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INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scholars and others interested in attending a seminar should email their credentials to the appropriate chair. Seminars are listed in the order in which they were founded, from 1944 to the present. An index at the back of the directory lists the seminars alphabetically, followed by charts that list them by general area of interest.
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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-four 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.
In 2008–2009 the University Seminars met—and thrived—under unusual stresses. With Faculty House undergoing major repairs, Seminars resorted to meeting in temporary quarters generously provided by the Heyman Center, the Kellogg Center, Union Seminary, Teachers College, various Columbia and Barnard departments and institutes, even neighborhood restaurants.

Gessy Alvarez joined Alice Newton and Pamela Guardia in the business of enabling eighty groups of individualists to continue to meet (and eat) in congenial intellection. Their good sense, good humor and ingenuity were a response to the energy of our Chairs, Rapporteurs, Members and guests, making this one of the most fertile years we have had.

Five new Seminars emerged to complement existing ones. The New Seminar on the Education of Scientists will bring together experts from various fields to discuss a problem with complexities as great as its consequences.

The new Seminar on Japanese Culture will deal with a broad range of topics over a long time span.

The new Seminar on the Theory and History of Media will take a broad, rather theoretical approach.

The new Seminar on Medical Economics and Professionalism will concentrate initially on curricular ways of encouraging doctors to think in broad social ways.

Our new Seminar on History, Redress, and Reconciliation will address the practicalities of restitution.

With these new Seminars, I foresee an increasing number of joint meetings, something that has been becoming more frequent for some time, as when the Brazil Seminar met with the Japan Seminar to
study the Japanese emigration to Brazil and the re-emigration to Japan two generations later.

We have scanned the half-million pages of 20th Century Seminar minutes onto two CD’s and are working with the Library to arrange access in a way that will serve intellectual historians without becoming a web publication with the attendant legal and other problems.

The pages that follow chronicle our Annual Dinner, the Schoff Lectures, the books supported by the Schoff and Warner funds, the seventeen conferences our Seminars have sponsored or co-sponsored this year, and the speakers at our more than 430 Seminar meetings.

Robert L. Belknap
Director

Columbia University Provost Claude M. Steele, joined by Jeffrey F. Scott, EVP Student & Administrative Services, and Joe Ienuso, EVP Columbia University Facilities, took part in a ceremonial ribbon cutting at the gates of Faculty House on Wednesday, September 2, 2009.

The University Seminars staff, from left: Gessy Alvarez, Robert Belknap, Alice Newton, and Pamela Guardia
THE SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL
DINNER MEETING

TANNENBAUM-WARNER AWARD
for Distinguished Service to the University Seminars
to
ALLAN GILBERT

followed by

THE TANNENBAUM LECTURE

Hiding in Plain Sight:
The Vernacular Buildings of New York City
by
ANDREW S. DOLKART

The Tannenbaum Lectures honor the memory of Professor Frank
Tannenbaum, founder of the University Seminars in 1945 and
their director until his death in 1969. He and his wife, Jane Belo
Tannenbaum, established a trust to be invested and reinvested, and
included in Columbia’s permanent endowment. Its income covers
most of the Seminar’s expenses. Logistical support from Columbia
and donations from individuals and institutional contributors sup-
plement this endowment.

Andrew S. Dolkart is the James Marston Fitch Associate
Professor of Historic Preservation and the Director of the Historic
Preservation Program at Columbia University’s Graduate School of
Architecture, Planning and Preservation. He has written widely
about the architecture and development of New York City, including
his award winning Morningside Heights: A History of Its Architecture
and Development and Biography of a Tenement House in New York City:
An Architectural history of 97 Orchard Street. His latest book, The Row
House Reborn: Architecture and Neighborhoods in New York City
1908–1929 will be published this coming fall. Professor Dolkart has
been involved with many preservation projects in New York City
and has worked closely with such organizations as the Municipal Art
Society, the New York Landmarks Conservancy, the Lower East Side
Tenement Museum, Landmark West, and the Greenwich Village
Society for Historic Preservation.
From “Hiding in Plain Sight: The Vernacular Buildings of New York City,” the 2009 Tannebaum lecture given by Andrew S. Dolkart

New Yorkers love to brag about the architectural riches of their city; tourists from all over the world can be seen on our streets photographing New York’s great buildings. To New Yorkers and tourists alike, we are a city of architectural masterpieces designed by McKim, Mead & White, Gordon Bunshaft, and Richard Meier; we are the city of the Chrysler Building, the Empire State, the Guggenheim, and the Jefferson Market Courthouse. Or are we?

New York has many architectural marvels, but these buildings are the exceptions on our streets. Rather than a city of singular masterpieces and the city of buildings designed by famed architects, we are predominantly the city of speculative developers such as Charles Paterno, Abraham Lefcourt and Hyman Crystal and the architects they employed, such as Gaetan Ajello, George Pelham, Jacob Felson, and Schwartz & Gross. It was these developers, seeking to profit from the city’s real estate booms, who built our neighborhoods, and it was these architects and their colleagues, derided by one elite critic as “the speculative builder’s draughtsmen,” who created New York City. The thousands of tenements, apartment houses, garment lofts and office buildings that make New York a unique urban center are rarely studied. By ignoring these buildings, we ignore most of the physical fabric of New York. My subject here is the rich diversity of the twentieth-century vernacular architecture that shapes the character of New York’s neighborhoods.
Allan Gilbert’s wide-ranging interests took him from a B.A. in French at Rutgers to an M.A. in Art History and Ph.D. in anthropology at Columbia. His doctorate in Near Eastern archaeology included preparation in ancient art, archaeozoology, and earth science, combining the resources of three Columbia departments for a broad foundation in interdisciplinary scholarship. In addition to numerous Old World projects, he also directed excavations at the historic Rose Hill manor site in the Bronx for 17 years and established a historic brick collection to pave the way for studies into the sources and distribution of building materials in early New York. He is now in his 26th year of teaching at Fordham University, where he is chair of the Department of Sociology & Anthropology. He has chaired the Columbia University Seminar on the Ancient Near East since 1999 and organized a University Seminars conference on the Black Sea flood in 2003, editing the proceedings for Springer Publishers with Schoff support.

TANNENBAUM-WARNER AWARD RECIPIENTS

1992 William S. Vickrey
1993 Paul Oscar Kristeller
1994 John N. Hazard
1995 Wm. Theodore De Bary
1996 J. C. Hurewitz
1997 Joseph B. Maier
1998 Joan Ferrante
1999 Ansie T. Embree
2000 Aaron W. Warner

2001 Oscar Schachter
2002 Marshall D. Shulman
2003 Sam Devons
2004 Ken Jackson
2005 Carole Vance
2006 George Halasi-Kun
2007 Harry R. Kissileff
2008 Seth Neugroschl

TANNENBAUM LECTURERS

1971 Gilbert Hight
1972 Philip C. Jessup
1973 Harvey Picker
1974 Paul Henry Lang
1975 Theodosius Dobzhansky
1976 Eric Louis McKitrick
1977 Daniel Yankelovich
1978 Harrison E. Salisbury
1979 Barbara W. Tuchman
1980 Charles Gati, John N. Hazard, R. Randle Edwards, Seweryn Bialer
1981 Marshall D. Shulman
1982 Richard N. Gardner
1983 Richard W. Lyman
1984 Gerda Lerner
1985 Joan M. Ferrante
1986 Robert L. Payton
1987 Henry F. Graff
1988 Arthur A. Hartman
1989 Robert L. Belknap

1990 Fritz Stern
1991 J. C. Hurewitz
1992 William S. Vickrey
1993 M. Elaine Combs-Schilling
1994 Eli Ginzberg
1995 [50th Anniversary Celebration]
1996 Alan Brinkley
1997 Eric Foner
1998 Martin Meisel
1999 Cynthia H. Whittaker
2000 Richard W. Bulliet
2001 Robert O’Meally
2002 Andrew J. Nathan
2003 John Stratton Hawley
2004 Alice Kessler-Harris
2005 James G. Neal
2006 Herbert S. Terrace
2007 Ester Fuchs
2008 Lisa Anderson
In May 1911, Thomas Mann, together with his wife Katia and his brother Heinrich, visited Venice. After the remarkable success of his first novel, *Buddenbrooks*, nothing Mann had written had quite lived up to that early promise. His attempt at drama (*Fiorenza*) was widely regarded as a failure, and the reception of a second novel (*Königliche Hoheit* [Royal Highness]) was respectful, but tepid. Some shorter works, particularly the novella *Tonio Kröger*, aroused more enthusiasm, but it was reasonable for critics and readers—and for Mann himself—to wonder if he had only one great novel in him.

Among the guests at the *Hotel des Bains* on the Venice lido was an eleven-year-old boy whose beauty caught Mann’s attention. The circumstances of the holiday, and, centrally, the encounter with the boy, redirected Mann’s writing. On his return to Munich, he began work on a long novella, *Der Tod in Venedig* (*Death in Venice*), published in 1912, that (re)-established his literary stature.
This influential story, in which a writer, Gustav von Aschenbach, (older than Mann and a widower) becomes obsessed with the beauty of a teenage boy, lingers in a Venice infected with cholera, and finally dies, has inspired translations into other media. Benjamin Britten’s final opera, produced in 1973, is acclaimed for its fidelity to Mann; Luigi Visconti’s film, which appeared in 1971, has aroused considerable criticism.

In these lectures, I want to examine Mann’s intriguing novella (and to a lesser extent the opera and the film) from a philosophical perspective. It has always been clear to Mann’s readers that there is a philosophical backdrop to his story—the echoes and citations of Plato, Schopenhauer and Nietzsche are unmistakable. Nevertheless, critics have not taken Mann sufficiently seriously as a philosopher. I shall try to show that he (and Britten, and Mahler, whose music Visconti uses) address deep issues about the values central to human lives, the kinds of questions raised by Plato, Schopenhauer and Nietzsche. Those questions focus on the role of discipline in the life of citizens and of artists, the potential seductions and corruption of beauty, and the shadows cast by awareness of one’s own, possibly imminent, death.

Philip Kitcher is John Dewey Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University. Born in London, he received his B.A. from Cambridge University and his Ph.D. from Princeton. He is the author of ten books on topics ranging from the philosophy of mathematics, the philosophy of biology, the growth of science, and the role of science in society, to Wagner’s Ring and Joyce’s Finnegans Wake. He has been President of the American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) and Editor-in-Chief of Philosophy of Science. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2006, he was the first recipient of the Prometheus Prize, awarded by the American Philosophical Association for lifetime achievement in expanding the frontiers of science and philosophy. This year, he has been named a “Friend of Darwin” (an award conferred by the National Center for Science Education), and has received a Notable Book Award from the Lannan Foundation (given for his book, Living With Darwin). The present Lectures reflect his growing interest in philosophical themes in literature and music, already explored in two recent books: Finding an Ending: Reflections on Wagner’s Ring (co-authored with Richard Schacht) and Joyce’s Kaleidoscope: An Invitation to Finnegans Wake.
PREVIOUS LEONARD HASTINGS SCOFF MEMORIAL LECTURES

1993: DAVID N. CANNADINE
Moore Collegiate Professor of History
The Rise and Fall of Class in Britain, 1700–2000

1994: CHARLES E. LARMORE
Professor of Philosophy
The Romantic Legacy

1995: SASKIA SASSEN
Professor of Urban Planning
Governing the Global Economy

1996: KENNETH T. JACKSON
Jacques Barzun Professor of History
and the Social Sciences
Gentleman’s Agreement: Political Balkanization
and Social Inequality in America

1997: IRA KATZNELSON
Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History
Desolation and Enlightenment:
Political Knowledge After the Holocaust,
Totalitarianism, and Total War

1998: CAROL GLUCK
George Sansom Professor of History
Past Obsessions: War and Memory
in the Twentieth Century

1999: ROBERT POLLACK
Professor of Biological Sciences
The Faith of Biology and the Biology of Faith

2000: LISA ANDERSON
Dean of the School of International and Public Affairs
Professor of Political Science
The Scholar and the Practitioner: Perspectives
on Social Science and Public Policy

2001: PARTHA CHATTERJEE
Professor of Anthropology
The Politics of the Governed

2002: DAVID ROSAND
Meyer Schapiro Professor of Art History
The Invention of Painting in America

2003: GEORGE RUDD
President, International Rescue Committee
Globilization Challenged:
Conviction, Conflict, Community

2004: LESLEY A. SHARP
Associate Professor of Anthropology
and Sociomedical Sciences
Bodies, Commodities, Biotechnologies

2005: ROBERT W. HANNING
Professor of English and Comparative Literature
Serious Play: Crises of Desire and Authority
in the Poetry of Ovid, Chaucer, and Ariosto

2006: BORIS GASPAROV
Professor of Slavic Languages and Literature
The Early Romantic Roots of Theoretical Linguistics:
Friedrich Shchlegel, Novalis, and
Ferdinand De Saussure on Sign and Meaning

2007: DOUGLAS CHALMERS
Professor Emeritus of Political Science
Representative Government Without Representatives:
Seven Reasons to Think Beyond Electing
Executives and Lawmakers
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. Since 2008, the University Seminars, the Warner Family, and others have provided funds for parallel awards, to be granted in the same way as the Schoff funds, but not restricted to the social sciences. This fund is named for Aaron Warner, the social scientist and activist who ran the University Seminars from 1976 to 2000 and had a deep interest in both the arts and the natural sciences. In the period since the last Directory, the following books have been published with assistance from the Schoff or the Warner funds:

In 2008–2009, eighteen books were published with assistance from the Schoff fund; four books were published with the Warner fund:

**Schoff Fund**

Randall Balmer, *God in the White House: A History: How Faith Shaped the Presidency from John F. Kennedy to George W. Bush*

Mary Burke, ‘*Tinkers*: Synge and the Cultural History of the Irish Traveller

Zeynep Celik, *Public Space, Modernity, and Empire Building: Ottoman Middle East, French North Africa, 1830–1914*

Andrew Scott Dolkart, *The Row House Reborn: Architecture and Neighborhoods in New York City 1908–1929*

Henry J. Frundt, *Fair Bananas: Farmers, Workers, and Consumers Strive to Change an Industry*

Alyshia Galvez, *Guadalupe in New York: Devotion and the Struggle for Citizenship among Mexican Immigrants*

Bettina Gramlich-Oka, *Proceedings of Modern East Asia Seminar: Japan; 2007–2008*

Diana Greene, *Reinventing Poetry: Russian Women Poets of the Mid 19th Century* (Russian Translation)

Sidney M. Greenfield, *Spirits with Scalpels: The Cultural Biology of Religious Healing in Brazil*

George J Halasi-Kun (ed), *Seminar 495A Proceedings; Scientific and Institutional Aspects, Vol XXXVIII 2008*

Pita Kelekna, *The Horse in Human History*


Maria McGarrity, *Washed by the Gulf Stream: The Historic and Geographic Relation of Irish and Caribbean Literature*


Aaron Skabelund, “Fascism’s Furry Friends: Dogs, National Identity, and Racial Purity in 1930s Japan,” in *The Culture of Japanese Fascism*)

Christina Staudt, *The Pulse of Death Now*

David White, *Sinister Yogis*

**Warner Fund**

Rachel Adams, *Continental Divides: Remapping the Cultures of North America*


Monica Miller, *Slaves to Fashion: Black Dandyism and the Styling of Black Diasporic Identity*

Marian Ronan, *Tracing the Sign of the Cross: Sexuality, Mourning, and the Future of American Catholicism*
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 2008–2009, our conference schedule more than doubled to seventeen, each sponsored or co-sponsored by one or more University Seminar.

ANTI-POPERY:
THE TRANSATLANTIC EXPERIENCE, C. 1530–1850

September 18–20, 2008

Thursday, 18 September 2008

Franklin Hall, American Philosophical Society, 427 Chestnut Street

5:00 p.m. Welcomes
Daniel K. Richter, McNeil Center for Early American Studies
Ronald Hoffman, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture
Owen Stanwood, The Catholic University of America

5:15 p.m. Keynote Address
Chair: Evan Haefeli, Columbia University
Anthony Milton, University of Sheffield
“Prejudice, Principle, or Polemic: Interpreting Early Modern Anti-Popery”
6:30 p.m. Opening Reception
American Catholic Historical Society,
263 South Fourth Street
Sponsored by Saint Joseph’s University
With Tours and Presentations on
Catholic Old City Philadelphia:
   Old Saint Joseph’s Church, 321 Willings Alley
   Old Saint Mary’s Church, 248 South Fourth St.

Friday, 19 September 2008
College Hall Room 200,
University of Pennsylvania Campus

9:00 a.m. Foundations
Chair: Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
Michael P. Winship, University of Georgia:
Karl Gunther, University of Miami:
“Anti-catholicism in the lower case: challenging peace and unity in Reformation England”
Alan Ford, University of Nottingham:
“Antichrist in Ireland: the roots of religious division 1579–1641”
Commentary: Alastair Bellany, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

11:00 a.m. Imperial Dimensions
Chair: Karen Ordahl Kupperman, New York University
William J. Bulman, Princeton University:
“Popish Jews and Muslims in the Early British Empire”
Cynthia Van Zandt, University of New Hampshire:
“Protestant Colonies, Crypto-Catholics and the Pope’s Spanish Weapon: Early New England and Chesapeake Colonies Reconsidered”

James D. Rice, State University of New York, Plattsburgh:
“‘Naked Indians’ and ‘Popish Plots’” Anti-Catholicism and the Chesapeake Colonies, 1660–1705”
Commentary: April Lee Hatfield, Texas A&M University

2:00 p.m. Continental Influences
Chair: Thomas Max Safley, University of Pennsylvania
Philippe Rosenberg, Emory University:
“Anti-Popery and the Waldensian Crisis: The Contradictory Terrain of International Stances in the 1650s”
Mark Häberlein, University of Bamberg:
“Antagonism and Coexistence: Protestants and Catholics in German and North American Communities, 1555–1820”
Paula Wheeler Carlo, Nassau Community College:
“The Idolatrous and Tyrannical Church of Rome: Huguenot Sermons and Anti-Popery in Colonial New York and Massachusetts”
Commentary: Philip Benedict, Université de Gen Pve

4:00 p.m. Ambiguities
Chair: Margo Todd, University of Pennsylvania
Scott Sowerby, Harvard University:
“Opposition to Anti-Popery in Early Modern England”
Victor L. Stater, Louisiana State University:
“The Popish Iceberg”
Paul Jenkins, University of Glasgow:
“‘Jesuitico-Quakerism’ Counter-Reformation and Scottish Anti-Papist Polemic in Early Enlightenment European Context”
Commentary: Steven Pincus, Yale University
Saturday, 20 September 2008
College Hall Room 200,
University of Pennsylvania Campus
9:00 a.m. Loyal Subjects?
Chair: William Pencak, The Pennsylvania State University
Allan Dwyer, Memorial University of Newfoundland:
“‘Disaffected to Our Present Happy Establishment’: Empire and Anti-Popery on the Anglo-Atlantic Borderland, 1740–1800”
Hannah K. R. Weiss, Princeton University:
“His Brittanick Majesty’s New Subjects: Anti-Popery and Subjecthood in Grenada and Quebec”
Brad Jones, California State University, Fresno:
“Anti-Popery and the Gordon Riots in the Revolutionary Atlantic World”
Commentary: Ned Landsman, State University of New York, Stony Brook
11:00 a.m. Nationalisms
Chair: Leslie Tentler, The Catholic University of America
Brian Lewis, McGill University:
“For God, Queen, and Open Bibles: Anti-Popery and National Identity in Early Industrial Lancashire”
Martin J. Burke, City University of New York:
“Anti-Popery, Print, and Public Controversy in the New American Republic”
Monica Najar, Lehigh University:
“Arts of Seduction: Gender, Authority, and Anti-Popery in the New Nation”
Commentary: John T. McGreevy, University of Notre Dame
2:00 p.m. Representations
Chair: Sally M. Promey, Yale University
Thomas S. Freeman, University of Sheffield:
“The Secularization of Anti-Popery: The Evolving Myth of ‘Bloody Mary’”
Clare Haynes, University of Edinburgh:
“Art and Anti-Catholicism in Britain”
Laura M. Stevens, University of Tulsa:
“The Virgin Mary and Violated Mothers in British Anti-Catholicism”
Commentary: David S. Shields, University of South Carolina
4:00 p.m. Reactions
Chair: Brendan McConville, Boston University
Panelists:
Tim Harris, Brown University
Willem Frijhoff, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
John M. Murrin, Princeton University
5:30 p.m. Closing Reception
McNeil Center for Early American Studies
3355 Woodland Walk (34th and Sansom Streets)
University of Pennsylvania Campus
CONFERENCE ON
MASS TRANSIT NOISE

Friday, September 19, 2008
8:45 am–3 pm

Mailman School of Public Health
Columbia University

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Mark R. Stephenson, PhD
Senior Research Audiologist,
Coordinator of NIOSH
Hearing Loss Research

Conference Director:
Dr. Robyn Gershon, MHS, DrPH
Department of Sociomedical Sciences

Supported in part by the University Seminars at Columbia University
James Kofi Annan and Ricky Richard from Friends of Orphans will be our guests on Tuesday, September 23, 2008. Both were enslaved as children, one in Ghana and one in Uganda, and both have gone on to be active in the movement against slavery. Their analysis is as razor sharp as their stories are inspiring.

Jolene Smith, Executive Director of Free the Slaves in Washington, D.C., will join Mr. Annan and Mr. Richard in a panel discussion on modern slavery. There will be an opportunity for Q. and A. following the presentation.

Here is some more info on them and the Templeton Freedom Awards:
www.thefreedomawards.org/

Our panel on modern slavery is being sponsored by:

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Language is considered Shakespeare’s greatest achievement and, at the same time, the greatest barrier to understanding his work. Four distinguished speakers will pay close attention to several major speeches in Shakespeare’s plays in order to analyze and unlock his verbal magic. These talks will be of interest to anyone interested in exploring Shakespeare’s language, but especially to teachers who face the challenge of putting students at ease with his vocabulary, verse, phrasing, imagery and use of figurative language. Each talk will be followed by a question-and-discussion period. Join our lively, interactive seminar!

**Saturday, October 18, 2008, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

**MERCUTIO’S BROKEN SYNTAX**
*(ROMEO AND JULIET, 1.4.53–103)*

9:30–10:45 a.m.
Frank Occhiogrosso, Drew University

A close reading of Mercutio’s speeches reveals a pattern in his lines that is unique in the play—perhaps in any Shakespeare play—in which his syntactical structure breaks down repeatedly, suggesting a correlation with an incipient emotional or mental breakdown and/or his doomed life. The talk will include textual handout for the audience, a guided close reading of same, and film clips.

Frank Occhiogrosso, who holds a PhD from Johns Hopkins University, is professor of English at Drew University, Madison, N.J. He has won awards as scholar-teacher of the year twice and edited two books, *Shakespeare in Performance: A Collection of Essays* (University of Delaware Press, 2003) and *Shakespearean Performance: New Studies* (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2008). His articles and reviews have appeared in a wide range of journals, and he has served as dramaturge for the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey.
"TO BE OR NOT TO BE?": THE PLAIN LANGUAGE OF HAMLET'S SOLiloquy (HAMLET 3.1.56–90)

10:45 a.m.–Noon
Maurice Charney, Rutgers University

It is remarkable that Shakespeare’s most celebrated, familiar and profound soliloquy is couched in the plainest of language. Maurice Charney, author of two books on Hamlet, digs deep to uncover its riches and account for the profundity of emotional response it has generated over the centuries.

Maurice Charney is distinguished professor of English at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., and the past president of the Shakespeare Association of America. He is the author or editor of 20 books, including *How to Read Shakespeare; Style in Hamlet; Shakespeare’s Roman Plays; Sexual Fiction;* and *All of Shakespeare* (Columbia) and is a recipient of the Medal of the City of Tours. He recently completed a study of aging in Shakespeare.

CALIBAN’S “BE NOT AFear’D” (THE TEMPEST, 3.2.135–43)
AND DRAMATIC EXIGENCE IN SHAKESPEARE’S THE TEMPEST

1–2:15 p.m.
John Mucciolo, Morris Hills Regional District

John Mucciolo offers a fresh reading of Caliban’s speech by considering closely not only the speech itself, and its poetic merit, but also at its dramatic context. He disagrees with readings that stress its supposed sensitivity by focusing on its purpose in the play as a whole, wherein Caliban is leading a plot to murder Prospero.

John Mucciolo has been working on Shakespeare’s *The Tempest* and Renaissance political backgrounds for the past decade. With the late W.R. Elton, he was founding editor of the *Shakespearean International Yearbook* (Ashgate), and co-editor of volumes 1–3. Mucciolo also edited *Shakespeare’s Universe*, a collection of essays in honor of W.R. Elton’s distinguished career in Shakespeare studies. Mucciolo is assistant superintendent, Morris Hills Regional District, Denville, N.J.

SHAKESPEARE, SEX, AND POWER:
LADY ANNE SEDUCED IN TWO FILMS OF RICHARD III (RICHARD III.1.3.1–264)

2:15–3:30 p.m.
Iska Alter, Hofstra University

Reading the cinematic texts of the seduction of Lady Anne in both Lawrence Olivier’s version of *Richard III* and Ian McKellen’s interpretation of the role demonstrates how Richard’s metatheatrical gifts reinforce his will to mastery. Despite the substantial filmic differences, both sequences visually link power, performance and sexual predation.

Iska Alter is professor of English, emerita, at Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y. She has published articles on Shakespeare, the Yiddish theater, American drama and ethnic American literature in Shakespeare Survey, Modern Drama, and a variety of essay collections.

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THE FUNCTION AND FATE OF TELEOLOGY IN THE ENLIGHTENMENT

A Two-Day Conference
Friday–Saturday, October 24–25 2008

Friday, 24 October 2008
4:30pm–6:00pm
Moderator Akeel Bilgrami
Discussand Jenny Davidson
Uday Mehta (Amherst College)
“Violence and the Logic of Inevitability”
James Steintrager (University of California, Irvine)
“Fantasies of Social Construction: The Epicurean Revival within the Lockean Paradigm”

Saturday, October 25 2008
SESSION 1:
TELEOLOGY AND THE SCIENCES
9:30am–11:00am
Moderator Matthew Jones
Discussand Joanna Stalnaker
Jörn Steigerwald (University of Cologne)
“Réaumur versus Buffon, or, on the Necessity of Teleology in Natural History.”
Fred Neuhouser (Barnard College)
“The Role of Natural Teleology in Rousseau’s Moral and Political Thought”

SESSION 2
11:15am–12:45pm
Moderator Stefan Andriopoulos
Discussands Matthew Jones, Martin Jay
Jonathan Sheehan (University of California, Berkeley)
“In Suspension: The Magic of Teleology in the Enlightenment”
Dorothea von Mücke (Columbia University)
“Intelligent or Beautiful Design”

AFTERNOON SESSION:
TELEOLOGY AND HISTORY
2:30pm–4:30pm
Moderator Akeel Bilgrami
Discussands Martin Jay, Stefan Andriopoulos
Fernando Vidal (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin)
“Perfectibility and human ‘telos’ in Enlightenment Psychology and Anthropology.”
David Bates (University of California, Berkeley)
“Conjectural Humans”
Thomas McCarthy (Yale University)
“Remarks on the Idea of Universal History in the Wake of Kant”

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The Heyman Center
Friday, February 6
Columbia University Campus, Schermerhorn Hall

9–9:15 am: Welcome and Introduction
Jamal Joseph (Chair, Film Program, School of the Arts)

9:15–10:30 am: Actors and Actresses in Early Black Cinema
Terri Francis (Yale University), Moderator
Francisco González-Miranda (University of Puerto Rico) “Juan Hernandez: Oscar Micheaux’s Black Puerto Rican Star”
Charlene Regester (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill) “Sylvia as a Wilted Flower and Lucy as a Broken Blossom: Examining the Construction of Black Stardom in the Career of Evelyn Preer”

10:45–11:45 am: Featured Talk
Charles Musser (Yale University), Introduction to Featured Talk
Cedric Robinson (UC Santa Barbara) “Ventriloquizing Blackness: Eugene O’Neill’s ‘Emperor Jones’ and Irish-American Racial Performance”

1:30–2:45 pm: The Black Entertainment Circuit and “Race Movies”
Richard Grupenho (Rowan University), Moderator
Matthew Bernstein (Emory University), “Race Film Distribution Patterns in a Southern Metropolis: Screening Lincoln Pictures, Norman Films and Micheaux Features in Atlanta, Part I”
Michelle Wallace (CUNY Graduate Center), “Alice Guy Blache and Oscar Micheaux: Silent Circles”

2:45–3:30 pm: African American Film Scholarship: The Third Generation
Paula Massod (Brooklyn College), Moderator
Ellen Scott (University of Pennsylvania), “Quiet Riots: Production Politics, White Censorship, and Black Reception of Twentieth Century Fox’s No Way Out (1950)”

3:45–4:10 pm: Trailer Presentation Screening of Oscar’s Comeback
(dir. Lisa Collins; dir./prod.Lisa Collins/Mark Schwartzburt) 20 mins.

4:10–5 pm: Featured Talk
Tommy Gustavsson, Introduction and Moderator
Charles Musser (Yale University) “What and How They See: The Films of Oscar Micheaux and Cecil B. DeMille, 1919–1920”

7–8:20 pm: The conference continues with a screening at the Film Society of Lincoln Center, Walter Reade Auditorium.
Arthur Knight (William and Mary) and Jacqueline Stewart (Northwestern), Introductions
Screening of Blood of Jesus (Spencer Williams, 1941).

8:20 pm:
Saturday, February 7
The Film Society of Lincoln Center,
Furman Gallery
9–10:15 am: The “Race Movie” Silent Era Circuit
Pearl Bowser (independent scholar), Moderator
Dana F. White (Emory University), “Race Film Distribution Patterns in a Southern Metropolis:
Screening Lincoln Pictures, Norman Films and Micheaux Features in Atlanta, Part II”
Allyson Field (UCLA), “From Making Negro Lives Count to The New Era: The Production and Exhibition of The Hampton Institute Epilogue to The Birth of a Nation”
10:30–11:30 am, Lincoln Motion Picture Company and Noble Johnson
Jane Gaines (Columbia University): Introduction
Henry Sampson (Independent Scholar),
“The Lincoln Motion Picture Company—An Inside View—1915–1921”
11:30 am–12:30 pm: Micheaux’s Talkies, Part I
Ken Eisenstein (University of Chicago), Moderator
Ron Green (Ohio State University),
“The Problem of Micheaux’s Sound Films”
Arthur Jafa (TNEG™), Oscar Micheaux’s Style
2:15–3:30 pm: Micheaux’s Talkies, Part II
Ed Guerrero (NYU), Moderator
Corey Creekmur (University of Iowa),
“Oscar Micheaux’s Black Crime Narratives”
Arthur Knight (William and Mary), “‘Boogie Woogie Dreams’: Micheaux and the Black Cast Musical”
3:45–4:45 pm: Panel Discussion 1, Oscar Micheaux: African American Enigma
(A discussion of Oscar Micheaux: The Great and Only by Patrick McGilligan)
Francisco González-Miranda (University of Puerto Rico), Moderator
Pearl Bowser (Independent scholar)
Richard Grupenho (Rowan University)
Henry Sampson (Independent scholar)
4:45–5:45 pm: Panel Discussion 2: Early African American Motion Pictures: Restoration, Exhibition, Discovery
Allyson Field (UCLA), Moderator
Amy Turner, William Jones Film and Video Collection (SMU)
Dan Streible (NYU)
Richard Peña (Columbia University)
Corey Creekmur (University of Iowa)
6:00 pm: Screening of Birthright (Oscar Micheaux, 1937) with Happy Though Married (1920).
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WRITING AND LITERACY IN EARLY CHINA

February 7–8, 2009

PROGRAM:

Saturday, February 7:

9:00–9:15 am: Welcome remarks by David Branner/Project report by Li Feng

9:15–10:00 am: “Literacy and the Emergence of Writing in China,”
William G. Boltz, University of Washington

10:00–11:45 am: “Heavenly Pattern Reading (tianwen) and the Origins of Writing,”
David W. Pankenier, Lehigh University

12:00–12:45 pm: “Phonology in the Chinese Script and its Relationship to Early Chinese Literacy,”
David P. Branner, University of Maryland

2:00–2:45 pm: “Literacy to the South and the East of Anyang in Shang China:
Zhengzhou and Daxinzhuang,”
Ken-ichi Takashima, University of British Columbia

2:45–3:30 pm: “The Evidence for Scribal Training at Anyang,”
Adam Smith, Stanford University

3:45–4:30 pm: “The Royal Audience and Its Reflections in Western Zhou Bronze Inscriptions,”
Lothar von Falkenhausen, UCLA

4:30–5:15 pm: “Literacy and the Social Contexts of Writing in the Western Zhou,”
Li Feng, Columbia University

Sunday, February 8:

9:00–9:45 am: “Education and the Way of the Former Kings,”
Constance A. Cook, Lehigh University

9:45–10:30 am: “Soldiers, Scribes and Women: Literacy among the Lower Orders in Early China,”
Robin D.S. Yates, McGill University

10:45–11:30 am: “Craftsman’s Literacy: Uses of Writing among Male and Female Artisans
in Qin and Han China,”
Anthony J. Barbieri-Low, UCSB

11:30–12:15 pm: “Textual Identity and the Role of Writing in the Transmission
of Early Chinese Literature,”
Matthias L. Richter, University of Colorado, Boulder

12:45 pm: Conference closes.

(All presentation slots include 15 minutes for question and discussion)

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A CONFERENCE ON “SOCIAL HISTORIES OF AFRICA”

In honor of Marcia Wright, Professor Emerita of History, Columbia University

Friday, February 20, 2009, 9:15am to 6:30pm
Sulzberger Parlor, Barnard Hall, Barnard College, Columbia University

PROGRAM

9:15–9:30 am. Welcome Address
Mamadou Diouf, Leitner Family Professor of African Studies, Director, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University

9:30–10:50 am. Panel 1:
Gender, Class, and Life Strategies
Chair: Yuusuf Caruso, African Studies Librarian, Columbia University

Carolyn Brown, Associate Professor of History, Rutgers University

“Labor Unions in South Africa: From Anti-Apartheid Activists to Neo-Liberal Critics.”
John Stoner, Assistant Professor of History, Binghamton University

“Gendered Survival Strategies Among Heroin Users in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.”
Sheryl McCurdy, Assistant Professor, School of Public Health, University of Texas, Houston

11:15am–12:25 pm. Panel 2: Leadership
Chair: Abosede George, Assistant Professor of History, Barnard College, Columbia University

“Traditions in Peril: Princess Aysha and The Jawam’a Missionaries in Dar Fur and Wadai.”
Jay Spaulding, Professor of History, Kean University
Judith Byfield, Associate Professor of History, Cornell University

2:00–3:10 pm. Panel 3:
A Racialized and Gendered Colonialism
Chair: Hlonipha Mokoena, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Columbia University
“Calling Out Madness: Disorderly Black Women in Colonial Zimbabwe.”
Lynette Jackson, Associate Professor of Gender & Women Studies, University of Illinois, Chicago
“The Place of Life History in the Untangling of Gender, Piety, & Nationalism in Colonial Zimbabwe.”
Wendy Urban-Mead, Assistant Professor of History, Bard College

3:30–5:15 pm. Roundtable:
African Women and History
Chair: Mohamed Mbodj, Professor of History, Director, African & African American Studies, Manhattanville College; Adjunct Professor of History, Columbia University
Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch, Professor Emerita of History, Université de Paris VII
Meredeth Turshen, Professor, E.J. Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy, Rutgers University
Shula Marks, Professor Emerita of History, School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London
Marcia Wright, Professor Emerita of History, Columbia University
The State University of New York at Stony Brook, in cooperation with the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, will hold a conference in Stony Brook on March 20–21, 2009, on “The Worlds of Lion Gardiner, c. 1599–1663: Crossings and Boundaries.” Military man and engineer, chronicler and diplomat, lord of a New English manor married to a Dutch woman, Gardiner led a life replete with crossings: of the English Channel to engage in Continental wars, of the Atlantic, of the lesser waters of Long Island Sound, of national, imperial, and colonial borders, of racial divides, and of the very bounds of colonial law. The many crossings in which he and his contemporaries were involved did much to create boundaries between things previously less clearly separated.

Friday, 20 March

9:00–9:15 a.m. Welcomes
Ned Landsman, Stony Brook University
Daniel K. Richter, McNeil Center for Early American Studies

9:15–10:45 a.m.
Session 1: CROSSING CULTURES: INHABITING THE DUTCH WORLD
Chair: Alix Cooper, Stony Brook University
Boundaries and Friendships in the Contested World of Trade
Alison Games, Georgetown University
Scots in Old and New Netherlands
Esther Mijers, University of Reading

11:15–12:45 p.m.
Session 2: MAPPING BOUNDARIES AND BORDERS
Chair: Cynthia Van Zandt, University of New Hampshire
Mapping Interimperial Identity
Christian Koot, Towson University
“Their Private Business Let Them Agree, the Dutch for Him, the Englishman for Me”: Denizens of Inter-Colonial Trading Worlds in New Netherland

Foreigners in a Dutch Colonial City
Joyce Goodfriend, University of Denver

Commentator: Evan Haefeli, Columbia University
and New England, 1624–1664
Kim Tiodt, Cornell University

Status, Authority, and Exchange in the English Atlantic World
Michael Lacombe, Adelphi University
Commentator: Walt Woodward, University of Connecticut
2:00–3:45 p.m.

Session 3: CULTURAL MEDIATORS AND BOUNDARY CROSSERS
Chair: Christina Snyder, McNeil Center for Early American Studies
Nathaniel Sylvester of Amsterdam and Shelter Island
Mac Griswold, Sylvester Manor Project
Cultural Brokers on the Long Island Frontier
John Strong, Long Island University
Women in the Dutch Atlantic
Annette Cramer van den Bogaart, Stony Brook University
The Role of Cultural Chameleons
James Williams, Middle Tennessee State University
Commentator: Faren Siminoff, Nassau Community College
4:15–5:30 p.m. PROVOSTIA LECTURE
Chair: Jennifer Anderson, Stony Brook University
The Love-Hate Relationship with Experts in the Early Modern Atlantic
Karen Kupperman, New York University
8:00–9:00 p.m. CONCERT
The Holland-America Line, 1609
Egidius Kwartet

Saturday, 21 March
9:00–10:45 a.m.
Session 5: FIGHTING WARS: ARMS AND ALLIANCES
Chair: Andrew Lipman, University of Pennsylvania
The Dutch-Mohawk Alliance
Joanne van der Woude, Harvard University
Algonkian Peoples and English-Dutch Rivalries
Mark Meuwese, University of Winnipeg
The Long Wake of the Pequot War
Katherine Grandjean, College of Holy Cross
Lion Gardiner’s Third Foot
Gary Ralph, University of Delaware
Commentator: Daniel K. Richter, McNeil Center for Early American Studies
11:15–12:45

Session 6: WRITING WARS: PERSPECTIVES ON GARDINER’S NARRATIVE
Chair: Susan Scheckel, Stony Brook University
Lion Gardiner and the Pequot Parallax
Edward White, University of Florida
American Mordecai
Michael Householder, Southern Methodist University
Cultural Crossings and Boundary Negotiations in the Anglo-Dutch World
Sabine Klein, University of Maine, Farmington
Commentator: Andrew Newman, Stony Brook University
2:00–3:15 p.m. PLENARY SESSION
Chair: John Murrin, Princeton University
A Reexamination of Lion Gardiner’s Role in the Pequot War
Kevin McBride and David Maumee, University of Connecticut and Pequot Museum and Research Center
Closing Comments: Ned Landsman and Andrew Newman

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SAVIORS AND SURVIVORS:
A DISCUSSION ABOUT DARFUR

Thursday, March 26, 2009
6 pm–8 pm

Social Hall
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway at 121st Street
New York, New York

A conversation around the book
Saviors and Survivors: Darfur, Politics, and the War on Terror,
by Mahmood Mamdani, published in March 2009 by Pantheon.

Speakers:
Khaled Fahmy, Associate Professor of Middle Eastern Studies, New York University
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Mahmood Mamdani, Professor of Government and Anthropology, Columbia University
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, 27 March
8:45–9:00 Brief Welcome
Phi Stern (Duke) and Carl Wennerlind (Barnard)
9:00–10:30 Session I: Knowledge
Fredrik Jonsson (Chicago), Ecology
Tom Leng (Sheffield), Epistemology
Ted McCormick (Concordia), Population
Sophus Reinert (Cambridge) [in absentia], Political Theory
Chair: Carl Wennerlind (Barnard)
11:00–12:30 Session II: Networks
Anne Murphy (Exeter), Investment and Improvement
Martyn Powell (Aberystwyth), Consumption
Carl Wennerlind (Barnard), Credit and Money
Chair: Phil Stern (Duke)
2:00–3:30 Session III: Politics
Brent Sirota (North Carolina State), Religion
Phil Stern (Duke), State, Corporation, and Empire
Henry Turner (Rutgers), Moral Philosophy
Chair: Carl Wennerlind (Barnard)
4:00–5:30 Session IV; Labor and Violence
Abigail Swingen (Auburn), Free and Unfree Labor
Niklas Frykman (Pittsburgh), Piracy and Smuggling
John Shovlin (NYU), War and Diplomacy
Chair: Phil Stern (Duke)

Saturday, 28 March
9:30–10:30 Session V: Continental Perspectives
Victor Enthoven (Royal Netherlands Naval College), Netherlands
Jeff Horn (Manhattan College), France
Chair: Carl Wennerlind (Barnard)
11:00–12:00 Session VI: Continental Perspectives, continued
Regina Grafe (Northwestern), Spain
Andre Wakefield (Pitzer), Germany
Chair: Phil Stern (Duke)
1:00–3:00 Conclusions and Reflections
Craig Muldrew (Cambridge University)
Chairs: Phil Stern (Duke) and Carl Wennerlind (Barnard)

Seated from left: Abigail Swingen, Fredrik Jonsson, Carl Wennerlind, Phil Stern, Tom Leng, Ted McCormick.
Standing from left: Andre Wakefield, Jeff Horn, Anne Murphy, Victor Enthoven, Regina Grafe, Craig Muldrew, Martyn Powell, Brent Sirota, Henry Turner, Niklas Frykman.
Republic and Empire: Rethinking the Categories

A two-day conference at Columbia University

Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4, 2009
Organized by Jean L. Cohen, Columbia University

All panels to take place in the Heyman Center Second Floor Common Room
Friday Evening Plenary to take place in 501 Schermerhorn Hall

Friday, April 3

9:15am–9:30am: Opening Remarks
Jean L. Cohen, Columbia University

9:30am–11:30am
Panel 1: Republican Thought and Empire
Chair: Melissa Schwartzberg, Columbia University
“Republican Theory and the Temptation of Empire”
Phillip Pettit, Princeton University
“A Republican Conception of Human Rights in the Age of Empire”
Rainer Forst, Frankfurt University
“State, Commonwealth and Power”
Matthias Lutz-Bachmann, Frankfurt University
Commentator: Andreas Kalyvas, The New School

11:45am–1:15pm
Panel 2: The State System and Empire: Historical Perspectives
Chair: Nehal Bhuta, University of Toronto
“Law Between Sovereigns: From Roman Republican Imperialism to Gentili’s ‘Law of Nations’”
Benjamin Straumann, New York University
“Punishment of States and Peoples in the Law of War”
Benedict Kingsbury, New York University
Commentator: Karuna Mantena, Yale University

2:30pm–5:00pm
Panel 3: U.S. Republicanism and the Imperial Example
Chair: Victoria de Grazia, Columbia University
“Is There an American Empire?”
Philip Bobbitt, Columbia University
“Second Thoughts on ‘American Empire’”
Anders Stephanson, Columbia University
“Empire, Slave Emancipation and Human Rights”
Robin Blackburn, The New School
Commentator: Eric Foner, Columbia University

5:30pm–7:30pm: Friday Evening Plenary
Panel 4: Republic and Empire: The U.S.A. Today
Chair: Jean L. Cohen, Columbia University
“The Imperial Presidency in an Age of Terror”
Bruce Ackerman, Yale University
Commentator: Andrew Arato, The New School

Saturday, April 4

9:30am–11:15am
Panel 5: French and Turkish Republicanism and Imperial Logics
Chair: Jean L. Cohen, Columbia University
“The Impossible Imperial Citizenship”
Pierre Rosanvallon, Collège de France
“The Pathologies of Turkish Republican Laicism”
Ayse Kadioğlu, Sabanci University
Commentator: Nadia Urbinati, Columbia University
11:30am–1:15pm  
**Panel 6: Israel: A Late Republic and Internal Empire**  
Chair: David Johnston, Columbia University  
“Israel 1967: The Onset of Empire and the Decline of Republicanism”  
Yoav Peled, Tel Aviv University  
“Ethnic Republicanism and the Logic of Exclusive Expansionism: Theoretical Conclusions from Israeli Politics”  
Amal Jamal, Tel Aviv University  
Commentator: Nida Alahmad, The New School

3:00pm–5:15pm  
**Panel 7: Beyond Sovereign Equality?: Global Constitutionalism and/or Empire**  
Chair: Samuel Moyn, Columbia University  
“Informal Imperialism and the Res Publica”  
James Tully, University of Victoria  
“Contemporary International Law: Empire of Law or Law of Empire?”  
Jose Alvarez, Columbia University  
“New Modes and Orders: Is a Jus Post Bellum of Constitutional Transformation Possible or Desirable?”  
Neha Bhuta, University of Toronto  
Commentator: Jean L. Cohen, Columbia University

5:15pm: Reception

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The Social Hall, Union Theological Seminary

Speakers:
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John Cooper, Princeton University
Leslie Kurke, University of California, Berkeley
Wolfgang Mann, Columbia University
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Emigration and Immigration in Europe and the Americas

April 23–25, 2009

The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies
at Columbia University

Thursday, April 23, 2009

2:00 p.m. Welcome

Barbara Faedda, Acting Director, The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies, Columbia University

Opening Remarks

Michael T. Ryan, Director, Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Columbia University

2:15–3:45 p.m.

Session I: Two Aspects of Jewish Migration

Chair: Owen Gutfreund, Barnard College, Columbia University

Rebecca Kobrin, Columbia University
“Jewish Immigrants, Financial Failure and the Reshaping of American Capitalism, 1914–1930”

Hasia Diner, New York University
“Our Newest Immigrants: Holocaust Survivors and the Work of American Jewry on Their Behalf”

Discussion
4:00–5:30 p.m.  **Plenary Session**  

**Jacques Toubon**, Chair of the Advisory Committee of the National Center for the History of Immigration, Paris; Member of the European Parliament; Former Minister for Culture and Justice in France

“European Immigration Policies Through the Lens of History”

**Friday, April 24, 2009**  

9:00–10:30 a.m.  

**Session II: Perspectives on Italian Immigration**  

**Chair:** **Maurizio Vaudagna**, University of Eastern Piedmont, Italy

**Donna Gabaccia**, University of Minnesota

“Immigrants, Neighborhoods, and Urban Tourism in New York: The Case of Little Italy”

**Simone Cinotto**, “Piero Bairati” Center in European-American Studies–University of Gastronomic Sciences, Italy

“One Third of a Nation: Public Housing and Cultural Pluralism in Italian Harlem, 1934–1950”

**Discussion**  

10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.  

**Session III: The Future of Immigration in the Age of Globalization: The Immigrant Republic in the 20th Century**  

**Chair:** **Philip Kasinitz**, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

**Kenneth T. Jackson**, Columbia University

“Empire City: The Immigrant Role in Defining New York”

**Marcelo Suárez-Orozco**, New York University

“Global Vertigo and the End of Migration”

**Claudio Iván Remeseira**, Columbia University

“Hispanic New York and the Redefinition of a Hemispheric Identity”

1:45–3:30 p.m.

**Session IV: The Economic View: Laborers and Entrepreneurs**  

**Chair:** **Alice Kessler-Harris**, Columbia University

**Nancy L. Green**, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France

“Sweatshops and Elite Migrants: Two Examples Beyond the Industrial/Postindustrial Divide”

**Jan Rath**, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

“The City and Immigrant Entrepreneurship”

**Discussion**  

3:45–5:45 p.m.

**Session V: Immigration and Exclusion**  

**Chair:** **Adam McKeown**, Columbia University

**John Foot**, University College of London

“Foreign Immigrants in Milan: Representations, Exclusions, Memories, and Politics”

**Mae M. Ngai**, Columbia University

“Chinese Exclusion and the Racialized Immigrant Interpreter”

**Barbara Faedda**, The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies

“Emerging Trends: Immigration Law and Lawyers in Italy”

**Discussion**  

**Saturday, April 25, 2009**  

9:00–10:30 a.m.  

**Session VI: The View from the Americas**  

**Chair:** **Jaime Rodriguez**, St. John’s University

**Jose Moya**, Barnard College, Columbia University

“European Immigration and Socioeconomic Development in the Americas”

**Claudio W. Lomnitz**, Columbia University

“U.S.–Mexico Border and the Origin of ‘the Mexican race,’ c. 1900”

**Discussion**  

10:45–11:45 a.m.

**Session VII: Roundtable for All Participants: The Future of Immigration in the Age of Globalization**  

**Moderator:** **Lisa Keller**, Purchase College, SUNY

**Closing Comments:** **Kenneth T. Jackson**

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The University Seminar on the City, Columbia University
Historians have long recognized the importance of historical information recorded in stone inscriptions from China. Few, however, have analyzed the material and visual aspects of the inscriptions or considered how, once an inscription is carved into stone, its text, medium, visual form, and environmental setting collectively generate multiple meanings in various contexts. How does a given context shape or reshape the meaning of the inscribed stone? Why is the stone chosen to embody the words and how the two are connected? And how do the words interplay with the images carved on the same stone? Responding to these questions, the papers in this panel explore the cultural and historical significances of steles, tombstones, and cliff-carvings from the sixth to seventh century.

Speakers

Shi Jie (University of Chicago)
Witnessing a Monument or a Ruin? A Northern Qi Tombstone Revisited

Sonya Lee (University of South California)
Persuasion through Inscription: Rereading the Shanxi Stele and Its Nirvana Narrative

Wendi Adamek (Barnard College/ Columbia University)
Inscriptions for Medieval Chinese Buddhist Nuns at Bao Shan

Xue Lei (Columbia University)
Imitative Magic on Mountains: Yiheming and Cliff-carving Inscriptions in Sixth Century China

Discussant

Robert E. Harrist, Jr. (Columbia University)
AGENCY AND JOINT ATTENTION

Conference sponsored by The University Seminar on Behavioral & Cognitive Neuroscience, The Psychology Department, and The Italian Academy

June 12–13, 2009
Columbia University
The Italian Academy (formerly Casa Italiana)
Herbert Terrace, Janet Metcalfe and Betsy Sparrow, Co-chairs

The conference brings together researchers focused on the concepts of agency and joint attention. Our main focus will be on the antecedents and the development of these cognitive skills. The conference participants are a diverse group of scholars who have investigated these issues from a variety of perspectives. Some have argued for the uniqueness of agency and joint attention in humans while others believe that some of the precursors exist in non-human primates.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday, June 12, 2009
Developmental Joint Attention chaired by Herb Terrace

9:00–9:30 Stefanie Höhl, Universität Heidelberg
Neural Processing of Eye Gaze and Emotional Expressions in Infancy

9:30–10:00 Andrew Melzoff, University of Washington
The Development of Gaze Following in Infants
10:00–10:30 **Atsushi Senju**, Birkbeck, University of London  
*An Ostensive Signal is Necessary for Gaze Following in Young Infants: A Case for Natural Pedagogy*

11:00–11:30 **Nathan Emery**, School of Biological & Chemical Sciences, Queen Mary University of London & Sub-department of Animal Behaviour, University of Cambridge  
*Why Corvids May Be Better Models of Shared Intentionality and Joint Attention Than Chimpanzees*

11:30–12:00 **Alison Gopnik**, University of California, Berkeley  
*Intentional Action, Correlation and Causation: Why Don’t Pavlov’s Dogs Ring the Bell?*

12:00–12:30 **Athena Vouloumanos**, New York University  
*Infants’ Understanding of the Communicative Affordances of Speech*

12:30–1:00 **Christopher Peacocke** and **Peter Carruthers**  
Commentary  
**Agency**  
chaired by Janet Metcalfe

2:00–2:30 **Gunther Knoeblich**, Radboud University Nijmegen  
*Cues to Agency: The Role of Body, Action, and Thought*

2:30–3:00 **Janet Metcalfe** and **David Miele**, Columbia University  
*The Inferential Nature of Metacognition of Agency*

3:15–3:45 **Josef Perner**, University of Salzburg  
*Teleology: A Basic Grasp of Intentional Action*

3:45–4:15 **Ezequiel Morsella**, San Francisco State University  
*The Three Pillars of Volition: Phenomenal States, Ideomotor Processing, and the Skeletal Muscle System*

4:15–4:45 **Wolfgang Prinz**, Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences  
*Fingers, Flankers, Faces: How Task Sharing Helps With Task Shaping*

4:45–5:15 **Christopher Peacocke** and **Peter Carruthers**  
Commentary  
**Saturday June 13, 2009**  
**Social Aspects of Agency and Joint Attention**  
chaired by **Betsy Sparrow**

9:00–9:30 **Herb Terrace**, Columbia University  
*Numberless Gradations: Filling in Gaps in the Evolution of Language*

9:30–10:00 **Daniel Povinelli**, University of Louisiana  
*Joint Attention in Primates: Perspectives of a Former Monkey Mind Doctor*

10:00–10:30 **Beatrice Beebe**, New York State Psychiatric Institute  
*On Knowing and Being Known in the 4-Month Origins of Disorganized Attachment*

11:00–11:30 **Fabia Franco**, Middlesex University  
*Embodied Attention in Infant Pointing*

11:30–12:00 **Betsy Sparrow**, Columbia University  
*The Experience of Agency in Coaction*

12:00–12:30 **Natalie Sebanz**, Radboud University Nijmegen  
*Agency as a Social Phenomenon*

12:30–1:00 **Christopher Peacocke** and **Peter Carruthers**  
Commentary

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**Columbia University—The University Seminars**

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Economic Thought in Early Modern Japan

Columbia University
June 26–27, 2009
Bonhoeffer Room, Union Theological Seminar

Friday, June 26

1 pm–5 pm  Ethan Segal (Harvard University)
“Money and the State: medieval precursors of the early modern economy”
(Discussant: Ronald Frank, Pace University)

Yajima Michifumi (Kantō Gakuin, Japan)
“‘Mercantilism’ in early modern Japan: trade and agricultural policy under national isolation”
(Discussant: Robert Horres, Tubingen University, Germany)

Jan Sykora (Charles University, Prague)
“Economic Thought of Shōji Kōki and the Tempō Reforms in Saga Domain”
(Discussant: Mark Metzler, UT Austin)

Gregory Smits (Pennsylvania State University)
“Guiding Horses Using Rotten Reins: Economic Thought in the Eighteenth-century Kingdom of Ryukyu”
(Discussant: David Howell, Princeton)

Saturday, June 27

9 am–12:30 pm  Kawaguchi Hiroshi (Waseda University, Japan)
“Economic thought concerning freedom and control”
(Discussant: Gregory Smits, Penn State)

Ochiai Kō (Hiroshima Shōdō University, Japan)
“The rise of domestic sugar production and the ideology of ‘the national interest’”
(Discussant: Jan Sykora, Charles University)

Bettina Gramlich-Oka (Columbia University)
“A domain doctor and shogunal politics”
(Discussant: David Howell, Princeton)

2 pm–5 pm  Ishii Sumiyo (Keiō University, Japan)
“Economic thought as a basis for economic activities: a case study of a local entrepreneur in the Meiji era”
(Discussant: Robert Horres, Tubingen University, Germany)

Mark Ravina (Emory University)
“Confucian banking: the community granary (shasō) in rhetoric and practice”
(Discussant: Mark Metzler, UT Austin)

Mark Metzler (University of Texas, Austin)
“Policy fields, polarities, and regimes”
(Discussant: Bettina Gramlich-Oka, Columbia)

Discussion

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University Seminar on Modern Japan at Columbia University
Below is a listing of the 2008–2009 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
Rapporteur: Ms. Vanna Chan

MEETINGS 2008–2009

November 4  Georgia and Its Political Future: Economy, Democracy and Territorial Integrity
His Excellency Irakli Alasania, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations

December 2  China’s Role in the United Nations
His Excellency Liu Zhenmin, Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations

January 27  Russia’s Role in the Maintenance of Peace and Security: How to Handle Some of the Hot Spots
Ambassador Konstantin Dolgov, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary

February 24  Russia’s Role in the Maintenance of Peace and Security: How to Handle Some of the Hot Spots
Ambassador Konstantin Dolgov, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary

March 24  Recent Development in Zimbabwe: Is the Situation Improving?
His Excellency Mr. Boniface G. Chidyausiku, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations

April 28  NATO’s Contribution to UN Peacekeeping: Afghanistan and Iraq
Colonel Eric G. Heeze, NATO Liaison Officer to the United Nations

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Professor Roy Lee, royslee@optonline.net
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 2008–2009

October 20  “Theology and Freedom of Inquiry”: The Case of Hans Kung
Prof. Raymond F. Bulman, Dept. of Theology and Religious Studies, St. John’s University
NY

November 17  Death
Prof. Joan Stambaugh, Dept. of Philosophy, Hunter College, CUNY

December 15  “From Bodhisattva to Goddess”: Guanyin and Chinese Buddhism
Dr. Chun-fang Yu, Sheng Yen Professor in Chinese Buddhist Studies, Columbia University

Dr. Vishwa Adluri, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Hunter College, CUNY
Dr. Joydeep Bagchee, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Philipps-Universität Marburg

Dr. Susan A. Maurer, Instructor, Dept. of History, Geography and Political Science,
Nassau Community College, NY

April 6  “Without Buddha I Could Not Be a Christian”: A Case for Multiple Religious Belonging
Prof. Paul F. Knitter, Paul Tillich Professor of Theology, World Religions and Culture,
Union Theological Seminary

May 4  “Healing the Body in Differing Mythic Universes: The Case of Brazilian Kardecist-Spiritism”
Prof. Emeritus Sidney Greenfield, Dept. of Anthropology Emeritus,
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor Raymond Bulman, bulmanRF@aol.com
Dr. Sydney Greenfield, sgreenfield222@aol.com
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 K. Hill
Rapporteur: Mr. Ivan Lupic

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 9  A New Poem for Edmund Spenser
                   Richard Peterson, University of Connecticut

October 14  JOINT MEETING WITH MEDIEVAL STUDIES
             Making and Knowing: Reconstructing Knowledge in a Renaissance Goldsmith’s Workshop
             Pamela Smith, Columbia University

November 11  The Wounded Body in Early Modern England: Interdisciplinary Approaches and Problems
             Sarah Covington, Queens College, CUNY

December 9  Mr. Milton’s Absurdities
             Diana Benet, University of North Texas, Denton

February 10  Giordano Bruno and England: a Reassessment
             Hilary Gatti, University of Rome

March 10  Leibniz, Courtly Labor, Sovereignty, Mathematics, and Genealogy
             Matthew L. Jones, Columbia University

April 14  Italian Architects and the Rebuilding of the Moscow Kremlin
             William Brumfield, Tulane University

May 12  The Armchair Traveler’s Guide to the Ancient World:
             Renaissance Readers and Pliny’s Natural History
             Sarah Blake McHam, Rutgers University
             Paper read by Karen Reeds

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Professor Elizabeth Hill, hillchas3@aol.com
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 2008–2009

September 9  \textit{“Child Suicide, Domestic Violence, and the Construction of a Partial Social Science”}  
Gerald Sider, CUNY Graduate Center and Memorial University of Newfoundland

October 14  \textit{Negotiating Exile: Franz L. Neumann as Political Scientist}  
David Kettler

November 11 \textit{Aspects of the Sociology of the Frankfurt School}  
Zoltan Tarr and Judith Marcus

December 9 \textit{The Significance of Jacob Riis for Post-secular Society}  
Tony Carnes, Values Research Institute

March 25 \textit{Religion, Secularism, and Public Reason}  
Craig Calhoun, Social Sciences Research Council

April 7 \textit{Why are Images Important to Social Research?}  
Ruth Rubinstein

May 13 \textit{The Grand Partition: Standard Deviation in the Social Sciences}  
Tad Krauze, Hofstra University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:  
Mr. Tony Carnes, contentssem@aol.com
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. Adela Ramos

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 18
Which is the Merchant . . . and Which is the Jew?: Stereotypes of Jews in English Graphic Humor
Frank Felsenstein, Department of English, Ball State University (Indiana)

October 16
Vico’s Cosmopolitanism: Global Citizenship and Natural Law in Vico’s Pedagogical Thought
Barbara Naddeo, Department of History, City College of New York

November 13
International Relations in Europe from the Peace of Westphalia to the French Revolution: New Approaches to an Old Question
John Shovlin, Department of History, New York University

December 11
Café Culture in France During the Long Eighteenth Century
Thierry Rigogne, Department of History, Fordham University

January 15
Models for the Age of Criticism: Beyond Habermas’ Public Sphere
Lee Morrisey, Department of English, Clemson University

February 19
Better Print than Speech: Censoring the Stage in Eighteenth-Century Vienna
Paula Sutter Fichtner, Department of History, Brooklyn College

March 12
Attitudes toward America in Christoph Martin Wieland’s Journal “Der Teutsche Merkur” in the Years 1775 to 1807
Ellis Shookman, Department of German, Dartmouth College

April 16
Science, Metaphysics, Anthropology: The Reception of Leibniz by Kant and by Herder
Catherine Wilson, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Prof. Al Coppola, acoppola@jjay.cuny.edu
Dr. Elizabeth Powers, elizabethmpowers@verizon.net
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 2008–2009

September 8  PLANNING MEETING
December 8  Are brands dead? And have we killed them?
             Howard Finkelberg, Program Director
February 9  Financial Meltdown: Causes and Solutions
March 9  The Financial Crisis: How it Came to be, Where It is and Where It is Going
         Arthur Goldstein
April 14  Managing Risk: Some Concepts of Risk Architecture as It Relates
t          to Organizations, Financial Markets and Sectors of the Economy
          John Berenyi
May 11  PLANNING MEETING

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Professor Peter V. Norden, pvn1@columbia.edu; nordenchildworks@aol.com
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.

Chair: Professor Melissa Schwartzberg  
Rapporteur: Mr. Pablo Kalmanovitz

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 18  
A Global State of Emergency or the Further Constitutionalisation of International Law: A Pluralist Approach  
Jean L. Cohen, Columbia University

October 23  
On Constitutional Statesmanship  
Jeffrey Tulis, University of Texas at Austin

November 13  
Cultural Accommodation and Domination  
Frank Lovett, Washington University in St. Louis

February 19  
Why Plato Wrote  
Danielle Allen, Institute for Advanced Study

March 5  
Remembering Emancipation: Du Bois’s John Brown in an Age of Terror  
Lawrie Balfour, University of Virginia

April 30  
A Transformative Theory of Religious Freedom  
Corey Brettschneider, Brown University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:  
Professor David Johnston, dcj1@columbia.edu  
Professor Melissa Schwartzberg, ms3125@columbia.edu
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 Glenn Hendler and Elizabeth Hutchinson
Rapporteur: Ms. Christina Charuhas

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 2  
“Any Color as Long as It’s Black”: Henry Ford’s Racial Imaginary and the Empire of Production
Elizabeth Esch, Department of History, Barnard College

November 13  
Never Heard Such a Thing: Lynching and Phonographic Modernity
Gustavus Stadler, Department of English, Haverford College

December 4  
Native Hawaiian Women and the Politics of Decolonization
Kehaulani Kauanui, Departments of Anthropology and American Studies, Wesleyan University

February 5  
The Security Style of Post-9/11 America: Comfort Culture and the Domestication of Torture
Marita Sturken, Department of Media, Culture & Communication, New York University

March 5  
Family Archives: Life/Art/Writing
Kellie Jones, Department of Art History, Columbia University

April 30  
The Brink of Freedom: Social Movements on the Edges of Early US Empire: Hegel, Liberia
David Kazanjian, Department of English, University of Pennsylvania

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor Glenn Hendler, ghendler@fordham.edu
Professor Elizabeth Hutchinson, ehutchin@barnard.edu
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


September 23  
*Viel Spiel: The Baby Jesus and the Play of Art in a Medieval Swiss Convent*
Jacqueline Jung, Yale University

October 7  
*The Children’s Crusade and Medieval Childhood*
Gary Dickson, University of Edinburgh

October 14  
JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON RENAISSANCE
*Making and Knowing: Reconstructing Knowledge in a Renaissance Goldsmith’s Workshop*
Pamela Smith, Columbia University

November 12  
*Materiality versus Mimesis: The Medieval Image and Concepts of Authenticity*
Nino Zchomelidse, Princeton University/CASVA

December 2  
*Appreciating the Heroic Catastrophe: Why Beowulf’s Dragon Fight Resembles The Battle of Maldon and What It Means for Germanic Heroic Literature*
Scott Gwara, University of South Carolina

February 11  
*From Earthly Beloved to Queen of Heaven in the Cantilena Motet: Guillaume Dufay’s Vergene Bella and Walter Frye’s Ave Regina Caelorum*
David Rothenberg, Case Western Reserve University

March 11  
*Scribal Aesthetics: Christ’s Blood as Ink and the Medieval Somatic Book*
Marlene Villalobos-Hennessy, Hunter College

April 15  
*Dreams, Time, and Narrative in Some Illuminated Romanesque Chronicles*
Robert Maxwell, University of Pennsylvania

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Professor Susan Boynton, slb184@columbia.edu
The seminar provides a lively forum for historians and social scientists engaged in the advanced study of Sub-Saharan Africa. Faculty and visiting scholars from Columbia University and neighboring institutions actively participate in the monthly evening sessions. Seminar discussions often focus on theoretical and comparative approaches to the study of colonial and contemporary states, processes in political mobilization and leadership, the impact of the international community, and the roles of gender and cultural identities.

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

**MEETINGS 2008–2009**

**February 25**
*Reflections on the Historical Practice of Architectural Representations of Lagos, Nigeria*
Abosede George, Assistant Prof. of History, Barnard College

**March 12**
*Dialogues in Islamic Philosophy*
Souleymane Bachir Diagne, Prof. of French & Philosophy, Columbia University

**March 26**
*Saviors and Survivors: A Discussion about Darfur*
Mahmood Mamdani, Prof. of Government & Anthropology, Columbia University
Discussants: Khaled Fahmy, Associate Prof. of Middle Eastern Studies, New York University
Amir Idris, Assistant Prof. of History, Fordham University
Peter Rosenblum, Clinical Prof. of Human Rights, School of Law, Columbia University

**April 22**
*Failing the Congo: International Intervention and Local Violence*
Severine Autesserre, Assistant Prof. of Political Science, Barnard College

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**Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:**
Dr. Yusuf Caruso, jc93@columbia.edu
Prof. Ousmane Kane, ok2009@columbia.edu
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. Caleb Dance

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 18  How (not) to Write a Short History of Greece
Paul Cartledge, Cambridge University

October 16  A Hubbub of Books: Redefining Ancient Orphism
Radcliffe Edmonds, Bryn Mawr College

November 20  Phoebus Apollo and Brilliant Achilles
Charles McNelis, Georgetown University

January 22  Memnon, between Herodes and Philostratus: Contexts of Ethnicity in the Roman Empire
Joel Allen, Queens College/CUNY Graduate Center

February 19  Apelles and the Painting of Language
Kathryn Gutzwiller, University of Cincinnati

March 26  Thinking as Internal Dialogue in Plato’s Theaetetus
Zina Giannopoulou, University of California, Irvine

April 16  Audacious Metaphors in Sallust
Christopher Krebs, Harvard University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor Joel Lidov, joel.lidov@qc.cuny.edu
Professor Gareth Williams, gdw5@columbia.edu
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 Weihong Bao
Rapporteur: Ms. Elizabeth Lawrence

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 11  Up and Down on Mt. Tai: Bixia Yuanjun in the Politics of Chinese Popular Religion, ca. 1500–1949
Kenneth Pomeranz, University of California, Irvine
Discussant: Chun-fang Yu, Columbia University

October 2  The Politics of Refugeedom: The Emergence of the State Welfare System During the War of Resistance
Liu Lu, University of Tennessee
Discussant: Danke Li, Fairfield University

November 13  Exhibiting the Future: Municipal Urban Planning Centers in the People’s Republic of China
Kirk Denton, Ohio State University
Discussant: Qin Shao, The College of New Jersey

December 4  Parasites upon Society: Between Charity and Punishment in Republican China
Janet Chen, Princeton University
Discussant: Eugenia Lean, Columbia University
February 2  
*Limits of Visibility: Taiwan’s Tongzhi Movement in Mickey Chen’s Documentaries*  
Hong Guo-juin, Duke University  
Discussant: Lu Xinyu, Fudan University

March 12  
*Quanzhen Proliferates Learning: The Xuanmiao Monastery and the Modern Reforms in Nanyang, 1880’s–1940’s*  
Liu Xun, Rutgers University  
Discussant: Robert Hymes, Columbia University

April 2  
*Hidden Accumulation: Rural Women, the Great Leap Forward, and China’s Collective Past*  
Gail Hershatter, University of California, Santa Cruz  
Discussant: Carl Riskin, Queens College, CUNY, and Columbia University

May 7  
*Chinese Travels to Africa: Cultural Representation in the Age of Globalization*  
Megan M. Ferry, Union College  
Discussant: Weihong Bao, Columbia University

**Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:**  
Professor Eugenia Lean, eyl2006@columbia.edu  
Professor Adam McKeown, amm2009@columbia.edu
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. Daniel Poch

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 10  Peace Movements and Grass-Roots Democracy in Postwar Japan
Kristin Ingvarsdottir, Columbia University
Discussant: Kim Brandt, Columbia University

November 14  From State to Society: Democratizing Japan’s Traditional, Community-based Organizations
Mary Alice Haddad, Government and East Asian Studies, Wesleyan University
Discussant: Sheldon Garon, Princeton University

December 12  Technologies of War and Masculine Identities: The Introduction and Diffusion of Guns
Anne Walthall, University of California, Irvine
Discussant: Greg Pflugfelder, Columbia University

January 22  JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON BRAZIL
Brazilian-Japanese Migration
Ethel Kominsky

February 6  Healer Monks and the Anthropology of Knowledge in Ancient Japan
Michael Como, Columbia University
Discussant: David Lurie, Columbia University

March 13  Envisioning Identities: Language Policies and Naming Practice in Japan
Noriko Watanabe, Baruch College/CUNY
Discussant: Patricia Welch, Hofstra University

April 24  Gen’ichi Kato’s Nobel Candidacy: Nerve Physiology and the Politics of Science, 1924–1936
James Bartholomew, Ohio State University
Discussant: William Johnston, Wesleyan University

May 8  Flourney Tales: Oe Taku (1847–1921) and the Making of Meiji Japan’s “Emancipation Moment”
Daniel Botsman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Discussant: David Howell, Princeton University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Professor Laura Neitzel, LNeitzel@brookdalecc.edu
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: Professors Claudia Setzer and Colleen Conway
Rapporteur: Ms. Kimberlee Auletta

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 18  Women Learners in the Ancient World
Claudia Setzer, Manhattan College

October 16 Virgin Earth, Virgin Earth: Creation, Sexual Difference, and Recapitulation in Irenaeus of Lyons
Ben Dunning, Fordham University

November 19 Reading Marcion
Judith Lieu, Cambridge University

February 19 Skydivers in 1Thessalonians
Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University

March 19 Bodies of Evidence: Jewish Torah, Roman Nomos, and the Hazard of Galatian Foreskin
Brigitte Kahl, Union Theological Seminary

April 28 “Will the Real Gentile-Chr­istian Please Stand Up!” Torah and the Problem of Identity Formation within the Early Jesus Movement
Magnus Zetterholm, Yale University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor Colleen Conway, cc2447@columbia.edu
Professor Claudia Setzer, claudiasetzer@verizon.net
THE CITY (459A)

Founded: 1962

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

Chair: Professor Lisa Keller
Rapporteurs: Ms. Abigail Joseph and Ms. Megan Scanlon

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 15  
Kimberly Sims, American University

October 21  
Stage-Set Suburbs: Los Angeles 1900
James Kessenides, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg

November 13  
Pressure: Race and the Policing of Public Space in 1970’s London
Joshua Guild, Princeton University

December 8  
Governing the 21st Century City: Lessons from New York
Ester Fuchs, Columbia University

January 26  
A Conversation with Urbanists Eric Lampard, Roger Simon, and Ken Jackson
Eric Lampard, Stony Brook University, Emeritus

February 25  
West Side Stories: Lincoln Center, Urban Renewal, and the Arts
Julia Foulkes, The New School

March 23  
Hispanic New York: The Redefinition of a Hemispheric Identity
Claudio Remeseira, Columbia University

April 29  
Blue-Collar Broadway: The Craft and Industry of American Theatre in the 20th Century
Tim White, The New School/New-York Historical Society

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Professor Lisa Keller, lkeller@purchase.edu
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, Talmudic, Islamic, canon and common 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.

Co-Chairs: Professors Catherine McCauliff and Ann Fagan
Rapporteur: Ms. Shailly Barnes

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 14  Murder, Botched Abortions and Miscarriages of Justice in the Weimar Republic
Douglas Morris, Assistant Federal Defender at Federal Defenders of New York, Inc.,
legal historian, and author of “Justice Imperiled: The Anti-Nazi Lawyer
Max Hirschberg in Weimar Germany”

November 18  “Bubbles” and Panics in American History: Today’s Banking Crisis as a Case Study
Ted Kovaleff and Raymond Dirkes

January 27  The Million-Dollar-a-Day Cost of Being Black
Beryl Satter, Associate Professor of History and Chair of the History Department
at Rutgers University, Newark

February 18  Muslims as Religious Minorities in Western Lands
Thomas O’Sullivan, Pace University

March 4  Four Views of the Role of Theology in the Political Theory in John Locke:
Leo Strauss, John Dunn, Jeremy Waldron, and John Yolton
Paul E. Sigmund, Professor Emeritus of Politics, Princeton University

April 22  The Supreme Court, “Dagher,” and Recent Antitrust Decisions:
Political Ideology or Conservative Judicial Principle?
Bill Curran

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Dr. Ann Fagan, istenem@aol.com
Dr. Theodore Kovaleff, tkovaleff@dirks.co.com
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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

No Meetings in 2008–2009

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor James D. Hays, jimhays@ldeo.columbia.edu
Professor Seth Neugroschl, sn23@columbia.edu
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 Pinedo-Vasquez
Rapporteur: Ms. Ashley DuVal

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 17  Against the Grain: The Vayda Tradition in Human Ecology and Ecological Anthropology
Paige West, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Barnard College

October 8  Genetic Diversity in Local Rice Germplasm and Rice Farming in Thailand
Professor Benjavan Rerkasem, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Dr. Miguel Pinedo-Vasquez, map57@columbia.edu
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: Dr. Sharon Keller  
Rapporteur: Mr. Todd Kennedy

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Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:  
Professor Sharon Keller, srk212@aol.com
SOUTH ASIA (477)
Founded: 1964

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

Co-Chairs: Dr. David S. Magier and Professor Sanjay Reddy
Rapporteur: Mr. James P. Hare

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 22  The State of Urdu
Janab Shamsur Rahman Faruqi

November 17  The Mutiny’s Future
Faisal Devji, Associate Professor of History, The New School

December 1  The Partition’s Long Shadow: Legals, Illegals and a Hybrid Citizenship Regime in Assam, India
Sanjib Baruah, Department of Political Science, Bard College,
and Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

February 23  Going Mad: Ten Years of the Bomb in South Asia
Zia Mian, Program on Science and Global Security, Woodrow Wilson School
of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

April 13  Global Islam and Local Muslim Identity: Readings from the Colonial Archive
Dr. Teena Purohit, Department of Religion, Boston University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Dr. David Magier, dmagier@princeton.edu
THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST (479)

Founded: 1966

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

November 5
At the Royal Court of Ebla (Syria) in the 24th Century BC
Prof. Maria Giovanna Biga, Università degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza”

November 17
Iron Age Urbanism, Economy, Art, and Religion: a View from Tel Rehov in Northern Israel
Amihai Mazar, Hebrew University

November 24
Contrasting Archaeology or Contrasting Communities:
Survey in the Orontes Valley near Homs, Syria
Graham Philip, Durham University, UK

December 8
Rethinking the Transition Between the Neolithic and Chalcolithic in Çatalhöyük, Turkey
Peter F. Biehl, State University of New York at Buffalo

January 21
Reining the Beast: The Life and Death of the Kunga in the 3rd Millennium BC,
as Evidenced at Umm el-Marra, Syria
Dr. Jill Weber, University of Pennsylvania

February 9
Agency and Architecture on the Anatolian Plateau
Sharon Steadm an, SUNY Cortland

February 23
Operation of Power and Control at an Early Bronze Age Ascent near the Dead Sea
Yuval Yekutieli, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

March 11
An Achaemenid Site on the Royal Road: Recent Excavations at Qaleh Kali (Jinjun/Tepe Survan)
by the Joint Iranian-Australian Expedition to Mamasani (Fars Province, Iran)
Daniel Potts, University of Sydney and Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton

April 7
The Opening of Maritime Trade in the Black Sea, 3300–2800 BC
Prof. David Anthony, Hartwick College

May 4
Babylon—Myth and Reality
Joachim Marzahn, Vorderasiatisches Museum, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Dr. Sally Dunham, sallydunham@sbcglobal.net
Professor Allan Gilbert, gilbert@fordham.edu
Dr. Oscar Muscarella, OscarBey@aol.com
STUDIES IN MODERN ITALY (483)

Founded: 1966

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

Chair: Professor Michael Blim
Rapporteur: Ms. Rebecca Bauman

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 10  
**Masculinity and Homosexuality in Fascist Italy**
Lorenzo Benadusi, Brown University

November 10  
**The Italian/American in “Exile”: At Home, Abroad, Wherever**
Anthony Tamburri, Calandra Institute of Italian American Studies, Queens College

December 12  
**Contact Zone: Aesthetics, Economics, and the Camorra in Everyday Naples**
Jason Pine, SUNY Purchase

February 13  
**Fascism, the Holy See, and the Racial Laws of 1938**
Alessandro Visani, Università di Roma “La Sapienza”
Introduction and Commentary by David Kertzer

March 13  
**Incomplete Standardization, Intertextuality and the Production of Localism: Language and Dialect in Northern Italy**
Jillian R. Cavanaugh, Brooklyn College

April 3  
**The Communist in the Fascist Imaginary: From Defeated Internal Enemy to Global Threat**
Marla Stone, Occidental College

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Professor Michael Blim, MBlim@gc.cuny.edu
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.

Chair: Professor Murray A. Rubinstein
Rapporteur: Ms. Chun-Yi Tsai

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 30  Poetry of the Pure Land
Mary Anne Cartelli, Hunter College, CUNY

November 20  Identity: An Exploration of the Core Issue of Taiwan Studies
Murray A. Rubinstein, Baruch/CUNY

February 26  Law, Sensibility, and Scandal of the Opium War, 1830–42
Li Chen, University of Toronto

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Professor Murray Rubenstein, Murray_Rubenstein@baruch.cuny.edu
This seminar explores a variety of topics each year from the founding of the European colonies in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries, until the demise of the Revolutionary generation in the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The program tries to strike a balance between presentations by established scholars in the field and younger people who are just getting established. It also tries to do justice to the broad interests of colonial specialists, ranging from traditional political and constitutional themes through newer interests in demography, gender, race, and highly refined methodologies. Although the focus of the seminar has primarily been historical, participation by scholars in literature, religion, and other fields is increasingly encouraged.

Chair: Professor Evan Haefeli
Rapporteur: Ms. April Holm

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 9  The Planter Class: Rise and Fall of English Liberty in the British West Indies, 1580–1830  
Chris Brown, Columbia University

October 14  The Economy of War: Perpetuating Violence in the Northeast, 1713–1722  
Christopher Bilodeau, Dickinson College

November 11  Coerced Maritime Labor: Dark-Skinned Mariners as Prize Goods, 1739–1783  
Charles Foy, Eastern Illinois University

December 9  The African Diaspora, Christianity, and the Law in Colonial British America  
Patricia Bonomi, New York University Emerita

February 10  Cooper’s Death Song  
Geoff Sanborn, Bard College

March 10  Slavery, Property and Race in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations  
Barbara Krauthammer, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

April 14  An American Revolution: Southern Views of Mexican Independence  
Sarah Cornell, University of New Mexico at Albuquerque

May 12  Such Stuff as Grief is Made On: Material Memory in Colonial America  
Joanne van de Woude, Harvard University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:  
Professor Evan Haefeli, eh2204@columbia.edu
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 W. Lo Pinto
Rapporteur: Mrs. Joanne Lo Pinto

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 30

Arsenic in Urban Environment: A Promising Remedial Alternative to an Emerging Public Health Issue
Dibyendu Sarkar, Ph.D., P.G., Professor, Earth and Environmental Studies Director, Environmental Management Program, Montclair State University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Dr. George Halasi-Kun (no email address)
Dr. Richard W. Lo Pinto, lopintor@fdue.edu
LEGAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES (495B)

Founded: 1990

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

Co-Chairs: Prof. Eugenie Bietry and Kenneth J. Hollenbeck, Esq.
Rapporteur: Ms. Joyce Klein Rosenthal

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 15  Growing Green Jobs by Cooling the City: Sustainable South Bronx and Environmental Stewardship
Joyce Klein Rosenthal, Columbia University
Robert Crauderueff, Sustainable South Bronx

November 5  Saving the Planet with Art: Recycling with Imagination
Vernita Nemec

March 4  Energy Initiatives and Environmental Protection in New York State
Kit Kennedy, Special Deputy Attorney General for Environmental Protection, New York State Attorney General’s Office

April 1  Global Warming and Alternative Energy: Legislative Models and Policies Under the New Administration
Thomas H. Prol
Scarinci Hollenbeck

May 13  Teaching Basic Economics to Incorporate Ecology
Eugenie Bietry, Pace University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor Eugenie Bietry, eb40@columbia.edu
Kenneth Hollenbeck, Ken@njlegalink.com
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 Henryk Baran
Rapporteur: Ms. Katharine Holt

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 3  An Apocalypse of Our Time: Sergei Nilus and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion
Michael Hagemeister (University of Basel)

November 7  “Yes, Yes, Go There, Golubchik, Have a Look.” General Kutuzov and His Strategic Language of Empowerment in Tolstoy’s War and Peace
Karin Beck, Columbia University

December 5  Petrushka. Andrei Bely’s Petersburg and the Viennese Secession
Judith Wermuth-Atkinson, Columbia University

February 6  Petr Suvchinskii and the Making of Eurasianism
Sergey Glebov, Smith College

March 6  An Optimistic Tale of Woe: Nikolai Vagner (Kat-Murlyka) Speaks to Scientists, Children, and the Dead
Michael D. Gardin, Princeton University

April 3  The Rise and Fall of Insurgent Liberal Narratives: History Textbooks in the Soviet Union and Post-Soviet Russia
Thomas Sherlock, West Point

May 1  How the 19th-Century Russians Read Vico
Nina Perlina, Indiana University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Professor Henryk Baran, hbaran@ios.com
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 Jeremy Dauber  
Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Mahla

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 17  
*A Jus Zionism/ and the Jews’ Return to Their Historical Homeland*  
Chaim Gans, Tel Aviv University

November 19  
*Scientific Expertise and Jewish Danger: The Modernity of Europe’s Modern Ritual Murder Trials*  
Hillel Kieval, Washington University in St. Louis

March 25  
*The Military as a Jewish Career in Modern Europe*  
Derek Penslar, University of Toronto

April 22  
*Maimonides on Providence, Theodicy, and Moral Luck*  
Steven Nadler, University of Wisconsin

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:  
Professor Jeremy Dauber, jad213@columbia.edu
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 Michael Edelstein
Rapporteur: Ms. Ariel Rubin

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 2  
Japanese Worker Safety Before a Social Safety Net: The Taisho Era
John James, University of Virginia

October 17  
Nature or Nurture? Factors of Entrepreneurship: A Comparative Approach
Gabriel Tortella, Professor Emeritus of Economic History, Universidad de Alcala, Columbia University
Introduction and Commentary by: Alan Dye, Professor of Economics-Barnard College

November 6  
Inequality and Institutions in 20th-century America
Peter Temin, MIT

December 4  
Executive Compensation: A New View from a Long-term Perspective, 1936–2005
Carola Frydman, MIT

February 5  
Railroads and American Economic Development: New Evidence
Robert Margo, Boston University

March 5  
From Pragmatic to Sentimental Adoption: Child Adoption in the United States, 1880–1930
Chiaki Moriguchi, Northwestern University and NBER

April 2  
Founding Errors: Making Democracy Safe for America
John Wallis, University of Maryland

May 7  
Primary Schooling and Literacy in Last-Tsarist Russia
Steven Nafziger, Williams College

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor Alan Dye, ad245@columbia.edu
Professor Michael Edelstein, mxe$econ@qc1.qc.edu
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. Pamela Guardia

MEETINGS 2008-2009

October 8  OPEN MEETING AND DISCUSSION

November 12  “The Culture of Death”: Perspective and Politics in Medical Ethics
Kevin T. Keith, Associate Member CU Seminar on Death

December 10  De-civilization as Response to the Cultures of Death and Societal Trauma in the Second Millennium
Margaret A. Yard, Ph.D., Lehman College

February 11  Can a Good Death be Achieved in the Modern Medical Technological Era?
Nathan Ionascu, M.D., Bioethics Consultant, Institute for Ethics, NY Medical College and Westchester End of Life Coalition

March 11  I Want to Live Until I Don’t Want to Live Anymore:
Involving Children with Life-threatening Illnesses in Medical Decision Making
Prof. Myra Bluebond, Professor of Anthropology and Founder of the Center for Children and Childhood Studies at Rutgers University

April 22  Posthumous Reputations
Dr. Jack Kamerman, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Kean University

May 13  Living and Dying: The Human Perspective
Dr. Michael Bartalos, Co-chair, Columbia University Seminar on Death

Academic year 2009-2010 Co-Chairs:
Dr. Christina Staudt, christinastaudt@aol.com
Dr. Michael Bartalos, bartalosmk@verizon.net
THE ART OF AFRICA, OCEANIA,
AND THE AMERICAS (509)

Founded: 1970

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

Chair: Mr. Francesco Pellizzi
Rapporteur: Ms. Rebecca Fitle

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 2  Enchantment; Disenchantment; Dwelling, Distance: Perceiving the Landscape in and through Aboriginal Acrylic Paintings
Fred Myers, Silver Professor & Chair of the Anthropology Department at New York University

November 6  Revisiting Osogbo: Images, Media, and the Art of Mediation in a Yoruba City
Peter Probst, Tufts University

December 3  More Remote than Machu Picchu: Pre-Columbian Architectural Anomalies in the Cloud Forest of Northeastern Peru
Robert Bradley, University of North Carolina

February 5  Visualizing Cultural Encounters
Christopher Pinney, Visiting Crowe Professor, Department of Art History-Northwestern University, Professor of Anthropology & Visual Culture-University College London

March 3  Translating New Spain: A Sixteenth-Century Italian Edition of the Florentine Codex at the Medici Court
Lia Markey, Curatorial Research Assistant, Department of Prints and Drawings at the Princeton University Art Museum

March 30  Death in the Hands of Strangers: Aztec Sacrifice in the Western Imagination, 1521–2006
Cecelia Klein, Professor of Art History, UCLA

April 8  Creative Passions: The Poetics and Politics of Iconoclasm in the Purari Delta of Papua New Guinea
Joshua Bell, Curator of Globalization, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Mr. Francesco Pellizzi, pellizzi@fas.harvard.edu
INNOVATION IN EDUCATION (511)

Founded: 1970

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

Co-Chairs: Mr. Ronald A. Gross, Professor Robert McClintock, and Professor Kathleen Wallace
Rapporteur: Ms. Lauren Liotti

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 20  Experiments in Ethics
Kwame Anthony Appiah, Princeton University

December 1  JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Counselors and Therapists in a Multicultural World
Uwe Gielen, St. Francis College

January 26  JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Getting Them to Care: Helping Schools Develop Social Responsibility in Young People
Tom Roderick, Morningside Center

March 9  JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY,
AND SEMINAR ON COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY
Moral Motivation, Moral Styles, and Religion
Michael Schulman (Leake & Watts)

April 6  JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
The Brain on the Stand: How Neuroscience is Transforming the Legal System
Jonathan Rosen, George Washington University School of Law

May 4  JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
The Challenge of a Global Theology
Daniel Polish, Congregation Shir Chadash of the Hudson Valley in Pougkeepsie, NY

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
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Professor Robert McClintock, rom2@columbia.edu
Professor Kathleen Wallace, phikaw@hofstra.edu
LATIN AMERICA (515)

Founded: 1971

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Eugenio Chang-Rodríguez and Martín O. Poblete
Rapporteur: Ms. Marie Metz

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 25  U.S. Policy Towards the Hemisphere: New Ideas for a New Administration
Albert Fishlow, Professor Emeritus at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

October 2  Diplomatic Crisis in South America and the Role of UNASUR
The Honorable Diego Arria, New York, NY
Discussant: Dr. Thomas Trebat, Executive Director of the Institute of Latin American Studies, Columbia University

October 22  The Dictator’s Shadow: Life Under Augusto Pinochet
H.E. Ambassador Heraldo Munoz, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations
Discussant: Professor John Dinges, Columbia University

November 6  The Economic Environment Prevailing in Bolivia Since the Global and Domestic Shocks of the Late 1990’s
Sara Calvo, School of International Affairs, Columbia University

December 4  The Argentine Captive and the Test of National Purity
Carlos Riobo, City College of New York
February 5

* A Historical Perspective on the Cuban Revolution *

Jose Moya, Barnard College
Discussant: Mauricio Font, CUNY

March 5

* Farewell to the Pampas: Revisiting Caudillismo from an Atlantic Perspective *

Monica Ricketts, Long Island University

April 2

* The Memory of Justice. Twenty Years After the Assassination of the Jesuits in El Salvador (November 16, 1989) *

Hector Lindo-Fuentes, Fordham University
Thomas Trebat, Institute of Latin American Studies, Columbia University
Martin O Poblete, Co-Chair for Seminar on Latin America

May 7

* The New Bolivian Constitution: Recovery of Ethnic Identities *

Juan Antonio Morales, Tinker Visiting Professor at the University Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS)
Discussant: Sara Calvo

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Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Prof. Eugenio Chang-Rodriguez, echangrodrigu@cuny.campus.mci.net
Prof. Thomas Trebat, tt2166@columbia.edu
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: Dr. Kathleen A. Nolan and Dr. Mike Levandowsky

**MEETINGS 2008–2009**

November 3  
*Using Informatics, Machine Learning, and GIS to Harness the World’s Primary Biodiversity Information for Use in Biogeography and Conservation*

Robert P. Anderson, Ph.D., Department of Biology, City College of New York, CUNY

December 1  
*Phylogenetics, Biogeography and Co-adaptation Between a Batesian Mimic and Its Model*

Michael Friedman, Ph.D., City University of New York and American Museum of Natural History

February 9  
*The Next Wave of Comparative Phylogeography—Whole Biotas, Ecological Niche Modeling and Approximate Bayesian Inference*

Michael Hickerson, Ph.D., Biology Department, Queens College, CUNY

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

Professor Michael Levandowsky, mlevandowsky@pace.edu

Professor Kathleen A Nolan, knolan@stfranciscollege.edu
POLITICAL ECONOMY AND
CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES (523)

Founded: 1964

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 16  
*On the Class Question: The Psychic, Legal and Economic Persistence of the State*  
Jacqueline Stevens, University of California at Santa Barbara, visiting Professor of Sociology at NYU

October 30  
*The Economy and the Presidential Election*  
Christopher Rude, Ph.D., New School for Social Research, former economist at Federal Reserve Bank of New York

December 18  
*Global Income Inequality: The Effect of New PPP Values, and the Impact of the Financial Crisis*  
Branko Milanovic, World Bank Research Department, John Hopkins University, University of Maryland

January 29  
*Justice and the Mitigation of Climate Change*  
Darrel Moellendork, Professor of Philosophy, Director of the Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs, San Diego State University

February 26  
*Toward a Political Philosophy of Race*  
Falguni A. Sheth, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Political Theory, Hampshire College

March 19  
*Dewey and Radical Action*  
Jon Olafsson, Bifrost University

April 16  
*What Happened to Efficient Markets?*  
Peter Boettke, Deputy Director of the James M. Buchanan Center for Political Economy, Professor of Economics, George Mason University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor Philip Green, pgreen@sophia.smith.edu
Professor Carol Gould, carolcgould@gmail.com
Professor Gary Mongiovi, mongiovg@stjohns.edu
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. Jessica Barnes

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 17  
*Iran’s Nuclear Program: How Worried Should We Be?*  
Jacqueline Shire, Institute for Science and International Security

October 15  
*Middle East Challenges for the Next Administration*  
Robert Pelletreau, American Academy of Diplomacy

November 12  
MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR J.C. HUREWITZ

December 3  
*Inventing Iraq, Inventing Iran: Britons and Americans in the Middle East*  
Karl E. Meyer  
Shareen Blair Brysac

January 21  
*The Persian Gulf in History*  
Lawrence G. Potter, Adjunct Associate Professor of International Affairs, Columbia University

February 18  
*Hezbollah: What Do We Know, and What Don’t We Know?*  
Augustus Richard Norton

March 25  
*Forty-eight Years in the Middle East and More Confused than Ever*  
John Waterbury, President of the American University in Beirut

April 29  
*Is Egypt Lost?*  
Jon Alterman, Director of Middle East program at Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC.

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:  
Professor Gary Sick, ggs2@columbia.edu  
Professor Lawrence G. Potter, lgp5@columbia.edu
APPETITIVE BEHAVIOR (529)

Founded: 1971

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 4  
Glycemic Response in Relation to Gastric Emptying and Satiety  
Joanna Hlebowicz, Lund University, Malmo University Hospital, Sweden

October 16  
Pregnancy Changes in Sweet Taste and Endocrine Factors in Healthy Women and Women Who Develop Gestational Diabetes  
Beverly Tepper, Rutgers University

November 6  
Symposium at St. Luke’s Hospital Celebrating 150 Years of Healing and Honoring Theodore B. VanItallie  
Glucose Sensing and Food Intake. . . Was Mayer Right?  
Barry Levin, M.D., New Jersey School of Medicine and Dentistry

Microstructure of Eating and Physiological Control of Food Intake  
Harry R. Kissileff, Ph.D., St Luke’s Hospital, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons

Role of Incretin Hormones in Diabetes Remission after Bariatric Surgery  
Blandine Laferrere, M.D., St Luke’s Hospital, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons

The Endocannabinoid System: A New Player in Energy Homeostasis  
Xavier Pi-Sunyer, M.D., St Luke’s Hospital, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University

Origins of Research at St. Luke’s Hospital  
Theordore VanItallie, M.D., Chair Emeritus, Department of Medicine, St. Luke’s Hospital

December 4  
Stress and Obesity—Are You Eating Comfortably?  
Leigh Gibson, Roehampton University, London, UK
January 8  Life Without CCK Receptors: New Insights into Central Controls of Food Intake  
Timothy Moran, Johns Hopkins University

February 5  Divergence in Tracking of Development of BMI and Sleep Duration During Puberty; A Role of Leptin  
Margriet Westerterp-Plantenga, Maastricht University, Netherlands

March 5  Bulimia Nervosa: A Consequence of the Obesity Epidemic?  
Michael Lowe, Drexel University

April 2  Dopamine and Effort in Food Intake Control  
John Salamone, University of Connecticut

May 7  Effects of Sucrose on Nutrient Intake, Satiety and Mood  
Marie Reid, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, Scotland

June 4  Genetic Influences on Human Ability to Taste Bitter and Fat: Implications for Obesity Risk?  
Kathleen L. Keller, Ph.D., New York Obesity Research Center and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:  
Professor Harry Kissileff, hrk2@columbia.edu
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. For 2008–2009 we begin a multi-year focus on terminal inequalities—inequalities that often have fatal consequences. In 2008–2009 we addressed issues that emerge primarily in the context of famines. In 2009–2010 we will primarily be looking at the production of inequalities in urban contexts.

Co-Chairs: Professors Maria-Luisa Achino-Loeb and Gerald Sider
Rapporteurs: Ms. Nafessah Allen and Mr. Prentice LeClair

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 27  The Policing Power of the State
Cathy Schneider, American University

December 15  Food Security, Inequality and the State
Gerald Sider, CUNY Graduate Center and Memorial University of Newfoundland

February 9  Pigs, Potatoes and Paradigms: Toward a Non-Malthusian Understanding of the Great Irish Famine
Eric Ross, George Washington University, Washington, DC

March 9  The Shame of Hunger and the Rhetoric of Clientelism in Brazil’s Zero Hunger Program
Aarron Ansell, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Monmouth University

May 18  Multiculturalism and the Politics of Progress and Poverty in Brazil
Sean T. Mitchell, The Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor Maria-Luisa Achino-Loeb, mluisa164@aol.com
Professor Gerald Sider, gsider2@gmail.com
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.

Co-Chairs: Prof. Pamela H. Smith and Prof. Matthew L. Jones
Rapporteur: Ms. Laurel Brown

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 30  Aztec Christians: Reluctant Collaborators or Enthusiastic Partners?
Jaime Lara, Yale University

January 29  The Uniformity of Natural Laws in Victorian Britain: Naturalism, Theism, and Scientific Practice
Matthew Stanley, Gallatin School of Independent Studies

March 26  A “School of Athens for Astronomy”: The Engraved Frontispiece of Johannes Kepler’s Tabulae Rudolphinae (1627)
Stefano Gattei

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor Matthew L. Jones, mj340@columbia.edu
Professor Pamela H. Smith, ps2270@columbia.edu
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.

Chair: Dr. Mary McGlynn  
Rapporteur: Mr. Darragh Martin

**MEETINGS 2008–2009**

**September 5**  
*The Irish Free Zone: Aragon, Browne, and Translating Resistance*  
Dr. Damien Keane, Assistant Professor, State University of New York at Buffalo

**November 7**  
*The Poor Bugger’s Tool: Irish Modernism, Queer Labor, and Postcolonial History*  
Dr. Patrick Mullen, Assistant Professor, Northeastern University, Boston

**December 5**  
*A Solicitude for Things: Elizabeth Bowen and the Bildungsroman*  
Dr. Rochelle Rives, Assistant Professor, Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York

**February 6**  
*Ruinous Translations: Archaeology of Language in James Clarence Mangan*  
Dr. Coilin Parsons, English Department, Columbia University

**March 6**  
*Paper and Propaganda: Anglophobia, the Irish Press, and the New York City Draft Riots*  
Elizabeth Fitton, Department of American History, CUNY Graduate Center

**April 3**  
*Total War, Modernism, and Encyclopedic Form*  
Dr. Paul Saint-Amour, Associate Professor, University of Pennsylvania

**May 8**  
*Consumer Girls and Sex in the City: Anne Enright’s The Wig My Father Wore and “Natalie”*  
Dr. Claire Bracken, Assistant Professor, Union College

*Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:*  
Dr. Mary McGlynn, mary.mcglynn@baruch.cuny.edu
CINEMA AND INTERDISCIPLINARY INTERPRETATION

(539)

Founded: 1964

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

Co-Chairs: Professors William Luhr, Krin Gabbard and Jane Gaines
Rapporteur: Mr. James Hansen and Ms. Diana Wade

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 20  Re-Locations: A Journey in Post-Cinema and Italian Urban Spaces
Francesco Casetti, Catholic University at Milan, Visiting Professor at Yale University
Respondent: Jonathan Crary, Columbia University

October 23  Silent Color
John Belton, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Respondent: Scott Higgins, Wesleyan University

October 27  Possessed: Hypnotic Crimes, Corporate Fiction, and the Invention of Cinema
Stefan Andriopoulos, Columbia University
Conversation with Jonathan Crary

November 20  The Criterion Collection: Past, Present, and Future
Aleen Stein, The Criterion Collection

December 11  The Future of Fidelity: Bazin, Phase 2
Dudley Andrew, Yale University
January 22  “Transparent Shanghai”: The Emergence of Sound and a Left-Wing Culture of Glass  
Weihong Bao, Columbia University  
Respondent: Zhang Zhen, New York University  

February 5  Micheaux and African American Film Scholarship: The Third Generation  
A Roundtable Discussion Held at the Museum of Modern Art  
Moderator: Matthew Bernstein, Emory University  
Speakers: Terri Francis, Yale University  
Allyson Field, UCLA  
Charlene Regester, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
Jacqueline Stewart, Northwestern University  
Respondent: Thomas Cripps, Professor Emeritus, Morgan State University  

March 12  The Museum of Natural History’s Expedition Films and its Role in Film Education in New York City in the 1920’s  
Alison Griffiths, Baruch-CUNY  
Respondent: Peter DeCherney, University of Pennsylvania  

April 16  Mary Pickford and the Emergence of Film Stardom  
Christine Gledhill, University of Sunderland  

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Professor Jane Gaines, jmg2196@columbia.edu  
Professor William Luhr, luhrwg@aol.com
WOMEN AND SOCIETY (545)

Founded: 1974

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Emily Sohmer Tai and Susan Alice Fischer
Rapporteur: Ms. Ariel Rubin

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 15  BUYING AUTHENTICITY: Seeking Meaning in Home Cooking
Barbara Katz Rothman, Sociology CUNY
Respondent: Annie Hauck-Lawson, Brooklyn College/CUNY

October 20  Missing Bodies: The Politics of Visibility
Lisa Jean Moore, Sociology Purchase College SUNY
Respondent: Grace Cho, Sociology and Women’s Studies College of Staten Island and CUNY

November 17  Paper: “Flip this Housewife”
Dr. Megan Elias, Assistant Professor of US History,
Queensborough Community College, CUNY
Respondent: Dr. Beth Counihan, Assistant Professor of US History,
Queensborough Community College, CUNY
January 26  \textit{Globalization and the Feminization of Poverty} \\
Veena Thadani, Department of Social Science, McGhee Division at New York University \\
Respondent: Dr. Emily Sohmer Tai, Associate Professor of History, \\
Queensborough Community College/CUNY \\

February 16  \textit{Political Widowhood and the story of Catherine Mary Ajizinga Chipembere of Malawi} \\
Natasha Gordon-Chipembere, Medgar Evers College/CUNY \\
Respondent: Hlonipha Mokoena, Columbia University \\

March 16  \textit{Re-thinking Women, Native, Other in Translation: the Indigenous and the Diasporic} \\
Yi-Chun Tricia Lin, Southern Connecticut State University \\
Respondent: Bertrade Ngo-Ngijol Banoum, Lehman College \\

April 20  \textit{Cowboy and Indian Clubs: Gender, Identity, and Imaginary Worlds among German Fans of American Westerns} \\
Nancy Reagin, Professor of History and Women's and Gender Studies, Pace University \\
Respondent: Julia Sneeringer, Queens College and CUNY Graduate Center \\

May 18  \textit{From Candy Girls to Cyber Sista-Cipher: Narrating Discourses of Sisterhood and Black Female Color-Consciousness In and Out of School} \\
Speaker: Carmen Kynard, St. John's University \\
Respondent: Michelle Fine, Graduate Center CUNY \\

\textbf{Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:} \\
Professor Michele Gregory, etai@qcc.cuny.edu \\
Professor Emily Sohmer Tai, mrgcpw@earthlink.net
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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

Fall '08  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

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor Etem Erol, ee2105@columbia.edu
Professor Christine Philliou, cmpq@columbia.edu
Professor Nader Sohrabi, ns605@columbia.edu
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
Rapporteurs: Ms. Susan L. Buchanan and Mr. Liam Moore

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 23  An Overview of Substance Abuse Treatment and Policy in NYC: 1946–1970
Charles Winick, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, CUNY Graduate School

October 21  Federal Drug Policy and Prescribing Opioids to Addicts: Where It’s Been; Where It Needs to Go
Herbert D. Kleber, M.D.

Harry G. Levine, Ph.D., Queens College & The Graduate Center, CUNY

December 16  Buprenorphine (Suboxone) Maintenance in A Harm Reduction Setting
Herman Joseph, Ph.D., Consultant National Drug Research Institutes
R. Terry Furst, Ph.D., Associate Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Sharon Stancliff, M.D., Medical Director Harm Reduction Coalition
January 20  
*Evolution and Status of The Therapeutic Community*
George De Leon, Ph.D., Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at NYU and former Director of the Center for Therapeutic Community Research at NDRI
Ronald A. Williams, President/CEO/Founder, New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc.

February 17  
*Meta-Analysis of Depression and Substance Use Disorder Clinical Trials*
Edward V. Nunes, M.D., Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons

March 24  
*Sex Offender Management and Substance Abuse: The Containment Approach Model*
Timothy App, Director of Operations, Counseling and Psychotherapy Center, Boston, MA and former Asst. Deputy Commissioner, Massachusetts, Department of Corrections

April 21  
*Pathological Gambling, Addiction or Obsession?*
Carlos Blanco, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons

May 5  
*Australian Drug Policy and Practice—Utopia Limited*
Andrew Byrne, M.D., Director of the Redfern Clinic in Redfern, NSW Australia

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Dr. Jerome Carroll, JFXC4318@aol.com
TWENTIETH-CENTURY POLITICS AND SOCIETY (555)

Founded: 1992

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

Chair: Professor Joanne Cho

MEETINGS 2008–2009

No Meetings in 2008–2009

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Professor Joanne Cho, choj@wpunj.edu
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: Dr. Sidney Greenfield, Prof. Diana Brown, and Prof. Vania Penha-Lopes
Rapporteur: Ms. Nafessah Allen

MEETINGS 2008–2009

July 29  
The Community Mental Health Project in Bom Jardim, Fortaleza, Brazil:  
A Systemic Approach to Encourage Self-Esteem and Community Building  
Father Ottorino Bonvini, Comboni Missionary (Co sponsored by Five Borough Institute, Harlem/Northern Manhattan Health Commons, Ministerial Interfaith Association/RainbowPUSH Health Initiative, and Community and Labor Health Study Group)

September 18  
Minerals, Institutions and Industrialization: Iron Ore and the Brazilian State in the 20th Century  
Gail Triner, Rutgers University

October 19  
A Case Study: The Relationship Between Dourados City and the Dourados Reservation  
Denise Johnsson of the Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce  
Ivo Mathias of Thomson Reuters

November 13  
Syncretism and Iconoclasm: The Life of Images in Cachoeira, Brazil  
Roger Sansi, Goldsmiths College, The University of London

December 11  
The Objective Bases of Melville Herskovits Bahian Notebooks:  
Reflections in and on Fieldworks Mystic Writing Pad  
Professor John Collins, Queens College, CUNY
January 22  
**JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON MODERN EAST ASIA: JAPAN**  
*Brazilian-Japanese Families Broken by Transnational Migration*  
Prof. Ethel Kominski, Programa de Pos-Graduacao em Ciencias Sociais  
da UNESP-Marilia and Queens College, CUNY

February 19  
**A Century of Research in Rio’s Favelas**  
Licia Valladares, University of Lille

March 26  
**Land in Trance: Afro-Brazilian Religions, Public Sphere and Ethnicity in Contemporary Brazil**  
Vagner Goncalves da Silva, University of Sao Paulo

April 2  
**Brazilian Anthropology Divided: the Dispute Over the Meaning of Race in Brazil**  
Peter Fry

May 14  
**Festivals of the Portuguese in Brazil**  
Marcia Cotinhs, UERJ and UFRJ

**Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:**  
Prof. Diana Brown, dbrown@bard.edu  
Dr. Sidney Greenfield, sgreenfield222@aol.com  
Prof. Vania Penha-Lopes, vania_penha-lopess@bloomfield.edu
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.

Co-Chairs: Professor Muhsin Al-Musawi and Hala Halim
Rapporteur: Ms. Yasmine Ramadan

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 25  Male Fears and Fantasies: Women in Arabic Popular Epic
Professor Remke Kruk

October 30  The Arabic Background of Western Philosophy and Science
Professor Dimitri Gutas, Yale University

November 13  An Umayyad Papyrus in Kindi’s Kitab al-QuDAT
Professor Wadad al-Qadi, University of Chicago

January 29  The Making of Tradition: Standardization of the Lyrics of
The Tunisian Andalusian Malouf Repertoire
Professor Taoufiq Ben Amor, Columbia University

March 26  Hint, Mind-Reading, Mind Games in Abbasid Narratives
Professor Andras Hamori, Princeton University

April 23  Why Talk About Sex? Modes of Discourse on Modalities of Sexuality in Medieval Arabic Texts
Professor Everett Rowson, New York University

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HUMAN RIGHTS (561)

Founded: 1978

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 16
Unsex CEDAW
Darren Rosenblum, Law School, Pace University

November 20
Islamism Between Human Rights and Humanitarian Militarism
Sayres Rudy, School of Social Science, Hampshire College

December 4
The Role of Public Goods in the Provision of Human Rights
Patrick Regan, Political Science, Binghamton University

February 5
Transitional Injustice: Rwanda, Overcoming Violence and Building Authoritarianism
Christian Davenport, Government and Politics, University of Maryland
Cyanne E. Loyle, Government and Politics, University of Maryland

March 5
Hostages & Human Rights: Framing Violations in the International Setting
Louis Edgar Esparza, Sociology, Stony Brook University

April 2
B’Tselem’s Work in Occupied Territories
Maya Sabatello, Center for Global Affairs, NYU

April 30
The UN’s Organizational Culture and the Trafficking of Women in Conflict Zones
Tammy Smith, Sociology, Stony Brook University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor George Andreopoulos, gandreop@faculty.jjay.cuny.edu
Professor Zehra Arat, zehra.arat@purchase.edu
Professor Peter Juviler, phj1@columbia.edu
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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 3  The Self-Centeredness Objection to Virtue Ethics: The Cheng Brothers’ Neo-Confucian Response
Yong Huang, Department of Philosophy, Kutztown University

November 7  The Origin of Goodness in Xunzi
Li Chenyang, Chair of Department of Philosophy, Central Washington University, ACE Fellow and Visiting Professor at Seton Hall University

December 5  A Puzzling Near-Silence: The Early Confucians on Warfare
Henry Rosemont, Brown University

February 6  DOUBLE PRESENTATION
Moral Psychology of Early Confucian Philosophy: Virtue and Emotion
Bongrae Seok, Alvernia College
The Oneness of Allah and the Unity of Heaven and Humans: Transformations and Combinations between Islamic Philosophy and Chinese Traditional Thought
Liu Yihong, Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Chief Editor of the international journal Chinese, Indian, and Islamic Cultural Relations

March 6  How to Make Sense of the Claim “True Knowledge is What Constitutes Action”: A New Interpretation of Wang Yangming’s Doctrine of the Unity of Knowledge and Action
Yang Xiaomei, Southern Connecticut University
Commentary by Warren Frisina, Hofstra University

April 3  DOUBLE PRESENTATION
The Guodian Texts and the Reconstruction of the Core Classic System of Confucianism
Guo Yi, Institute of Philosophy of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Fulbright Scholar, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2008–2009
Paper on the Liji and Guodian texts
Xing Wen, Dartmouth College

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor Yong Huang, yhuang@kutztown.edu
Professor On-Cho Ng, oxn1@psu.edu
Professor Deborah Sommer, dsommer@gettysburg.edu
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: Professor Shang Jin Wei
Rapporteur: Ms. Nancy Ferrante

MEETINGS 2008–2009

November 18  The Political Economy of Ethnic Chinese Foreign Direct Investment
Kellee S. Tsai, Professor of Political Science and Director of the East Asian Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University

December 5  Odds of a Hard Landing Are Still Low, Although Risks to Growth Have Intensified
Joyce Chang, Managing Director and Global Head of Emerging Markets and Credit Research, JP Morgan

February 19  Grassroots Democracy and its Current Economic Impacts on Village Life in China
Yang Yao, Professor, China Center for Economic Research and National School of Development Peking University

April 24  Rethinking Reforms in China after 30 Years
Yasheng Huang, Professor, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Professor Shang-Jin Wei, shangjin.wei@columbia.edu
GENETIC EPIDEMIOLOGY (577)
Founded: 1982

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

Chair: Dr. Gary Heiman
Rapporteur: Ms. Lynn Petukhova

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 23  Alopecia Areata as a Model for Understanding the Genetic Epidemiology of Complex Disease
Lynn Petukhova, PhD candidate, Department of Epidemiology, Columbia University

November 20  Quantitative TDT Procedures
Warren J. Ewens, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Biology, University of Pennsylvania

December 11  Power and Type I Error Rates in Genome-wide Association Studies
Abigail Matthews, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, Ott Laboratory, Rockefeller University

January 8  Selecting SNP’s to Correctly Predict Ethnicity
Joshua Sampson, Ph.D., Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Biostatistics, Yale University

February 12  Mixture Based Approaches for Case-control Association Studies with Copy Number Polymorphisms
Stephen Finch, Ph.D., Professor, Dept. of Applied Math and Statistics, SUNY at Stony Brook

March 12  Glucocerebrosidase Gene Mutations and the Link Between Gaucher Disease and Lewy Body Disorders
Lorraine N. Clark, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology, Columbia University

April 2  Gene/Environment Interaction in Cancer Risk
Regina M. Santella, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Columbia University

May 14  Strong Association of De Novo Copy Number Mutations with Sporadic Schizophrenia
Maria Karayiourgou, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry, Departments of Genetics & Physiology, Columbia University

June 11  Mathematical Modeling for Dendritic Cell Development in the Immune System
Xiangtao Liu, Ph.D. candidate, Program of Applied Mathematics, Yale University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Dr. Gary Heiman, gah13@columbia.edu
SHAKESPEARE (581)
Founded: 1982

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

Co-Chairs: Professors June Schlueter and Bernice Kilman
Rapporteur: Mr. Adam G. Hooks

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 12  
Dated and Outdated: The Present Tense of Feminist Shakespeare Criticism  
Phyllis Rackin, University of Pennsylvania

October 10  
“A Hypocritical Bully” as “Shakespeare’s Ideal Englishman”:  
Henry V in London during World War II  
Zoltan Markus, Vassar College  
Respondent: Naomi Liebler, Montclair State University

November 14  
Shakespeare and the Law  
Harry Keyishian, Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Respondent: Richard Weisberg, Yeshiva Law School

December 12  
The Actress as Icon in Shakespearean Drama  
Pamela Allen Brown, University of Connecticut  
Respondent: Susanne Wofford, New York University

February 13  
Made in Italy: Faking Cultural Exchange in Shakespearean England  
Bianca Finzi-Contini Calabresi, Fairleigh Dickinson University / Italian Academy, Columbia University  
Respondent: Julie Crawford, Columbia University

March 13  
Coats and Conduct: The Materials of Military Obligation  
Vimala Pasupathi, Hofstra University  
Respondent: Richard McCoy, Queens College

April 17  
The Queer Moor  
Ian Smith, Lafayette College

May 8  
“Repeat to me the words of the Echo”: Listening to the Tempest  
Allison Deutermann, Amherst College  
Respondent: Leslie Dunn, Vassar College

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:  
Dr. Corinne Abate, coreyabate@optonline.net  
Professor June Schlueter, schluetj@lafayette.edu
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: Dr. Anne-Marie Murphy, Prof. David Denoon, and Prof. Hugh T. Patrick
Rapporteur: Ms. Sara Schonhardt

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 2  Alternative Futures for ASEAN
David Denoon, Professor of Politics & Economics, New York University

November 6  Asia’s Global Role: Regionalism and the Crisis
Dr. Peter Petri, Professor of International Finance, Brandeis University

February 5  The De-Democratization of Thailand and Its Regional Implications
Donald Weatherbee, Professor Emeritus, University of South Carolina

March 5   Indonesian Foreign Policy in the Reformasi Era
H.E. Marty M. Natelegawa, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Prof. David Denoon, david.denoon@nyu.edu
Dr. Ann Marie Murphy, amm31@columbia.edu
Prof. Hugh T. Patrick, htp1@columbia.edu
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: Mr. Michael Schulman and Professor Kathleen Wallace
Rapporteur: Ms. Lauren Liotti

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 20

Joint Meeting with the Seminar on Innovation in Education
Experiments in Ethics
Kwame Anthony Appiah, Princeton University

November 17

Joint Meeting with the Seminar on Innovation in Education
On Transforming Knowledge
Eliazbeth Minnich, Senior Scholar, AAC&U’s Office of Diversity, Equity, and Global Initiatives

December 1

Joint Meeting with the Seminar on Innovation in Education
Counselors and Therapists in a Multicultural World
Uwe Gielen, St. Francis College
January 26  
**JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION**  
*Getting Them to Care: Helping schools develop social responsibility in young people*  
Tom Roderick, Morningside Center

March 9  
**JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AND SEMINAR ON COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY**  
*Moral Motivation, Moral Styles, and Religion*  
Michael Schulman, Leake & Watts  
Respondents: Christopher Gowans, Fordham University  
Bronwyn Finnigan, University of Auckland  
Hagop Sarkissian, Baruch College, CUNY  
Jonathan C. Gold, Princeton University

April 6  
**JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION**  
*The Brain on the Stand: How Neuroscience is Transforming the Legal System*  
Jonathan Rosen, George Washington University School of Law

May 4  
**JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION**  
*The Challenge of a Global Theology*  
Rabbi Daniel Polish, Congregation Shir Chadash of the Hudson Valley in Poughkeepsie, NY

**Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:**  
Mr. Michael Schulman, mdschlmn41@yahoo.com  
Prof. Kathleen Wallace, phikaw@hofstra.edu
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.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Yaakov Stern and Professor Herbert S. Terrace

MEETINGS 2008–2009

No Meetings in 2008–2009

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Dr. Yaakov Stern, ys11@columbia.edu
Professor Herbert S. Terrace, terrace@columbia.edu
In view of the widespread concern with the notion of scientific literacy on the part of scientists, educators at all levels, industrialists, politicians, and the media, this seminar aims to analyze the wide diversity of views as to how a greater measure of scientific literacy might be obtained. There are many ways of teaching science, looking at science, and practicing science. The notion of a universal scientific literacy as a unique set of things is not at all defined; the seminar’s goal is to delineate its significance and implications.

Chair: Ms. Jean Delfiner
Rapporteur: Ms. Natalie Bonjoc

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 19  Using the Digital Resources of the Journal of Chemical Education
Gail Horowitz

October 17  Using Video Interactively in the Classroom
Chris Ward, Vice-President, Chemistry Teachers Club of New York
Toni Scheflin, WNET

March 13  Energy and the Environment: Pathways to a Low Carbon Infrastructure
Dr. William Horak, Chair of the Energy Science and Technology, Department of Brookhaven National Laboratory

April 3  Demonstrations of Various Laws of Physics and Chemistry
Al Delfiner
Bob Capalbo
Myra Hauben, CST-CUNY
Lew Malchick
Jack DePalma
Kofi Donnelly
Steve Gould, US EPA
Joan Liddell
John Roeder

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Ms. Jean Delfiner, jadelfiner@verizon.net
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: Professor Helen Lachs Ginsburg, Gertrude Schoffner Goldberg, and Sheila Collins
Rapporteur: Ms. Lisa Sachs

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 6  
*Which Way for a National Retirement Income Program?*
*Preparing for a Post-Election Political Battle*
Teresa Ghilarducci, Director, Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis, New School for Social Research, NYC
David Langer, Consulting Actuary, David Langer Company, Inc., NYC

October 27  
*What Lies Beyond the Bailout? The Current Financial Crisis and the Future of America*
William K. Tabb, Professor Emeritus of Economics, Queens College, Political Science and Sociology, Graduate Center CUNY

December 1  
**JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES**
*The Big Squeeze: Tough Times for American Worker*
Steven Greenhouse, Labor and Workplace Writer, *New York Times*

February 9  
*The Case for Big Government*
Jeff Madrick, editor, *Challenge* Magazine

March 9  
*Now is the Time . . . for a Government Job Creation Program! Two Proposals*
Bill Barclay, Adjunct Professor, Liautaud Graduate School of Business, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago Political Economy Group
Helen Ginsburg, Professor Emerita of Economics, Brooklyn College-CUNY
and National Jobs for All Coalition, co-author of the Drive for Decent Work
Trudy Goldberg, National Jobs for All Coalition (NJFAC) and co-author of the Drive for Decent Work

April 17  
*New Deal Job Programs: Constraints, Criticism, Accomplishments, and Lessons for Today*
Nancy Rose, Professor and Chair of Department of Economics, California State University, San Bernardino

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Professor Sheila Collins, Sheila.Collins3@verizon.net
Professor Helen Lachs Ginsburg, helenginsburg@yahoo.com
Professor Gertrude Schoffner Goldberg, trudygoldberg@msn.com
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. Sarah Kim

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 18  Effects of Global Change on Iran: Geographer’s Perspective  
Dr. Eckhart Ehlers, Professor Emeritus, Geographisches Institut at the University Bonn (Germany)

October 14  The Trappings and Heritage of Achaemenid Kingship  
Dr. Erica Ehrenberg, Provost of the New York Academy of Art

November 3  The “Borderline” Movements in Iranian Islam: The Huriﬁ Example  
Dr. Orkhan Mir-Kasimov, Associate Researcher, French National Center for Scientiﬁc Research, lecturer at the National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations

February 10  Sedentism and Nomadism in Pre-modern Iran  
Prof. Daniel Potts, University of Sydney

March 10  Shahnameh for the Symphony Orchestra: “Simorgh,” “The Blood of Seyewash,” and “Seven Passages” (Haft Khan)  
Dr. Behzad Ranjbaran, Julliard School of Music

April 9  The Life and Times of the Shah, A Book Discussion about Facts and Fictions Affecting US-Iran Relations Thirty Years After the Revolution  
Prof. Gholam Reza Afkhami, Senior Scholar at the Foundation for Iranian Studies

May 12  The Sasanian-Parthian Confederacy and the Arab Conquest of Iran  
Prof. Parvaneh Pourshariati, Ohio State University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:  
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Dr. Vahid Nowshirvani, vfn1@columbia.edu
CANCER (617)
Founded: 1989

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

Chair: Dr. Louis Gary

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 16  JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON NATIONAL HEALTH AND SCIENCE POLICY
How to Realize Improvement in Patient Safety: Bring Science into Health Care Delivery
Peter Pronovost, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Anesthesiology, Critical Care Medicine, and Surgery, John Hopkins School of Medicine and Bloomberg School of Public Health

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Dr. Louis Gary, louis@gary.org
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.

Chair: Professor Wendi Adamek
Co-Chairs: Professor Robert A.F. Thurman and Professor Chun-Yang Yu
Rapporteur: Mr. Gregory Scott

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 2  Negotiating a Rocky Road: Mount Omine Shugendo and the Okugake Route
George Clonos, Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University

October 9  Controversies on Asceticism in Early Buddhism
Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas at Austin

October 16  The Law of Dependent Origination and the Buddhist View of Life and Death
The Rev. Bhikkhu Vupasama, Middle Path Sangha, Taipei, Taiwan and Flushing, NY

November 20  The “Tiantai Four Books”: Protocols of Buddhist Learning in Late Song and Yuan China
Daniel Stevenson, University of Kansas

February 19  Amulets of the Wish-Fulfilling Spell and Their Traditions
Paul Copp, University of Chicago

April 2  Rethinking the Rhetoric of Meditative Experience in Chinese Buddhism
John R. McRae, Shinnyo-en Visiting Professor at the Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University

April 9  The Interpretation of Yogacara Philosophy in Huayan Buddhism
Imre Hamar, University of Virginia

April 16  Buddhist World Heritage Properties in Korea: Thoughts and Significance
Jong Myung Kim, UCLA

April 30  Indian Buddhist Sociolinguistics and Buddhist Notions of Possession: A Fragment from the Manjusrimulakalpa
Fredrick M. Smith, University of Iowa

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Prof. Michael I. Como, mc2575@columbia.edu
Prof. David Max Moerman, dmoerman@barnard.columbia.edu
NATIONAL HEALTH AND SCIENCE POLICY (645)

Founded: 1993

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

Chair: Dr. Louis Gary

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 16  JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON CANCER

How to Realize Improvement in Patient Safety: Bring Science into Health Care Delivery

Peter Pronovost, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Anesthesiology, Critical Care Medicine, and Surgery, John Hopkins School of Medicine and Bloomberg School of Public Health

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

Dr. Louis Gary, louis@gary.org
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: Professor Randall Balmer
Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Vaca

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September 22  Beyond the Conservative-Progressive Divide: Richard Rodriguez’s Brown Catholicism  
Marian Ronan, Associate Professor of Contemporary Theology & Religion, Graduate Theological Union

October 27  American Jewish Loss After the Holocaust  
Laura Levitt, Director of Jewish Studies, Temple University

December 1  From Sin to Sickness: Pastoral Counseling and the Sex Variant, 1946–1963  
Heather White, Vassar College

January 26  Muslims, Fundamentalists, and the Fear of the Dangerous Other in American Culture  
David Watt, Associate Professor History, Temple University

February 23  Reading Gender in the Qur’an: Text, Context, and Identity in the Work of Amina Wadud  
Juliane Hammer, Professor of Islam, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

March 23  “Friday Night,” Excerpt from “Seven Days of Penitentiary Life”  
Josh Dubler, Postdoctoral fellow, Society of Fellows, Columbia University

April 27  Muslims and Mysticism: Intersecting Theories of Race and Religion in the Crucible of American Political Economy  
Rosemary Hicks, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Religion, Columbia University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Prof. Randall Balmer, rb281@columbia.edu
CONFLICT RESOLUTION (663)

Founded: 1997

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

Chair: Professor Aldo Civico  
Rapporteur: Ms. Carrie O’Neil

MEETINGS 2008–2009

February 13  How Can You Use Identity to Recuperate a Society as Now it is Thought to be Used Only to Deconstruct a Society?  
Leoluca Orlando, European parliamentarian

CONFERENCE 2009

March 28  In concert with The Center for International Conflict Resolution’s Working Group on the Middle East, the Conflict Resolution Seminar sponsored a small conference to explore opportunities and strategies for peacemaking within the context of the new U.S. administration. The conference brought together experienced politicians, mediators, academics and policy-makers from within and outside of the region to create a dynamic approach to some of the most intractable issues in the Middle East peace process.

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:  
Prof. Aldo Civico, ac1115@columbia.edu
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.

Chair: Mr. Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr.

MEETINGS 2008–2009

March 6

“A Time to Stir,” a screening of the film by filmmaker Paul Cronin about the 1968 Student Riots at Columbia University

First row, second from left: Abraham Rosman, Eugene Pantuck, Carol Pantuck, Paula Rubel; Second row: C. Lowell Harriss and his daughter, Martha Harriss; Fourth row: Seymour Topping, Robert Belknap (on left), Pierre Cachia, Ene Sirvet (on far right); Fifth row (behind Belknap): Robert Hanning

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

Mr. Chauncey G. Olinger, cgolinger@verizon.net
GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES

(671)

Founded: 1998

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

Co-Chairs: Professors David Bensman and Henry J. Frundt
Rapporteur: Ms. Estefania Samper

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 29  
*The Shape of Globalization After Neo-Liberalism*
Robert Kuttner, The American Prospect, and Demos

October 20  
*Social Movement Organizing and U.S. policy vis a vis Latin America: The Role of NACL A*
Christy Thornton, Executive Director and Publisher, North American Congress on Latin America (NACL A)
Fred Rosen, Senior Analyst, NACL A

November 17  
*Overcoming the Legacy of Colonialism in the Building of Cross-Border Solidarity: The Case of India*
Ashwini Sukthankar, International Commission for Labor Rights

December 1  
**JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND EQUITY**
*Today’s Economic Crisis and the Long-Term Squeeze on Workers*
January 26  
Korean Contingent Workers and the Economic Crisis: “The Truck Workers” Organization Case  
Sook-Kyung Jin

February 23  
The Cubans of Union City, New Jersey: The Intersection of Local Community Dynamics and Global Processes  
Yolanda Prieto, Professor Emerita of Sociology, School of Social Science and Human Services, Ramapo College

March 30  
U.S.–China Trade Imbalance and the Global Economic Crisis: Lagging Wages and the Explosion of Debt  
Mark Levinson, Chief Economist at UNITE-HERE

May 18  
The Economic Crisis as a Crisis of the Globalization Regime  
William K. Tabb, Professor of Economics, Graduate Center at CUNY

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:  
Prof. David Bensman, dbensman@smlr.rutgers.edu  
Prof. Henry J. Frundt, hfrundt@ramapo.edu
SEXUALITY, GENDER, HEALTH, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

(673)

Founded: 1999

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

Chair: Professor Carole S. Vance
Rapporteur: Ms. Alicia Peters

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 18

JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON DISABILITY STUDIES

Moderity’s Miss-Fits: Blind Girls and Marriage in France and America, 1820–1920
Catherine Kudlick, Ph.D., Professor of History, University of California, Davis
Discussant: Julie Livingstone, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Rutgers University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Prof. Carole Vance, csv1@columbia.edu
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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 25  
*How Speakers’ Eye Movements Reflect Language Production*  
Zenzi M. Griffin, Department of Psychology, University of Texas

October 30  
*Words, Voices, and Accents: Perceptual Adaptation to Systematic Variation in Speech*  
Lynne C. Nygaard, Department of Psychology, Emory University

December 4  
*The Dynamics of Spoken-word Recognition in Context*  
Delphine Dahan, Department of Psychology, University of Pennsylvania

January 22  
*Auditory and Audiovisual Speech Perception in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*  
Julia R. Irwin, Haskins Laboratories

February 26  
*Studying the Emergence of Human Communication Systems in the Laboratory*  
Bruno Galantucci, Department of Psychology, Yeshiva University

March 26  
*Attending to Speech in a Complex Setting*  
Barbara Shinn-Cunningham, Department of Cognitive and Neural Systems and Biomedical Engineering, Boston University

April 30  
*How Infants Learn the Sound Structure of Language*  
Elizabeth K. Johnson, Department of Psychology, University of Toronto

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:  
Prof. Robert Remez, remez@columbia.edu
For many years, computing and education has been a robust and challenging field, but esoteric to many. From the time of the first browser that expanded the demographic base of users exponentially, the use of digital technologies and new media has become part of an explosive reconsideration of educational practice. The breadth of this reconsideration has touched on the content of education, its pedagogy, its place and, by inference, its range of possible participants. In response to this phenomenon, most major universities, including Columbia University, have reacted over the past 10 years with a diversity of initiatives. Some represent the need for attending to generic infrastructure, represented at Columbia by Academic Information Systems (AcIS), Administrative Information Systems (AIS) and Electronic Data Service (EDS). Many are content-specific initiatives that grow out of the intrinsic needs of specific fields, represented at Columbia by organizations such as the Institute for Learning Technologies at Teachers College, the Columbia Center for New Media Teaching and Learning, Center for New Media in the School of Journalism, Media Center for Art History in Arts and Sciences, the Center for Academic Information Technologies at the Medical School, and Digital Knowledge Ventures. What is lacking across the range of initiatives is a unifying conversation that would focus upon the essential questions at this moment of accelerated change in the educational universe. Since the field in its many expressions and through its many entities is engaged primarily in active invention, it is all the more necessary that the time scale of sharing not be driven by the glacial movement of knowledge through scholarly journals, but by the immediate possibilities provided by face to face discourse as well as mediated asynchronous communications, in order to provide benchmarks for good practice.

Co-Chairs: Professor Frank A. Moretti and Dr. Ryan Kelsey
Rapporteur: Ms. Ruth Palmer

MEETINGS 2008–2009

March 26
Visible Evidence of Invisible Learning
Dr. Randy Bass, Assistant Provost for Teaching and Learning Initiatives at Georgetown University and Executive Director of the Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship (CNDLS)

April 15
Learning Disaster: Film and Understanding Our Resiliency
Jim Whitaker, Filmmaker
Discussants: Dr. John DeGioia, President of Georgetown University
Katherine Shear, School of Social Work, Columbia University
George Bonanno, Teachers College, Columbia University
Bernard Cook, Department of American Studies, Georgetown University
Randall Bass, Department of English, Georgetown University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Prof. Frank Moretti, fmoretti@columbia.edu
Dr. Ryan Kelsey, ryan@columbia.edu
PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES (685)

Founded: 2000

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

No Meetings in 2008–2009

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Dr. Joel Whitebook, whitebookj@aol.com
MEMORY AND SLAVERY (689/713)


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 Prof. Patricia Williams
Rapporteur: Ms. Gaelle Affiany

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 23
A Presentation on Modern Slavery by Templeton Foundation African Freedom Award Winners
James Kofi Annan, Frederick Douglass Winner, founder of Challenging Heights
Ricky Richard, Harriet Tubman Award Winner, founder of Friends of Orphans

October 23
The Place of Race in the Construction of American National Identity
Roosevelt Montas, Columbia University, Associate Dean/Director of the Center for the Core Curriculum and Adjunct Lecturer in English and Comparative Literature

November 13
Administrative Meeting
Robert Pollack, Director, Center for the Study of Science and Religion
Cynthia Peabody, Associate Director, Center for the Study of Science and Religion

December 4
Memories of Being an Immigrant in Biblical Narrative and Law
Rabbi Saul Berkan, Leading Orthodox Teacher and Thinker, Yeshiva University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Prof. Robert Pollack, pollack@columbia.edu
Prof. Patricia Williams, williams@lawmail.law.columbia.edu
The seminar focuses on early Chinese civilization from the Neolithic Age to the Han Dynasty and brings together scholars from all Early China related fields: history, archaeology, art history, literature and language, religion and philosophy. The seminar will facilitate interregional exchanges by inviting distinguished Sinologists from other parts of the country, and will publicize new archaeological discoveries.

Co-Chairs: Professors David Branner and Feng Li
Rapporteur: Mr. Nick Vogt

MEETINGS 2008–2009

February 7–8  CONFERENCE
Writing and Literacy in Early China

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Prof. David Prager Branner, dpb23@columbia.edu
Prof. Feng Li, fl123@columbia.edu
Global aging is emerging as one of the foremost challenges confronting scholars in the 21st century. The unprecedented aging of the population during the next half-century portends a dramatic demographic shift with significant local, national, and worldwide implications. The seminar provides a forum to address complex, pressing aging-related issues such as increasing longevity, changes in the family system and modifications in the scope, delivery and financing of health care. Established jointly by the School of Social Work and the Mailman School of Public Health, the seminar is designed to strengthen existing linkages and augment interdisciplinary dialogue among faculties at the Morningside Heights and Health Sciences campuses and between the university and the community on health-related policy, practice and research issues specific to later stages of the life course.

Co-Chairs: Professors Denise Burnette and Victoria H. Raveis
Rapporteur: Ms. Yessica M. Diaz

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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 21  Aging Artists as a Model for Society
Professor Joan Jeffri, Director of the Research Center for Arts and Culture

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Prof. Denise Burnette, jdb5@columbia.edu
Prof. Victoria H. Raveis, vhr1@columbia.edu
This 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 valuings 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: Ms. Colleen Lewis and Professor Michelle Ballan

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 18  JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON DISABILITY STUDIES
Modernity’s Miss-Fits: Blind Girls and Marriage in France and America, 1820–1920
Catherine Kudlick, Ph.D., Professor of History, University of California, Davis
Discussant: Julie Livingstone, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Rutgers University

April 14  JOINT MEETING WITH THE UNIVERSITY SEMINAR ON SEXUALITY,
GENDER, HEALTH, AND HUMAN RIGHTS
“How Many Crips Does it Take to Change a Light Bulb?” “Parody, Punch-lines, Puns, & Praxis—An Exploration of Humor & Disability.”
Rich Orloff, Director, Funny as a Crutch
Frank Senger, Actor
Discussant: Christopher Rosa, Ph.D., Co-Director of the Society for Disability Studies’ Executive Office

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
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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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

No Meetings in 2008–2009

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Prof. Boris Gasparov, bg28@columbia.edu
Prof. Lydia Goehr, lg131@columbia.edu
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 Tim Alborn
Rapporteur: Mr. Toby Harper

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October 6  
*An Irish El Dorado: The Victorian Rediscovery of Gold in County Wicklow*  
Timothy Alborn, Lehman College, CUNY

_John Mitchel: Romantic, Revolutionary, Racist_  
Michael Huggins, University of Chester

October 29  
_Rewriting History: The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography_  
Lawrence Goldman, Fellow in Modern History, St. Peter’s College, Oxford, editor of DNB

November 17  
Michael Saler, UC Davis

December 8  
_Modern Anachronisms: Conservative Diehards and Indian Constitutional Reform, 1918–1935_  
Neil Fleming, Westminster College, Missouri

February 2  
_Chapter 1 and Interchapter 1 from Genres of the Credit Economy_  
Mary Poovey

_Chapters 1 and 5 of The Social Life of Money in the English Past_  
Deborah Valenze

March 2  
_John Locke, Theorist of Empire_  
David Armitage, Harvard History Department

With Comments by Dan Carey

April 13  
1688: The First Modern Revolution  
Steve Pincus

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:  
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Prof. Carl Wennerlind, cw503@columbia.edu
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 2008–2009

October 9  The December 1944 Events: A Reappraisal
André Gerolymatos, Simon Fraser University, Canada

October 30  Greek Poets’ Tributes to Cavafy
David Ricks, King’s College, London, U.K.

November 20  Issues in Trans/Punctuation
Martin McKinsey, University of New Hampshire

December 8  When the Sound of the Other Sounds Strangely Familiar: The Balkan Neighbor, The Guest, The Barbarian
Maria Boletsi, University of Leiden, Netherlands

February 11  Papadiamandis and Dimitriou: Imagining Greece From Below
Ipek Azime Celik, Department of Comparative Literature, NYU

March 12  The Sheep and the Shepherds: Censorship, Morality and Contemporary Social Criticism
Gerasimus Katsan, Queens College CUNY

April 1  Daddy’s War: Greek American Stories: A Paramemoir
Irene Kacandes, Dartmouth College

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Prof. Vangelis Calotychos, ec2268@columbia.edu
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 2008–2009

October 16  “Liberty, Sociability and Vis-Viva: Emilie du Châtelet on Social and Natural Order”
           from Love, Inclination and Inertia: An Essay on the Common Good
           Matthew Jones, Columbia University (History)

October 21  Les Institutions Républicaines: Courte histoire d’une idée de la Société Civile,
           de Montesquieu à Saint-Just
           James Swenson, Rutgers University

October 27  Poètes Lyriques, Poètes “Leriques”? Sur Quelques Mutations du “Chant” à la Renaissance
           François Cornilliat, Rutgers University

November 21 Sur L’Illusion Comique de Pierre Corneille. L’optique Philosophique et le Temps de Comprendre:
           Réflexions Cartésiennes et Bachelardtiennes
           Catherine Kintzler, Université de Lille III

March 13    Le Mariage, l’Amour et la Loi, dans Julie ou la Nouvelle Heloise de Jean-Jacques Rousseau
           Anne Deneyes-Tunney, New York University

March 26    The Fourth Wall and Other Old Innovations: Illusion and the Aesthetics of the Drame
           Nicholas Paige, UC Berkeley

April 16    Bernard Lamy’s Answer to the Je ne Sais Quoi”: A Rhetoric of Pleasure
           David Macklovitch, Columbia University

May 1       “The Fiber: Movement and Assemblage” from Diderot’s Part, Ashgate, 2008
           Andrew Clark, Fordham University

May 19      La ville de Versailles au XVIIIe siècle: Problèmes d’hygiène et de Salubrité
           Chantal Grell, Université de Versailles

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Prof. Pierre Force, pf3@columbia.edu
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 and Tony Kireopoulos
Rapporteur: Ms. Amanda Ree

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 22  Interpreting Politics and Religion in Iran
Dr. Richard Bulliet, Professor of Middle East History at Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)

November 19  Rethinking Modes of Inter-religious Engagement
Dr. Courtney Bender, Associate Professor in the Department of Religion, Columbia University

December 10  A Frank Assessment of Ecumenical Engagement on Human Rights
Dr. Rev. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary of the NCC

January 28  Religious Approaches to Justice
Willie Baptist, Co-Coordinator of the University of the Poor and Scholar in Residence at Union Theological Seminary’s Poverty Initiative

February 18  All God’s Children: Religion, Environmental Racism & the Struggle for Justice
Dr. Peter Heltzel, Assistant Professor of Theology at New York Theological Seminary

April 22  Evangelical Does Not Equal Republican . . . Or Democrat
Lisa Sharon Harper, Co-founder and Executive Director of NY Faith & Justice

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
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Prof. Neguin Yavari, ny71@columbia.edu
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 2008–2009

October 14  Constructing and Deconstructing the Universal
Etienne Balibar, University of California Irvine
Respondent: John Rajchman, Columbia University

December 4  Pragmatism, Nihilism, and Democracy: What is Called thinking at the End of Modernity?
James Livingston, Rutgers University
Respondent: Paul Bove, University of Pittsburgh

February 9  The Present of a Delusion
Stathis Gourgouris, Columbia University
Respondent: Sadia Abbas, Rutgers University

March 25  What Kind of History Does a Theory of the Novel Require? Literature in a Postcolonial Empire
Jonathan Arac, University of Pittsburgh
Respondent: Cyrus Patell, New York University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Prof. Jonathan Arac, ja2007@columbia.edu
Prof. Bruce Robbins, bwr2001@columbia.edu
RELIGION IN NEW YORK (715)

Founded: 2007

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

Chair: Professor Courtney Bender
Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Vaca

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 12  In the Name of Guadalupe: Religion, Politics and Citizenship among Mexicans in New York
Alyshia Galvez, Lehman College

October 10  Discussion of Jon Butler’s “Theory and God in Gotham”
J. Terry Todd, Drew University

November 7  Turning on “The Eternal Light”: The Drama of Ecumenical Broadcasting in the Mid-20th Century
Jeffrey Shandler, Rutgers University

December 12  The Significance of Jacob Riis for Postsecular Society
Tony Carnes, Values Research Institute

February 13  Flowers and Dirt and a Few Stones: Mary Gordon’s Permeable Catholicism
Marian Ronan, Graduate Theological Union

March 16  Networks and Diffusion of Innovations in Synagogue Education or Religious School and The After-School Lives of Children: A Consultation on Directions for Future Research
Michelle Lynn Sachs, Jewish Theological Seminary

April 24  An Urban Historical Portrait of Mexican Migration to New York City
David A. Badillo, Lehman College

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Prof. Courtney Bender, cb337@columbia.edu
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.

Co-Chairs: Professors Marianne Hirsch and Sarah Cole
Rapporteur: Ms. Kate Stanley

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 4  Emotional Identity: A Love Story in the Jewish Diaspora
                    Luisa Passerini
October 14  Mutual Injury and Mutual Acknowledgment
                    Jessica Benjamin
February 2  Callin’ Out Around the World: Issac Julien’s New Ethnicities
                    Louise Yelin, School of Humanities, Purchase College
March 30  Affective Aesthetics: Compassion, Resentment, and the Emotional Life of Imagery
                    Jill Bennett
May 11  Remembering the Past, Manufacturing Memories: Women’s Rewriting, 1970–2005
                    Liedeke Plate

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
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Prof. Marianne Hirsch, mh2349@columbia.edu
Prof. Andreas Huyssen, ah26@columbia.edu
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. Gershon and Victoria H. Raveis
Rapporteur: Ms. Julie Marie Pearson

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 19  PLANNING MEETING FOR UPCOMING YEAR

February 24  Brief Presentations from Members on Current Work
Dr. Charlie DiMaggio, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Dr. Robert Bristow, New York Presbyterian Hospital
Dr. Dario Gonzalez, Fire Department of New York, EMS

May 12  Brief Presentations from Members on Current Work
Dr. Katharina Janus, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Dr. Rachel Moresky, New York Presbyterian Hospital,
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

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Prof. Robyn Gershon, rg405@columbia.edu
Prof. Victoria Raveis, vhr1@columbia.edu
The Comparative Philosophy Seminar seeks to advance constructive philosophical projects by bringing together scholars with training in diverse areas of Asian (mostly Buddhist) thought and Western Philosophy. Comparison in this context is not employed to loan authority to one set of obscure discoveries by revealing its resonances with the works of others, deemed less obscure. Nor does it sociologize philosophy in search of general laws of human cultural and intellectual development. Rather, the intent is to explicate, and employ, the fullness of an expanded philosophical toolset—and see how that works.

The seminar ordinarily invites respondents who are versed in the relevant field of philosophical inquiry, but who are not necessarily specialists in Asian thought. In order to facilitate an ongoing conversation, seminar meetings for a given year are loosely organized around a very general theme, which speakers are asked to address when possible. In past years, the themes have been “Personal Identity” (2007–2008) and “Meta-Ethics” (2008–2009).

Chair: Professor Jonathan Gold
Rapporteur: Mr. Christopher Kelley

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 24  Buddhist Ethics and Moral Modularity
Owen Flanagan, Duke University

November 7  The Incompatibility of Two Conceptions of Reality:
Dependent Origination and emptiness in the Mulamadhyamakakarika
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University

December 5  Confucius & Contemporary Moral Psychology
(Or, What to Do in an Interconnected Moral World)
Hagop Sarkissian, Baruch College, CUNY
Respondent: Warren Frisina, Hofstra University

December 12  Philosophical Problems from Nagarjuna’s Vighrahavyavartani
Jan Westerhoff, University of Durham
Respondent: Andrea Borghini, College of the Holy Cross
January 23  
*Was Candrakirti a Non-Reductionist?*
Mark Siderits, Seoul National University  
Respondent: Georges B.J. Dreyfus (Williams College)

February 13  
*Myths, Lies, and Moral Reason*
Matthew Kapstein, University of Chicago and Ecole Practique Des Hautes Etudes  
Respondents: Owen Flanagan, Duke University  
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University

March 9  
**JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AND SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, & SOCIETY**
*Moral Motivation, Moral Styles, and Religion*
Michael Schulman, Leake & Watts  
Respondents: Christopher GOWANS, Fordham University  
Bronwyn Finnigan, University of Auckland  
Hagop Sarkissian, Baruch College, CUNY  
Jonathan C. Gold, Princeton University

April 24  
*Free Will, Liberation, & Buddhist Philosophy*
Marie Friquegnon, William Paterson University  
Respondent: Charles Goodman, Binghamton University

May 8  
*Humeans and Kantians in Early Modern India?*
*Desire, Motivation, & Action in Sanskrit Philosophy*
Parimal Patil, Harvard University  
Respondent: Bronwyn Finnigan, University of Auckland

*Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:*
Prof. Jonathan Gold, jcgold@princeton.edu
The Seminar on Modern Europe is a monthly gathering featuring outside speakers who present their new books to the Columbia community for debate and discussion. The Seminar seeks to advance knowledge on the region’s history, politics, and society. We approach Europe from diverse perspectives, complementing nation-oriented studies while placing Europe in transatlantic, multi-national, and global contexts. Emphasizing interdisciplinary dialogue, the seminar provides a venue for sustained discussion with colleagues to contribute to the enrichment of our intellectual community.

Chair: Dr. Nancy W. Collins
Rapporteur: Ms. Myrisha Lewis

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November 20  
*The Impact of Globalization in France, the U.K., and the U.S.*  
Suzanne Berger, Raphael Dorman and Helen Starbuck Professor of Political Science, MIT  
Discussants: Josh Whitford, Columbia University  
Saskia Sassen, Columbia University

December 4  
*European Journalism in the Era of Digital Media*  
Dominic C. Boyer, Cornell University  
Discussants: Jane Kramer, The New Yorker  
Nicholas Lemann, Columbia University

January 22  
*Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin*  
Timothy D. Snyder, Yale University  
Discussants: Jan T. Gross, Princeton University  
Mark Mazower, Columbia University

February 19  
*Turkey and Europe: An Operatic Perspective*  
Larry Wolff, New York University  
Discussants: Walter Frisch, Columbia University  
Deborah Bradley-Kramer, Columbia University  
Karen Henson, Columbia University  
Elaine Sisman, Columbia University

March 5  
*The Atlantic Agenda in the Obama Administration*  
William Drozdiak, American Council on Germany  
Discussants: Sheri Berman, Columbia University  
Warren Hoge, International Peace Institute

April 2  
*Burke, Empire, and Global Legal Pluralism*  
Jennifer Pitts, University of Chicago  
Discussants: Samuel Moyn, Columbia University  
Jack Snyder, Columbia University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:  
Dr. Nancy W. Collins, nwcollins@columbia.edu
K–12 SCIENCE EDUCATION (725)
Founded: 2008

The seminar brings together University faculty and K–12 educators to explore models for universities to contribute to strengthening elementary and secondary education, with a focus on science. The goals are to understand successful approaches and then implement them, first in Columbia’s many community outreach programs with New York City teachers and children, and ultimately more broadly. What models are effective for university-school partnerships? What are the challenges in implementing partnerships that have lasting impact on science education in a large urban school system? We hope that the Seminar participants can work collaboratively to answer these questions and offer leadership in implementing solutions.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Robert Newton and Dr. Nancy Streim
Rapporteur: Ms. Sara Scovronick

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