deep Frontiers: Classical Archaeology's New Age of Exploration</i>
Bridget Buxton, University of Rhode Island |
| January 24 | <i>Stoic Cosmopolitanism and Ideal Deliberation</i>
Katja Maria Vogt, Columbia University |
| February 21 | <i>Inventing the Past in Pergamon & Alexandria</i>
Rachel Kousser, Brooklyn College |
| March 27 | <i>Character and Characterization in Greek Tragedy</i>
Bernd Seidensticker, Freie Universität Berlin |
| April 17 | <i>The Afterlife of Paulina, Seneca's Wife</i>
James Ker, University of Pennsylvania |

MODERN EAST ASIA: CHINA (443)

Founded: 1958

This seminar is concerned with the politics, society, culture, and international relations of China from the early nineteenth century to the present. Its broader purpose is to explore the evolution of Chinese civilization over the past century of revolution and rapid social change. Papers—works in progress—are circulated to members and associates in advance of each meeting. Authors are asked to give a brief oral introduction, after which a discussant comments. The entire remainder of each session is comprised of members' reactions to the paper and the author's responses.

Co-Chairs: Professors Eugenia Lean and Janet Chen

Rapporteur: Mr. Li Chen

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- September 6 *Religion and Material Culture in a Small City: Shou-zhou, Anhui*
Susan Naquin, Princeton University
Discussant: Dorothy Ko, Columbia University
- October 11 *Against the Law: Labor Protest in China's Rustbelt and Sunbelt*
Ching Kwan Lee, University of Michigan
Discussant: Charles Tilly, Columbia University
- November 8 *The 1911 Generation: Xi'an 1906-1930*
Pierre-Etienne Will (College de France)
Discussant: Edward Rhoads, University of Texas at Austin (Emeritus)
- December 6 *The Wonder of Plants: Vegetation Studies Beside Botany*
Yue Meng, University of Toronto
Discussant: Fa-ti Fan, SUNY Binghamton
- February 7 *Mapping the City: Activism and Urban Space, Beijing, 1919*
Fabio Lanza, University of Arizona
Discussant: Richard Belsky, CUNY, Hunter College
- March 13 *Inherit the Wolf: Natural History and Narrative Form in Lu Xun's Fiction*
Andrew Jones, University of California at Berkeley
Discussant: Weihong Bao, Columbia University
- April 10 *Vulnerable Heroes: The Contestation Over Rights and Status
Among Disabled Veterans in the PRC, 1949-1985*
Neil J. Diamant, Dickinson College
Discussant: Robert Culp, Bard College
- May 1 *Did Chinese Christians Benefit from Modern Schools and Hospitals Set Up by
Foreign Missionaries? The Catholic Church in a Shanxi Village 1900-1945*
Henrietta Harrison, Harvard University
Discussant: Joseph Lee, Pace University

MODERN EAST ASIA: JAPAN (445)

Founded: 1960

The seminar's members, representing the full range of academic disciplines that bear upon the study of Japan and including Japan specialists from government, business, and the nonprofit sectors, meet regularly to discuss scholarly papers on all aspects of modern Japan, from history, literature, art, and the performing arts to politics, economics, social issues, and the U.S.–Japan bilateral relationship.

Chair: Dr Bettina Gramlich-Oka
Rapporteur: Mr. Nathan Powell Shockey

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- October 19 *Censorship and the Monitoring of Ethnic Korean Education in Occupied Japan*
Kristine Dennehy, Cal State, Fullerton
Discussant: Marlene Mayo, University of Maryland
- November 9 *The Mirror of Memory: Constructions of Hell in the Maruki Murals*
Charlotte Eubanks, Penn State University
Discussant: Theodore Cook, William Paterson University
- December 14 *The Ansei Edo Earthquake of 1855 as a Political Event*
Gregory Smits, Pennsylvania State University
Discussant: Amanda Stinchecum, Independent Scholar
- January 18 *Bilingual Education for Foreign and Minority Children in Japan and
the United States and its Role for Eliminating Racial Discrimination*
Yasuko Morooka, New York University
Discussants: Haeng-Ja Chung, Hamilton College and Noriko Watanabe, Baruch College
- February 8 *Creating a Sacred Narrative; Kojiki Studies and Shinto Nationalism*
Klaus Antoni, Universitat Tübingen
Discussant: Haruo Shirane, Columbia University
- March 7 *Modernity and Fascism in Interwar Japan*
Janis Mimura, SUNY, Stony Brook
Discussant: Barbara Brooks, CUNY
- April 7 *Reverence at Shrines: Sophia University, the Catholic Church,
and the 1932 Yasukuni Shrine Incident*
Kate Nakai, Sophia University
Discussant: Janis Mimura, SUNY—Stonybrook
- May 9 *Multiple Choice: Justifications for Rulership around the Tenmu Dynasty 650–800*
Herman Ooms, UCLA
Discussant: David Lurie, Columbia University

NEW TESTAMENT (451)

Founded: 2006

This seminar focuses on texts from the Mediterranean world of late antiquity, particularly as they relate to Christian origins. While it studies the New Testament, it also considers the Dead Sea Scrolls, Nag Hammadi texts, patristic literature, rabbinic material, and Greco-Roman texts.

Chair: Professor Claudia Setzer
Rapporteur: Ms. Kimberlee Auletta

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| October 1 | <i>Law of Open Body: Mary in Childbirth</i>
Jennifer Glancy, Le Moyne University |
| November 7 | <i>Angels and Demons and Paul</i>
Dale Martin, Yale University |
| February 4 | <i>Women in the Rabbinic Kitchen</i>
Judith Hauptman, JTS |
| March 4 | <i>Matthew 16:13–19: An Anti-Pauline Polemic</i>
Chris von Dehnsen, Carthage College |

THE CITY (459A)

Founded: 1962

This seminar undertakes a wide-ranging consideration of the city—its history, functions, problems, and glories. Sessions are devoted to urban cultural and social history, and to the meaning of physical form and landscape. The heterogeneous nature of the seminar's membership is reflected in the variety of subjects that the meetings address.

Chair: Professor Lisa Keller
Rapporteur: Ms. Janina Franco

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 24 | <i>Harvesting the Crisis: Riots, Race, and Political Discourse in Newark</i>
Kevin Mumford, University of Iowa |
| October 29 | <i>The Living New Deal Project</i>
Gray Brechin, Berkeley University |
| November 19 | <i>Demythologizing Jane Jacobs: Beyond the Anti-Moses</i>
Christopher Klemek, George Washington University |
| December 6 | <i>Modernity and the Making of a Mexican City: The Urbanization of Monterrey, Mexico</i>
Jaime Rodriguez, Saint John's University |
| January 24 | <i>Race, Place, and Play: Robert Moses and the WPA Swimming Pools in New York City</i>
Marta Gutman, The City College of New York |
| February 27 | <i>Le Clede Town: Architecture, and Civil Rights, and the Search for the Authentic Mode of Urban Living, 1965-1985</i>
Joseph Heathcott, The New School |
| April 24 | <i>City of Suburb: Architecture, Planning and Shopping Center, 1950</i>
David Smiley, Barnard College, Columbia University |

LAW AND POLITICS (465)

Founded: 1963

Members of the seminar investigate the legal, political, and institutional aspects of society both as they function in reality and as they should function according to theory. The investigation is both global and timeless, although European and American interests seem to dominate. Lectures and discussions range from classical Greece, Rome, and Israel, through medieval Europe, Islam, and Asia, to modern and contemporary societies. Aspects of Roman, Canon, Talmudic, Common, and Islamic laws are examined. The majority of the lectures are presented by the members of the seminar, most of whom are academics in history, political science or law, or professionals who have become editors. One or two papers each year are presented by visiting scholars.

Chair: Professor Catherine McCauliff

Rapporteur: Ms. Shailly Barnes

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| October 2 | <i>History of Free Speech Doctrine</i>
Vicent Blasi, Columbia Law School |
| November 14 | <i>Duke Lacrosse Case/ Until Proven Innocent</i>
KC Johnson, Professor of History at Brooklyn College and Graduate Center, CUNY |
| January 15 | <i>United Nation Security Council Emerging Economic Statecraft</i>
Kristin Boon, Associate Professor of Law, Seton Hall University |
| March 18 | <i>The First Amendment, Separation of Church and State, and the Ku Klux Klan</i>
Professor Philip Hamburger, the Maurice and Hilda Friedman Professor of Law,
Columbia University School of Law |
| April 16 | <i>Confusion About Objections to Natural Law</i>
Professor Michael Ambrosio, Seton Hall Law School |

COMPUTERS, MAN, AND SOCIETY (467)

Founded: 1966

Networked computers are rapidly converging with telephones and TV into globally pervasive digital communications systems. These systems—and the emerging New Medium which they support—are increasingly impacting what and how we communicate with each other, ourselves, and the accumulating human record. The opportunities and threats these systems pose to personal and global quality of life, and even potentially to human survival, are very real and relatively little understood. Further, they can only be assessed in the context of the larger, rapidly changing realities—global to personal—in which they are embedded. This seminar offers humanists, technologists, physical and social scientists and practitioners a forum to move beyond their specialist frames of reference; to help evolve an integrated individual user and social system oriented view of this new human symbiote.

Co-Chairs: Professors James D. Hays and Seth Neugroschl

Rapporteur: Ms. Yael Slater

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| November 28 | <i>An Exploration of "The 21st Century Corporation"</i>
Harry Sigele, Formerly with IBM
Sam Masta, Formerly with IBM
Charles Bell, with Consumer's Union |
| December 19 | <i>The 21st Century Corporation, 21st Century Global Governance, and the Role of the Web</i>
Jim Hayes (in absentia) and Howard Katzman |
| March 26 | <i>The Cross-Pollination of Ideas and Sustainable Development</i>
Seth Neugroschl |
| April 23 | <i>Seminar Agenda for 2008-2009</i>
Seth Neugroschl, Harry Sigele and Tak Utsumi |

ECOLOGY AND CULTURE (471)

Founded: 1964

Abandoning previous, widely held assumptions about the balance of nature and about distinct, bounded, and well-integrated societies or cultures whose stable adaptations to their environments can be identified, analyzed, and explained, the seminar focuses on the flux rather than the balance of nature and on how variable human actions and the ideas behind them relate to that flux or are part of it. Seminar presentations are primarily concerned with showing either complex and contingent interactions of people and their environments or methods and theories for studying and analyzing such interactions.

Chair: Dr. Miguel A. Pinedo-Vasquez

Rapporteur: Ms. Ashley DuVal

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 18 *Community Conserved Areas: Are Local Communities of Mexico Leading the Way?*
Dr. Gary J. Martin, Director, Global Diversity Foundation
- November 1 *Cultural Barriers to Controlling Deforestation in Brazil Amazonia*
Dr. Philip Fearnside, Research Professor,
Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazonia—INPA
- April 1 *Patterns of Loss and Regeneration of Dry Forest in Madagascar: The Social Institutional Context*
Thomas Elmqvist, Stockholm Resilience Center, Stockholm University
- May 1 *Indigenous Peoples networking at International Levels:
The Case of the Francophone Indigenous Coordination*
Irene Bellier, LAIOS-IIAC, CHRS/EHESS
- May 6 *Livelihood, Environment, and Inequality in a Tropical Forest Community of the Peruvian Amazon*
Oliver T. Coomes, Associate Professor of Geography, McGill University,
Editor-in-Chief, World Development

THE STUDY OF THE HEBREW BIBLE (473)

Founded: 1968

The seminar is composed of Jewish and Christian scholars with a common interest in research and teaching of the Hebrew Bible. The focus of the seminar is research illuminating the cultural milieu, language, text, and interpretation of the Hebrew Bible. This research is characterized by a variety of methodologies, including historical-critical, literary, philological, archaeological, and sociological approaches to the text, as well as history of interpretation. Research on ancient near eastern cultures and languages relating to ancient Israel is also regularly presented.

Chair: Professor David Carr

Rapporteur: Ms. Judy Weiss

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| September 19 | <i>From the Introduction to "Lectures on the Religion of the Israelites"</i>
<i>Approach and Methodology in Biblical Studies</i>
Baruch A. Levine, Emeritus, New York University |
| October 17 | <i>Ammonites: The Epigraphic Record and the Hebrew Bible</i>
Christopher Rollston, Emmanuel School of Religion |
| November 8 | <i>The Old Testament Reception of the Mesopotamian Myth of the Flood</i>
Jan Christian Gertz, University of Heidelberg |
| January 31 | <i>God's Awesome Face and the Etiquette of Eye-Contact</i>
Simeon Chavel, Princeton University |
| February 21 | <i>The Origins of Old Testament Covenant Theology</i>
Christopher Levin, University of Munich |
| March 19 | <i>Elusive Wisdom and the Nations in Baruch</i>
Karina Hogan, Fordham University |
| April 10 | <i>Hewn by the Prophet: Violence and Sexual Transgression in the Tradition History of Hosea</i>
Carolyn Sharp, Yale University |
| May 7 | <i>Divine Judgment, Repentance, and Ambiguity in Joel</i>
Judith Newman, Emmanuel College of Victoria University, University of Toronto |

SOUTH ASIA (477)

Founded: 1964

The University Seminar on South Asia seeks to broaden and deepen understanding about the region of South Asia by providing a forum to discuss ongoing research as well as special topics related to the complex and multiple societies of South Asia both past and present. Drawing together scholars from many different disciplines, the seminar fosters cross-disciplinary discussion and perspectives on a broad range of questions and concerns. In recent years, the seminar has deliberated on such issues as: religion and politics, the political function of violence in South Asia, national integration, language and community, South Asian identities in pre-colonial times, religious iconography, and many other topics. The University Seminar on South Asia is a merger of the University Seminar on Tradition and Change in South and Southeast Asia (founded in 1964) and the University Seminar on Indology (founded in 1993).

Co-Chairs: Professors David S. Magier and Judith E. Walsh

Rapporteur: Mr. Robert Eshelman

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- September 17 *The Process of Empire in South Asia*
David Ludden, Visiting Professor of Political Economy and Globalization,
Department of History, New York University
- October 8 *When Yoga Was Young*
Professor David White, University of California at Santa Barbara
- November 12 *Reverence, Contestation, and Lively Debate: Commentary and Canon Formation in Sanskrit
Literary Culture*
Deven Patel, Professor, University of Pennsylvania
- December 3 *Spices and Scales of Analysis: Social Networks in Pre-Modern Asian History*
Stewart Gordon, University of Michigan
- January 28 *Appropriating Dalit Identity: The Hinduizing Strategies of Caste—
Hindus in the Telugu Country 1900–1935*
Professor Chinnaiah Jangam, Department of History, Wagner College
- February 18 *Recovering Saiva Monasticism through Architectural Practice,
or What You Can Learn from a Wall*
Professor Tamara Sears, New York University
- March 24 *New Sources for a New Century: Updating the Sources of Indian Traditions*
Ainslie Embree, Rachel McDermott, Lenny Gordon
- April 12 *Unifying Hinduism: Philosophy and Boundary Formation in Late Medieval India*
Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University

THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST (479)

Founded: 1966

This seminar was created to coordinate the archaeological chronologies of the regions of the Middle East and the Eastern Mediterranean. The seminar meets from six to eight times a year and the most relevant papers were published in the American Journal of Archaeology until 1988, and afterwards, for a brief time, in the Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society. Recently, the focus of the seminar has been widened to include all aspects of the ancient cultures of the Near East and its adjoining regions.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Sally Dunham, Professor Allan Gilbert, and Dr. Oscar Muscarella
Rapporteur: Mr. Serdar Yalçın

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 15 *Tell Brak: Life and Death at 4000 B.C.*
Professor Joan Oates, Cambridge University
- December 12 *The Tell Leilan 2006 Akkadian Palace: Imperialism and Collapse in Northern Mesopotamia*
Professor Harvey Weiss, Yale University
- January 28 *East Meets West: Bull Leaping, Fortresses, and Chronology at Alalakh*
Professor Aslihan Yener, University of Chicago
- February 19 *The Shaping of the Divine and Divine Agency in Mesopotamia*
Professor Beate Pongratz-Leisten, Institute for Advanced Studies and Princeton University
- March 3 *Graves of Sarmatian Nobility in Ukraine*
Alexander V. Simonenko, Institute of Archaeology, National Academy of Sciences,
Ukraine and currently Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University
- March 25 *Archaeological Expressions of Jewish Ritual Purity*
Dr. Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and currently
the Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton University
- April 28 *In the Field of the Philistines: "Diminished Sanctuaries" from
a Temple Repository at Yavneh, Israel*
Dr. Irit Ziffer, Museon Ha-aretz, Tel Aviv, and The Metropolitan Museum of Art

STUDIES IN MODERN ITALY (483)

Founded: 1966

This seminar is concerned with political, social, cultural, and religious aspects of Italian life from 1815 to the present. In recent years, the seminar has stressed an interdisciplinary approach to Italian studies, increasing the participation of anthropologists and scholars of art, film, and literature. The seminar meets on the second Friday of the month, from October to April, to discuss a paper presented by a member or an invited speaker. Papers cover a wide range of topics, approaches, and methodologies. The seminar occasionally holds a day-long conference or a more restricted symposium to explore a topic in depth.

Chair: Professor Mary Gibson
Rapporteur: Ms. Rebecca Bauman

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 12 *Geography between Science and Political Economy: The early years of the Società Geografica Italiana (1876–86) and the origins of Italian Colonialism*
Peter Carravetta, Queens College and CUNY Graduate Center
- November 9 *In and Out: Family, Mental Hospitals, and the 1904 Law Asylums in Italy*
Patrizia Guarneri, University of Florence
- December 14 *Of Saints, Spiders and Sacred Manias: (Re)Considering Ernesto De Martino through The Land of Remorse*
Dorothy Louise Zinn, Università della Basilicata
- February 8 *The Crisis of Cosmopolitanism: Vico and the Making of the Social Sciences*
Barbara Naddeo, City College / CUNY
- March 14 *The Bel Paese and Its New Underclass: The Present State and Future of Italian Immigration*
Michael Blim, Graduate Center of the City University of New York,
Dirty Work: Studying Immigrants at Work in Sicily
Jeffrey Cole, Dowling College and Sally Booth, Ross School
From South to North: Getting by in Italy
Pietro Saitta, Università di Messina
- April 11 *Conference Highlights: The Risorgimento Revisited*

TRADITIONAL CHINA (487)

Founded: 1967

This seminar provides a forum for discussion on all aspects of traditional China. Scholars who specialize in various fields of Chinese studies—literature, linguistics, anthropology, philosophy, social and economic history, or political science—offer papers and participate in the discussion, contributing their own research, thus providing a broad spectrum of analysis through which to study traditional China.

Co-Chairs: Professors Murray A. Rubinstein and Joseph Lee

Rapporteur: Ms. Chun-Yi Tsai

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 27 | <i>Dutch East India Company Taiwan (VOC) and the Forms and Uses of Its History</i>
Murray A. Rubinstein, Baruch College |
| November 29 | <i>The Christian Century of South China: Church-State Mediation in Chaozhou, 1860–1960</i>
Joseph Lee, Pace University |
| February 28 | <i>Painting Manuals of Late Ming China and the Negotiation of Taste</i>
Dr. J.P. Park, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor |
| March 27 | <i>Down the Alleyway: Courtyard Tenements and Women's Networks in 1940s Beijing</i>
Dr. Zhao Ma, Johns Hopkins University |
| April 24 | <i>Military Families and Garrison Towns: Towards a Social History of the Ming Military in Southeast China</i>
Professor Michael Szonyi, Harvard University |

EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE (491)

Founded: 1966

This seminar explores a variety of topics each year from the founding of the European colonies in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries, until the demise of the Revolutionary generation in the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The program tries to strike a balance between presentations by established scholars in the field and younger people who are just getting established. It also tries to do justice to the broad interests of colonial specialists, ranging from traditional political and constitutional themes through newer interests in demography, gender, race, and highly refined methodologies. Although the focus of the seminar has primarily been historical, participation by scholars in literature, religion, and other fields is increasingly encouraged.

Chair: Professor Evan Haefeli

Rapporteur: Ms. April Holm

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 11 | <i>Constructive Misreadings: Adams, Turgot, and the American State Constitutions</i>
Will Slauter, Columbia Society of Fellows |
| October 9 | <i>Self-Immolation: Schools of Historiography and the Coming of the American Revolution</i>
John Murrin, Princeton University |
| November 13 | <i>The News Flew Like Lightning: Spreading Panic in 1837</i>
Jessica Lepler, Case Western Reserve University |
| February 12 | <i>Introduction to Untitled Work on Loyalists in the British Empire and
"The Other Side of Revolution: Loyalists in the British Empire"</i>
Maya Jasanoff, Harvard University |
| March 11 | <i>Beardian Babies and Bathwater: A Clean Look at Economic Interests and State Creation</i>
Terry Bouton, University of Maryland, Baltimore County |
| April 14 | <i>Thomas Jefferson and St. George Tucker: The Makings of Revolutionary Slaveholders</i>
Annette Gordon-Reed, New York Law School/Rutgers |
| May 13 | <i>"Loyalty and Joy on this Happy Occasion" or Massachusetts Politics
at the Moment of Stamp Act Repeal</i>
Jeremy Stein, Princeton University |

POLLUTION AND WATER RESOURCES: SCIENTIFIC AND INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS (495A)

Founded: 1968

The purpose of this seminar is to explore the effects of large scale and efficient regulation of pollution on the redistribution of available water resources. Proceedings of the seminar, collections of the lectures, are published yearly. To date, twenty-nine volumes (279 articles and two scientific books) have been printed. Besides these volumes, the seminar has contributed over forty articles written in seven languages abroad and in the United States. The research institute of the seminar, the American Academy of Ocean Sciences, conducted research actively from 1969 to 1985. During the past thirty years, thirty-three graduate students have participated in the seminar and their participation has been credited toward their studies.

Co-Chairs: Drs. George Halasi-Kun and Richard Lopinto
Rapporteur: Mrs. Joanne Lopinto

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- February 21 *Green Building Design and Construction—An Introduction*
Raj Parikh, MS, MS, PE, CEO & Chairman, Metropolitan Building Consulting Group
- May 8 *Effects of Variations of a Clay-Based Cap on Water Quality in Kearny Marsh*
Dr. Marion McClary, Jr., Professor and Associate Director, School of Natural Sciences,
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ

LEGAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES (495B)

Founded: 1990

The seminar addresses the interdisciplinary aspects of the environment including marine science, biology, water resources, pollution, social sciences, legal and political processes and implementation. Each session features an expert in an aspect of the seminar's purpose who serves as a catalyst for discussion and exchange of positions.

Co-Chairs: Ms. Eugenie Bietry and Kenneth J. Hollenbeck, Esq.

Rapporteur: Ms. Joyce Klein Rosenthal

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 3 *Potential Futures for Road-Transportation CO2 Emissions in the Asia-Pacific*
Peter J. Marcotullio, Ph.D., Columbia University
- November 7 *Jamaica Bay: Can it be Saved?*
Bradford H. Sewell, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
- December 5 *Climate Change Roadmap for New England and Eastern Canada:
Energy and Transportation Policies to Reduce Carbon Emissions in the Region*
Alice Liddell, Environment Northeast
- April 2 *A SONG FOR A BLUE OCEAN: How the Ocean is Changing and What it Means for You*
Carl Safrina, PhD, President, Blue Ocean Institute, Stony Brook University
- May 7 *Democracy, Dictatorship, and the Environment: The Case of Hong Kong*
Jim Seymour, Senior Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute,
Columbia University

SLAVIC HISTORY AND CULTURE (497)

Founded: 1968

The major areas of concern for this seminar are the history, literature, and arts of the Slavic peoples. These topics are taken broadly enough to include such subjects as economic development and religious and philosophic thought. Since 1987, the seminar has proceeded beyond its previous focus on the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries to include the twentieth century.

Chair: Professor Bernice Rosenthal

Rapporteur: Ms. Marijeta Bozovic

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 5 *Alexis Olenin, Fedor Solnsteu, and the Aesthetic of Official Nationality*
Richard Wortman, Columbia University
- November 2 *Catherine the Great and the Art of Collecting, Network of Art spies*
Cynthia Whittaker, Baruch College
- December 7 *Alfons Mucha's Cycle of Giant History Panels: 'Slavic Epic'*
Francis Randall, Professor Emeritus, Sarah Lawrence College
- February 1 *'Behind the Closed Door': Confessions of a Venereal Doctor and the
Politics of Doctor-Patient Confidentiality in Early Soviet Medicine*
Frances Bernstein, Drew University
- March 7 *An Unpublished Tale by Karolina Pavlova (1807-1893) and Alternative Romanticism*
Diana Greene, New York University
- April 4 *The Gulag Science Camps: Science, State, and Terror Under Stalin*
Asif Siddiqi, Fordham University
- May 2 *Remaking the Russian Village: Youth Vanguardism, Progress and
Backwardness During the NEP Period*
Isabel Tirado, William Paterson University

ISRAEL AND JEWISH STUDIES (501)

Founded: 1968

This seminar brings together approximately forty scholars from Columbia and the greater New York academic community. The seminar deals with the whole range of topics relating to Jewish studies and Israel—history, literature, sociology, religion, and political studies—and frequently presents distinguished lecturers from Israeli and European universities.

Chair: Professor Michael F. Stanislawski and Professor Jeremy Dauber
Rapporteur: Mr. Alexander Kaye

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 17 *Faithful Renderings: Jewish Christian Difference and the Practice of Translation*
Naomi Seidman, Koret Professor of Jewish Culture, Graduate Theological Union
- November 14 *Ethnopoetics: The Shifting Contours of the Shtetl, or Gender, the Holocaust, and Ethnographic Revision*
Sheila Jelen, Assistant Professor of English/Jewish Studies, University of Maryland
- February 13 *“On the verge of a long-craved intimacy”: Distance and proximity between Jews & Arabs in A.B. Yehoshua*
Professor Ranen Omer-Sherman
- March 12 *Ping-Pong: Genre and the Talmud*
Barry Wimpfheimer, Assistant Professor of Religion and Law, Northwestern University
- April 16 *Counterfeit Judaism: Mimic Jews and Jewish mimics in Antiquity*
Professor Steven Weitzman, Irving M. Glazer Professor of Jewish Studies, Indiana University—Bloomington

ECONOMIC HISTORY (503)

Founded: 1964

The concerns of this seminar are wide ranging in time, place, and method. Emphasis is on the logic of European and American economic growth from feudal times forward with regular, but less frequent, contributions on Latin America, Asia, and Africa. Topics range from microeconomic studies of firms undergoing rapid technical change and households changing their interaction between home and market to more macroeconomic topics concerned with national and regional economic growth performance, the economics of imperialism, and the political economy of the Great Depression. Given the breadth of the seminar's membership and interests, comparative economic history is often a central element in seminar discussions. Pre-circulation of papers permits vigorous discussion.

Co-Chairs: Professors Alan Dye and Gail Triner

Rapporteur: Ms. Ariel Rubin

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 4 *The Agrarian Trap: An Economic Geographical Approach to the Needham Prize*
Guanzhong James Wen, Barnard College
- November 1 *Victory or Repudiation? The Probability of the Southern Confederacy Winning the Civil War*
Kim Oosterlink and Marc Weidenmier
- December 6 *The Triffin Mission: Unconventional American Money Doctors*
in the Age of the Good Neighbor Policy
Eric Helleiner, University of Waterloo
- February 7 *Cleansing Under the Quota: The Defense and Survival of Cuban Sugar Mills in 1930s Cuba*
Alan Dye, Barnard
- March 6 *The End of a Silver Era: The Global Consequences of the Breakdown*
of the Spanish Silver Peso Standard
Alejandra Irigoien, The College of New Jersey
- April 3 *Technologies Trials: Patent Litigation in the United States Courts, 1860-1910*
Christopher Beauchamp, NYU School of Law
- May 1 *Paper: Comparing the UK and US Financial Systems, 1790-1830*
(To appear in *The Evolution of Financial Markets and Institutions from the Seventeenth Century to the Present*, Jeremy Atack and Larry Neal, eds. Cambridge U.P., 2008) Chapter 7
Richard Sylla, NYU School of Business
- May 19 *The Beauty of America: Nationalism and the Education of Palestinian American Youth*
Thea Renda Abu El-Haj, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University

DEATH (507)

Founded: 1970

This seminar deals with the medical, social, psychological, philosophical, artistic, religious, legal, and commercial aspects of death, dying, and grief. Discussions are concerned with individual and societal views of, and approaches to, death and its reverse, life through the ages. Attendance is maintained at a level that provides members with ample opportunity for active participation.

Co-Chairs: Drs. Michael K. Bartalos and Christina Staudt

Rapporteur: Ms. Johanna Cheetham

MEETINGS 2007-2008

Theme: The Pulse of Death Now

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| October 10 | Open Discussion & March 29, 2008 Planning for “The Pulse of Death Now” Conference |
| November 14 | Open Discussion & March 29, 2008 Planning for “The Pulse of Death Now” Conference |
| December 12 | <i>Dying For One’s Country: The Soldier and Sacrificial Death</i>
Richard Koenigsberg, PhD, Director, Library of Social Science |
| February 13 | <i>Futility, Knowledge, and the Social Orchestration of Death in Botswana’s Oncology Ward</i>
Julie Livingston, Associate Professor, History Department and Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University, New Brunswick |
| April 9 | <i>Death and Our Search for Connection</i>
Alix Strauss, Author/Trend Journalist |
| May 14 | <i>The Turn Toward the East: Shifting Metaphors in Hospice Care</i>
John Baugher, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Southern Maine |

THE ART OF AFRICA, OCEANIA, AND THE AMERICAS (509)

Founded: 1970

Founded by Douglas Fraser, this seminar addresses major issues in the fields of African, Oceanic, Native American, and pre-Hispanic Latin American arts. The seminar provides an opportunity for members to analyze, evaluate, and discuss new and continuing research, as well as various trends in scholarship. Because the membership is comprised of art historians, curators, archeologists, anthropologists, and other field specialists, seminar meetings frequently involve in-depth discussions of theoretical and methodological issues. The seminar sponsors special symposia on diverse topics; the most recent entitled Art as Identity in the Americas.

Chair: Mr. Francesco Pellizzi
Rapporteur: Ms. Amanda Gannaway

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 4 *A Terrifying Mimesis*
Zoe Strother, Riggio Professor of African Art, Department of Art History
and Archaeology, Columbia University
- November 2 *Order, Salience and Presence: A Comparative Approach to the American Indian Arts of Memory*
Carlo Severi, Directeur d'études, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales
- December 6 *Pots and Pieces: Pre-19th Century Art in Mali*
Kristina Van Dyke, Associate Curator, The Menil Collection, Houston Texas
- February 7 *Art, Religion and Politics at the Ancient Maya City of Tikal: A Look at Public and Private Art and
its Role in Society*
William Haviland, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, The University of Vermont
- March 6 *Worn and Inhabited Images: Abebuu Adekai and Funerary Practices among the Ga of Ghana*
Roberta Bonetti, University of Bologna
- April 17 *Africa via China*
Professor Johnathan Hay, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University

INNOVATION IN EDUCATION (511)

Founded: 1970

The process of learning—in individuals, organizations, and society—is the subject of this seminar. Its scope includes learning throughout the lifespan, and via major institutions such as mass media, libraries, voluntary organizations, and educational systems.

Co-Chairs: Mr. Ronald A. Gross and Professor Robert McClintock

Rapporteur: Professor Beatrice Gross

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 10 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
*Teaching the Levees: An Innovative Social Studies Curriculum
for Democratic Dialogue and Civic Engagement*
Professor Margaret Crocco, Coordinator of the Program in Social Studies
at Teachers College, Columbia University
- November 7 *Ethics for Dissenters*
Professor William Caspary, Gallatin School, New York University
- December 12 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Service Learning and Moral Education
Edward Doty, Founder and executive director of
Youth Services Opportunity Program, YSOP.
- January 23 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Bullshit and Truth
Prof. Harry Frankfurt; Professor Emeritus, Princeton University
- March 5 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Atheism: The Invisible Religion
Joan Konner, Columbia University
- April 2 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
The Irrational Sources of Moral Motivation
Michael Schulman, Leake & Watts
- May 7 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Ethics in an Age of Terrorism
Howard Radest, University of South Carolina—Beaufort

LATIN AMERICA (515)

Founded: 1971

This seminar is devoted to developing a better understanding of the region, presenting current research and thinking in disciplines that range from anthropology to economics, history, human rights, political science, religion, literature, and the arts. In addition to scholars affiliated with the academic community, speakers are invited from the private sector, international organizations, and governments. The seminar, whose membership also reflects a broad range of disciplines, offers the framework for a lively exchange of ideas on Latin America, its past, present, and future.

Co-Chairs: Professors Eugenio Chang-Rodríguez and Martín O. Poblete

Rapporteur: Ms. Karen M. (Lillith) Coto

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- February 7 *Immigration: Raw Emotions and Global Realities*
Dr. Jose C. Moya, Acting Director of the Institute of
Latin American Studies (ILAS), Columbia University
Dr. Allan Wernick, Baruch College of CUNY
- March 6 *Alejo Carpentier and the Cuban Revolution*
Anke Birkenmaier, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Columbia University
- April 3 *From Serious to Farical: The Miseries of Diplomacy in Latin America*
Martin O. Poblete, Co-Chair of the University Seminar on Latin America
- May 1 *Crime and Society in Argentina: Historical Perspectives on a Current Issue*
Dr. Lila Caimari, Tinker Visiting Professor Columbia University

POPULATION BIOLOGY (521)

Founded: 1971

The major areas of concern for this seminar are population and evolutionary biology. Population biology is broadly interpreted to include studies of plant, animal, and microbial ecology and classification. Also encompassed are studies of animal behavior in the field and laboratory, paleontology, and theoretical and experimental population biology.

Co-Chairs: Drs. Kathleen A. Nolan and Mike Levandowsky
Rapporteur: Ms. Adrienne Bortree

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- January 28 *What Happens in the Dark?*
Richard Borowsky, Ph.D., Department of Biology, New York University
- February 25 *Potential Molecular Targets in Smoking-Related Pathologies:
A Functional Polymorphism in an Antioxidant Defense System*
Irina Ellison, Ph.D., Biology Department, St. Francis College, Brooklyn, NY
- March 24 *Resistance of Atlantic Tomcod from the Hudson River to PCBs*
Isaac Wirgin, Ph.D., Environmental Medicine, New York University School of Medicine
- April 21 *Populations in Contaminated Estuaries: Behavioral Changes and
Ecological Consequences for Five Species*
Judith S. Weis, Ph.D., Biology Department, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

POLITICAL ECONOMY AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES (523)

Founded: 1964

This seminar was founded to study the most compelling questions of the day which then related to the war in Southeast Asia, its causes, and consequences. Today the seminar continues to examine vital current issues with emphasis on their economic and political dimensions. Such issues have included welfare policy, homelessness, and strains in multicultural democracies. The underlying nature and structure of the political economy giving rise to these issues are also considered. In this regard, sessions have addressed the extension of democracy to economic enterprises, refashioning American government, developments in welfare state, changes in Marxism, and new principles of income distribution.

Co-Chairs: Professors Carol Gould, Gary Mongiovi, Philip Green
Rapporteur: Ms. Lisa Sachs

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 4 *Welfare Reform: The Untold Story*
Robert Cherry, Koppelman Professor of Economics at Brooklyn College
- November 8 *Rush Hour of the Gods: Globalization and Hindu Nationalism*
Meera Nanda
- December 6 *Disarticulate the State! On the Conception of Democracy among
"New Autonomous Movements" and their Relationship to the State*
Michael Menser, Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Brooklyn College
- January 31 *Turtles all the Way Down: The Problem of Multiculturalism*
Philip Green, Professor of Government Emeritus, Smith College
Visiting Professor of Political Science at the New School
- April 17 *The Scandal of Knowledge in the American Trial: How a Philosophical Error
Perpetuates Bad Science and the Death Penalty*
Paul Chevigny, Professor of Law Emeritus, New York University Law School

THE MIDDLE EAST (525)

Founded: 1971

The seminar usually meets once a month during the academic year. A prominent expert from here or abroad, commonly from the Middle East, leads a four-hour discussion at each meeting, assuring ample time for serious dialogue on focused issues. The seminar provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences by Middle East experts in various spheres—business, banking and investment, federal service, the foundations, the media, and the liberal professions as well as academia. The seminar has become a medium for carefully defined and informed evaluation of stubborn problems in a region that symbolizes mounting instability and proliferating crises. Detailed minutes are circulated to participating members for use without attribution to uphold the confidentiality of the discussion.

Founding Chair: Professor J.C. Hurewitz
Chair: Professor Gary Sick
Associate Chair: Professor Lawrence G. Potter
Rapporteur: Ms. Megan Tetrick

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 19 | <i>Encounters with Islamism: A Personal View from Algeria, Iraq and Afghanistan</i>
Ambassador Ronald E. Neuman |
| October 17 | <i>Coming in from the Cold: The Limits of Reform in Libya</i>
Diederik Vandewalle |
| November 14 | <i>Iraq: Oil and Politics</i>
Issam Chalabi |
| December 12 | <i>Security, Secularism and Politics in Turkey</i>
Dr. Omer Taspinar |
| January 23 | <i>Iran, the United States, and Prospects for the New Year in the Persian Gulf</i>
Gary Sick |
| February 20 | <i>America's Authoritarian Dilemma: Taking Stock of U.S.–Saudi Relations</i>
Toby Jones |
| March 26 | <i>The Arab Initiative for Middle East Peace: Dead or Alive?</i>
Ghassan Salamé |
| April 30 | <i>Al-Jazeera and the Birth of the New Arab Media</i>
Joanne Levine |

APPETITIVE BEHAVIOR (529)

Founded: 1971

This seminar is comprised of professors, research scientists, and physicians from institutions of higher learning and industry in the greater New York area with a common interest in the biological and behavioral bases of appetitive behavior. Four major areas of interest are found within the group: 1) the control of food and fluid intake in man and animals and their effects on variation in body composition; 2) disorders with links to ingestive behavior such as obesity, bulimia, anorexia nervosa, and diabetes; 3) the role of the brain from pharmacological, physiological, and neuroanatomical perspectives on the control of ingestive behavior; 4) cognitive, social, and environmental controls of ingestive behavior. The seminar thus combines interests in basic control mechanisms with clinical applications.

Chair: Dr. Harry R. Kissileff
Rapporteur: Dr. Kathleen L. Keller

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 6 | <i>Pleasure of Taste and Phylogeny</i>
Michel Cabanac, Ph.D., University Laval, Quebec, Canada |
| October 11 | <i>Alcohol Dependence: Feeding, Nutrition, and Reinforcement</i>
Michael Lewis, Hunter College, CUNY |
| November 8 | <i>Sex Difference in Coping with Energetic Challenges during Development in the OLETF Rat</i>
Aron Weller, Bar-Ilan University, Israel |
| December 13 | <i>Short and Long-term Effects on Different Proteins on Food Intake</i>
Margriet Westerterp-Plantenga, Maastricht University, Netherlands |
| January 24 | <i>Mechanisms of Food Cravings</i>
Marcia Pelchat, Monell Chemical Senses |
| February 7 | <i>Learned Flavor Preferences: The Variable Potency of Post-Oral Nutrient Reinforcers</i>
Karen Ackroff, Brooklyn College |
| March 6 | <i>Translational Research on Eating Disorders: Development of a "Sip-and-Spit" Model of Modified Sham Feeding</i>
Diane Klein, Columbia University |
| April 3 | <i>Satiety Profiles of Foods: Assessment of Satiety Responses</i>
Eva Kovacs, Unilever |
| May 19 | <i>Calcium Appetite</i>
Michael Tordoff, Calcium Appetite |
| June 5 | <i>Appetitive Traits in Children: Measures Causes and Consequences</i>
Susan Carnell, New York Obesity Research Center, St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital |

CULTURE, POWER, BOUNDARIES (531)

Founded: 1971

The purpose of this seminar is to critically examine race, class, and ethnicity in a variety of national and international settings. Topics include: immigration policy and the immigrant experience; assimilation and cultural pluralism; racial discrimination and civil rights policy; and racial and ethnic political mobilization, and the activist tradition in social science. Topics are considered historically as well as through the analysis of current trends and issues in social policy, with a focus on political economy, particularly the international and domestic division of labor. In recent years, the seminar has devoted a good deal of attention to the recent immigrant experience. New emphasis is put on the effects of the fiscal crisis of the state, and on racial and ethnic conflicts. The inclusion of gender has also become a primary concern.

Chair: Professor Lesley Gill

Rapporteur: Ms. Ling-chih Kao

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- October 15 *The Parastate in Colombia: Political Violence and the Reconfiguring of Barrancabermeja*
Lesley Gill, American University
- November 12 *Neoliberalism Resisted: The Jamkhed Primary Health Care Model*
Patricia Antonello, Brooklyn College, CUNY
- February 25 *Potential Molecular Targets in Smoking-Related Pathologies:
A Functional Polymorphism in an Antioxidant Defense System*
Irina Ellison, Ph.D., Biology Department, St. Francis College, Brooklyn, New York
- March 10 *Liberating and Modernizing the Colonial Landless Population: Power and
Subject Formation in Puerto Rico's Land Distribution Program, 1940's-1960's*
Ismael Garcia-Colon, College of Staten Island
- March 24 *Resistance of Atlantic Tomcod from the Hudson River to PCBs*
Isaac Wirgin, Ph.D., Environmental Medicine, New York University School of Medicine
- April 14 *Anthropology, History and the Problem of Everyday Life*
Gerald Sider, Professor Emeritus at CUNY Graduate Center
- April 21 *Populations in Contaminated Estuaries: Behavioral Changes
and Ecological Consequences for Five Species*
Judith S. Weis, Biology Department, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE (533)

Founded: 1972

This seminar is devoted to exploring substantive as well as methodological issues in the history and philosophy of science. Science is construed broadly and the issues considered range from epistemic and historiographic questions to issues of relevance and accountability. Topics include the presuppositions and practice of a range of life sciences, earth sciences, and social sciences as well as the physical sciences and mathematics. In the physical sciences its interests range from Galileo and Newton to Einstein and contemporary quantum theory and cosmology. In the life sciences and social sciences the fields considered include various forms of historical, evolutionary inquiry (in biology, geology, and the historical social sciences), biotechnology and ecology, economics, psychology and cognitive science, and interpretive social inquiry. The membership of this seminar includes scientists, philosophers, and historians.

Chair: Professor Pamela Smith and Professor Matthew Jones

Rapporteur: Ms. Laurel Brown

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 27 | <i>False Hope: Bone Marrow Transplantation for Breast Cancer</i>
Richard A. Rettig |
| October 25 | <i>Issac Newton's God: Theology and Physics in the late Seventeenth Century</i>
Andrew Janiak |
| November 29 | <i>Science and Society in Malaria Control: Local History in Natal, South Africa and World Malariology, 1929-1939</i>
Marcia Wright |
| April 24 | <i>Learning to Innovate: Edison and the Electric Light</i>
Paul Israel, Editor and Director of the Edison Project at Rutgers University |

IRISH STUDIES (535)

Founded: 1973

This seminar serves as an interdisciplinary forum on all aspects and periods of Irish culture. Seminar participants come from a wide variety of fields: history, literature, art history, political science, sociology, anthropology, music, and folklore. These scholars bring to any topic under discussion a diversity of background which is stimulating and informative for all present. The concern for Irish studies as a field of scholarly inquiry is reflected in the collegial sharing of information about resources and repositories for research in the field.

Co-Chairs: Drs. Mary McGlynn and Martin J. Burke

Rapporteur: Ms. Belinda Mckeon (with substitute Mr. Daniel Letchworth)

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- September 7 *Derbforaill, Twelfth Century Ireland and the Normans:
Where's a Sovereignty Goddess When You Really Need One?*
Dr. Lahney Preston-Matto, Adelphi University English Department
- October 15 *Phantom Limbs/Fenian Bodies: from the Red Hand of Ulster to 'My Left Foot'*
Ken Monteith
- November 2 *You Can Teach an Old Dog New Tricks: How Reading Games Make Us Question the Rules*
Dr. Bohman-Kalaja
- December 7 *Contesting the Sovereignty of Early Modern Ireland*
Dr. Christopher Maginn, Assistant Professor of History at Fordham University
- February 1 *Rhetorics of the Primitive within Modern Ireland: James Joyce, Roger Casement, and the Congo*
Maria McGarrity, Assistant Professor of English, LIU Brooklyn
- March 7 *The Art of Grafting*
Dr. Daniel Carey
- May 2 *The Best Are Leaving: Literature and the Commission on Emigration in 1950s Ireland*
Dr. Clair E. Willis

CINEMA AND INTERDISCIPLINARY INTERPRETATION (539)

Founded: 1964

The seminar draws from the faculty of New York-area universities and independent scholars; regular participants come from as far away as Baltimore. Attendance varies from twenty to forty-five people, with thirty being average. Half of the speakers are from within the seminar, half are from outside. They present works in progress that generally address important groundbreaking topics in film and television studies within an interdisciplinary perspective. Each session has a respondent, often a regular member of the seminar. The seminar has an international reputation among film and media scholars and has become the center for ongoing face-to-face scholarly exchanges in the field.

Co-Chairs: Professors William Luhr, Krin Gabbard and Jane Gaines
Rapporteur: Ms. Jessica Ling

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- September 27 *Shakespeare and National Television*
Roberta E. Pearson, University of Nottingham
Respondent: Martha P. Nochimson, *Cineaste*
- October 25 *Do You See What I Mean? How We Perceive Clothes*
Drake Stutesman, *Framework*
Respondent: Adrienne Munich, SUNY Stony Brook
- November 8 *The Ingenuity of Women and the Genius of Genre*
Jane Gaines, Columbia University
Respondent: E. Ann Kaplan, SUNY Stonybrook
- December 14 *The Black Image in the Third Reich Media*
Larry Greene, Seton Hall University
Respondent: Maria Hoehn, Vassar College
- January 31 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Archivists, Curators and Preservationists Round Table
Suzan Lazarus, Women's Film Preservation Fund
of New York Women in Film & Television
Charles Silver, Museum of Modern Art
Dan Streible, New York University, Orphan Film Symposium
Andrew Lampert, Anthology Film Archives
Steve Higgins, Museum of Modern Art
Diana Little, Cineric, Inc.
- February 14 *Divo/Duce Italian Masculinity in 1920s America*
Giorgio Bertellini, University of Michigan

- March 27 *The Bazinian Half-Century*
Thomas Elsaesser, University of Amsterdam/ Yale University
Respondent: Dudley Andrew, Yale University
- April 17 *An Elegy for Theory*
David Rodowick, Harvard University
Respondent: Alex Galloway, New York University

WOMEN AND SOCIETY (545)

Founded: 1974

This seminar is devoted to the interdisciplinary study of women in their historical and social contexts, as well as feminist historiography. Among the topics the seminar considers are: the status and function of women historically; cross-cultural and sociological perspectives on women; representations of women in literature, media, and the arts; women and ethics; and feminist theories of class, race, and sexuality.

Co-Chairs: Professors Catherine Raissiguier and Robyn Rodriguez
Rapporteur: Ms. Ariel J. Rahel Rubin

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- September 17 *Contested Space in Monica Ali's Brick Lane*
Susan Alice Fischer, Medgar Evers College CUNY
Respondent: Sonali Perera
- October 15 *Domestic Debates: Women's Migration, Gender and Nation in the Philippines*
Robyn Rodriguez, Rutgers University
- November 19 *"I've got the name I want the Game:" A Young Upper Middle Class Girl's Path to Sexual Subjectivity: Western New York 1915-1926*
Elizabeth Kennedy, Arizona State University
Respondent: Lisa Duggan, NYU
- January 28 *Filipino Colonial Photographs and the Erotics of the American Empire*
Nerissa Balce, University of Massachusetts
Respondent: Neferti Tadiar, Barnard College
- February 18 *Narrative Hospitality in 'The Story of an African Farm'*
Rachel Hollander, Assistant Professor at St. Johns University
Respondent: Talia Schaffer, CUNY Graduate Center
- March 19 *Gender Knowledge in Migration Studies and Practices*
Helen Schwenken, Associate Professor in Cassel, Germany
Respondent: Margaret Gray, Adelphi University
- April 14 "N+1"
Mary Pat Brody, Cornell University
Respondent: José E Muñoz, NYU
- May 19 *"'The Beauty of America:' Nationalism and the Education of Palestinian American Youth"*
Thea Renda Abu El-Haj, Rutgers University
Respondent: Patrisia Macias, Sarah Lawrence College

OTTOMAN AND TURKISH STUDIES (551)

Founded: 1974

From its inception, this seminar adopted an interdisciplinary approach to Turkic studies, and its members represent many fields. At the same time, their interests span more than twelve centuries. In most years, the program covers a selection of topics reflecting current research of members. Special anniversaries such as the Atatürk centennial (1981–1982), the sixtieth anniversary of the Turkish Republic (1983–1984), and the traveling exhibition, *The Age of Sultan Süleyman the Magnificent* (1987–1988), however, have provided themes around which all papers or a series of papers have been centered. Discussion on papers presented—no matter what their topic—has shown that dialogue between, for example, political scientist and art historian, medievalist and modernist, can be both stimulating and productive.

Co-Chairs: Professors Etem Erol, Christine Philliou, and Nader Sohrabi

Rapporteur: Mr. Onur Ozgode

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| Fall | <i>Empire of Difference</i>
Karen Barkey |
| February 12 | <i>Coal Miners, Corruption, and Regime Change in the Late Ottoman Empire</i>
Donald Quataert |
| March 28 | <i>The Empire's Children Come Home: Ottoman–Turkish Identity and the Creation of the Albanian Diaspora of Anatolia, 1912–1938</i>
Ryan Gingeras |
| May 16 | <i>Reading, Literacy and Magic in Ottoman Sofia: Glimpses from the Treke Defters of the Late 17th Century</i>
Rositza Gredeva |

DRUGS AND SOCIETY (553)

Founded: 1975

This seminar provides a forum for the scholarly exchange of information among key representatives of the chemical dependency research, treatment, prevention, and policy development communities. It seeks to address the important and complex questions relating to the root causes of chemical dependency and abuse, to examine and evaluate epidemiological studies, to determine the effectiveness of various treatment and prevention strategies, and to discuss the wisdom and value of current international, national, and local policies. Membership is comprised of prominent researchers, established leaders in the treatment and prevention fields, and government policy makers. Speakers in the seminar are drawn from the membership itself and by invitation from other institutions.

Chair: Dr. Jerome F.X. Carroll
Rapporteur: Ms. Susan L. Buchanan

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- September 25 *Depletion of Self-Control Strengths and Addiction*
Mark Muraven, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Psychology,
University of Albany, SUNY
- November 20 *Buprenorphine Maintenance in Jail: A Randomized Controlled Pilot Study*
Andrew Rosenblum, Ph.D., Director of the Institute for Treatment and
Services Research at the National Development and Research Institutes (NDRI)
- December 11 *The New York Model of Co-Occurring Disorders: A 20 Year Update*
Stefan Larkin, Ed.D., President and CEO of Dual Diagnosis Resources
and Research, L.L.C. and Clinical Instructor, Dept. of Psychiatry
and Behavioral Sciences, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Gregory Sathananthan, M.D., Chief of Psychiatry, Bronx Psychiatric Center
Kristina Muenzenmaier, M.D., Associate Clinical Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, AECM
- January 22 *We Can Treat Trauma and Addiction: Findings from NIDA's Clinical Trials Network
Women and Trauma Multi-site Study*
Denise Hien, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist, Social Intervention Group,
Columbia School of Social Work, Columbia University
- February 19 *Seeking Safety: Treatment and Outcomes for PTSD and Substance Abuse*
Kay M. Johnson, LCSW-R, Clinical Social Worker, St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital
Crime Victims Treatment Center and Senior Associate for Dr. Lisa Nejavits,
Harvard Medical School/McLean Hospital
- March 18 *Combining Medication and Psychotherapy for Alcohol Problems: Results of the COMBINE Study*
Allen Zweben, LCSW, CADC, DSW, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
and Research, School of Social Work, Columbia University

April 15

Developmental Disability and Addiction

Deborah H. Lombardi, LCSW, CASAC, MS Director of Clinical services
West Midtown Medical Group

May 6

Eating Disorders as an Addiction: Controversy and Treatment Implications

Thomas Hildebrandt, Psy.D. Associate Professor, Eating and Weight Disorder Program,
Mt. Sinai School of Medicine

TWENTIETH-CENTURY POLITICS AND SOCIETY (555)

Founded: 1992

The seminar focuses primarily on Europe and the United States. It brings together historians, sociologists, political scientists, literary critics, and other scholars to discuss current research on diverse cultural, social, and political theses, especially those that stimulate comparative perspectives.

Co-Chairs: Professors Joanne Cho and Walter Struve

Rapporteur: Mr. Neil J. Young

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 26 | <i>"The Fuehrer's Preventive Measures?" The German Invasion of Soviet Union, Preventive War Propaganda, and the Politics of History</i>
Thomas Heinrich, Baruch College |
| October 22 | <i>Questioning Authority: Political Resistance and the Ethic of Natural Sciences</i>
Diana Judd, William Paterson University |
| December 10 | <i>Austrian Neutrality and European Integration, 1955-2007</i>
Siegfried Beer, Columbia University |
| January 31 | <i>Warriors of the New Age</i>
Bonnie Smith, Rutgers University |

BRAZIL (557)

Founded: 1976

Recently completed field studies and research from primary sources on Brazil constitute the main interest of this seminar. Brazilian, U.S. and other visiting scholars participate, contributing their interpretations of recent events. Portuguese may be spoken whenever convenient.

Co-Chairs: Professor Roberta Delson, Dr. Sidney Greenfield, and Dr. Laura Randall

Rapporteurs: Ms. Andrea Stiglich and Ms. Nafessah Allen

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- September 20 *A Bookworm's Eye View of Brazilian Cultural History: The Study of a Country Through its Publishing Industry*
Dr. Laurence Hallewell, Latin American Studies librarian, Area Studies, Columbia University Libraries, NYC, 1993–1996.
- October 18 *Advertising and Consumer Culture in Post-War Brazil*
Prof. James Woodard, Department of History, Montclair State University
- November 15 *Social Inequality, Democracy and Brazil's Landless Rural Workers Movement (MST)*
Prof. Miguel Carter International Development Program, School of International Service, American University
- December 13 *One Drop Rules: Defining Race and Consequences*
Ibrahim K. Sundiata
- February 21 *The Sonic Politics of Brasilidade*
Professor Jason Stanyek, New York University
- March 28 *Memoirs of an Early Brazilianist 1942 to Date: Vargas, Lacerda and Others*
Professor Emeritus Jordan Young, Pace University of New York
- April 17 *Aging in the Land of Youth and Beauty*
Professor Diana Brown
- May 8 *Pioneers: The First Quota Students at UERJ*
Professor Vania Penha-Lopes

ARABIC STUDIES (559)

Founded: 1977

The concerns of this seminar are interdisciplinary and humanistic. In addition to Arabic language and literature, the range of interests includes topics of significance for Islamic studies: religion, philosophy, science, law and history of the Muslim world, and modern social and cultural history. The seminar affords an opportunity to members and guest speakers to discuss research in progress. Because the members come from several disciplines, the substantive discussions draw upon various fields to expand the sources, help reformulate questions, and anticipate future publications.

Chair: Professor Muhsin Al-Musawi

Rapporteur: Ms. Yasmine Ramadan

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 27 | <i>Feminine Desire and Automotive Technology</i>
Professor Moneera Al-Ghadeer, University of Wisconsin, Madison |
| October 25 | <i>Dreaming of Borges: Returning Ibn Rushd to al-Andalus</i>
Professor Nancy Berg |
| January 31 | <i>The Islamic Context of the 1001 Nights</i>
Professor Muhsin al-Musawi, Columbia University, New York |
| February 28 | <i>A Zajal on the Prophet's Ascent to the Heavens Attributed to a Fourteenth Century Author</i>
Professor Pierre Cachia, Columbia University, New York |
| March 27 | <i>Sicilian Poets in Seville: Literary Affinities Across Political Boundaries</i>
Professor William Granara, Harvard University, Cambridge |
| April 29 | <i>Once Again, the Mu'allaqat of Imra' al-Qays: an Explicative Discussion with an Unreconstructed Neophilologist</i>
Professor Michael Zwettler, Ohio State University |

HUMAN RIGHTS (561)

Founded: 1978

This seminar addresses itself to topics based on a theme chosen each year. The topics cover international and domestic areas of concern, and reflect problems of both conceptualization and application. Emphasis is also placed on dialogue between advocates of western and non-western ideas and practices.

Co-Chairs: Professors George Andreopoulos, Zehra Arat, and Peter Juviler
Rapporteur: Ms. Sethu Nair

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 2 *'Victims of Convenience:' How Western Diplomacy Failed the German Resistance Through Lack of Intelligence Coordination, Prejudice, and State Department Homophobia 1937-1940*
Anne Nelson, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
- November 20 *Beyond Human Rights and Development: Sustainability, Collective Security, Self-Reliance and Accountability*
J. Paul Martin, Center for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University
- December 11 *Right and Wrongs: What Utility for the Right to Health in Reforming Trade Rules on Medicines?*
Lisa Forman, Canadian Institutes of Health Research postdoctoral fellow with the Comparative Program on Health and Society at the Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto
- February 5 *Tackling Worst Case Violations: The Case of North Korea*
David Hawk
- April 1 *Human Rights as a Discourse of Democracy and Civic Virtue*
John Wallach
- April 22 *Where is Culture in Business and Human Rights?*
Joanne Bauer, Senior Researcher and New York Representative for the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre

NEO-CONFUCIAN STUDIES (567)

Founded: 1979

This seminar examines the formation, development, and role of Neo-Confucian thought in China, Japan, and Korea. The relationship between Neo-Confucianism and other aspects of the history of East Asia is considered, and on occasion intellectual responses to Neo-Confucianism are also examined. The seminar circulates copies of papers to its members prior to meetings.

Co-Chairs: Professors On-Cho Ng, Deborah Sommer, and Yong Huang
Rapporteur: Mr. Neil McGee

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| October 5 | <i>Classics for an Emerging World</i>
William Theodore De Bary, Columbia University |
| November 2 | <i>Reconstructing Modern Ethics: A Confucian Care Ethics</i>
Ann A. Pang-White, University of Scranton |
| December 6 | <i>On the Finality of Physical Death in Classical Confucianism</i>
Henry Rosemont, Brown University |
| February 1 | <i>Synopsis of Watsuji Tetsuro's 'History of Japanese Ethical Thought,' Volume 2</i>
David Dilworth, SUNY Stony Brook |
| March 7 | <i>Unity of Image-Numerology and Moral Principle, Integrity of Heaven and Humanity: The Unique Quality of the Yi zhuan</i>
Wenzhi Zhang, Shandong University, China |
| April 11 | <i>The Idea of Le in Chinese Philosophy</i>
Chen Shaoming, Zhongshan University, China |

CHINA: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (571)

Founded: 1982

This seminar is designed to meet an urgent need by business executives, government officials, and scholars for information and analysis of rapid developments in China's new relations with international business. Topics included are frequently interdisciplinary; they range from government and company strategies to lessons of successes and failures in the emerging relationships.

Chair: Professors Xiaobo Lu and Charles W. Calomiris

Rapporteur: Ms. Nancy Ferrante

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- October 2 *How Sustainable is China's Economic Growth*
Nicholas Lardy, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics
- November 7 *Investing in China*
Grace Chao, Director BNP Paribas Securities, Ltd
- December 4 *China and the Middle East: Energy and Islam*
Dru C. Gladney, President, Pacific Basin Institute, Professor of Anthropology,
Pomona College
- February 5 *Is China Complying with its WTO Commitments for Banking Services*
Sydney J. Key, Lecturer, Graduate Program in Banking and Financial Law.
Boston University School of Law
- April 1 *Thinking About Chinese Power*
David Michael Lampton, Director of China Studies and George & Sadie Hyman Professor,
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

GENETIC EPIDEMIOLOGY (577)

Founded: 1982

The purpose of this seminar is to bring together researchers in human genetics, epidemiology, and related disciplines, to discuss issues of common interest. Topics focus primarily on genetic and environmental contributions to disease, and gene-environment interaction. Our goal is to use information from both human genetics and epidemiology to arrive at a methodology for understanding the complex etiology of common diseases.

Chair: Dr. Gary Heiman
Rapporteur: Ms. Ann Madsen

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- October 11 *Non-Replication of Association Studies: 'Psuedo-Failures' to Replicate*
Prakash Gorroochurn, PhD. Assistant Professor Department of Biostatistics,
Columbia University
- November 8 *Maternal Age and Aneuploidy: Is the Oocyte Pool Hypothesis Still Tenable?*
Dorothy Warburton, PhD, Professor of Clinical Genetics & Development,
Department of Genetics & Development, Columbia University
- December 6 *Genome-Wide Association Studies: Lessons from AMD*
Andrew Dewan, PhD. Research Associate, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health,
Yale University School of Medicine
- January 10 *Extending SKUMIX to Exponential Distributions and its Genetic Applications*
Jung Yeon Lee
- February 7 *Issues in Complex Trait Genetic Analysis—Examples from Scoliosis*
Derek Gordon, PhD Associate Professor, Genetics Department,
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- March 13 *Genetic Epidemiology of Alzheimer's Disease in Down Syndrome*
Nicole Schupf, Ph.D. DrPh Associate Professor, Taub Institute and
Department of Epidemiology and Psychiatry Columbia University
- April 10 *Incorporating Prior Biological Knowledge in Genome-Wide Association Studies*
Hongyu Zhao, Professor, Public Health and Genetics, Yale University School of Medicine
- May 8 *Finding Cancer Susceptibility Genes: Family and Population Approaches*
Lynn R. Goldin, Ph.D., Senior Investigator, Genetic Epidemiology Branch,
Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, NCI
- June 12 *Whole Genome DNA Methylation Profiling of the Human Brain*
Fatemeh G. Haghighi, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry,
Neuroscience Columbia University

SHAKESPEARE (581)

Founded: 1982

This seminar explores issues of interest to current Shakespeare scholarship. Principal topics include the relation of play-script to performance, the implications of recent changes in textual study, the relevance of texts to the social and political world in which they were produced, and the impact of contemporary theory on Shakespeare criticism. A Bernard Beckerman Memorial Lecture is presented annually in honor of the seminar's founder.

Co-Chairs: Professors William Long and Irene Dash

Rapporteur: Mr. Adam G. Hooks

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- September 14 *An 'Othello' to Forget: Zeffirelli's 1961 Stratford-Upon-Avon Production and its Critics*
Rusell Jackson, Allardyce Nicoll Chair, Department of Drama and Theatre Arts,
University of Birmingham
- October 12 *Sanctifying the Bourgeoisie: The Cultural World of 'The Comedy of Errors'*
Richard Strier, Frank L. Sulzberger, Distinguished Service Professor in
the Department of English, University of Chicago
- November 9 *The Faginizing of Shylock*
Michael Shapiro, Professor of English, Emeritus, and Former Director, Program for
Jewish Culture and Society, University of Illinois at Urbana—Champaign
- December 14 *Channeling the Ghosts: The Wooster Group Remediation of the 1964 Electronovision 'Hamlet'*
Thomas Cartelli, Professor of English and NEH Professor of Humanities,
Muhlenberg College
- February 8 *Tragedy and Time Travel*
Rebecca Bushnell, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Professor of English,
University of Pennsylvania
- March 7 *Potential Shakespeares: Identity and the Early Collaborations*
Lois Potter
Ned B. Allen, Professor of English, University of Delaware
- April 11 *Sartorial Economies and Suitable Style: The Anonymous Woodstock and Shakespeare's 'Richard II'*
Karen Newman, Professor of English, New York University
- May 9 *Staging Food in Shakespeare*
Peter Holland, University of Notre Dame

SOUTHEAST ASIA IN WORLD AFFAIRS (583)

Founded: 1982

This seminar is concerned with the contemporary political economy of Southeast Asia, and in particular with its international dimensions. The agenda includes current problems of economic and political change in the countries of the region, as well as issues in relations with the United States, Japan, China, and Russia. The seminar membership includes policymakers from the public and private sectors, as well as scholars, and the group as a whole has a strong policy orientation.

Co-Chairs: Professors Anne-Marie Murphy, David Denoon, and Hugh T. Patrick
Rapporteur: Ms. Carissa Dizon

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| October 4 | <i>Growing Links between Northeast and Southeast Asia</i>
Evans Revere, The Korea Society |
| November 8 | <i>ASEAN's Role in East Asian Integration</i>
Peter Drysdale, The Australian National University |
| December 6 | <i>Shifting Currents in Japan's Relationship with East and Southeast Asia</i>
Edward Lincoln, New York University |
| February 7 | <i>Malaysia: The Evolution of a Foreign Policy and the Peculiar Trajectory of Malaysia-U.S. Relations</i>
Marvin Ott, National War College |
| April 3 | <i>A Discussion on Philippine and Malaysian Politics</i>
Noel Morada, The University of the Philippines
Bridget Welsh, Johns Hopkins University |

ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY (585)

Founded: 1983

This seminar, made up of theoreticians, researchers, and educators, examines the themes of ethics, moral education, and society in a genuinely interdisciplinary fashion, covering such topics as moral motivation, moral development, moral education, and moral theory. Membership is drawn from the fields of psychology, philosophy, sociology, education, political theory, and religion. The seminar provides a meeting ground for communication and support unique to the New York metropolitan region.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Michael Schulman and Professor Kathleen Wallace
Rapporteur: Ms. Lauren Kaplan

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 10 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Teaching the Levees: An Innovative Social Studies Curriculum for Democratic Dialogue and Civic Engagement
Professor Margaret Crocco, Coordinator of the Program in Social Studies at Teachers College, Columbia University
- December 12 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Service Learning and Moral Education
Edward Doty, Founder and executive director of Youth Services Opportunity Program, YSOP.
- January 23 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Bullshit and Truth
Professor Harry Frankfurt, Professor Emeritus, Princeton University
- March 5 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Atheism: The Invisible Religion
Joan Konner, Columbia University
- April 2 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
The Irrational Sources of Moral Motivation
Michael Schulman, Leake & Watts
- May 7 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Ethics in an Age of Terrorism
Howard Radest, University of South Carolina—Beaufort

COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE (603)

Founded: 1986

For more than 100 years, comparative psychologists have sought to understand the evolution of human intelligence. Until recently, these efforts have been restricted to investigations of conditioned reflexes in human and animal subjects. New paradigms for studying cognitive processes in animals—in particular symbol use and memory—have, for the first time, allowed psychologists and neuroscientists to compare higher thought processes in animals and human beings. Of special interest is the question, how does an animal think without language? This and related questions concerning the nature of animal cognition have defined the themes of this seminar whose members include specialists in animal and human cognition, ethology, philosophy and neuroscience.

Chairs: Dr. Yaakov Stern and Professor Herbert S. Terrace
Rapporteurs: Ms. Patricia Anstatt and Ms. Virginia Morgan

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 20 | <i>Magnitude Comparisons in Adults: Distinguishing between Theoretical Accounts of the Development of Numerical Competence</i>
Hilary Barth, Ph.D., Wesleyan University |
| October 25 | <i>What the Speaking Brain Tells Us about Functional Imaging</i>
John J. Sidtis, Ph.D., New York University |
| November 29 | <i>A Corollary Discharge to Primate Frontal Cortex: Does It Contribute to Visual Stability</i>
Robert H. Wurtz, Ph.D., Laboratory of Sensorimotor Research, National Eye Institute, NIH |
| December 13 | <i>Conflict Monitoring</i>
Mathew Botvinick, Ph.D., Princeton Neuroscience Institute and
Department of Psychology, Princeton University |
| January 24 | <i>Insights into Brain/Language Relationships from “Dysfunctional Neuroimaging”</i>
Argye Hillis, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine |
| February 28 | <i>Visual Search: Is it a matter of Life and Death?</i>
Jeremy Wolfe, Harvard Medical School |
| March 26 | <i>Rules, Concepts and Executive Brain Functions</i>
Earl Miller, Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
| April 24 | <i>Spatial Patterns of fMRI Response: What Information Do They Contain and What Can They Tell Us about Object Representations?</i>
Nancy Kanwisher, Massachusetts Institute of Technology |

SCIENTIFIC LITERACY (611)

Founded: 1986

In view of the widespread concern with the notion of scientific literacy on the part of scientists, educators at all levels, industrialists, politicians, and the media, this seminar aims to analyze the wide diversity of views as to how a greater measure of scientific literacy might be obtained. There are many ways of teaching science, looking at science, and practicing science. The notion of a universal scientific literacy as a unique set of things is not at all defined; the seminar's goal is to delineate its significance and implications.

Chair: Ms. Jean Delfiner

Rapporteur: Ms. Natalie Bonjoc

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| December 18 | <i>Science Research: From New York to Australia and Back to the High School Classroom</i>
Dr. Margaret Savitzky |
| January 11 | <i>Introduction to Corrosion: What Is It? Why Is It of Such Concern?</i>
<i>Where Does It Occur in Everyday Life?</i>
Dr. Stephen Gould |
| February 26 | <i>Meteorites: An Entry Point for Chemistry at the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH)</i>
Dr. Denton Ebel |
| March 11 | <i>Cleaving Mercury-Alkyl Bonds: A Functional Model for Mercury Detoxification</i>
Dr. Gerard Parkin |

FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND EQUITY (613)

Founded: 1987

The seminar focuses on the analytical and policy issues related to full employment, social welfare, and equity. These include cross-national perspectives, primarily in other industrialized economies. The purpose is to identify and clarify the more difficult and central intellectual questions which relate to and affect the national commitment and capability to assure full employment, social welfare, and equity over long periods.

Co-Chairs: Professors Sheila Collins, Helen Ginsburg, and Gertrude Goldberg

Rapporteur: Mr. Matthew S. Winters

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- September 24 *"McCarthyism and the American Labor Movement: What Happened and What was Its Impact"*
Ellen Schrecker, Professor of History, Yeshiva University
- November 5 JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON GLOBALIZATION, LABOR AND POPULAR STRUGGLES
Company and Country at a Crossroads
Ralph Gomory, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
- December 3 *The War Against the New Deal: How Corporate Influence During WWII Reshaped
the Limited Welfare State, Producing the Warfare State of the 20th & 21st Centuries*
Professor Brian Wadell, Assistant Professor of Political Science,
University of Connecticut at Stamford
- January 28 *The Life and Death of Egalitarian Politics*
Robert Kuttner, The American Prospect
- April 17 *Changing the Terms: Talking about Victim-Talk*
Alyson Cole, Queens College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York

IRANIAN STUDIES (615)

Founded: 1987

The purpose of these monthly gatherings is to present and promote new research in Iranian studies from pre-Islamic times to the present. The seminar provides an opportunity for scholars and researchers in the greater metropolitan area to meet regularly and exchange views and discuss the topics of their research interests.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Ahmad Ashraf and Dr. Vahid Nowshirvani

Rapporteur: Ms. Claire Panetta

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- September 11 *Treacherous Alliance: The Secret Dealings of Israel, Iran and the United States*
Dr. Trita Parsi, Johns Hopkins University
- October 9 *The Role of Jews in the Preservation of Popular and Classical Persian Music*
Houman Sarshar, Director of Publications, Center for Iranian Jewish Oral History,
Los Angeles
- November 13 *Beauty in the Beast: The Story of Khita'i in Mongol Iran*
Ladan Akbarnia, Hagop Kevorkian Associate Curator, Brooklyn Museum of Art
- December 6 *The Islamisation of Central Asia: Sogdian and Turkish Elites in Abbassid Policy*
Etienne de la Vaissiere, Assistant Professor, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes,
Paris, France
- February 7 *American Crosses, Persian Crescents: Religion and the Diplomacy
of US–Iranian Relations, 1834–1979*
Dr. Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet, Associate Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania
- March 4 *The New Post-Revolutionary Period in Iran: The Case of Qom*
Dr. Farhad Khosrokhavar. L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales
- April 8 *Iran: Nuclear Enigma / Nuclear: Iran Enigma: Opportunities & Perils*
Dr. Behrad Nakhai
- May 5 *“Juhud ham kheli pul darad”: The Image of the Jews in the Latter Part of 20th Century Iran*
Orly Rahimian, PhD candidate, Ben-Gurion University, Israel

CANCER (617)

Founded: 1989

The seminar looks at the state-of-the-art in cancer research and treatment approaches, including public policy issues, as well as public health implications.

Chair: Dr. Louis Gary

MEETINGS 2007-2008

April 15 JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON NATIONAL HEALTH AND SCIENCE POLICY
Integrative Medicine—Fringe, Fad or Frontier?
Brian Berman, M.D. Fannie E. Rippel Foundation Seminar Fellow and
Professor of Family and Community Medicine and Director of the Center
for Integrative Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine
Introduction: Mehmet Oz, M.D.

BUDDHIST STUDIES (629)

Founded: 1990

The seminar discusses issues and ongoing research in Buddhist Studies, as well as the interface between Buddhist Studies and other humanistic and scientific disciplines. Buddhism has been a powerful cultural and intellectual, as well as religious, current in all of the Asian civilizations. Its manifestations engage the scholarly concern of members of a wide range of disciplines: religious studies (itself an interdisciplinary enterprise), philosophy, psychology, history, sociology, anthropology, comparative literature, art history, and political science, among others. The seminar is focused not on a narrow range of issues concerning the Buddhist religions, but on a broad range of philosophical, cultural, social, and scientific subjects arising from the long and rich historical experience of the numerous Buddhist civilizations.

Co-Chairs: Professor Wendi Adamek, Robert A.F. Thurman, and Chun-Fang Yu

Rapporteur: Mr. Gregory Scott

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| November 8 | <i>The Baby and the Bath Water: Cultural Conundrums in American Appropriations of Zen</i>
Nelson Foster, Diamond Sangha |
| November 15 | <i>From Turfan to Nara: Figurines Discovered Along the Silk Road</i>
Yu Xin, Professor, Fudan University |
| December 13 | <i>The Yogacara and Hua-yen Infrastructure of Dogen's Shobogenzo</i>
David Dilworth, Professor of Philosophy, SUNY Stonybrook |
| January 31 | <i>Concerning Buddhist Modernism: Historiography, Technology and Environmentalism</i>
Dr. Marcus Bingenheimer, Director of the Library and Information Center,
Dharma Drum Buddhist College, Taiwan, ROC |
| February 28 | <i>The 'Golden Rule' and Moral Formation in South Asian Buddhism</i>
Professor Charles Hallisey, Senior Lecturer on Buddhist Studies, Harvard Divinity School |
| April 3 | <i>Environmentalism, Buddhism, and Transcendentalism</i>
Mark Blum, SUNY Albany |
| May 1 | <i>The Destiny of Theravada Buddhism in Sri Lanka and Burma</i>
Professor Pochi Huang, Assistant Professor, Graduate Institute of Religious Studies,
National Cheng-chi University, Taiwan |

NATIONAL HEALTH AND SCIENCE POLICY (645)

Founded: 1993

The seminar focuses on the debate over national health and science policy and their impact on priorities in medicine, science, and funding for them. Seminar participants are drawn from city, state, and federal government and from the faculty and administration of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, the Cornell faculty, the administration of New York Presbyterian Hospital, and other universities and hospitals.

Chair: Dr. Louis Gary

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April 15 JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON NATIONAL HEALTH AND SCIENCE POLICY
Brian Berman, M.D. Fannie E. Rippel Foundation Seminar Fellow and
Professor of Family and Community Medicine and Director of the Center
for Integrative Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine
Introduction: Mehmet Oz, M.D.

RELIGION IN AMERICA (661)

Founded: 1997

This seminar explores the role of religion in American society from cross-disciplinary perspectives: history, anthropology, literature, sociology, theology, material culture, etc. Both “religion” and “America” are broadly defined: “religion” takes into account multicultural and multifarious religious expressions in an increasingly pluralistic setting; “America” includes not merely the United States but Canada and the Caribbean as well. The members of the seminar are particularly interested in examining the religiously rich environment of New York City.

Chair: Professors Randall Balmer and R. Bruce Mullin

Rapporteur: Ms. Erika W. Dyson

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| September 25 | <i>A Short World History of Christianity (forthcoming Spring Westminster John Knox)</i>
Bruce Mullin, General Theological Seminary |
| October 23 | <i>Catholics in the Movies</i>
Colleen McDannell, University of Utah |
| November 27 | <i>Waterfront Apotheosis</i>
James Fisher |
| January 28 | <i>A Prison Like No Other</i>
Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Buffalo Law School |
| February 25 | <i>Institutional Church as ‘Industrial Enterprise’: The Business Side of the Social Gospel</i>
Daniel Vaca, Columbia University |
| March 24 | <i>Discussion on the Episcopal Church in Twentieth-Century America</i>
Ron Young, General Theological Seminary |
| April 28 | <i>How Peggy and I Killed the Boar, or Harry and Harry Go to Washington</i>
Erika White Dyson, Columbia University |

CONFLICT RESOLUTION (663)

Founded: 1997

This seminar examines the complexity of social conflicts and their resolution within a multidisciplinary framework—assembling faculty from throughout the University to present works in progress, explore opportunities for collaborative research, and discuss pedagogy in the context of conflict resolution. University scholars and practitioners in the field have presented on a wide range of topics relating to the context of conflict, social-political, economic, social-historical, and social-psychological dynamics.

Chair: Professor Aldo Civico

Rapporteur: Mr. Alexander Fischer

MEETINGS 2007-2008

September 25 *Genocide Prevention*
Jacques Semelin, Research Director at Centre National
de la Recherche Scientifique (C.N.R.S.)

THE HISTORY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (667)

Founded: 1998

This seminar provides a forum where issues that define the institutional, intellectual, and social history of Columbia University will be given scholarly consideration. Speakers will be a mix of “outside” specialists in American academic history and Columbia “insiders” who have had a direct involvement with a particular issue and a familiarity with recent Columbia folkways.

Co-Chairs: Professor Robert A. McCaughey and Mr. Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr.

MEETINGS 2007-2008

April 18 A One-Day Conference: *The Student Protests at Columbia University in April 1968. What did they mean then? What do they mean now?*

GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES (671)

Founded: 1998

The seminar seeks to clarify the boundaries of what might be broadly understood as labor politics and the labor movement by examining theoretical and historical developments in order to clarify what has been learned and what needs to be learned in the current world-historical moment of global capitalist reorganization. Included in the purview of the seminar are broader issues in popular politics as well as forms of popular action that are often identified by such alternative labels as “social movements” or “contentious” politics. Presentations, by specialists from the academic and labor communities, focus on issues in contemporary labor and popular politics, on a thematic basis, in settings around the world, and bring to bear a strongly comparative focus, which challenges a common division between specialists on labor in the industrialized world and labor in less developed areas. Debate is facilitated by the provision of papers in advance.

Co-Chairs: Professors David Bensman and Henry J. Frundt

Rapporteur: Mr. Matthew S. Winters

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- September 17 *The Global Farmers Movement Against Neoliberal Globalization*
Diogenes Lucio, FENOCIN (Ecuador)
Juan Tiney, CONIC (Guatemala)
William Kramer, Rutgers University, (Moderator)
- October 15 *“Corporate Social Responsibility” is Not Working for Workers . . . How Can We “Anti-Sweat”
Activists Have So Pathetically Little to Show for Fifteen Years of Cross-Border Organizing?*
Jeff Ballinger, McMaster University
- November 5 JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE AND EQUITY
Company and Country at a Crossroads
Ralph Gomory, President, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
- November 15 *NGO’s and Unions: The Pitfalls and Benefits*
Stephen Coats, USLEAP
- February 18 *The Clipboard, the Megaphone, and Socialist Characteristics: Pragmatism and Ideology
in the Anti-Sweatshop Movement in China*
Michael A. Santoro, Associate Professor, School of Business,
Rutgers University
- March 24 *Labor Organizing in China*
Katie Quan, University of California—Berkeley and Cornell University ILR

SEXUALITY, GENDER, HEALTH, AND HUMAN RIGHTS (673)

Founded: 1999

This seminar uses the new scholarship on sexuality to engage with ongoing theoretical conversations and activism in gender, health, and human rights. Pressed by the increasing recognition of the importance of sexuality in a wide range of advocacy and rights work (for example, HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproduction health, and sexual violence), theorists and advocates alike have struggled with the complex, sometimes fluid and elusive nature of sexuality. What is this “sexuality” in need of rights and health? How does it manifest itself across a range of persons and cultures? And how can the body of culturally and historically situated work about sexuality be helpful to advocacy interventions? The seminar also turns a critical lens on recent scholarship in light of current issues raised by policy interventions and grass roots organizing in many countries and cultures. The seminar aims to promote dialogue and exchange between academic, activist, and advocacy work and is sponsored by the Program for the Study of Sexuality, Gender, Health, and Human Rights.

Chair: Professor Carole S. Vance

Rapporteur: Ms. Alicia Peters

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- October 23 *The Politics of Sexuality in the Islamic Republic of Iran: Young Adults, 'Sexual Revolution', and the State*
Pardis Mahdavi, PH.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology,
Pomona College
- November 15 *Sexual Minorities and Sex Workers in South India: The Politics of AIDS Funding and Strategies in Organizing*
Manohar Elavarthi, Director (Campaigns) of Sangama, Bangalore, India
- December 11 *Emma and Dave Sitting in a Tree, KISSING: The Scandal of Childhood Sexuality in the Context of South African HIV/AIDS*
Deevia Bhana, PH.D., Faculty of Education, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

LANGUAGE AND COGNITION (681)

Founded: 2000

What can the study of language contribute to our understanding of human nature? This question motivates research spanning many intellectual constituencies, for its range exceeds the scope of any one of the core disciplines. The technical study of language has developed across anthropology, electrical engineering, linguistics, neurology, philosophy, psychology, and sociology, and influential research of the recent era of cognitive science has occurred when disciplinary boundaries were transcended. The seminar is a forum for convening this research community of broadly differing expertise, within and beyond the University. As a meeting ground for regular discussion of current events and fundamental questions, the University Seminar on Language and Cognition will direct its focus to the latest breakthroughs and the developing concerns of the scientific community studying language.

Chair: Professor Robert E. Remez
Rapporteur: Ms. Sara Maria Hasbun

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- September 20 *Looking, Speaking and Adapting in Spontaneous Communication*
Susan E. Brennan, Departments of Psychology and Computer Science,
Stony Brook University
- October 25 *What the Speaking Brain Tells Us About Functional Imaging*
John J. Sidtis, Department of Psychiatry, New York University Medical School
and the Geriatrics Program, Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research
- December 6 *Phonological Constraints on Morphological Development*
Katherine Demuth, Department of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences Brown University
- January 24 *Insights into Brain/Language Relationships from 'Dysfunctional Neuroimaging'*
Argye Hillis, Department of Neurology, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
and Department of Cognitive Science, The Johns Hopkins University
- February 21 *Phonological Development and Distributional Category Learning: Three Solutions*
Daniel Swingley, Department of Psychology, University of Pennsylvania
- March 27 *Bi-directional Talker-Listener Adaptation in Speech Communication*
Ann Bradlow, Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University
- April 27 *Building a Percept in the Brain: How Learned Vocalizations are Coded
by Auditory Neurons in Songbirds*
Sarah M. N. Woolley, Department of Psychology, Columbia University

NEW MEDIA TEACHING AND LEARNING (683)

Founded: 2000

For many years, computing and education has been a robust and challenging field, but esoteric to many. From the time of the first browser that expanded the demographic base of users exponentially, the use of digital technologies and new media has become part of an explosive reconsideration of educational practice. The breadth of this reconsideration has touched on the content of education, its pedagogy, its place and, by inference, its range of possible participants. In response to this phenomenon, most major universities, including Columbia University, have reacted over the past 10 years with a diversity of initiatives. Some represent the need for attending to generic infrastructure, represented at Columbia by Academic Information Systems (AcIS), Administrative Information Systems (AIS) and Electronic Data Service (EDS). Many are content-specific initiatives that grow out of the intrinsic needs of specific fields, represented at Columbia by organizations such as the Institute for Learning Technologies at Teachers College, the Columbia Center for New Media Teaching and Learning, Center for New Media in the School of Journalism, Media Center for Art History in Arts and Sciences, the Center for Academic Information Technologies at the Medical School, and Digital Knowledge Ventures. What is lacking across the range of initiatives is a unifying conversation that would focus upon the essential questions at this moment of accelerated change in the educational universe. Since the field in its many expressions and through its many entities is engaged primarily in active invention, it is all the more necessary that the time scale of sharing not be driven by the glacial movement of knowledge through scholarly journals, but by the immediate possibilities provided by face to face discourse as well as mediated asynchronous communications, in order to provide benchmarks for good practice.

Co-Chairs: Professor Frank A. Moretti, and Mr. Ryan Kelsey

Rapporteur: Ms. Veena Vasudevan

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| October 4 | <i>Digital Video in a Genocidal Age: The Holocaust in 52,000 Acts</i>
Professor Douglas Greenberg, USC Shoah Foundation Institute |
| November 8 | <i>Activating the Archives of Activism</i>
Dr. David Magier, Director of Columbia University
Center for Human Rights Documentation and Research |
| December 10 | <i>Technologies of Community, Conversation by Design: How Should Networked, Public Spaces Be Designed?</i>
Associate Professor Warren Sack, UC Santa Cruz |
| February 7 | <i>Sacred Landscapes: Spatial Data, Student Collaboration, New Investigation of Religious Life</i>
Professor Courtney Bender, Department of Religion
Mark Phillipson and Josh Stanley, CNMTL Educational Technologists |
| March 20 | <i>Image Driven Scholarship and the MIT Visualizing Cultures Project</i>
Professor John Dower, History Professor at MIT, and Scott Shunk, Program Director |

PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES (685)

Founded: 2000

Chair: Dr. Joel Whitebook
Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Viehoff

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- September 24 *Ricoeur's "Freud and Philosophy," Book One*
Group Discussion
- October 29 *Ricoeur's "Freud and Philosophy," Book One, Chapters 2 and 3, and Book Two, Introduction and Chapter 1*
Joel Whitebook, Columbia, Psychoanalysis and Deborah Moses, IPTAR
- November 26 *Ricoeur's "Freud and Philosophy," Book Two, Part I, Introduction, Chapters 1 and 2*
Deborah Moses, IPTAR
- February 26 *Ricoeur's "Freud and Philosophy," Book II, Chapter 2*
Group Discussion
- March 31 *Ricoeur's "Freud and Philosophy," Book II, Part 1, Chapter 3*
Group Discussion
- April 30 *Ricoeur's "Freud and Philosophy," Book II, Part 2, Chapter 1*
Group Discussion

HISTORY AND MEMORY (689/713)

Founded: 2001/2006

This seminar is concerned with the history of slavery, particularly in New York City, and its long-term ramifications. Seminar members are scientists, clergy, historians, legal scholars, and sociologists who share an interest in learning from collective memories of slavery. The group will consider the lives and legacy of slaves in New York and how best to commemorate them. A second goal of the seminar is to develop interdisciplinary courses, which can be taught on the university and congregational levels, on the topic of memory and slavery.

Co-Chairs: Professor Robert Pollack and Ms. Patricia Williams

Rapporteur: Mr. David Greder

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| September 26 | <i>Honest Patriots</i>
Rev. Donald Shriver, William E. Dodge Professor Emeritus of Applied Christianity
and President Emeritus of the Faculty, Union Theological Seminary |
| October 24 | <i>Lose Your Mother</i>
Saidiya V. Hartman, Professor of English, Columbia University |
| December 12 | <i>Redemption</i>
Nicholas Lemann, Dean of the School of Journalism, Columbia University |
| February 27 | <i>Of Taints and Time: The Racial Origins and Effects of Florida's Felony Disenfranchisement Law</i>
Jessie Allen, Assistant Professor of Lawyering, NYU School of Law |
| April 18 | <i>Slavery Abolitionism 100 Years Later</i>
Prof. Christopher Brown, Columbia University History Department |

EARLY CHINA (691)

Founded: 2002

The seminar focuses on early Chinese civilization from the Neolithic Age to the Han Dynasty and brings together scholars from all Early China related fields: history, archaeology, art history, literature and language, religion and philosophy. The seminar will facilitate interregional exchanges by inviting distinguished Sinologists from other parts of the country, and will publicize new archaeological discoveries.

Co-Chairs: Professors David Branner and Feng Li

Rapporteur: Mr. Nick Vogt

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- September 22 *First Presentation: Craftman's Literacy: Uses of Writing by Male and Female Artisans in Qin/Han China*
Dr. Anthony Barbieri-Low, UCSB
- Second Presentation: Nationalism, Archaeology, and Modern Art: An Anatomy of the 1938 Met Exhibition of Chinese Bronzes from American Collections*
Dr. Chao-Hui Jenny Liu, Department of Art History, New York University
- November 3 *First Presentation: Preliminary Thoughts on Prayer and Other Concepts As Seen in Chinese Excavated Documents*
Luo Xinhui, Beijing Normal University
- Second Presentation: Religious Characteristics of Guodian Texts*
Kenneth Holloway
- Third Presentation: Partial Huainanzi Translations*
Dr. John Major, Dr. Andy Meyer, Dr. Sarah Queen
- Fourth Presentation: Functional Literacy, General Literary, and Literacy Crisis*
Thomas H.C.Lee, City College of New York, CUNY
- February 9 *First Presentation: The Cosmic Power of Sound in the Late Warring States and Han Periods*
Erica Brindley, Penn State
- Second Presentation: Bringing Heaven down to Earth in Ancient China*
David Pankenier, Lehigh University
- Third Presentation: Terms for the Lunar Phases in Bronze Inscriptions*
Xu Fengxian

- March 8 *First Presentation: Western Zhou Inscriptional Literacy*
Li Feng, Columbia University
- Second Presentation: The Identity of the Major Players in
the Huayuanzhuang Dongdi Oracle Bone Inscriptions*
Kuang Yu Chen, Rutgers University
- Third Presentation: Reconstructing the Lost Head (shou 首): A Paleographical Odyssey*
Takashima Ken'ichi, University of British Columbia
- Fourth Presentation: Female Recipients and Casters of Bronze Inscriptions*
Chen Chao-jung
- May 3 *First Presentation: New Light on the Initial Stage of Social Complexity
in the Heartland of Prehistoric China*
Li Xinwei, Institute of Archaeology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- Second Presentation: An Approach to the Technology of Making Inscriptions
in Early Chinese Bronzes*
Zhang Changping, visiting professor at Princeton University
- Third Presentation: New Discoveries and Considerations Concerning the Jin Hou Cemetery*
Sun Qingwei, Beijing University

SCIENCE AND RELIGION (693)

Founded: 2002

This seminar will focus on two main topics: one, analysis of issues that lie at the margin of science(s) and religion(s) in both Eastern and Western versions of these two different ways of viewing the world, with a particular focus on interdisciplinary approaches; two, studying Love in all its complex manifestations, from the biological to the spiritual. Both groups will work with the template of presentations of primary materials by the speaker (a specialist in the selected area under study, both from within and without Columbia University) followed by discussion. A primary aim of both groups is the development of appropriate curricula for the two respective fields.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Wendy Chavkin and Robert Pollack

Rapporteur: Ms. Laura Bothwell

MEETINGS 2007-2008

No Meetings this year

AGING AND HEALTH (695)

Founded: 2003

Global aging is emerging as one of the foremost challenges confronting scholars in the 21st century. The unprecedented aging of the population during the next half-century portends a dramatic demographic shift with significant local, national, and worldwide implications. The seminar provides a forum to address complex, pressing aging-related issues such as increasing longevity, changes in the family system and modifications in the scope, delivery and financing of health care. Established jointly by the School of Social Work and the Mailman School of Public Health, the seminar is designed to strengthen existing linkages and augment interdisciplinary dialogue among faculties at the Morningside Heights and Health Sciences campuses and between the university and the community on health-related policy, practice and research issues specific to later stages of the life course.

Co-Chairs: Professors Denise Burnette and Victoria H. Raveis

Rapporteur: Ms. Yessica M. Diaz

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- February 28 *Aging Research in the Latino Community: Chronic Disease Focus Director, Columbia Center for the Health of Urban Minorities*
Olveen Carrasquillo, MD, MPH, Director, Columbia Center for the Health of Urban Minorities
- March 13 *Globalization and the Lives of Older People: The Case of India*
Denise Burnette Ph.D, MSSW
- April 14 *Healthy Aging, Mind and Body: Addressing Barriers to Mental Health Treatment in a Diverse Population of Older Adults*
Karen Bullock, PhD, LCSW, Associate Professor University of Connecticut, Institute of Living/Hartford Hospital, University of Connecticut

DISABILITY STUDIES (697)

Founded: 2003

This new Seminar takes a broad interdisciplinary approach to Disability Studies—a rapidly expanding field informed by the knowledge base and methodologies of the traditional liberal arts and post-positivist perspectives. Disability Studies focuses on a sociopolitical analysis of disability: it examines both the social meaning we give to variations that exist in human behavior and appearance—implicit or explicit valuing that construct exclusionary categorical binaries—and the role that disability has played, currently plays and can potentially play in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and education.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Simi Linton and Professor Michelle Ballan

Rapporteurs: Ms. Grace Pasion and Ms. Stacy Pommer

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- December 6 *Power, Gender, and Eugenics: Critical Discourse on Disabled Identities*
Discussant: Michael A. Rembis, Department of History and
Director of Disability Studies Initiative, University of Arizona
Commentator: Suzanne B. Goldberg, Clinical Professor and
Director of the Sexuality and Gender Law Clinic, Columbia Law School
- February 27 *Sacred and Profane: Disability Framed in Different Religious Traditions*
Discussants: Rabbi Judith Abrams, Faculty at Siegal College for
Jewish Studies and Aleph Rabbinical Ordination Program
Maysaa Bazna, Assistant Professor of Education, College of Staten Island, CUNY
Jeremy Schipper, Assistant Professor of Religion, Temple University
Commentator: Chris Rosa, Director of Student Affairs and
Faculty of Disability Studies, CUNY
- April 29 *Legacies of Intimidation and Violence: Hate Crimes against People with Disabilities*
Discussants: Mark Sherry, Endowed Chair of Disability Studies and
Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Toledo
John Kaye, Lumurro, Davison, Eastman & Munoz, P.A.

ROMANTICISM AND ITS AFTERMATH (699)

Founded: 2004

The Seminar “Romanticism and Its Aftermath” explores various facets of Romanticism in their mutual relationships and cross-pollination by bringing together scholars representing a variety of disciplines: different European literatures, music, art, philosophy, history, linguistics, and theology. While the primary focus of the Seminar is the so-called “early” and “high” Romanticism of the 1790s–1800s and 1810–30s, it also addresses related phenomena that preceded and followed that epoch, such as the philosophical and aesthetic heritage of the Enlightenment, late and post-Romantic trends in late-nineteenth century music, and neo-Romantic trends in early twentieth-century modernism.

Co-Chairs: Professors Boris Gasparov and Lydia Goehr

Rapporteur: Ms. Dehlia Hannah

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- September 27 *Portrait of the Artist as an Arabesque: Romantic Form and Social Practice in Wilhelm von Schadow’s ‘The Modern Vasari’*
Cordula Grewe, Department of Art History and Archeology, Columbia University
- October 18 *Resounding Marble: Reading and Listening to Eichendorff’s Marmorbild*
John Hamilton, New York University
- November 29 *Tendencies of the Time: Dilettantism, Wilhelm Meister, and the Romantics*
Paul Fleming, New York University, German Department
- April 3 *News From An Old Men’s World: Or How To Conceive of German Romanticism at the Beginning of the 21st Century*
Barbara Hahn, Vanderbilt University
- April 24 *Machine, Metaphor and the 1790s*
Tatiana Smoliarova, Columbia University

MODERN BRITISH HISTORY (701)

Founded: 2004

The seminar in Modern British history brings together historians from the different New York area institutions, together with literary scholars, political scientists, philosophers and others working historically, to discuss recent significant books in the field of Modern British history (from the late 17th century to the present) or to comment on work in progress by members of the group. It will meet on the second Monday of each month during the academic year; in the fall of 2007 it will meet the first Thursday of each month.

Chair: Professor Susan Pedersen

Rapporteur: Mr. Garrett Ziegler

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 4 *Reading: "Toward a History of Victorian Novel Theory" and "Melodies for the Forgetful: Eliot, Wagner, and Duration (Elongated Form)" from Nicholas Dames, The Physiology of the Novel*
Presenter: Nicholas Dames, English, Columbia University
- November 1 *Disgruntled Missionaries: Mary Neal and Emmeline Pethick at the West London Mission, 1888-1895*
Ellen Ross, Ramapo College
- December 6 *Governmentality Before Modernity*
Kathleen Wilson, SUNY, Stony Brook
- February 7 *Group Discussion: Queer London: Perils and Pleasures in the Sexual Metropolis 1918-57, by Matt Houlbrook*
- April 3 *Teach the Girls to Improve the Men: Domestic Science Instruction and Colonial Development Plans, and Welfare, Cooperation, and Indirect Rule in Interwar East Africa*
Corrie Decker, Lehman College, CUNY and Aaron Windel, Minnesota

MODERN GREEK (703)

Founded: 2005

The seminar's title emphasizes the language—modern Greek—over the metropolitan nation-state, modern Greece. By so doing, the seminar uses the enduring and versatile nature of the language as a symbol for broader themes that, both diachronically and synchronically, depict the tension between sameness and difference, between the continuities and discontinuities that comprise the Hellenic world. The seminar does not limit its focus to Modern Greece, even though it remains its foremost concern, instead it seeks to provide a forum for original interdisciplinary perspectives on Byzantine, Ottoman, and Modern Greece and the Greek diaspora. Seminar participants from a wide variety of fields consider all aspects of the post-classical Greek world as well as the reception and creative appropriation of the classical Greek tradition both in Greece and abroad. The seminar examines Greek relations with Western Europe, the Balkans, the Mediterranean, the Caucasus and the Middle East, tracing also the cultural presence of historic Greek communities in these areas as well as in more recent diasporas, in the United States and Australia. The seminar also examines the presence of diverse communities within Greece.

Chair: Professor Vangelis Calotychos

Rapporteur: Ms. Karen Emmerich

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 1 *Looking for Foreign Friends: Solomos, Translation and the German Influence*
Constanze Guthenke, Princeton University
- November 2 *Electrifying the Nisiotika: Mariza Koch and Aegean Rock*
Gail Holst-Warhaft, Cornell University
- November 29 *Sexual Desires and Improprieties in Late Ottoman Greece*
Evdoxios Doxiades, Princeton University
- March 4 *Poets, Translators, and Critics on the Poet, Translator and Critic George Seferis*
Susan Matthias, Andrinana Mastor, Katerina Stergiopoulou
- March 12 *Selective and Distant Images: George Seferis's photographs of Cyprus*
Eleni Papargyriou
- March 27 *He Will Shatter Kings on the Day of His Wrath: Faith, Fear, Power
in Early Modern Balkans' (Panou); 'Between the Slavs and the Greeks:
the Lesson Patriarch Niphon Taught Wallachia' (Momescu)*
Nikolaos Panou, Harvard University and Mona Momescu, University of Constanta

EARLY MODERN FRANCE (707)

Founded: 2005

The inaugural meeting of the University Seminar on Early Modern France was held on October 7th, 2005, in 512 Philosophy Hall. Professor Pierre Force, acting as the Seminar Chair, warmly welcomed new and current members of what was formerly the “Early Modern Salon” and explained that the group would continue to function in much the same way now that it was a University Seminar; the Seminar would continue to welcome a guest at each meeting as it had for the past years and the aim would still be to engage in lively discussion (with texts read in advance of each session), rather than promote formal presentations on the part of the guests.

Chair: Professor Pierre Force
Rapporteur: Mr. Benjamin Young

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| October 16 | <i>Héroïsme, Extrémisme et Modération dans les Mémoires du Cardinal de Retz</i>
Hélène Maerlin-Kajman, Université de Paris III |
| November 9 | <i>Verse and Versatility: The Poetry of Antoinette Deshoulières</i>
Volker Schröder, Princeton University |
| November 29 | <i>Circé n'est pas Fable: Frontiers Troubles de la Fiction à la Fin de la Renaissance</i>
Françoise Lavocat, Université de Paris VII |
| December 6 | <i>Chateaubriand et Goethe</i>
Marc Fumaroli, Académie Française |
| February 27 | <i>Purisme et Idéologie: L'académie des Femmes Savantes</i>
Pierre Zoberman, Université de Paris XIII |
| April 2 | <i>François Qusnay: A “Rural Socrates in Versailles?”</i>
Loïs Charles, INED Paris |
| April 11 | <i>Saint-Évremond and the Case of Champagne d’Ay: Early Modern French Aesthetic Theory through the Optic of Terror</i>
Thomas Parker, Vassar College |
| May 1 | <i>Revolutionary Redress from Queen of Fashion: What Marie Antoinette Wore to the Revolution</i>
Caroline Weber, Barnard College |

RELIGION AND WORLD COMMUNITY (709)

Founded: 2005

The Seminar examines the ways in which the world's major religions define their relationships, roles and responsibilities towards one another and the world at large. In addition to the empirical and legal dimensions, the Seminar encourages research on the meaning, hermeneutics and role of core religious beliefs and practices and internal debates in a historical context, as well as the contemporary situation. The Seminar is designed to promote new research on the texts, customs, social organizations, practices and other factors that influence political, cultural and theological relations among the world's major religions and their relationship with the community at large. The Seminar also seeks to build a local and an international collaborative research network of institutions and individuals committed to these goals.

Co-Chairs: Professor J. Paul Martin & Tony Kireopolous
Rapporteur: Mr. Jason Chau (with substitute Chantal Pasquarello)

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- October 18 *Chinese Ethics and Dyadic Ties: The Weakness of Strong Ties in
Micro-credit Repayments in Rural China*
Becky Hsu, PhD Candidate Department of Sociology, Princeton University
- December 6 *Micro-credit: A Social Justice Assessment*
Terry Provance
- January 31 *Religious Approaches to Justice*
Rabbi Steve Gutow

THEORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF LITERATURE (711)

Founded: 2005

This seminar has had a long and distinguished history at Columbia. It was revived in 2006 with a view to pursuing the relations between literature, philosophy, and the politics that pervades our cultural production and its study. For some time now, literary studies has been engaged in wider theoretical approaches to texts and to the very idea of literature and criticism, and the seminar hopes to take philosophical stock of this tendency as well as to try to bring to it, wherever possible, more creative and more rigorous angles. These goals will initially be pursued broadly and ecumenically and should it turn out that one or other theme surfaces, which demands our sustained focus, the seminar will very likely take it up for a whole year, approaching it from different angles. For the most part, one of the members will circulate a paper, introduced for the seminar by another member, but occasionally, we will invite a speaker from outside the membership.

Co-Chairs: Professors Jonathan Arac, Akeel Bilgrami and Bruce Robbins

Rapporteur: Mr. Bryan Lowrance

MEETINGS 2007-2008

- September 5 *Secularism, Reflexivity, and Enchantment*
Colin Jager, Rutgers University
Respondent: Sarah Cole, Columbia University
- October 23 *The Common and the Universal in Hegel's "Phenomenology of Mind"*
Etienne Balibar, University of Paris-X (Emeritus) and University of California—Irvine
Respondent: Gil Anidjar, Columbia University
- December 6 *Vico and Philological Criticism*
Paul Bove, University of Pittsburg
Respondent: Stathis Gourgouris, Columbia University
- February 7 *The Melvillean Moment*
John Brenkman, CUNY
Respondent: Scott Malcomson, New York Times
- March 25 *Ideas and Methods: Life Forms, Physical Forms, and Lyric Form*
Marjorie Levinson, University of Michigan
Respondent: Jonathan Crary, Columbia University
- May 1 *Lyric and Bondage*
Richard Strier, University of Chicago
Respondent: David Bromwich, Yale University

RELIGION IN NEW YORK (715)

Founded: 2007

This seminar explores the complex roles of religious groups, practices, and movements in New York City's present and past through multiple disciplinary perspectives, including sociology, history, urban planning, theology, and visual and material cultures. Members' work and scholarship investigates numerous topics, including the varying role of religion in transnational and global migration, interfaith organizing and civic engagement, and the impact of religious congregations and groups in rapidly changing urban neighborhoods.

Chair: Professor Courtney Bender

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Vaca

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| October 19 | <i>Hasidic Women in Brooklyn</i>
Ayala Fader, Fordham University |
| December 17 | <i>Religion, Politics and Citizenship Among Mexicans in New York</i>
Alyshia Gálvez, Lehman College, CUNY—Fordham University |
| January 18 | <i>Religion and the 1939–40 New York World's Fair</i>
J. Terry Todd, Drew University |
| February 15 | <i>God and the Growth Machine: Religion and Redevelopment in West Harlem</i>
Max Herman, Rutgers, NYTS |
| March 21 | <i>Conference Call Bible Studies and Spirit Mediums On Speed Dial:
Chinese Immigrant Religion Reaches Beyond the Enclave</i>
Ken Guest, Baruch College |
| April 18 | <i>City of Myth: Brooklyn Nostalgia as Secular Religion</i>
Henry Goldschmidt, Wesleyan University |

CULTURAL MEMORY (717)

Founded: 2007

The University Seminar on Cultural Memory began in 2005 as an interdisciplinary colloquium welcoming graduate students and faculty from Columbia and its neighbors. The Seminar, incepted in 2007, builds upon this already-established community and aims to further develop a vibrant interdisciplinary dialogue on contemporary issues of cultural and collective memory, including but not limited to traumatic memory, collective and national forgetting, memorialization and museology, historical consciousness and historiography, embodied memory and performance, archive and testimony. The Seminar meets monthly and, in addition to discussing chapters and works-in-progress, hosts a series of distinguished visiting speakers, working in close cooperation with relevant departments and institutes at Columbia.

Chair: Professor Marianne Hirsch

Rapporteurs: Ms. Kate Stanley and Ms. Sonali Thakkar

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| September 10 | <i>Victims, Relatives and Citizens in Argentina: Whose Voice is Legitimate Enough?</i>
Elizabeth Jelin |
| September 27 | Featured Speaker: Renata Stih |
| October 15 | <i>Memory and Sound</i>
Miya Masaoka, Composer and Performer |
| November 29 | <i>Cyclical Violence: The Irish Uprising and the Limits of Enchantment</i>
Sarah Cole, Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University |
| February 4 | <i>Memory as Text: an Interdisciplinary View on Personal Remembrance</i>
Evelyne Ender, Professor of French at Hunter College and the CUNY Graduate Center,
and author of <i>Architexts of Memory: Literature, Science, and Autobiography</i> |
| March 29 | <i>Spectropia: Sneak Preview!</i>
Toni Dove, writer/director and responsive media artist |

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND INJURY PREVENTION (719)

Founded: 2007

Established by the faculty from the Department of Sociomedical Sciences in the Mailman School of Public Health, this interdisciplinary colloquium welcomes participation by the Columbia University faculty, the professional community and key stakeholders in the New York metropolitan area. This seminar addresses a wide range of issues in the field of occupational health, and provides an opportunity for seminar participants to analyze and evaluate new and continuing issues of growing significance with respect to occupational health. Current topics of interest include the impact of urbanization on the health of urban workers, emergency preparedness of the workforce, the aging U.S. workforce and the implications of aging on workers' health and safety. The seminar provides a framework for a multidisciplinary scholarly exchange of ideas on emerging issues, research, practice and policies affecting the health and well being of workers in the 21st century.

Co-Chairs: Professors Robyn R.M. Gerson and Victoria H. Raveis

Rapporteurs: Ms. Rachel A. Krug and Ms. Leah Westra

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| October 30 | <i>First Organizational Meeting</i>
Discussion |
| December 3 | <i>Quality of Life in the Workplace</i>
Robyn R.M. Gerson |
| March 26 | Featured Speaker: Mr. George Loo |

COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY (721)

Founded: 2007

The goal of the Comparative Philosophy Seminar is to provide a venue for ‘non-normal discourse’ and genuine inter-disciplinary dialogue. By engaging non-Western modes of thought we do not presume to arrive at better answers to the perennial problems of philosophy. Rather, we believe that it is through considering alternative perspectives that old questions can be refined and new ones may be raised.

Chair: Professor Mark Siderits
Rapporteur: Mr. Christopher Kelley

MEETINGS 2007-2008

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| October 18 | <i>Nagarjuna's Madhyamaka: Some Philosophical Problems</i>
Jan Westerhoff |
| November 2 | <i>The Bodhisattva's Brain: Eudaimonia Buddhist Style</i>
Owen Flanagan |
| December 14 | <i>The Cartography of Personal Identity: Mapping a Course for the Future</i>
Mark Siderits |
| January 25 | <i>Self, Consciousness & Subjectivity: A Preliminary Buddhist Account</i>
Georges Dreyfus |
| February 22 | <i>Taking Conventional Truth Seriously: Authority about the Deceptive</i>
Jay Garfield |
| March 28 | <i>Personal Agency Across Generations: Evolutionary Psychology or Religious Belief?</i>
Joseph Loizzo |
| April 18 | <i>The Self That Appears: Causality and Identity in Yogacara Thought</i>
Jonathan Gold |
| May 2 | <i>Ethics Without Autonomy</i>
Charles Goodman |

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