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INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scholars and others interested in attending a seminar should email their credentials to the appropriate chair. Seminars are listed in the order in which they were founded, from 1944 to the present. An index at the back of the directory lists the seminars alphabetically, followed by charts that list them by general area of interest.



Faculty House, 1923

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HISTORY OF THE SEMINARS

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

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

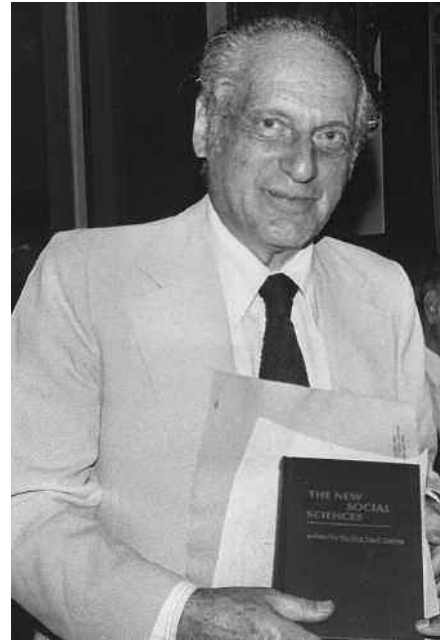
Most of this education takes place within the academic departments, but Tannenbaum was continuing a tradition of General Education in a Core Curriculum that Columbia had been developing for thirty years. The Contemporary Civilization and the Humanities courses are famous for the breadth they give Columbia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

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

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



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



Above: The philosopher James Gutman succeeded Tannenbaum as director of the Seminars; and in 1976, Aaron Warner (above, right), professor of economics and Dean of the School of General Studies was appointed as his successor. Right: Current director Robert Belknap.



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

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

2008–2009 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2008–2009 the University Seminars met—and thrived—under unusual stresses. With Faculty House undergoing major repairs, Seminars resorted to meeting in temporary quarters generously provided by the Heyman Center, the Kellogg Center, Union Seminary, Teachers College, various Columbia and Barnard departments and institutes, even neighborhood restaurants.

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

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

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

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

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

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

With these new Seminars, I foresee an increasing number of joint meetings, something that has been becoming more frequent for some time, as when the Brazil Seminar met with the Japan Seminar to

In March 2008, the University Seminars went into temporary exile while Faculty House underwent major repairs. Thanks to the great good graces of Scott Wright and Lisa Hogarty, who found temporary offices for our staff at Hartley Hall, and to everyone there who welcomed us: Angie, Diana, Jose, Paul, Jane, and several others. We are also grateful for the many benefactors who made space available for seminars and conferences, allowing the Seminar tradition to continue without interruption. Now we are back where we belong, enjoying our new offices, and thought you would enjoy seeing a few snapshots of the process (below) and the result (next page).



study the Japanese emigration to Brazil and the re-emigration to Japan two generations later.

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

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

Robert L. Belknap
Director



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



The University Seminars staff, from left: Gessy Alvarez, Robert Belknap, Alice Newton, and Pamela Guardia

THE SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL
DINNER MEETING

TANNENBAUM-WARNER AWARD

for Distinguished Service to the University Seminars

to

ALLAN GILBERT

followed by

THE TANNENBAUM LECTURE

Hiding in Plain Sight:

The Vernacular Buildings of New York City

by

ANDREW S. DOLKART

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

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

From “Hiding in Plain Sight: The Vernacular Buildings of New York City,” the 2009 Tannebaum lecture given by Andrew S. Dolkart

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

New York has many architectural marvels, but these buildings are the exceptions on our streets. Rather than a city of singular masterpieces and the city of buildings designed by famed architects, we are predominantly the city of speculative developers such as Charles Paterno, Abraham Lefcourt and Hyman Crystal and the architects they employed, such as Gaetan Ajello, George Pelham, Jacob Felson, and Schwartz & Gross. It was these developers, seeking to profit from the city’s real estate booms, who built our neighborhoods, and it was these architects and their colleagues, derided by one elite critic as “the speculative builder’s draughtsmen,” who created New York City. The thousands of tenements, apartment houses, garment lofts and office buildings that make New York a unique urban center are rarely studied. By ignoring these buildings, we ignore most of the physical fabric of New York. My subject here is the rich diversity of the twentieth-century vernacular architecture that shapes the character of New York’s neighborhoods.



Eileen Barroso / Columbia University

Professor Andrew Dolkart

Allan Gilbert's wide-ranging interests took him from a B.A. in French at Rutgers to an M.A. in Art History and Ph.D. in anthropology at Columbia. His doctorate in Near Eastern archaeology included preparation in ancient art, archaeozoology, and earth science, combining the resources of three Columbia departments for a broad foundation in interdisciplinary scholarship. In addition to numerous Old World projects, he also directed excavations at the historic Rose Hill manor site in the Bronx for 17 years and established a historic brick collection to pave the way for studies into the sources and distribution of building materials in early New York. He is now in his 26th year of teaching at Fordham University, where he is chair of the Department of Sociology & Anthropology. He has chaired the Columbia University Seminar on the Ancient Near East since 1999 and organized a University Seminars conference on the Black Sea flood in 2003, editing the proceedings for Springer Publishers with Schoff support.

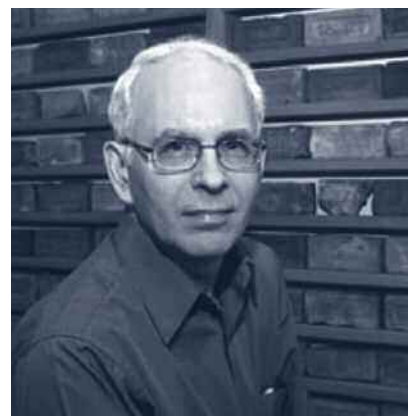


Photo by Ken Levinson/Fordham University

Allan S. Gilbert, Ph.D., professor of anthropology, wants to tell the archeological history of the Bronx to as wide an audience as possible.

TANNENBAUM-WARNER AWARD RECIPIENTS

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| 1992 William S. Vickrey | 2001 Oscar Schachter |
| 1993 Paul Oscar Kristeller | 2002 Marshall D. Shulman |
| 1994 John N. Hazard | 2003 Sam Devons |
| 1995 Wm. Theodore De Bary | 2004 Ken Jackson |
| 1996 J. C. Hurewitz | 2005 Carole Vance |
| 1997 Joseph B. Maier | 2006 George Halasi-Kun |
| 1998 Joan Ferrante | 2007 Harry R. Kissileff |
| 1999 Anslie T. Embree | 2008 Seth Neugroschl |
| 2000 Aaron W. Warner | |

TANNENBAUM LECTURERS

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| 1971 Gilbert Highet | 1990 Fritz Stern |
| 1972 Philip C. Jessup | 1991 J. C. Hurewitz |
| 1973 Harvey Picker | 1992 William S. Vickrey |
| 1974 Paul Henry Lang | 1993 M. Elaine Combs-Schilling |
| 1975 Theodosius Dobzhansky | 1994 Eli Ginzberg |
| 1976 Eric Louis McKittrick | 1995 [50th Anniversary Celebration] |
| 1977 Daniel Yankelovich | 1996 Alan Brinkley |
| 1978 Harrison E. Salisbury | 1997 Eric Foner |
| 1979 Barbara W. Tuchman | 1998 Martin Meisel |
| 1980 Charles Gati, John N. Hazard,
R. Randle Edwards, Seweryn Bialer | 1999 Cynthia H. Whittaker |
| 1981 Marshall D. Shulman | 2000 Richard W. Bulliet |
| 1982 Richard N. Gardner | 2001 Robert O'Meally |
| 1983 Richard W. Lyman | 2002 Andrew J. Nathan |
| 1984 Gerda Lerner | 2003 John Stratton Hawley |
| 1985 Joan M. Ferrante | 2004 Alice Kessler-Harris |
| 1986 Robert L. Payton | 2005 James G. Neal |
| 1987 Henry F. Graff | 2006 Herbert S. Terrace |
| 1988 Arthur A. Hartman | 2007 Ester Fuchs |
| 1989 Robert L. Belknap | 2008 Lisa Anderson |

THE SIXTEENTH SERIES OF THE
LEONARD HASTINGS SCHOFF
MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

given by

PROFESSOR PHILIP KITCHER

John Dewey Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University

DEATHS IN VENICE:

THE CASE(S) OF GUSTAV (VON) ASCHENBACK

I.

Discipline (Mann)

8:00 PM, Monday, January 26, 2009

II.

Beauty (Mann, Britten)

8:00 PM, Monday, February 2, 2009

III.

Shadows (Mann, Visconti, Mahler)

8:00 PM, Monday, November 26, 2007

In May 1911, Thomas Mann, together with his wife Katia and his brother Heinrich, visited Venice. After the remarkable success of his first novel, *Buddenbrooks*, nothing Mann had written had quite lived up to that early promise. His attempt at drama (*Fiorenza*) was widely regarded as a failure, and the reception of a second novel (*Königliche Hoheit* [Royal Highness]) was respectful, but tepid. Some shorter works, particularly the novella *Tonio Kröger*, aroused more enthusiasm, but it was reasonable for critics and readers—and for Mann himself—to wonder if he had only one great novel in him.

Among the guests at the *Hotel des Bains* on the Venice lido was an eleven-year-old boy whose beauty caught Mann's attention. The circumstances of the holiday, and, centrally, the encounter with the boy, redirected Mann's writing. On his return to Munich, he began work on a long novella, *Der Tod in Venedig* (*Death in Venice*), published in 1912, that (re)-established his literary stature.

This influential story, in which a writer, Gustav von Aschenbach, (older than Mann and a widower) becomes obsessed with the beauty of a teenage boy, lingers in a Venice infected with cholera, and finally dies, has inspired translations into other media. Benjamin Britten's final opera, produced in 1973, is acclaimed for its fidelity to Mann; Luigi Visconti's film, which appeared in 1971, has aroused considerable criticism.

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

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



*Professor Philip Kitcher, John Dewey
Professor of Philosophy at
Columbia University*

PREVIOUS LEONARD HASTINGS SCHOFF MEMORIAL LECTURES

1993: DAVID N. CANNADINE

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

1994: CHARLES E. LARMORE

Professor of Philosophy
The Romantic Legacy

1995: SASKIA SASSEN

Professor of Urban Planning
Governing the Global Economy

1996: KENNETH T. JACKSON

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

1997: IRA KATZNELSON

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

1998: CAROL GLUCK

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

1999: ROBERT POLLACK

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

2000: LISA ANDERSON

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

2001: PARTHA CHATTERJEE

Professor of Anthropology
The Politics of the Governed

2002: DAVID ROSAND

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

2003: GEORGE RUPP

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

2004: LESLEY A. SHARP

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

2005: ROBERT W. HANNING

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

2006: BORIS GASPAROV

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

2007: DOUGLAS CHALMERS

Professor Emeritus of Political Science
*Representative Government Without Representatives:
Seven Reasons to Think Beyond Electing
Executives and Lawmakers*

THE SCHOFF AND WARNER PUBLICATION AWARDS

In 1991, Leonard Hastings Schoff's will endowed a fund to support the publication of books written under the auspices of the University Seminars that involve the Social Sciences or their subject matter and have been accepted for publication. Seminar members, guests, and even speakers may send the Seminars Director a letter, or better, an e-mail, naming the publisher, describing the contribution of a Seminar to some part of their text, and giving an outline or table of contents in a page or two, as well as listing the sums available and those needed for indexing, translating, editing, picture permissions, etc. Usually, though not always, the Schoff Committee decides on its allocation quite promptly. Since 2008, the University Seminars, the Warner Family, and others have provided funds for parallel awards, to be granted in the same way as the Schoff funds, but not restricted to the social sciences. This fund is named for Aaron Warner, the social scientist and activist who ran the University Seminars from 1976 to 2000 and had a deep interest in both the arts and the natural sciences. In the period since the last Directory, the following books have been published with assistance from the Schoff or the Warner funds:

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

Schoff Fund

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Trudy Goldberg, *Feminization of Poverty in Rich Nations: An International Phenomenon?*

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

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

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

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

Pita Kelekna, *The Horse in Human History*

Lisa Keller, *The Triumph of Order over Freedom: The Resilience of New York and London since the Nineteenth Century*

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

Lisa Mitchell, *Language, Emotion, and Politics in South India: The Making of a Mother Tongue*

Aaron Skabelund, "Fascism's Furry Friends: Dogs, National Identity, and Racial Purity in 1930s Japan," in *The Culture of Japanese Fascism*

Christina Staudt, *The Pulse of Death Now*

David White, *Sinister Yogis*

Warner Fund

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

Lydia Goehr, *Elective Affinities: Musical Essays on the History of Aesthetic Theory*

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

Marian Ronan, *Tracing the Sign of the Cross: Sexuality, Mourning, and the Future of American Catholicism*

2008–2009 SEMINAR CONFERENCES

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

In 2008–2009, our conference schedule more than doubled to seventeen, each sponsored or co-sponsored by one or more University Seminar.



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

September 18–20, 2008

Thursday, 18 September 2008

Franklin Hall, American Philosophical Society, 427
Chestnut Street

5:00 p.m. Welcomes

Daniel K. Richter, McNeil Center
for Early American Studies

Ronald Hoffman, Omohundro Institute
of Early American History and Culture

Owen Stanwood, The Catholic University
of America

5:15 p.m. Keynote Address

Chair: **Evan Haefeli**, Columbia University

Anthony Milton, University of Sheffield
“Prejudice, Principle, or Polemic: Interpreting Early
Modern Anti-Popery”

6:30 p.m. Opening Reception

American Catholic Historical Society,
263 South Fourth Street
Sponsored by Saint Joseph's University
With Tours and Presentations on
Catholic Old City Philadelphia:
Old Saint Joseph's Church, 321 Willings Alley
Old Saint Mary's Church, 248 South Fourth St.

Friday, 19 September 2008

College Hall Room 200,
University of Pennsylvania Campus

9:00 a.m. Foundations

Chair: **Jon Pahl**, Lutheran Theological Seminary
at Philadelphia

Michael P. Winship, University of Georgia:
"Freeborn (Puritan) Englishmen and Slavish Sub-
jection: Popish Tyranny, Constitutional Puritanism,
and the Origins of Congregationalism, c.1570–1606"

Karl Gunther, University of Miami:
"Anti-catholicism in the lower case: challenging
peace and unity in Reformation England"

Alan Ford, University of Nottingham:
"Antichrist in Ireland: the roots of religious division
1579–1641"

Commentary: **Alastair Bellany**, Rutgers University,
New Brunswick

11:00 a.m. Imperial Dimensions

Chair: **Karen Ordahl Kupperman**,
New York University

William J. Bulman, Princeton University:
"Popish Jews and Muslims in
the Early British Empire"

Cynthia Van Zandt, University of New Hampshire:
"Protestant Colonies, Crypto-Catholics and the
Pope's Spanish Weapon: Early New England and
Chesapeake Colonies Reconsidered"

James D. Rice, State University of New York,
Plattsburgh:
"'Naked Indians' and 'Popish Plots'"
Anti-Catholicism and the Chesapeake Colonies,
1660–1705"

Commentary: **April Lee Hatfield**,
Texas A&M University

2:00 p.m. Continental Influences

Chair: **Thomas Max Safley**,
University of Pennsylvania

Philippe Rosenberg, Emory University:
"Anti-Popery and the Waldensian Crisis: The
Contradictory Terrain of International Stances
in the 1650s"

Mark Häberlein, University of Bamberg:
"Antagonism and Coexistence: Protestants and
Catholics in German and North American
Communities, 1555–1820"

Paula Wheeler Carlo, Nassau Community College:
"The Idolatrous and Tyrannical Church of Rome:
Huguenot Sermons and Anti-Popery in Colonial
New York and Massachusetts"

Commentary: **Philip Benedict**,
Université de Genève

4:00 p.m. Ambiguities

Chair: **Margo Todd**, University of Pennsylvania
Scott Sowerby, Harvard University:
"Opposition to Anti-Popery
in Early Modern England"

Victor L. Stater, Louisiana State University:
"The Popish Iceberg"

Paul Jenkins, University of Glasgow:
"'Jesuitico-Quakerism'" Counter-Reformation and
Scottish Anti-Papist Polemic in Early Enlightenment
European Context"

Commentary: **Steven Pincus**, Yale University

Saturday, 20 September 2008

College Hall Room 200,
University of Pennsylvania Campus

9:00 a.m. Loyal Subjects?

Chair: **William Pencak**, The Pennsylvania
State University

Allan Dwyer, Memorial University
of Newfoundland:

“Disaffected to Our Present Happy Establishment’:
Empire and Anti-Popery on the Anglo-Atlantic
Borderland, 1740–1800”

Hannah K. R. Weiss, Princeton University:
“His Brittanick Majesty’s New Subjects: Anti-
Popery and Subjecthood in Grenada and Quebec”

Brad Jones, California State University, Fresno:
“Anti-Popery and the Gordon Riots in the
Revolutionary Atlantic World”

Commentary: **Ned Landsman**,
State University of New York, Stony Brook

11:00 a.m. Nationalisms

Chair: **Leslie Tentler**, The Catholic University
of America

Brian Lewis, McGill University:
“For God, Queen, and Open Bibles:
Anti-Popery and National Identity
in Early Industrial Lancashire”

Martin J. Burke, City University of New York:
“Anti-Popery, Print, and Public Controversy
in the New American Republic”

Monica Najar, Lehigh University:
“Arts of Seduction: Gender, Authority,
and Anti-Popery in the New Nation”

Commentary: **John T. McGreevy**,
University of Notre Dame

2:00 p.m. Representations

Chair: **Sally M. Promey**, Yale University
Thomas S. Freeman, University of Sheffield:

“The Secularization of Anti-Popery:
The Evolving Myth of ‘Bloody Mary’”

Clare Haynes, University of Edinburgh:
“Art and Anti-Catholicism in Britain”

Laura M. Stevens, University of Tulsa:
“The Virgin Mary and Violated Mothers
in British Anti-Catholicism”

Commentary: **David S. Shields**,
University of South Carolina

4:00 p.m. Reactions

Chair: **Brendan McConville**, Boston University

Panelists:

Tim Harris, Brown University

Willem Frijhoff, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

John M. Murrin, Princeton University

5:30 p.m. Closing Reception

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CONFERENCE ON MASS TRANSIT NOISE

Friday, September 19, 2008

8:45 am–3 pm

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Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Mark R. Stephenson, PhD

Senior Research Audiologist,
Coordinator of NIOSH
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FREE THE SLAVES

A Presentation on Modern Slavery by African Freedom Award Winners

James Kofi Annan and Ricky Richards
Recipients of the 2008 Templeton Foundation Freedom Award

Tuesday, September 23rd, 7:00pm
Davis Auditorium, Columbia University

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

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

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

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SHAKESPEARE AND LANGUAGE: THE ART OF CLOSE READING

16th in this series of annual Shakespeare gatherings
at Fairleigh Dickinson University

“To be or not to be?” Can anything be simpler—or more profound? Four distinguished speakers will discuss specific passages in Shakespeare to show the beauty, precision, and power of his use of language. Examples will include Richard III, Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet and The Tempest.

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



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

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

9:30–10:45 a.m.

Frank Occhiogrosso, Drew University

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

Frank Occhiogrosso, who holds a PhD from Johns Hopkins University, is professor of English at Drew University, Madison, N.J. He has won awards as scholar-teacher of the year twice and edited two books, *Shakespeare in Performance: A Collection of Essays* (University of Delaware Press, 2003) and *Shakespearean Performance: New Studies* (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2008). His articles and reviews have appeared in a wide range of journals, and he has served as dramaturge for the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey.

"TO BE OR NOT TO BE?": THE PLAIN LANGUAGE OF HAMLET'S SOLILOQUY (HAMLET 3.1.56–90)

10:45a.m.–Noon

Maurice Charney, Rutgers University

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

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

CALIBAN'S "BE NOT AFEAR'D" (THE TEMPEST, 3.2.135–43) AND DRAMATIC EXIGENCY IN SHAKESPEARE'S THE TEMPEST

1–2:15 p.m.

John Mucciolo, Morris Hills Regional District

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

John Mucciolo has been working on Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and Renaissance political backgrounds for the past decade. With the late W.R. Elton,

he was founding editor of the *Shakespearean International Yearbook* (Ashgate), and co-editor of volumes 1–3. Mucciolo also edited *Shakespeare's Universe*, a collection of essays in honor of W.R. Elton's distinguished career in Shakespeare studies. Mucciolo is assistant superintendent, Morris Hills Regional District, Denville, N.J.

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

2:15–3:30 p.m.

Iska Alter, Hofstra University

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

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

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

Friday, 24 October 2008
4:30pm–6:00pm

Dorothea von Mücke (Columbia University)
“Intelligent or Beautiful Design”

Moderator **Akeel Bilgrami**
Discussand **Jenny Davidson**

Uday Mehta (Amherst College)
“Violence and the Logic of Inevitability”

James Steintrager (University of California, Irvine)
“Fantasies of Social Construction: The Epicurean
Revival within the Lockean Paradigm”

Saturday, October 25 2008

SESSION 1: TELEOLOGY AND THE SCIENCES

9:30am–11:00am

Moderator **Matthew Jones**
Discussand **Joanna Stalnaker**
Jörn Steigerwald (University of Cologne)
“Réaumur versus Buffon, or, on the
Necessity of Teleology in Natural History.”

Fred Neuhouser (Barnard College)
“The Role of Natural Teleology in
Rousseau’s Moral and Political Thought”

SESSION 2

11:15am–12:45pm

Moderator **Stefan Andriopoulos**
Discussands **Matthew Jones, Martin Jay**
Jonathan Sheehan (University of California,
Berkeley)
“In Suspension: The Magic of Teleology in
the Enlightenment”

AFTERNOON SESSION: TELEOLOGY AND HISTORY

2:30pm–4:30pm

Moderator **Akeel Bilgrami**
Discussands **Martin Jay, Stefan Andriopoulos**

Fernando Vidal (Max Planck Institute for the
History of Science, Berlin)
“Perfectibility and human ‘telos’ in Enlightenment
Psychology and Anthropology.”

David Bates (University of California, Berkeley)
“Conjectural Humans”

Thomas McCarthy (Yale University)
“Remarks on the Idea of Universal History
in the Wake of Kant”

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University Seminars on Cinema and Interdisciplinary Interpretation
at Columbia University, Columbia University School of the Arts
Film Program, and Film Society of Lincoln Center present:



FADED GLORY: OSCAR MICHEAUX AND THE PRE-WAR BLACK INDEPENDENT CINEMA

February 6–7, 2009

Friday, February 6

Columbia University Campus, Schermerhorn Hall

9–9:15 am: Welcome and Introduction

Jamal Joseph (Chair, Film Program,
School of the Arts)

**9:15–10:30 am: Actors and Actresses
in Early Black Cinema**

Terri Francis (Yale University), Moderator
Francisco González-Miranda (University of
Puerto Rico) “Juano Hernandez:
Oscar Micheaux’s Black Puerto Rican Star”
Charlene Register (University of North Carolina-
Chapel Hill) “Sylvia as a Wilted Flower and Lucy
as a Broken Blossom: Examining the Construction
of Black Stardom in the Career of Evelyn Preer”

10:45–11:45 am: Featured Talk

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

**1:30–2:45 pm: The Black Entertainment Circuit
and “Race Movies”**

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

**2:45–3:30 pm: African American Film Scholarship:
The Third Generation**

Paula Massod (Brooklyn College), Moderator
Fiona Barnett (Duke University), “Contingency
and Possibility: Visible Temporality in
Richard D. Maurice’s Eleven PM”
Ellen Scott (University of Pennsylvania), “Quiet
Riots: Production Politics, White Censorship, and
Black Reception of Twentieth Century Fox’s No
Way Out (1950)”

**3:45–4:10 pm: Trailer Presentation Screening of
Oscar’s Comeback**

(dir. Lisa Collins; dir./prod. Lisa Collins/Mark
Schwartzburt) 20 mins.

4:10–5 pm: Featured Talk

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

**7–8:20 pm: The conference continues with a
screening at the Film Society of Lincoln Center,
Walter Reade Auditorium.**

Arthur Knight (William and Mary) and Jacqueline
Stewart (Northwestern), Introductions
Screening of Blood of Jesus (Spencer Williams,
1941).

8:20 pm:

Jacqueline Stewart (Northwestern), “The World and
the Jug of Spencer Williams”

Saturday, February 7
The Film Society of Lincoln Center,
Furman Gallery

9–10: 15 am: The “Race Movie” Silent Era Circuit

Pearl Bowser (independent scholar), Moderator
Dana F. White (Emory University), “Race Film
Distribution Patterns in a Southern Metropolis:
Screening Lincoln Pictures, Norman Films
and Micheaux Features in Atlanta, Part II”
Allyson Field (UCLA), “From Making Negro Lives
Count to The New Era: The Production and
Exhibition of The Hampton Institute
Epilogue to The Birth of a Nation”

**10:30–11:30 am, Lincoln Motion Picture Company
and Noble Johnson**

Jane Gaines (Columbia University): Introduction
Henry Sampson (Independent Scholar),
“The Lincoln Motion Picture Company—
An Inside View—1915–1921”

11:30 am–12:30 pm: Micheaux’s Talkies, Part I

Ken Eisenstein (University of Chicago), Moderator
Ron Green (Ohio State University),
“The Problem of Micheaux’s Sound Films”
Arthur Jafa (TNEG TM), Oscar Micheaux’s Style

2:15–3:30 pm: Micheaux’s Talkies, Part II

Ed Guerrero (NYU), Moderator
Corey Creekmur (University of Iowa),
“Oscar Micheaux’s Black Crime Narratives”
Arthur Knight (William and Mary), “Boogie
Woogie Dreams’: Micheaux and
the Black Cast Musical”

**3:45–4:45 pm : Panel Discussion 1, Oscar
Micheaux: African American Enigma**

(A discussion of Oscar Micheaux: The
Great and Only by Patrick McGilligan)
Francisco González-Miranda (University
of Puerto Rico), Moderator
Pearl Bowser (Independent scholar)
Richard Grupenho (Rowan University)
Henry Sampson (Independent scholar)

4:45–5:45 pm : Panel Discussion 2:

**Early African American Motion Pictures:
Restoration, Exhibition, Discovery**

Allyson Field (UCLA), Moderator
Amy Turner, William Jones Film
and Video Collection (SMU)
Dan Streible (NYU)
Richard Peña (Columbia University)
Corey Creekmur (University of Iowa)

**6:00 pm: Screening of Birthright (Oscar Micheaux,
1937) with Happy Though Married (1920).**

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WRITING AND LITERACY IN EARLY CHINA

February 7–8, 2009

PROGRAM:

Saturday, February 7:

- 9:00–9:15 am: Welcome remarks by David Branner/Project report by Li Feng
- 9:15–10:00 am: “Literacy and the Emergence of Writing in China,”
William G. Boltz, University of Washington
- 10:00–11:45 am: “Heavenly Pattern Reading (tianwen) and the Origins of Writing,”
David W. Pankenier, Lehigh University
- 12:00–12:45 pm: “Phonology in the Chinese Script and its Relationship to Early Chinese Literacy,”
David P. Branner, University of Maryland
- 2:00–2:45 pm: “Literacy to the South and the East of Anyang in Shang China:
Zhengzhou and Daxinzhuang,”
Ken-ichi Takashima, University of British Columbia
- 2:45–3:30 pm: “The Evidence for Scribal Training at Anyang,”
Adam Smith, Stanford University
- 3:45–4:30 pm: “The Royal Audience and Its Reflections in Western Zhou Bronze Inscriptions,”
Lothar von Falkenhausen, UCLA
- 4:30–5:15 pm: “Literacy and the Social Contexts of Writing in the Western Zhou,”
Li Feng, Columbia University

Sunday, February 8:

- 9:00–9:45 am: “Education and the Way of the Former Kings,”
Constance A. Cook, Lehigh University
- 9:45–10:30 am: “Soldiers, Scribes and Women: Literacy among the Lower Orders in Early China,”
Robin D.S. Yates, McGill University
- 10:45–11:30 am: “Craftsman’s Literacy: Uses of Writing among Male and Female Artisans
in Qin and Han China,”
Anthony J. Barbieri-Low, UCSB
- 11:30–12:15 pm: “Textual Identity and the Role of Writing in the Transmission
of Early Chinese Literature,”
Matthias L. Richter, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 12:45 pm: Conference closes.

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

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A CONFERENCE ON "SOCIAL HISTORIES OF AFRICA"

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

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

PROGRAM

9:15–9:30 am. Welcome Address

Mamadou Diouf, Leitner Family Professor of African Studies, Director, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University

9:30–10:50 am. Panel 1:

Gender, Class, and Life Strategies

Chair: Yuusuf Caruso, African Studies Librarian, Columbia University

"African Manhood in the Atlantic World: Respectable Clerks and Unruly 'Cowboys' in the Making of the Colonial City – Enugu, Nigeria, 1914–1955."

Carolyn Brown, Associate Professor of History, Rutgers University

"Labor Unions in South Africa: From Anti-Apartheid Activists to Neo-Liberal Critics."

John Stoner, Assistant Professor of History, Binghamton University

"Gendered Survival Strategies Among Heroin Users in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania."

Sheryl McCurdy, Assistant Professor, School of Public Health, University of Texas, Houston

11:15am–12:25 pm. Panel 2: Leadership

Chair: Abosede George, Assistant Professor of History, Barnard College, Columbia University

"Traditions in Peril: Princess Aysha and The Jawam'a Missionaries in Dar Fur and Wadai."

Jay Spaulding, Professor of History, Kean University





Professor Emerita of History Marcia Wright talking with Mamadou Diouf, Leitner Family Professor of African Studies and Director of the Institute of African Studies.

“Lessons from Labor: The Impact of Labor Unions on the Leadership and Strategies of the Abeokuta Women’s Union in Post-War Nigeria.”

Judith Byfield, Associate Professor of History, Cornell University

2:00–3:10 pm. Panel 3:

A Racialized and Gendered Colonialism

Chair: Hlonipha Mokoena, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Columbia University

“Calling Out Madness: Disorderly Black Women in Colonial Zimbabwe.”

Lynette Jackson, Associate Professor of Gender & Women Studies, University of Illinois, Chicago

“The Place of Life History in the Untangling of Gender, Piety, & Nationalism in Colonial Zimbabwe.”

Wendy Urban-Mead, Assistant Professor of History, Bard College

3:30–5:15 pm. Roundtable:

African Women and History

Chair: Mohamed Mbodj, Professor of History, Director, African & African American Studies, Manhattanville College; Adjunct Professor of History, Columbia University

Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch, Professor Emerita of History, Université de Paris VII

Meredeth Turshen, Professor, E.J. Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy, Rutgers University

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THE WORLDS OF LION GARDINER

C. 1599–1663

CROSSINGS AND BOUNDARIES

March 20–21, 2009

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York

The State University of New York at Stony Brook, in cooperation with the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, will hold a conference in Stony Brook on March 20–21, 2009, on “The Worlds of Lion Gardiner, c. 1599–1663: Crossings and Boundaries.” Military man and engineer, chronicler and diplomat, lord of a New English manor married to a Dutch woman, Gardiner led a life replete with crossings: of the English Channel to engage in Continental wars, of the Atlantic, of the lesser waters of Long Island Sound, of national, imperial, and colonial borders, of racial divides, and of the very bounds of colonial law. The many crossings in which he and his contemporaries were involved did much to create boundaries between things previously less clearly separated.

Friday, 20 March

9:00–9:15 a.m. Welcomes

Ned Landsman, Stony Brook University

Daniel K. Richter, McNeil Center for Early American Studies

9:15–10:45 a.m.

Session 1: CROSSING CULTURES: INHABITING THE DUTCH WORLD

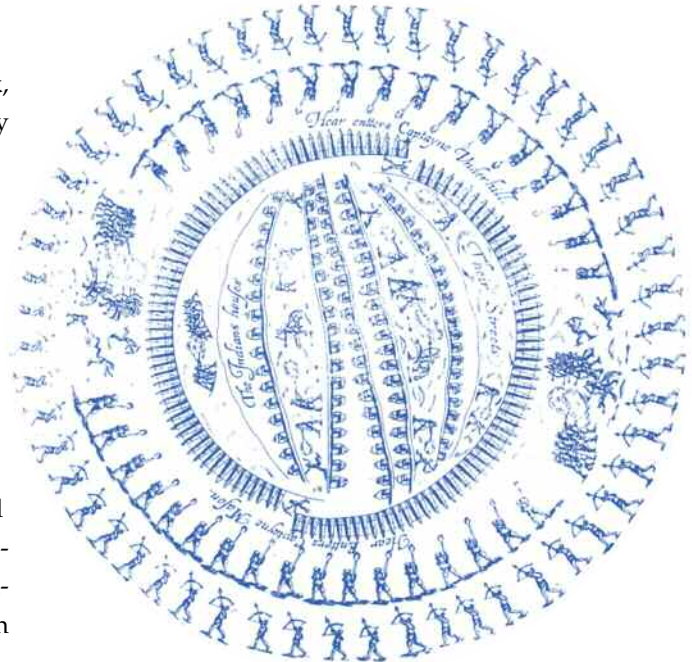
Chair: Alix Cooper, Stony Brook University

Boundaries and Friendships in the Contested World of Trade

Alison Games, Georgetown University

Scots in Old and New Netherlands

Esther Mijers, University of Reading



Foreigners in a Dutch Colonial City

Joyce Goodfriend, University of Denver

Commentator: Evan Haefeli, Columbia University

11:15–12:45 p.m.

Session 2: MAPPING BOUNDARIES AND BORDERS

Chair: Cynthia Van Zandt, University of New Hampshire

Mapping Interimperial Identity

Christian Koot, Towson University

“Their Private Business Let Them Agree, the Dutch for Him, the Englishman for Me”: Denizens of Inter-Colonial Trading Worlds in New Netherland

and New England, 1624–1664

Kim Todt, Cornell University

Status, Authority, and Exchange in the English Atlantic World

Michael Lacombe, Adelphi University

Commentator: Walt Woodward, University of Connecticut

2:00–3:45 p.m.

Session 3: CULTURAL MEDIATORS AND BOUNDARY CROSSERS

Chair: Christina Snyder, McNeil Center for Early American Studies

Nathaniel Sylvester of Amsterdam and Shelter Island

Mac Griswold, Sylvester Manor Project

Cultural Brokers on the Long Island Frontier

John Strong, Long Island University

Women in the Dutch Atlantic

Annette Cramer van den Bogaart, Stony Brook University

The Role of Cultural Chameleons

James Williams, Middle Tennessee State University

Commentator: Faren Siminoff, Nassau Community College

4:15–5:30 p.m. PROVOSTIA LLECTURE

Chair: Jennifer Anderson, Stony Brook University

The Love-Hate Relationship with Experts in the Early Modern Atlantic

Karen Kupperman, New York University

8:00–9:00 p.m. CONCERT

The Holland-America Line, 1609

Egidius Kwartet

Saturday, 21 March

9:00–10:45 a.m.

Session 5: FIGHTING WARS: ARMS AND ALLIANCES

Chair: Andrew Lipman, University of Pennsylvania

The Dutch-Mohawk Alliance

Joanne van der Woude, Harvard University

Algonkian Peoples and English-Dutch Rivalries

Mark Meuwese, University of Winnipeg

The Long Wake of the Pequot War

Katherine Grandjean, College of Holy Cross

Lion Gardiner's Third Foot

Gary Ralph, University of Delaware

Commentator: Daniel K. Richter, McNeil Center for Early American Studies

11:15–12:45

Session 6: WRITING WARS: PERSPECTIVES ON GARDINER'S NARRATIVE

Chair: Susan Scheckel, Stony Brook University

Lion Gardiner and the Pequot Parallax

Edward White, University of Florida

American Mordecai

Michael Householder, Southern Methodist University

Cultural Crossings and Boundary Negotiations in the Anglo-Dutch World

Sabine Klein, University of Maine, Farmington

Commentator: Andrew Newman, Stony Brook University

2:00–3:15 p.m. PLENARY SESSION

Chair: John Murrin, Princeton University

A Reexamination of Lion Gardiner's Role in the Pequot War

Kevin McBride and David Maumec, University of Connecticut and Pequot Museum and Research Center

Closing Comments: Ned Landsman and Andrew Newman

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**SAVIORS AND SURVIVORS:
A DISCUSSION ABOUT DARFUR**

Thursday, March 26, 2009

6 pm–8 pm

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

*A conversation around the book
Saviors and Survivors: Darfur, Politics, and the War on Terror,
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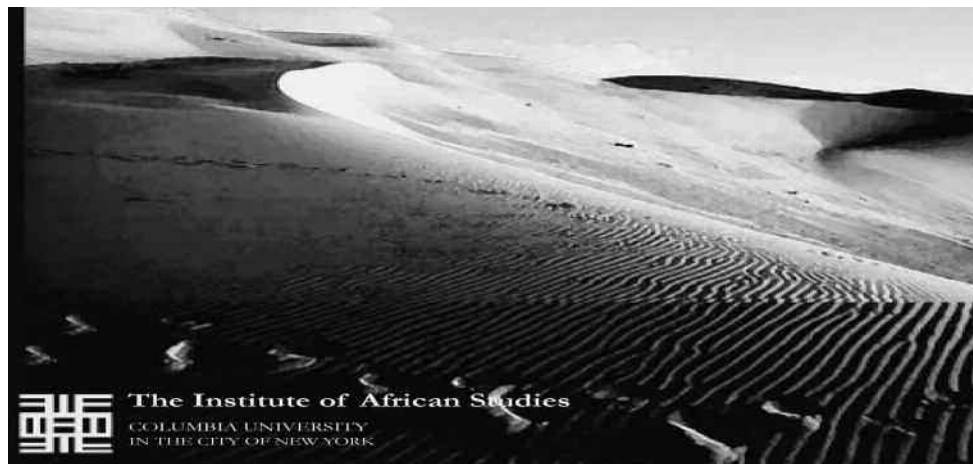
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MERCANTILISM

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, 27 March

8:45–9:00 Brief Welcome

Phil Stern (Duke) and **Carl Wennerlind** (Barnard)

9:00–10:30 Session I: Knowledge

Fredrik Jonsson (Chicago), *Ecology*

Tom Leng (Sheffield), *Epistemology*

Ted McCormick (Concordia), *Population*

Sophus Reinert (Cambridge) [*in absentia*],
Political Theory

Chair: **Carl Wennerlind** (Barnard)

11:00–12:30 Session II: Networks

Anne Murphy (Exeter), *Investment and Improvement*

Martyn Powell (Aberystwyth), *Consumption*

Carl Wennerlind (Barnard), *Credit and Money*

Chair: **Phil Stern** (Duke)

2:00–3:30 Session III: Politics

Brent Sirota (North Carolina State), *Religion*

Phil Stern (Duke), *State, Corporation, and Empire*

Henry Turner (Rutgers), *Moral Philosophy*

Chair: **Carl Wennerlind** (Barnard)

4:00–5:30 Session IV: Labor and Violence

Abigail Swingen (Auburn), *Free and Unfree Labor*

Niklas Frykman (Pittsburgh), *Piracy and Smuggling*

John Shovlin (NYU), *War and Diplomacy*

Chair: **Phil Stern** (Duke)

Saturday, 28 March

9:30–10:30 Session V: Continental Perspectives

Victor Enthoven (Royal Netherlands Naval
College), *Netherlands*

Jeff Horn (Manhattan College), *France*

Chair: **Carl Wennerlind** (Barnard)

11:00–12:00 Session VI: Continental Perspectives, continued

Regina Grafe (Northwestern), *Spain*

Andre Wakefield (Pitzer), *Germany*

Chair: **Phil Stern** (Duke)

1:00–3:00 Conclusions and Reflections

Craig Muldrew (Cambridge University)

Chairs: **Phil Stern** (Duke) and **Carl Wennerlind**
(Barnard)



Seated from left: *Abby Swingen, Fredrik Johnsson, Carl Wennerlind, Phil Stern, Tom Leng, Ted McCormick.*
Standing from left: *Andre Wakefield, Jeff Horn, Anne Murphy, Victor Enthoven, Regina Grafe,*
Craig Muldrew, Martyn Powell, Brent Sirota, Henry Turner, Niklas Frykman.

REPUBLIC AND EMPIRE: RETHINKING THE CATEGORIES

A two-day conference at Columbia University

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

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

Friday, April 3

9:15am–9:30am: **Opening Remarks**

Jean L. Cohen, Columbia University

9:30am–11:30am

Panel 1: Republican Thought and Empire

Chair: **Melissa Schwartzberg**, Columbia University

“Republican Theory and the Temptation of Empire”

Phillip Pettit, Princeton University

“A Republican Conception of Human Rights
in the Age of Empire”

Rainer Forst, Frankfurt University

“State, Commonwealth and Power”

Matthias Lutz-Bachmann, Frankfurt University

Commentator: **Andreas Kalyvas**, The New School

11:45am–1:15pm

Panel 2: The State System and Empire:

Historical Perspectives

Chair: **Nehal Bhuta**, University of Toronto

“Law Between Sovereigns: From Roman Republican Imperialism to Gentili’s Law of Nations”

Benjamin Straumann, New York University

“Punishment of States and Peoples
in the Law of War”

Benedict Kingsbury, New York University

Commentator: **Karuna Mantena**, Yale University

2:30pm–5:00pm

Panel 3: U.S. Republicanism and the Imperial Example

Chair: **Victoria de Grazia**, Columbia University

“Is There an American Empire?”

Philip Bobbitt, Columbia University

“Second Thoughts on ‘American Empire’”

Anders Stephanson, Columbia University

“Empire, Slave Emancipation and Human Rights”

Robin Blackburn, The New School

Commentator: **Eric Foner**, Columbia University

5:30pm–7:30pm: **Friday Evening Plenary**

Panel 4: Republic and Empire: The U.S.A. Today

Chair: **Jean L. Cohen**, Columbia University

“The Imperial Presidency in an Age of Terror”

Bruce Ackerman, Yale University

Commentator: **Andrew Arato**, The New School

Saturday, April 4

9:30am–11:15am

Panel 5: French and Turkish Republicanism and Imperial Logics

Chair: **Jean L. Cohen**, Columbia University

“The Impossible Imperial Citizenship”

Pierre Rosanvallon, Collège de France

“The Pathologies of Turkish Republican Laicism”

Ayse Kadioglu, Sabanci University

Commentator: **Nadia Urbinati**, Columbia University

11:30am–1:15pm

**Panel 6: Israel: A Late Republic
and Internal Empire**

Chair: **David Johnston**, Columbia University

“Israel 1967: The Onset of Empire and the Decline
of Republicanism”

Yoav Peled, Tel Aviv University

“Ethnic Republicanism and the Logic of Exclusive
Expansionism: Theoretical Conclusions from Israeli
Politics”

Amal Jamal, Tel Aviv University

Commentator: **Nida Alahmad**, The New School

3:00pm–5:15pm

**Panel 7: Beyond Sovereign Equality?:
Global Constitutionalism and/or Empire**

Chair: **Samuel Moyn**, Columbia University

“Informal Imperialism and the Res Publica”

James Tully, University of Victoria

“Contemporary International Law: Empire of Law
or Law of Empire?”

Jose Alvarez, Columbia University

“New Modes and Orders: Is a Jus Post Bellum
of Constitutional Transformation
Possible or Desirable?”

Neha Bhuta, University of Toronto

Commentator: **Jean L. Cohen**, Columbia University

5:15pm: **Reception**

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Department of Political Science

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WISDOM IN ANCIENT THOUGHT

Conference at Columbia University
Organized by Wolfgang Mann and Katja Vogt

Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4, 2009
The Social Hall, Union Theological Seminary

Speakers:

Rachel Barney, University of Toronto
Jonathan Beere, Humboldt-Universität Berlin
John Cooper, Princeton University
Leslie Kurke, University of California, Berkeley
Wolfgang Mann, Columbia University
Steven Strange, Emory University
Peter Struck, University of Pennsylvania
Hakan Tell, Dartmouth College
Iakovos Vasiliou, The City University of New York
Katja Vogt, Columbia University
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Emigration and Immigration in Europe and the Americas

April 23–25, 2009



The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies
at Columbia University

Thursday, April 23, 2009

2:00 p.m. **Welcome**

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

Opening Remarks

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

2:15–3:45 p.m.

Session I: Two Aspects of Jewish Migration

Chair: **Owen Gutfreund**, Barnard College, Columbia University

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

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

Discussion

4:00–5:30 p.m. **Plenary Session**

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

Friday, April 24, 2009

9:00–10:30 a.m.

Session II: Perspectives on Italian Immigration

Chair: **Maurizio Vaudagna**,
University of Eastern Piedmont, Italy
Donna Gabaccia, University of Minnesota
“Immigrants, Neighborhoods, and Urban Tourism in New York: The Case of Little Italy”

Simone Cinotto, “Piero Bairati” Center in European-American Studies–
University of Gastronomic Sciences, Italy
“One Third of a Nation: Public Housing and Cultural Pluralism in Italian Harlem, 1934–1950”

Discussion

10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

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

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

Kenneth T. Jackson, Columbia University
“Empire City: The Immigrant Role in Defining New York”

Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, New York University
“Global Vertigo and the End of Migration”

Claudio Iván Remeseira, Columbia University
“Hispanic New York and the Redefinition of a Hemispheric Identity”

1:45–3:30 p.m.

Session IV: The Economic View: Laborers and Entrepreneurs

Chair: **Alice Kessler-Harris**, Columbia University
Nancy L. Green, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France
“Sweatshops and Elite Migrants: Two Examples Beyond the Industrial/Postindustrial Divide”

Jan Rath, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

“The City and Immigrant Entrepreneurship”

Discussion

3:45–5:45 p.m.

Session V: Immigration and Exclusion

Chair: **Adam McKeown**, Columbia University

John Foot, University College of London
“Foreign Immigrants in Milan: Representations, Exclusions, Memories, and Politics”

Mae M. Ngai, Columbia University
“Chinese Exclusion and the Racialized Immigrant Interpreter”

Barbara Faedda, The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies

“Emerging Trends: Immigration Law and Lawyers in Italy”

Discussion

Saturday, April 25, 2009

9:00–10:30 a.m.

Session VI: The View from the Americas

Chair: **Jaime Rodriguez**, St. John’s University
Jose Moya, Barnard College, Columbia University
“European Immigration and Socioeconomic Development in the Americas”

Claudio W. Lomnitz, Columbia University
“U.S.–Mexico Border and the Origin of ‘the Mexican race,’ c. 1900”

Discussion

10:45–11:45 a.m.

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

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

Closing Comments: Kenneth T. Jackson

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EMBODYING WORDS IN STONE: TEXT, MEDIUM AND CONTEXT OF STONE INSCRIPTIONS IN MEDIAEVAL CHINA

A Panel Organized by
Columbia University Traditional China Seminar
Department of Art History & Archaeology

Saturday April 25, 2009

1:00–3:30pm

**612 Schermerhorn Hall
Columbia University**

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

Speakers

Shi Jie (University of Chicago)

Witnessing a Monument or a Ruin? A Northern Qi Tombstone Revisited

Sonya Lee (University of South California)

Persuasion through Inscription: Rereading the Shanxi Stele and Its Nirvana Narrative

Wendi Adamek (Barnard College/ Columbia University)

Inscriptions for Medieval Chinese Buddhist Nuns at Bao Shan

Xue Lei (Columbia University)

Imitative Magic on Mountains: Yiheming and Cliff-carving Inscriptions in Sixth Century China

Discussant

Robert E. Harrist, Jr. (Columbia University)



AGENCY AND JOINT ATTENTION

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

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

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

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday, June 12, 2009

Developmental Joint Attention

chaired by Herb Terrace

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

9:30–10:00 **Andrew Meltzoff**,
University of Washington
The Development of Gaze Following in Infants

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

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

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

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

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

Agency

chaired by Janet Metcalfe

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

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

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

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

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

4:45–5:15 **Christopher Peacocke**
and **Peter Carruthers**
Commentary

Saturday June 13, 2009

Social Aspects of Agency and Joint Attention

chaired by **Betsy Sparrow**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Economic Thought in Early Modern Japan

Columbia University
June 26–27, 2009

University Seminar on Modern Japan at Columbia University

Bonhoeffer Room, Union Theological Seminar

Friday, June 26

- 1 pm–5 pm **Ethan Segal** (Harvard University)
“Money and the State: medieval precursors of the early modern economy”
(Discussant: **Ronald Frank**, Pace University)
- Yajima Michifumi** (Kantō Gakuin, Japan)
“‘Mercantilism’ in early modern Japan: trade and agricultural policy under national isolation”
(Discussant: **Robert Horres**, Tübingen University, Germany)
- Jan Sykora** (Charles University, Prague)
“Economic Thought of Shōji Kōki and the Tempō Reforms in Saga Domain”
(Discussant: **Mark Metzler**, UT Austin)
- Gregory Smits** (Pennsylvania State University)
“Guiding Horses Using Rotten Reins: Economic Thought in the Eighteenth-century Kingdom of Ryūkyū”
(Discussant: **David Howell**, Princeton)

Saturday, June 27

- 9 am–12:30 pm **Kawaguchi Hiroshi** (Waseda University, Japan)
“Economic thought concerning freedom and control”
(Discussant: **Gregory Smits**, Penn State)
- Ochiai Kō** (Hiroshima Shōdō University, Japan)
“The rise of domestic sugar production and the ideology of ‘the national interest’”
(Discussant: **Jan Sykora**, Charles University)
- Bettina Gramlich-Oka** (Columbia University)
“A domain doctor and shōgunal politics”
(Discussant: **David Howell**, Princeton)
- 2 pm–5 pm **Ishii Sumiyo** (Keiō University, Japan)
“Economic thought as a basis for economic activities: a case study of a local entrepreneur in the Meiji era”
(Discussant: **Robert Horres**, Tübingen University, Germany)
- Mark Ravina** (Emory University)
“Confucian banking: the community granary (shasō) in rhetoric and practice”
(Discussant: **Mark Metzler**, UT Austin)
- Mark Metzler** (University of Texas, Austin)
“Policy fields, polarities, and regimes”
(Discussant: **Bettina Gramlich-Oka**, Columbia)
- Discussion

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2008–2009 SEMINARS

Below is a listing of the 2008–2009 University Seminars, with their topics and speakers. The seminars are listed in order of their Seminar Number, which roughly follows their chronological founding. Some of our seminars are still going strong after more than 60 years; new ones continue to be formed. Four seminars were inaugurated last year. Our seminars span a wide range of interests, from contemporary and historical topics in religion, literature, and law, to technical and administrative issues in contemporary society, to area studies, Shakespeare and the sciences.

THE PROBLEM OF PEACE (403)

Founded: 1945

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

Chair: Dr. Roy S. Lee

Rapporteur: Ms. Vanna Chan

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| November 4 | <i>Georgia and Its Political Future: Economy, Democracy and Territorial Integrity</i>
His Excellency Irakli Alasania, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations |
| December 2 | <i>China's Role in the United Nations</i>
His Excellency Liu Zhenmin, Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations |
| January 27 | <i>Russia's Role in the Maintenance of Peace and Security: How to Handle Some of the Hot Spots</i>
Ambassador Konstantin Dolgov, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary |
| February 24 | <i>Russia's Role in the Maintenance of Peace and Security: How to Handle Some of the Hot Spots</i>
Ambassador Konstantin Dolgov, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary |
| March 24 | <i>Recent Development in Zimbabwe: Is the Situation Improving?</i>
His Excellency Mr. Boniface G. Chidyausiku, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations |
| April 28 | <i>NATO's Contribution to UN Peacekeeping: Afghanistan and Iraq</i>
Colonel Eric G. Heeze, NATO Liaison Officer to the United Nations |

Academic year 2009–2010 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.

Chair: Professor Raymond F. Bulman

Rapporteur: Mr. Joel S. Lee

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 20 *“Theology and Freedom of Inquiry”: The Case of Hans Kung*
Prof. Raymond F. Bulman, Dept. of Theology and Religious Studies, St. John’s University
NY
- November 17 *Death*
Prof. Joan Stambaugh, Dept. of Philosophy, Hunter College, CUNY
- December 15 *“From Bodhisattva to Goddess”: Guanyin and Chinese Buddhism*
Dr. Chun-fang Yu, Sheng Yen Professor in Chinese Buddhist Studies, Columbia University
- February 9 *“Orpheus Roars”: Philosophy and Ultimate Concern. Indic and Greek Myth.*
Dr. Vishwa Adluri, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Hunter College, CUNY
Dr. Joydeep Bagchee, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Philipps-Universität Marburg
- March 9 *“Filled with the Spirit”: A History of the Catholic Charismatic Movement in the U.S. (1967–2000)*
Dr. Susan A. Maurer, Instructor, Dept. of History, Geography and Political Science,
Nassau Community College, NY
- April 6 *“Without Buddha I Could Not Be a Christian”: A Case for Multiple Religious Belonging*
Prof. Paul F. Knitter, Paul Tillich Professor of Theology, World Religions and Culture,
Union Theological Seminary
- May 4 *“Healing the Body in Differing Mythic Universes: The Case of Brazilian Kardecist-Spiritism”*
Prof. Emeritus Sidney Greenfield, Dept. of Anthropology Emeritus,
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

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Dr. Sydney Greenfield, sgreenfield222@aol.com

THE RENAISSANCE (407)

Founded: 1945

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

Chair: Professor Elizabeth K. Hill

Rapporteur: Mr. Ivan Lupic

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 9 *A New Poem for Edmund Spenser*
Richard Peterson, University of Connecticut
- October 14 JOINT MEETING WITH MEDIEVAL STUDIES
Making and Knowing: Reconstructing Knowledge in a Renaissance Goldsmith's Workshop
Pamela Smith, Columbia University
- November 11 *The Wounded Body in Early Modern England: Interdisciplinary Approaches and Problems*
Sarah Covington, Queens College, CUNY
- December 9 *Mr. Milton's Absurdities*
Diana Benet, University of North Texas, Denton
- February 10 *Giordano Bruno and England: a Reassessment*
Hilary Gatti, University of Rome
- March 10 *Leibniz, Courtly Labor, Sovereignty, Mathematics, and Genealogy*
Matthew L. Jones, Columbia University
- April 14 *Italian Architects and the Rebuilding of the Moscow Kremlin*
William Brumfield, Tulane University
- May 12 *The Armchair Traveler's Guide to the Ancient World:
Renaissance Readers and Pliny's Natural History*
Sarah Blake McHam, Rutgers University
Paper read by Karen Reeds

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

Professor Elizabeth Hill, hillchas3@aol.com

CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

(411)

Founded: 1947

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

Chair: Mr. Tony Carnes

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Letchworth

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 9 *“Child Suicide, Domestic Violence, and the Construction of a Partial Social Science”*
Gerald Sider, CUNY Graduate Center and Memorial University of Newfoundland
- October 14 *Negotiating Exile: Franz L. Neumann as Political Scientist*
David Kettler
- November 11 *Aspects of the Sociology of the Frankfurt School*
Zoltan Tarr and Judith Marcus
- December 9 *The Significance of Jacob Riis for Post-secular Society*
Tony Carnes, Values Research Institute
- March 25 *Religion, Secularism, and Public Reason*
Craig Calhoun, Social Sciences Research Council
- April 7 *Why are Images Important to Social Research?*
Ruth Rubinstein
- May 13 *The Grand Partition: Standard Deviation in the Social Sciences*
Tad Krauze, Hofstra University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

Mr. Tony Carnes, contentssem@aol.com

EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPEAN CULTURE (417)

Founded: 1962

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

Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Powers
Rapporteur: Ms. Adela Ramos

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 18 *Which is the Merchant . . . and Which is the Jew?: Stereotypes of Jews in English Graphic Humor*
Frank Felsenstein, Department of English, Ball State University (Indiana)
- October 16 *Vico's Cosmopolitanism: Global Citizenship and Natural Law in Vico's Pedagogical Thought*
Barbara Naddeo, Department of History, City College of New York
- November 13 *International Relations in Europe from the Peace of Westphalia to the French Revolution: New Approaches to an Old Question*
John Shovlin, Department of History, New York University
- December 11 *Café Culture in France During the Long Eighteenth Century*
Thierry Rigogne, Department of History, Fordham University
- January 15 *Models for the Age of Criticism: Beyond Habermas' Public Sphere*
Lee Morrisey, Department of English, Clemson University
- February 19 *Better Print than Speech: Censoring the Stage in Eighteenth-Century Vienna*
Paula Sutter Fichtner, Department of History, Brooklyn College
- March 12 *Attitudes toward America in Christoph Martin Wieland's Journal "Der Teutsche Merkur" in the Years 1775 to 1807*
Ellis Shookman, Department of German, Dartmouth College
- April 16 *Science, Metaphysics, Anthropology: The Reception of Leibniz by Kant and by Herder*
Catherine Wilson, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
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Dr. Elizabeth Powers, elizabethmpowers@verizon.net

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT (423)

Founded: 1951

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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

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

STUDIES IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THOUGHT (427)

Founded: 1968

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

Chair: Professor Melissa Schwartzberg

Rapporteur: Mr. Pablo Kalmanovitz

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| September 18 | <i>A Global State of Emergency or the Further Constitutionalisation of International Law: A Pluralist Approach</i>
Jean L. Cohen, Columbia University |
| October 23 | <i>On Constitutional Statesmanship</i>
Jeffrey Tulis, University of Texas at Austin |
| November 13 | <i>Cultural Accommodation and Domination</i>
Frank Lovett, Washington University in St. Louis |
| February 19 | <i>Why Plato Wrote</i>
Danielle Allen, Institute for Advanced Study |
| March 5 | <i>Remembering Emancipation: Du Bois’s John Brown in an Age of Terror</i>
Lawrie Balfour, University of Virginia |
| April 30 | <i>A Transformative Theory of Religious Freedom</i>
Corey Brettschneider, Brown University |

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Professor Melissa Schwartzberg, ms3125@columbia.edu

AMERICAN STUDIES (429)

Founded: 1954

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Glenn Hendler and Elizabeth Hutchinson

Rapporteur: Ms. Christina Charuhas

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 2 *"Any Color as Long as It's Black": Henry Ford's Racial Imaginary and the Empire of Production*
Elizabeth Esch, Department of History, Barnard College
- November 13 *Never Heard Such a Thing: Lynching and Phonographic Modernity*
Gustavus Stadler, Department of English, Haverford College
- December 4 *Native Hawaiian Women and the Politics of Decolonization*
Kehaulani Kauanui, Departments of Anthropology and American Studies,
Wesleyan University
- February 5 *The Security Style of Post-9/11 America: Comfort Culture and the Domestication of Torture*
Marita Sturken, Department of Media, Culture & Communication, New York University
- March 5 *Family Archives: Life/Art/Writing*
Kellie Jones, Department of Art History, Columbia University
- April 30 *The Brink of Freedom: Social Movements on the Edges of Early US Empire: Hegel, Liberia*
David Kazanjian, Department of English, University of Pennsylvania

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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MEDIEVAL STUDIES (431)

Founded: 1954

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

Chair: Professor Susan Boynton

Rapporteur: Mr. Liam Moore

MEETINGS (2008–2009):

- September 23 *Viel Spiel: The Baby Jesus and the Play of Art in a Medieval Swiss Convent*
Jacqueline Jung, Yale University
- October 7 *The Children's Crusade and Medieval Childhood*
Gary Dickson, University of Edinburgh
- October 14 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON RENAISSANCE
Making and Knowing: Reconstructing Knowledge in a Renaissance Goldsmith's Workshop
Pamela Smith, Columbia University
- November 12 *Materiality versus Mimesis: The Medieval Image and Concepts of Authenticity*
Nino Zchomelidse, Princeton University/CASVA
- December 2 *Appreciating the Heroic Catastrophe: Why Beowulf's Dragon Fight Resembles*
The Battle of Maldon and What It Means for Germanic Heroic Literature
Scott Gwara, University of South Carolina
- February 11 *From Earthly Beloved to Queen of Heaven in the Cantilena Motet:*
Guillaume Dufay's Vergene Bella and Walter Frye's Ave Regina Caelorum
David Rothenberg, Case Western Reserve University
- March 11 *Scribal Aesthetics: Christ's Blood as Ink and the Medieval Somatic Book*
Marlene Villalobos-Hennessy, Hunter College
- April 15 *Dreams, Time, and Narrative in Some Illuminated Romanesque Chronicles*
Robert Maxwell, University of Pennsylvania

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

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STUDIES IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICA (435)

Founded: 1956

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- February 25 *Reflections on the Historical Practice of Architectural Representations of Lagos, Nigeria*
Abosedo George, Assistant Prof. of History, Barnard College
- March 12 *Dialogues in Islamic Philosophy*
Souleymane Bachir Diagne, Prof. of French & Philosophy, Columbia University
- March 26 *Saviors and Survivors: A Discussion about Darfur*
Mahmood Mamdani, Prof. of Government & Anthropology, Columbia University
Discussants: Khaled Fahmy, Associate Prof. of Middle Eastern Studies, New York University
Amir Idris, Assistant Prof. of History, Fordham University
Peter Rosenblum, Clinical Prof. of Human Rights, School of Law, Columbia University
- April 22 *Failing the Congo: International Intervention and Local Violence*
Severine Autesserre, Assistant Prof. of Political Science, Barnard College

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION (441)

Founded: 1958

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Joel Lidov and Katharina Volk

Rapporteur: Mr. Caleb Dance

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| September 18 | <i>How (not) to Write a Short History of Greece</i>
Paul Cartledge, Cambridge University |
| October 16 | <i>A Hubbub of Books: Redefining Ancient Orphism</i>
Radcliffe Edmonds, Bryn Mawr College |
| November 20 | <i>Phoebus Apollo and Brilliant Achilles</i>
Charles McNelis, Georgetown University |
| January 22 | <i>Memnon, between Herodes and Philostratus: Contacts of Ethnicity in the Roman Empire</i>
Joel Allen, Queens College/CUNY Graduate Center |
| February 19 | <i>Apelles and the Painting of Language</i>
Kathryn Gutzwiller, University of Cincinnati |
| March 26 | <i>Thinking as Internal Dialogue in Plato's Theaetetus</i>
Zina Giannopoulou, University of California, Irvine |
| April 16 | <i>Audacious Metaphors in Sallust</i>
Christopher Krebs, Harvard University |

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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Professor Gareth Williams, gdw5@columbia.edu

MODERN EAST ASIA: CHINA (443)

Founded: 1958

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Eugenia Lean and Weihong Bao

Rapporteur: Ms. Elizabeth Lawrence

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| September 11 | <i>Up and Down on Mt. Tai: Bixia Yuanjun in the Politics of Chinese Popular Religion, ca. 1500–1949</i>
Kenneth Pomeranz, University of California, Irvine
Discussant: Chun-fang Yu, Columbia University |
| October 2 | <i>The Politics of Refugeedom: The Emergence of the State Welfare System During the War of Resistance</i>
Liu Lu, University of Tennessee
Discussant: Danke Li, Fairfield University |
| November 13 | <i>Exhibiting the Future: Municipal Urban Planning Centers in the People's Republic of China</i>
Kirk Denton, Ohio State University
Discussant: Qin Shao, The College of New Jersey |
| December 4 | <i>Parasites upon Society: Between Charity and Punishment in Republican China</i>
Janet Chen, Princeton University
Discussant: Eugenia Lean, Columbia University |

- February 2 *Limits of Visibility: Taiwan's Tongzhi Movement in Mickey Chen's Documentaries*
 Hong Guo-juin, Duke University
 Discussant: Lu Xinyu, Fudan University
- March 12 *Quanzhen Proliferates Learning: The Xuanmiao Monastery and the Modern Reforms in Nanyang, 1880's–1940's*
 Liu Xun, Rutgers University
 Discussant: Robert Hymes, Columbia University
- April 2 *Hidden Accumulation: Rural Women, the Great Leap Forward, and China's Collective Past*
 Gail Hershatler, University of California, Santa Cruz
 Discussant: Carl Riskin, Queens College, CUNY, and Columbia University
- May 7 *Chinese Travels to Africa: Cultural Representation in the Age of Globalization*
 Megan M. Ferry, Union College
 Discussant: Weihong Bao, Columbia University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
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 Professor Adam McKeown, amm2009@columbia.edu

MODERN EAST ASIA: JAPAN (445)

Founded: 1960

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

Chair: Dr. Bettina Gramlich-Oka

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Poch

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 10 *Peace Movements and Grass-Roots Democracy in Postwar Japan*
Kristin Ingvarsdottir, Columbia University
Discussant: Kim Brandt, Columbia University
- November 14 *From State to Society: Democratizing Japan's Traditional, Community-based Organizations*
Mary Alice Haddad, Government and East Asian Studies, Wesleyan University
Discussant: Sheldon Garon, Princeton University
- December 12 *Technologies of War and Masculine Identities: The Introduction and Diffusion of Guns*
Anne Walthall, University of California, Irvine
Discussant: Greg Pflugfelder, Columbia University
- January 22 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON BRAZIL
Brazilian-Japanese Migration
Ethel Kominsky
- February 6 *Healer Monks and the Anthropology of Knowledge in Ancient Japan*
Michael Como, Columbia University
Discussant: David Lurie, Columbia University
- March 13 *Envisioning Identities: Language Policies and Naming Practice in Japan*
Noriko Watanabe, Baruch College/CUNY
Discussant: Patricia Welch, Hofstra University
- April 24 *Gen'ichi Kato's Nobel Candidacy: Nerve Physiology and the Politics of Science, 1924–1936*
James Bartholomew, Ohio State University
Discussant: William Johnston, Wesleyan University
- May 8 *Flowery Tales: Oe Taku (1847–1921) and the Making of Meiji Japan's "Emancipation Moment"*
Daniel Botsman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Discussant: David Howell, Princeton University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

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NEW TESTAMENT (451)

Founded: 2006

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

Chair: Professors Claudia Setzer and Colleen Conway

Rapporteur: Ms. Kimberlee Auletta

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| September 18 | <i>Women Learners in the Ancient World</i>
Claudia Setzer, Manhattan College |
| October 16 | <i>Virgin Earth, Virgin Earth: Creation, Sexual Difference, and Recapitulation in Irenaeus of Lyons</i>
Ben Dunning, Fordham University |
| November 19 | <i>Reading Marcion</i>
Judith Lieu, Cambridge University |
| February 19 | <i>Skydivers in 1Thessalonians</i>
Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University |
| March 19 | <i>Bodies of Evidence: Jewish Torah, Roman Nomos, and the Hazard of Galatian Foreskin</i>
Brigitte Kahl, Union Theological Seminary |
| April 28 | <i>“Will the Real Gentile-Christian Please Stand Up!” Torah and the Problem of Identity Formation within the Early Jesus Movement</i>
Magnus Zetterholm, Yale University |

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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Professor Claudia Setzer, claudiasetzer@verizon.net

THE CITY (459A)

Founded: 1962

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

Chair: Professor Lisa Keller

Rapporteurs: Ms. Abigail Joseph and Ms. Megan Scanlon

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 15 *A Bitter, Open, and Undercover War: Blacks, Italians, and the Politics of Organized Crime in New York City, 1920–1935*
Kimberly Sims, American University
- October 21 *Stage-Set Suburbs: Los Angeles 1900*
James Kessenides, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg
- November 13 *Pressure: Race and the Policing of Public Space in 1970's London*
Joshua Guild, Princeton University
- December 8 *Governing the 21st Century City: Lessons from New York*
Ester Fuchs, Columbia University
- January 26 *A Conversation with Urbanists Eric Lampard, Roger Simon, and Ken Jackson*
Eric Lampard, Stony Brook University, Emeritus
- February 25 *West Side Stories: Lincoln Center, Urban Renewal, and the Arts*
Julia Foulkes, The New School
- March 23 *Hispanic New York: The Redefinition of a Hemispheric Identity*
Claudio Remeseira, Columbia University
- April 29 *Blue-Collar Broadway: The Craft and Industry of American Theatre in the 20th Century*
Tim White, The New School/New-York Historical Society

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LAW AND POLITICS (465)

Founded: 1963

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Catherine McCauliff and Ann Fagan

Rapporteur: Ms. Shailly Barnes

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 14 *Murder, Botched Abortions and Miscarriages of Justice in the Weimar Republic*
Douglas Morris, Assistant Federal Defender at Federal Defenders of New York, Inc.,
legal historian, and author of "Justice Imperiled: The Anti-Nazi Lawyer
Max Hirschberg in Weimar Germany"
- November 18 *"Bubbles" and Panics in American History: Today's Banking Crisis as a Case Study*
Ted Kovaleff and Raymond Dirkes
- January 27 *The Million-Dollar-a-Day Cost of Being Black*
Beryl Satter, Associate Professor of History and Chair of the History Department
at Rutgers University, Newark
- February 18 *Muslims as Religious Minorities in Western Lands*
Thomas O'Sullivan, Pace University
- March 4 *Four Views of the Role of Theology in the Political Theory in John Locke:*
Leo Strauss, John Dinn, Jeremy Waldron, and John Yolton
Paul E. Sigmund, Professor Emeritus of Politics, Princeton University
- April 22 *The Supreme Court, "Dagher," and Recent Antitrust Decisions:*
Political Ideology or Conservative Judicial Principle?
Bill Curran

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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COMPUTERS, MAN, AND SOCIETY (467)

Founded: 1966

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

No Meetings in 2008–2009

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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Professor Seth Neugroschl, sn23@columbia.edu

ECOLOGY AND CULTURE (471)

Founded: 1964

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

Chair: Dr. Miguel Pinedo-Vasquez

Rapporteur: Ms. Ashley DuVal

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 17 *Against the Grain: The Vayda Tradition in Human Ecology and Ecological Anthropology*
Paige West, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Barnard College
- October 8 *Genetic Diversity in Local Rice Germplasm and Rice Farming in Thailand*
Professor Benjavan Rerkasem, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

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THE STUDY OF THE HEBREW BIBLE (473)

Founded: 1968

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

Chair: Dr. Sharon Keller
Rapporteur: Mr. Todd Kennedy

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 17 *Biblical Hebrew Poetry: Some Points of Orientation*
Chip Dobbs-Allsopp, Princeton Theological Seminary
- October 16 *Sarcasm in the Book of Job*
Jin H. Han, New York Theological Seminary
- November 12 *Women in Assyrian Reliefs and in Prophetic Discourse*
Herbert B. Huffmon, Drew University
- December 17 *“Your brother came with guile”: Genesis 27: A Story Within Circles of Inner-biblical Interpretation*
Yair Zakovitch, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- January 27 *New Light on Hosea*
Mayer Gruber, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beersheva
- February 17 *Mixed Metaphor in Biblical Poetry*
Andrea L. Weiss, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York
- March 25 *The Four-Source Theory Under Siege—What Went Wrong?*
Baruch J. Schwartz, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- April 22 *The Relationship Between the Masoretic Text and the Syriac Peshitta:
A State-of-the-Question Report for Hebraists*
Robert J. Owens, The General Theological Seminary, New York
- May 6 *Text and Place in Ezekiel 40–48*
Adriane Leveen, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
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SOUTH ASIA (477)

Founded: 1964

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

Co-Chairs: Dr. David S. Magier and Professor Sanjay Reddy

Rapporteur: Mr. James P. Hare

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 22 *The State of Urdu*
Janab Shamsur Rahman Faruqi
- November 17 *The Mutiny's Future*
Faisal Devji, Associate Professor of History, The New School
- December 1 *The Partition's Long Shadow: Legals, Illegals and a Hybrid Citizenship Regime in Assam, India*
Sanjib Baruah, Department of Political Science, Bard College,
and Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
- February 23 *Going Mad: Ten Years of the Bomb in South Asia*
Zia Mian, Program on Science and Global Security, Woodrow Wilson School
of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University
- April 13 *Global Islam and Local Muslim Identity: Readings from the Colonial Archive*
Dr. Teena Purohit, Department of Religion, Boston University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

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THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST (479)

Founded: 1966

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- November 5 *At the Royal Court of Ebla (Syria) in the 24th Century BC*
Prof. Maria Giovanna Biga, Università degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza”
- November 17 *Iron Age Urbanism, Economy, Art, and Religion: a View from Tel Rehov in Northern Israel*
Amihai Mazar, Hebrew University
- November 24 *Contrasting Archaeology or Contrasting Communities:
Survey in the Orontes Valley near Homs, Syria*
Graham Philip, Durham University, UK
- December 8 *Rethinking the Transition Between the Neolithic and Chalcolithic in Çatalhöyük, Turkey*
Peter F. Biehl, State University of New York at Buffalo
- January 21 *Reining the Beast: The Life and Death of the Kunga in the 3rd Millennium BC,
as Evidenced at Umm el-Marra, Syria*
Dr. Jill Weber, University of Pennsylvania
- February 9 *Agency and Architecture on the Anatolian Plateau*
Sharon Steadman, SUNY Cortland
- February 23 *Operation of Power and Control at an Early Bronze Age Ascent near the Dead Sea*
Yuval Yekutieli, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel
- March 11 *An Achaemenid Site on the Royal Road: Recent Excavations at Qaleh Kali (Jinjun/Tepe Survan)
by the Joint Iranian-Australian Expedition to Mamasani (Fars Province, Iran)*
Daniel Potts, University of Sydney and Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton
- April 7 *The Opening of Maritime Trade in the Black Sea, 3300–2800 BC*
Prof. David Anthony, Hartwick College
- May 4 *Babylon—Myth and Reality*
Joachim Marzahn, Vorderasiatisches Museum, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

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STUDIES IN MODERN ITALY (483)

Founded: 1966

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

Chair: Professor Michael Blim
Rapporteur: Ms. Rebecca Bauman

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| October 10 | <i>Masculinity and Homosexuality in Fascist Italy</i>
Lorenzo Benadusi, Brown University |
| November 10 | <i>The Italian/American in "Exile": At Home, Abroad, Wherever</i>
Anthony Tamburri, Calandra Institute of Italian American Studies, Queens College |
| December 12 | <i>Contact Zone: Aesthetics, Economics, and the Camorra in Everyday Naples</i>
Jason Pine, SUNY Purchase |
| February 13 | <i>Fascism, the Holy See, and the Racial Laws of 1938</i>
Alessandro Visani, Università di Roma "La Sapienza"
Introduction and Commentary by David Kertzer |
| March 13 | <i>Incomplete Standardization, Intertextuality and the Production of Localism:
Language and Dialect in Northern Italy</i>
Jillian R. Cavanaugh, Brooklyn College |
| April 3 | <i>The Communist in the Fascist Imaginary: From Defeated Internal Enemy to Global Threat</i>
Marla Stone, Occidental College |

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
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TRADITIONAL CHINA (487)

Founded: 1967

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

Chair: Professor Murray A. Rubinstein

Rapporteur: Ms. Chun-Yi Tsai

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 30 *Poetry of the Pure Land*
Mary Anne Cartelli, Hunter College, CUNY
- November 20 *Identity: An Exploration of the Core Issue of Taiwan Studies*
Murray A. Rubinstein, Baruch/CUNY
- February 26 *Law, Sensibility, and Scandal of the Opium War, 1830–42*
Li Chen, University of Toronto

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

Professor Murray Rubenstein, Murray_Rubinstein@baruch.cuny.edu

EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE (491)

Founded: 1966

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

Chair: Professor Evan Haefeli

Rapporteur: Ms. April Holm

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| September 9 | <i>The Planter Class: Rise and Fall of English Liberty in the British West Indies, 1580–1830</i>
Chris Brown, Columbia University |
| October 14 | <i>The Economy of War: Perpetuating Violence in the Northeast, 1713–1722</i>
Christopher Bilodeau, Dickinson College |
| November 11 | <i>Coerced Maritime Labor: Dark-Skinned Mariners as Prize Goods, 1739–1783</i>
Charles Foy, Eastern Illinois University |
| December 9 | <i>The African Diaspora, Christianity, and the Law in Colonial British America</i>
Patricia Bonomi, New York University Emerita |
| February 10 | <i>Cooper's Death Song</i>
Geoff Sanborn, Bard College |
| March 10 | <i>Slavery, Property and Race in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations</i>
Barbara Krauthammer, University of Massachusetts at Amherst |
| April 14 | <i>An American Revolution: Southern Views of Mexican Independence</i>
Sarah Cornell, University of New Mexico at Albuquerque |
| May 12 | <i>Such Stuff as Grief is Made On: Material Memory in Colonial America</i>
Joanne van de Woude, Harvard University |

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

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

Founded: 1968

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

Co-Chairs: Drs. George Halasi-Kun and Richard W. Lo Pinto
Rapporteur: Mrs. Joanne Lo Pinto

MEETINGS 2008–2009

October 30 *Arsenic in Urban Environment: A Promising Remedial Alternative
to an Emerging Public Health Issue*
Dibyendu Sarkar, Ph.D., P.G., Professor, Earth and Environmental Studies Director,
Environmental Management Program, Montclair State University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
Dr. George Halasi-Kun (no email address)
Dr. Richard W. Lo Pinto, lopintor@fdu.edu

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

Founded: 1990

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

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

Rapporteur: Ms. Joyce Klein Rosenthal

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 15 *Growing Green Jobs by Cooling the City: Sustainable South Bronx and Environmental Stewardship*
Joyce Klein Rosenthal, Columbia University
Robert Crauderueff, Sustainable South Bronx
- November 5 *Saving the Planet with Art: Recycling with Imagination*
Vernita Nemec
- March 4 *Energy Initiatives and Environmental Protection in New York State*
Kit Kennedy, Special Deputy Attorney General for Environmental Protection,
New York State Attorney General's Office
- April 1 *Global Warming and Alternative Energy:
Legislative Models and Policies Under the New Administration*
Thomas H. Prol
Scarinci Hollenbeck
- May 13 *Teaching Basic Economics to Incorporate Ecology*
Eugenie Bietry, Pace University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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Kenneth Hollenbeck, Ken@njlegalink.com

SLAVIC HISTORY AND CULTURE (497)

Founded: 1968

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

Chair: Professor Henryk Baran
Rapporteur: Ms. Katharine Holt

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 3 *An Apocalypse of Our Time: Sergei Nilus and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion*
Michael Hagemeister (University of Basel)
- November 7 *"Yes, Yes, Go There, Golubchik, Have a Look." General Kutuzov and His Strategic Language of Empowerment in Tolstoy's War and Peace*
Karin Beck, Columbia University
- December 5 *Petrushka. Andrei Bely's Petersburg and the Viennese Secession*
Judith Wermuth-Atkinson, Columbia University
- February 6 *Petr Suvchinskii and the Making of Eurasianism*
Sergey Glebov, Smith College
- March 6 *An Optimistic Tale of Woe: Nikolai Vagner (Kot-Murlyka) Speaks to Scientists, Children, and the Dead*
Michael D. Gardin, Princeton University
- April 3 *The Rise and Fall of Insurgent Liberal Narratives: History Textbooks in the Soviet Union and Post-Soviet Russia*
Thomas Sherlock, West Point
- May 1 *How the 19th-Century Russians Read Vico*
Nina Perlina, Indiana University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Professor Henryk Baran, hbaran@ios.com

ISRAEL AND JEWISH STUDIES (501)

Founded: 1968

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

Chair: Professor Jeremy Dauber

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Mahla

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 17 *A/Just Zionism/ and the Jews' Return to Their Historical Homeland*
Chaim Gans, Tel Aviv University
- November 19 *Scientific Expertise and Jewish Danger: The Modernity of Europe's Modern Ritual Murder Trials*
Hillel Kieval, Washington University in St. Louis
- March 25 *The Military as a Jewish Career in Modern Europe*
Derek Penslar, University of Toronto
- April 22 *Maimonides on Providence, Theodicy, and Moral Luck*
Steven Nadler, University of Wisconsin

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

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ECONOMIC HISTORY (503)

Founded: 1964

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Alan Dye and Michael Edelstein

Rapporteur: Ms. Ariel Rubin

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 2 *Japanese Worker Safety Before a Social Safety Net: The Taisho Era*
John James, University of Virginia
- October 17 *Nature or Nurture? Factors of Entrepreneurship: A Comparative Approach*
Gabriel Tortella, Professor Emeritus of Economic History,
Universidad de Alcala, Columbia University
Introduction and Commentary by: Alan Dye, Professor of Economics-Barnard College
- November 6 *Inequality and Institutions in 20th-century America*
Peter Temin, MIT
- December 4 *Executive Compensation: A New View from a Long-term Perspective, 1936–2005*
Carola Frydman, MIT
- February 5 *Railroads and American Economic Development: New Evidence*
Robert Margo, Boston University
- March 5 *From Pragmatic to Sentimental Adoption: Child Adoption in the United States, 1880–1930*
Chiaki Moriguchi, Northwestern University and NBER
- April 2 *Founding Errors: Making Democracy Safe for America*
John Wallis, University of Maryland
- May 7 *Primary Schooling and Literacy in Last-Tsarist Russia*
Steven Nafziger, Williams College

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DEATH (507)

Founded: 1970

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

Co-Chairs: Drs. Michael K. Bartalos and Christina Staudt
Rapporteur: Ms. Pamela Guardia

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 8 OPEN MEETING AND DISCUSSION
- November 12 *“The Culture of Death”: Perspective and Politics in Medical Ethics*
Kevin T. Keith, Associate Member CU Seminar on Death
- December 10 *De-civilization as Response to the Cultures of Death and Societal Trauma in the Second Millennium*
Margaret A. Yard, Ph.D., Lehman College
- February 11 *Can a Good Death be Achieved in the Modern Medical Technological Era?*
Nathan Ionascu, M.D., Bioethics Consultant, Institute for Ethics,
NY Medical College and Westchester End of Life Coalition
- March 11 *I Want to Live Until I Don’t Want to Live Anymore:
Involving Children with Life-threatening Illnesses in Medical Decision Making*
Prof. Myra Bluebond, Professor of Anthropology and Founder of
the Center for Children and Childhood Studies at Rutgers University
- April 22 *Posthumous Reputations*
Dr. Jack Kamerman, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Kean University
- May 13 *Living and Dying: The Human Perspective*
Dr. Michael Bartalos, Co-chair, Columbia University Seminar on Death

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
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THE ART OF AFRICA, OCEANIA, AND THE AMERICAS (509)

Founded: 1970

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 2 *Enchantment; Disenchantment; Dwelling, Distance:
Perceiving the Landscape in and through Aboriginal Acrylic Paintings*
Fred Myers, Silver Professor & Chair of the Anthropology Department
at New York University
- November 6 *Revisiting Osogbo: Images, Media, and the Art of Mediation in a Yoruba City*
Peter Probst, Tufts University
- December 3 *More Remote than Machu Picchu: Pre-Columbian Architectural Anomalies
in the Cloud Forest of Northeastern Peru*
Robert Bradley, University of North Carolina
- February 5 *Visualizing Cultural Encounters*
Christopher Pinney, Visiting Crowe Professor, Department of Art History-Northwestern
University, Professor of Anthropology & Visual Culture-University College London
- March 3 *Translating New Spain: A Sixteenth-Century Italian Edition of the Florentine Codex
at the Medici Court*
Lia Markey, Curatorial Research Assistant, Department of Prints and Drawings
at the Princeton University Art Museum
- March 30 *Death in the Hands of Strangers: Aztec Sacrifice in the Western Imagination, 1521–2006*
Cecelia Klein, Professor of Art History, UCLA
- April 8 *Creative Passions: The Poetics and Politics of Iconoclasm in the Purari Delta of Papua New Guinea*
Joshua Bell, Curator of Globalization, National Museum of Natural History,
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
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INNOVATION IN EDUCATION (511)

Founded: 1970

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 20 *Experiments in Ethics*
Kwame Anthony Appiah, Princeton University
- December 1 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Counselors and Therapists in a Multicultural World
Uwe Gielen, St. Francis College
- January 26 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Getting Them to Care: Helping Schools Develop Social Responsibility in Young People
Tom Roderick, Morningside Center
- March 9 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY,
AND SEMINAR ON COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY
Moral Motivation, Moral Styles, and Religion
Michael Schulman (Leake & Watts)
- April 6 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
The Brain on the Stand: How Neuroscience is Transforming the Legal System
Jonathan Rosen, George Washington University School of Law
- May 4 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
The Challenge of a Global Theology
Daniel Polish, Congregation Shir Chadash of the Hudson Valley in Poughkeepsie, NY

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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LATIN AMERICA (515)

Founded: 1971

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

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

Rapporteur: Ms. Marie Metz

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 25 *U.S. Policy Towards the Hemisphere: New Ideas for a New Administration*
Albert Fishlow, Professor Emeritus at the School of International and Public Affairs,
Columbia University
- October 2 *Diplomatic Crisis in South America and the Role of UNASUR*
The Honorable Diego Arria, New York, NY
Discussant: Dr. Thomas Trebat, Executive Director of the
Institute of Latin American Studies, Columbia University
- October 22 *The Dictator's Shadow: Life Under Augusto Pinochet*
H.E. Ambassador Heraldo Munoz, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United
Nations
Discussant: Professor John Dinges, Columbia University
- November 6 *The Economic Environment Prevailing in Bolivia Since the Global
and Domestic Shocks of the Late 1990's*
Sara Calvo, School of International Affairs, Columbia University
- December 4 *The Argentine Captive and the Test of National Purity*
Carlos Riobo, City College of New York

- February 5 *A Historical Perspective on the Cuban Revolution*
Jose Moya, Barnard College
Discussant: Mauricio Font, CUNY
- March 5 *Farewell to the Pampas: Revisiting Caudillismo from an Atlantic Perspective*
Monica Ricketts, Long Island University
- April 2 *The Memory of Justice. Twenty Years After the Assassination of
the Jesuits in El Salvador (November 16, 1989)*
Hector Lindo-Fuentes, Fordham University
Thomas Trebat, Institute of Latin American Studies, Columbia University
Martin O Poblete, Co-Chair for Seminar on Latin America
- May 7 *The New Bolivian Constitution: Recovery of Ethnic Identities*
Juan Antonio Morales, Tinker Visiting Professor at the University Institute
of Latin American Studies (ILAS)
Discussant: Sara Calvo

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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Prof. Thomas Trebat, tt2166@columbia.edu

POPULATION BIOLOGY (521)

Founded: 1971

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

Co-Chairs: Dr. Kathleen A. Nolan and Dr. Mike Levandowsky

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- November 3 *Using Informatics, Machine Learning, and GIS to Harness the World's Primary Biodiversity Information for Use in Biogeography and Conservation*
Robert P. Anderson, Ph.D., Department of Biology, City College of New York, CUNY
- December 1 *Phylogenetics, Biogeography and Co-adaptation Between a Batesian Mimic and Its Model*
Michael Friedman, Ph.D., City University of New York
and American Museum of Natural History
- February 9 *The Next Wave of Comparative Phylogeography—Whole Biotas, Ecological Niche Modeling and Approximate Bayesian Inference*
Michael Hickerson, Ph.D., Biology Department, Queens College, CUNY

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POLITICAL ECONOMY AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES (523)

Founded: 1964

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 16 *On the Class Question: The Psychic, Legal and Economic Persistence of the State*
Jacqueline Stevens, University of California at Santa Barbara,
visiting Professor of Sociology at NYU
- October 30 *The Economy and the Presidential Election*
Christopher Rude, Ph.D., New School for Social Research,
former economist at Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- December 18 *Global Income Inequality: The Effect of New PPP Values, and the Impact of the Financial Crisis*
Branko Milanovic, World Bank Research Department,
John Hopkins University, University of Maryland
- January 29 *Justice and the Mitigation of Climate Change*
Darrel Moellendork, Professor of Philosophy, Director of the
Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs, San Diego State University
- February 26 *Toward a Political Philosophy of Race*
Falguni A. Sheth, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Political Theory,
Hampshire College
- March 19 *Dewey and Radical Action*
Jon Olafsson, Bifrost University
- April 16 *What Happened to Efficient Markets?*
Peter Boettke, Deputy Director of the James M. Buchanan Center for Political Economy,
Professor of Economics, George Mason University

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THE MIDDLE EAST (525)

Founded: 1971

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

Founding Chair: Professor J.C. Hurewitz

Chair: Professor Gary Sick

Associate Chair: Professor Lawrence G. Potter

Rapporteur: Ms. Jessica Barnes

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 17 *Iran's Nuclear Program: How Worried Should We Be?*
Jacqueline Shire, Institute for Science and International Security
- October 15 *Middle East Challenges for the Next Administration*
Robert Pelletreau, American Academy of Diplomacy
- November 12 MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR J.C. HUREWITZ
- December 3 *Inventing Iraq, Inventing Iran: Britons and Americans in the Middle East*
Karl E. Meyer
Shareen Blair Brysac
- January 21 *The Persian Gulf in History*
Lawrence G. Potter, Adjunct Associate Professor of International Affairs,
Columbia University
- February 18 *Hezbollah: What Do We Know, and What Don't We Know?*
Augustus Richard Norton
- March 25 *Forty-eight Years in the Middle East and More Confused than Ever*
John Waterbury, President of the American University in Beirut
- April 29 *Is Egypt Lost?*
Jon Alterman, Director of Middle East program at Center for Strategic
and International Studies in Washington, DC.

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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Professor Lawrence G. Potter, lgp5@columbia.edu

APPETITIVE BEHAVIOR (529)

Founded: 1971

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

Chair: Dr. Harry R. Kissileff

Rapporteur: Dr. Kathleen L. Keller

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 4 *Glycemic Response in Relation to Gastric Emptying and Satiety*
Joanna Hlebowicz, Lund University, Malmo University Hospital, Sweden
- October 16 *Pregnancy Changes in Sweet Taste and Endocrine Factors in Healthy Women
and Women Who Develop Gestational Diabetes*
Beverly Tepper, Rutgers University
- November 6 SYMPOSIUM AT ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL CELEBRATING 150 YEARS
OF HEALING AND HONORING THEODORE B. VANITALLIE
Glucose Sensing and Food Intake. . . Was Mayer Right?
Barry Levin, M.D., New Jersey School of Medicine and Dentistry
- Microstructure of Eating and Physiological Control of Food Intake*
Harry R. Kissileff, Ph.D., St Luke's Hospital, Columbia University College
of Physicians and Surgeons
- Role of Incretin Hormones in Diabetes Remission after Bariatric Surgery*
Blandine Laferrere, M.D., St Luke's Hospital, Columbia University College
of Physicians and Surgeons
- The Endocannabinoid System: A New Player in Energy Homeostasis*
Xavier Pi-Sunyer, M.D., St Luke's Hospital, College of Physicians and Surgeons,
Columbia University
- Origins of Research at St. Luke's Hospital*
Theodore VanItallie, M.D., Chair Emeritus, Department of Medicine, St. Luke's Hospital
- December 4 *Stress and Obesity—Are You Eating Comfortably?*
Leigh Gibson, Roehampton University, London, UK

- January 8 *Life Without CCK Receptors: New Insights into Central Controls of Food Intake*
Timothy Moran, Johns Hopkins University
- February 5 *Divergence in Tracking of Development of BMI and Sleep Duration During Puberty;
A Role of Leptin*
Margriet Westerterp-Plantenga, Maastricht University, Netherlands
- March 5 *Bulimia Nervosa: A Consequence of the Obesity Epidemic?*
Michael Lowe, Drexel University
- April 2 *Dopamine and Effort in Food Intake Control*
John Salamone, University of Connecticut
- May 7 *Effects of Sucrose on Nutrient Intake, Satiety and Mood*
Marie Reid, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, Scotland
- June 4 *Genetic Influences on Human Ability to Taste Bitter and Fat: Implications for Obesity Risk?*
Kathleen L. Keller, Ph.D., New York Obesity Research Center and
Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
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CULTURE, POWER, BOUNDARIES (531)

Founded: 1971

The purpose of this seminar is to critically examine race, class, and ethnicity in a variety of national and international settings. Topics include: immigration policy and the immigrant experience; assimilation and cultural pluralism; racial discrimination and civil rights policy; and racial and ethnic political mobilization, and the activist tradition in social science. Topics are considered historically as well as through the analysis of current trends and issues in social policy, with a focus on political economy, particularly the international and domestic division of labor. For 2008–2009 we begin a multi-year focus on terminal inequalities—inequalities that often have fatal consequences. In 2008–2009 we addressed issues that emerge primarily in the context of famines. In 2009–2010 we will primarily be looking at the production of inequalities in urban contexts.

Co-Chairs: Professors Maria-Luisa Achino-Loeb and Gerald Sider

Rapporteurs: Ms. Nafessah Allen and Mr. Prentice LeClair

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| October 27 | <i>The Policing Power of the State</i>
Cathy Schneider, American University |
| December 15 | <i>Food Security, Inequality and the State</i>
Gerald Sider, CUNY Graduate Center and Memorial University of Newfoundland |
| February 9 | <i>Pigs, Potatoes and Paradigms: Toward a Non-Malthusian Understanding of the Great Irish Famine</i>
Eric Ross, George Washington University, Washington, DC |
| March 9 | <i>The Shame of Hunger and the Rhetoric of Clientelism in Brazil's Zero Hunger Program</i>
Aarron Ansell, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Monmouth University |
| May 18 | <i>Multiculturalism and the Politics of Progress and Poverty in Brazil</i>
Sean T. Mitchell, The Kellogg Institute for International Studies
at the University of Notre Dame |

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE (533)

Founded: 1972

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

Co-Chairs: Prof. Pamela H. Smith and Prof. Matthew L. Jones

Rapporteur: Ms. Laurel Brown

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 30 *Aztec Christians: Reluctant Collaborators or Enthusiastic Partners?*
Jaime Lara, Yale University
- January 29 *The Uniformity of Natural Laws in Victorian Britain: Naturalism, Theism, and Scientific Practice*
Matthew Stanley, Gallatin School of Independent Studies
- March 26 *A “School of Athens for Astronomy”: The Engraved Frontispiece
of Johannes Kepler’s Tabulae Rudolphinae (1627)*
Stefano Gattei

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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Professor Pamela H. Smith, ps2270@columbia.edu

IRISH STUDIES (535)

Founded: 1973

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 5 *The Irish Free Zone: Aragon, Browne, and Translating Resistance*
Dr. Damien Keane, Assistant Professor, State University of New York at Buffalo
- November 7 *The Poor Bugger's Tool: Irish Modernism, Queer Labor, and Postcolonial History*
Dr. Patrick Mullen, Assistant Professor, Northeastern University, Boston
- December 5 *A Solicitude for Things: Elizabeth Bowen and the Bildungsroman*
Dr. Rochelle Rives, Assistant Professor, Borough of Manhattan Community College,
City University of New York
- February 6 *Ruinous Translations: Archaeology of Language in James Clarence Mangan*
Dr. Coilin Parsons, English Department, Columbia University
- March 6 *Paper and Propaganda: Anglophobia, the Irish Press, and the New York City Draft Riots*
Elizabeth Fitton, Department of American History, CUNY Graduate Center
- April 3 *Total War, Modernism, and Encyclopedic Form*
Dr. Paul Saint-Amour, Associate Professor, University of Pennsylvania
- May 8 *Consumer Girls and Sex in the City: Anne Enright's The Wig My Father Wore and "Natalie"*
Dr. Claire Bracken, Assistant Professor, Union College

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
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CINEMA AND INTERDISCIPLINARY INTERPRETATION

(539)

Founded: 1964

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

Co-Chairs: Professors William Luhr, Krin Gabbard and Jane Gaines

Rapporteur: Mr. James Hansen and Ms. Diana Wade

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 20 *Re-Locations: A Journey in Post-Cinema and Italian Urban Spaces*
Francesco Casetti, Catholic University at Milan, Visiting Professor at Yale University
Respondent: Jonathan Crary, Columbia University
- October 23 *Silent Color*
John Belton, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Respondent: Scott Higgins, Wesleyan University
- October 27 *Possessed: Hypnotic Crimes, Corporate Fiction, and the Invention of Cinema*
Stefan Andriopoulos, Columbia University
Conversation with Jonathan Crary
- November 20 *The Criterion Collection: Past, Present, and Future*
Aleen Stein, The Criterion Collection
- December 11 *The Future of Fidelity: Bazin, Phase 2*
Dudley Andrew, Yale University

- January 22 *"Transparent Shanghai": The Emergence of Sound and a Left-Wing Culture of Glass*
 Weihong Bao, Columbia University
 Respondent: Zhang Zhen, New York University
- February 5 *Micheaux and African American Film Scholarship: The Third Generation*
 A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION HELD AT THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART
 Moderator: Matthew Bernstein, Emory University
 Speakers: Terri Francis, Yale University
 Allyson Field, UCLA
 Charlene Register, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
 Jacqueline Stewart, Northwestern University
 Respondent: Thomas Cripps, Professor Emeritus, Morgan State University
- March 12 *The Museum of Natural History's Expedition Films and its*
Role in Film Education in New York City in the 1920's
 Alison Griffiths, Baruch-CUNY
 Respondent: Peter DeCherney, University of Pennsylvania
- April 16 *Mary Pickford and the Emergence of Film Stardom*
 Christine Gledhill, University of Sunderland

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WOMEN AND SOCIETY (545)

Founded: 1974

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 15 *BUYING AUTHENTICITY: Seeking Meaning in Home Cooking*
Barbara Katz Rothman, Sociology CUNY
Respondent: Annie Hauck-Lawson, Brooklyn College/CUNY
- October 20 *Missing Bodies: The Politics of Visibility*
Lisa Jean Moore, Sociology Purchase College SUNY
Respondent: Grace Cho, Sociology and Women's Studies College of Staten Island and CUNY
- November 17 *Paper: "Flip this Housewife"*
Dr. Megan Elias, Assistant Professor of US History,
Queensborough Community College, CUNY
Respondent: Dr. Beth Counihan, Assistant Professor of US History,
Queensborough Community College, CUNY

- January 26 *Globalization and the Feminization of Poverty*
 Veena Thadani, Department of Social Science, McGhee Division at New York University
 Respondent: Dr. Emily Sohmer Tai, Associate Professor of History,
 Queensborough Community College/CUNY
- February 16 *Political Widowhood and the story of Catherine Mary Ajizinga Chipembere of Malawi*
 Natasha Gordon-Chipembere, Medgar Evers College/CUNY
 Respondent: Hlonipha Mokoena, Columbia University
- March 16 *Re-thinking Women, Native, Other in Translation: the Indigenous and the Diasporic*
 Yi-Chun Tricia Lin, Southern Connecticut State University
 Respondent: Bertrade Ngo-Ngijol Banoum, Lehman College
- April 20 *Cowboy and Indian Clubs: Gender, Identity, and Imaginary Worlds
 among German Fans of American Westerns*
 Nancy Reagin, Professor of History and Women's and Gender Studies, Pace University
 Respondent: Julia Sneeringer, Queens College and CUNY Graduate Center
- May 18 *From Candy Girls to Cyber Sista-Cipher: Narrating Discourses of Sisterhood and Black Female
 Color-Consciousness In and Out of School*
 Speaker: Carmen Kynard, St. John's University
 Respondent: Michelle Fine, Graduate Center CUNY

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OTTOMAN AND TURKISH STUDIES (551)

Founded: 1974

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

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

Rapporteur: Mr. Onur Ozgode

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| Fall '08 | <i>Empire of Difference</i>
Karen Barkey |
| February 12 | <i>Coal Miners, Corruption, and Regime Change in the Late Ottoman Empire</i>
Donald Quataert |
| March 28 | <i>The Empire's Children Come Home: Ottoman-Turkish Identity and the Creation of the Albanian Diaspora of Anatolia, 1912–1938</i>
Ryan Gingeras |
| May 16 | <i>Reading, Literacy and Magic in Ottoman Sofia: Glimpses from the Treke Defters of the Late 17th Century</i>
Rositza Gredeva |

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DRUGS AND SOCIETY (553)

Founded: 1975

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

Chair: Dr. Jerome F.X. Carroll

Rapporteurs: Ms. Susan L. Buchanan and Mr. Liam Moore

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 23 *An Overview of Substance Abuse Treatment and Policy in NYC: 1946–1970*
Charles Winick, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, CUNY Graduate School
- October 21 *Federal Drug Policy and Prescribing Opioids to Addicts: Where It's Been; Where It Needs to Go*
Herbert D. Kleber, M.D.
- November 18 *Marijuana Arrest Crusade: Racial Bias and Police Policy in New York City: 1997–2007*
Harry G. Levine, Ph.D., Queens College & The Graduate Center, CUNY
- December 16 *Buprenorphine (Suboxone) Maintenance in A Harm Reduction Setting*
Herman Joseph, Ph.D., Consultant National Drug Research Institutes
R. Terry Furst, Ph.D., Associate Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Sharon Stancliff, M.D., Medical Director Harm Reduction Coalition

- January 20 *Evolution and Status of The Therapeutic Community*
George De Leon, Ph.D., Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at NYU
and former Director of the Center for Therapeutic Community Research at NDRI
Ronald A. Williams, President/CEO/Founder, New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc.
- February 17 *Meta-Analysis of Depression and Substance Use Disorder Clinical Trials*
Edward V. Nunes, M.D., Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Columbia University,
College of Physicians and Surgeons
- March 24 *Sex Offender Management and Substance Abuse: The Containment Approach Model*
Timothy App, Director of Operations, Counseling and Psychotherapy Center, Boston, MA
and former Asst. Deputy Commissioner, Massachusetts, Department of Corrections
- April 21 *Pathological Gambling, Addiction or Obsession?*
Carlos Blanco, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Columbia
University, College of Physicians and Surgeons
- May 5 *Australian Drug Policy and Practice—Utopia Limited*
Andrew Byrne, M.D., Director of the Redfern Clinic in Redfern, NSW Australia

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
Dr. Jerome Carroll, JFXC4318@aol.com

TWENTIETH-CENTURY POLITICS AND SOCIETY (555)

Founded: 1992

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

Chair: Professor Joanne Cho

MEETINGS 2008–2009

No Meetings in 2008–2009

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
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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: Dr. Sidney Greenfield, Prof. Diana Brown, and Prof. Vania Penha-Lopes

Rapporteur: Ms. Nafessah Allen

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- July 29 *The Community Mental Health Project in Bom Jardim, Fortaleza, Brazil:
A Systemic Approach to Encourage Self-Esteem and Community Building*
Father Ottorino Bonvini, Comboni Missionary (Co sponsored by Five Borough Institute,
Harlem/Northern Manhattan Health Commons, Ministerial Interfaith Association/
RainbowPUSH Health Initiative, and Community and Labor Health Study Group)
- September 18 *Minerals, Institutions and Industrialization: Iron Ore and the Brazilian State in the 20th Century*
Gail Triner, Rutgers University
- October 19 *A Case Study: The Relationship Between Dourados City and the Dourados Reservation*
Denise Johnsson of the Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce
Ivo Mathias of Thomson Reuters
- November 13 *Syncretism and Iconoclasm: The Life of Images in Cachoeira, Brazil*
Roger Sansi, Goldsmiths College, The University of London
- December 11 *The Objective Bases of Melville Herskovits Bahian Notebooks:
Reflections in and on Fieldworks Mystic Writing Pad*
Professor John Collins, Queens College, CUNY

- January 22 JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON MODERN EAST ASIA: JAPAN
Brazilian-Japanese Families Broken by Transnational Migration
 Prof. Ethel Kominski, Programa de Pos-Graduacao em Ciencias Sociais
 da UNESP-Marilia and Queens College, CUNY
- February 19 *A Century of Research in Rio's Favelas*
 Licia Valladares, University of Lille
- March 26 *Land in Trance: Afro-Brazilian Religions, Public Sphere and Ethnicity in Contemporary Brazil*
 Wagner Goncalves da Silva, University of Sao Paulo
- April 2 *Brazilian Anthropology Divided: the Dispute Over the Meaning of Race in Brazil*
 Peter Fry
- May 14 *Festivals of the Portuguese in Brazil*
 Marcia Cotinhs, UERJ and UFRJ

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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.

Co-Chairs: Professor Muhsin Al-Musawi and Hala Halim

Rapporteur: Ms. Yasmine Ramadan

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| September 25 | <i>Male Fears and Fantasies: Women in Arabic Popular Epic</i>
Professor Remke Kruk |
| October 30 | <i>The Arabic Background of Western Philosophy and Science</i>
Professor Dimitri Gutas, Yale University |
| November 13 | <i>An Umayyad Papyrus in Kindi's Kitab al-Qudat</i>
Professor Wadad al-Qadi, University of Chicago |
| January 29 | <i>The Making of Tradition: Standardization of the Lyrics of
The Tunisian Andalusian Malouf Repertoire</i>
Professor Taoufiq Ben Amor, Columbia University |
| March 26 | <i>Hint, Mind-Reading, Mind Games in Abbasid Narratives</i>
Professor Andras Hamori, Princeton University |
| April 23 | <i>Why Talk About Sex? Modes of Discourse on Modalities of Sexuality in Medieval Arabic Texts</i>
Professor Everett Rowson, New York University |

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HUMAN RIGHTS (561)

Founded: 1978

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| October 16 | <i>Unsex CEDAW</i>
Darren Rosenblum, Law School, Pace University |
| November 20 | <i>Islamism Between Human Rights and Humanitarian Militarism</i>
Sayres Rudy, School of Social Science, Hampshire College |
| December 4 | <i>The Role of Public Goods in the Provision of Human Rights</i>
Patrick Regan, Political Science, Binghamton University |
| February 5 | <i>Transitional Injustice: Rwanda, Overcoming Violence and Building Authoritarianism</i>
Christian Davenport, Government and Politics, University of Maryland
Cyanne E. Loyle, Government and Politics, University of Maryland |
| March 5 | <i>Hostages & Human Rights: Framing Violations in the International Setting</i>
Louis Edgar Esparza, Sociology, Stony Brook University |
| April 2 | <i>B'Tselem's Work in Occupied Territories</i>
Maya Sabatello, Center for Global Affairs, NYU |
| April 30 | <i>The UN's Organizational Culture and the Trafficking of Women in Conflict Zones</i>
Tammy Smith, Sociology, Stony Brook University |

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Professor Peter Juviler, phj1@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: Professors On-Cho Ng, Deborah Sommer, and Yong Huang
Rapporteur: Mr. Neil McGee

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 3 *The Self-Centeredness Objection to Virtue Ethics: The Cheng Brothers' Neo-Confucian Response*
Yong Huang, Department of Philosophy, Kutztown University
- November 7 *The Origin of Goodness in Xunzi*
Li Chenyang, Chair of Department of Philosophy, Central Washington University,
ACE Fellow and Visiting Professor at Seton Hall University
- December 5 *A Puzzling Near-Silence: The Early Confucians on Warfare*
Henry Rosemont, Brown University
- February 6 DOUBLE PRESENTATION
Moral Psychology of Early Confucian Philosophy: Virtue and Emotion
Bongrae Seok, Alvernia College
- The Oneness of Allah and the Unity of Heaven and Humans: Transformations and Combinations
between Islamic Philosophy and Chinese Traditional Thought*
Liu Yihong, Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Chief Editor
of the international journal *Chinese, Indian, and Islamic Cultural Relations*
- March 6 *How to Make Sense of the Claim "True Knowledge is What Constitutes Action": A New
Interpretation of Wang Yangming's Doctrine of the Unity of Knowledge and Action*
Yang Xiaomei, Southern Connecticut University
Commentary by Warren Frisina, Hofstra University
- April 3 DOUBLE PRESENTATION
The Guodian Texts and the Reconstruction of the Core Classic System of Confucianism
Guo Yi, Institute of Philosophy of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and
Fulbright Scholar, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2008–2009
- Paper on the Liji and Guodian texts*
Xing Wen, Dartmouth College

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CHINA: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (571)

Founded: 1982

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

Chair: Professor Shang Jin Wei
Rapporteur: Ms. Nancy Ferrante

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- November 18 *The Political Economy of Ethnic Chinese Foreign Direct Investment*
Kellee S. Tsai, Professor of Political Science and Director of the East Asian Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University
- December 5 *Odds of a Hard Landing Are Still Low, Although Risks to Growth Have Intensified*
Joyce Chang, Managing Director and Global Head of Emerging Markets and Credit Research, JP Morgan
- February 19 *Grassroots Democracy and its Current Economic Impacts on Village Life in China*
Yang Yao, Professor, China Center for Economic Research and National School of Development Peking University
- April 24 *Rethinking Reforms in China after 30 Years*
Yasheng Huang, Professor, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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GENETIC EPIDEMIOLOGY (577)

Founded: 1982

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 23 *Alopecia Areata as a Model for Understanding the Genetic Epidemiology of Complex Disease*
Lynn Petukhova, PhD candidate, Department of Epidemiology, Columbia University
- November 20 *Quantitative TDT Procedures*
Warren J. Ewens, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Biology, University of Pennsylvania
- December 11 *Power and Type I Error Rates in Genome-wide Association Studies*
Abigail Matthews, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, Ott Laboratory, Rockefeller University
- January 8 *Selecting SNP's to Correctly Predict Ethnicity*
Joshua Sampson, Ph.D., Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Biostatistics, Yale University
- February 12 *Mixture Based Approaches for Case-control Association Studies with Copy Number Polymorphisms*
Stephen Finch, Ph.D., Professor, Dept. of Applied Math and Statistics, SUNY at Stony Brook
- March 12 *Glucocerebrosidase Gene Mutations and the Link Between Gaucher Disease and Lewy Body Disorders*
Lorraine N. Clark, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology, Columbia University
- April 2 *Gene/Environment Interaction in Cancer Risk*
Regina M. Santella, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Columbia University
- May 14 *Strong Association of De Novo Copy Number Mutations with Sporadic Schizophrenia*
Maria Karayiourgou, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry, Departments of Genetics & Physiology, Columbia University
- June 11 *Mathematical Modeling for Dendritic Cell Development in the Immune System*
Xiangtao Liu, Ph.D. candidate, Program of Applied Mathematics, Yale University

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SHAKESPEARE (581)

Founded: 1982

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 12 *Dated and Outdated: The Present Tense of Feminist Shakespeare Criticism*
Phyllis Rackin, University of Pennsylvania
- October 10 *"A Hypocritical Bully" as "Shakespeare's Ideal Englishman":
Henry V in London during World War II*
Zoltan Markus, Vassar College
Respondent: Naomi Liebler, Montclair State University
- November 14 *Shakespeare and the Law*
Harry Keyishian, Fairleigh Dickinson University
Respondent: Richard Weisberg, Yeshiva Law School
- December 12 *The Actress as Icon in Shakespearean Drama*
Pamela Allen Brown, University of Connecticut
Respondent: Susanne Wofford, New York University
- February 13 *Made in Italy: Faking Cultural Exchange in Shakespearean England*
Bianca Finzi-Contini Calabresi, Fairleigh Dickinson University / Italian Academy,
Columbia University
Respondent: Julie Crawford, Columbia University
- March 13 *Coats and Conduct: The Materials of Military Obligation*
Vimala Pasupathi, Hofstra University
Respondent: Richard McCoy, Queens College
- April 17 *The Queer Moor*
Ian Smith, Lafayette College
- May 8 *"Repeat to me the words of the Echo": Listening to the Tempest*
Allison Deutermann, Amherst College
Respondent: Leslie Dunn, Vassar College

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
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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: Dr. Anne-Marie Murphy, Prof. David Denoon, and Prof. Hugh T. Patrick
Rapporteur: Ms. Sara Schonhardt

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 2 *Alternative Futures for ASEAN*
David Denoon, Professor of Politics & Economics, New York University
- November 6 *Asia's Global Role: Regionalism and the Crisis*
Dr. Peter Petri, Professor of International Finance, Brandeis University
- February 5 *The De-Democratization of Thailand and Its Regional Implications*
Donald Weatherbee, Professor Emeritus, University of South Carolina
- March 5 Indonesian Foreign Policy in the Reformasi Era
H.E. Marty M. Natelegawa, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia
to the United Nations

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ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY (585)

Founded: 1983

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

Co-Chairs: Mr. Michael Schulman and Professor Kathleen Wallace

Rapporteur: Ms. Lauren Liotti

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| October 20 | JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
<i>Experiments in Ethics</i>
Kwame Anthony Appiah, Princeton University |
| November 17 | JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
<i>On Transforming Knowledge</i>
Eliazbeth Minnich, Senior Scholar, AAC&U's Office of Diversity,
Equity, and Global Initiatives |
| December 1 | JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
<i>Counselors and Therapists in a Multicultural World</i>
Uwe Gielen, St. Francis College |

- January 26 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Getting Them to Care: Helping schools develop social responsibility in young people
 Tom Roderick, Morningside Center
- March 9 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
 AND SEMINAR ON COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY
Moral Motivation, Moral Styles, and Religion
 Michael Schulman, Leake & Watts
 Respondents: Christopher Gowans, Fordham University
 Bronwyn Finnigan, University of Auckland
 Hagop Sarkissian, Baruch College, CUNY
 Jonathan C. Gold, Princeton University
- April 6 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
The Brain on the Stand: How Neuroscience is Transforming the Legal System
 Jonathan Rosen, George Washington University School of Law
- May 4 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
The Challenge of a Global Theology
 Rabbi Daniel Polish, Congregation Shir Chadash of the
 Hudson Valley in Poughkeepsie, NY

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COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE (603)

Founded: 1986

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

No Meetings in 2008–2009

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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SCIENTIFIC LITERACY/ SCIENTIFIC FRONTIERS (611)

Founded: 1986

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

Chair: Ms. Jean Delfiner

Rapporteur: Ms. Natalie Bonjoc

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 19 *Using the Digital Resources of the Journal of Chemical Education*
Gail Horowitz
- October 17 *Using Video Interactively in the Classroom*
Chris Ward, Vice-President, Chemistry Teachers Club of New York
Toni Schefflin, WNET
- March 13 *Energy and the Environment: Pathways to a Low Carbon Infrastructure*
Dr. William Horak , Chair of the Energy Science and Technology,
Department of Brookhaven National Laboratory
- April 3 *Demonstrations of Various Laws of Physics and Chemistry*
Al Delfiner
Bob Capalbo
Myra Hauben, CST-CUNY
Lew Malchick
Jack DePalma
Kofi Donnelly
Steve Gould, US EPA
Joan Liddell
John Roeder

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FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND EQUITY

(613)

Founded: 1987

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Helen Lachs Ginsburg, Gertrude Schoffner Goldberg, and Sheila Collins
Rapporteur: Ms. Lisa Sachs

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 6 *Which Way for a National Retirement Income Program?*
Preparing for a Post-Election Political Battle
Teresa Ghilarducci, Director, Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis,
New School for Social Research, NYC
David Langer, Consulting Actuary, David Langer Company, Inc., NYC
- October 27 *What Lies Beyond the Bailout? The Current Financial Crisis and the Future of America*
William K. Tabb, Professor Emeritus of Economics, Queens College,
Political Science and Sociology, Graduate Center CUNY
- December 1 JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES
The Big Squeeze: Tough Times for American Worker
Steven Greenhouse, Labor and Workplace Writer, *New York Times*
- February 9 *The Case for Big Government*
Jeff Madrick, editor, *Challenge Magazine*
- March 9 *Now is the Time . . . for a Government Job Creation Program! Two Proposals*
Bill Barclay, Adjunct Professor, Liautaud Graduate School of Business,
University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago Political Economy Group
Helen Ginsburg, Professor Emerita of Economics, Brooklyn College-CUNY
and National Jobs for All Coalition, co-author of the *Drive for Decent Work*
Trudy Goldberg, National Jobs for All Coalition (NJFAC) and co-author
of the *Drive for Decent Work*
- April 17 *New Deal Job Programs: Constraints, Criticism, Accomplishments, and Lessons for Today*
Nancy Rose, Professor and Chair of Department of Economics,
California State University, San Bernardino

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IRANIAN STUDIES (615)

Founded: 1987

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

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

Rapporteur: Ms. Sarah Kim

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 18 *Effects of Global Change on Iran: Geographer's Perspective*
Dr. Eckhart Ehlers, Professor Emeritus, Geographisches Institut
at the University Bonn (Germany)
- October 14 *The Trappings and Heritage of Achaemenid Kingship*
Dr. Erica Ehrenberg, Provost of the New York Academy of Art
- November 3 *The "Borderline" Movements in Iranian Islam: The Hurufi Example*
Dr. Orkhan Mir-Kasimov, Associate Researcher, French National Center for Scientific
Research, lecturer at the National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations
- February 10 *Sedentism and Nomadism in Pre-modern Iran*
Prof. Daniel Potts, University of Sydney
- March 10 *Shahnameh for the Symphony Orchestra: "Simorgh," "The Blood of Seyeavash,"
and "Seven Passages" (Haft Khan)*
Dr. Behzad Ranjbaran, Julliard School of Music
- April 9 *The Life and Times of the Shah, A Book Discussion about Facts and Fictions
Affecting US-Iran Relations Thirty Years After the Revolution*
Prof. Gholam Reza Afkhami, Senior Scholar at the Foundation for Iranian Studies
- May 12 *The Sasanian-Parthian Confederacy and the Arab Conquest of Iran*
Prof. Parvaneh Pourshariati, Ohio State University

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CANCER (617)

Founded: 1989

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

Chair: Dr. Louis Gary

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

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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.

Chair: Professor Wendi Adamek

Co-Chairs: Professor Robert A.F. Thurman and Professor Chun-Yang Yu

Rapporteur: Mr. Gregory Scott

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 2 *Negotiating a Rocky Road: Mount Omine Shugendo and the Okugake Route*
George Clonos, Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University
- October 9 *Controversies on Asceticism in Early Buddhism*
Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas at Austin
- October 16 *The Law of Dependent Origination and the Buddhist View of Life and Death*
The Rev. Bhikku Vupasama, Middle Path Sangha, Taipei, Taiwan and Flushing, NY
- November 20 *The “Tiantai Four Books”: Protocols of Buddhist Learning in Late Song and Yuan China*
Daniel Stevenson, University of Kansas
- February 19 *Amulets of the Wish-Fulfilling Spell and Their Traditions*
Paul Copp, University of Chicago
- April 2 *Rethinking the Rhetoric of Meditative Experience in Chinese Buddhism*
John R. McRae, Shinnyo-en Visiting Professor at the Department of Religious Studies,
Stanford University
- April 9 *The Interpretation of Yogacara Philosophy in Huayan Buddhism*
Imre Hamar, University of Virginia
- April 16 *Buddhist World Heritage Properties in Korea: Thoughts and Significance*
Jong Myung Kim, UCLA
- April 30 *Indian Buddhist Sociolinguistics and Buddhist Notions of Possession:
A Fragment from the Manjusrimulakalpa*
Fredrick M. Smith, University of Iowa

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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Prof. David Max Moerman, dmoerman@barnard.columbia.edu

NATIONAL HEALTH AND SCIENCE POLICY (645)

Founded: 1993

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

Chair: Dr. Louis Gary

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

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RELIGION IN AMERICA (661)

Founded: 1997

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

Chair: Professor Randall Balmer

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Vaca

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 22 *Beyond the Conservative-Progressive Divide: Richard Rodriguez’s Brown Catholicism*
Marian Ronan, Associate Professor of Contemporary Theology & Religion,
Graduate Theological Union
- October 27 *American Jewish Loss After the Holocaust*
Laura Levitt, Director of Jewish Studies, Temple University
- December 1 *From Sin to Sickness: Pastoral Counseling and the Sex Variant, 1946–1963*
Heather White, Vassar College
- January 26 *Muslims, Fundamentalists, and the Fear of the Dangerous Other in American Culture*
David Watt, Associate Professor History, Temple University
- February 23 *Reading Gender in the Qur’an: Text, Context, and Identity in the Work of Amina Wadud*
Juliane Hammer, Professor of Islam, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- March 23 *“Friday Night,” Excerpt from “Seven Days of Penitentiary Life”*
Josh Dubler, Postdoctoral fellow, Society of Fellows, Columbia University
- April 27 *Muslims and Mysticism: Intersecting Theories of Race and Religion
in the Crucible of American Political Economy*
Rosemary Hicks, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Religion, Columbia University

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:

Prof. Randall Balmer, rb281@columbia.edu

CONFLICT RESOLUTION (663)

Founded: 1997

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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

CONFERENCE 2009

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

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
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THE HISTORY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (667)

Founded: 1998

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

Chair: Mr. Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr.

MEETINGS 2008–2009

March 6 *“A Time to Stir,”* a screening of the film by filmmaker Paul Cronin about the 1968 Student Riots at Columbia University



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

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
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GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES

(671)

Founded: 1998

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

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

Rapporteur: Ms. Estefania Samper

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 29 *The Shape of Globalization After Neo-Liberalism*
Robert Kuttner, *The American Prospect*, and Demos
- October 20 *Social Movement Organizing and U.S. policy vis a vis Latin America: The Role of NACLA*
Christy Thornton, Executive Director and Publisher, North American Congress
on Latin America (NACLA)
Fred Rosen, Senior Analyst, NACLA
- November 17 *Overcoming the Legacy of Colonialism in the Building of Cross-Border Solidarity:
The Case of India*
Ashwini Sukthankar, International Commission for Labor Rights
- December 1 JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND EQUITY
Today's Economic Crisis and the Long-Term Squeeze on Workers
Steve Greenhouse, Labor and Workplace Writer, *New York Times*

- January 26 *Korean Contingent Workers and the Economic Crisis: “The Truck Workers” Organization Case*
Sook-Kyung Jin
- February 23 *The Cubans of Union City, New Jersey: The Intersection of Local Community Dynamics
and Global Processes*
Yolanda Prieto, Professor Emerita of Sociology, School of Social Science
and Human Services, Ramapo College
- March 30 *U.S.–China Trade Imbalance and the Global Economic Crisis:
Lagging Wages and the Explosion of Debt*
Mark Levinson, Chief Economist at UNITE-HERE
- May 18 *The Economic Crisis as a Crisis of the Globalization Regime*
William K. Tabb, Professor of Economics, Graduate Center at CUNY

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Prof. Henry J. Frundt, hfrundt@ramapo.edu

SEXUALITY, GENDER, HEALTH, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

(673)

Founded: 1999

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

Chair: Professor Carole S. Vance

Rapporteur: Ms. Alicia Peters

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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

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LANGUAGE AND COGNITION (681)

Founded: 2000

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| September 25 | <i>How Speakers' Eye Movements Reflect Language Production</i>
Zenzi M. Griffin, Department of Psychology, University of Texas |
| October 30 | <i>Words, Voices, and Accents: Perceptual Adaptation to Systematic Variation in Speech</i>
Lynne C. Nygaard, Department of Psychology, Emory University |
| December 4 | <i>The Dynamics of Spoken-word Recognition in Context</i>
Delphine Dahan, Department of Psychology, University of Pennsylvania |
| January 22 | <i>Auditory and Audiovisual Speech Perception in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders</i>
Julia R. Irwin, Haskins Laboratories |
| February 26 | <i>Studying the Emergence of Human Communication Systems in the Laboratory</i>
Bruno Galantucci, Department of Psychology, Yeshiva University |
| March 26 | <i>Attending to Speech in a Complex Setting</i>
Barbara Shinn-Cunningham, Department of Cognitive and Neural Systems and Biomedical Engineering, Boston University |
| April 30 | <i>How Infants Learn the Sound Structure of Language</i>
Elizabeth K. Johnson, Department of Psychology, University of Toronto |

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NEW MEDIA TEACHING AND LEARNING (683)

Founded: 2000

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

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

Rapporteur: Ms. Ruth Palmer

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- March 26 *Visible Evidence of Invisible Learning*
Dr. Randy Bass, Assistant Provost for Teaching and Learning Initiatives at Georgetown University and Executive Director of the Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship (CNDLS)
- April 15 *Learning Disaster: Film and Understanding Our Resiliency*
Jim Whitaker, Filmmaker
Discussants: Dr. John DeGioia, President of Georgetown University
Katherine Shear, School of Social Work, Columbia University
George Bonanno, Teachers College, Columbia University
Bernard Cook, Department of American Studies, Georgetown University
Randall Bass, Department of English, Georgetown University

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PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES (685)

Founded: 2000

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

No Meetings in 2008–2009

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
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MEMORY AND SLAVERY (689/713)

Founded: 2001/2006

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

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

Rapporteur: Ms. Gaelle Affiany

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 23 *A Presentation on Modern Slavery by Templeton Foundation African Freedom Award Winners*
James Kofi Annan, Frederick Douglass Winner, founder of *Challenging Heights*
Ricky Richard, Harriet Tubman Award Winner, founder of *Friends of Orphans*
- October 23 *The Place of Race in the Construction of American National Identity*
Roosevelt Montas, Columbia University, Associate Dean/Director of the Center for the Core Curriculum and Adjunct Lecturer in English and Comparative Literature
- November 13 ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
Robert Pollack, Director, Center for the Study of Science and Religion
Cynthia Peabody, Associate Director, Center for the Study of Science and Religion
- December 4 *Memories of Being an Immigrant in Biblical Narrative and Law*
Rabbi Saul Berman, Leading Orthodox Teacher and Thinker, Yeshiva University

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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Prof. Patricia Williams, williams@lawmail.law.columbia.edu

EARLY CHINA (691)

Founded: 2002

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

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

February 7–8 CONFERENCE
Writing and Literacy in Early China

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
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AGING AND HEALTH (695)

Founded: 2003

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

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

Rapporteur: Ms. Yessica M. Diaz

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- February 28 *Aging Research in the Latino Community: Chronic Disease Focus Director, Columbia Center for the Health of Urban Minorities*
Olveen Carrasquillo, MD, MPH, Director, Columbia Center for the Health of Urban Minorities
- March 13 *Globalization and the Lives of Older People: The Case of India*
Denise Burnette, Ph.D, MSSW
- April 21 *Aging Artists as a Model for Society*
Professor Joan Jeffri, Director of the Research Center for Arts and Culture

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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Prof. Victoria H. Raveis, vhr1@columbia.edu

DISABILITY STUDIES (697)

Founded: 2003

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

Co-Chairs: Ms. Colleen Lewis and Professor Michelle Ballan

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 18 JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON DISABILITY STUDIES
Modernity's Miss-Fits: Blind Girls and Marriage in France and America, 1820–1920
Catherine Kudlick, Ph.D., Professor of History, University of California, Davis
Discussant: Julie Livingstone, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Rutgers University
- April 14 JOINT MEETING WITH THE UNIVERSITY SEMINAR ON SEXUALITY,
GENDER, HEALTH, AND HUMAN RIGHTS
*"How Many Crips Does it Take to Change a Light Bulb?" "Parody, Punch-lines,
Puns, & Praxis—An Exploration of Humor & Disability."*
Rich Orloff, Director, *Funny as a Crutch*
Frank Senger, Actor
Discussant: Christopher Rosa, Ph.D., Co-Director of
the Society for Disability Studies' Executive Office

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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Ms. Colleen Lewis, cl2328@columbia.edu

ROMANTICISM AND ITS AFTERMATH (699)

Founded: 2004

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Boris Gasparov and Lydia Goehr

MEETINGS 2008–2009

No Meetings in 2008–2009

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:
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MODERN BRITISH HISTORY (701)

Founded: 2004

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

Chair: Professor Tim Alborn

Rapporteur: Mr. Toby Harper

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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

John Mitchel: Romantic, Revolutionary, Racist
Michael Huggins, University of Chester
- October 29 *Rewriting History: The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*
Lawrence Goldman, Fellow in Modern History, St. Peter's College, Oxford, editor of DNB
- November 17 *"Clap if You Believe in Sherlock Holmes," "Little England, Middle-earth,
and Public Spheres: J.R.R. Tolkien and the Social Functions of Imaginary Worlds"*
Michael Saler, UC Davis
- December 8 *Modern Anachronisms: Conservative Diehards and Indian Constitutional Reform, 1918–1935*
Neil Fleming, Westminster College, Missouri
- February 2 *Chapter 1 and Interchapter 1 from Genres of the Credit Economy*
Mary Poovey

Chapters 1 and 5 of The Social Life of Money in the English Past
Deborah Valenze
- March 2 *John Locke, Theorist of Empire*
David Armitage, Harvard History Department
With Comments by Dan Carey
- April 13 *1688: The First Modern Revolution*
Steve Pincus

Academic year 2009–2010 Co-Chairs:

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MODERN GREEK (703)

Founded: 2005

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

Chair: Professor Vangelis Calotychos

Rapporteur: Ms. Karen Emmerich

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 9 *The December 1944 Events: A Reappraisal*
Andre Gerolymatos, Simon Fraser University, Canada
- October 30 *Greek Poets' Tributes to Cavafy*
David Ricks, King's College, London, U.K.
- November 20 *Issues in Trans/Punctuation*
Martin McKinsey, University of New Hampshire

Punctuating Space in Modern Greek Poetry
Karen Emmerich, Columbia University
- December 8 *When the Sound of the Other Sounds Strangely Familiar:*
The Balkan Neighbor, The Guest, The Barbarian
Maria Boletsi, University of Leiden, Netherlands
- February 11 *Papdiamandis and Dimitriou: Imagining Greece From Below*
Ipek Azime Celik, Department of Comparative Literature, NYU
- March 12 *The Sheep and the Shepherds: Censorship, Morality and Contemporary Social Criticism*
Gerasimus Katsan, Queens College CUNY
- April 1 *Daddy's War: Greek American Stories: A Paramemoir*
Irene Kacandes, Dartmouth College

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EARLY MODERN FRANCE (707)

Founded: 2005

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

Chair: Professor Pierre Force
Rapporteur: Mr. Benjamin Young

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 16 *“Liberty, Sociability and Vis-Viva: Emilie du Châtelet on Social and Natural Order”*
from Love, Inclination and Inertia: An Essay on the Common Good
in Early Modern Natural and Political Philosophy
Matthew Jones, Columbia University (History)
- October 21 *Les Institutions Républicaines: Courte histoire d’une ature Idée de la Société Civile,*
de Montesquieu à Saint-Just
James Swenson, Rutgers University
- October 27 *Poètes Lyriques, Poètes “Leriques”?* *Sur Quelques Mutations du “Chant” à la Renaissance*
Francois Cornilliat, Rutgers University
- November 21 *Sur L’Illusion Comique de Pierre Corneille. L’optique Philosophique et le Temps de Comprendre:*
Réflexions Cartésiennes et Bachelardiennes
Catherine Kintzler, Université de Lille III
- March 13 *Le Mariage, l’Amour et la Loi, dans Julie ou la Nouvelle Heloise de Jean-Jacques Rousseau*
Anne Deneys-Tunney, New York University
- March 26 *The Fourth Wall and Other Old Innovations: Illusion and the Aesthetics of the Drame*
Nicholas Paige, UC Berkeley
- April 16 *Bernard Lamy’s Answer to the Je ne Sais Quoi”: A Rhetoric of Pleasure*
David Macklovitch, Columbia University
- May 1 *“The Fiber: Movement and Assemblage” from Diderot’s Part, Ashgate, 2008*
Andrew Clark, Fordham University
- May 19 *La ville de Versailles au XVIIIe siècle: Problèmes d’hygiène et de Salubrité*
Chantal Grell, Université de Versailles

Academic year 2009–2010 Chair:
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RELIGION AND WORLD COMMUNITY (709)

Founded: 2005

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

Co-Chairs: Professor J. Paul Martin and Tony Kireopoulos

Rapporteur: Ms. Amanda Ree

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 22 *Interpreting Politics and Religion in Iran*
Dr. Richard Bulliet, Professor of Middle East History at Columbia University,
School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)
- November 19 *Rethinking Modes of Inter-religious Engagement*
Dr. Courtney Bender, Associate Professor in the Department of Religion,
Columbia University
- December 10 *A Frank Assessment of Ecumenical Engagement on Human Rights*
Dr. Rev. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary of the NCC
- January 28 *Religious Approaches to Justice*
Willie Baptist, Co-Coordinator of the University of the Poor and
Scholar in Residence at Union Theological Seminary's Poverty Initiative
- February 18 *All God's Children: Religion, Environmental Racism & the Struggle for Justice*
Dr. Peter Heltzel, Assistant Professor of Theology at New York Theological Seminary
- April 22 *Evangelical Does Not Equal Republican . . . Or Democrat*
Lisa Sharon Harper, Co-founder and Executive Director of NY Faith & Justice

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THEORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF LITERATURE (489/711)

Founded: 2005

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

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

Rapporteur: Mr. Bryan Lowrance

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- October 14 *Constructing and Deconstructing the Universal*
Etienne Balibar, University of California Irvine
Respondent: John Rajchman, Columbia University
- December 4 *Pragmatism, Nihilism, and Democracy: What is Called thinking at the End of Modernity?*
James Livingston, Rutgers University
Respondent: Paul Bove, University of Pittsburgh
- February 9 *The Present of a Delusion*
Stathis Gourgouris, Columbia University
Respondent: Sadia Abbas, Rutgers University
- March 25 *What Kind of History Does a Theory of the Novel Require? Literature in a Postcolonial Empire*
Jonathan Arac, University of Pittsburgh
Respondent: Cyrus Patell, New York University

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RELIGION IN NEW YORK (715)

Founded: 2007

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

Chair: Professor Courtney Bender

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Vaca

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- September 12 *In the Name of Guadalupe: Religion, Politics and Citizenship among Mexicans in New York*
Alyshia Galvez, Lehman College
- October 10 *Discussion of Jon Butler's "Theory and God in Gotham"*
J. Terry Todd, Drew University
- November 7 *Turning on "The Eternal Light": The Drama of Ecumenical Broadcasting in the Mid-20th Century*
Jeffrey Shandler, Rutgers University
- December 12 *The Significance of Jacob Riis for Postsecular Society*
Tony Carnes, Values Research Institute
- February 13 *Flowers and Dirt and a Few Stones: Mary Gordon's Permeable Catholicism*
Marian Ronan, Graduate Theological Union
- March 16 *Networks and Diffusion of Innovations in Synagogue Education or Religious School and
The After-School Lives of Children: A Consultation on Directions for Future Research*
Michelle Lynn Sachs, Jewish Theological Seminary
- April 24 *An Urban Historical Portrait of Mexican Migration to New York City*
David A. Badillo, Lehman College

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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: Professors Marianne Hirsch and Sarah Cole

Rapporteur: Ms. Kate Stanley

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND INJURY PREVENTION (719)

Founded: 2007

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

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

Rapporteur: Ms. Julie Marie Pearson

MEETINGS 2008–2009

September 19 PLANNING MEETING FOR UPCOMING YEAR

February 24 *Brief Presentations from Members on Current Work*

Dr. Charlie DiMaggio, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Dr. Robert Bristow, New York Presbyterian Hospital

Dr. Dario Gonzalez, Fire Department of New York, EMS

May 12 *Brief Presentations from Members on Current Work*

Dr. Katharina Janus, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Dr. Rachel Moresky, New York Presbyterian Hospital,

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COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY (721)

Founded: 2007

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

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

Chair: Professor Jonathan Gold
Rapporteur: Mr. Christopher Kelley

MEETINGS 2008–2009

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| October 24 | <i>Buddhist Ethics and Moral Modularity</i>
Owen Flanagan, Duke University |
| November 7 | <i>The Incompatibility of Two Conceptions of Reality:
Dependent Origination and emptiness in the Mulamadhyamakakarika</i>
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University |
| December 5 | <i>Confucius & Contemporary Moral Psychology</i>
<i>(Or, What to Do in an Interconnected Moral World)</i>
Hagop Sarkissian, Baruch College, CUNY
Respondent: Warren Frisina, Hofstra University |
| December 12 | <i>Philosophical Problems from Nagarjuna's Vighrahyavartani</i>
Jan Westerhoff, University of Durham
Respondent: Andrea Borghini, College of the Holy Cross |

- January 23 *Was Candrakirti a Non-Reductionist?*
 Mark Siderits, Seoul National University
 Respondent: Georges B.J. Dreyfus (Williams College)
- February 13 *Myths, Lies, and Moral Reason*
 Matthew Kapstein, University of Chicago and Ecole Practique Des Hautes Etudes
 Respondents: Owen Flanagan, Duke University
 Tao Jiang, Rutgers University
- March 9 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AND
 SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, & SOCIETY
Moral Motivation, Moral Styles, and Religion
 Michael Schulman, Leake & Watts
 Respondents: Christopher Gowans, Fordham University
 Bronwyn Finnigan, University of Auckland
 Hagop Sarkissian, Baruch College, CUNY
 Jonathan C. Gold, Princeton University
- April 24 *Free Will, Liberation, & Buddhist Philosophy*
 Marie Friquegnon, William Paterson University
 Respondent: Charles Goodman, Binghamton University
- May 8 *Humeans and Kantians in Early Modern India?*
Desire, Motivation, & Action in Sanskrit Philosophy
 Parimal Patil, Harvard University
 Respondent: Browyn Finnigan, University of Auckland

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MODERN EUROPE (723)

Founded: 2007

The Seminar on Modern Europe is a monthly gathering featuring outside speakers who present their new books to the Columbia community for debate and discussion. The Seminar seeks to advance knowledge on the region's history, politics, and society. We approach Europe from diverse perspectives, complementing nation-oriented studies while placing Europe in transatlantic, multi-national, and global contexts. Emphasizing interdisciplinary dialogue, the seminar provides a venue for sustained discussion with colleagues to contribute to the enrichment of our intellectual community.

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

MEETINGS 2008–2009

- November 20 *The Impact of Globalization in France, the U.K., and the U.S.*
Suzanne Berger, Raphael Dorman and Helen Starbuck Professor of Political Science, MIT
Discussants: Josh Whitford, Columbia University
Saskia Sassen, Columbia University
- December 4 *European Journalism in the Era of Digital Media*
Dominic C. Boyer, Cornell University
Discussants: Jane Kramer, The New Yorker
Nicholas Lemann, Columbia University
- January 22 *Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin*
Timothy D. Snyder, Yale University
Discussants: Jan T. Gross, Princeton University
Mark Mazower, Columbia University
- February 19 *Turkey and Europe: An Operatic Perspective*
Larry Wolff, New York University
Discussants: Walter Frisch, Columbia University
Deborah Bradley-Kramer, Columbia University
Karen Henson, Columbia University
Elaine Sisman, Columbia University
- March 5 *The Atlantic Agenda in the Obama Administration*
William Drozdiak, American Council on Germany
Discussants: Sheri Berman, Columbia University
Warren Hoge, International Peace Institute
- April 2 *Burke, Empire, and Global Legal Pluralism*
Jennifer Pitts, University of Chicago
Discussants: Samuel Moyn, Columbia University
Jack Snyder, Columbia University

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K-12 SCIENCE EDUCATION (725)

Founded: 2008

The seminar brings together University faculty and K-12 educators to explore models for universities to contribute to strengthening elementary and secondary education, with a focus on science. The goals are to understand successful approaches and then implement them, first in Columbia's many community outreach programs with New York City teachers and children, and ultimately more broadly. What models are effective for university-school partnerships? What are the challenges in implementing partnerships that have lasting impact on science education in a large urban school system? We hope that the Seminar participants can work collaboratively to answer these questions and offer leadership in implementing solutions.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Robert Newton and Dr. Nancy Streim

Rapporteur: Ms. Sara Scovronick

MEETINGS 2008-2009

December 2	OPEN DISCUSSION
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