THE UNIVERSITY SEMINARS
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

DIRECTORY OF SEMINARS, SPEAKERS, & TOPICS

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

Each seminar elects its own officers, plans its own program, and selects its own membership: members from Columbia, associate members from elsewhere, and any speakers or other guests it invites to its sessions. Approximately half of 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.

Some seminars are tight, restricted discussion groups that specialize in particular subfields; others are broad-based lecture series where eminent visitors disseminate the latest knowledge. Frank Tannenbaum, the founder of The University Seminars, believed that uniformity imposed from above would destroy them.

As independent entities, the seminars can take intellectual risks the schools and departments of the University might not otherwise assume. They provide something every great institution needs: private, autonomous venues where intellectual activity is fast, cheap, and beyond central 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 its local community. This outreach offers 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.

Seminars are closed to the general public, press, and other media. Minutes are taken at all seminar meetings. Seminars may permit their members open and immediate access to these minutes, or they may keep them closed; after five years, all minutes are incorporated into The University Seminars Digital Archive, available to scholars through the Columbia University Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Individual seminars decide which of these policies to adopt. The central office maintains a website, and each seminar has a dedicated page.

The University Seminars subsidizes the publication of certain books written under its auspices and may help individual seminars arrange conferences, either to make discoveries public or to work privately with scholars too distant to be regular seminar participants.

Scholars and others interested in attending a seminar should email their credentials to the appropriate chair. For a complete list of current seminars and chairs, please visit our website: universityseminars.columbia.edu.
In the 1930’s, Professor Frank Tannenbaum and Columbia University President Nicholas Murray Butler discussed the idea of creating ongoing groups of Columbia professors and experts from the region to explore matters no single department had the breadth or the agility to study. Butler saw the idea as a quick way to mobilize the intellectual resources of the University to confront suddenly emerging problems, but World War II supervened. It was 1944 before Butler’s successor, Frank Fackenthal, approved the first five University Seminars. Three of these seminars still meet: The Problem of Peace, Studies in Religion, and The Renaissance.

The University Seminars continue to serve Tannenbaum’s and Butler’s purposes. The Seminars have also become an intrinsic part of the enterprise that Columbia excels more than any other university: 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, but the demands of teaching such wide-ranging material are astonishingly unrecognized for imparting rigor and sophistication to the professors themselves: at few universities would one find an economist teaching Plato.

This tradition positioned Columbia professors to invent the interdisciplinary regional institutes that trained graduate students to handle post-war complexities beyond their departments, and forced political scientists, economists, and literary scholars to learn from each other. Over the past seventy-three years, The University Seminars have offered specialists from Columbia and elsewhere the chance to learn and discover together.

When Tannenbaum died in 1969, there were fifty seminars. He and his wife, Jane Belo, left The Seminars approximately $1.7 million in their wills (1969 and 1972), 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 Tannenbaum specified that a small Advisory Board select and guide this appointment; the Advisory Board is chosen by a general committee consisting of Columbia’s president, provost, and the chairs of all the seminars.

Frank Tannenbaum, historian of Latin America, Slavery, and Prison Systems; Founder and first Director of The University Seminars.

Jane Belo, teacher, painter, and anthropologist. Photograph by Carl Van Vechten.
In 2003, Seminars Director Robert Belknap first conceived, and then over several years implemented, the project of scanning 50 years of the pre-digital minutes of the seminars. Under his supervision, over a half million pages were scanned and preserved. In 2011, Seminars Archivist Sumner Hart began working with Robert Belknap and Bob Pollack to unify the various components of the archive. Since 2015, this treasure trove of intellectual history has been available for scholarly research in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library Reading Room of Columbia’s Butler Library.

In the four decades since Frank Tannenbaum’s death, the number of seminars has grown to the 88 listed in this directory. About half the seminars that were founded are still meeting, while half have merged, split, or dissolved. James Gutmann followed Tannenbaum as Director from 1969 to 1975, followed by Aaron Warner from 1976 to 2000, and Robert Belknap from 2001 to 2011, when his student Robert Pollack succeeded him.
Welcome to the 2017-2018 annual summary of our many University Seminars. I have the great pleasure of writing this introductory letter each year, in which I share news of our seminars’ events in the preceding year, and also let readers know of what will be coming up in the current academic year.

This past academic year was rich in public events, both ones organized by individual seminars and ones initiated by The University Seminars Advisory Board as well.

The 25th series of the Schoff Lectures, "Medicine, Empire, Love: The Inner Life Of Mrs Dalloway" was presented in November by Professor Edward Mendelson. In his three lectures, Professor Mendelson enacted many of the inner voices that fill this novel by Virginia Wolf. In that choice, he gave us all the chance to engage the novel subjectively, a most exciting and stimulating experience. His talks will soon be a book in the Columbia University Press series: Leonard Hastings Schoff Memorial Lectures.

In a second example of the synergistic energy emerging from the connection between The University Seminars and the University Press, Jennifer Crewe, Associate Provost and Director of the Press and member of our Advisory Board, has agreed to publish a volume of essays on The Seminars for our 75th anniversary. The volume will be edited by Thomas Vinciguerra, author and editor of many articles about Columbia. Our wish is that these essays provide examples of The Seminar's novel capacity for private conversation, a rare example of socialization in an academic context that has proven at once intellectually fertile, politically relevant, and emotionally gratifying over these many decades.

At our Annual Dinner this spring, Professor Farah Griffin gave the Tannenbaum Lecture: "In Pursuit of Justice and Grace: Reflections on the African-American Literary Tradition" on the African-American literary and poetical responses to emancipation, emphasizing the frequent argument that former slaves, in their outrage, tempered their sense of justice with a mercy necessary to transcend the radically violent culture of their former masters.” As the Chair of the new Arts and Sciences Department of African-American and African Diaspora Studies, Professor Griffin’s lecture came to many of us as a profound and serious gift.


Each year the Advisory Board recommends to the chairs the approval of some number of new seminars, and each year a similar number of seminars go into abeyance for a year or two for any number of reasons. In 2017-2018, we supported 88 seminars, in 2018-2019 we expect to support 94 seminars. Among the seminars founded in this academic year, is Science and Subjectivity. This seminar began as a class in the Heyman Center for the Humanities Carle Hovde Colloquia, where Peter Gruenberger introduced me to that world of ideas. I am happy to share the chairmanship of this seminar with Peter, a distinguished alumnus and lawyer. Two additional seminars, Columbia University Colaborative of Community Programs for Youth and Families, and Thinking Europe Now will begin meeting in Fall 2018.

Last year, University Librarian and Advisory Board member Ann Thornton arranged for new and comprehensive library privileges for associate members of The University Seminars, scholars who are not affiliated with the University in any other way. Considering that more than half of our 3000 Seminar members have associate member status, the new library privileges are extremely useful for hundreds of seminar members; thanks, Ann!

Beginning in Fall 2018, all active seminar chairs and rapporteurs will be granted remote access to The University Seminars Digital Archive. Summer Hart manages the archive access group and will assign additional users on an as needed basis. Summer Hart continues to collaborate with the library and the Copyright Advisory Office on ways to make the archive more accessible to the entire University Seminars community while addressing the privacy and intellectual property concerns inherent in such a collection.

Robert Pollock,
Director, The University Seminars
The University Seminars Staff from left to right:
John Jayo, Summer Hart, Robert Pollack, Alice Newton, Pamela Guardia, and Gesenia Alvarez
Virginia Woolf’s fourth novel *Mrs. Dalloway* (1925) records the thoughts and acts of a half-dozen unexceptional people in the course of a single day. Yet, through the intensity of its focus, the book also portrays vast panoramas of history and civilization and profound emotional complexities and moral depths. These talks focus on three aspects of this endlessly illuminating book. The first, “Medicine,” explores Virginia Woolf’s understanding of bodily and mental illness and well-being. The second, “Empire,” concerns her understanding of the power of large impersonal forces over individual lives. The third, “Love,” is about the real and possible relations that her characters experience with themselves and with others.

PREVIOUS LEONARD HASTINGS SCHOFF MEMORIAL LECTURES

1993: David N. Cannadine
The Rise and Fall of Class in Britain, 1700–2000

1994: Charles E. Larmore
The Romantic Legacy

1995: Saskia Sassen
Governing the Global Economy

1996: Kenneth T. Jackson
Governor's Agreement: Political Balkanization and Social Inequality in America

1997: Ira Katznelson
Desolation and Enlightenment: Political Knowledge After the Holocaust, Totalitarianism, and Total War

1998: Carol Gluck
Past Obsessions: War and Memory in the Twentieth Century

1999: Robert Pollock
The Faith of Biology and the Biology of Faith

2000: Lisa Anderson
The Scholar and the Practitioner: Perspectives on Social Science and Public Policy

2001: Partha Chatterjee
The Politics of the Governed

2002: David Rosand
The Invention of Painting in America

2003: George Rupp
Globalization Challenged: Conviction, Conflict, Community

2004: Lesley A. Sharp
Bodies, Commodities, Biotechnologies

2005: Robert W. Hanning
Serious Play: Crises of Desire and Authority in the Poetry of Ovid, Chaucer, and Ariosto

2006: Boris Gasparov
The Early Romantic Roots of Theoretical Linguistics: Friedrich Schleiermacher, Novalis, and Ferdinand de Saussure on Sign and Meaning

2007: Douglas Chalmers
Representative Government Without Representatives: Seven Reasons to Think Beyond Electing Executives and Lawmakers

2009: Philip Kitcher
Deaths in Venice: The Case(s) of Gustav (von) Aschenbach

2010 (Spring): Jean Howard
Staging History; Imagining the Nation

2010 (Fall): Alan Brinkley
Seeing the Great Depression

2011: Robert L. Belknap
Plot

2012: Herbert Terrace
Why Two Minds Are Better Than One: The Evolution of Words

2013: Paige West
Accumulation by Dispossession?: Loss, Change, and the Future of the Melanesian Pacific

2014: Annette Insdorf
Coherence and Resonance: How to Read Film Openings

2015: Robert E. Remez
The Good Listener: Behavioral Neuroscience Considers the Perception of Speech

2016 Robert O’Meally
“Fancy Sticks”: The Action-Art of Toni Morrison, Romare Bearden, and Jazz
Leonard Hastings Schoff (1884–1978) was a textile manufacturer, economist, and educator. In 1948, he was appointed as Associate Member of the University Seminar on Rural Life (1945–1968), for which he was an active and continuous participant. He was also a member of several other seminars, including Population and Social Change (1949–1992) and Human Maladaptation in Modern Society (1964–1987). In 1961, he was granted the status of “Life Associate” of the University Seminars. This category was established by Frank Tannenbaum primarily for founding members, and provided Dr. Schoff with lifetime privileges.

Dr. Schoff believed that the purpose of The University Seminars was to be a place for the “development of ideas into instruments of social usefulness.” In 1970, he and his wife, Suzanne Levick Schoff, made a bequest to The University Seminars to assist in the publication of learned manuscripts or monographs produced under the auspices of The University Seminars in the fields of economics, sociology, psychology, penology, or the behavioral sciences.

The Leonard Hastings Schoff and Suzanne Levick Schoff Memorial Fund has been used to support hundreds of authors. Schoff publication funds can be used for indexing, translating, technical editing, illustrating, or other publication costs of qualifying manuscripts or monographs already approved for publication.

In 2017–2018, the following 15 books were published with the assistance of the The Leonard Hastings Schoff and Suzanne Levick Schoff Memorial Fund.
Hakari Hori, *Promiscuous Media: Film and Visual Culture in Imperial Japan, 1926-1945*

Gopal Sukhu (ed), *The Songs of Chu: An Anthology of Ancient Chinese Poetry by Qu Yuan and Others*

Joseph Davis, *The Substance and Value of Italian Si*

Rachel Eisendrath, *Poetry in a World of Things: Aesthetics and Empiricism in Renaissance Ekphrasis*

Herbert Broderick, *Moses the Egyptian in the Illustrated Old English Hexateuch (London, British Library Cotton MS Claudius B.iv)*

Elsa Stamatopoulou, *Indigenous Peoples’ Rights and Unreported Struggles: Conflict and Peace*

Li Chen, *Chinese Law in Imperial Eyes: Sovereignty, Justice, and Transcultural Politics*

Wen-shing Chou, *Mount Wutai: Visions of a Sacred Buddhist Mountain*

Harry Harootunian, *Marx After Marx: History and Time in the Expansion of Capitalism*

Tanya Pollard, *Greek Tragic Women on Shakespearean Stages*

June Schlueter, *A Brief Discourse of Rebellion and Rebels By George North: A Newly Uncovered Manuscript Source for Shakespeare’s Plays*

Emma Wasserman, *Apocalypse as Holy War: Divine Politics and Polemics in the Letters of Paul*

Serenity Young, *Women Who Fly: Goddesses, Witches, Mystics, and other Airborne Females*

Eleanor Johnson, *Staging Contemplation: Participatory Theology in Middle English Prose, Verse, and Drama*

(Schoff Memorial Lecture Series) Annette Insdorf, *Cinematic Overtures: How to Read Opening Scenes*
Seventy-fourth

ANNUAL DINNER Meeting

APRIL 11, 2018

Presentation of the TANNENBAUM-WARNER AWARD

For Distinguished Scholarship and Great Service to The University Seminars

to

Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg

Followed by the TANNENBAUM LECTURE

“In Pursuit of Justice and Grace: Reflections on the African-American Literary Tradition”

Given by Farah Jasmine Griffin
“In Pursuit of Justice and Grace: Reflections on the African-American Literary Tradition”

This talk is drawn from my current project, *In Pursuit of Justice and Grace: Reflections of the African American Literary Tradition*. This book comes out of a lifetime of reading and over 25 years of teaching African American literature to explore how Black American writers address the ideals and failures of the U.S. experiment with democracy and speak to questions of love, death, justice, and mercy. *In Pursuit of Justice and Grace* marks an effort to share a series of valuable lessons from those who have sought to better a nation that depends upon, and yet too often, also despises them.

Farah Jasmine Griffin is the Director of the Institute for Research in African American Studies, the William B. Ransford Professor of English and Comparative Literature and African-American Studies at Columbia University, and Affiliate Faculty of the Center for Jazz Studies. Professor Griffin received her BA from Harvard in American History and Literature and her PhD in American Studies from Yale. Her major fields of interest are American and African American literature, music, and history. She has published widely on issues of race and gender, feminism, jazz, literature, and cultural politics. Griffin is the author of *Who Set You Flowin?: The African American Migration Narrative* (Oxford, 1995), *Beloved Sisters and Loving Friends: Letters from Rebecca Primus of Royal Oak, Maryland, and Addie Brown of Hartford Connecticut, 1854-1868* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1999), *If You Can’t Be Free, Be a Mystery: In Search of Billie Holiday* (Free Press, 2001), and co-author, with Salim Washington, of *Clawing at the Limits of Cool: Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and the Greatest Jazz Collaboration Ever* (Thomas Dunne, 2008). Her most recent book is *Harlem Nocturne: Women Artists and Progressive Politics During World War II* (Basic Books, 2013). In collaboration with the late composer, pianist, Geri Allen and director, actor S. Epatha Merkerson, Griffen wrote the scripts for two theatrical projects: “Geri Allen and Friends Celebrate the Great Jazz Women of the Apollo,” with Lizz Wright, Dianne Reeves, Teri Lynne Carrington and others (Apollo Theater, May 2013), and “A Conversation with Mary Lou” featuring vocalist Carmen Lundy (Harlem Stage, March 2014; The John F. Kennedy Center, May 2016). Griffin’s essays and articles have appeared in *Essence*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Nation*, *The Guardian*, *Harper’s Bazaar*, *Art Forum* and numerous other publications. She is a devoted board member of The Brotherhood/Sister-Sol, a Harlem-based organization that provides comprehensive, holistic and long-term support services to youth who range in age from eight to 22.

Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg, with Sheila Collins and Helen Lachs Ginsburg, are co-chairs of The University Seminar on Full Employment, Social Welfare, and Equity, which has been meeting since 1987. She is Professor Emerita of Social Work and Social Policy of Adelphi University School of Social Work. Goldberg holds a bachelor’s degree from Vassar College and a doctoral degree from Columbia University. Goldberg has edited and co-authored: *The Feminisation of Poverty: Only in America?* (with Eleanor Kremen, Prager, 1990); *America’s New Poor Law* (with Sheila Collins, Apex Press, 2001); *Diminishing Welfare: A Cross-National Study of Social Provision* (with Marguerite G. Rosenthal, Auburn House, 2002); and *Poor Women in Rich Countries: Feminisation of Poverty over the Life Course* (Oxford, 2010). In her books and articles Goldberg has been concerned with the scourge of unemployment and its solution—full employment, or what President Franklin Roosevelt deemed the first and “fundamental” economic right to living-wage work. In a recent book, *When Government Helped: Learning from the Successes and Failures of the New Deal* (with Sheila Collins, Oxford, 2014), Goldberg focused on the development of the American welfare state and the role of popular movements in furthering economic justice. Goldberg and her colleagues conceived and led two conferences under the auspices of The University Seminar on Full Employment, Social Welfare, and Equity: “An Economic Bill of Rights for the 21st Century” (Faculty House, 2013) and "A New, New Deal for New York City and the United States" (The New School, 2017). She is a co-founder and chair of the National Jobs for All Coalition. Additionally, Trudy and her husband, Architect Alan Goldberg, are avid collectors of Mexican folk art and recently donated their 1000-piece collection to the Mexican Museum of San Francisco.
The Tannenbaum Lectures honor the memory of Professor Frank Tannenbaum, founder of The University Seminars in 1944 and director until his death in 1969. He and his wife, Jane Belo, established a trust to be invested, reinvested, and included in Columbia’s permanent endowment. Logistical support from Columbia and donations from individuals and institutional contributors supplement this endowment.

From left to right: Farah Griffin, Jane Gaines, Obery M. Hendricks Jr., & guests, Christina Staudt, Robert Remez, Harriet Greisser, Zene Conley & guest, Carla Sick & Mary Thurston, Gertrude Goldberg at the podium
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Occasionally, a seminar’s central concerns involve scholars too distant for regular participation or a seminar wants to engage a broader audience. On such occasions, the seminar may wish to organize a conference or public symposium. Conferences and public symposia on issues of paramount interest to the seminar members and the seminars community are an exciting part of the University Seminars.

In order for the Conference Committee to consider a proposal for a conference, conference guidelines must be acknowledged and a proposal must be submitted through The University Seminars website. Additionally, the conference must come from the work of a University Seminar. All or some of the members of the seminar must be committed to being central to the conference and the organization of it, and members must agree on the basic need and goal of the conference. The seminar chair and/or selected members are expected to plan the conference.

Most importantly, The University Seminars’ charter forbids support to a conference that pays honorarium, even if it comes from an outside source.

In 2017–2018, The University Seminars sponsored or co-sponsored the conferences or special sessions listed on the following pages.
WE CAN GUARANTEE JOBS AND BUILD GREAT THINGS AGAIN!
A NEW “NEW DEAL” FOR NYC AND THE USA

The University Seminar on Full Employment, Social Welfare, and Equity • 613

October 27-28, 2017

Sponsored by The Columbia University Seminar on Full Employment, Social Welfare, and Equity; The National Jobs for All Coalition; The New School for Social Research; I:Future; CWA Local 1180; Designing the WE; District Council 37 (AFSCME); Four Freedoms Democratic Club; The Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition; Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement; Judson Memorial Church; Levy Economics Institute at Bard College; Metro NY Health Care for All Campaign; Modern Money Network; New York City Department of Records; New York Labor History Association; Professional Staff Congress-CU-NY (AFT); The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement NYC; Living New Deal; WeAct for Environmental Justice; Worker Institute at Cornell ILR; and the Workers Defense League

Friday, October 27

A NEW “NEW DEAL” FOR NYC AND THE USA

WELCOME
William Milberg, The New School for Social Research
Franklin D. Roosevelt III, Celebrating New Deal New York City
Robert Pollack, The University Seminars, Columbia University

INTRODUCTION
The Dual New Deal Legacy: Celebrate, Advocate
Trudy Goldberg, National Jobs for All Coalition and Adelphi University
The New Deal Legacy in New York City and a Call for a New, New Deal
Gray Brechin, Living New Deal

A Twenty-First Century Civilian Conservation Corps
Marcy Kaptur, U.S. Representative for Ohio’s 9th Congressional District

PANEL DISCUSSION
Political and Economic Prospects for Achieving a Federal and a New York City Job Guarantee
Darrick Hamilton, The Schools of Public Engagement at The New School
Philip Harvey, Rutgers University-Camden
Stephanie Kelton, Stony Brook University, State University of New York
Randall Wray, Levy Institute at Bard College

Creating Jobs and Building Great Things Again in New York City
Letitia James, New York City Public Advocate

Saturday, October 28

STRATEGIZING FOR A NEW “NEW DEAL” FOR NYC AND THE USA
A New "New Deal" for NYC & the USA

Strategizing for a New "New Deal" for NYC & the USA

Columbia Law School (Room TBA)
Saturday, October 28, 2017, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Information & Reservations
To RSVP, please visit Eventbrite: NJFAC.eventbrite.com,
visit www.NJFAC.org, email njfac@njfac.org, or call 203-856-3877

WE CAN GUARANTEE JOBS AND BUILD GREAT THINGS AGAIN!
Since the 1980s, interest in politically and legally shaping public memory regarding the Holocaust and other crimes perpetrated during the Second World War has been evident in a wide variety of arenas, from memorial museums to monuments, from war crimes trials to official commissions. The goal of these mechanisms has been to promote new, often sectarian, narratives of the historical record on an array of disputed topics and to recall, redress and acknowledge past atrocities.

This political engagement with the “duty to remember,” and the question of historical memory and identity politics, now extends well beyond the Holocaust, and has become a contentious subject in many countries. One manifestation of the trend has been the increasing demand for the right to truth, especially in transitional justice, which is purportedly a precondition to conflict resolution and policies of redress. At the same time, however, there is an increased recognition of the propensity for conflicting narratives about the past, particularly instrumentalized narratives about group identity and violent pasts, to escalate hostilities among nations, ethnicities and/or religions.
These hostilities, anchored as they are in the collective memory and history of conflict, have become subject to extensive legislation, with the criminalization of statements about history and violent pasts becoming more commonplace. Nestled between freedom of expression and denialism, between hate speech and aggressive nationalism, narrating history is thus the target of increased political manipulation. As such, the legislation of historical narrative carries numerous theoretical and moral predicaments, and thus has important implications. In certain circumstances, memory laws safeguard truth, honor, victims, and ensure that the memory of crimes is not erased; and yet on other occasions they buttress authoritarianism and undercut freedom of expression.

This workshop explores narratives that engage the memory of past violence in contemporary policies and the politics surrounding the legislation of historical memory. The workshop takes a comparative perspective and engages cases of genocide, mass atrocity, colonialism and transitions to democracy. Given the central role that the Holocaust and other mass atrocities have played with regard to human rights concepts today, the memory laws that address these topics similarly raise important questions about the theory and practice of human rights, as well as about the role of history in conflict resolution. Finally, the workshop pays particular attention to censorship and punitive measures that aim to constrain counter-narratives to established national identities and to freedom of expression.

Friday, October 27

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Elazar Barkan, Columbia University

THE POLITICS OF HISTORY: EASTERN EUROPE AND THE “DUTY TO REMEMBER”
Chair: Agi Legutko, Columbia University
Memory Laws and the Landscape in Poland Today
Jan Gross, Princeton University
Understanding ‘Memory Legislation’ in East Central Europe
Eva Clarita Petrai, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Germany
Memory Laws in Eastern Europe
Nikolai Koposov, Emory University
Tarik Amar, Columbia University

MEMORY LAWS AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION: COMPARATIVE LEGAL PERSPECTIVES
Chair: Horst Fischer, Universiteit Leiden (The Netherlands) and Columbia University

Memory Laws in One Country? Denial, Social Media, and Dealing with Unease
Robert Kahn, University of St. Thomas
Some Observations on the Law, Historical Memory, and Mass Trauma
Jonathan Bush, Columbia University

Saturday, October 28

CRIMINALIZING HISTORY IN RWANDA, LATIN AMERICA, AND JAPAN
Chair: Andy Nathan, Columbia University
Victors’ Memory: Criminalizing Resistance in Rwanda and Sri Lanka
Lars Waldorf, University of York
Propaganda and the Criminalization of Truth in Guatemala
Victoria Sanford, Graduate Center, City University of New York
Law’s Imperial Amnesia
Yukiko Koga, Columbia University

HISTORY AND DENIALISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST
Chair: Khatchig Mouradian, Columbia University
The Perils and Limits of Memory Laws: The Case of Israel’s ‘Nakba Law’ (2011)
Yifat Gutman, Ben Gurion University (Israel)
Historical Memory and Criminality in Contemporary Turkey
Müge Göçek, University of Michigan
Criminalizing Denial as a Form of Erasure: The Polish-Ukrainian-Israeli Triangle
Omer Bartov, Brown University

PRESENT PASTS: HISTORICAL VIOLENCE AND CONTEMPORARY LEGAL NARRATIVES
Chair: Daniel Levy, Stony Brook University, State University of New York
(De-)Criminalizing the Past: Spain’s Memory Wars via Its Memory Laws
Stephanie Golob, Baruch College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York
French Memory Laws and the Crisis of the Republican Model
Henry Rousso, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
History – The Continuation of War by Other Means
Dubravka Stevanović, University of Belgrade (Serbia)

CONCLUDING REMARKS
Elazar Barkan, Columbia University
SHAKESPEARE’S HISTORICAL QUEENS
Iska Alter, Hofstra University

Iska Alter focuses on the powerful and eloquent women characters in Shakespeare’s first historical tetralogy, 1, 2 and 3 Henry VI and Richard III.

Iska Alter is professor emerita of English at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY. Her writings on Shakespeare, the Yiddish theater, American drama, and ethnic American literature have been published in such journals as Theatre History Studies, Shakespeare Survey, Modern Drama, and Shakespeare Bulletin, and in a number of edited collections.

SHAKESPEARE’S DISAPPEARING WOMEN
Denise A. Walen, Vassar College

Denise A. Walen discusses the stage histories of several Shakespearean plays and how important female roles have been cut in production. Women characters she discusses include Juliet, Queen Margaret, Desdemona, and Princess Kate.

Denise A. Walen, professor of drama at Vassar College, holds a PhD in theater from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She has directed many stage productions, including Twelfth Night and As You Like It. Her research and teaching focus on dramatic literature and theory, theater history, and women’s studies. She is the author of Constructions of Female Homoeroticism in Early Modern Drama (Palgrave 2005) and has published in Shakespeare Quarterly, Shakespeare Survey, and Theatre Journal, as well as other journals and edited collections.

CLEOPATRAS:
WHAT THEY MEAN AND WHY THEY MATTER
Phyllis Rackin, University of Pennsylvania

Phyllis Rackin discusses Shakespeare’s Cleopatra as well as other versions, ranging from ancient historians to modern films.

A former president of the Shakespeare Association of America, Phyllis Rackin is professor emerita of English at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to publishing more than 30 articles on Shakespeare and related subjects, she is the author of four books on Shakespeare: Shakespeare’s Tragedies, Stages of History: Shakespeare’s Early Chronicles, Shakespeare and Women, and, with Jean E. Howard, Engendering Nation: A Feminist Account of Shakespeare’s English Histories. She was voted one of the 25 Master Teachers of Shakespeare in the last 125 years in a survey of Shakespeare scholars conducted at the Folger Shakespeare Library.

ACTING SHAKESPEARE’S WOMEN
Ellen Barry, Actress

Ellen Barry performs and discusses some of her favorite Shakespearean women, including those she has performed, such as Lady Percy, Queens Constance and Hermione, and Helena.

Ellen Barry has played more than 100 classic and contemporary roles in New York and regional theaters, including Tennessee Williams’ Blanche, Stella, and Hannah; Shakespeare’s Kate Percy, Hermione, and Constance; Martha in Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, Maude in Bakersfield Mist, and Nat in Rabbit Hole; and both Lorraine and Meg in Sam Shepard’s A Life of the Mind. As Ella in John Gabriel Borkman she was given an Off-Off Broadway Award, and for Vivian Bearing in Wit she received a Michigan Best Leading Actress award from the Detroit Free Press. Her one-woman show, “Lizzie Borden at Eight O’clock”, has played at venues in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. She and her late husband, Paul Barry, founded the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival (now Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey).
Thursday, November 2

Butler Rare Book and Manuscript Library: Opening of the “Actors and Perpetrators”, the Bakhmeteff Archive exhibition coincided with this conference. Tanya Chebotarev, curator of the Bakhmeteff Archive hosted a brief tour of the exhibition followed by a reception.

Friday, November 3

Opening Remarks

Irina Reyman, Columbia University.

RUSSIA AND THE WEST

Chair: Richard Wortman, Columbia University
“Western” Narratives and Russia’s Revolutionary Experience
William Rosenberg, University of Michigan
Revolution, War, and Empire
Dominic Lieven, Cambridge University (England, UK)
The Russian Provisional Government: A Centennial View
Dan Orlovsky, Southern Methodist University
Discussant: Catherine Evtuhov, Columbia University

CHARLES R. CRANE AND THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

Chair: Norman Saul, University of Kansas
Charles R. Crane and Russian Studies in the U.S.
Pavel Tribunskii, Solzhenitsyn Center (Russia)
1917 – Three Americans in Petrograd
John Notz, Independent Scholar
Charles R. Crane, Revolutionary Russia, and the Vision of an Evangelical Diplomacy
Zacharie Leclaire, Université du Québec (Canada)
Discussant: Andrew Patrick, Tennessee State University

LITERATURE AND REVOLUTION

Chair: Mark Lipovetsky, University of Colorado, Boulder
Populist Modernism: Revolutionary Transgression and the Genealogy of Stalinist Realist Aesthetic
Evgenii Dobrenko, University of Sheffield (England, UK)
Formalism and Revolution: A Sentimental Journey
Serguei Oushakine, Princeton University
Revolutionary Classicism and Canon-Formation: Mandelstam and Acmeism in the late 1920s
Andrew Kahn, Oxford University (England, UK)
Discussant: Anthony Anemone, Schools of Public Engagement at The New School

ROUND TABLE: 100 YEARS LATER

Boris Gasparov, Columbia University and the Higher School of Economics (Russia)
Alex Cooley, Barnard College, Columbia University
Alexander Motyl, Rutgers University-Newark
Henryk Baran, University at Albany, State University of New York
Ivan Tolstoy, Radio “Free Europe” (Czech Republic)

Saturday, November 4

RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONS AND THE JEWISH QUESTION

Chair: Oleg Budnitskii, Higher School of Economics (Russia)
The Berlin Years of Raphael Abramovich, Stalin’s Most Hated Menshevik
Gennady Estrin, New York University
Revolution on the Screen: Jewish Topics in the Films Before and After 1917
Valérie Pozner, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France)
A Pogromless City: Jewish Paramilitaries in Civil War Odessa
Mihaly Kalman, Harvard University
Discussant: Ben Nathans, University of Pennsylvania

RUSSIA AND UKRAINE – BEFORE, AFTER, AND NOW

Chair: Mark R. Andryczyk, Columbia University
The Tower of Babel: The Russian Revolution and the Fall of the Pan-Russian Idea
Serhii Plokhy, Harvard University
The War in Ukraine: Misconceptions and Practicalities
Catherine A. Fitzpatrick, mag.com
Discussant: Mykola Riabchuk, PEN Center (Ukraine)

ART IN TIME OF REVOLUTION

Chair: Nina Gourianova, Northwestern University
The Other Revolution
Nina Gourianova, Northwestern University
From Certificate of Protection to Nationalization
Natalia Semenova, Independent Scholar (Russia)
The Russian “Imperial” Cultural Heritage, Interwar Western “Merchants”, Collectors, and Exhibitions
Edward Kasinec, Columbia University and the Hoover Institution
Discussant: Alla Rosenfeld, Amherst College
HIV/AIDS IN NARRATIVE MEMORY
The University Seminar on Narrative, Health, and Social Justice • 737

Sponsored by The University Seminar on Narrative, Health, and Social Justice

Led by advocates, clinicians, writers, artists, and poets active during the peak of the HIV/AIDS crisis to today, we invite you to join our conversation about how we remember and story the beginning of the epidemic to almost three decades later.

November 30, 2017

THE SPEAKERS:

Susan Ball is a physician who has taken care of people with HIV/AIDS since 1992, and whose book about her experience during the epidemic, Voices in the Band: A Doctor, Her Patients, and How AIDS Care Changed from Doomed to Hopeful, was published in 2015.

Michael Broder is a poet living with HIV/AIDS. His recent book, This Life Now, was a 2015 finalist for the Lambda Literary Award for Gay Poetry.

Edgar Rivera Colón is a medical anthropologist who teaches in the Narrative Medicine Program at Columbia University, and who trains HIV/AIDS activists in community-based research methods.

MK Czerwiec, aka “comic nurse”, is a nurse and graphic artist. Taking Turns: Stories from HIV/AIDS Care Unit 371 (2016) is a graphic memoir of her experience as an HIV/AIDS nurse during the 1990s in Chicago.

Deloris Dockrey, Clinic Director for Hyacinth Health and Wellness Center, Hyacinth AIDS Fountation in Newark, is a long time HIV advocate and a person living with HIV.

Marcelo Maia is a photographer living with HIV/AIDS. He is from Brazil and moved to New York City in 1989 to study photography at the International Center of Photography. His first photography book, Prometheus, was published in 1996 and he is currently working on his second book, Eros.

Robert E. Penn, Jr. is a writer/producer and long-time activist for Black and Gay communities, who has lived with HIV/AIDS since 1982.
Germany
Past and Present
A Conference in Honor of Volker Berghahn

Friday, February 9, 2018
2:00PM – 7:30PM

Cosponsored by the History Department & the Seminar on the City, Columbia University

For more conference details: http://universityseminars.columbia.edu

Conference is free but registration is required. Please email smk2209@columbia.edu to register.
GERMANY PAST AND PRESENT:
A CONFERENCE IN HONOR OF VOLKER BERGHAHN

The University Seminar on The City • 459A

Co-sponsored by the Columbia University Seminar on The City and the History Department, Columbia University

February 9, 2018

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Lisa Keller, Purchase College, State University of New York

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Der Primat der Innenpolitik: Volker Berghahn, Admiral Tirpitz, and the ‘Turn’ in the Historiography of Wilhelmine Germany
Paul Kennedy, Yale University

PANEL I
Chair: Derek Bleyberg, Berlin International School (Germany)

Bodies and Souls: Love and Death (and Religion), 1848-2018
Dagmar Herzog, Graduate Center, City University of New York

A Model for the Present: Complex Diversity in the German Past, German Migration, and the Rise of Pragmatic Abolitionism in the Atlantic World
Margaret Crosby-Arnold, Columbia University

Memory, Consumption, and the Transnational Turn: Research Trends in German History Since the 1990s
Jonathan Wiesen, Southern Illinois University

PANEL II
Chair: Marion Kaplan, New York University

Diagonal Reading: From Recasting the Ruhr to Rescued Lives
Mark Roseman, University of Indiana

Occupational Aftershocks: The Legacies of War, Imperialism, and Decolonization in the Twentieth Century
Jennifer Foray, Purdue University

Hearing Echoes: Reception History, the Musical Memorial, and the Case of Alban Berg’s Violin Concerto
Jeremy Eichler, Boston Globe and Harvard University

CONCLUDING REMARKS
Volker Berghahn, Columbia University
OF PROPHETS AND SAINTS:
LITERARY TRADITIONS AND “CONVIVENCIA” IN MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN IBERIA

The University Seminar on Religion and Writing • 751

Sponsored by the Columbia University Seminar Religion and Writing, Universidad Complutense Madrid, the Spanish Ministry of Economics and Competitiveness, Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales – Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (Spain), Instituto de Lenguas y Culturas del Mediterráneo y Oriente Próximo – Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (Spain, Casa Árabe (Spain), Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing, and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Germany)

February 22-23, 2018

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS:

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Lucia Rospe, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main (Germany) and Jüdisches Museum Berlin (Germany)
Fermin de los Reyes Gómez, Universidad Complutense Madrid (Spain)
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Jesús R. Velasco, Columbia University
Ruggero Vimercati Sanseverino, Universität Tübingen (Germany)

Thursday, February 22

PANEL I: HISTORICAL CHALLENGES OF “CONVIVENCIA”

PANEL II: CONCEPTS OF SANCTITY AND PROPHECY

Friday, February 23

PANEL III: LITERATURE ABOUT AND BY SAINTS AND PROPHETS

PANEL IV: DIACHRONIC CASE STUDY OF THE RECEPTION OF THE KITĀB AL-SHIFĀ’

PANEL V: CONCLUDING ROUNDTABLE
GREATER GOTHAM:
A HISTORY OF NEW YORK CITY FROM 1898 TO 1919

The University Seminar on the City • 459A

Co-sponsored by the Columbia University Seminar on the City
and the Herbert H. Lehman Center for American History

April 17, 2018

Mike Wallace is Distinguished Professor of History at John Jay College for Criminal Justice (City University of New York) and Director of the Gotham Center for New York History. This conference coincided with the launch of his new book, Greater Gotham: A History of New York City from 1898 to 1919.
BOOK LAUNCH FOR: A TIME TO STIR: COLUMBIA ’68

The University Seminar on the History of Columbia University • 667

Sponsored by the Columbia University Seminar on the History of Columbia University, The Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Columbia University, and the Columbia University Press

March 19, 2018

A CONVERSATION WITH PARTICIPANTS OF THE PROTESTS OF 1968 FEATURING:

Karla Spurlock-Evans, Ray Brown, Carolyn Eisenberg, and Paul Berman • MODERATED BY: Paul Cronin

A TIME TO STIR

COLUMBIA ’68

Cover image of “A Time To Stir: Columbia ’68” courtesy of Columbia University Press
ROAD SAFETY IN NYC AND BEYOND: GLOBAL ADVANCES AND CHALLENGES

The University Seminar on Injury Prevention and Control • 719

School-wide Seminar Sponsored by the Columbia University Seminar on Injury Prevention and Control, Global Health Initiative (GHI), and the Center for Injury Epidemiology and Prevention at Columbia University

April 25, 2018

MODERATOR:

Wafaa El-Sadr, MD, MPH, MPA
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Joyce C. Pressley PhD, MPH
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Manager, US Office
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Juan Martinez, JD
Director of strategic initiatives
New York City Department of Transportation

Guohua Li, DrPH, MD
Interim Chair and Professor of Epidemiology
UNIONS AND FEDERATIONS IN IMPERIAL AND ANTI-IMPERIAL POLITICAL THOUGHT

The University Seminar on Political and Social Thought • 559

Sponsored by The University Seminar on Political and Social Thought and with Support from a Lenfest Junior Faculty Department Grant

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Friday, April 27

EMPIRES AND FEDERATIONS
Adom Getachew, University of Chicago
Joshua Simon, Columbia University

ANCIENT ROOTS
Stuart Gray, Washington and Lee University
Mordechai Levy-Eichel, Yale University
Nadia Urbinati, Columbia University
Aaron Zubia, Columbia University

MODERN ITERATIONS
Cemil Aydin, University of North Carolina
Murad Idris, University of Virginia
Turkuler Isikel, Columbia University

Saturday, April 28

AMERICAN AMBIGUITIES
Yarimar Bonilla, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
David Hendrickson, Colorado Colleg
Joshua Simon, Columbia University

INDIAN CONSTITUTIONS
Andrew Arato, The New School for Social Research
Sandipto Dasgupta, Ashoka University (India)
Shaunna Rodrigues, Columbia University

CONTEMPORARY OUTLOOKS
Jean Cohen, Columbia University
Adom Getachew, University of Chicago
Unions and Federations in Imperial and Anti-Imperial Political Thought

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May 24, 2018

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Andrew Lincoln, ScD, MS, Director, MedStar Sports Medicine Research Center; Associate Professor, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine Georgetown University Medical Center

Dr. Lincoln is the research director of the MedStar Sports Medicine program in the Baltimore-Washington area and associate professor of rehabilitation medicine at Georgetown Medical Center. He specializes in the epidemiology of sports-related injuries and performs research for the US Lacrosse Sports Science and Safety Committee and the NFL Medical Committee. He has a bachelor’s degree in Engineering Science and Mechanics from Virginia Tech, a master’s degree in Biomedical Engineering from Louisiana Tech, and a doctorate in injury epidemiology from Johns Hopkins University.

WELCOME

Charles Branas, PhD
Sports Concussions, CTE, and Risk of Sport Participation: Where Are We Now and Where Are We Heading?

Andrew Lincoln, ScD, MS

LIGHTNING ROUNDS FOLLOWED BY DEEPER DISCUSSION LUNCH TOPICS

Update on NYC Violence Prevention Initiatives
Catherine Stayton, DrPH, MPH

Using Naloxone Administration Data From First Responder Agencies to Identify Opioid Overdose Patterns
Courtney Jones, PhD, MPH

Communicating Injury Science
Tracy Mehan, MA

Child, Adolescent and Teen Restraint and Injury in NYC Taxis Vs. Private Vehicles
Michael Bauer, MS

Digital Health Communications
John LaDuca, MRP

LUNCH WITH ROUNDTABLES AND NETWORKING

Communicating Injury Science
John LaDuca, MRP, Tracy Mehan, MA

Current Advances in Drug Overdose/Addressing the Opioid Epidemic
Guohua Li, MD, DrPH, Courtney Jones, PhD, MPH

Fall Prevention in Older Adults
Thelma J. Mielenz, PT, PhD, MS, OCS

JESS KRAUSE AWARD WINNER LECTURE

Interaction of Marijuana and Alcohol on Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash Risk: A Case-Control Study
Stanford Chihuri, MPH

JESS KRAUSE AWARD PRESENTATION

ISSUES IN INJURY

Update on the Opioid Crisis in NYS and NYC
Michael Bauer, MS, Hillary Kuniins, MD, MPH, MS

Suicide Uptick Following Robin Williams’ Suicide
David Fink, MPhil, MPH

Use of Prescription Opioids and Motor Vehicle Crashes
Guohua Li, MD, DrPH

The Roles of Balance, Balance Confidence, and Other Factors in Falls Among People with Limb Loss: Perception Vs. Reality
Christopher Kevin Wong, PT, PhD, OCS

CLOSING REMARKS

Catherine Stayton, DrPH

Update on NYC Violence Prevention Initiatives
Michael Bauer, MS

Current and Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Injury

Catherine Stayton, DrPH, MPH
The following pages list The University Seminars that were active in 2017-2018, with their topics and speakers. The seminars are listed in order of their seminar number, which roughly follows their chronological founding. Seminars are also listed alphabetically in the index. Some of our seminars are still going strong after nearly 75 years while new ones continue to be formed. Three seminars were inaugurated in 2017-2018.

Seminars sometimes stop meeting, temporarily or permanently, for practical or intellectual reasons. 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.

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universityseminars.columbia.edu
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: Professor Roy Lee • Rapporteur: Mr. Hamza Naseem Iqbal

2017-2018 • Meetings

January 23  The ICC Crimes Investigations in War Zones: Challenges and Implications
John Washburn, Columbia University

February 20  Cyber Intrusion and Its Legal and Policy Implications
Lauri Malskoo, University of Tartu (Estonia) and the Estonia Foreign Policy Institute

May 1  Measures Taken by the United Nations to Counter International Terrorism
Jehangir Khan, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Roy Lee, royslee@optonline.net
STUDIES IN RELIGION 405 • Founded: 1945

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

Co-Chairs: Mr. Tony Carnes; Professor Sidney Greenfield • Rapporteur: Mr. Joseph Fisher

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 18  
Joint Meeting with 411  
Mainline and Evangelical Churches in a Post-Denominational Era  
Richard Cimino, Religion Watch

November 16  
Joint Meeting with 411 and 557  
When is a Kickback Like Fulfilling a Promise to a Saint? Religion, Traditional Culture, and Corruption in Brazil  
Sidney Greenfield, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

December 13  
Joint Meeting with 411 and 557  
Hinge: The Future of Religion in New York  
Tony Carnes, A Journey through NYC Religions

February 15  
Joint Meeting with 411 and 557  
Marxism, Publicity, Reality, and the Messiah: On Living with Secularization  
Ashley Lebner, Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada)

April 19  
Joint Meeting with 411 and 557  
Upper Amazon, ‘Uncontacted Indians’, Mythology, and Numeracy  
Pita Kalekna, Independent Scholar

May 9  
Joint Meeting with 411  
When a Nation’s Religion is Its Economy, What Becomes of the Christian Value of Helping the Poor?  
Sidney Greenfield, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Mr. Tony Carnes, editor@nycreligion.info;  
Professor Sidney Greenfield, sidneygreenfield@gmail.com
THE RENAISSANCE 407 • Founded: 1945

The Seminar in the Renaissance, founded in 1945 by Paul Oskar Kristeller and John Herman Randall, hosts presentations of about 45-50 minutes on various aspects of Renaissance thought (including Renaissance humanism) and its ramifications in the arts (painting, sculpture, architecture, music, literature) and the sciences (physical, natural, historical and philological), as well as history and philosophy. The Renaissance is taken to include the period from about 1350 to about 1650. We usually meet on the second Tuesday of each month in Faculty House from September through December and from February through May at 5:30 pm. Participants may choose to join the speaker for a buffet dinner from 7 pm.

Co-Chairs: Professor Cynthia Pyle; Professor Alan Stewart • Rapporteur: Ms. Lien Van Geel

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 12  
Dante as Philosopher of the Polis: Free Will and the Public Sphere
Peter Carravetta, Stony Brook University, State University of New York

October 10  
The Renaissance in Russian History and Memory
Francis Randall, Sarah Lawrence College

November 14  
Early Modern Propaganda: Nicolaus Hogenberg’s Engravings of the Post-Coronation Cavalcade of Emperor Charles V in Bologna (1530)
Konrad Eisenbichler, University of Toronto (Canada)

December 11  
From the 95 Theses to the Reformation World View
Euan Cameron, Union Theological Seminary

February 13  
‘Per Commandamento di Misser Jacomo Operaio’: Notes on Jacopo della Quercia as Operaio del Duomo di Siena (1435-38)
Gail Aronow, Independent Scholar

March 6  
Two Renaissance Magnates: Agostino Chigi and Jakob Fugger
Ingrid Rowland, University of Notre Dame

April 10  
Giorgio Ghisi, the Allegory of Life: A Dynastic and Rhetorical Reading
Mark S. Weil, Washington University in St. Louis

May 8  
Plato vs. Aristotle: The Comparatio as a Genre in Early Modern Europe
Eva Del Soldato, University of Pennsylvania
CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES • 411 Founded: 1947

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

Chair: Mr. Tony Carnes  •  Rapporteur: Mr. Joseph Fisher

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 18  
**Joint Meeting with 405**  
*Mainline and Evangelical Churches in a Post-Denominational Era*  
Richard Cimino, Religion Watch

November 16  
**Joint Meeting with 405 and 557**  
*When is a Kickback Like Fulfilling a Promise to a Saint? Religion, Traditional Culture, and Corruption in Brazil*  
Sidney Greenfield, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

December 13  
**Joint Meeting with 405**  
*Hinge: The Future of Religion in New York*  
Tony Carnes, A Journey through NYC Religions

February 15  
**Joint Meeting with 405 and 557**  
*Marxism, Publicity, Reality, and the Messiah: On Living with Secularization*  
Ashley Lebner, Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada)

April 19  
**Joint Meeting with 405 and 557**  
*Upper Amazon, ‘Uncontacted Indians’, Mythology, and Numeracy*  
Pita Kalekna, Independent Scholar

May 9  
**Joint Meeting with 405**  
*When a Nation’s Religion is Its Economy, What Becomes of the Christian Value of Helping the Poor?*  
Sidney Greenfield, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

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Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Mr. Tony Carnes, contentssem@aol.com
This interdisciplinary seminar hosts leading national and regional scholars who present works-in-progress that explore aspects of eighteenth-century European culture of vital interest and concern to the wider field of eighteenth-century studies. Like our guest speakers, our membership is drawn from a wide variety of institutions and disciplines: history, literature, philosophy, political science, music, history of science, and art, as well as national traditions. The Seminar’s offerings are eclectic, but from time to time our Seminar has hosted special events such as symposia on the eighteenth-century reception of Classical, Hellenistic, and Late Antique texts (2003) and the intellectual origins of freedom of speech (2007, ¬2008). Proceedings from the latter recently appeared as a collection of essays edited by former Chair Elizabeth Powers, Freedom of Speech: The History of an Idea (Bucknell University Press, 2011). Most recently, our Seminar has co-sponsored, with the Seminar on Early Modern France, a series of roundtables on new directions in eighteenth-century studies under the rubric of “Literature and History in Dialogue.” Past roundtables have been devoted to concepts of authorship (Fall 2010), eighteenth-century science studies (Spring 2011), and comparative colonialisms and orientalisms (Fall 2011). 2012-2013 was the Seminar’s 50th year in operation, a benchmark celebrated the following year with a two-day conference.

Chair: Professor Kathleen Lubey • Rapporteur: Ms. Katherine Bergevin

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 14  The Pineal Gland: A Comedy in Three Acts
Jess Keiser, Tufts University

October 18  Abortive Maternity and the Inkle and Yarico Legend
Regulus Allen, California Polytechnic State University

November 9  Typography and Conversational Threat in Samuel Richardson’s Clarissa
Katie Gemmill, Vassar College

December 7  Hand, Eye, Image, Self: Enlightenment Microscopy and Modernity
Al Coppola, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

January 25  Paper Mosaics and Paper Sentiments: Mary Delany’s Loves of the Plants
Deidre Lynch, Harvard University

March 29  Educating the Vulgar Eye: Classed Vision and Criminal Punishment in Hogarth’s Art
Meredith Gamer, Columbia University

April 24  When Do We Read? The Timing of Books in the Eighteenth Century
Tina Lupton, University of Warwick (England, UK)
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.

Co-Chairs: Professor Howard Finkelberg; Professor Peter V. Norden • Rapporteur: Mr. Hamza Naseem Iqbal

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 9    Jobs: What Will Employment in the U.S. Look Like in a World of Increasing Globalization, Automation, and [Hopefully] Prosperity?

December 11  Globalization and Reverse Colonization
              John G. Napoli
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 Josh Simon • Rapporteur: Mr. Aaron Zubia

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 4  
*The Reactionary Mind*
Corey Robin, Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York
Respondent: Adam Tooze, Columbia University

November 16  
*Putting out Knowledge of Work: Spinoza on Fortitude*
Susan James, Birkbeck, University of London (England, UK)

February 22  
*Race and America’s Long War*
Nikhil Singh, New York University
Respondent: Jeremy Kessler, Columbia University

April 5  
*Taking Responsibility, Winning Freedom: The Political Arts of Toni Morrison’s Fiction*
Lawrie Balfour, University of Virginia

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor David C. Johnston, dcj1@columbia.edu
The concern of this seminar is the history, literature, and culture of the United States, focusing on the period from the nineteenth century to the present. Recent subjects have ranged from Margaret Fuller to the Hawaiian sovereignty movement, from Asian American fashion designers to letters from former slaves who settled in Liberia. 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: Professor James Kim; Professor Cristobal Silva • Rapporteur: Mr. Genji Amino

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 12  
*Urbanity and Taste: The Making of African American Modernity in Antebellum New York City*
Carla Peterson, University of Maryland

October 3  
*(Gay) Panic Attack*
David Eng, University of Pennsylvania

November 14  
Punctuating Incidents: Narrating Enslaved Childhood
Sarah Chinn, Hunter College, City University of New York

February 6  
*I’ll Fly Away: Birds, Slaves, Audubon, and Flying Africans*
Brigitte Fielder, University of Wisconsin-Madison

April 10  
Occulting Sovereignty: Possession, Occupation, and Haitian Internationalism in Pauline Hopkins’s Of One Blood
Mary Grace Albanese, Binghamton University

May 1  
Embodying Labor-Time
Allan Isaac, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Professor James Kim, bjakim@fordham.edu; Professor Matt Sandler, mfs2001@columbia.edu
This seminar addresses subjects 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 Neslihan Şenocak • Rapporteur: Ms. Carolyn Quijano

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 26  The High Medieval Papacy: An Empire of Influence?  
Jeffrey Wayno, Columbia University

October 26  Exercising Divine Justice? Heresy, the Church, and the Death Penalty in the High Middle Ages  
Susan Kramer, Fordham University

November 14  The Dominican Missal in the Thirteenth Century  
Eleanor Giraud, University of Limerick (Ireland)

February 7  The Problem of Induction: How the Ancient Solution was Lost in a Medieval Game of Telephone  
John McCaskey, Fordham University

March 22  The Translator and the Skeptic: Constructing the Reader in the Bible Historiale  
Jeanette Patterson, Binghamton University

April 12  Separating Time from Eternity in the Early Renaissance  
Nicholas Scott Baker, Macquarie University (Australia)

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Neslihan Şenocak, ns2495@columbia.edu
STUDIES IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICA · 435 Founded: 1956

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Gregory Mann; Professor Rhiannon Stephens • Rapporteur: Ms. Yayra Sumah

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 21  Queen Njinga of Angola: A Necessary Icon in Contemporary Africa?
Linda Heywood, Boston University

November 2  Ritual and Protest in the Struggle Over Mbale Town, Eastern Uganda (1954-62)
Pamela Khanakwa, Makerere University (Uganda)

February 8  Crises of Passage: Civil Servants, Modern Careers, and Rituals in Mali
Isaie Dougnon, Fordham University

March 29  Students of the World: Patrice Lumumba, the Congolese Educated Elite, and Distant Mediations in the Global 1960s
Pedro Monaville, New York University, Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates)

May 3  Metabolic Disorder, Global Health, and ‘Noncommunicable’ Disease in Malawi
Megan Vaughan, University College London (England, UK)

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Abosede George, ageorge@barnard.edu; Professor Rhiannon Stephens, r.stephens@columbia.edu
CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION • 441 Founded: 1957

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: Professor Joel Lidov; Professor Katharina Volk • Rapporteur: Mr. Jeremy Simmons

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 21  Fear, Honour, and Profit? Rethinking the ‘Balance Sheet’ of Empire
Polly Low, University of Manchester (England, UK)

October 19  Selective Memory and Epic Reminiscence in Sophocles’ Ajax
Sheila Murnaghan, University of Pennsylvania

November 16  Paving the Way for Vergil’s Aeneas: Rome and Fate in Literature of the Second Century BCE
Charles McNelis, Georgetown University

January 18  The Late Hellenistic Polis and Rome: Political Thought, Ethics, and Exemplarity
John Ma, Columbia University

February 15  ‘Realistic’ Singing in Attic Tragedy
Timothy Power, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

April 19  The Process of the Formation of the Greek Alphabet: From Mycenaean Greece to Iron-Age Anatolia
Roger D. Woodard, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Joel Lidov, jlidov@gc.cuny.edu; Professor Katharina Volk, kv2018@columbia.edu
MODERN EAST ASIA: CHINA • 443 Founded: 1957

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: Professor Robert Barnett; Professor William Charles Wooldridge • Rapporteur: Ms. Nataly Shahaf

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 14  Knowing Individuals: Building a Fingerprinting Profession in 1920s Beijing  
Daniel Asen, Rutgers University-Newark  
Discussant: Chuck Wooldridge, Lehman College, City University of New York

October 12  The Turning Point: Li Choh-Ming and the Kuashang Orientation at the Chinese University  
Peter Hamilton, Columbia University  
Discussant: David Weiman, Barnard College, Columbia University

November 9  The High Road or a Race to the Bottom? Regulating Corporate Social Responsibility on the ‘Belt and Road’  
Mimi Zou, Columbia University and University of Oxford  
Discussant: Benjamin L. Liebman, Columbia University

February 8  Making Revolution on the Commercial Front  
Laurence Coderre, New York University  
Discussant: Chuck Wooldridge, Lehman College, City University of New York

March 8  Imperial Borderland to Socialist State: The Sino-Tibetan Frontier and the End of Empire  
Benno Weiner, Carnegie Mellon University  
Discussant: Peter Hamilton, Columbia University

April 27  Some Problems with Corpses: Standards of Validity in Qing Homicide Cases  
Matthew Sommer, Stanford University  
Discussant: Jungwon Kim, Columbia University

May 10  Towards a History of Dam-Building in Twentieth-Century China: Shilong Ba (石龍壩 ca. 1910-1912) and the Advent of Hydropower  
Arunabh Ghosh, Harvard University  
Discussant: Grace Shen, Fordham University

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor William Charles Wooldridge, william.wooldridge@lehman.cuny.edu
MODERN EAST ASIA: JAPAN • 445 Founded: 1960

The Modern Japan Seminar is concerned with the history, politics, society, and culture of Japan from the late nineteenth century to the present. It emphasizes interdisciplinary dialogue among historians, anthropologists, sociologists, literary critics and other scholars from the New York area institutions. The seminar meets regularly to discuss a paper from a work in progress by a member or invited speaker. Pre-circulation of papers and discussant comments encourage in-depth discussion and debate.

Chair: Professor Yukiko Koga • Rapporteurs: Mr. Clay Eaton and Mr. Joshua Schlachet

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 19

Condoned Savagery: The Untold Stories of the First Taiwanese Aborigine Volunteer Army in the Philippines, 1942

Kristen L. Ziomek, Adelphi University

Discussant: Brandon M. Schechter, New York University

November 16

Iphigenia in the China Sea: The Memory of Sacrifice in Contemporary Japan

Christopher T. Nelson, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Discussant: Thomas Looser, New York University

March 15

Pan-Asianism, the Russian Revolution, and a Soviet-Japanese Coalition: Mitsukawa Kametarō

Tatiana Linkhoeva, New York University

Discussant: Seiji Shirane, City College, City University of New York

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Yukiko Koga, ykoga@hunter.cuny.edu
NEW TESTAMENT • 451 Founded: 1959

This seminar focuses on religious texts of the Mediterranean world, particularly as they relate to Christian origins. It focuses attention on Hellenistic Jewish and on early Christian texts, including the texts of the New Testament, Dead Sea Scrolls, Philo and Josephus, Nag Hammadi, patristic literature, rabbinic materials, and diverse Greco-Roman source material of a non-Jewish or Christian provenance.

Co-Chairs: Professor Emma Wasserman; Professor Larry Welborn • Rapporteur: Ms. Amy Meverden

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 13  
2 Peter 1.16-21: Peter as Initiated Interpreter of Scripture  
Jeremy Hultin, Murdoch University (Australia)

October 12  
Letters and Voice: Paul’s Letters, Imperial Correspondence, Diogenes of Oinoanda, and an Epigraphic Not-Quite-Habit  
Laura Salah Nasrallah, Harvard University

November 2  
Breaking Bodies and Exceeding Limits: Glossolalia and the Materiality of Language in 1 Corinthians  
Todd Berzon, Bowdoin College

December 6  
Three Visions of John the Baptist: Luke, Marcion, and Tatian  
Alberto Camplani, Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)

February 1  
Visualizing Christ Assemblies: Size and Space  
John Kloppenborg, University of Toronto (Canada)

April 5  
Paul’s Hagar As/Against Bare Life  
Jennifer Glancy, Le Moyne College

April 26  
The Benefits of Fidelity in Pauline Christ Groups  
Jennifer Eyl, Tufts University

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Emma Wasserman, wasserme@religion.rutgers.edu;  
Professor Larry Welborn, wellborn@fordham.edu
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 of both American and world-wide cities. The heterogeneous nature of the seminar’s membership is reflected in the variety of subjects that the meetings address.

Chair: Professor Lisa Keller • Rapporteur: Fr. Stephen Koeth

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 3  Chicago Lawn: One Working-Class Neighborhood through Two Economies
Nick Lemann, Columbia University

November 8  Liberty Road: Conflict and Community in an African-American Middle-Class Suburb
Greg Smithsonian, Brooklyn College, City University of New York

February 7  ‘Parks and People vs. Cars’: The Forgotten Battle Over Madison Square Park
Owen Gutfreund, Hunter College, City University of New York

March 6  Just Space? I.S. 201 and Public School Architecture During the Civil Rights Movement
Marta Gutman, City College, City University of New York

April 10  The Fox and the Lion: Race, Ethnicity, and the Evolution of Identity Politics in New York City
Michael Javen Fortner, Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies, City University of New York

Academic year 2018–2019 Chair: Professor Lisa Keller, lisa.keller@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, canon, Talmudic, common, and Islamic laws are examined. The majority of the lectures are presented by the members of the seminar, most of whom are academics in history, political science or law, or professionals who have become editors. One or two papers each year are presented by visiting scholars.

Co-Chairs: Professor Edmund Clingan; Dr. Theodore Kovaleff • Rapporteur: Mr. Dominic Vendell

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 19  Issued a Shield, a Gun, and a Skirt: Female-Only Police Corps in Italy (and Elsewhere)  
Molly Tambor, Long Island University

October 18  When Does American Constitutional History Begin?  
Itai Sneh, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

November 14  The Easter Rebellion and After: Ireland in Context, 1916-2016  
George Bretherton, Montclair State University

March 20  ‘Every Species of Trick, Art, and Chicane’: Bureaucratic Skill and Historical Knowledge in Eighteenth-Century India  
Dominic Vendell, Columbia University

April 17  From Fascism to Populism  
Federico Finchelstein, The New School for Social Research and Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School

May 9  Persistence in German Politics  
Edmund Clingan, Queensborough Community College, City University of New York

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Sarah Danielsson, sdanielsson@qcc.cuny.edu; Professor Kenneth Pearl, kpearl@qcc.cuny.edu
KNOWLEDGE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS • 467 Founded: 1966

Technologies, scientific transformations, and new areas of knowledge are continuously, and rapidly, being introduced. These developments are transforming social systems around the world. We have seen networked computers rapidly converging with telephones and TV into globally pervasive digital communications systems. These systems—and the emerging New Media they create—are increasingly impacting what and how we communicate with each other, as well as how we write history and interact among ourselves. The opportunities and threats these and other systems pose to personal and global quality of life, end even to human survival, are very real and relatively little understood. This seminar will consider these aspects, as well as alternative social systems that may lead to a better future for humankind. This seminar was formerly called Computers, Man, and Society.

Co-Chairs: Professor Jerry Spivack; Professor Takeshi Utsumi • Rapporteur: Ms. Nitasha Nair

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 11  From Cancer to Normalcy: Evolution of a Cell and an Idea
Robert Pollock, Columbia University

November 8  Creativity and Its Enemies
John Lobell, Pratt Institute

December 6  The Know-It-Alls: How a Bunch of Geeks Took Libertarianism Mainstream
Noam Cohen, Author and Journalist

March 28  Markers and Unintended Consequences of Technology’s Progress
James Gould, Retired Patent Lawyer

May 2  Climate Change Reality: Causes and Solutions
Jason Kliwinski, Green Building Center and Designs for Life LLC

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Jerry Spivack, jspvk@aol.com; Professor Takeshi Utsumi, takutsumi@glosas.org
ECOLOGY AND CULTURE • 471 Founded: 1964

This interdisciplinary seminar brings together participants from Columbia University and the New York City area for discussions around a range of socio-ecological topics. Our participants come from anthropology, law, geography, history, sociology, and ecology. We strive to bring together scholars, activists, artists, and practitioners in our discussions.

Co-Chairs: Professor Veronica Davidov; Professor Paige West • Rapporteur: Mr. Eduardo Romero Dianderes

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 5

Faith and the Pursuit of Health: Cardiometabolic Disorders in Samoa

Jessica Hardin, Pacific University

February 8

Can Consumer Demand Deliver Sustainable Food?

Cynthia Isenhour, University of Maine

March 1

Joint meeting with 523
Capital, Nature, and Geo-Power: A Brief History

Jason Moore, Binghamton University, State University of New York

March 29

Melt in the Future-Subjunctive: Iceland in the Anthropocene

Cymene Howe, Rice University

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Veronica Davidov, veronica.davidov@gmail.com; Professor Paige West, cw2031@columbia.edu
THE STUDY OF THE HEBREW BIBLE • 473 Founded: 1968

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

Chair: Professor Heath Dewrell • Rapporteur: Mr. David DeLauro

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 7  Deuteronomy 1:3 and the Lawgiving in the Pentateuchal Sources
Baruch J. Schwartz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

October 9 Bodies, Cities, and Ships: Beauty and the Poetics of Description in Ezekiel 27
Jacqueline Vayntraub, Brandeis University

November 13 The Samaritan Pentateuch, a Document in Permanent Evolution
Abraham Tal, Tel Aviv University (Israel)

December 6 Sapiential Anthropology in the Joseph Story (Genesis 37-50)
Konrad Schmid, University of Zürich (Switzerland)

January 18 New Texts and New Senses in the Wisdom of Ben Sira
Eric D. Reymond, Yale University

February 26 Jehoram Spills His Guts (Literally)
Isabel Cranz, University of Pennsylvania

April 16 Wisdom as Genre and as Tradition in the Book of Ben Sira
John J. Collins, Yale University

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Heath Dewrell, heath.dewrell@ptsem.edu
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).

Chair: Professor Carla Bellamy • Rapporteur: Ms. Anvi Mridul

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 23  
*The Taste of Longing: Is There a Tibetan Buddhist Rasa of Separation from the Guru?*
Annabella Pitkin, Lehigh University

November 27  
*Thus Born a New Muslim Woman: Gendered Narratives and the State of Violence of 1948 Police Action in South India*
Afsar Mohammed, University of Pennsylvania

January 22  
*The New Vrindavan*
John Stratton Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University

February 12  
*Politics of Resentment: Hindu Public Engagement and Minority Politics in Contemporary Pakistan*
Jürgen Schaflechner, University of Heidelberg (Germany) and Princeton University

February 26  
*Feel of a Place: Making Pictures, Memorializing Moods in India’s Eighteenth Century*
Dipti Khera, New York University

March 19  
*From Subject to Citizen: The “Divine Kingdoms” of the Western Himalaya in the Twenty-First Century*
William (Bo) Sax, University of Heidelberg (Germany)

April 9  
*A Political Theory of Yoga: Work in Progress for Yoga as a Political Idea*
Sunila S. Kale and Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Washington

April 30  
*Difference that Mattered: Defining the Ghurid Threat in North India Circa 1192 CE*
Audrey Truschke, Rutgers University-Newark
THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST • 479 Founded: 1966

This seminar was created to coordinate the archaeological chronologies of the regions of the Near East and the Eastern Mediterranean. It meets from six to eight times a year to discuss new research and hear reports of recent fieldwork. A number of relevant papers were published in the American Journal of Archaeology from 1968 until 1988, and in 1992 in the Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society. Since then, the focus of the seminar has been widened to include all aspects of the ancient cultures of the Near East and its adjoining regions. Recently the seminar has organized occasional conferences and workshops on topics such as the Black Sea flood (2003) and a 50th anniversary celebration of the seminar’s founding (2016).

Co-Chairs: Dr. Sally Dunham; Professor Allan Gilbert; Dr. K. Aslıhan Yener • Rapporteur: Mr. Erhan Tamur

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 14  
Ancient Kanesh: New Developments in the Study of Chronology, Demography, and Social Change  
Mogens Trolle Larsen, University of Copenhagen (Denmark)

October 26  
New Excavations at Ur  
Elizabeth Stone, Stony Brook University, State University of New York

November 8  
Prestige or Propaganda? Egyptian and Egyptianizing Objects in the Late Bronze Age Near East and their Implications for Understanding New Kingdom Foreign Policy  
Jana Mynářová, Charles University (Czech Republic)

November 27  
The Armenian Dragon-Stones and the Origins of Monumental Art in the Prehistoric South Caucasus  
Alessandra Gilibert, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice (Italy)

March 22  
The Context of the Khayan Sealings from Tell Edfu: Chronological and Historical Implications for the Second Intermediate Period in Egypt (ca. 1650-1550 BCE)  
Nadine Moeller, University of Chicago

April 9  
Women’s Agency on Hieroglyphic Seals in Late Bronze Age Anatolia  
Mark Weeden, University College London (England, UK)

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Allan Gilbert, gilbert@fordham.edu; Dr. K. Aslıhan Yener, akyener12@gmail.com
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 generally meets on the second Friday of the month, from September to May, 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 Ernest Ialongo • Rapporteur: Ms. Claudia Sbuttoni

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 8  
Watching in Color: The Reception of Black American Films in Italy  
Mary Ann Carolan, Fairfield University  
Respondent: Rhianne Welch, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

October 13  
Politics and the Postmodern in Contemporary Italian Literature and Criticism  
David Ward, Wellesley College  
Respondent: Peter Caravatta, Stony Brook University, State University of New York

November 10  
Silvana Patriarca, Fordham University  
Respondent: Nelson Moe, Barnard College, Columbia University

December 8  
Charting the Island in Fascist Italy: Sicilian Belonging Between Race and Empire  
Lina Insana, University of Pittsburgh  
Respondent: Jane Schneider, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

February 2  
Co-Sponsored by The Primo Levi Center of New York  
Fascists: The Italian Leadership and the Nazi Extermination of the Jews  
Luca Fenoglio, University of Leicester (England, UK)  
Respondent: Susan Zuccotti, Independent Historian

March 2  
Armando Brasini and Neo-Baroque Architecture in the 1920s: The Politics of Style in the Construction of Modern Italian Identity  
Laura Cecchini, Colgate University  
Respondent: Emily Braun, Hunter College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York

April 13  
Ransom Kidnapping in Modern Italy: Victims, State, and Media  
Alessandra Montalbano, University of Alabama  
Respondent: David Forgacs, New York University

May 4  
Expanding Diasporic Identity: A Multi-Directional Path to the New ‘Italian’ Writer  
Anthony Tamburri, Queens College, City University of New York  
Respondent: Fred Gardaphé, Queens College, City University of New York

Academic year 2018–2019 Chair: Professor Ernest Ialongo, eialongo@hostos.cuny.edu
EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE • 491 Founded: 1966

This seminar is a forum for scholarly conversations and works-in-progress on early American history, broadly defined. It seeks both to support scholarship on the Anglo-American colonies and the early United States (pre-Civil War). And to situate these political entities within broader frameworks (e.g., global history, early modern history, the Age of Revolution, hemispheric history, and the Atlantic World). The seminar aims to involve a wide range of historians (including specialists in Native American history, Caribbean history, and Latin American history) in this discussion. Scholars of literature, religion, slavery, and African diaspora, Native American studies, anthropology, sociology, and related fields are also encouraged to attend.

Chair: Professor John Dixon; Professor Hannah Farber • Rapporteur: Mr. Yoav Hamdani

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 26  The ‘Use of the Globes’: Mathematical Geography and Its Cognitive Impact on the Spatial, Social, and Economic Imagination in the Early Republic
Tamara Plakins Thornton, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

October 10  Being Seen Like a State: How Americans (and Britons) Built the Constitutional Infrastructure of a Developing Nation
Daniel Hulsebosch, New York University

November 14  The Natchez War Revisited: Indigenous Diplomacy, Multi-Directional Slave Trades, and Violence in the Lower Mississippi Valley
Elizabeth Ellis, New York University

December 5  Making the New Nation Old; Or, Founding Objects: Relics and Nationalism
Matthew Dennis, University of Oregon

February 13  “Nor Be Angry... One Life Is Enough to Be Lost”: Clues from an Eighteenth-Century Murder Case for an Iroquois History of Thought and Emotion
Nicole Eustace, New York University

March 6  The Failure of Federalism: Boston’s French Years
Mark Peterson, University of California, Berkeley

April 10  Mobility and Satire in the American Plantations
Edward Cahill, Fordham University

May 8  The Antebellum Origins of Alien Contract Labor Law
Hidetaka Hirota, City College, City University of New York

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor John Dixon, john.dixon@csi.cuny.edu; Professor Hannah Farber, haf2126@columbia.edu
The purpose of this seminar is to explore the effects of pollution and environmental regulation on water and related environmental resources. Proceedings of the seminar, collections of the lectures, are published yearly. To date, forty one volumes have been published. 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.

**Chair: Professor Richard W. Lo Pinto • Rapporteur: Ms. Joanne Lo Pinto**

**2017-2018 • Meetings**

**September 28**  
*U.S. Trends in Water-Related Infectious Disease Rates Correlated to Climate Change Processes*  
Kimberly J. Taylor, Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences

**November 16**  
*Determining Water Quality of New York Harbor: Using a Citizen Science Network to Test for Fecal Indicator Enterococci*  
Nina Hitchings, The River Project

**April 12**  
*Exploring the Biodiversity of the Lower Hudson River through Seining and Eel Migration Data*  
Jason Muller, Sarah Lawrence College

**April 26**  
*Restoring Urban Water Resources: Species Reintroduction (Easter Oyster), Regulatory Policy, and an Emerging Pollutant (Microplastics)*  
Beth Ravit, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

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**Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Richard W. Lo Pinto, lopinton@fdu.edu**
SLAVIC HISTORY AND CULTURE • 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- and twenty-first centuries.

Co-Chairs: Professor Anthony Anemone; Professor Deborah Martinsen • Rapporteur: Mr. Tomi Haxhi

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 6  From Fallout Fantasy to Bunker Bildungsroman: Transmedia Storytelling and Nuclear Culture
Anindita Banerjee, Cornell University

December 1  The Greatest Emancipator: Abolition and Empire in Imperial Russia
Willard Sunderland, University of Cincinnati

February 9  “A Shortcut to Paradise”: Joseph Brodsky in Rome
Yuri Leving, Dalhousie University (Canada)

March 9  A Decadent Metaphysics: Fin-de-Siècle Anxiety and the Cultural Contexts of Early Modernism
Jon Stone, Franklin & Marshall College

April 6  Rationalizing the Prisoner: Inventors, Medical Experts, and the Stalinist Gulag
Asif Siddiqi, Fordham University

May 4  Solzhenitsyn’s Ivan Denisovich at the Crossroads of Gosizdat, Samizdat, and Tamizdat
Yasha Klots, Hunter College, City University of New York

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Anthony Anemone, anemonea@newschool.edu;
Professor Catherine Evtukhov, ce2308@columbia.edu
ISRAEL AND JEWISH STUDIES • 501 Founded: 1968

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Elisheva Carlebach • Rapporteur: Ms. Jordan Katz

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 17  
Leopold Zunz: Creativity in Adversity  
Ismar Schorsch, Jewish Theological Seminary

November 14  
Indigenous Textual Scholarship in Modern Sephardic Kabbalah  
Jonathan Garb, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

February 13  
Jewish Materialism  
Eliyahu Stern, Yale University

March 6  
Was Rabbi Jonathan Eibeschutz a Crypto-Christian?  
Pawel Maciejko, Johns Hopkins University

April 27  
Cultural Patrimony  
Allyson Gonzalez, Yale University

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Elisheva Carlebach, ecarlebach@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: Professor Alan Dye; Professor Susie Pak; Professor David Weiman • Rapporteur: Mr. Robert Corban

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 5  "War Pays for War": Napoleon’s Practice of Plunder and Extraction: The Case of Westphalia, 1807-1813
Sam Mustafa, Ramapo College of New Jersey

November 9 Estimating the Recession-Mortality Relationship when Migration Matters
(Co-authored with Brian Beach and Walker Hanlon)
Vellore Arthi, University of Essex (England, UK) and Columbia University

December 7 Industrialisation and Earnings Inequality in Nineteenth-Century Catalonia
Natalia Mora-Sitja, University of Cambridge (England, UK) and Columbia University

February 1 Economic Mobility in the 1860s
Joshua Rosenbloom, Iowa State University

March 1 Property Rights in Land and the Extent of Settlement in Dutch South Africa, 1652-1752
(Co-authored with Summer La Croix)
Alan Dye, Barnard College, Columbia University

April 12 Restructuring the American Dream
Louis Hyman, Cornell University

May 3 Financial Asset Ownership and Political Partnership: Liberty Bonds and Republican Electoral Successes in the 1920s
(Co-authored with Wendy Rahn)
Eric Hilt, Wellesley College

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Alan Dye, adye@barnard.edu; Professor Susie Pak, paks1@stjohns.edu; Professor David Weiman, dweiman@barnard.edu
DEATH • 507 Founded: 1971

This interdisciplinary seminar critically engages with aspects of death, dying, disposal and grief. Presentations and discussions explore topics from both academic and clinical perspectives in areas as diverse as medicine, psychology, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, religion, law, politics, architecture, and the media. In recent years the seminar has focused on contemporary developments in technology, culture and society. Attendance is maintained at a level that provides members with ample opportunity for active participation.

Chair: Dr. Christina Staudt • Honorary Chair: Dr. Michael K. Bartalos • Rapporteur: Ms. Fernanda Borges Nogueira

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 11  
*Loneliness in a Beautiful Place*
Melinda Hunt, The Hart Island Project

November 8  
*Lamentations for the Dead; the case of Bhopal, India*
Atiba Rougier, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

December 13  
*Regulated to Death: Re-Imagining the Death Service Market*
Tanya D. Marsh, Wake Forest University

February 14  
*New Directions in End-of-Life Legislation*
Carl H. Coleman, Seton Hall University

April 18  
*Advance Care Planning and End-of-Life Decision Making Among Adults with Cystic Fibrosis: Preliminary Results from a Qualitative Research Study*
Melissa J. Basile, Center for Health Innovations and Outcomes Research and the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, Northwell Health

May 9  
*To Treat or Not to Treat? That’s Not the Question: End-of-Life Treatment Choices for Clinicians*
Betty Wolder Levin, The Graduate School, City University of New York

June 7  
*From Death into Light: The Living, the Dead, and the Modern Metropolis*
Caitlin Campbell, Columbia University

Academic year 2018–2019 Chair: Dr. Christina Staudt, christinastaudt@gmail.com; Honorary Chair: Dr. Michael K. 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: Dr. Francesco Pellizzi • Rapporteur: Ms. Sophia Merkin

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 19    Double Exposure: The Congolese Bourgeoisie in the Colonial and Family Album
              Sandrine Collard, New York University

November 2    Atea – Coming into the Light: Thinking Through Nature and Divinity in Eighteenth Century Polynesia
              Maia Nuku, Metropolitan Museum of Art

December 7    Against Primitivism: Meyer Schapiro’s Early Writings on African and Medieval Art
              Risham Majeed, Ithaca College

March 1       The Bleeding Conch Vase: New Insights on Sexuality in Ancient Maya Art
              Oswaldo Chinchilla Mazariegos, Yale University

April 5       Ambrym Sand Drawings: Field Notes on a Melanesian Way to Memory
              Jacopo Baron, Ecole des Hautes Études (France)

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Dr. Francesco Pellizzi, pellizzi@fas.harvard.edu; Professor Zoë Strother, zss1@columbia.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: Dr. Elizabeth Cohn; Mr. Ronald Gross • Rapporteur: Mr. Timothy Cha

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 16  Joint meeting with 585
The Art of Choosing
Sheena Iyengar, Columbia University

November 13  Joint meeting with 585
High Price: A Neuroscientist’s Journey of Self-Discovery that Challenges Everything We Know about Drugs and Society
Carl Hart, Columbia University

December 11  Joint meeting with 585
The Antidote: Happiness for People Who Can’t Stand Positive Thinking
Oliver Burkeman, Independent Author and Journalist

January 22  Joint meeting with 585
The Human Life-Cycle: Cross-Cultural Perspectives
Uwe P. Gielen, St. Francis College
SungHun Kim, St. Francis College

May 21  Joint meeting with 585
Empathy: Its Power, Potential, Perversions, and Politics
Cris Beam, William Paterson University

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Dr. Elizabeth Cohn, ec2341@columbia.edu; Mr. Ronald Gross, grossassoc@aol.com
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.

Chairs: Christopher Sabatini • Rapporteur: Ms. Maria Jose Meza-Cuadra Bedoya

2017-2018 • Meetings

November 2  Popular Support for Democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean
Mitchell A. Seligson, Vanerbilt University

December 7  Race and Inequality in the New Cuba
Katrin Hansing, Baruch College, City University of New York

February 1  Frank Tannenbaum: From Jack-Of-All-Trades to Mater of Latin American Studies
Barbara S. Weinstein, New York University

March 1  Mexico’s Outlook: Elections, the Link, and the Storm
Gray Newmann, Morgan Stanley and Columbia University

April 5  National Sovereignty and Foreign Policy in Latin America
Ilina Rodriguez Santibañez, Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education (Mexico)

May 3  Security and Police Reform in Central America
Mark Ungar, Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Dr. Christopher Sabatini, cs2773@columbia.edu
POPULATION BIOLOGY • 521 Founded: 1971

This seminar covers all aspects of population biology, broadly defined to include ecology, evolution and other aspects of modern organismal biology. It also encompasses studies of animal behavior in the field and laboratory, paleontology, theoretical and experimental biology, genetics and genomics.

Co-Chairs: Ms. Alison Cucco; Professor Kathleen A. Nolan

2017-2018 • Meetings

December 5  
*Ecology and Epidemiology of Bats in Tropical and Temperate Islands*  
Danielle Fibikar, College of Staten Island, City University of New York

February 27  
*Using Ecological Studies to Inform Turtle Conservation Decisions*  
Suzanne Macey, American Museum of Natural History

May 1  
*Native and Invasive Frogs of the U.S. Virgin Islands: Vocalizations and Genetics*  
Pearl Cales, College of Staten Island, City University of New York

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Ms. Alison Cucco, acucco@cshl.edu; Professor Kathleen A. Nolan, knolan@sfc.edu
POLITICAL ECONOMY AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES • 523 Founded: 1971

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 political, philosophical, and economic dimensions. Such issues have included welfare policy, homelessness, and strains in multicultural democracies, and violent conflicts within and across nation-states. 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 states, and new principles of income distribution. Theories oriented to deepening democracy and realizing human rights both in the US and abroad are also an ongoing focus.

Co-Chairs: Professor Carol Gould; Professor Omar Dahbour • Rapporteur: Ms. Fernanda Borges Nogueira

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 14  Zionisms, Post-Zionsims, and Peace in Israel/Palestine
Chaim Gans, Tel Aviv University (Israel)

November 2  Behemoth: The Factory and the Making of the Modern World
Joshua Freeman, Queens College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York

December 7  A Republic – If You Can Keep It
Philip Green, Smith College and the New School for Social Research

March 1  Joint meeting with 471
Capital, Nature, and Geo-Power: A Brief History
Jason Moore, Binghamton University, State University of New York

April 12  The New Context for Political Economy: Working with the Anthropocene Thesis
Simon Dalby, Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada)

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Carol Gould, carolcgould@gmail.com; Professor Omar Dahbour, odahbour@hunter.cuny.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 three and a half 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 persistent 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: Mr. Eric Simmons**

### 2017-2018 • Meetings

- **September 13**  
  *U.S. Middle East Policy in the Era of Trump*  
  Gary Sick, Columbia University

- **October 18**  
  *How Many Shocks Can Iraq Withstand? The Kurdish Referendum and After*  
  Joost Hiltermann, International Crisis Group

- **November 15**  
  *The Future of the Iran Nuclear Agreement*  
  Richard Nephew, Columbia University

- **December 6**  
  *Change and Continuity in the Middle East: From Tunisia to Saudi Arabia*  
  Steven A. Cook, Council on Foreign Relations

- **January 24**  
  *The Contest for Lebanon: Hezbollah, Sectarianism, and Outside Intruders*  
  Randa Slim, The Middle East Institute and Johns Hopkins University

- **February 14**  
  *Avenues of Participation, Streets of Protest: Politics in Contemporary Iran*  
  Arang Keshavarzian, New York University

- **March 22**  
  *Choosing Between Turkey and the Kurds in the Fight against ISIS*  
  David I. Phillips, Columbia University

- **April 18**  
  *The New U.S. Alliance with Saudi Arabia: What Are the Implications?*  
  Amy Myers Jaffe, Council on Foreign Relations

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**Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Gary Sick, ggs2@columbia.edu; Associate Chair: Professor Lawrence G. Potter, lgp5@columbia.edu**
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, neuroimaging, 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 • Co-Chair: Dr. Allan Geliebter • Rapporteur: Ms. Musya Herzog

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 14 • Early Avoidance of a Drug-Paired Cue Predicts Greater Drug-Seeking and Drug-Taking in Rats
Patricia S. Grigson, Pennsylvania State University

October 19 • Bypassing Sweets for Alcohol: A Translational Perspective on Bariatric Surgery and Substance Use
Andras Hajnal, Pennsylvania State University

November 9 • Stress, Serotonin, and Anorexia
Valerie Compan, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France)

December 7 • Update on Brain Mechanisms of ‘Liking’ and ‘Wanting’ Food Rewards
Kent Berridge, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Discussant: Gerard Smith, Cornell University

January 18 • Hedonic Hunger: Implications for Obesity Treatment
Ariana Chao, University of Pennsylvania

February 8 • Is There a Valid Bench Approach to Understand the Placebo Effect in Obesity and Other Disorders?
Emmanuel Pothos, Tufts University

March 8 • Integration of Mind and Metabolism
Dana Small, Yale University

April 19 • Control of Food Intake through Modulation of Synaptic Strength in the Dorsal Vagal Complex
Robert Ritter, Washington State University

May 3 • Interactions Between Metabolic, Cognitive, and Reward Processes in Appetite
Suzanne Higgs, University of Birmingham (England, UK)

May 24 • Binge-Eating Disorder
Carlos Grilo, Yale University

Academic year 2018–2019 Chair: Dr. Harry Kissileff, hrk2@cumc.columbia.edu; Co-Chair: Dr. Allan Geliebter, ageliebt@chpnet.org
CULTURE, POWER, BOUNDARIES • Founded: 1972

The Culture, Power, Boundaries Seminar is a forum for work and work-in-progress that strives for a critical analysis of contemporary power relations at local and global scales and how such power relations affect the analysis, reproduction, and transformation of inequality and its cultural expressions. The seminar began forty years ago with a focus on immigration and developed into a broad forum for critical social science. While the majority of seminar members are anthropologists, and presentations tend to focus on case studies, the seminar continues to welcome, as both guests and speakers, other social scientists interested in investigating the power dimension of cultural formations and the cultural aspects of inequality.

Co-Chairs: Professor Maria-Luisa Achino-Loeb; Professor Patricia Antoniello • Rapporteur: Ms. Rosemarie Barbalace

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 9  Teacher, Torturer, Executioner: Comrade Duch’s Trial, Transitional Justice, and the Khmer Rouge Tribunal
Alex Hinton, Rutgers University-Newark

November 6  No Exit: Mayan Women’s Entanglements with Violence, Impunity, and Asylum
Linda Green, University of Arizona

December 11  Real Debts and Legal Fictions: Reconfiguring the Power of Law in Contemporary Egypt
Christine Hegel-Cantarella, Western Connecticut State University

February 5  The Last Revolution: Rethinking Peru’s Shining Path
Orin Starn, Duke University

March 5  Multispecies Infrastructures of Zoonosis
Genese Sodikoff, Rutgers University-Newark

April 9  The Language of DUI Arrests in the U.S. South
Sonia Das, New York University

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Maria-Luisa Achino-Loeb, mluisa164@aol.com;
Professor Patricia Antoniello, pata@brooklyn.cuny.edu
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 antiquity to contemporary quantum theory. 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. Most sessions take place in conjunction with the New York City History of Science Working Group.

Chair: Professor Matthew Jones • Rapporteur: Mr. Sean O’Neil

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 27  
Barnum, Bache, and Poe: American Science and the Antebellum Public  
John Tresch, University of Pennsylvania

October 11  
Invidious Comparisons: International Politics, the Fields Medal, and the Past, Present, and Future of Mathematics, 1936-1966  
Michael Barany, Dartmouth College

October 25  
Measured Movements: Weimar Germany, Labanotation, and the Choreography of Corporate Life  
Whitney Laemmli, Columbia University

November 29  
Saints and Science in Early Modern Italy: Filippo Neri and Francesco Borgia as Patron Saints of Earthquakes  
Monica Azzolini, University of Edinburgh (Scotland, UK)

December 13  
How Far Can Facts Take Us? Einstein and Bergson, Ghosts and Demons  
Jimena Canales, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

January 31  
The Origins of Public Museums: Hans Sloane’s Collections and the Creation of the British Museum  
James Delbourgo, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

February 28  
Threshold: Generations of Change in Botanical Practice at the End of the Ancien Regime  
Lynette Regouby, University of Oklahoma

March 28  
American Convergence: Science and Technology in Colonial Latin America  
Maria M. Portuondo, Johns Hopkins University

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Matthew Jones, mj340@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, film studies, political science, sociology, anthropology, music, and folklore. These scholars bring to any topic under discussion a diversity of background which is stimulating and informative for all present. The concern for Irish studies as a field of scholarly inquiry is reflected in the collegial sharing of information about resources and repositories for research in the field.

Co-Chairs: Professor Terrence Byrne; Professor Mary McGlynn - Rapporteur: Ms. Melissa Bradley-Zrada

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 8  
*Brian Friel’s Beginnings*
Kelly Matthews, Framingham State University

October 6  
*Remembering Oliver Cromwell in Ireland: Folkloric, Literary, and Historical Afterlives*
Sarah Covington, Queens College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York

December 1  
*Tracing Architectural Vampirism in Irish Texts*
Molly Kervick, University of Connecticut

February 2  
*Guilt Rules All: Mysteries, Detectives, and Crime in Irish Fiction*
Elizabeth Mannion, Independent Author and Editor
Fiona Coleman Coffey, Quinnipiac University

March 2  
*The Global Irish and Chinese: Empire, Foreign Relations, and the Shaping of Modern Immigration Policy*
Barry McCarron, New York University

April 6  
*Muse Mothers: Eavan Boland and Sylvia Plath*
Heather Clark, University of Huddersfield (England, UK)
CINEMA AND INTERDISCIPLINARY INTERPRETATION • 539 Founded: 1974

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 media studies within an inter-disciplinary perspective. Most sessions have 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: Professor Cynthia Lucia, Professor William Luhr • Rapporteur: Mr. James Wham

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 7  
An Evening with David Chase: The Creator of The Sopranos Talks About Art and Life in the Entertainment Industry
David Chase, Film and Television Writer, Director, and Producer
Respondent: Martha Nochimson, Mercy College and the David Lynch Graduate School of Cinematic Arts

October 26  
Postcards from Tora Bora: Animation, Documentary, and the Contemporary Art of War
Karen Redrobe, University of Pennsylvania
Respondent: Rosalyn Deutsche, Barnard College, Columbia University

November 16  
Zionism and Zombies: New Israeli Horror Films
Olga Gershenson, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Respondent: Neta Alexander, New York University

December 7  
Cineaste on Film Criticism, Programming, and Preservation in the New Millennium
Co-Moderators: Cynthia Lucia, Cineaste and Rider University
Rahul Hamid, Cineaste and New York University
Panelists: Gary Crowdus, Cineaste Robert Cashill, Cineaste and popdose.com
Roy Grundmann, Cineaste and Boston University
Christopher Sharrett, Cineaste and Seton Hall University
Jared Rapfogel, Cineaste and Anthology Films

January 18  
Finding ‘A James Whale Production’ in Both Archive and Text: Adaptation, Censorship, Marital Rape, and Queer Authorship in One More River (1934)
David Lugowski, Manhattanville College
Respondent: Joe McElhaney, Hunter College, City University of New York

February 8  
Pastiche or Critique: Re-Working the Canonical Avant-Garde, and the Female Body
Vera Dika, New Jersey City University
Respondent: Anne M. Kearns, Purchase College, State University of New York

March 8  
Doris Wishman: The Accidental Auteur; or, Do “Bad” Movies Body Forth the Cinema’s Concrete Universal?
Michael Bowen, Fashion Institute of Technology, State University of New York

April 5  
Get Out! Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner Now: The Black Body and Scientific Materialism
Ed Guerrero, New York University
Respondent: Paula J. Massood, Brooklyn College, City University of New York

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Cynthia Lucia, cindylucia@aol.com; 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: Professor Karen Baird; Professor Emily Sohmer Tai • Rapporteurs: Ms. Sabrina Kuri-Rodriguez (Fall); Ms. Alma Igna (Spring)

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 18  Queering Receptivity: Parasaexual Pleasure in the Face of Compulsory and Feminized Trauma
Alyson Spurgas, Trinity College
Respondent: Katie Gentile, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

October 16  Biological Stories about Men’s Reproduction
Rene Alming, Yale University
Respondent: Rayna Rapp, New York University

November 20  Who’s Your Momma? Tracing the Gray Hairs of Feminist Epistemology that Populate My Head
Michelle Fine, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
Respondent: Janet Miller, Teachers College, Columbia University

December 11  Revisiting “Gendered Eugenics”: Race and Egg Donation Markets in an Era of Racial Resentment
Erin Heidt-Forsythe, Pennsylvania State University
Respondent: Susan Markens, Lehman College, City University of New York

January 29  From Anti-Discrimination to Empowerment of Women: A Critical Assessment of the CEDAW, MDGs, and SDGs
Zehra Arat, University of Connecticut
Erica MacDonald, University of Connecticut
Respondent: Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Schools of Public Engagement at The New School

February 26  Proximity of Parts: Anxieties about Difference, Segregation, and Public Bathrooms
Jennifer Gaboury, Hunter College, City University of New York
Respondent: Michele Gregory, York College, City University of New York

March 19  A Splice of Life
Lisa Jean Moore, Purchase College, State University of New York
Respondent: Lesley Sharp, Barnard College, Columbia University

April 16  The Forgotten European Post-Holocaust Trials against Jewish “Collaborators” and the 1948 Dutch Execution of Anna van Dijk
Lotte Houwink ten Cate, Columbia University
Respondent: Susan Jacobowitz, Queensborough Community College, City University of New York

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Maria Delongoria, historydoc@mac.com; Professor Emily Sohmer Tai, etai@qcc.cuny.edu
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 thirteen 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: Leyla Amzi-Erdoğanlar; Professor Zeynep Çelik • Rapporteur: Mr. Dotan Halevy

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 29  
**Christian Mountains in a Muslim Empire**  
Molly Greene, Princeton University

October 27  
**Orhan Veli Kanik, His Life and Works: A Reappraisal**  
Sibol Erol, New York University

November 17  
**Kerosene Nights: Light and Enlightenment in Late Ottoman Jerusalem**  
Avner Wishnitzer, Tel Aviv University (Israel)

December 8  
**The Migrant Shia: Pilgrims of the Sultan and the Shah**  
Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet, University of Pennsylvania

January 19  
**David Ohannessian and the Armenian Ceramics of Jerusalem**  
Sato Moughalian, Flutist, Author, and Granddaughter of David Ohannessian

February 23  
**Inventing Laziness: The Culture of Productivity in Late Ottoman Society**  
Melis Hafez, Virginia Commonwealth University

March 30  
**Cultural History of Enslaved and Emancipated Africans in the Late Ottoman Empire**  
Michael Ferguson, Concordia University

April 6  
**Nineteenth-Century Musical Encounters of European and Ottoman Musicians (with Performances)**  
Nicolas Dufetel, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France)

April 20  
**Writing on the Margins: Distress and Hope Among Ordinary Ottoman Scholars**  
Tunç Şen, Columbia University

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Leyla Amzi-Erdoğanlar, la2142@columbia.edu; Professor A. Tunc Sen, ats2171@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. Frank McCorry • Rapporteur: Ms. Noopur Desai (Fall); Ms. Laura Newman (Spring)

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 12  Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale – Peer Integration in New York State  
Lureen McNeil, New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services  
Anthony Shaw, Certified Peer Advocate

October 17  Gateway Drugs Revisited  
Denise B. Kandel, Columbia University and New York State Psychiatric Institute

November 21  Towards a Sound Scientific and Clinical Basis Using Cannabis for Medically Assisted Drug Treatment and Opioid Overdose Prevention  
Ernest Drucker, New York University

December 19  Value-Based Payment: The Pros and Cons for Addiction Services  
Steve Rabinowitz, New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

January 16  From the Drug War to a Drug Policy that Works: Toward a Health-Based Approach  
Gabriel Sayegh, Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice

February 20  Trauma-Informed Care: An Essential Element of Effective SUD Treatment  
L. Jeannine Bookhardt-Murray, Morris Heights Health Center

March 20  Quality and Accountability in Substance Use Care: The Present and Future of Performance Measures  
Mady Chalk, Treatment Research Institute and the Chalk Group  
Frank McCorry, FAM Counseling

April 17  Back to Basics: How to Optimize the Use of Methadone and Buprenorphine in Dependency Treatments  
Andrew Byrne, OTP Practitioner (Australia)

May 15  Planning for 2018-2019 Seminar Series  
Frank McCorry, FAM Counseling
TWENTIETH-CENTURY POLITICS AND SOCIETY • 555 Founded: 1992

The seminar concerns Europe, the United States, and the non-West. 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 Christopher Dietrich • Rapporteur: Mr. Peter Slezkine

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 17  Living and Dying in International Law: Austria-Hungary in the Legal History of Decolonization
Natasha Wheatley, Princeton University

November 14  Ralph Ellison Was Right about An American Dilemma (1944)
Maribel Morey, Clemson University and the Carnegie Foundation

January 30  Iran in Motion: Encountering the Trans-Iranian Railway
Mikiya Koyagi, New York University

February 27  Against ‘Isolationism’: How Americans Learned to Stop Worrying and Police the World
Stephen Wertheim, Cambridge University (England, UK)

April 17  ‘American Exceptionalism’ and U.S. Foreign Policy Discourse: From Cold War Triumphalism to the Dawn of Trumpism
John Fousek, New York University

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Christopher Dietrich, cdietrich2@fordham.edu
BRAZIL • 557 Founded: 1976

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Diana Brown; Professor John F. Collins; Professor Sidney Greenfield; Professor Vânia Penha-Lopes • Rapporteur: Mr. Gabriel Moura Queiroz

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 14  The Outlook for the Brazilian Economy: What Went So Wrong? What Can Be Done About It? 
Thomas Trebat, Columbia Global Center in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

October 19  Understanding Institutional Dimensions of Criminal Justice in the Control of Crime
Claudio Beato, Jr., Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (Brazil) and Columbia University

November 16 Joint meeting with 405 and 411
When is a Kickback Like Fulfilling a Promise to a Saint? Religion, Traditional Culture, and Corruption in Brazil
Sidney Greenfield, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

December 14 Liberal Democracy and Advanced Oligarchy in Brazil and Beyond
José Maurício Domingues, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and New York University

February 15 Joint meeting with 405 and 411
Marxism, Publicity, Reality, and the Messiah: On Living with Secularisation
Ashley Lebner, Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada)

March 1 Politics and Subjectivities from a Tropicalista Perspective: Caetano Veloso and Gal Costa’s Recanto and Contemporary Brazil
Liv Sovik, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and Columbia University

April 19 Joint meeting with 405 and 411
Upper Amazon, ‘Uncontacted Indians’, Mythology, and Numeracy
Pita Kalekna, Independent Scholar

May 10 The Sacrifice of the Brazilian Cerrado: Greenwashing, Foreignization, and Financialization
Gustavo L.T. Oliveira, Swarthmore College
ARABIC STUDIES • 559 Founded: 1977

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

Chair: Professor Muhsin al-Musawi • Rapporteurs: Ms. Sahar Ishtiaque Ullah (Fall); Mr. Mohamed Wajdi Ben Hammed (Spring)

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 28  
اليوم القصيدة تكتبه الذي
Mohammed Bennis, Mohammed V University (Morocco)

October 26  
On Iraqi Writer Muhammad Khudayyir and the Short Story
Chip Rossetti, New York University, Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates)

November 30  
Mayy Ziyadah’s Salon as a ‘Modernity’ Dynamic
Boutheina Khaldi, American University of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates)

February 22  
Kutub al-Lugha as World Literature: The Case of the Arabic Names of the Lion
David Larsen, New York University

March 29  
The Oriental Difference in Foucault’s Thought: An Interpretation
Marnia Lazreg, Hunter College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York

April 26  
Surrealism, Internationalism, and the Afro-Asian in Edwar al-Kharrat’s Texts
Hala Halim, New York University

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Muhsin al-Musawi, ma2188@columbia.edu; Sarah Bin Tyeer, sb4033@columbia.edu
NEO-CONFUCIAN STUDIES • 567 Founded: 1979

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

Co-Chairs: Mr. Ari Borrell; Professor Tao Jiang; Professor On-cho Ng; Professor Deborah Sommer • Rapporteur: Mr. Zachary Berge-Becker

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 6  Selfishness and Self-Centeredness
  Philip J. Ivanhoe, City University of Hong Kong

November 10  The Buddhist Roots of Zhu Xi's Philosophical Thought
  John Makeham, La Trobe University (Australia)

February 16  The Affective Origin of Translated Political Modernity in Late Qing China
  Jean Tsui, College of Staten Island, City University of New York

April 20  Two Confucian Theories on Children and Childhood
  Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Mr. Ari Borrell, arinborrell@gmail.com; Professor Tao Jiang, tjiang@rci.rutgers.edu; Professor On-Cho Ng, oxn1@psu.edu
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: Professor Gavin Hollis; Professor Matt Zarnowiecki • Rapporteur: Mr. Alexander Lash

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 8  How Many Knights Had King Lear?
Thomas G. Olsen, State University of New York at New Paltz

October 13  Devils in the Details: Richard Dadd’s Shakespeare
Corey McEleny, Fordham University

November 10  Shakespeare and Innovation
Mary Thomas Crane, Boston College

December 8  Music on the Enchanted Island
Alexander Lash, Columbia University

February 9  ‘Intelligently Organized Resistance’: Shakespeare in the Diasporic Politics of John E. Bruce
Kim F. Hall, Barnard College, Columbia University
Bernard Beckerman Memorial Lecture

March 9  Clothing the Sinews of the City’s Mystic Body: Style and Queer Worldmaking in Early Modern Literature
James Bromley, Miami University of Ohio

April 13  ‘Qualities of Breeding’: Race, Class, and Conduct in The Merchant of Venice
Patricia Akhimie, Rutgers University-Newark

May 11  How to Do Things with Indian Boys: Sex and Race on the Shakespearean Stage
Abdulhamit Arvas, Vassar College
SOUTHEAST ASIA IN WORLD AFFAIRS • 583 Founded: 1982

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Ann Marie Murphy; Professor Hugh T. Patrick • Rapporteur: Ms. Aphinya Siranart

2017-2018 • Meetings

April 12

China’s Belt and Road Initiative in Southeast Asia

Cheng-Chwee Kuik, National University of Malaysia

May 2

U.S. Policy toward Myanmar

Derek Mitchell, Former U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia, Albright Stonebridge Group, and the United States Institute of Peace

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Ann Marie Murphy, amm31@columbia.edu; Professor Hugh T. Patrick, htp1@columbia.edu
ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY • 585 Founded: 1983

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

Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Cohn • Rapporteur: Mr. Timothy Cha

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 16  
Joint meeting with 511  
The Art of Choosing  
Sheena Iyengar, Columbia University

November 13  
Joint meeting with 511  
High Price: A Neuroscientist’s Journey of Self-Discovery that Challenges Everything We Know about Drugs and Society  
Carl Hart, Columbia University

December 11  
Joint meeting with 511  
The Antidote: Happiness for People Who Can’t Stand Positive Thinking  
Oliver Burkeman, Independent Author and Journalist

January 22  
Joint meeting with 511  
The Human Life-Cycle: Cross-Cultural Perspectives  
Uwe P. Gielen, St. Francis College  
Sung Hun Kim, St. Francis College

May 21  
Joint meeting with 511  
Empathy: Its Power, Potential, Perversions, and Politics  
Cris Beam, William Paterson University

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Dr. Elizabeth Cohn, ec2341@columbia.edu; Mr. Ronald Gross, grossassoc@aol.com
COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE • 603 Founded: 1986

For more than 100 years, comparative psychologists have sought to understand the evolution of human intelligence. 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. New imaging approaches have also facilitated exploring the neural basis of behavior and both animals and humans. Questions concerning the nature of animal and human cognition have defined the themes of this seminar whose members include specialists in cognition, ethology, philosophy and neuroscience.

Co-Chairs: Professor James Curley; Professor Herbert S. Terrace • Rapporteur: Ms. Basak Akdoğan

2017-2018 • Meetings

December 7  Joining meeting with 681
Speech is Special and Language is Structured
David Poeppel, New York University and Max-Planck-Institut für Empirische Ästhetik (Germany)

February 1 Multi-Modal Characterisation of Memory Networks
Paula Croxson, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

March 1 Circuit Dissection of Contextual Memories Organised on Different Time Scales
Chris MacDonald, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

April 12 Artificially Modulating Positive and Negative Memories in Healthy and Maladaptive States
Steve Ramirez, Boston University

May 11 Specialisation for Decision Making in Primate Prefrontal Cortex
Elisabeth Murray, National Institute of Mental Health

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Mariam Aly, ma3631@columbia.edu; Professor Herbert S. Terrace, terrace@columbia.edu
FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND EQUITY • 613 Founded: 1987

The seminar focuses on the analytical and policy issues related to full employment, social welfare, and equity. These include crossnational 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 Sheila Collins; Professor Helen Lachs Ginsburg; Professor Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg
Rapporteur: Ms. Aggie Meiping Sun

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 25  Share America: A Radical New Deal
Joseph Wilson, Brooklyn College, City University of New York

November 20  Looking Ahead: Strategies for Advocating for Jobs for All in These Times
Trudy Goldberg, National Jobs for All Coalition and Adelphi University
Rohan Grey, National Jobs for All Coalition and Modern Money Network

February 5  Full Employment in One City? The NYC Jobs for All Bill
Philip Harvey, Rutgers University-Camden

March 26  Recent Trends in Nonmedical Prescription Opioid Use and Opioid Use in the United States: Associations with Race/Ethnicity, Poverty, and Employment Status
Silvia S. Martins, Columbia University

April 23  Will a Robot Take Your Job? 2.0
June Zaccone, Hofstra University

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Sheila Collins, sheila.collins65@verizon.net;
Professor Helen Lachs Ginsburg, helenginsburg@yahoo.com; Professor Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg, trudygoldberg@msn.com
IRANIAN STUDIES • 615 Founded: 1987

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

Co-Chairs: Mr. Moshen Ashtiany; Dr. Mahnaz Moazami • Rapporteur: Mr. Navid Zarrinnal

2017-2018 • Meetings

January 24     *In Search of Modern Iran*  
                Abbas Amanat, Yale University

February 28    *The Early History of the Arsacids: Some New Insights*  
                Marek Jan Olbrycht, Institute for Advanced Study

April 25       *Persian Manuscripts and the Meaning of Masterpiece*  
                Marianna Shreve Simpson, University of Pennsylvania

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Mr. Moshen Ashtiany, ma419@columbia.edu; Dr. Mahnaz Moazami, mm1754@columbia.edu
BUDDHIST STUDIES • 629 Founded: 1990

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Michael I. Como; Professor Max Moerman • Rapporteur: Mr. Xiao Xiao

2017-2018 • Meetings

December 7  
Right Thoughts at the Last Moment: Buddhism and Deathbed Practices in Early Medieval Japan  
Jacqueline Stone, Princeton University

February 23  
Buddhism and the Politics of Public School Education in Postwar Japan  
Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania

March 9  
The Poetry Demon: Literary Cultures of Monks in Song Dynasty China  
Jason Protass, Brown University

April 20  
Examining Scriptural Networks Through the Lens of Textual Practice and Transmission: The Cases of Great Notes (Maka Shō) and Raishin’s Notes (Raishin Shō)  
Brian Ruppert, Bates College

April 23  
Variations on a Theme of Inversion: Nirvāṇa as Permanence, Joy, Self, and Purity  
Wendi Adamek, University of Calgary

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Michael I. Como, mc2575@columbia.edu; Professor Max Moerman, dmoerman@barnard.edu
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 Gale Kenny • Rapporteur: Mr. Andrew Jungclaus

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 5  The Preacher’s Wife: Women and Power in American Megaministry
Kate Bowler, Duke University

October 30  Writing Rural Southern Religious History in the Shadow of Trump
Alison Greene, Mississippi State University

December 4  Animals as Rhetorical Religious Actors in Early America
Seth Perry, Princeton University

February 5  Hearts and Bones: A Week at the Glen Workshop
Ryan Harper, New York University

March 5  Religion and the Emergence of an Interventionist Foreign Policy in Antebellum America
John Corrigan, Florida State University

April 9  Human Nature and the Ethics of Human Enhancement
Joseph Fisher, Columbia University

May 7  Queer Nuns: Religion, Activism, and Serious Parody
Melissa Wilcox, University of California, Riverside
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 consist of a mix of "outside" specialists in American academic history and Columbia “insiders” who have had a direct involvement with a particular issue and a familiarity with recent Columbia folkways.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Floyd Hammack; Mr. Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr. • Rapporteur: Mr. Mark Jamais

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 4 • The Big Picture: The Distinctive U.S. Higher Education System and Implications for Columbia College and the University
Floyd Hammack, New York University

November 1 • The Core Curriculum in the Context of the Great Books Movement
William N. Haarlow, Northwestern University
Respondent: Roosevelt Montas, Columbia University
Respondent: J. Scott Lee, Association for Core Texts and Courses

December 6 • The Evolution of the Core Curriculum at Columbia College
Roosevelt Montas, Columbia University

February 7 • University Protest and Activism
Jocelyn Wilk, Columbia University

May 2 • A Columbia Student Politician Remembers the Spring of ’68: A Contrarian View of ’68
Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr., Columbia University
Respondent: Jack Kahn
Respondent: John Rousmaniere

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Dr. Floyd Hammack, fmhl@nyu.edu; Mr. Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr, cgolinger@verizon.net
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 Remez • Rapporteur: Ms. Jackie Kim (Fall); Ms. Molly Tong (Spring)

2017-2018 • Meetings

November 2  
*Word Order in an Emerging Language*  
Mark Aronoff, Stony Brook University, State University of New York

December 7  
*Joint meeting with 603*  
*Speech is Special and Language is Structured*  
David Poeppel, New York University and Max-Planck-Institut für Empirische Ästhetik (Germany)

February 2  
*The Central Role of Phonetic Detail in the Processing of Non-Native Sound Sequences*  
Lisa Davidson, New York University

March 8  
*Aspects of Vocalic Change in Contemporary New York City English*  
Bill Haddican, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

April 5  
*The Role of Prediction in Infant Language-Learning*  
Lauren Emberson, Princeton University

May 3  
*Storytelling in Popular Movies: A Cinemetric Approach*  
James E. Cutting, Cornell University

**Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Robert Remez, rremez@barnard.edu**
MEMORY AND SLAVERY • 689 Founded: 2001

This seminar began as a conversation on the continued effects of slavery in the United States. In recent years we have built upon that initial conversation, and now members and guests may choose to discuss one or both implicit meanings of our title: how the United States might more carefully and fully recognize the effects of slavery on all its citizens today, and how our memories of earlier difficulties might enslave any one of us, trapping us in the past and making it difficult for us to grow into the present.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Pilar Jennings; Professor Robert Pollack • Rapporteur: Br. John Glasenapp

2017-2018 • Meetings

January 29
Healing from Trauma: An Exploration of Childhood, Race, and Psychoanalysis

Pilar Jennings, Psychoanalyst in Private Practice and Union Theological Seminary

February 26
The Impact of Slavery on the American Psyche

Kim Arrington, Harlem Family Institute

April 5
Ashley Montagu: A Life in Science and Politics

Alan McGowan, Schools of Public Engagement at The New School

May 1
Moving Walls: The Barracks of America’s Concentration Camps

Stan Honda, Independent Photojournalist

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Dr. John Delfs, jrdelfs@gmail.com; Dr. Pilar Jennings, pj38@utsnyc.edu
EARLY CHINA • Founded: 2002

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Roderick Campbell; Professor Jue Guo • Rapporteur: Ms. Shih-han Wang

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 6  
Fleshing out the Social Identity of Human Sacrificial Victims in Late Shang China  
Daniele Wolin, Yale University

October 27  
Reading Shi ji Without the Biographical Fallacy  
Yang Lei, Carleton College

November 17  
Communities and Practice in Early China – Social Action in the Zhou World  
Yitzchak Jaffe, New York University

February 9  
How Classical Chinese Grammar Looked to Its First Native Students  
David Prager Branner, Independent Scholar

March 2  
Notes on the Note (ji 記) in Early Chinese Manuscripts: Between Administration and Affect  
Luke Habberstad, University of Oregon

March 23  
Technological Changes on the Proto-Silk Roads: The Tao River Archaeology Project, Gansu, China  
Rowan Flad, Harvard University

April 20  
On the Creation of Warring States: An Exploration of a Historiographical Staple  
Miranda Brown, University of Michigan

May 4  
Divination and the Body in Early China  
Constance Cook, Lehigh University

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Glenda Chao, gchao@ursinus.edu; Professor Jue Guo, jguo@barnard.edu
MODERN BRITISH HISTORY • 701 Founded: 2004

The seminar in Modern British history brings together historians from the different New York area institutions, together with literary scholars, political scientists, philosophers and others working historically, to hear research papers by visiting scholars, to discuss recent significant books in the field of Modern British history (from the late seventeenth century to the present) or to comment on work in progress by members of the group.

Co-Chairs: Professor Guy Ortolano; Professor Susan Pedersen • Rapporteur: Ms. Roslyn Dubler

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 20  
Thatcher’s Progress: Urban Planning and Social Democracy in Postwar Britain  
Guy Ortolano, New York University  
Discussant: Sam Wetherell, Columbia University

October 17  
Insure, Britannia! Marine Insurance in the Maritime Empire, 1622-1777  
Hannah Farber, Columbia University  
Discussant: Carl Wennerlind, Barnard College, Columbia University

November 14  
Municipal Feminism and the Politics of Prostitution in London in the Early 1980s  
Judith Walkowitz, Johns Hopkins University  
Discussant: Hilary Hallett, Columbia University

January 30  
Sympathetic Ink: Identity, Politics, and the Early Nineteenth-Century Effort to Reform the British Sodomy Law  
Charles Upchurch, Florida State University  
Discussant: Seth Koven, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

February 27  
Free Speech in Eighteenth-Century England  
Fara Dabhiwala, Princeton University  
Discussant: Deborah Valenze, Barnard College, Columbia University

April 18  
The Science of Human Nutrition and Visions of Peace in Inter-War Britain  
Alma Igra, Columbia University  
Discussant: Samantha Iyer, Fordham University

Academic year 2018–2019 Chair: Professor Guy Ortolano, ortolano@nyu.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.

Co-Chairs: Professor Dimitrios Antoniou; Professor Karen Van Dyck • Rapporteur: Ms. Chloe Howe Haralambous

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 13  Documentary Screening – Searching for Andreas: Political Leadership in the Time of Crisis (2017) by Harris Mylonas and Theo Prodromidis

Harris Mylonas, George Washington University
Discussant: Peter Bratsis, Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York

November 21  Chora Exarcheion: The Polytechnio Campus and Radical Imagination

Eirene Efstathiou, Athens School of Fine Arts (Greece)
Discussant: Anthony Graves, Independent Artist

December 5  Dressing Clio: Parades and Revivals in Greece (Nineteenth – Twentieth Centuries)

Christina Koullouri, Panteion University (Greece)
Discussant: Mark Mazower, Columbia University

January 25  Παροικία – Anthropological Reflections through Craft and Folk Art of Modern Greece

Zoë Paul, Independent Artist
Discussant: Alexandra Alexopoulou, Independent Curator

February 15  Different Ways of Being “Greek”: Borderland and Religion in the City of Coru in the Eighteenth Century

Daphne Lappa, Princeton University
Discussant: Konstantina Zanou, Columbia University

March 30  Shades of the Spectropolitical: Dead Bodies and Digital Mourning Between Precarity and Celebrity in Contemporary Greece

Rebekah Rutkoff, Princeton University
Discussant: Laura Kunreuther, Bard College

April 12  Here/There: Immigrants, Comparison, and Critique

Yiannis Papadakis, University of Cyprus (Cyprus)
Discussant: Dimitrios Antoniou, Columbia University

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Dimitrios Antoniou, da2500@columbia.edu; Professor Karen Van Dyck, vandyck@columbia.edu
EARLY MODERN FRANCE  

The focus of the seminar is the cultural and intellectual history of early modern France (from 1500 to 1800) and the approach is interdisciplinary. The seminar includes literature scholars, historians, and philosophers. It meets at least once a month. The current format, which has proven very successful, consists in circulating a relatively short piece written by the invited speaker among the group members and discussing it at the meeting. Thus, instead of a formal talk followed by a few questions, there is an in-depth, 90-minute conversation.

Chair: Professor Pierre Force • Rapporteur: Ms. Celia Abele

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 10  
Reinventing the Wheel: Emulation in the European Enlightenment  
Matthew Jones, Columbia University

November 31  
The Spirit of Speculation: John Law and Economic Theology in the Age of Lights  
Charly Coleman, Columbia University

November 20  
On Functional Gender  
Marian Rothstein, Carthage College

February 22  
‘Motion of Bodies’: Does that Mean It Thinks?  
Wilda Anderson, Johns Hopkins University

March 27  
Prosthetic Sovereignty: François I and the Ear of the People  
Katie Chenoweth, Princteon University

April 19  
The Confusion of Diverse Voices: Toward an Acoustics of Seventeenth-Century Musical Theatre  
Ellen Welch, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Pierre Force, pf3@columbia.edu
LITERARY THEORY • 711 Founded: 2005

This seminar has had a long and distinguished history at Columbia. Originally called Theory of Literature (469), it was revived under its current title 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.

Chair: Professor Bruce Robbins • Rapporteur: Ms. Victoria Wiet

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 20  Wallace Stevens and the Confidence of Imagination
  Paul Bove, Columbia University of Pittsburgh
  Respondent: Joseph North, Yale University

October 10  A New Querelle of Universals
  Étienne Balibar, Columbia University and Université de Paris X-Nanterre
  Respondent: Gil Anidjar, Columbia University

November 10  Interior Frontiers: Diagnostic and DispoTif
  Ann Stoler, The New School for Social Research
  Respondent: Étienne Balibar, Columbia University and Université de Paris X-Nanterre

November 27  Reimagining Secularism: Respect, Domination, and Principled Resistance
  Rajeev Bhargava, Jawaharlal Nehru University (India) and New York University
  Respondent: Sam Haselby, Aeon Magazine

January 18  Molecular Red: Theory for the Anthropocene
  McKenzie Wark, The New School for Social Research
  Dennis Tenen, Columbia University

February 7  The Beast and the Sovereign: Where the Wild Things Are: Humans, Animals, and Children
  Jack Halberstam, Columbia University
  Respondent: Paige West, Columbia University

March 5  Therapeutic Citizenship
  Nadia Abu El-Haj, Barnard College, Columbia University
  Respondent: Crystal Parikh, New York University

April 19  Field Theory of Form
  Marjorie Levinson, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
  Respondent: Branka Arsić, Columbia University

Academic year 2018–2019 Chair: Professor Bruce Robbins, bwr2001@columbia.edu
CULTURAL MEMORY • 717 Founded: 2007

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Marianne Hirsch; Professor Andreas Huyssen • Rapporteur: Ms. Daniella Wurst

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 14  The Department of Missing Persons
Ruth Zylberman, Author
Discussant: Marianne Hirsch, Columbia University

October 9  Minor Archives: Memory, Narrative, and Counter-Narrative
Gil Hochberg, Columbia University

November 27  ‘They Sold Our Neighbors Paintings Here’: Dispossession and the Writing of Art in Turkey
Banu Barako, Sabincı Üniversitesi (Turkey)

February 1  The White Elephant Archive
Eduard Freudmann, Independent Scholar

February 5  In the Shadow of Rescue: The Afterlife of the Kindertransport
Jack Halberstam, Columbia University
Sara Davidmann, University of the Arts, London (England, UK)

March 27  Joint meeting with 729
What Remains: Everyday Encounters with the Socialist Past in Germany
Jonathan Bach, Schools of Public Engagement at The New School

April 2  Everyone is Present: Photography, Memory, and Family Archives
Terry Kurgan, University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa)

April 9  Embodied Silhouettes: Memory and Action in the Fighting Against Enforced Disappearance
Silvana Mandolessi, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium)
Martin Zicari, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium)

April 18  Decolonizing Memory Studies: Graduate Student Roundtable
Moderator: Erica Johnson, Pace University
Manuela Badilla, The New School for Social Research
Dilara Caliskan, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Noni Carter, Columbia University
Selina Makana, Columbia University
Daniella Wurst, Columbia University

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Marianne Hirsch, mh2349@columbia.edu; Professor Andreas Huyssen, ah26@columbia.edu
The Comparative Philosophy Seminar seeks to advance constructive philosophical projects by bringing together scholars with training in diverse areas of Asian thought (mostly the Indian and Chinese) 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.

Co-Chairs: Professor Jonathan Gold; Professor Hagop Sarkissian • Rapporteur: Mr. Jay Ramesh

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 15  Implicit Commitments and the Logic of Prāsaṅgika  
Douglas Duckworth, Temple University

October 6  A Global Norm in Favor of Global Attentiveness?  
Jake Davis, New York University  
Respondent: Katja Vogt, Columbia University

November 3  Responsibility with a Buddhist Face  
Daniel Breyer, Illinois State University  
Respondent: Rick Repetti, Kingsborough Community College, City University of New York

December 8  The Structure of Episodic Memory  
Nicholas Silins, Cornell University  
Susanna Siegel, Harvard University

February 9  The Beginningless Reality of Conceptual Differentiation  
Catherine Prueitt, George Mason University  
Respondent: Andrew Nicholson, Stony Brook University, State University of New York

March 30  Buddhist Theories of Truth  
Kin Cheung, Moravian College  
Respondent: Mark Siderits, Illinois State University

April 13  Bewildered Perception: Exploring Mindfulness as Delusion  
Lara Braitstein, McGill University (Canada)

May 11  Buddhist Perfectionism and Korsgaard on Self-Constitution  
David Cummiskey, Bates College  
Respondent: Carol Rovane, Columbia University
THEORY AND HISTORY OF MEDIA • 727 Founded: 2009

The University Seminar on the Theory and History of Media brings together scholars from the humanities and social sciences to examine emerging concepts in media theory. Media, in this conception, refers to material technologies that (re)produce, store, and transmit information – a conception broad enough that allows us to move from, say, the role of print technologies in early modern Europe, through spirit photography to the emergence of contemporary digital media. We are especially interested in the ways in which technologies shape and are shaped by cultural practices, and social sensibilities, and we consider a historical dimension as central to this effort. There is nothing so powerful in understanding the novelty and dynamism of contemporary media as looking at the introduction of earlier technologies whose technical and social influence was yet to be understood. At the same time, we are also committed to moving beyond the specifics of media in the U.S. to incorporate the different histories and trajectories of media in Europe and elsewhere. Finally, we intend this to be beyond any one disciplinary approach and each year is organized around a specific theme that sets the frame for questions and conversation.

Co-Chairs: Professor Brian Larkin; Professor Ying Qian • Rapporteur: Mr. Stefan Tarnowski

2017-2018 • Meetings

January 29  The Natural History of Rape
  Ariella Azoulay, Brown University
  Respondent: Felicity Scott, Columbia University

February 26  Media Hot and Cold
  Nicole Starosielski, New York University
  Respondent: Debashree Mukherjee, Columbia University

March 5  Persons of Interest: The Status of the Self in Digital Cultures
  Andreas Bernard, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg (Germany)
  Respondent: Dennis Tenen, Columbia University

April 9  Medium Design
  Keller Easterling, Yale University
  Respondent: Erica Robles-Anderson, New York University

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Brian Larkin, blarkin@barnard.edu; Professor Jane Gaines, jmg2196@columbia.edu
Historical redress continues to occupy public and political debates as well as scholarly research. The study of human rights abuses and the ways in which redress addresses past injustices has gained broad recognition across a wide range of academic fields. Despite, or perhaps because of this widespread attention, there has been no systematic attempt to integrate what remain largely disconnected efforts into a trans-disciplinary enterprise let alone paradigmatic approach. In short, the history and the contemporary culture of redress remain a scholarly subject matter that is still in search of its own field. The objective of this seminar is to forge a more structured exchange among scholars and practitioners who engage a set of issues that are yet to self-identify as an academic field, and is addressed in different disciplinary spaces. The seminar provides a forum for interdisciplinary work on issues at the intersection of history, memory and contemporary politics with particular emphasis on redressing past wrongs and gross violations of human rights. It encompasses questions among others of transitional justice, cultural resolution, and reconciliation. Its main principle revolves round the question of how history and memory inform contemporary politics, in particular around conflict and post conflict societies.

Co-Chairs: Professor Elazar Barkan; Professor Daniel Levy · Rapporteur: Mr. Ido Dembin

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March 27  

Joint meeting with 717

What Remains: Everyday Encounters with the Socialist Past in Germany

Jonathan Bach, Schools of Public Engagement at The New School

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Elazar Barkan, eb2302@columbia.edu; Professor Daniel Levy, daniel.levy@stonybrook.edu
The purpose of the University Seminar on Japanese Culture is to address the rich tradition of Japanese culture, with special focus on literary and visual arts. The seminar takes an interdisciplinary approach, drawing on the fields of literature, art history, religion, and cultural and social history, to shed new light on the multitude of visual, textual, material, and performative genres that are hallmarks of Japanese culture.

Co-Chairs: Professor David Lurie; Professor Haruo Shirane • Rapporteur: Ms. Ekaterina Komova

2017-2018 • Meetings

December 8  
*Urbanization and the Imperial Tombs of Ancient Japan: What to Do with the Dead, and What They Can Do to You*

Michael Como, Columbia University  
Respondents: David Lurie and Haruo Shirane, Columbia University

January 26  
*Women and Performance in Medieval Japan*

Okimoto Yukiko, Aoyama Gakuin University (Japan)

February 2  
*Workshop on Noh and Kabuki*

Takemoto Mikio  
Umetada Misa  
Kodama Ryuuichi

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor David Lurie, dbll1@columbia.edu; Professor Haruo Shirane, hs14@columbia.edu
“Sites of Cinema” takes a new approach to the question of cinema at the moment when cinema is said to be in decline, even in some accounts said to be facing its “death.” At this moment, when are focused on a convergence of moving image forms into a single delivery system we take up divergence over convergence, a divergence. Alternative to André Bazin’s question “What is Cinema?” “Sites of Cinema” will ask “Where is Cinema?” Where has it been seen to be and where will it be spaced in the future—as theoretical construct, national culture, material object, artistic work, social practice and space of exhibition. Cinema has moved and is still moving—from theatrical stages to museum walls, in and on buildings as well as within historical nations and regions of the world. “Sites of Cinema” signals our interest in site-specific cinemas plural but also cinema as a total apparatus—the “cinema of the mind” for the mass audience.

Co-Chairs: Professor Nico Baumbach; Professor Jane Gaines; Professor Rob King; Professor Debashree Mukherjee
Rapporteurs: Ms. Denise Mok (Fall); Mr. Nathan Smith (Spring)

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 20  A Brief History of the Video Essay
Kevin B. Lee, Merz Akademie (Germany)

October 25  Screening of Nostalgia for the Future (2017)
Avijit Mukul Kishore, Independent Filmmaker
Rohan Shivkumar, Independent Architect

November 2  Animation of the Technical and the Quest for Beauty
Gertrud Koch, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)

November 30  Dissonance: Bodies Between Registers
Brigitte Peucker, Yale University

January 24  The Photochemical Image in Contemporary Art
Genevieve Yue, The New School for Social Research
Respondent: Andrew Uroskie, Stony Brook University, State University of New York

February 15  Incremental Love
Eugenie Brinkema, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Respondent: Thomas Elsaesser, Universiteit van Amsterdam (The Netherlands) and Columbia University

March 21  The Origins of Film Noir
James Naramore, Indiana University
The seminar series continues the line of research established by Professor of Linguistics William Diver. The aim in this approach, as contrasted with formal linguistics, is to account for observed language use, with authentic text as the main source of data. For grammar, this typically entails hypotheses about linguistic signals and their meanings; for phonology, hypotheses about the relevant phonetic characteristics of phonological units. The roles of communication and a human factor are explicitly acknowledged as supporting the explanations offered. The series was begun in 1968 by Diver for the benefit of graduate students working on doctoral theses under his guidance. Since his death in 1995, the series has continued under the auspices of the Columbia School Linguistic Society, with participants presenting analyses or work in progress. Occasionally, it hosts by invitation presenters doing compatible work outside the Columbia School tradition. Work coming out of the seminar has led to numerous conference presentations and publications.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Radmila Gorup; Professor Wallis Reid • Rapporteur: Mr. Timothy Cha (Fall); Ms. Nataly Shahaf (Spring)

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 1  
*Phonology Without Boundaries: English*

Thomas Eccardt, Independent Scholar

September 15  
*The Form ‘How’: Towards a Monosemic Analysis*

Andrew McCormick, Graduate Center, City University of New York

October 3  
*The Meaning of the Present in Early Twentieth-Century Judeo-Spanish Folk-Narrative Text*

Lital Belinko, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)

October 6  
*The Meaning of the Present in Early Twentieth-Century Judeo-Spanish Folk-Narrative Text*

Lital Belinko, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)

October 13  
*Meaning Hypotheses for All, Each, and Every*

Nadav Sabar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)

October 27  
*Preliminaries of a Meaning Hypothesis Regarding One-Participant Events in Spanish*

Eduardo Ho-Fernández, Graduate Center, City University of New York

November 10  
*Signaled Meaning in Word Order in English: Status of the Characterization of B (with Meanings Assumed vs. Asserted)*

Kelli Hesseltine, Graduate Center, City University of New York

December 1  
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January 26  
*The Status of Communicative Strategies in Quantitative Validation*

Wallis Reid, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

February 9  
*Signaled Meaning in Word Order in English: Status of the Characterization of B (with Meanings Assumed vs. Asserted)*

Kelli Hesseltine, Graduate Center, City University of New York
February 23
The Meaning of the Present in Early Twentieth-Century Judeo-Spanish Folk-Narrative Text
Lital Belinko, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)
The Form ‘How’: Towards a Monosemic Analysis
Andrew McCormick, Graduate Center, City University of New York

March 9
Preliminaries of a Meaning Hypothesis Regarding One-Participant Events in Spanish
Eduardo Ho-Fernández, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

March 23
“Back to the Future”: Campaign Politicians
Verónica Mailhes, Universidad Nacional de la Plata (Argentina)

April 13
Cerca DE or Cerca A a solution? The Semantic Contribution of Signals in Spanish
Roxana Risco, Universidad Nacional de la Plata (Argentina)

April 27
The Form ‘How’: Towards a Monosemic Analysis
Andrew McCormick, Graduate Center, City University of New York

May 11
Signaled Meaning in Word Order in English: Status of the Characterization of B (with Meanings Assumed vs. Asserted)
Kelli Hesseltine, Graduate Center, City University of New York

May 25
The Meaning of the Present in Early Twentieth-Century Judeo-Spanish Folk-Narrative Text
Lital Belinko, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)
The purpose of this seminar is to collectively revisit the theoretical basis, educational purpose, and interdisciplinary and global potential for "core curricula" at the level of higher education to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The underlying motivation of the original Core at Columbia had been the preservation of civilization in the wake of WWI—questioning the nature of civilization, identifying those ideas that had most influenced its survival and progress, and fostering an appreciation for human endeavors, concerns, and achievements in such fields as political philosophy, literature, and the arts. Today it would seem the challenge is more to understand the nature and future of interdependence—the interdependence of civilizations, of the sciences and the humanities, of universal values and individual voices, etc. This Seminar invites the participation of faculty and administrators, as well as concerned educators from beyond Columbia, to 1) help frame the kinds of questions that most demand humanity’s collective concern in this new age of interdependence; 2) to identify those classics—including seminal advances in contemporary sciences where advisable—from throughout the world’s traditions that will help bring those concerns into sharpest focus; and 3) to rethink from a fresh perspective the institutional structures and resources by which this new generation of interdisciplinary "core" courses may be most effectively implemented.

Chair: Professor Rachel Eichung Chung

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March 2  Symposium Pedagogy
Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University
Gareth Williams, Columbia University

March 30  Symposium Pedagogy
Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University
Gareth Williams, Columbia University

April 13  Symposium Pedagogy
Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University
Gareth Williams, Columbia University

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Our world is becoming increasingly complex. Due in large part to biological, technological and human cultural evolution, we are being confronted with progressively more complex ecological, political, economic, technical and social problems. These problems place extreme demands on our capacities to comprehend and react adaptively, and as a consequence we may very well reach the limits of the Earth’s capacity to support our increasing population if we remain unable to understand the complexities of the human-environment interface. In this emerging world, our scholarship and evidence-based practices require new metaphors, methods, and measures. This Columbia University Seminar will provide an intellectual forum to explore and cultivate these new perspectives and tools.

**Co-Chairs: Dr. Joshua Fisher; Dr. Jacqueline Klopp; Dr. Christoph Meinrenken • Rapporteur: Ms. Sophia Rhee**

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April 18

*The Social Ecological System of the Arid Basins Under Pressure from Recent Mining Development on the Andean Plateau*  
Felicity Arengo, American Museum of Natural History
CATHOLICISM, CULTURE, AND MODERNITY • 745 Founded: 2011

This interdisciplinary seminar explores aspects of the relationship between Catholicism and the modern world, and examines alternatives to standard narratives of secularization by drawing on recent work in the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences. The seminar provides a forum for scholars to present and discuss the Catholic intellectual tradition in a modern academic setting.

Co-Chairs: Professor Pierre Force; Professor Lorenzo Polvani • Rapporteur: Mr. Matt Mazewski

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 27  
*Is the God of Descartes’ Metaphysics the ‘God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob’?*  
Sophie Berman, Saint Francis College

October 18  
*Heidegger, T.S. Eliot, and the Concept of Time*  
Thomas Pfau, Duke University

November 14  
*Theological Implications of Alexander Solzhenitsyn’s Novel The Red Wheel*  
Daniel Mahoney, Assumption College

January 30  
*The Gospel in Gerard Manley Hopkins*  
Peggy Ellsberg, Barnard College, Columbia University

February 28  
*The Catholic Intellectual Tradition*  
Robert Imbelli, Boston College

March 27  
*Capitalism and “Mammon”*  
Eugene McCarraher, Villanova University

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Pierre Force, pf3@columbia.edu; Professor Lorenzo Polvani, lmp@columbia.edu
STUDIES IN DANCE • 749 Founded: 2011

Studies in Dance takes a broad, interdisciplinary approach to dance scholarship, while serving as an ongoing forum for discussion by established and younger scholars. The Seminar embraces all forms of dance scholarship, regardless of discipline, research area, and methodology, and has the long-term goal of encouraging academic publication and new research. The members include Barnard College and Columbia University faculty as well as independent scholars and faculty from other New York institutions, although speakers may come from outside the metropolitan area.

Chair: Professor Lynn Garafola • Rapporteur: Mr. Buck Wanner

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 9    Exile in Mexico: Massine, Chagall, and World War I
             Ninotchka Bennahum, University of California, Santa Barbara

October 30   Jerome Robbins: Composer in Words
             Hiie Saumaa, Columbia University and New York Library for the Performing Arts

December 4   Michael Jackson: U.S. Deindustrialization’s Virtuoso Dancing Man
             Judith Hamera, Princeton University

January 29   Nijinsky/Nietzsche Connections Reexamined
             Nicole Svobodný, Washington University in St. Louis

February 26  Moving On: Movement Therapy for Twentieth-Century Trauma
             Whitney Laemmli, Columbia University

March 19     Arthur Mitchell’s Dance Theatre of Harlem: The Early Years
             Zita Allen, The Ailey School and Fordham University

April 23     Balanchine and Kirstein’s American Enterprise
             Jim Steichen, San Francisco Ballet and San Francisco Conservatory of Music

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Lynn Garafola, lg97@columbia.edu
RELIGION AND WRITING • 751 Founded: 2011

The seminar was founded to create a research group dedicated to the investigation of literacy and writing in world religions. Its focus is the comparative study of the roles of literacy vis-à-vis the uses of writing as a form of communication technology in religious traditions. Approaching the relationship between religion and writing through the lenses of literacy and communication technology, the seminar strives to address all media – from inscriptions on stone and clay tablets to internet websites – and all literary genres – from myths and commentaries to divine revelations and hymns – as well as the theoretical and practical implications of the absence, or rejection, of writing.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Mahnaz Moazami; Dr. Elizabeth Powers • Rapporteurs: Ms. Han Ling

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 18  
*The Annunciation: Behind the Scenes*  
Rachel Fulton Brown, University of Chicago

October 17  
*Writing a History of the First Reformation: Hussites and Protestants in the Sixteenth Century*  
Phillip Haberkern, Boston University

January 23  
*How Infinity Came to Be at Home in the World: The Contribution of Eighteenth-Century German Religious Poetry to a Modern Scientific and Theological Paradigm Shift*  
John H. Smith, University of California, Irvine

February 27  
*Writing the Sacred Profane: J.G. Hamann’s Critique of German Idealism*  
Katie Terezakis, Rochester Institute of Technology

March 22  
*Making Books Talk: The Reception of an Andalusian Biography of the Prophet*  
Dagmar Anne Riedel, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (Spain) and Columbia University

April 17  
*From Experience to Doctrine: Karl Holl and Luther’s Reformation Theology*  
Christine Helmer, Northwestern University and Boston College

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Dr. Mahnaz Moazami, mmi754@columbia.edu; Dr. Elizabeth Powers, elizabethmpowers@icloud.com
Historically, the global health agenda has prioritized communicable and non-communicable diseases other than mental health; however, the data now unequivocally and overwhelmingly point to the essential need to make mental health an integral component of the global health agenda. This will require innovative thinking, multidisciplinary collaboration, and strategic initiatives. The GMH University Seminar is supported by faculty from across multiple departments at Columbia; it provides the opportunity for intellectual discourse on the essential issues in global mental health; and it serves as a seminal component of the multidisciplinary program in global mental health at Columbia University. The GMH University Seminar aims to facilitate professional collaborations and contribute to the field by hosting programs that address and advance the scientific, policy, and practical aspects of making mental health a core component of the global health agenda.

Chair: Professor Kathleen Pike • Rapporteurs: Ms. Lauren Hagani and Ms. Patricia Wendt

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 25
- Future Challenges of the Canada Grad Challenges TEAM Grant
  - David Ndtei, Africa Mental Health Foundation and University of Nairobi (Kenya)
  - Victoria Mutiso, Africa Mental Health Foundation (Kenya)

October 16
- Community Mental Health: Politics, Policy, and Practice in NYC (1979–2017)
  - Ellen Baxter, Broadway Housing Communities

November 13
- Child Psychology in a Least Developing Country: The Only Child Psychologist in Nepal Shares His Experience
  - Arun Kunwar, Kanti Children’s Hospital (Nepal)

November 27
- Improving the Health of People with Serious Mental Illness: The Case for Community
  - James Knickman, New York University
  - Ralph Aquila, Fountain House

December 4
- Understanding the Perspective of Survivors of Human Trafficking on Their Experience in Shelter Care in Cambodia
  - Laura Cordisco Tsai, Harvard University and New York University

January 29
- Global Mental Health Meets Neuroscience: Synergy and Opportunity
  - Dan Stein, University of Cape Town (South Africa) and Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

February 12
- Behavioral Science and the Psychology of Decision Making
  - Sara E. Gorman, Johnson & Johnson

March 12
- Intimate Partner Violence, Mental Health, and Community Interventions in Low/Middle-Income Countries
  - Cady Carlson, University of Alabama

March 26
- Violence, Mental Health, and Early Childhood Development in Brazil: Initial Findings from a Collaborative Study
  - Silvia Martins, Columbia University

April 2
- The Soldier Must Be Buried: Experiences of Appetitive Aggression, Avoidance, and Ways of Belonging Among Former Forcibly Recruited Children and Youth
  - Helle Harnisch, Aarhus University (Denmark) and Columbia University

April 16
- Expanding Youth Mental Health Care Access in LMICs: Lessons from a School-Based Study in Haiti
  - Anne Becker, Harvard University

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Kathleen Pike, kmp2@cumc.columbia.edu
DEFENSE AND SECURITY • 759 Founded: 2013

The Columbia University Seminar on Defense and Security advances understanding of global military issues through sustained analysis. The seminar addresses the most urgent problems of our time; assesses strategies to resolve, mitigate, and meet these challenges; and initiates specific courses of action. All are welcome to participate.

Co-Chairs: Professor Nancy Walbridge Collins • Rapporteur: Ms. Suzanne El Sanadi

2017-2018 • Meetings

Series on the Realities of Global Terrorism

October 3  Daniel Keyserling, Alphabet Inc.
November 14  J.B. Williams, Council on Foreign Relations
January 30   Daniel S. Morgan, U.S. Army
February 13  Charles E. Berger, Federal Bureau of Investigation
March 6      LeAnne Howard, U.S. Special Operations Command

Academic year 2018–2019 Chair: Professor Nancy Walbridge Collins, nwcollins@columbia.edu
BEYOND FRANCE • 763 Founded: 2014

This University Seminar focuses on the transnational material, intellectual and symbolic exchanges that have characterized the regions that once composed successive French empires since the seventeenth century. The seminar will not be an exercise in colonial or imperial history, organized around the opposition between «center» and «periphery», but rather an exploration of connections and lines of fragmentation within that space. The goal of the seminar will be to explore not only France’s global expansion and retraction in the modern period, but, no less significantly, the after-lives of French empire in various post-colonies, networks, and institutions. Our goal is to map a distinct—but not isolated—world within the “globe,” one conditioned but not defined by France, its empires, its language, and its ecumene. Inherently interdisciplinary, the seminar will bring together scholars in the humanities and the social sciences from Europe, North America, Asia, and Africa in order to understand these complex exchanges that reach «Beyond France».

Co-Chairs: Professor Tabetha Ewing; Professor Emmanuelle Saada • Rapporteur: Mr. Thomas Zuber

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 13  
Generational Power and Global Change: African Students, Cold War Youth Politics, and ‘Islam Noir’ in Postwar Greater France  
Emily Marker, Rutgers University–Camden

December 1  
Negotiating a ‘Hybrid’ Relationship: France, the EEC, and Algeria (1958–1962)  
Megan Brown, Swarthmore College

February 23  
The Pleasures of State-Sponsored Photography: Visual Citizenship and Identity Photography in the ex-AOF  
Jennifer Bajoreck, Hampshire College

March 2  
You Will Assimilate to Me: Aimé Césaire and the Francophone Culture of Reprint in Wartime Copyserong  
Alex Gil, Columbia University

March 30  
Untranslatable Justice: The Politics of Fiction in the Postcolony (Algeria after 1962)  
Jill Jarvis, Yale University

April 20  
Battles Over Archives: The Multiple Historicitics of a Maghribi Society During Ottoman and Colonial Times  
M’hamed Oualdi, Princeton University

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Tabetha Ewing, tabetha.ewing@gmail.com;  
Professor Emmanuelle Saada, es2593@columbia.edu
The seminar is concerned with applying formal methods to fundamental issues, with an emphasis on probabilistic reasoning, decision theory and games. In this context “logic” is broadly interpreted as covering applications that involve formal representations. The topics of interest have been researched within a very broad spectrum of different disciplines, including philosophy (logic and epistemology), statistics, economics, and computer science. The seminar is intended to bring together scholars from different fields of research so as to illuminate problems of common interest from different perspectives. Throughout each academic year, meetings are regularly presented by the members of the seminar and distinguished guest speakers.

Co-Chairs: Professor Haim Gaifman; Dr. Yang Liu; Professor Rohit Parikh • Rapporteur: Mr. Robby Finley

2017-2018 • Meetings

November 10  
*Entropy and Insufficient Reason*  
**Anubav Vasudevan**, University of Chicago

December 1  
*Formalizing the Umwelt*  
**Rohit Parikh**, Graduate Center, City University of New York

December 8  
*The Price of Broadminded Probabilities and the Limitation of Science*  
**Haim Gaifman**, Columbia University

February 16  
*Finitely-Additive Decision Theory*  
**Mark Schervish**, Carnegie Mellon University

April 13  
*On the Rational Role of Randomization*  
**Thomas Icard**, Stanford University

May 4   
*Ungrounded Payoffs: A Tale of Unconditional Love and Unrepentant Hate*  
**Eleonora Cresto**, Universidad Torcuato di Tella (Argentina)

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Haim Gaifman, hg17@columbia.edu; Dr. Yang Liu, yl587@cam.ac.uk; Professor Rohit Parikh, rparikh@gc.cuny.edu
HUMAN-ANIMAL STUDIES • 769 Founded: 2014

The University Seminar on Human-Animal Studies is open to faculty and professional membership in the field of Human-Animal Studies. Vibrant new scholarship is emerging in this area of work. The field’s focus is on how humans and (other) animals have interacted across cultures and histories: how the protein, work, and products derived from animals have contributed to human projects; how cross-species relationships have shaped human histories; and how animals’ imaginative and aesthetic roles in cultures are connected to the living presence of animals. Work in this field tends to be interdisciplinary, drawing on the social sciences and the humanities as well as on the already interdisciplinary fields of environmental and posthumanist studies.

Co-Chairs: Professor Brian Boyd; Professor Alexandra Horowitz • Rapporteur: Mr. Matthew Margini

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 25  Why Animals Matter for Climate Change  
Jeff Sebo, New York University

November 1  Is Speciesism a form of Racism?  
Christopher Peterson, Western Sydney University (Australia)

November 27  Regulating Milk: Women and Cows in France and the United States  
Mathilde Cohen, University of Connecticut

April 11  Forms of Life, Forms of Sound, Indigenous Film  
Ana Maria Ochoa Gautier, Columbia University

April 24  Bio-Poetics and the Badly Behaved Donkey in the Babylonian Talmud  
Beth Berkowitz, Barnard College, Columbia University

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Brian Boyd, bb2305@columbia.edu
Indigenous Peoples’ claims for retributive justice are leading to debates over restitution, and the legal, political and moral consequences of the acknowledgement of past wrongs. What are the ramifications of the right to self-determination for Indigenous Peoples in a contemporary world? Collective and individual identities and human rights may be in tension with each other. How are these to be reconciled? Gender and generational differentiations may underscore not just individual rifts, but potentially broader conflict within groups themselves. What could be a human rights response to such conflicts? Economic interests of majorities are put forward to justify displacement, dispossession and other violations of Indigenous Peoples’ rights. And the hunger for the world’s still unexplored natural resources that reside on Indigenous Peoples’ lands motivates major decisions of governments and the private sector, with unclear commitment to benefit sharing and even the human rights of Indigenous Peoples. How are conflicting claims and rights between Indigenous Peoples and the dominant society to be resolved? What should be the role of the state in these conflicts? Is the dichotomy between western knowledge and indigenous knowledge a true dichotomy? Can one think “scientifically” and yet be open to an indigenous worldview? Does the adoption of Western epistemologies, ontologies, and methodologies really entail the wholesale rejection of their indigenous counterparts and vice-versa? What is the role of expressive culture and aesthetics in these inquiries? How do they reveal and help us think through indigenous sovereignty or its pursuit, indigenous epistemologies, inter- and intra-community conflict over definitions of identity, social roles, relationships to the physical world and political organization and action?

The University Seminar on Indigenous Studies at Columbia provides the opportunity for sharing research on these many critical issues, which are challenging and unsettling scholars, researchers, and practitioners in and around this field. Discussions revolve around contentious and emerging issues in the field of indigenous studies and research and contribute to the advancement of the field.

Co-Chairs: Professor Pamela Calla; Professor Elsa Stamatopoulou • Rapporteur: Ms. Amanda Earl

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 3  
Screening of War for Guam followed by a Q&A with the Filmmaker
Frances Negrón-Muntaner, Columbia University

November 1  
Ricardo Callo Ortega, Former Minister of Indigenous and Native Peoples Affairs in Bolivia

November 8  
Impact of Extractive Industries and Projects on the Lives of Women from the Northern Extractive Region of Guatemala: Risks for Social Researchers
Rosa Eudelia Macz, Asociación para el Avance de las Ciencias Sociales (Guatemala)

February 6  
Indigenous Peoples and Cultural Freedoms: Implementing the U.N. Declaration on Indigenous Rights
Kristen Carpenter, University of Colorado and the United Nations

April 3  
Aging, Precarity, and the Settler State: The Struggle for Indigenous Elsewhere
Sandy Grande, Connecticut College
Respondent: Kevin Bruyneel, Babson College

May 1  
Reflections on Prairie Rising: Indigenous Youth, Decolonization, and the Politics of Intervention
Jaskiran Dhillon, Schools of Public Engagement at The New School
Respondent: Manu Vimalassery, Barnard College, Columbia University

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Pamela Calla, pcl210@nyu.edu; Professor Elsa Stamatopoulou, es3054@columbia.edu
Animal behavior is the ultimate complex and integrated trait, shaped not only by gene, protein, neural, endocrine interactions, but also by interactions among animals of the same and even different species. This Seminar takes an integrative approach to exploring animal behavior by bring together scientists that work in the lab and field to study neuroscience, behavioral ecology, behavioral endocrinology, functional genomics, population genetics, comparative physiology, and more.

Chair: Professor Dustin Rubenstein • Rapporteur: Mr. Hamza Naseem Iqbal

2017-2018 • Meetings

February 5  Understanding the Molecular Genetic Basis of Diversity and Social Behaviors
Andres Bendesky, Columbia University
Dmitriy Aronov, Columbia University

April 23  Elephant Cognition
Joshua Plotnik, Hunter College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York
Sexual Selection and Conflict Among Fruit Flies
Alison Pischedda, Barnard College, Columbia University
THE FUTURE OF AGING RESEARCH • Founded: 2014

Life expectancy beyond age 80 is becoming commonplace in countries all around the world, and the 65-and-over population will more than double to 1.6 billion by 2050. Our challenge will be to ensure that people are living not only longer lives, but rich lives filled with purpose and good health that benefit all generations and society at large. The Future of Aging Research University Seminar is supported by faculty from across multiple departments at Columbia as well as several external members; it provides the opportunity for intellectual discourse about the implications of aging societies, the modifiability of aging processes, and evidence that supports successful aging for individuals and societies. By looking at topics like the modifiability of cognitive aging, or how stress or disparities affect late life outcomes, The Future of Aging Research University Seminar aims to facilitate interdisciplinary collaborations and contribute to the field by hosting programs that catalyze, promote, and advance aging science and improve policies to benefit longer lives. The Future of Aging Research is chaired by Columbia faculty members Jennifer Manly, Martin Picard, and Kavita Sivaramakrishnan and initiated by the university-wide Columbia Aging Center.

Co-Chairs: Professor Martin Picard; Professor Ursula Staudinger (Fall); Professor Jennifer J. Manly (Spring); Professor Kavita Sivaramakrishnan (Spring) • Rapporteur: Ms. Ann Goddard

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 12  What Is the Long-Run Causal Relationship Between Wealth and Psychological Well-Being?  
David Cesarini, New York University

December 5  How Much Can You Control Your Aging? Toxic Stress, Hormetic Stress, and Biological Aging  
Elissa Epel, University of California, San Francisco

February 6  Research on Pathways to Aging Health Disparities: What Are the Best Approaches?  
José Luchsinger, Columbia University  
Discussant: Jennifer Manly, Columbia University

April 10  New Data, Old Biases: Are Selection Processes Relevant for Health Disparities Research in the Precision Medicine Era  
Maria Glymour, University of California, San Francisco  
Discussant: Julien Teitler, Columbia University

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Jennifer J. Manly, jjm71@columbia.edu; Professor Martin Picard, mp3484@cumc.columbia.edu; Professor Kavita Sivaramakrishnan, ks2890@columbia.edu
AFFECT STUDIES • 777 Founded: 2015

This seminar seeks to bring together scholars in the fields and subfields that have been touched by a growing interest in emotional or affective experience, whether understood as embodied or incorporeal, emotional or impersonal, quantifiable or escaping measurement. This inter/multidisciplinary seminar on affect will incorporate a wide range of approaches and topics across disciplines and periods. We aim to provide a forum for a discussion of affect in the arts, sciences, history, psychology, philosophy, ecology, queer/feminist studies and social theory, among others, as well as a means to historicize how affect and emotion have served in religious, social, and political contexts in different periods and locales, from Antiquity to contemporary life. We feel that fostering interdisciplinary exchange on the question of affect is vital for understanding the many valences of affect studies’ vocabulary and concerns.

Co-Chairs: Professor Patricia Dailey; Professor Lauren Mancia • Rapporteur: Ms. Valeria Tsygankova

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 25  
*Melting Flowers: Reading Lyric and Telling the Time of Day by the Light of the Anthropocene*  
Anne-Lise Francois, University of California, Berkeley

October 16  
*Affective Economies*  
Sara Ahmed, Independent Scholar

April 16  
*Revolution, Overdetermination, and the Emotions of a Citizen-Soldier*  
Thomas Dodman, Columbia University

Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Patricia Dailey, pdailey@columbia.edu;  
Professor Thomas Dodman, td2551@columbia.edu; Professor Lauren Mancia, laurenmancia@brooklyn.cuny.edu
**DISABILITY, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY** • 779 Founded: 2015

This seminar provides a venue for scholars working in disability studies—which examines the social, political, cultural, and historical factors that define disability—to interrogate the current state of the field and identify the most crucial problems and concerns for its future. Critical scholarship around disability questions is essential because it builds a platform to interrogate charged ethical and political questions about the meaning of aesthetics and cultural representation, identity, and dynamics of social inclusion and/or exclusion. Over the past 15 years, disability studies has grown into a vibrant interdisciplinary arena, engaging some of the most pressing debates of our time: questions about the beginning and end of life, prenatal testing, abortion, euthanasia, eugenics; definitions of mental health and wellness; accommodation in schools, public transportation, and the workplace; technologies for the medical correction and "cure" of the non-normative body; disease, wartime injuries, post-traumatic stress, and healthcare.

**Co-Chairs: Professor Julia Miele Rodas; Professor Irina Carlota (Lotti) Silber • Rapporteur: Ms. Liz Bowen**

2017-2018 • Meetings

**September 15**  
*Disability and Bioethics*  
Rosemarie Garland-Thomson, Emory University  
Respondent: Lennard J. Davis, University of Illinois at Chicago

**October 20**  
*The Womb in the Forehead: Modernism, Deformity, and Olive Moore’s Spleen*  
Maren Linett, Purdue University  
Respondent: Rebecca Sanchez, Fordham University

**November 17**  
*Neoliberal Assemblages of Economy, Body, and Society: Ethnography of Disability and Microfinance in India*  
Vandana Chaudhry, College of Staten Island, City University of New York  
Respondent: Sophie Mitra, Fordham University

**February 9**  
*Being in Touch: Care, Disability, and the Non-Metaphysics of Presence in Urban Uganda*  
Tyler Zoanni, New York University  
Respondent: Omri Elisha, Queens College, City University of New York

**March 9**  
*Wheelchair Overboard: Klinghoffer and Ableism*  
Stephanie Jensen-Moulton, Brooklyn College, City University of New York  
Respondent: Joseph Straus, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

**April 20**  
*Black Autism*  
Diana Paulin, Trinity College

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Academic year 2018-2019 Co-Chairs: Professor Irina Carlota (Lotti) Silber, isilber@ccny.cuny.edu; Professor Julia Miele Rodas, julia.rodas@bcc.cuny.edu
SUSTAINABLE FINANCE • 783 Founded: 2016

The transition to a sustainable economic system looms as one of the key challenges of the present generation. This seminar brings together academically-minded practitioners and practically-oriented academics to explore how the financial sector can play an essential and constructive role in funding this transition. The seminar touches on a variety of topics including social impact investing, the integration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into analysis, the financing of the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals, and financial system integrity. It also explores the limits to sustainable development policies.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Satyajit Bose; Dr. Stephen Freedman • Rapporteur: Ms. Julie Pertuiset

2017-2018 • Meetings

September 25  The Physical Basis of Climate Change
                Jason Smerdon, Columbia University

October 30  The Effect of Weather on Agricultural Output and Prices
            Wolfram Schlenker, Columbia University and the National Bureau of Economic Research

November 27  Tackling Climate Risk in the Financial Sector
            Mackenzie Huffman, JPMorgan Chase & Co.

December 18  Investing in Climate Change Solutions
            Bruce Usher, Columbia University
            Mark Townsend Cox, New Energy Fund, LP

January 22  Portfolio Investing Toward a 2° Future
            Stanislas Dupré, Two Degrees Investing Initiative

February 12  Reconciling the Deep End of “Impact” with Investments at Scale for Traditional Returns
            Andrea Armeni, New York University and Transform Finance

March 5  Corporate Governance and Sustainable Investment
            Ailsa Röell, Columbia University

April 9  The Application of Natural Capital and Ecosystem Service Valuation by the Finance Sector
            Jeffrey Potent, Columbia University
            REDD+ Project Financing in Developing Countries
            Eron Bloomgarden, Columbia University and Climate & Forest Capital

May 7  Benefit Corporations and Human Rights: Unrealized Potential, Challenges, and Opportunities
            Joanne Bauer, Columbia University and PilNet

Academic year 2018–2019 Co-Chairs: Dr. Satyajit Bose, sgb2@columbia.edu; Dr. Stephen Freedman, st_freedman@hotmail.com
ENERGY ETHICS • 785 Founded: 2017

The Columbia University Seminar on Energy Ethics engages leaders from economics, sustainable development, politics, climate law, environmental studies, disaster studies, international relations, geography, philosophy, ethics, theology, medicine, as well as activists, to discuss energy ethics with a multidisciplinary approach. The seminar addresses the need for a multilateral dialogue between ethicists, energy experts, and policy analysts, while engaging diverse ethical and philosophical frameworks that supply ethical principles. Energy drives what is arguably the greatest crisis of our time, climate change. Sustainable solutions to climate change depend upon effective, scalable, low or zero-carbon energy technologies and energy policies that incentivize them in a complex global system. True sustainability requires that energy technologies and energy policies are deployed with careful regard to all of the impacts, costs, benefits, and trade-offs between stakeholders, including the rights of future generations and ecosystemic health. In other words, energy decisions are profoundly ethical decisions that require the input of experts from multiple sectors.

Chair: Professor Erin Lothes • Rapporteur: Ms. Rosalind Donald

2017-2018 • Meetings

October 5  International Human Rights and the Environment
Michel Prieur, International Centre for Comparative Environmental Law

December 6  Human Rights Theory
Michael Burger, Columbia University
Elke Weber, Princeton University

February 14  Geo-Engineering
Forrest Clingerman, Ohio Northern University and Theological and Ethical Perspectives on Climate Engineering
Respondent: Philip Kitcher, Columbia University

April 11  Labor Rights and Claims in Conflict
John Russo, Georgetown University
MATERIAL TEXTS • 787 Founded: 2017

This seminar brings together from various disciplines scholars who work on the history of the book and the study of material texts in order to place the technical and bibliographical study of text objects in dialogue with cultural studies and both the textually- and the materially-oriented humanist disciplines more broadly. Over recent decades, book history has emerged as a necessarily and productively interdisciplinary field; with this in mind, this seminar focuses on the interpretation of material textual objects from an array of disciplinary perspectives. Our aim is to provide a clearinghouse for emerging methods and work, and a nexus for scholars from diverse disciplinary backgrounds to discuss and pursue shared interests in the study of the book and the material text.

Co-Chairs: Professor Joseph A. Howley; Dr. Karla Nielsen • Rapporteur: Ms. Sierra Eckert

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October 5  
*Paper Publics and Material Textual Affiliations*
Jonathan Senchyne, University of Wisconsin-Madison

October 25  
“I Hope Some Valued Scraps to Gain”: American Readers and Their Commonplace Books of Poetry in the Nineteenth Century
Amanda Watson, New York University

November 30  
The Legacy of the Bibliographic Press Movement: Lessons from Carl P. Rollins and the Teaching Presses at Yale University
Katharine M. Ruffin, Wellesley College

February 13  
The Transatlantic Thesis Defense
Aaron Hyman, Johns Hopkins University and the Metropolitan Museum of Art

March 8  
*Books in Exile*
Stephanie Frampton, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

April 5  
Nineteenth-Century ‘Piracy’ and the Story of Copyright Resistance
Monica F. Cohen, Barnard College, Columbia University

April 12  
Etched in Wax: Technics, Memory, and Wax Tablets in the Lyrics of Baudri of Bourgueil
Mary Franklin Brown, University of Minnesota

Academic year 2018-2019 Chair: Professor Joseph A. Howley, jah2220@columbia.edu
The Water in America Seminar discourse will address the implications of emerging socio-economic, ethical, technical and policy failures and threats to our water supply. We will arrive not just at an assessment of what water means in a changing America, but strategies for achieving the human right to water and sanitation that should be a birthright of all residents of the United States. Our focus will encompass the competing demands for water resources in a twenty first-century global society, including: a growing population, transboundary conflicts, persistent poverty, intensifying agriculture, growth of extractive industries, and crumbling infrastructure. And it will examine the needed technical, business and policy models that could address the concomitant social, economic and ecological concerns.

Chair: Professor Upmanu Lall • Rapporteur: Ms. Anvi Mridul

2017-2018 • Meetings

February 22

*Widespread Surface Discharge of Untreated Wastewater from Homes in Rural America*

Mark Elliot, University of Alabama
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