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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.
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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
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.
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.
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 alumamus), 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.
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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
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*
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

Christina Staudt, Austin H. Kutscher, Jr. and Robert G. Stevenson

9:30–11:00

Death and the Clinician

Miriam Piven Cotler
How We Let Us Die; Ethics & Modern Medicine

James M. Hitt
Dead But Animate

Maureen O’Reilly-Landry
Death on a Chronic Dialysis Unit: A Psychodynamic Formulation

Thaddeus Mason Pope
Medical Futility Statutes: Can They Be Resuscitated?

The Psychology of Death—Religion and Violence

M.K. Bartalos
Violence and Adaptation—A New Framework

J. Harold Ellens
Death in the Psychology of Genocide and Terrorism

David Greene
Revelation and Death in the 21st Century

Jerry Piven
Terroristic Apotheosis in Death

Reframing Death & Dying

Philip Alcubes
The Behavioral Turn and the Refashioning of American Death

John Eric Baughner
Encountering the Intimate Stranger

Herbert G. Gingold & Ruth Mutzner
Death: Near and Out of Sight

11:15–12:45

The Dying Process

John Fox
The Changing Cultures of Dying within Medical Institutions

Joanna Sheinfeld
What Dying Patients Should Expect from their Health Care Providers

Margaret Souza
The Irregular Pulse of Death

Margaret A. Yard
De-civilization as Response to the Cultures of Death and Societal Trauma in the Second Millennium
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
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
Jarrod 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

Larry Danson

Larry 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-damn-thingafter-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 conversa-
tion with earlier dramatic works, he explains why
the story was so often retold and why it mattered.

TIME’s DOTING CHRONICLES
(2HENRY 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 (Long-
mans 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, suc-
cession 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 presi-
dent of the Shakespeare Association of America, she
has published extensively on Shakespeare’s history
plays. Her books include Stages of History: Shakes-
peare’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 ex-
amines 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.
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
the University Seminar on the History of Columbia University

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

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

10:30–11:15 am: 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

4:30–6:00 pm: War, Revolution, and Political Identities
Chair: Marta Petrusewicz (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: patriotism, 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

January 22  Problems of Elections and Democracy: Lessons from Recent Events in Kenya and Pakistan
Dr. Massimo Tommasoli

February 26  Preventing Deadly Conflicts and Mass Violence: A Suggested Approach
Dr. David Hamburg

March 17  China’s Environment and Development: Issues and Results
Mr. Martin Lees

April 27  Peace and Security Issues in Afghanistan: Personal Reflections
Dr. Zahir Tanin
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

September 11  Nativity Scenes in Venician Quattrocento Painting
   Sandra Sider

October 2   JOINT MEETING WITH MEDIEVAL STUDIES
   The Conscience of the King
   Paul Strohm, Columbia University

November 13  Milton’s Primavera: The Epilogue of ‘Comus’
   William Shullenberger

December 11  Saint Cicero and the Jesuits: The Liberal Arts and the Adoption of Moral Probabilism
   Robert Maryks, Bronx Community College

February 12  History as Science: The Question Revisited with Reference to Renaissance Humanism and the Two Cultures Debate
   Cynthia Pyle, N.Y.U., American Academy in Rome

March 11  Defending Copernicus and Galileo: A Galilean Approach to the Two Affairs
   Maurice Finocchiaro, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

April 8  Royal Personae: King François I Writes in the Female Voice
   Anne Lake Prescott, English Department, Barnard

May 13  Preserving the Poor: A Short Primer on Medieval and Renaissance Polish Hospitals, 12th–17th Century
   Wladyslaw Roczniak, Bronx Community College
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

September 12  Max Weber, Legitimacy and The Da Vinci Code
              James Mahon, William Paterson University

October 12  Britain: Islamists in the Rainbow Coalition
            Robert Carle, The King’s College

November 14  Talking to Terrorists: The Role of Religion in Making Peace in a World of Terror
              David Porter, ECONI, Northern Ireland

December 12  Forty Years of the Matthew Effect
              Tad Krauze, Hofstra University

February 13  The Epistemological Fate of the Authoritarian Character Theory of the Frankfurt School
              Helgard Kramer, Freie Universitat Berlin

March 5  Artists in Exile: Tibor Gergely and Greta Schreyer
          Judtith T. Marcus, SUNY—Potsdam and Zoltan Tarr, sociologist

April 9  Images of Mothering: A Pre-History
          Ruth Rubinstein, SUNY—FIT

May 14  ‘The Most Scientific Religion’: The Religious Discourse of Muslim, Hindu, and Sikh Applied Science Professionals
          Richard Cimino, The New School for Social Research
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  
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
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

September 10  Propaganda as Cultural Persuasion  
Arnie Silverman

November 12  Corporate Entanglement in US Courts Under the Alien Tort Statute  
Terry Meyers, Partner, Gibbons Law Firm

December 10  Screening of “The Corporation” by Directors Mark Achbar and Jennifer Abbott  
Howard Finkelberg, Program Director

February 11  Chemical Warfare: An Overview by Gerald Sherwin  
Gerald Sherwin

March 10  Transforming CA: America’s Most Dysfunctional Company  
John G. Napoli

May 12  Evolving Corporate Governance  
Ernest C. Miller
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

September 28  All-day Conference
   Intellectual Foundings: J.G.A. Pocock and the Cambridge School

October 25  The Most Natural State: Herder and Nationalism
   Alan Patten, Princeton University

November 29  Social Theory in the Age of Empire
   Karuna Mantena, Yale University

February 7  Democratic Theory and Border Coercion: No Right to Unilaterally Control Your Own Borders
   Arash Abizadeh, McGill University/Princeton University Center for Human Values

March 13  Toward a Pragmatic Conception of Democracy
   Archon Fung, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

April 3  Hegel, Tocqueville and Individualism
   Dana Villa, University of Notre Dame

April 24  On the Architecture of the Human Condition
   Patchen Markell, University of Chicago
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
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

October 2  
**Joint Meeting with the Seminar on Renaissance**
*The Conscience of the King*
Paul Strohm, Columbia University

November 13  
*How Long is a Quotation?*
Sarah Kay, Princeton University

December 11  
*Imperial Dreams: Relics and the Construction of Memory at Aachen, Conques, and Quedlinburg*
Cynthia Hahn, Hunter College CUNY

February 14  
*Love-Letters from Byzantium: Discourse and Desire in Eleventh-Century Constantinople*
Stratis Papaioannou, Brown University and Dumbarton Oaks

March 11  
*My Life with the Druids of Chartres*
Margot Fassler, Yale University

April 8  
*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)*
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

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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

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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

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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 Tubingen  
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

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October 1  Law of Open Body: Mary in Childbirth  
Jennifer Glancy, Le Moyne University

November 7  Angels and Demons and Paul  
Dale Martin, Yale University

February 4  Women in the Rabbinic Kitchen  
Judith Hauptman, JTS

March 4  Matthew 16:13–19: An Anti-Pauline Polemic  
Chris von Dehnsen, Carthage College
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

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September 24  
*Harvesting the Crisis: Riots, Race, and Political Discourse in Newark*  
Kevin Mumford, University of Iowa

October 29  
*The Living New Deal Project*  
Gray Brechin, Berkeley University

November 19  
*Demythologizing Jane Jacobs: Beyond the Anti-Moses*  
Christopher Klemek, George Washington University

December 6  
*Modernity and the Making of a Mexican City: The Urbanization of Monterrey, Mexico*  
Jaime Rodriguez, Saint John’s University

January 24  
*Race, Place, and Play: Robert Moses and the WPA Swimming Pools in New York City*  
Marta Gutman, The City College of New York

February 27  
Joseph Heathcott, The New School

April 24  
*City of Suburb: Architecture, Planning and Shopping Center, 1950*  
David Smiley, Barnard College, Columbia University
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

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October 2  History of Free Speech Doctrine  
Vicent Blasi, Columbia Law School

November 14  Duke Lacrosse Case/ Until Proven Innocent  
KC Johnson, Professor of History at Brooklyn College and Graduate Center, CUNY

January 15  United Nation Security Council Emerging Economic Statecraft  
Kristin Boon, Associate Professor of Law, Seton Hall University

March 18  The First Amendment, Separation of Church and State, and the Ku Klux Klan  
Professor Philip Hamburger, the Maurice and Hilda Friedman Professor of Law, Columbia University School of Law

April 16  Confusion About Objections to Natural Law  
Professor Michael Ambrosio, Seton Hall Law School
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

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November 28  An Exploration of “The 21st Century Corporation”
Harry Sigele, Formerly with IBM
Sam Masta, Formerly with IBM
Charles Bell, with Consumer’s Union

December 19  The 21st Century Corporation, 21st Century Global Governance, and the Role of the Web
Jim Hayes (in absentia) and Howard Katzman

March 26  The Cross-Pollination of Ideas and Sustainable Development
Seth Neugroschl

April 23  Seminar Agenda for 2008–2009
Seth Neugroschl, Harry Sigele and Tak Utsumi
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

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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 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**  
*From the Introduction to “Lectures on the Religion of the Israelites”*  
Approach and Methodology in Biblical Studies  
Baruch A. Levine, Emeritus, New York University

**October 17**  
*Ammonites: The Epigraphic Record and the Hebrew Bible*  
Christopher Rollston, Emmanuel School of Religion

**November 8**  
*The Old Testament Reception of the Mesopotamian Myth of the Flood*  
Jan Christian Gertz, University of Heidelberg

**January 31**  
*God’s Awesome Face and the Etiquette of Eye-Contact*  
Simeon Chavel, Princeton University

**February 21**  
*The Origins of Old Testament Covenant Theology*  
Christopher Levin, University of Munich

**March 19**  
*Elusive Wisdom and the Nations in Baruch*  
Karina Hogan, Fordham University

**April 10**  
*Hezon by the Prophet: Violence and Sexual Transgression in the Tradition History of Hosea*  
Carolyn Sharp, Yale University

**May 7**  
*Divine Judgment, Repentance, and Ambiguity in Joel*  
Judith Newman, Emmanuel College of Victoria University, University of Toronto
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

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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

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 Yalçin

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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, Museoone Ha-aretz, Tel Aviv, and The Metropolitan Museum of Art
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

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October 12  
*Geography between Science and Political Economy: The early years of the Societá Geografica Italiana (1876–86) and the origins of Italian Colonialism*  
Peter Caravetta, Queens College and CUNY Graduate Center

November 9  
*In and Out: Family, Mental Hospitals, and the 1904 Law Asylums in Italy*  
Patrizia Guarnieri, 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*
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

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September 27  
Dutch East India Company Taiwan (VOC) and the Forms and Uses of Its History  
Murray A. Rubinstein, Baruch College

November 29  
The Christian Century of South China: Church-State Mediation in Chaozhou, 1860–1960  
Joseph Lee, Pace University

February 28  
Painting Manuals of Late Ming China and the Negotiation of Taste  
Dr. J.P. Park, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

March 27  
Down the Alleyway: Courtyard Tenements and Women’s Networks in 1940s Beijing  
Dr. Zhao Ma, Johns Hopkins University

April 24  
Military Families and Garrison Towns: Towards a Social History of the Ming Military in Southeast China  
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

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September 11  Constructive Misreadings: Adams, Turgot, and the American State Constitutions
Will Slauter, Columbia Society of Fellows

October 9  Self-Immolation: Schools of Historiography and the Coming of the American Revolution
John Murrin, Princeton University

November 13  The News Flew Like Lightening: Spreading Panic in 1837
Jessica Lepler, Case Western Reserve University

February 12  Introduction to Untitled Work on Loyalists in the British Empire and
“The Other Side of Revolution: Loyalists in the British Empire”
Maya Jasanoff, Harvard University

March 11  Beardian Babies and Bathwater: A Clean Look at Economic Interests and State Creation
Terry Bouton, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

April 14  Thomas Jefferson and St. George Tucker: The Makings of Revolutionary Slaveholders
Annette Gordon-Reed, New York Law School/Rutgers

May 13  “Loyalty and Joy on this Happy Occasion” or Massachusetts Politics at the Moment of Stamp Act Repeal
Jeremy Stein, Princeton University
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

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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
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.

Rapporteur: Ms. Joyce Klein Rosenthal

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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

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October 5  Alexis Olenin, Fedor Solnstev, 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 Vangardism, Progress and
            Backwardness During the NEP Period
            Isabel Tirado, William Paterson University
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

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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
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

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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 Irigoin, The College of New Jersey

            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

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**Theme: The Pulse of Death Now**

- **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**  
  *Dying For One’s Country: The Soldier and Sacrificial Death*  
  Richard Koenigsberg, PhD, Director, Library of Social Science

- **February 13**  
  *Futility, Knowledge, and the Social Orchestration of Death in Botswana’s Oncology Ward*  
  Julie Livingston, Associate Professor, History Department and Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

- **April 9**  
  *Death and Our Search for Connection*  
  Alix Strauss, Author/Trend Journalist

- **May 14**  
  *The Turn Toward the East: Shifting Metaphors in Hospice Care*  
  John Baugher, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Southern Maine
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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 Farcical: 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
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

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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
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

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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 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

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**September 19**  
*Encounters with Islamism: A Personal View from Algeria, Iraq and Afghanistan*  
Ambassador Ronald E. Neuman

**October 17**  
*Coming in from the Cold: The Limits of Reform in Libya*  
Diederik Vandewalle

**November 14**  
*Iraq: Oil and Politics*  
Issam Chalabi

**December 12**  
*Security, Secularism and Politics in Turkey*  
Dr. Omer Taspinar

**January 23**  
*Iran, the United States, and Prospects for the New Year in the Persian Gulf*  
Gary Sick

**February 20**  
*America’s Authoritarian Dilemma: Taking Stock of U.S.–Saudi Relations*  
Toby Jones

**March 26**  
*The Arab Initiative for Middle East Peace: Dead or Alive?*  
Ghassan Salamé

**April 30**  
*Al-Jazeera and the Birth of the New Arab Media*  
Joanne Levine
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

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September 6  Pleasure of Taste and Phylogeny
Michel Cabanac, Ph.D., University Laval, Quebec, Canada

October 11  Alcohol Dependence: Feeding, Nutrition, and Reinforcement
Michael Lewis, Hunter College, CUNY

November 8  Sex Difference in Coping with Energetic Challenges during Development in the OLETF Rat
Aron Weller, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

December 13  Short and Long-term Effects on Different Proteins on Food Intake
Margriet Westerterp-Plantenga, Maastricht University, Netherlands

January 24  Mechanisms of Food Cravings
Marcia Pelchat, Monell Chemical Senses

February 7  Learned Flavor Preferences: The Variable Potency of Post-Oral Nutrient Reinforcers
Karen Ackroff, Brooklyn College

March 6  Translational Research on Eating Disorders: Development of a “Sip-and-Spit” Model of Modified Sham Feeding
Diane Klein, Columbia University

April 3  Satiety Profiles of Foods: Assessment of Satiety Responses
Eva Kovacs, Unilever

May 19  Calcium Appetite
Michael Tordoff, Calcium Appetite

June 5  Appetitive Traits in Children: Measures Causes and Consequences
Susan Carnell, New York Obesity Research Center, St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital
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 Antoniello, 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

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September 27  False Hope: Bone Marrow Transplantation for Breast Cancer
Richard A. Rettig

October 25  Issac Newton’s God: Theology and Physics in the late Seventeenth Century
Andrew Janiak

November 29  Science and Society in Malaria Control: Local History in Natal, South Africa and World Malariology, 1929–1939
Marcia Wright

April 24  Learning to Innovate: Edison and the Electric Light
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)

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September 7  Derbforgaill, 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
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

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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  
*Divò/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
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

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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
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  
Empire of Difference  
Karen Barkey

February 12  
Coal Miners, Corruption, and Regime Change in the Late Ottoman Empire  
Donald Quataert

March 28  
The Empire’s Children Come Home: Ottoman–Turkish Identity and the Creation of the Albanian Diaspora of Anatolia, 1912–1938  
Ryan Gingeras

May 16  
Reading, Literacy and Magic in Ottoman Sofia: Glimpses from the Treke Defters of the Late 17th Century  
Rositza Gredeva
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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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 Nejvits, 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
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

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September 26  “The Fuehrer’s Preventive Measures?” The German Invasion of Soviet Union, Preventive War Propaganda, and the Politics of History
Thomas Heinrich, Baruch College

October 22  Questioning Authority: Political Resistance and the Ethic of Natural Sciences
Diana Judd, William Paterson University

December 10  Austrian Neutrality and European Integration, 1955–2007
Siegfried Beer, Columbia University

January 31  Warriors of the New Age
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

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
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

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September 27  Feminine Desire and Automotive Technology  
Professor Moneera Al-Ghadeer, University of Wisconsin, Madison

October 25  Dreaming of Borges: Returning Ibn Rushd to al-Andalus  
Professor Nancy Berg

January 31  The Islamic Context of the 1001 Nights  
Professor Muhsin al-Musawi, Columbia University, New York

February 28  A Zajal on the Prophet’s Ascent to the Heavens Attributed to a Fourteenth Century Author  
Professor Pierre Cachia, Columbia University, New York

March 27  Sicilian Poets in Seville: Literary Affinities Across Political Boundaries  
Professor William Granara, Harvard University, Cambridge

April 29  Once Again, the Mu’allaqa’ of Imra’alqays: an Explicative Discussion with an Unreconstructed Neophilologist  
Professor Michael Zwettler, Ohio State University
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 Juveler
Rapporteur: Ms. Sethu Nair

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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
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  Classics for an Emerging World
            William Theodore De Bary, Columbia University

November 2  Reconstructing Modern Ethics: A Confucian Care Ethics
            Ann A. Pang-White, University of Scranton

December 6 On the Finality of Physical Death in Classical Confucianism
            Henry Rosemont, Brown University

February 1  Synopsis of Watsuji Tetsuro’s ‘History of Japanese Ethical Thought,’ Volume 2
            David Dilworth, SUNY Stony Brook

March 7  Unity of Image-Numerology and Moral Principle, Integrity of Heaven and Humanity: The Unique Quality of the Yi zhuan
            Wenzhi Zhang, Shandong University, China

April 11  The Idea of Le in Chinese Philosophy
            Chen Shaoming, Zhongshan University, China
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
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
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

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September 14  
*An ‘Othello’ to Forget: Zeffirelli’s 1961 Stratford-Upon-Avon Production and its Critics*  
Russell 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
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

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October 4  Growing Links between Northeast and Southeast Asia
Evans Revere, The Korea Society

November 8  ASEAN’s Role in East Asian Integration
Peter Drysdale, The Australian National University

December 6  Shifting Currents in Japan’s Relationship with East and Southeast Asia
Edward Lincoln, New York University

February 7  Malaysia: The Evolution of a Foreign Policy and the Peculiar Trajectory of Malaysia–U.S. Relations
Marvin Ott, National War College

April 3  A Discussion on Philippine and Malaysian Politics
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

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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
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

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September 20  Magnitude Comparisons in Adults: Distinguishing between Theoretical Accounts of the Development of Numerical Competence
Hilary Barth, Ph.D., Wesleyan University

October 25  What the Speaking Brain Tells Us about Functional Imaging
John J. Sidtis, Ph.D., New York University

November 29  A Corollary Discharge to Primate Frontal Cortex: Does It Contribute to Visual Stability
Robert H. Wurtz, Ph.D., Laboratory of Sensorimotor Research, National Eye Institute, NIH

December 13  Conflict Monitoring
Mathew Botvinick, Ph.D., Princeton Neuroscience Institute and Department of Psychology, Princeton University

January 24  Insights into Brain/Language Relationships from “Dysfunctional Neuroimaging”
Argye Hillis, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

February 28  Visual Search: Is it a matter of Life and Death?
Jeremy Wolfe, Harvard Medical School

March 26  Rules, Concepts and Executive Brain Functions
Earl Miller, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

April 24  Spatial Patterns of fMRI Response: What Information Do They Contain and What Can They Tell Us about Object Representations?
Nancy Kanwisher, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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

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December 18  
Science Research: From New York to Australia and Back to the High School Classroom  
Dr. Margaret Savitzky

January 11  
Dr. Stephen Gould

February 26  
Meteorites: An Entry Point for Chemistry at the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH)  
Dr. Denton Ebel

March 11  
Cleaving Mercury-Alkyl Bonds: A Functional Model for Mercury Detoxification  
Dr. Gerard Parkin
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
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

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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  
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
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

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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.
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

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November 8   The Baby and the Bath Water: Cultural Conundrums in American Appropriations of Zen
Nelson Foster, Diamond Sangha

November 15  From Turfan to Nara: Figurines Discovered Along the Silk Road
Yu Xin, Professor, Fudan University

December 13  The Yogacara and Hua-yen Infrastructure of Dogen’s Shobogenzo
David Dilworth, Professor of Philosophy, SUNY Stonybrook

January 31   Concerning Buddhist Modernism: Historiography, Technology and Environmentalism
Dr. Marcus Bingenheimer, Director of the Library and Information Center,
Dharma Drum Buddhist College, Taiwan, ROC

February 28  The ‘Golden Rule’ and Moral Formation in South Asian Buddhism
Professor Charles Hallisey, Senior Lecturer on Buddhist Studies, Harvard Divinity School

April 3      Environmentalism, Buddhism, and Transcendentalism
Mark Blum, SUNY Albany

May 1   The Destiny of Theravada Buddhism in Sri Lanka and Burma
Professor Pochi Huang, Assistant Professor, Graduate Institute of Religious Studies,
National Cheng-chi University, Taiwan
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  
A Short World History of Christianity (forthcoming Spring Westminster John Knox)
Bruce Mullin, General Theological Seminary

October 23
Catholics in the Movies
Colleen McDannell, University of Utah

November 27
Waterfront Apotheosis
James Fisher

January 28
A Prison Like No Other
Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Buffalo Law School

February 25
Institutional Church as ‘Industrial Enterprise’: The Business Side of the Social Gospel
Daniel Vaca, Columbia University

March 24
Discussion on the Episcopal Church in Twentieth-Century America
Ron Young, General Theological Seminary

April 28
How Peggy and I Killed the Boar, or Harry and Harry Go to Washington
Erika White Dyson, Columbia University
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

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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.

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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?
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
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
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 TalkerListener 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
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 infer-
ence, 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 organiza-
tions 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 fo-
cus 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  Digital Video in a Genocidal Age: The Holocaust in 52,000 Acts
            Professor Douglas Greenberg, USC Shoah Foundation Institute

November 8  Activating the Archives of Activism
            Dr. David Magier, Director of Columbia University
            Center for Human Rights Documentation and Research

December 10  Technologies of Community, Conversation by Design: How Should Networked,
             Public Spaces Be Designed?
             Associate Professor Warren Sack, UC Santa Cruz

February 7  Sacred Landscapes: Spatial Data, Student Collaboration, New Investigation of Religious Life
            Professor Courtney Bender, Department of Religion
            Mark Phillipson and Josh Stanley, CNMTL Educational Technologists

March 20    Image Driven Scholarship and the MIT Visualizing Cultures Project
            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
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  Honest Patriots
Rev. Donald Shriver, William E. Dodge Professor Emeritus of Applied Christianity and President Emeritus of the Faculty, Union Theological Seminary

October 24  Lose Your Mother
Saidiya V. Hartman, Professor of English, Columbia University

December 12  Redemption
Nicholas Lemann, Dean of the School of Journalism, Columbia University

February 27  Of Taints and Time: The Racial Origins and Effects of Florida’s Felony Disenfranchisement Law
Jessie Allen, Assistant Professor of Lawyering, NYU School of Law

April 18  Slavery Abolitionism 100 Years Later
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

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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 OracleBone 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
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

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No Meetings this year
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

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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
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 Pomer

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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.
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. Dehia 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 Grewé, 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 Smolarova, Columbia University
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
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

October 16  Héroïsme, Extrémisme et Modération dans les Mémoires du Cardinal de Retz
Hélène Maerlin-Kajman, Université de Paris III

November 9  Verse and Versatility: The Poetry of Antoinette Deshoulières
Volker Schröder, Princeton University

November 29  Circe n’est pas Fable: Frontiers Troubles de la Fiction àla Fin de la Renaissance
Françoise Lavocat, Université de Paris VII

December 6  Chateaubriand et Goethe
Marc Fumaroli, Académie Française

February 27  Purisme et Idéologie: L’académie des Femmes Savantes
Pierre Zoberman, Université de Paris XIII

April 2  François Qusnay: A “Rural Socrates in Versailles?”
Loïs Charles, INED Paris

April 11  Saint-Évremond and the Case of Champagne d’Ay: Early Modern French Aesthetic Theory through the Optic of Terror
Thomas Parker, Vassar College

May 1  Revolutionary Redress from Queen of Fashion: What Marie Antoinette Wore to the Revolution
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
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
RELI GION 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

October 19  Hasidic Women in Brooklyn
Ayala Fader, Fordham University

December 17  Religion, Politics and Citizenship Among Mexicans in New York
Alyshia Gálvez, Lehman College, CUNY—Fordham University

January 18  Religion and the 1939–40 New York World’s Fair
J. Terry Todd, Drew University

February 15  God and the Growth Machine: Religion and Redevelopment in West Harlem
Max Herman, Rutgers, NYTS

March 21  Conference Call Bible Studies and Spirit Mediums On Speed Dial: Chinese Immigrant Religion Reaches Beyond the Enclave
Ken Guest, Baruch College

April 18  City of Myth: Brooklyn Nostalgia as Secular Religion
Henry Goldschmidt, Wesleyan University
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

September 10  Victims, Relatives and Citizens in Argentina: Whose Voice is Legitimate Enough?  
Elizabeth Jelin

September 27  Featured Speaker: Renata Stih

October 15  Memory and Sound  
Miya Masaoka, Composer and Performer

November 29  Cyclical Violence: The Irish Uprising and the Limits of Enchantment  
Sarah Cole, Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University

February 4  Memory as Text: an Interdisciplinary View on Personal Remembrance  
Evelyne Ender, Professor of French at Hunter College and the CUNY Graduate Center, and author of Architexts of Memory: Literature, Science, and Autobiography

March 29  Spectropia: Sneak Preview!  
Toni Dove, writer/director and responsive media artist
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

October 30  First Organizational Meeting
Discussion

December 3  Quality of Life in the Workplace
Robyn R.M. Gerson

March 26  Featured Speaker: Mr. George Loo
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

October 18  Nagarjuna’s Madhyamaka: Some Philosophical Problems
Jan Westerhoff

November 2  The Bodhisattva’s Brain: Eudaimonia Buddhist Style
Owen Flanagan

December 14  The Cartography of Personal Identity: Mapping a Course for the Future
Mark Siderits

January 25  Self, Consciousness & Subjectivity: A Preliminary Buddhist Account
Georges Dreyfus

February 22  Taking Conventional Truth Seriously: Authority about the Deceptive
Jay Garfield

March 28  Personal Agency Across Generations: Evolutionary Psychology or Religious Belief?
Joseph Loizzo

April 18  The Self That Appears: Causality and Identity in Yogacara Thought
Jonathan Gold

May 2  Ethics Without Autonomy
Charles Goodman
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