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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.

Seminars are closed to the general public, and in particular to the press and other media. For the benefit of a broader audience, the minutes of most past meetings are made available Columbia Library users. Each seminar has a web page. 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 imposed from above would destroy them.

Scholars and others interested in attending a seminar should email their credentials to the appropriate chair. Seminars active in the 2013–2014 academic year are listed by seminar number and alphabetically in the index. For a complete list of current seminars and chairs, please visit [universityseminars.columbia.edu](http://universityseminars.columbia.edu).



Faculty House, 1923

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## HISTORY OF THE SEMINARS

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

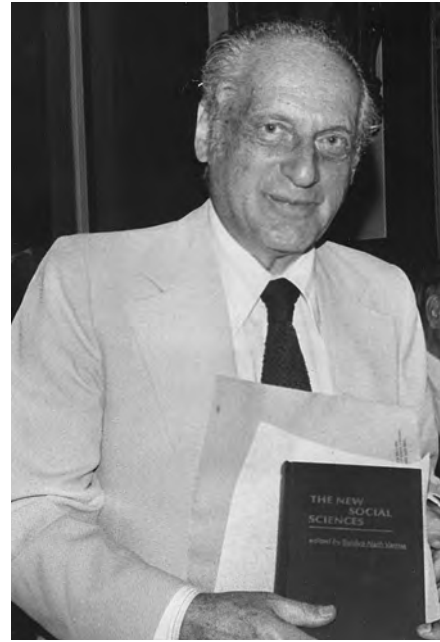
The Seminars continue to serve Butler's purpose, but they have also become an intrinsic part of the enterprise that Columbia does better than any great university in the world—the ongoing education of its own faculty. Most of this education takes place within the academic departments, but Tannenbaum 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, but are astonishingly unrecognized as a boot camp where econometricians acquire sophistication by conducting rough and tumble discussions of Plato.

This tradition positioned Columbia professors to invent the interdisciplinary regional institutes that trained graduate students to handle post-war complexities beyond their departments, but also forced political scientists, economists, and literary scholars to learn from each other. Over the past two thirds of a century, the Seminars have offered 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, Jane Belo, left the University Seminars approximately \$1.7 million in their wills in 1969 and 1972 to be invested and reinvested as a dedicated part of Columbia's endowment. Tannenbaum wrote a charter to "protect the spontaneity of the Seminars from an



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 Gutmann 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. Director Emeritus and Seminar Historian Robert Belknap (middle right) preceded current Director Robert Pollack (bottom right).



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.

Around 2003 Robert Belknap conceived and, over several years implemented, the project of scanning 50 years of the pre-digital minutes of the seminars. Under his supervision, over a half million pages were scanned and unique intellectual history preserved. In 2011, Summer Hart was hired to work with Bob Belknap and Bob Pollack to preserve and unify the various components of the archive, with the goal of making it available for scholarly research through the Rare Books and Manuscript Library.

In the four decades since Tannenbaum’s death, the number of Seminars has grown to the 90 listed in this Directory. About half the Seminars that were founded in past years are still meeting, while half have merged, split, or dissolved. James Gutmann followed Tannenbaum as Director from 1969 to 1975, followed by Aaron Warner, from 1976 to 2000, and Robert Belknap from 2001 to 2011, when his student Robert Pollack succeeded him.



# THE UNIVERSITY SEMINARS

## 2013–2014 ANNUAL REPORT

It is difficult to begin this year's Annual Report without acknowledging the profound loss we feel at the death of Robert Belknap. Aside from our appreciation of Bob as our former director, he was a treasured colleague and friend. Bob served last year as our part-time historian and for the short time he was in that job he made significant progress—collaborating with Summer Hart on moving our archive into the digital age. We miss him and still find ourselves thinking: “Oh, I’ll have to ask Bob Belknap about this . . .”

All of us in the office work together so that the administration of the Seminars follows the same cordial rules as the seminars themselves. Our website and archive projects are moving along. The loss of Bob Belknap added a degree of urgency to the preservation of our intellectual history. Pamela Guardia was promoted to Program Coordinator. Her advancement reflects the evolution of her position and the need to maintain the University Seminars as central to all our programs.

Even as the office works to maintain a high level of transparency and continuity among seminars, the seminars themselves provide a constant novelty. In 2013–2014, 90 seminars were active including three of the first five, which began meeting in 1945. Five new seminars held meetings: Defense and Security; Visual Perception; Beyond France; Logic, Probability and Games; and Human-Animal Studies. Some members of Population Biology are now part of a new seminar, Integrative Study of Animal Behavior. Indigenous Studies is scheduled to begin this fall. Visual Perception is discontinued; the Seminar's chair has an appointment at another University. New Media is discontinued since the death of chair, Frank Moretti. The seminars on Studies in Political and Social Thought, Sexuality, Gender, Health & Human Rights, and Theory and History of Media will return after self-imposed hiatuses.

All active seminars continue to meet and discuss issues impor-



The University Seminars staff: Robert Pollack, Alice Newton, Summer Hart, Gessy Alvarez, and Pamela Guardia

tant to their members. These varied topics are not properly studied in any one academic department or school. Scholars from Columbia and neighboring universities and colleges meet on an equal plane to work with their peers on mutually agreed subjects.

As Director, Bob Pollack comes into contact with chairs, rapporteurs and seminar members, all of whom occasionally require answers to small or large questions. These answers often come not from the office, nor from the director, but from the chairs and members of the seminars themselves.

Our central office and the quality of the seminars have again benefitted from the attention, kindness, and creative competence of our colleagues in Faculty House and University Events Management. We are particularly grateful to David Martin, Leslie Robinson, Emerald Currie, Leonard Zinnanti and, of course, Scott Wright and Joe Ricciutti.

In addition to the seminars, our office is responsible for the Leonard Hastings Schoff Memorial Lectures, the Annual Dinner and Tannenbaum Lecture, and the subvention of scholarly books and articles emerging from seminars. In all these matters we are assisted by our Advisory Board, chaired by Robert Remez, and made up of academicians who are knowledgeable about the University Seminars. George Andreopoulos and Alan Stewart joined the Board.

We are very proud to present here the illustrious roster of our upcoming Schoff Lecturers:

- Fall 2014 Professor Annette Insdorf,  
Columbia University
- Fall 2015 Professor Robert Remez,  
Barnard College
- Fall 2016 Professor Robert O'Meally,  
Columbia University



## ROBERT L. BELKNAP

December 23, 1929 – March 17, 2014

We mourn the loss of our colleague and friend, Robert Belknap, who passed away on Monday, March 17, 2014. We miss his kindness, wit, intellect, and camaraderie.

Bob was a brilliant teacher, loved by thousands of students and honored by his life-long employer, Columbia University. He taught Literature Humanities since 1957, and his commitment to the Core Curriculum extended far beyond the classroom. He was a prolific scholar of Russian literature—one of the world’s foremost experts on Dostoyevsky—publishing works in English and Russian, including *The Structure of The Brothers Karamazov* and *The Genesis of The Brothers Karamazov*. Columbia University has recognized his career through many awards during his lifetime.

On September 12th at 2 pm we gathered in St. Paul’s Chapel on theorningside campus to share our love and appreciation for Bob and to celebrate his well-lived life.

Bob’s spirit lives on in all who knew him. Here at the University Seminars, we will feel his imprint for many decades to come. He was a member of several seminars including Literary Theory; Slavic History and Culture; and the History of Columbia University. He was our Director from 2001 to 2011 and our official historian since last year. He both shaped and embodied the ethics of the Seminars movement: to disagree without rancor; to listen before speaking; to seek the truth among peers without the encumbrance of hierarchy; to operate with both modesty and integrity; and above all to be driven by one’s curiosity.

He was the consummate academician, for whom intellectual debate was the breath of life and learning new things its great sacrament. For those of us who had the privilege of working directly with him, he was the steady hand that kept us all focused and sane, and made our work here a joy.

The University Seminars honor his legacy by articulating his vision: by looking to the future with a mindfulness of the past; by maintaining radically high standards of fairness and kindness in all that we do; and by bringing people of many disciplines together to eat, drink, and have a “good argument”.



*I cannot believe yet that we will have to live from now on without enjoying the warmth and the wit of Bob Belknap. With time I will accept his physical absence but never forget how he through decades enriched my life as a colleague and friend. I remember him with love and eternal friendship.*

Maristella Lorch,  
Professor Emerita of Italian,  
Columbia University

*His intellectual leadership of the University Seminars enriched all of them by promoting far ranging dialogue and exploration of a multitude of topics. The Seminars stand in testament to his many contributions.*

Margaret E. Crahan, Chair,  
The University Seminar  
on Latin America





## ORDER OF SERVICE

### PRELUDE

*Claremont Strings and Ensembles*  
Under the Direction of Vivian Penham

### SELECTIONS INCLUDE

*Andante cantabile*

*String Quartet No.1*, Tchaikovsky

*Notturmo*

Alexander Borodin

*Overture*

*Serenade for Strings*, Tchaikovsky

*Sinfonia*

Prokofiev  
Music by Glinka & Rimsky-Korsakov

*Gremin's Aria*

*Eugene Onegin*, Tchaikovsky

### WELCOME

Liza Knapp

### OPENING HYMN

*Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past*

SPEAKERS	Barbara Belknap Seymour Topping Boris Gasparov Lydia Belknap Duff
SECOND HYMN	<i>Let the Lower Lights Be Burning</i>
SPEAKERS	Dick Pierson Robin Feuer-Miller Ellen Belknap
PSALM 8 READER	Alice Newton
SPEAKERS	Deborah Martinsen Robert Pollack Abigail Belknap Krueger
CLOSING HYMN	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>
POSTLUDE	<i>Claremont Strings and Ensembles</i> Under the Direction of Vivian Penham
	<i>Elegie and Minuet</i> <i>Serenade for Strings, Tchaikovsky</i>
RECEPTION	Faculty House <i>All are welcome</i>



Timothy Frye, Louise Belknap Carter, Maristella Lorch

THE SEVENTIETH ANNUAL  
DINNER MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

*Presentation of the*

TANNENBAUM-WARNER AWARD

*for exceptional service to the University Seminars*

*to*

ROXIE R. SMITH

*Followed by*

THE TANNENBAUM LECTURE

*Fighting Inequality: The Road Ahead*

*by*

JOSEPH E. STIGLITZ

**Joseph E. Stiglitz** is a University Professor at Columbia University, the winner of the 2001 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics, and a lead author of the 1995 IPCC report, which shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. He was chairman of the U.S. Council of Economic Advisers under President Clinton and chief economist and senior vice president of the World Bank from 1997–2000. Stiglitz received the John Bates Clark Medal, awarded annually to the American economist under 40 who has made the most significant contribution to the subject. He was a Fulbright Scholar at Cambridge University, held the Drummond Professorship at All Souls College, Oxford, and has also taught at M.I.T., Yale, Stanford, and Princeton. He is the author most recently of *The Price of Inequality: How Today's Divided Society Endangers Our Future*. In 2011, *Time Magazine* named him one of the world's 100 most influential people.

**Roxie R. Smith** began her administrative career at the University of North Carolina, where she also received her Doctorate in Education and Social Policy. She continued her work in education in Chicago, including a dozen years as an associate dean and then associate provost at Northwestern University. She came to Columbia to work with David Cohen when he was appointed vice president for Arts and Sciences. Every department chair and many others came to rely



Joseph E. Stiglitz



Robert Pollack accepting the Tannenbaum-Warner Award for Roxie Smith

on the two of them to know what was going on and respond sensibly and openly, if not always favorably, to their requests and needs. When Roxie became vice provost, the University Seminars became a curious part of her enormous job. Columbia managed the dedicated endowment on which the Seminars lived. However, the Seminars reported not to her, but to a General Committee, of which the provost is one among dozens of members. She loved the anomaly, because she understood that real administration involves people, not structures, and that the one thing that could destroy the Seminars was uniformity. Roxie served Columbia's multitude of academic entities in ways that often went unnoticed, as she desired, but today, the Seminars rejoice in the chance to thank her for many years of counsel and support.



Ivan and Rajka Gorup



Annual Dinner, March 12, 2014

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

## TANNENBAUM-WARNER AWARD RECIPIENTS

1992	William S. Vickrey	2003	Sam Devons
1993	Paul Oscar Kristeller	2004	Kenneth T. Jackson
1994	John N. Hazard	2005	Carole Vance
1995	Wm. Theodore De Bary	2006	George Halasi-Kun
1996	J. C. Hurewitz	2007	Harry R. Kissileff
1997	Joseph B. Maier	2008	Seth Neugroschl
1998	Joan Ferrante	2009	Allan Gilbert
1999	Anslie T. Embree	2010	Gary Sick
2000	Aaron W. Warner	2011	Robert L. Belknap
2001	Oscar Schachter	2012	Peter H. Juviler
2002	Marshall D. Shulman	2013	Peter V. Norden

## TANNENBAUM LECTURERS

1971	Gilbert Highet	1992	William S. Vickrey
1972	Philip C. Jessup	1993	M. Elaine Combs-Schilling
1973	Harvey Picker	1994	Eli Ginzberg
1974	Paul Henry Lang	1995	[50th Anniversary Celebration]
1975	Theodosius Dobzhansky	1996	Alan Brinkley
1976	Eric Louis McKittrick	1997	Eric Foner
1977	Daniel Yankelovich	1998	Martin Meisel
1978	Harrison E. Salisbury	1999	Cynthia H. Whittaker
1979	Barbara W. Tuchman	2000	Richard W. Bulliet
1980	Charles Gati, John N. Hazard, R. Randle Edwards, Seweryn Bialer	2001	Robert O’Meally
1981	Marshall D. Shulman	2002	Andrew J. Nathan
1982	Richard N. Gardner	2003	John Stratton Hawley
1983	Richard W. Lyman	2004	Alice Kessler-Harris
1984	Gerda Lerner	2005	James G. Neal
1985	Joan M. Ferrante	2006	Herbert S. Terrace
1986	Robert L. Payton	2007	Ester Fuchs
1987	Henry F. Graff	2008	Lisa Anderson
1988	Arthur A. Hartman	2009	Andrew S. Dolkart
1989	Robert L. Belknap	2010	Paul Anderer
1990	Fritz Stern	2011	Patricia J. Williams
1991	J. C. Hurewitz	2012	Kenneth T. Jackson
		2013	Wallace S. Broecker

THE TWENTY-FIRST SERIES OF THE  
LEONARD HASTINGS SCHOFF  
MEMORIAL LECTURES

*given by*

PAIGE WEST

Tow Professor of Anthropology  
Barnard College and Columbia University

ACCUMULATION BY DISPOSSESSION?:  
LOSS, CHANGE, AND THE FUTURE  
OF THE MELANESIAN PACIFIC

I.

*Tourism and Fantasy in the Contemporary Pacific*

8 pm, Monday, November 11, 2013

II.

*Scientific Discovery and Indigenous Ontology*

8 pm, Monday, November 18, 2013

III.

*The Elusive Concept of “Capacity Building”  
in International Development*

8 pm, Monday, November 25, 2013

The Melanesian Pacific is a place where we see persistent alternative social relationships that are based on indigenous ontological formations as opposed to liberal notions of the self and others. Many of these social relations are not configured through market exchange. By thinking through the analytic usefulness of “Accumulation by Dispossession” with materials from Melanesia we may shed light on larger questions about personhood, nature, culture and possible global futures. Over the past ten years the analytic abstraction “Accumulation by Dispossession” has become a popular frame in the social sciences for thinking about the loss of land, citizenship, natural resources, and rights as well as the growth of global inequality. This



PAIGE WEST, Tow Professor of  
Anthropology, Barnard College  
and Columbia University

new attention to “Accumulation by Dispossession” as a way to understand social, political, and economic inequality by the discipline of anthropology should cause us to examine its explanatory value and to ask whether its application is driven by our own empirical materials. Over the past twenty years, cultural anthropology has had the tendency to draw conceptual abstractions from other disciplines and apply them, often to the exclusion of other possible forms of explanation, to empirical materials from a global range of places and social configurations. This has tended to have a homogenizing effect on the discipline and a generifying effect on our interpretive and descriptive practice. These talks ask about the usefulness of the analytic abstraction for contemporary anthropology, where it is being used to describe and understand multiple forms of contemporary social and economic inequality. They are based on eighteen years of field-based research on the island of New Guinea.

**Paige West** began teaching at Barnard and Columbia in 2001. Since 1997 she has conducted research among indigenous people in Papua New Guinea. The author of four books and many scholarly papers, her broad scholarly interest is the relationship between society and the environment. In 2002 she received the American Anthropological Association’s Anthropology and Environment Junior Scholar award for her work, in 2004 she received the American Association of University Women Junior Faculty Fellowship and the American Council of Learned Societies Faculty Fellowship, in 2006 she received the Rockefeller Foundation’s Bellagio Fellowship, and in 2007 she was named a Fellow by the Association of Social Anthropology in Oceania. In 2008 she founded the journal *Environment and Society: Advances in Research*, which is published by Berghahn Books, and for which she serves as editor. Professor West is currently the chair of the Association of Social Anthropology in Oceania and the past president of the Anthropology and Environment Section of the American Anthropological Association. In addition to her academic work, she is the co-founder of the PNG Institute of Biological Research, a small NGO dedicated to building academic opportunities for research in PNG among Papua New Guineans. She is currently on its board of directors. She is also the volunteer anthropologist for the PNG NGO Ailan Awareness (AA), a marine-conservation NGO.



## PREVIOUS LEONARD HASTINGS SCHOFF MEMORIAL LECTURES

### 1993: DAVID N. CANNADINE

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

### 1994: CHARLES E. LARMORE

Professor of Philosophy  
*The Romantic Legacy*

### 1995: SASKIA SASSEN

Professor of Urban Planning  
*Governing the Global Economy*

### 1996: KENNETH T. JACKSON

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

### 1997: IRA KATZNELSON

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

### 1998: CAROL GLUCK

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

### 1999: ROBERT POLLACK

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

### 2000: LISA ANDERSON

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

### 2001: PARTHA CHATTERJEE

Professor of Anthropology  
*The Politics of the Governed*

### 2002: DAVID ROSAND

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

### 2003: GEORGE RUPP

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

### 2004: LESLEY A. SHARP

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

### 2005: ROBERT W. HANNING

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

### 2006: BORIS GASPAROV

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

### 2007: DOUGLAS CHALMERS

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

### 2009: PHILIP KITCHER

John Dewey Professor of Philosophy  
*Deaths in Venice:  
The Case(s) of Gustav (von) Aschenbach*

### 2010: JEAN HOWARD

George Delacorte Professor in the Humanities  
*Staging History; Imagining the Nation*

### 2010: ALAN BRINKLEY

Allan Nevins Professor of History  
Provost Emeritus, Columbia University  
*Seeing the Great Depression*

### 2011: ROBERT L. BELKNAP

Professor Emeritus of Russian  
Columbia University  
*Plot*

### 2012: HERBERT TERRACE

Professor Psychology  
Columbia University  
*Why Two Minds Are Better Than One:  
The Evolution of Words*

## 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 2013–2014, thirteen books were published with assistance from the Schoff fund; and six books were published with aid from the Warner fund. An additional book published with assistance from the Warner fund in 2012 is also acknowledged here.



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

## SCHOFF FUND

Randall Balmer, *Redeemer: The Life of Jimmy Carter*  
Jeanette Beer, *In Their Own Words: Practices of Quotation in Early Medieval History-Writing*  
Marcelline Block (ed) and Jeremi Szaniawski (ed), *Directory of World Cinema: Belgium*  
Heath Cabot, *On the Doorstep of Europe: Asylum and Citizenship in Greece*  
Bettina Gramlich-Oka, *Tadano Makuzu: A Woman Thinking Like a Man* (Japanese translation)  
Bettina Gramlich-Oka (ed), *Economic Thought in Early Modern Japan* (Japanese translation)  
Marianne Hirsch, *La generación de la postmemoria* (Spanish translation of *The Generation of Postmemory: Writing and Visual Culture After the Holocaust*)  
Deborah Martinsen (ed) and Cathy Popkin (ed), *Teaching Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature: Essays in Honor of Robert L. Belknap*  
Colleen McQuillen, *The Modernist Masquerade: Stylizing Life, Literature, and Costumes in Russia*  
Jason Pine, *The Art of Making Do in Naples*  
Ekaterina Pravilova, *A Public Empire: Property and the Quest for the Common Good in Imperial Russia*  
Rhiannon Stephens, *A History of African Motherhood: The Case of Uganda, 700–1900*  
Carl Wennerlind and Philip J. Stern, *Mercantilism Reimagined: Political Economy in Early Modern Britain and Its Empire*

## WARNER FUND

Stefan Andriopoulos, *Ghostly Apparitions*  
Sheila D. Collins (ed) and Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg (ed), *When Government Helped: Learning from the Successes and Failures of the New Deal*  
Joshua Dubler, *Down in the Chapel: Religious Life in an American Prison*  
Tao Jiang, *Reception and Rendition of Freud in China: China's Freudian Slip*  
David Novak, *Japanoise: Music at the Edge of Circulation*  
Jason Pine, *The Art of Making Do in Naples* (2012)  
Christina Staudt and J. Harold Ellens, *Our Changing Journey to the End: The New Realities and Controversies of Dying in America*



## 2013–2014 SEMINAR CONFERENCES

For The University Seminars, monthly discussions in ongoing companies 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 arranges a conference. Seminar-sponsored conferences may last half a day, or more than a week, may have a dozen invited experts working privately 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 2013–2014, The University Seminars sponsored or co-sponsored 18 conferences:

*A Conference in Honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Columbia University Seminar  
in Eighteenth-Century European Culture*

### THE STUDY OF EIGHTEENTH CENTURY EUROPEAN CULTURE: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The University Seminar on Eighteenth-Century European Culture (417)



Courtesy of The British Museum

George Bickham the Younger  
*The Rake's Rendez-Vous; or the Midnight revels wherein are delineated  
the various humours of Tom King's Coffee House in Covent Garden. (1735-1740)*

The 2013–2014 academic year marks the 51st year of the Columbia University Seminar in Eighteenth-Century European Culture. To celebrate this achievement, our seminar is hosting a two-day conference to assess the scholarship that has been produced by the seminar in the past, and to explore new directions for the study of eighteenth-century culture in the future.

Founded in 1962 by a group of scholars drawn from a range of disciplines, chiefly at Columbia but also from other New York-area institutions, the seminar took what was then an innovative and interdisciplinary approach to the study of culture, serving as a precursor to and an inspiration for the founding of ASECS. While in recent years, new methodolo-

gies have shaped the kind of scholarship our group now hosts, the institutional memory of our seminar recalls a form of interdisciplinarity before it became a buzzword, and a style of studying culture that predates cultural studies. Thus, our group's semicentennial provides a unique opportunity to take stock of where we, as students of the long eighteenth century, have come from, and where the field is going.

**Co-Sponsors:**

The University Seminar on Eighteenth-Century European Culture

Columbia Maison Française

Columbia University Department of English and Comparative Literature

The Office for the Advancement of Research, John Jay College, CUNY

Professor James Basker

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014**

**1:00–1:15 pm | Welcoming Remarks**

**Al Coppola**, John Jay College, CUNY

**1:15–2:45 pm | Retrospective Roundtable**

Chair: **Jim Basker**, English, Barnard College

**Ann Betty Weinshenker**, Art History, Montclair State University

**Irwin Primer**, English, Rutgers University, Emeritus

**Manny Schonhorn**, English, University of Southern Illinois, Emeritus

**Isser Woloch**, History, Columbia University

**Randolph Trumbach**, History, Baruch College, CUNY

**3:00–4:30 pm | Eighteenth-Century Times and Spaces**

Chair: **Al Coppola**, English, John Jay College, CUNY

*A New Approach to Country House Decoration and the Experience of Place: The Case of the Villa Vendramin Calergi at Noventa*

**Sally Grant**, Art History, University of Sydney

*"Death, Performance, and the Ends of Theater History"*

**Daniel Gustafson**, English, City College, CUNY

*Historical Registers: Gay, Fielding, and the News as Hotch Potch Sport*

**Stuart Sherman**, English, Fordham University

**4:45–6:45 pm | Graduate Student Forum**

Chair: **Jenny Davidson**, English, Columbia University

*Seeing Race: Techniques of Vision and Racial Ambiguity in the Eighteenth Century*

**Tyler Griffith**, History, Yale University

Respondent: **Frank Felsenstein**, English, Ball State University

*From Madness to Method: The Succession Concept in Moral Philosophy and Historical Form*

**Collin Jennings**, English, New York University

Respondent: **Oliver Simons**, German, Columbia University

*Forms of Sociality and Communicative Structures: Published Letters in Eighteenth-Century England*

**Shang-yu Sheng**, English, CUNY Graduate Center

Respondent: **Richard B. Sher**, History, New Jersey Institute of Technology

*'Poetical Logarithms': Measurement and Meaning in Eighteenth-Century Literary Criticism*

**Joshua Swidzinski**, English, Columbia University

Respondent: **Sophie Gee**, English, Princeton University

## SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014

### 9:00–9:15 am | Opening Remarks

**Nicole Horejsi**, English, Columbia University

### 9:15–10:45 am | Eighteenth-Century People

Chair: **Linda Colley**, History, Princeton University

*Imagining Union, 1603–1715*

**Toni Bowers**, English, University of Pennsylvania

*New Materialism and Old Hobbyhorses*

**Jess Keiser**, English, Rice University

*Persona Non Grata: Mouradgea d'Ohsson  
Between Empire, Republic, Kingdom*

**Burcu Gursel**, Comparative Literature,  
Independent Scholar

### 11:00 am–12:15 pm | Keynote Address

Introduction: **Nicole Horejsi**, English, Columbia University

*Enlightenment or Eighteenth-Century Seminar:  
What Do We Call What We're Commemorating?"*

**John Richetti**, English, University of Pennsylvania, Emeritus

### 1:15–2:45 pm | Eighteenth-Century Things

Chair: **Suvir Kaul**, English, University of Pennsylvania

*Writing Off Sensibility in Hume, Johnson,  
and Sterne*

**Michael Genovese**, English, University of Kentucky

*Colonial Things, from the Eighteenth Century  
to the Twenty-First*

**Madeleine Dobie**, French, Columbia University

*Revisiting the NYPL Berg Collection Dunciad[s]:  
'Vociferation' in Manuscript, Typescript, Print,  
and Digital Media"*

**Paula McDowell**, English, New York University

### 3:00–4:30 pm | Eighteenth-Century Ideas

Chair: **Cliff Siskin**, English, New York University

*Systems of Life: Vitalism, John Thelwell, and Jacobin  
Politics in the 1790s*

**Richard Barney**, English, University at Albany,  
SUNY

*Writing the Natural History of the Arts: Useful  
Knowledge and the Order of Nature in Early  
Eighteenth-Century France*

**Paola Bertucci**, History, Yale University

*Folk or Pope? Cognitive-Science and Canon-Law  
Approaches to Making Race in the Trans-American  
South*

**Ruth Hill**, Spanish, Vanderbilt University

### 4:45–6:15 pm | Concluding Roundtable

Chair: **Nicole Horejsi**, English, Columbia University

**Linda Colley**, History, Princeton University

**Al Coppola**, English, John Jay College, CUNY

**Jenny Davidson**, English, Columbia University

**Suvir Kaul**, English, University of Pennsylvania

**John Richetti**, English, University of Pennsylvania, Emeritus

**Cliff Siskin**, English, New York University

# ORIENTALISM, PHILOLOGY, LITERARY HISTORY: A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

The University Seminar on Eighteenth-Century European Culture (417)

Scholars discuss recent work on Orientalism in 18th and 19th century European literature and philosophy. Responding to Edward Said's seminal theory of Orientalism, and to its critics, they consider how the orientalist tradition and its reception have been interwoven with the rise of philology, the formation of disciplines, and the establishment of a literary canon.

**Co-Sponsors:**

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The University Seminar on Eighteenth-Century European Culture

The Institute for Comparative Literature and Society

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

**Speakers:**

**Srinivas Aravamudan**, Dean of Humanities at Duke and author of *Enlightenment Orientalism*

**Siraj Ahmed**, Associate Professor of English at Lehman College and author of *The Stillbirth of Capital*

**Discussants:**

**Stathis Gourgouris**, Classics, Columbia

**Gauri Viswanathan**, English, Columbia

**Moderator:**

**Madeleine Dobie**, French & Comparative Literature, Columbia



# LIBERTY AND CONFLICT: MACHIAVELLI ON POLITICS AND POWER

The University Seminar on Studies in Political and Social Thought (427)

The aim of this conference is to situate Machiavelli within the history of political thought and examine the tragic view of politics and conflict in *The Prince*. Discussion will focus on the relation between *The Prince* and the *Discourses* and the foundation of good orders, and the assessment of the meaning of political liberty and power in the study of Machiavelli's ideas.

#### Co-Sponsors:

The University Seminar on Studies in Political and Social Thought

The Department of Political Science at Columbia University

The Embassy of Italy, Washington DC

The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America at Columbia University

Italian Cultural Institute of New York

Heyman Center for the Humanities

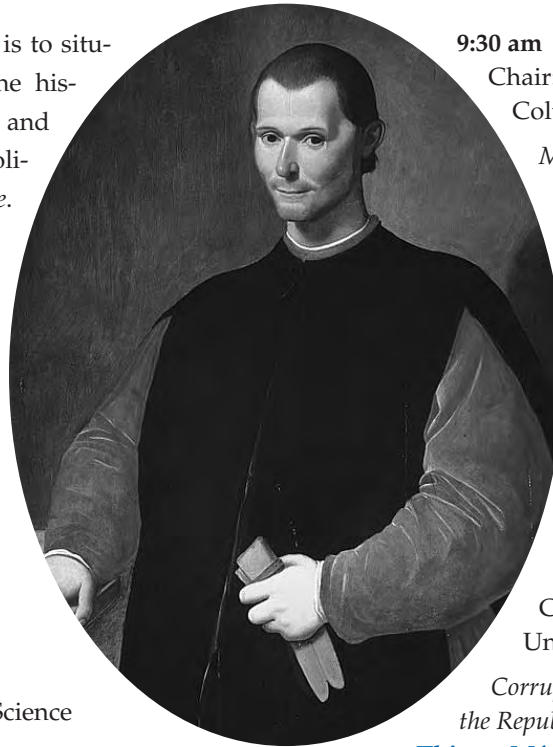
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013

#### 9:00 am | Opening Remarks

Chair: **David Freedberg**, Columbia University

**Giuliano Amato**, European University Institute

**David Johnston**, Columbia University



#### 9:30 am | Panel I

Chair: **Nadia Urbinati**, Columbia University

*Machiavelli on Describing the Vices as Virtues*

**Quentin Skinner**, Queen Mary, University of London

*Machiavelli on Good and Evil: The Problem of Dirty Hands Revisited*

**Giovanni Giorgini**, University of Bologna

Discussant: **Bernard Manin**, New York University

#### 11:30 am | Panel II

Chair: **Riccardo Viale**, University of Milano-Bicocca

*Corruption, Virtue and the Republic in Machiavelli*

**Thierry Ménissier**, Université

de Grenoble

*The Necessity to Be Not-Good: Machiavelli's Realism and Foreign Relations*

**Erica Benner**, Yale University

Discussant: **Turkuler Isiksel**, Columbia University

#### 2:30 pm | Panel III

Chair: **Jean Cohen**, Columbia University

*'To Enjoy the Present Advantage of Being Able to Despoil the People': Financial Order and Political Disorder in Machiavelli*

**Jérémie Barthas**, Queen Mary, University of London

*Machiavelli and the Gracchi: On the Relation Between Republican Liberty and Class Conflict*

**Benedetto Fontana**, Baruch College

Discussant: **Michele Battini**, University of Pisa

**4:30 pm | Panel IV**

Chair: **Karuna Mantena**, Yale University

*The Expanding Character of Liberty in Machiavelli*  
**Thomas Berns**, Université Libre de Bruxelles

*Citizenship and the Desire for Freedom: What Kind of a Democrat Is Machiavelli?*

**Marie Gaille**, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique

Discussant: **Carlo Invernizzi Accetti**, Italian Academy for Advanced Studies, Columbia University

**2:30 pm | Panel VII**

Chair: **Bryan Garsten**, Yale University

*On Political Power and Personal Liberty in The Prince and the Discourses*

**Jo Ann Cavallo**, Columbia University

*Machiavelli and the Constituent Power: The Revolutionary Foundation of Modern Political Thought*

**Filippo Del Lucchese**, Brunel University, London

Discussant: **Camila Vergara**, Columbia University

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013**

**9:15 am | Panel V**

Chair: **Barbara Carnevali**, Institut d'études avancées de Paris

*The Prince and the Discourses: One Masterpiece*  
**Philip C. Bobbit**, Columbia University

*Extraordinary Accidents in the Life of Republics: Machiavelli and Dictatorial Authority*

**Marco Geuna**, University of Milan

Discussant: **Andreas Kalyvas**, Columbia University

**4:30 pm | Panel VIII**

Chair: **David Johnston**, Columbia University

*Machiavelli's Verità Effettuale*

**Harvey C. Mansfield**, Harvard University

*The Tyrant as Republican Reformer in Machiavelli's Discourses*

**John P. McCormick**, University of Chicago

Discussant: **Gloria Origgi**, Columbia University

**11:15 am | Panel VI**

Chair: **Helena Rosenblatt**, City University of New York

*Machiavelli's The Prince and the Principality by Acquisition*

**Pasquale Pasquino**, New York University

*The Ecclesiastical Principality*

**Paul A. Rahe**, Hillsdale College

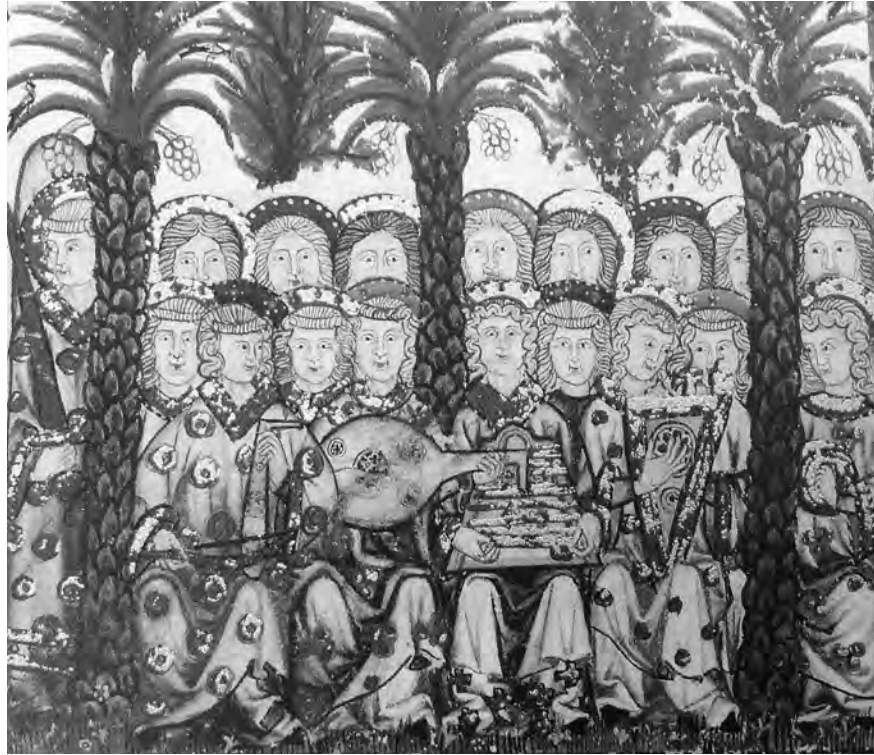
Discussant: **Michael A. Mosher**, The University of Tulsa

**6:30 pm | Closing Remarks**

**Nadia Urbinati**, Columbia University

# SOUNDING COMMUNITIES: MUSIC AND THE THREE RELIGIONS IN MEDIEVAL IBERIA

The University Seminar on Medieval Studies (431)



Facsimile edition of a medieval manuscript of the Cantigas de Santa Maria.

Poetry, song, and other forms of performance in Arabic, Latin, Hebrew, and Romance are central sources for the cultural and social history of medieval Iberia. This international conference brings together scholars of music, literature, and history to reflect on the insights that the sounding arts and their context can offer into Iberian communities and the interactions among them. Sounding Communities is dedicated to the memory of María Rosa Menocal (1953–2012), whose influential book *The Ornament of the World: How Muslims, Jews and Christians Created a Culture of Tolerance in Medieval Spain* was widely read as an eloquent account of peaceful coexistence. Although her vision of *convivencia* is contested, Menocal's contributions continue to inform the study of medieval Iberia and to remind us of the prevalence of cultural interchange through music and poetry.

## Co-Sponsors:

The University Seminar on Medieval Studies  
Medieval and Renaissance Studies  
Latin American and Iberian Cultures  
Center for Ethnomusicology  
Department of Music  
Department of History  
Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life  
Heyman Center for the Humanities  
Foundation for Iberian Music, CUNY  
Medieval Studies, CUNY  
Center for Latin American and Iberian Music,  
University of California at Riverside

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014

### 3:45 pm | Introduction

CUNY Graduate Center, Skylight Room

### 4:00 pm | Session One

Chair: **Patricia Grieve**, Columbia University

*Traffic and Trade in Music and Musicians: Conduits of Courtly Culture in Medieval Iberia*

**Dwight Reynolds**, University of California, Santa Barbara

*The Andalusi Turn: The Nuba in Mediterranean History*

**Carl Davila**, State University of New York at Brockport

*Marketing Mysticism: Shushtari from the Medieval Suq to the Sacred Music Festival Circuit*

**Lourdes Alvarez**, University of New Haven

### 5:45 pm | Lecture and Demonstration

*The Sephardic Romancero*

**Judith Cohen**, York University, Toronto

### 6:45 pm | Closing Remarks

### 8:00 pm | Concert

**Samuel Thomas**, New York Andalus Ensemble

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2014

### 9:15 am | Introduction

Faculty House, Columbia University

### 9:30 am | Session Two

Chair: **Jesús Rodríguez-Velasco**, Columbia University

*Medieval Iberian Song in its Mediterranean Context: from Andalusian muwashshahat to the Cantigas de Santa Maria*

**Manuel Pedro Ferreira**, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

*Social Antagonisms in the Serranillas*

**Benjamin Liu**, University of California at Riverside

### 11:00 am | Session Three

Chair: **Antoni Pizà**, Foundation for Iberian Music, CUNY

*The Mozarabic Chant as a Model for the Construction of Cultural Identity*

**Carmen Julia Gutiérrez**, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

*Processions in Context: Ritual and Music for Assumption feasts at Seville Cathedral*

*During the Late Middle Ages*

**Juan Ruiz Jiménez**, Granada

### 12:00 pm | Visit

Rare Book and Manuscript Library Exhibition

### 2:00 pm | Session Four

Chair: **Adam Kosto**, Columbia University

*The Verona Orational as a Witness to Visigothic Liturgy, Chant, and Exegesis*

**Rebecca Maloy**, University of Colorado, Boulder College of Music

*The Antiphony of Leon and its Prologues*

**Susana Zapke**, Austrian Academy of Sciences

*The Infanta Speaks: Court and Family in the Refounding of the See of Tuy, 1071*

**Lucy Pick**, University of Chicago Divinity School

### 4:00 pm | Closing Discussion

Moderator: **Seth Kimmel**, Columbia University

Discussant: **Alessandra Ciucci**, Northeastern University

Discussant: **Don Randel**, University of Chicago

# THE PAST IN THE PRESENT: INTERPRETING HERODOTUS AFTER CHARLES W. FORNARA

The University Seminar on Classical Civilization (441)

Charles Fornara earned his B.A. here at Columbia University in 1956. He went on to earn an M.A. at the University of Chicago (1958) as well as a Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles (1961). He is now the David Benedict Professor of Classics and History (Emeritus) at Brown University.

Prof. Fornara's *Herodotus: An Interpretative Essay of 1971* stands out in Herodotean scholarship, in particular for locating Herodotus in the context of the Atheno-Peloponnesian war and for its exploration of the Athens-Sparta conflict as a 'red thread' running through the Histories. The book also includes penetrating discussion of other issues: the relative unity of Herodotus' work, the relationship between ethnographies and historical narrative; and the significance of 'patterning' within the Histories, the way (in Fornara's words) in which 'history became moral and Herodotus didactic'.

Forty years on from the publication of *Herodotus: An Interpretative Essay*, this conference brings together a group of international scholars with varying approaches and interpretative skills into dialogue with one another, to look afresh at the themes of Fornara's Essay in the light of the scholarship of the intervening years.

## Co-Sponsors:

The Columbia University Seminar in Classical Civilization

The Stanwood Cockey Lodge Fund of the Columbia Department of Classics

The Center for the Ancient Mediterranean, Columbia University

The John Percival Postgate Trust, University of Liverpool



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

9:15 am–1:00 pm

Chair: **Thomas Harrison**

9:15–9:30 am | Introduction

9:30–10:30 am

*Hecataeus and Herodotus*

**John Dillery**, University of Virginia

11:00 am–12:00 pm

*The Lesson of Book 2*

**Ewen Bowie**, Oxford

12:00–1:00 pm

*Charles Fornara and Herodotus Book 2:*

*The Question of Unity and Development*

**Reinhold Bichler**, Innsbruck

**2:30–5:00 pm**  
Chair: **Elizabeth Irwin**

**2:30–3:30 pm**  
*The Moral of History*  
**Thomas Harrison**, Liverpool

**4:00–5:00 pm**  
*The World of Herodotus*  
**Joseph Skinner**, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

**9:30 am–1:00 pm**  
Chair: **Thomas Harrison**

**9:30–10:30 am**  
*Herodotus and the Persian Empire: The Transformation of Ancient Near Eastern Motifs*  
**Robert Rollinger**, Innsbruck  
**Josef Wiesehöfer**, Kiel

**11:00 am–12:00 pm**  
*Dogs That Do Not (Always) Bark: Herodotus on Persian Egypt*  
**Christopher Tuplin**, Liverpool

**12:00–1:00 pm**  
*Gifts for Cyrus, Tribute for Dareios*  
**Kai Ruffing**, Marburg

**2:30–6:00 pm**  
Chair: **Elizabeth Irwin**

**2:30–3:30 pm**  
*Herodotus and Democracy*  
**Peter J. Rhodes**, Durham

**4:00–5:00 pm**  
*Herodotus' Allusions to the Sparta of His Day*  
**Wolfgang Blösel**, Düsseldorf

**5:00–6:00 pm**  
*Past and Present in Herodotus' Histories*  
**Jonas Grethlein**, Heidelberg

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

**9:30 am–1:00 pm**  
Chair: **Thomas Harrison**

**9:30–10:30 am**  
*History on the Move*  
**Emily Greenwood**, Yale

**11:00 am–12:00 pm**  
*Herodotus' Last Logos*  
**Elizabeth Irwin**, Columbia

# FUTURISM AT THE GUGGENHEIM: A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

The University Seminar on Studies in Modern Italy (483)

Following up on the opening of the Guggenheim's landmark show *Futurism, 1909–1944: Reconstructing the Universe*, the Columbia University Seminar in Modern Italian Studies and the Italian Academy for Advanced Studies are hosting a roundtable discussion on the exhibit and Futurism more broadly. Futurism continues to be of interest because of its wide-ranging contributions to modern culture, which the exhibit highlights in its multidisciplinary chronicle of the movement, but also because of its social and political views. The members of our panel bring a broad array of expertise to the roundtable, and as such we expect an expansive dialogue on the many facets of Futurism. We will reserve time at the end for audience questions and comments.

#### Co-Sponsors:

The University Seminar on Modern Italy  
The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

#### Participants:

**Giovanna Ginex**, Independent Art Historian

**Romy Golan**, Professor of Art History, CUNY Graduate Center

**Vivien Greene**, Chief Curator for *Futurism, 1909–1944: Reconstructing the Universe*, Guggenheim Museum

**Marianne Lamonaca**, Associate Gallery Director and Chief Curator, Bard Graduate Center

**Adrain Lyttelton**, Professor of European Studies, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University

**Christine Poggi**, Professor of Modern and Contemporary Art and Criticism, University of Pennsylvania

**Lucia Re**, Professor of Italian, University of California, Los Angeles

#### Moderator:

**Ernest Ialongo**, Chair, Columbia University Seminar in Modern Italian Studies

# ITALIAN FASHION: YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

The University Seminar on Studies in Modern Italy (483)

Special issue of *JMIS*, Editor John Davis, University of Connecticut, Storrs to be published in Spring 2014

Guest editor, Eugenia Paulicelli, Queens College and The Graduate Center of the City University of New York

## Co-Sponsors:

The University Seminar on Studies in Modern Italy  
The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013

## 9:30–9:45 am | Introduction

*Yesterday: From the Risorgimento, Fascism and the Launch of “Made in Italy”*

**John Davis**, **Eugenia Paulicelli**, and **Ernest Ialongo**

## 9:45–11:15 am | Session I

Moderator: **Jane Schneider**, Anthropology, The CUNY Graduate Center, Emerita

*Fashioning the Italian Female Character: the Risorgimento and its ‘cappello alla calabrese’*

**Gabriella Romani**, Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Seton Hall University

*The Italian ‘New Woman’ in Fashion Magazine Photography of the 1930s*

**Maria Antonella Pelizzari**, Hunter College and The Graduate Center, CUNY

*Making Waves: Giacomo Balla and Emilio Pucci*

**Emily Braun**, Hunter College and the Graduate Center, CUNY

## 11:30 am–12:30 pm | Discussion

## 2:00–3:00 pm | Session II

Moderator: **David Forgacs**, New York University

*Renaissance and Made in Italy. History as an Intangible Asset for the Fashion Business*

**Carlo Marco Belfanti**, Department of Social Sciences, University of Brescia

*Made in Italy (by the Chinese)*

**Calvin Chen**, Associate Professor of Politics, Department of Politics, Mount Holyoke College

## 3:00–3:30 pm | Discussion

*Italian Fashion: Exhibitions, History, Curating and Journalism. New Directions.*

## 3:45–5:15 pm | Final Session

Moderator: **Michael Blim**, Anthropology, The CUNY Graduate Center

*The Dressmaker’s art: the role of the sartorial in post-war Italy*

**Sonnet Stanfill**, Victoria & Albert Museum and curator of the upcoming exhibition on Italian Fashion in Spring 2014

**Patricia Mears**, Deputy Director of the Museum at FIT, and **Bruce Boyer**, author and menswear expert: Co-curators of the upcoming FIT exhibition: “Elegance in the age of crisis: Fashions in the 1930s” (Spring 2014)

*The Neapolitan School: A Study in Deconstruction*  
**Bruce Boyer**

*The Anna/Archist Piaggi: 50 years of style*

**Grazia d’Annunzio**, New York Special Project Editor, Vogue Italia, USA

## 5:15–6:00 pm | Discussion



# RUSSIA IN EAST ASIA: IMAGINATION, EXCHANGE, TRAVEL, TRANSLATION

The University Seminar on Slavic history and Culture (497)

Does Russia belong to East Asia? What is Russia's position within the geopolitical and cultural imaginary called "the Far East"? This conference will explore these questions by investigating cross-border perceptions, connections, and cultural exchanges between Russia and its neighbors in East Asia: China, Korea, and Japan. Supplementing the prevalent academic emphasis on the political and economic dimensions of these crucial global relationships, our focus is on the formation of spatial and historical ideology in the realm of cultural production.

As the Russian Empire expanded eastwards from the 17th century, it came into closer contact with cultures from a very different civilizational heritage. Their historical fates were to become increasingly intertwined, from war with Japan through Soviet influence in China's revolutions to the expansion of the Communist bloc into Korea. These unprecedented historical interactions and tensions generated, for both Russians and Asians, novel geopolitical imaginaries that sought to illuminate their problematic positions in a modern world order.

Our conference brings together domestic and international scholars with specializations across Slavic studies, East Asian studies, history, and comparative literature. Focusing on the period of heightened interaction from around 1850, papers will explore changing Russian perceptions of East Asia alongside the influence of Russian and Soviet culture in China, Korea and Japan, as intellectuals in these countries negotiated questions of national identity, sovereignty, and modernization.



## Co-Sponsors:

The Harriman Institute  
The University Seminar on Slavic History and Culture  
The Weatherhead East Asian Institute

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014

6:00 pm | Keynote Lecture

*China in the Leftist Imagination of the  
1920s and 1930s*

**Katerina Clark**, Yale University

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2014

8:50 am | Introductory Remarks

**Edward Tyerman**

9:00–10:45 am

*Translation and Culture*

*The Beijing Institute of Russian Language and the Translation of Russian Literature in 20th Century China*

**Kateryna Bugayevska**, Tsinghua University

*Refractions of China in Russia and Russia in China: Translation and Material Culture*

**Mark Gamsa**, Tel Aviv University

11:15 am–1:00 pm

*Tolstoy in East Asia*

*Transculturation of Tolstoy's Religious Humanism in East Asia*

**Xiaolu Ma**, Harvard University

*The Novel Moves East: A Cross-Cultural Reading of Tolstoy's War and Peace and Park Kyong-ni's Land*

**Susanna Lim**, University of Oregon

*Leo Tolstoy, Arishima Takeo, and the Russo-Japanese War*

**Andrew Leong**, Northwestern University

2:00–3:45 pm

*Travel and Influence*

*Imbibing the Spirit of the East: Bal'mont's Voyage to Japan*

**Katy Sosnak**, Berkeley

*Aspirations for a New Literature: Radicalizing Russian Literature in Colonial Korea*

**Heekyoung Cho**, University of Washington

*The influence of Russian literature on contemporary Japanese writers Kenzaburo Oe and Haruki Murakami: Appropriation and Tribute*

**Mitsuyoshi Numano**, University of Tokyo

4:15–6:00 pm

*Self-fashioning across the Russian-Chinese border*

*The Sovereignty of Memory: Experiential Genres, Nonsynchronous History, and Intelligentsia Self-Fashioning in Alexander Herzen and Ba Jin*

**Roy Chan**, University of Oregon

*Sino-Soviet Confessions: Sergei Tret'iakov, "Den Shi-khua" and Biographical Allegory*

**Edward Tyerman**, Columbia University

*The Sino-Soviet Romance and Athletics*

**Elizabeth McGuire**, San Francisco State University

6:00 pm | Concluding Remarks

**Roy Chan**

# THE POWER OF CONVERSATION

The University Seminar on Innovation in Education (511)  
and The University Seminar on Ethics, Moral Education, and Society (585)

The goals of the Power of Conversation Symposium are to:

- advance our understanding of the power of conversation as both a personal and a public good.
- strengthen the network of theorists, researchers, and practitioners in fields such as Conversation Studies, Dialogue and Deliberation, and Civic Discourse.
- encourage more and better conversations through innovative policies and practices, including a pilot project, Conversations New York.

First, we will discuss initiatives to enhance our enjoyment of life, our health, and our happiness through a number of outstanding projects and programs.

Second, we will review and discuss the power of conversation to strengthen our capacity to achieve worthy goals in organizational, professional, and civic life.

Third, the Symposium will discuss some possible actions to strengthen the renaissance of conversation.

## Co-Sponsors:

The University Seminar on Innovation in Education  
The University Seminar on Ethics, Moral Education, and Society  
The Center for Health Innovation, Adelphi University  
Conversations New York

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014

## 1:00–1:15 pm | Welcome, Introductions and Overview

Co-chairs: **Elizabeth Cohn**, Adelphi University  
**Ronald Gross**, Columbia University

Welcome from **Robert Scott**, President, Adelphi University

## 1:15–2:30 pm

*The Power of Conversation to Enhance Our Enjoyment of Life, Our Health, and Our Happiness*

Socrates Cafes, **Steve Marchetti**

Conversation Cafes, **Krishna Jani**

Death Cafes, **Audrey Pellicano**

Café Philo, **Bernard Roy**

The Family Dinner Project, **Shelly London**

Socratic Conversations, **Jenniver Govan**

Happiness Clubs, **Lionel Ketchian**

## 2:45–3:45 pm

*The Power of Conversation to Strengthen Our Capacity to Achieve Worthy Goals Together*

**Sondra Myers**, The University of Scranton,  
*Democracy is a Discussion: Civic Engagement  
In Old and New Democracies*

**John Backman**, National Coalition for Dialogue  
and Deliberation

**Sarah Thomson**, National Dialogue Network

**Mark Notturmo**, Interactivity Foundation

## 4:00–5:00 pm

*Toward an Action Agenda for a  
Renaissance of Conversation*

**Judith E. Glaser**, The Creating WE Institute,  
*Conversational Intelligence*

Action Agenda

Conversations New York

## Final Ceremony

# PROJETO MORRINHO AND ITS WORK IN RIO DE JANEIRO AND QUEENS COLLEGE

The University Seminar on Brazil (557)

This special presentation of the Seminar hosted several members of the Rio de Janeiro arts cooperative known as Projeto Morrinho (“The Little Hill Project”). Projeto Morrinho is a social and cultural initiative based in the Vila Pereira da Silva favela. Started in 1998 by local youth seeking to escape the realities of violence and corruption in their community, it is a model of the city constructed from bricks and other recycled materials which began as a game created by children. Within this alternative representation of the city and of favela residents’ lives, miniature figures created by the artists occupy the interiors and exteriors of residences, shops, and other public spaces where they act out quotidian roles. This Morrinho diorama has drawn international recognition as a dynamic form of contemporary art, as social commentary, and as a form of embodied, cognitive mapping of urban realities in a changing world. Over time, Morrinho has evolved from a children’s pastime into an internationally acclaimed work of art and a grassroots organization for social change. These unsanctioned urban planners, in New York at

the invitation of Queens College, presented videos of their work and engaged in a detailed discussion of their art, their home neighborhood, of cities and urban planning more generally, and of the ways that their artwork interrupts standard representations of favelas as spaces of violence, drug-dealing, and marginalized people.

## **Co-Sponsors:**

The University Seminar on Brazil

Queens College, The City University of New York

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013**

Representatives from Projeto Morrinho:

**Felipe de Souza Dias**

**Renato Dias**

**Raniere Dias**

**Rafael Moraes**

**Cilan Oliveira**

**Francisco Serra Grande da Silva**

**Bárbara de Cristo**

**Alessandro Angelini**

# ARABIC LITERATURE: MIGRATION, DIASPORA, EXILE, ESTRANGEMENT

The University Seminar on Arabic Studies (559)

With the participation of the renowned Iraqi painter Alaa Bashir in an exhibition of selected paintings

## Co-Sponsors:

The University Seminar on Arabic Studies  
The Middle East Institute  
The Department of Middle East and South Asian and African Studies  
Brill Academic Publishers  
Butler Library  
Center of Comparative Literature  
Department of Iberian Studies and Latin American Studies

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013

### 9:00–9:15 am | Opening Remarks

**Timothy Mitchell**, Chair, Department of Middle East and South Asian and African Studies, Columbia University

### 9:15–10:00 am | Keynote Address

*After Post-Colonialism: Rethinking the Interpretation of Arab Literary Exile*

**Peter Gran**, Temple University

### 10 am–12:30 pm | First Session

Chair: **Roger Allen**, University of Pennsylvania

*Exilic Topographies*

**Muhsin al-Musawi**, Columbia University

*Notes on the presentations of the Exile/Return Dialectic in Palestinian literature*

**Ahmad H. Sa'di**, Ben-Gurion University

*Ghassan Kanafani and the Question of Palestine: From the Right of Return to Universal Jurisdiction*  
**Barbara Harlow**, University of Texas at Austin

*Exile and Alternative Home (land) in Palestinian Cinema*

**Nadia Yaqub**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

### 1:30–3:30 pm | Second Session

Chair: **Elizabeth Holt**, Bard College

*Representing the Nakbah in Post-Oslo Palestinian Narrative*

**Amal Amireh**, George Mason University

*The Jewish Iraqi Approach to the Question of Palestine*

**Orit Bashkin**, University of Chicago

*Memoirs and Murals: Mahmoud Darwish's Memory for Forgetfulness in Exile*

**Tahia Abdel Nasser**, American University in Cairo

*Exile and Love in Darwish's The Stranger's Bed*

**Ayelet Even-Nur**, University of California, Berkeley

### 4:00–4:45 pm | Guest Lecture

*Post-Colonialism and the Diasporic Imaginary*

**Ato Quayson**, Professor and Director of the Center for Diasporic Studies, University of Toronto

### 4:45–5:00 pm | Discussion

### 5:00–7:00 pm | Third Session

Chair: **Barbara Harlow**, University of Texas at Austin

*The Affects of Ghurba*

**Tarek El-Ariss**, University of Texas at Austin

*Transnational Incorporation: Migration and Diaspora in Contemporary Lebanese Fiction*

**Ghenwa Hayek**, Claremont McKenna College

*Displacement and Exile in the Novels of Hoda Barakat*

**Lilian Farhat**, The College of New Jersey

*The View from Beyond: Diaspora and Intertextuality in Elias Khoury's Majma' al-Asrar*

**Christina Civantos**, University of Miami

*Lebanese Poetry of the South: a Poetry of Exile?*

**Yasmine Khayat**, Rutgers University

### 7:00–7:30 pm | Discussion

7:30 pm | Dinner in Honor of Jaroslav Stetkevych  
for his Great Services to the Profession

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013

9:00–9:45 am | Guest Lecture

*The Question of 'Judeo-Arabic': a Case Study of the  
Baghdadi-Jewish Dialect in Relationship to Arab  
Culture and Music*

**Ella Shohat**, New York University

9:45 am–12:00 pm | First Session

Chair: **Ato Quayson**, Director of the Center for  
Diasporic Studies, Professor, University of Toronto

*Exiled in Translation: Translating Arabic Fiction  
into English*

**Roger Allen**, University of Pennsylvania

*Travelling Genres: The Tombeau in Translation*

**Robyn Creswell**, Brown University

*My Story if Too Long to Tell: The Locust and the  
Bird between South Lebanon and New York City*

**Michelle Hartman**, McGill University

*The Banality of Exile: Refiguring the Displaced  
Intellectual in the Works of Rawi Hage and Elia  
Suleiman*

**Zeina Halabi**, University of North Carolina,  
Chapel Hill

*Fear of Flight: Restive Capitals of the Nahdah*

**Elizabeth Holt**, Bard College

1:00–3:00 pm | Second Session

Chair: **Peter Gran**, Temple University

*Aziz al-Sayyid Jasim and the Expounding  
of Ightirab in at Sharif al-Radi*

**Hussein N. Khadhim**, Dartmouth College

*The Lexical Exile of Abū al-'Alā al-Ma'arrī*

**Suzanne P. Stetkevych**, Georgetown  
University/Indiana University Bloomington

*Estrangement and Selfhood in the Classical Concept  
of Watan*

**Yaseen Noorani**, University of Arizona

*Arab Migrant Labor in Gulf Literature:*

*The Old and the New*

**Mona Zaki**, Drew University

3:15–5:15 pm | Third Session

Chair: **Jesus Rodriguez-Velasco**, Chair of Spanish  
and Iberian Studies Department Columbia  
University

*Early Modern Mediterranean Stories of Captivity  
and Ransom: Identities, Trade, Miracles, and Money*

**Patricia Grieve**, Columbia University

*The Poetics of Migration in Contemporary Maghrebi  
Cinema and Film*

**Madeleine Dobie**, Columbia University

*Enclosure and Registration: The Abstract Grid and  
the Surveillance State in The Winter Monsoon*

**Ian Campbell**, Georgia State University

*Homosexuality and Self-narration in Contemporary  
Moroccan Literature: L'Armée du salut by  
Abdellah Taïa*

**Tina Dransfeldt Christensen**, Roskilde  
University, Denmark

5:30–7:30 pm | Fourth Session

Chair: **Suzanne P. Stetkevych**, Georgetown  
University/Indiana University Bloomington

*Confessions and Indiscretions: The Politics  
of Cultural Translation in Southern Mahjar  
Autobiographies*

**Silvia Ferreira**, University of California,  
Santa Barbara

*Criticism on Trial: The Exile of Nasr Hamid  
Abu Zayd*

**Mohammad Salama**, San Francisco State  
University

*Mahjar Literature in Spain: Construction of New  
Cultural Identities through Arabic Authors*

**Mònica Rius-Piniés**, University of Barcelona

*Motherland: Arab Jews and the Diaspora*

**Nancy E. Berg**, Washington University in  
St. Louis

*The Exilic and the Other: Iraqi Fiction in Diaspora  
and the Discursive Reenactment of Ethno-Religious  
Identities*

**Yasmeen Hanoosh**, Portland State University

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013

### 9:00–11:00 am | First Session

Chair: **Mohammad Salama**, San Francisco State University

*Employment Opportunities in Literature in the 4th/10th Century Islamic Courts*

**Bilal W. Orfali**, American University of Beirut

*Figures of Exile in Seventeenth-Century Morocco*

**Gretchen Head**, University of California, Berkeley

*Al-Ghassānī's Riḥlat al-Wazīr fī Iftikāki 'l-Asīr (1690–1691) as a Narrative of Loss, Exile, and Return*

**Nizar Hermes**, Princeton University

*Mirroring estrangement and nostalgia in pre-modern Arabic compilations*

**Rana Siblini**, University of Munster

### 11:15 am–1:45 pm | Second Session

Chair: **Madeleine Dobie**, Columbia University

*Migration and the Estrangement of Modern Arabic*

**Shaden M. Tageldin**, University of Minnesota

*The Ambivalent Emigrée: Mayy Ziyadah's Rhetoric of Nationhood*

**Boutheina Khaldi**, American University of Sharjah

*From the Mosque to the Metropolis: Theo-political to Geopolitical shifts in the early Nah ah Narratives (1834–1882)*

**Mona El-Sherif**, The University of Miami

*"The Deposition of the Sultans": Ibrahim al-Muwaylihi and Dislocations of Imperial Sovereignty*

**Veli N. Yashin**, Columbia University

*Rewriting the "Plot": Parodies of Paranoia in Contemporary Egyptian Literature*

**Benjamin Koerber**, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

### 2:30–4:45 pm | Third Session

Chair: **Shaden M. Tageldin**, University of Minnesota

*Intellectual Exilic Space: Mikhail Naimy in Orthodox Mysticism*

**Nabil Matar**, University of Minnesota

*Who is the reader? Iraqi migrant fiction in Scandinavia*

**Elisabeth Anagnostaki Moestrup**, University of Aarhus

*Barrada/Khalili: Representing Migration in Contemporary Art from Morocco*

**Emma Chubb**, Northwestern University

*Myth of Origins: Arab-American Diaspora Writers Contest the Nation*

**Jumana Bayeh**, University of Edinburgh

*'All the words have been pulverized': Forms of Exile in Jabrā Ibrāhīm Jabrā's Al-Baḥṭh 'an Walīd Mas 'ūd*

**Emily Drumsta**, University of California, Berkeley

### 5:00–7:15 pm | Fourth Session

Chair: **Orit Bashkin**, University of Chicago

*My Language is My Exile: A Study of the Traces of Imru' al-Qays in Modern Arabic Poetry*

**Suneela Mubayi**, New York University

*Biting Their Mother Tongue: New Sudanese Writings on Estrangement*

**Max Shmookler**, Columbia University

*Self, Interrupted: The Making of American Identity in Arab Immigrant Autobiographical Writing*

**Valerie Anishchenkova**, University of Maryland—College Park

*Before the Funeral: A Levantine Reading of Wagih Ghali's Beer in the Snooker Club*

**Anna Ziajka Stanton**, University of Texas at Austin

*Writing, the Self: Ahmad Baba's Exilic Autobiography and the Anxiety of Literacy*

**Caitlin Scholl**, University of California, Berkeley

### 7:15–7:30 pm | Concluding Remarks

**Ato Quayson**, Director of the Center for Diasporic Studies, Professor, University of Toronto

# PRACTICING THE FUTURE OF SHAKESPEARE STUDIES

The University Seminar on Shakespeare (581)

At the 450th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth, this conference poses the question: "Whither Shakespeare studies?" Although the main thrust of the invited lectures is prognostic, our intention is to avoid an abstract, navel-gazing discussion of the "present state" or "the future of the field." Instead, we have asked the speakers to consider how their current and future research plans contribute to the study of Shakespeare, and, conversely, how the expansive and changing field of Shakespeare studies shapes their research. By facilitating conversations among the speakers and the audience, we hope to discuss not only ways in which the study of Shakespeare is changing, but also what its future directions might be.

## Co-Sponsors:

The University Seminar on Shakespeare  
The Department of English and Comparative Literature of Columbia University  
Vassar College

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014

## 9:00–9:15 am | Opening Remarks

**Zoltán Márkus**, Vassar College

## 9:15–10:45 am | Session 1

### Historicism, Anachronism, Empiricism

Chair: **András Kiséry**, City College, CUNY

*Contested and Eccentric: Futures of Sexuality in Shakespeare Studies*

**Mario DiGangi**, Lehman College and the Graduate Center, CUNY

*Facts and Ghosts: Historicism, Anachronism, and Empiricism in Shakespearean Textual Studies*

**Zachary Lesser**, University of Pennsylvania

## 11:00 am–12:30 pm | Session 2

### Placing Shakespeare

Chair: **Steve Mentz**, St. John's University

*French Shakespeare, and a Different Historicism*

**Alan Stewart**, Columbia University

*Do American Students Need Global Shakespeares?*

**Margaret Litvin**, Boston University

## 2:00–3:30 pm | Session 3

### Tragedy

Chair: **Naomi Conn Liebler**, Montclair State University

*The New Theater History: Collaboration and Innovation in Early Modern Theater Culture*

**Jean E. Howard**, Columbia University

*Shakespeare and Revenge: or, Can We Swallow the Historicized with the Scientific?*

**Ayanna Thompson**, George Washington University

## 3:45–5:15 pm | Session 4

### Performance

Chair: **Tanya Pollard**, Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, CUNY

*Shakespeare Performance Studies: Performing Postprint Shakespeare*

**W. B. Worthen**, Barnard College, Columbia University

*Twelfth Night and the Broken Jest*

**Adam Zucker**, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

## 5:15–6:15 pm | Roundtable Discussion

Co-Chairs: **Zoltán Márkus**, Vassar College and **Ashley Streeter**, Columbia University

## 6:15–7:00 pm | Reception



2013 Annual Shakespeare Colloquium

## JULIUS CAESAR

21st Year of Shakespeare Gatherings

The University Seminar on Shakespeare (581)

Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* has always been significant to American culture and in the school curriculum. Sometimes seen as a defense of rebellion, and sometimes as a critique, it will be discussed at this colloquium in its full complexity by four distinguished scholars who focus on the play's rhetoric, its portrayal of women, its treatment of human agency, and its afterlife in adaptation.

### Co-Sponsors:

Columbia University Seminar on Shakespeare  
Fairleigh Dickinson University, College at Florham  
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and Philosophy

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### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013

9:30–10:45 am

*Staging Rhetoric in Julius Caesar*

**Eric Johnson-DeBaufre**

Because rhetoric assumed heightened importance in the Roman plays of the Elizabethan and Jacobean periods, *Julius Caesar* can be productively approached as a work that stages a dramatic confrontation between different forms of rhetoric and highlights a growing cultural anxiety about the prominence of rhetoric within early modern humanist education.

**Eric Johnson-DeBaufre** is the Robbins Librarian for the Robbins Library of Philosophy at Harvard University. He holds a PhD from Boston University and has taught at Drew University, Luther College,



Boston University and Fairleigh Dickinson University. This is his third colloquium appearance.

10:45 am–12:00 pm

*What Portia Knew*

**Naomi Conn Liebler**

*Julius Caesar* is often thought of as a “masculine” play that foregrounds the business of politics and war, but Portia has something important to say. Shakespeare’s careful articulation of her role opens an important window on the play’s profound and still unanswered questions about whether there is ever such a thing as a “virtuous murder.”

**Naomi Conn Liebler**, professor of English at Montclair State University and University Distinguished Scholar, is the author of *Shakespeare’s Festive Tragedy: the Ritual Foundations of Genre* (Routledge, 1995); co-editor of *Tragedy, a theory reader* (Longmans, 1998); and editor of *The Female Tragic Hero in English Renaissance Drama* (Palgrave, 2002) and of *Early Modern Prose Fiction: the Cultural Politics of Reading* (Routledge, 2007). She has also published more than 40 articles



and book chapters on Renaissance and modern dramatists. Her current research on “Shakespeare’s Geezers” covers his negotiations of old age.

**1:00–2:15 pm**

*Moral Agency and Its Problems in Julius Caesar: Political Power, Choice and History*

**Hugh Grady**

While *Julius Caesar* is a classic depiction of moral agency affecting the large sweep of historical events, it also shows that individual choice is affected by autonomous political power, the influence of psychological structures and the possibility of providential intervention.

**Hugh Grady** is professor of English at Arcadia University. His books include *The Modernist Shakespeare: Critical Texts in a Material World* (Oxford University Press, 1991); *Shakespeare’s Universal Wolf: Essays in Early Modern Reification* (Oxford University Press, 1996); *Shakespeare, Machiavelli, and Montaigne: Power*

*and Subjectivity from “Richard II” to “Hamlet”* (Oxford University Press, 2002); and most recently *Shakespeare and Impure Aesthetics* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

**2:15–3:30 pm**

*Great Caesar’s Ghost! Adaptations of Julius Caesar*

**Iska Alter**

Contributing again to the growing field of adaptation studies, Iska Alter will discuss how *Julius Caesar* has been performed and adapted into popular culture.

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

# AN ECONOMIC BILL OF RIGHTS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

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

In 1944 Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed an Economic Bill of Rights whose guarantees included employment at living wages, housing, medical care, education and old age security. This conference will consider FDR's proposal in light of subsequent history. Have any of those rights originally proposed been achieved? What are their interconnections? How does FDR's Bill of Rights need to be updated for the 21st Century? How can we secure these rights in the present political climate?

## Co-Sponsors:

The University Seminar on Full Employment,  
Social Welfare & Equity

The Roosevelt Institute

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The National Jobs for All Coalition

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Dollars & Sense

Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition

Modern Money Network

The Worker Institute at Cornell ILR School

The Murphy Center for Worker Education  
and Labor Studies, CUNY

Union Theological Seminary

Left Labor Project

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2013**

**9:00–9:15 am | Welcome Remarks**

**Robert Pollack**, Director, Columbia University  
Seminars Program



**9:15–9:30 am**

*Franklin D. Roosevelt's Economic Bill of Rights,  
historical background*

**David Woolner**, Senior Fellow and Resident Hyde  
Park Historian, The Roosevelt Institute

**9:30–11:00 am | Panel I**

*Economic Rights: What are they? How are they  
interconnected? To what extent have they been  
achieved? The economics (then and now) of securing  
the right to work along with the other rights. The  
social costs of not securing these rights. Updating  
these rights for the 21st century.*

Chair: **June Zaccone**, Associate Professor Emerita  
of Economics, Hofstra University

## Panelists:

**Philip Harvey**, Professor of Law and Economics,  
Rutgers University, Camden

**William Quigley**, Prof. of Law, Loyola University

**Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg**, Professor Emerita  
of Social Policy, Adelphi University

**Sheila D. Collins**, Professor Emerita of Political  
Science, William Paterson University

**Discussion**

11:00 am–12:30 pm | Panel II

*Full employment and the right to a job:  
What does it mean? How do we get there?*

Chair: **Eduardo Rosario**, Executive Board,  
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement  
(NYC Chapter)

**Panelists:**

**Helen Lachs Ginsburg**, Professor Emerita  
of Economics, Brooklyn College, CUNY

**Darrick Hamilton**, Associate Professor of  
Economics and Urban Policy, Milano Graduate  
School of International Affairs, Management and  
Urban Policy, The New School

**Dean Baker**, Co-Director Center for Economic and  
Policy Research

**Discussion**

12:30–2:30 pm | Lunch

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

**Chuck Bell**, Programs Director, Consumers Union

**Keynote Speaker**

**The Honorable John Conyers**



Keynote Speaker The Honorable John Conyers

2:30–4:00 pm | Roundtable

*How can we secure these rights in the present  
political climate?*

Chair: **Logan Martinez**, Outreach Coordinator,  
National Jobs for All Coalition and the Miami Valley  
Full Employment Council

**Panelists:**

**Katrina vanden Heuvel**, Editor and Publisher,  
*The Nation*

**Gary Dorrien**, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of  
Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary

**Michael Lighty**, Director of Public Policy, California  
Nurses' Association/National Nurses United

**Chris Policano**, Director of Communications,  
American Federation of State County and  
Municipal Employees

**David Woolner**, Senior Fellow and Resident Hyde  
Park Historian, The Roosevelt Institute

**Discussion**

4:00–4:30 pm

*What have we learned? What's next?*

**Peter Marcuse**, Professor Emeritus of Urban  
Planning, Columbia University

*A Celebration of the 150th Birthday of*

# ABRAHAM VALENTINE WILLIAMS JACKSON (1862–1937)

*Columbia College Class of 1883; Founding Father of Iranian Studies in North America;  
Initiator of the Field at Columbia University*

The University Seminar on Iranian Studies (615)



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013

3:00–3:05 pm | Opening Remarks

**Professor Ehsan Yarshater**

3:05–3:15 pm | Welcome and Introducing the  
Speakers

**Professor Vahid Noshirvani**

3:15–3:45 pm

*Jackson's Life and Work*

**Dr. W. W. Malandra**, Professor Emeritus,  
Classical and Near Eastern Studies, University  
of Minnesota

3:45–4:25 pm

*Jackson's Contribution to Avestan Studies*

**Dr. W. W. Malandra**

4:50–5:30 pm

*Jackson and Zoroastrianism!*

**Dr. Dan Sheffield**, Post Doctoral Fellow,  
Princeton University

5:30–6:10 pm

*Jackson and Manichaeism*

**Dr. Jason BeDuhn**, Professor of Religious  
Studies, Northern Arizona University

6:10–6:45 pm | Discussion

# HISTORY AND PSYCHOANALYSIS DURING THE POSTWAR PERIOD

The University Seminar on Modern British History (701)

Despite the continuous interest in psychoanalysis as a modern system of thought and interpretation, the history of the discipline and the study of analysts other than Sigmund Freud are still developing. This two-day conference will bring together historians, gender studies scholars, and psychoanalysts to explore the impact of the Second World War on psychoanalysis in the post-1945 era, and of psychoanalysis itself on different postwar societies and cultures. The conference will try to examine the question regarding the special relationship that psychoanalysis had with democracy and with democratization in the postwar period. More broadly, the conference will also reopen the question of how to do the history of psychoanalysis, with what archives, and which methodologies. The event will continue the discussion from a first conference in London (organized by Daniel Pick and Matt ffytche in 2013) focusing on psychoanalysis in the age of totalitarianism and the Second World War. The London conference generated great interest from scholars across fields, and we will continue this discussion at the Heyman Center, Columbia University, 4–5 April 2014.

Presentations will be 20 minutes long, arranged in panels, followed by discussion, all in a plenary format.

## Co-Sponsors:

New York Area Consortium for Intellectual and Cultural History  
The Heyman Center for the Humanities  
The Society of Fellows in the Humanities  
Columbia University Seminar on British History  
The Psychoanalytic Studies Program at the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society  
The Remarque Institute, New York University  
The NCJW Women and Gender Studies Program and the History Department, Tel-Aviv University  
The University Seminar on Modern British History

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014

## 9:25 am | From War to Postwar

Chair: **Michal Shapira**, Tel Aviv University

*Questions of Brainwashing in the Age of Totalitarianism: From the Pursuit of the Nazi Mind to Cold War 'Thought Reform'*

**Daniel Pick**, Birkbeck College, University of London

## 10:45 am | Panel 1

### Postwar and Post-Colonialism

Chair: **Susan Pedersen**, Columbia University

*Between Postfascism and Postcolonialism: The Ethnopsychanalysis of Paul Parin, Fritz Morgenthaler, and Goldy Parin-Matthèy*

**Dagmar Herzog**, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

*Minds after Empire: British Experts and the Postcolonial Personality*

**Erik Linstrum**, University of Michigan

*French Radical Psychiatry and the Disoccupation of the Mind*

**Camille Robcis**, Cornell University

## 1:45 pm | Panel 2

### New Traditions and New Horizons

Chair: **Bonnie Smith**, Rutgers University

*Heinz Kohut and Erik Erikson: American Psychoanalysts*

**Elizabeth Lunbeck**, Vanderbilt University

*Democratizing Psychoanalysis in Postwar Britain and America*

**Peter Mandler**, University of Cambridge

**3:30 pm | Panel 3**

**Contextualizing Psychoanalysis and Its Postwar Uses**

Chair: **Samuel Moyn**, Columbia University

*Psychoanalysis and the Paradoxes of Enlightenment*

**George Makari**, Weill Medical College of Cornell University

*Psychoanalysis as Holocaust Survivor*

**Lewis Aron**, New York University

*Anxiety Weaponized: Dread in the Era of Cold War Politics*

**Simon Taylor**, Columbia University

*Society without The Father: Psychoanalytic Authority in Postwar Sociology*

**Matt fytche**, University of Essex

*The Psychoanalytic Study of the Child (the Journal): A Narrative of Postwar Psychoanalysis*

**Nellie Thompson**, New York Psychoanalytic Society and Institute

**Helene Keable**, New York Psychoanalytic Society and Institute

**4:15 pm | Interview and Final Comments**

Chair: **Eli Zaretsky**, The New School

**Daniel Pick**, Birkbeck College, University of London

**Robert Jay Lifton**, Columbia University

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014**

**9:30 am | Panel 1**

**Postwar Tensions; Pioneer Psychoanalysts**

Chair: **Moshe Sluhovsky**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*'Communist,' 'Queer' and 'Mentally Twisted':*

*J. Edgar Hoover's Demonization of Psychoanalysis*

**Elizabeth Danto**, Hunter College and The Graduate Center, City University of New York

*Politics in a New Psychoanalytic Key in the Work of Robert J. Stoller: Sexual Excitement, Perversions and Gender*

**John Forrester**, University of Cambridge

*The Jet-Propelled Couch: Robert Lindner and Postwar Psychoanalysis*

**Ben Kafka**, New York University

**Final Comments**

**Michal Shapira**, Tel Aviv University

**11:30 am | Panel 2**

**The Freud Museums in Vienna and London**

Chair: **Katja Guenther**, Princeton University

*The Sigmund Freud Museum in London and its Archives*

**Carol Seigel**, Freud Museum, London

*The Sigmund Freud Museum in Vienna and its Archives*

**Rubén Gallo**, Princeton University

**2:00 pm | Panel 3**

**Psychoanalysis and Social Life**

Chair: **Guy Ortolano**, New York University

*Paying Attention with Marion Milner*

**David Russell**, King's College London



# THE ENDS OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

The University Seminar on Early Modern France (707)

## Co-Sponsors:

The University Seminar on Early Modern France  
Danish Council for Independent Research  
Columbia German Department, Maison Française  
at Columbia University

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2013

3:00 pm | Opening Remarks

3:15–5:00 pm

*The Ends of Exempla: Anecdote and History  
around 1800*

**Paul Fleming**, Cornell University

*Abeyance of Closure: On Kleist's Broken Jug  
and the Comedic Finale*

**Joel Lande**, Princeton University

5:15–6:30 pm

*Discussion of Lessing's Education of  
the Human Race*

**Dorothea von Mücke** and **Oliver Simons**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2013

10:00–11:45 am

*Rousseau's Endings*

**Joanna Stalnaker**, Columbia University

*The End of Language and the Beginning of Search*

**Daniel Rosenberg**, University of Oregon

2:00–3:45 pm

*Analogy and the End of Reason*

**David Bates**, University of California, Berkeley

*Continued by Other Means: Balzac on  
the End of War*

**Anders Engberg-Pedersen**, University of  
Southern Denmark

4:15–6:30 pm

*The Eighteenth-Century Fin de Siècle*

John Bender, Stanford University

**THE ENDS OF THE  
EIGHTEENTH CENTURY**  
Friday November 15th 3 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday November 16th 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Deutsches Haus, Columbia University, 420 West 116th Street

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Conference organizers: Anders Engberg-Pedersen (U of Southern Denmark),  
Oliver Simons (Columbia), and Joanna Stalnaker (Columbia).  
Co-sponsors: Columbia University Seminar on Early Modern France,  
Danish Council for Independent Research,  
Columbia German Department,  
Maison Française at Columbia University.

## Roundtable

Moderator: **Madeleine Dobie**, Columbia  
University

**Andrew Clark**, Fordham University

**Charley Coleman**, Columbia University

**Jeffrey Freedman**, Yeshiva University

**Nicole Horejsi**, Columbia University

**Cristobal Silva**, Columbia University



# OUT OF THE FRAME AND INTO THE GUTTER: EXPLORING COMICS AND GRAPHIC REPRESENTATIONS OF NARRATIVE, HEALTH, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The University Seminar on Narrative, Health, and Social Justice (737)

This half-day long symposium will explore how graphic representations of health, illness, and disability can be used to develop community and enhance knowledge for social good. This event teams up artists and experts from the world of graphic novels and comics, with healthcare professionals, higher education scholars, and social justice advocates, to learn from each other, share techniques and then work together to develop new strategies utilizing illustrated works in innovative ways to elicit narrative.

## Co-Sponsors:

The University Seminar on Narrative, Health,  
and Social Justice  
Comics@Columbia

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014

1:00–2:00 pm | Welcome and Opening Plenary

2:00–3:00 pm | Breakout Session 1  
*Narrative & Story*

In small groups, participants will explore visual story development through exercises that will include activities like: utilizing comic panels, engaging in a dynamic co-construction process of illustration, drawing from memory, and interpreting visual context clues. Narrative development prompts will be interwoven with comic illustration practice to promote self-reflection and exploration of new narrative development techniques.

3:00–4:00 pm | Breakout Session 2  
*Advocacy & Voice*

In small groups, participants will engage in interactive exercises that encourage participants to explore communal constructions of narrative and illustration

as a tool for advocacy. Activities in these sessions will emphasize: eliciting patient narratives, expressing internal thoughts through visual mediums, and adolescent health advocacy.

4:00–5:00 pm | Wrap-up (Group Activity, Q&A)  
Plenary Speakers:

**MK Czerwiec** has been making comics under the pseudonym Comic Nurse since 2000. She is the artist-in-residence at Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine where she developed and teaches the “Drawing Medicine” seminar to first and second year medical students. MK has a BA in English and Philosophy, a BSN in nursing, an MA in Medical Humanities and Bioethics. Her clinical experience is in AIDS and hospice care. With Dr. Ian Williams in the UK, she co-runs GraphicMedicine.org.

**Seth Tobocman** is an author, artist, and educator living in New York City. Perhaps most well known as the co-founder and editor of the comic journal *World War 3 Illustrated*, Tobocman’s bold graphic style has been immortalized in exhibitions, in the pages of the *New York Times*, and on the sides of buildings around the globe.

Session Facilitators:

**Susanne Bifano**  
**Thomas Dooley**  
**MK Czerwiec**  
**Mario de la Cruz**  
**Samantha Dempsey**  
**Marsha Hurst**  
**John Jennison**  
**Holly Kuczynski**  
**Kim Sillen**  
**Andrew Soutiriou**  
**Tracy White**  
**Kritoa Willberg**



## 2013–2014 SEMINARS

Below is a listing of the 2013–2014 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. Five seminars were inaugurated last year. Seminars sometimes stop meeting, temporarily or permanently, for practical or intellectual reasons. Our seminars span a wide range of interests, from contemporary and historical topics in religion, literature, and law, to technical and administrative issues in contemporary society, to area studies, Shakespeare and the sciences.

### THE PROBLEM OF PEACE (403)

*Founded: 1945*

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

Chair: Professor Roy Lee

Rapporteur: Mr. Edward Brockhoff

#### MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 17 | <i>UN Peacekeeping, Human Rights, and the Use of Force</i><br>Scott Sheeran, University of Essex<br>Haidi Willmot, United Nations |
| October 22   | <i>Non-State Actors and Violations of Human Rights</i><br>Nigel Rodley, United Nations  |
| November 12  | <i>Arab Spring as Seen Through Recent Events in Egypt</i><br>Omar El Okdah, International Peace Institute                         |

Academic year 2014–2015 Chair:  
Professor Roy Lee, royslee@optonline.net

# STUDIES IN RELIGION (405)

*Founded: 1945*

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

Co-Chairs: Mr. Tony Carnes, Professor Sidney Greenfield

Rapporteur: Ms. Liane Carlson

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 9      JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINARS ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES  
AND KNOWLEDGE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS  
*Science and Religion: A Biologist Looks at the Human Soul*  
Robert Pollack, Columbia University
- November 6      JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES  
*A Culture in Search of Rules: Some Unanticipated Consequences of the Freedom to Choose*  
Sidney Greenfield, University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee
- December 4      JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES  
*The Paradox of Militant Christianity*  
Alice Kehoe, Marquette University
- February 12      JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES  
*The Structures of Governance in the Roman Catholic Church: Examining their Causal Foundations*  
James Mahon, William Patterson University
- March 5      JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES  
*Modern Papal Leadership in Time of Crisis*  
Tony Cerna, Center for Interreligious Understanding  
Jack Bemporad, Pontifical University in Rome
- April 9      JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES  
*The Holy Ghost Church in Brooklyn: Charisma, Music, and Culture as Resistance*  
Peter Marina, University of Wisconsin—La Crosse  
Bishop Bradford, Holy Ghost Church
- May 7      PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR  
Tony Carnes, *A Journey Through NYC Religions*  
Sidney Greenfield, University of Wisconsin

Academic year 2014–2015 Co-Chairs:

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Professor Sidney Greenfield, [sidneygreenfield@gmail.com](mailto:sidneygreenfield@gmail.com)

# THE RENAISSANCE (407)

*Founded: 1945*

This Seminar includes all aspects of Renaissance culture, including political and social history, art history, literature, languages classical and vernacular, music, philosophy, religion and science. The Renaissance is understood to begin about the time of Petrarch and to end, depending on the field examined, at various points in the seventeenth century. Later artists, writers and scholars who present Renaissance themes and figures are also discussed.

Co-Chairs: Professor Elizabeth K. Hill, Professor Alan Stewart  
Rapporteur: Mr. John Kuhn

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 10 | <i>Seventeenth Century Frescoes in the Cathedral of St. Sophia, Vologda:<br/>Spiritual Visions and Geopolitical Realities</i><br>William Brumfield, Tulane University |
| October 8    | <i>Certain Fakes and Uncertain Facts: Jan Johnston and the Question of Truth in Religion</i><br>Daniel Margócsy, Hunter College, City University of New York          |
| November 12  | <i>Land into Landscape in Baroque Rome: Pastoral Poetry,<br/>Painting and the Lands of the Roman Campagna</i><br>Tracy Ehrlich, The New School                        |
| February 11  | <i>Exchanging Slaves Head for Head in the Early Modern Mediterranean</i><br>Daniel Hershenzon, University of Connecticut—Storrs                                       |
| March 11     | <i>Mapping Nature's Variety: Vision and Comparison in Renaissance Ethnology</i><br>Surekha Davies, Western Connecticut State University                               |
| April 8      | <i>Plato, Moses and the Androgyne in Early Modern France</i><br>Marian Rothstein, Carthage College  |
| May 13       | <i>Gaudy Toys: Aesthetic Thingliness in Marlowe's 'Hero and Leander'</i><br>Rachel Eisendrath, Barnard College, Columbia University                                   |

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Professor Alan Stewart, [ags2105@columbia.edu](mailto:ags2105@columbia.edu)

# 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: Ms. Liane Carlson

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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Peter Marina, University of Wisconsin—La Crosse  
Bishop Bradford, Holy Ghost Church
- May 14            *On the Two Homes of Historical Events*  
Laurent Stern, Rutgers University

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# EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPEAN CULTURE (417)

*Founded: 1962*

This interdisciplinary seminar hosts leading national and regional scholars who present works-in-progress that explore aspects of eighteenth-century European culture of vital interest and concern to the wider field of eighteenth-century studies. Like our guest speakers, our membership is drawn from a wide variety of institutions, national traditions and disciplines, including history, literature, philosophy, political science, music, history of science, and art. The Seminar's offerings are eclectic, but from time to time we have hosted special events such as symposia on the 18th-century reception of Classical, Hellenistic, and Late Antique texts (2003) and the intellectual origins of freedom of speech (2007, 2008). Proceedings from the latter appeared as a collection of essays edited by former Chair Elizabeth Powers, *Freedom of Speech: The History of an Idea* (Bucknell University Press, 2011). Our Seminar has also co-sponsored, with the Seminar on Early Modern France, a series of roundtables on new directions in eighteenth-century studies under the rubric of "Literature and History in Dialogue." Past roundtables have been devoted to concepts of authorship (Fall 2010), eighteenth-century science studies (Spring 2011), and comparative colonialisms and orientalisms (Fall 2011). Most recently, the Seminar marked its semicentennial with an interdisciplinary two-day conference to assess the scholarship that has been produced by the seminar in the past, and to explore new directions in the study of eighteenth-century culture.

Chair: Professor Al Coppola

Rapporteurs: Mr. Michael Paulson, Ms. Rashmi Sahni

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 12 | <i>Translators on Translation: The Anglo-French Divide</i><br>Isabelle Bour, University of the Sorbonne   |
| October 10   | <i>The Machine in the Ghost, or Listening to the Gothic Novel</i><br>Joseph Drury, Villanova University   |
| November 14  | <i>Minding Pictures: Particularity after Locke and Reynolds</i><br>Nancy Yousef, Baruch College, The City University of New York                          |
| December 12  | <i>Hoping for a Protestant Burial in Centlivre's The Wonder, a Woman Keeps a Secret</i><br>Misty Anderson, University of Tennessee, Knoxville             |
| January 30   | <i>François Fénelon's Adventures of Telemachus, Son of Ulysses and the Mid-Century English Heroine</i><br>Rivka Swenson, Virginia Commonwealth University |
| February 20  | <i>Acting and Apparition</i><br>John Bender, Stanford University  |
| March 13     | <i>New Aspects of the Grand Tour: The Capture of the Westmorland, a Case Study</i><br>María Dolores Sánchez-Jáuregui, Yale Center for British Art         |

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# 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.

Co-Chairs: Professor Howard Finkelberg, Professor Peter V. Norden

Rapporteur: Mr. Justin McNamee

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

December 9      *Discussion of Environmental Policy and Issues*  
George Garland, Westchester Community College, The State University of New York

Academic year 2014–2015 Co-Chairs:

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Professor Peter V. Norden, pvn1@columbia.edu



# AMERICAN STUDIES (429)

*Founded: 1954*

The concern of this seminar is the history, literature, and culture of the United States, focusing on the period from the nineteenth century to the present. Recent subjects have ranged from Margaret Fuller to the Hawaiian sovereignty movement, from Asian American fashion designers to letters from former slaves who settled in Liberia. A number of presentations have positioned the United States in transnational or comparative contexts. The seminar's strength is the variety of fields represented by its intellectually active participants. The very lively discussion periods are one of the most appealing aspects of this seminar.

Co-Chairs: Professor Cristobal Silva, Professor Jordan Stein

Rapporteur: Ms. Vesna Kuiken

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 3 | <i>Amateurs and Their Discontents</i><br>Lisa Gitelman, New York University   |
| October 1   | <i>The Fabric of Early Atlantic Letters</i><br>Danielle Skeehan, Sam Houston State University   |
| November 12 | <i>Visualizing in Black Print: The Brooklyn Correspondence of William J. Wilson Aka 'Ethiop'</i><br>Radclani Clytus, Brown University             |
| February 4  | <i>Romancing the Trace: Ichnology and Affect, 1835–1865</i><br>Dana Luciano, Georgetown University  |
| March 4     | <i>Vibrant Material Textuality: New Materialism, Book History, and the Archive in Paper</i><br>Jonathan Senchyne, University of Wisconsin—Madison |
| April 1     | <i>Poetry and Print in the Antebellum U.S.</i><br>Meredith McGill, Rutgers University   |

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Professor Jordan Stein, [jstein10@fordham.edu](mailto:jstein10@fordham.edu)

# MEDIEVAL STUDIES (431)

*Founded: 1954*

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

**Chair: Professor Susan Boynton**

**Rapporteur: Mr. Jeffrey Wayno**

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 18 | <i>The Origins of Merovingian Archaeology, or Why Medievalists Should Know Something about the Nineteenth Century</i><br>Bonnie Effros, University of Florida and The Institute for Advanced Study |
| December 15  | <i>Trojan Temporality and the Materiality of History</i><br>Marilynn Desmond, Binghamton University  |
| November 12  | <i>A King and His Archbishop of Canterbury: Henry IV and Thomas Arundel</i><br>Chris Given-Wilson, University of St. Andrews   |
| December 4   | <i>Remember the Dead: Women, Mourning and the Power of Prayer</i><br>Fiona Griffiths, New York University  |
| February 4   | <i>The Dis-Orderly Women of the Hirsau Reform</i><br>Alison Beach, Ohio State University   |
| March 4      | <i>Money and Motives on Crusade</i><br>Christopher Tyerman, University of Oxford   |
| April 1      | <i>Peter, Paul, Piety, and Parentes: Early Evidence for Apostolic Remembrance in Rome</i><br>Joseph Alchermes, Connecticut College   |

**Academic year 2014–2015 Chair:**

**Professor Susan Boynton, [slb184@columbia.edu](mailto:slb184@columbia.edu)**

# STUDIES IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICA (435)

*Founded: 1956*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Abosede George, Professor Hlonipha Mokoena  
Rapporteur: Mr. Samuel Daly

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 24 *Changing the Subject?: Psychological Counseling in Eastern Africa*  
Megan Vaughan, Graduate Center, The City University of New York
- October 15 *The Poverty Question in South Africa, Past and Present*  
Grace Davie, Queens College, The City University of New York
- November 12 *Traditional Marriage for the Modern Nation: Family Formation  
and the Politics of Religion in Colonial Cameroon*  
Charlotte Walker-Said, John Jay College of Criminal Justice,  
The City University of New York
- February 6 *In Her Own Words: Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti and the Auto/biography of an Archive*  
Judith Byfield, Cornell University
- March 4 *Fugitive Modernities, Spirit Biographies and the Trans-Atlantic Politics of Reputation:  
Angola and the Americas in the Seventeenth Century*  
Jessica Krug, George Washington University
- April 8 *Something Torn and New: A Conversation with Njideka Akunyili*  
Njideka Akunyili, Visual Artist
- April 22 *Religious Nationalism in Northern Nigeria: Reliving the Colonial Past,  
Producing Histories beyond the British Archive*  
Shobana Shankar, Stony Brook University, The State University of New York

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# CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION (441)

*Founded: 1957*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Joel Lidov, Professor Katharina Volk  
Rapporteur: Mr. Mathias Hanses

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 19 | <i>The Earliest Cross-Cultural Reception of Homer? The Inaros Narratives of Greco-Roman Egypt</i><br>Ian Rutherford, University of Reading        |
| October 17   | <i>Chloe's Siesta</i><br>Silvia Montiglio, Johns Hopkins University   |
| November 21  | <i>Religion and Cross-Cultural Trade in the Greek Mediterranean</i><br>Barbara Kowalzig, New York University                                      |
| January 23   | <i>The Power of the Absent Text: Dedicatory Inscriptions on Greek Sacred Architecture and Altars</i><br>Ioannis Mylonopoulos, Columbia University |
| February 20  | <i>Isaac Casaubon (1559–1614) and the Study of Ancient History</i><br>Anthony Grafton, Princeton University                                       |
| March 27     | <i>Is the Story of Susanna and the Elders based on a Greek New Comedy?</i><br>Michael Fontaine, Cornell University                                |
| April 17     | <i>Aristotle's Badger</i><br>Joshua Katz, Princeton University  |

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# MODERN EAST ASIA: CHINA (443)

*Founded: 1957*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Robert Barnett, Professor William Charles Wooldridge

Rapporteur: Ms. Dongxin Zou

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 12     *Regulars or Irregulars*  
Yingcong Dai, William Patterson University  
Discussant: Grey Tuttle, Columbia University
- October 10     *China into Africa and South East Asia*  
Howard French, Columbia University  
Discussant: Elizabeth Wishnick, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University
- November 14     *The Qing State and its Awareness of Eurasian Interconnections 1789–1806*  
Matthew Mosca, College of William and Mary  
Discussant: Morris Rossabi, Queens College, The City University of New York
- December 12     *No Housing, No Wedding? Gendered Clashed on Contemporary Chinese Love and Marriage*  
Hsiu-hua Shen, National Tsing Hua University  
Discussant: Xiaodan Zhang, York College, The City University of New York
- March 13     *The End of Fiction, the Start of Politics: A Thought Experiment on Lu Xun*  
Eva Chou, Professor, Baruch College, The City University of New York  
Discussant: Jeffrey Kinkley, St. John's University
- April 9     *The China Boom: Origins, Global Impacts and Demise*  
Ho-Fung Hung, Johns Hopkins University  
Discussant: Murray Rubinstein, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University
- May 8     *Energy Policy, Technical Capacity and International Climate Diplomacy in China: Implications for 2015 and Beyond*  
Joanna Lewis, Georgetown University  
Discussant: Carl Minzner, Fordham Law School

Academic year 2014–2015 Co-Chairs:

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## MODERN EAST ASIA: JAPAN (445)

*Founded: 1960*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Janis Mimura, Professor Yukiko Koga  
Rapporteur: Mr. Joshua Evan Schlachet

### MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 24      *Nationalities of Wartime Animated Film in Japan:  
Momotaro, the Divine Warriors of the Sea (1945) by Seo Mitsuyo*  
Hikari Hori, Columbia University  
Discussant: Gregory M. Pflugfelder, Columbia University
- November 7      *Capital as Will and Imagination: Schumpeter's Guide to the Postwar Japanese Miracle*  
Mark Metzler, University of Texas at Austin  
Discussant: Kerry Smith, Brown University
- December 5      *Between the Law: The Unmaking of Empire and the Persistence of Redress in East Asia*  
Yukiko Koga, Hunter College, The City University of New York  
Discussant: Burt Neuborne, New York University Law School
- February 27      *Japan's Hybrid Empire: The Greater East Asia Co-Prosperty Sphere*  
Jeremy Yellen, Harvard University  
Discussant: Christopher Hill, Columbia University
- April 3      *Embracing Defeat in Seoul: Rethinking Decolonization in Korea, 1945*  
Lori Watt, Washington University in St. Louis  
Discussants: Mark Selden, Cornell University and Marilyn Young, New York University
- May 5      *Still City Crisis: Fujisawa Eco-City, Energy, and the Urban Architecture of Crisis*  
Thomas Looser, New York University  
Discussant: Marilyn Ivy, Columbia University

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Professor Yukiko Koga, [ykoga@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:ykoga@hunter.cuny.edu)

# NEW TESTAMENT (451)

*Founded: 1959*

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.

Co-Chairs: Professor Emma Wasserman, Professor Lawrence Welborn

Rapporteur: Ms. Eva Lu

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 5 *Paul and Trauma Studies: Exploring Multiple Areas of Potential Interrelationship*  
David Carr, Union Theological Seminary
- October 3 *The Gladiator Graveyard of Ephesos and Its Implications for the Study of Martyrdom*  
Mikael Haxby, Pace University
- November 7 *'Jesus Did Not Say To Him That He Would Not Die:' John 21:20–23 and Mark 9:1*  
Dale Allison, Princeton Theological Seminary
- February 5 *Taking the Measure of Masculinities in the Book of Acts*  
Colleen Conway, Seton Hall University
- March 5 *Paul's Adam-Christ Typology and Some Dilemmas of Bodily Difference  
in Contemporary Continental Philosophy*  
Ben Dunning, Fordham University
- March 26 *Rabbinic Eschatology*  
Jenny Labendz, Drew University
- April 2 *Jesus in Jerusalem: Armed and Not Dangerous*  
Dale B. Martin, Yale University

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## THE CITY (459A)

*Founded: 1962*

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

Chair: Professor Lisa Keller

Rapporteur: Mr. K. Ian Shin

### MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 21      *Winfield Park: Mutual Housing in North Jersey, 1941 to the Present*  
Kristin Szylvian, St. John's University
- November 13    *Affordable New York: The Long View*  
Nick Dagen Bloom, New York Institute of Technology
- November 19    JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON LAW AND POLITICS  
*The Changing Politics of New York City*  
John Mollenkopf, Toward a 21st Century City for All  
Esther Fuchs, Barnard College, Columbia University
- February 12    *Bridgeway to de Blasio: Issues of New York and the Metropolitan Area*  
Ken Jackson, Columbia University
- March 5        *'The Road Tries to Become the City': Modernism, the Automobile and Canadian Urbanism*  
Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe, University of British Columbia
- April 2         *Access to Food as Public Good? Public Markets in New York City, 1790–1860*  
Gergely Baics, Barnard College, Columbia University

Academic year 2014–2015 Chair:

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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, canon, Talmudic, common, and Islamic laws are examined. The majority of the lectures are presented by the members of the seminar, most of whom are academics in history, political science or law, or professionals who have become editors. One or two papers each year are presented by visiting scholars.

Co-Chairs: Professor Edmund Clingan, Dr. Theodore Kovaleff

Rapporteur: Ms. Megan McKenzie

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 15      *Hans Kelsen and Neutral Constitutional Principles*  
Cathy McCauliff, Seton Hall University
- November 19    JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON THE CITY  
*The Changing Politics of New York City*  
John Mollenkopf, Toward a 21st Century City for All  
Esther Fuchs, Barnard College, Columbia University
- December 10    *State Erosion: Unlootable Resources and Unruly Elites in Central Asia*  
Lawrence Markowitz, Rowan University
- January 28      *Democracy, Intelligent Design, and Evolution: Science for Citizenship*  
Susan Liebell, St. Joseph's College
- February 11     *The Legal Career and Philosophy of John W. Davis*  
Peter Bales, Queensborough Community College, The City University of New York
- April 8          *Tying the Autocrat's Hands: The Rise of the Rule of Law in China*  
Yuhua Wang, University of Pennsylvania
- May 13          *American Big Business, Hitler, and Political Risk (1933–1941)*  
Volker Berghahn, Columbia University

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# KNOWLEDGE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS (467)

*Founded: 1966*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Sidney Greenfield, Professor Jerry Spivack, Professor Takeshi Utsumi  
Rapporteur: Ms. Kim Truong

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 9      *JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINARS ON STUDIES IN RELIGION AND CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES*  
*Science and Religion: A Biologist Looks at the Human Soul*  
Robert Pollack, Columbia University
- November 13      *Globalization 3.0: The Evolution of the Creative Economy*  
John M. Eger, School of Journalism and Media Studies, San Diego State University
- December 11      *The Case for Technological Optimism: From Scarcity to Abundance*  
John Lobell, Pratt Institute
- February 12      *Getting from Here to a Sustainable World: Why Evaluating Resource Sufficiency is Crucial*  
Ed Barry, Sustainable World Initiative
- April 23      *From the Great Transformation to the Great Financialization and Beyond: Keynes, Hayek and Polanyi*  
Kari Polanyi Levitt, McGill University
- May 14      *The Universe, Us, Philosophy, and Mathematics: Why?*  
Jim Holt, Writer

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# ECOLOGY AND CULTURE (471)

*Founded: 1964*

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

Chair: Professor Paige West  
Rapporteur: Ms. Elizabeth Angell

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 14      *Carbon: Natural Liability, Pecuniary Asset or Virtual Morality?*  
Steffen Dalsgaard, IT University of Copenhagen
- December 2      *Upward Bound: Oil Production and the Myth of Inevitability*  
David Hughes, Rutgers University
- February 25      JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON HUMAN-ANIMAL STUDIES  
*Emergent Ecologies*  
Eben Kirksey, University of New South Wales
- April 21      *Green is the New Brown: 'Old School Toxics' and Environmental Gentrification  
on a New York City Waterfront*  
Melissa Checker, Queens College, The City University of New York

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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. David DeLauro

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| October 16  | <i>The Three Bodies of God</i><br>Mark Smith, New York University   |
| November 20 | <i>The Fugitive Hero Story Pattern and Its Mesopotamian Reflexes</i><br>Ed Greenstein, Bar-Ilan University  |
| December 19 | <i>Reading (or Overreading) Gaps and Swerves in the Biblical Corpus:<br/>An Exploration of Communal Forgetting and Its Impact on the Tanach</i><br>David Carr, Union Theological Seminary |
| February 19 | <i>Contrasting Judicial Conceptions in Ancient Near Eastern Treaties/Covenants: Israel and Assyria</i><br>Herb Huffmon, Drew University   |
| March 27    | <i>Seduced by Method: History and Jeremiah 20</i><br>Mary Callaway, Fordham University  |
| April 30    | <i>How Narratives End in the Book of Numbers</i><br>Susan Zeelander, University of Pennsylvania   |
| May 14      | <i>The Politics of Emotion in the Book of Daniel</i><br>Ari Mermelstein, Yeshiva University   |

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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).

Chair: Dr. David S. Magier

Rapporteur: Mr. Justin McNamee

### MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 14     *Ambedkar in the U.S.: A Centenary View*  
Gail Omvedt, Independent Scholar
- April 9        *Historical Traditions of Early North India*  
Romila Thapar, Jawaharlal Nehru University

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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 Near East and the Eastern Mediterranean. It meets from six to eight times a year to discuss new research and hear reports of recent fieldwork. A number of relevant papers were published in the *American Journal of Archaeology* from 1968 until 1988, and in 1992 in the *Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society*. Since then, the focus of the seminar has been widened to include all aspects of the ancient cultures of the Near East and its adjoining regions.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Sally Dunham, Professor Allan Gilbert, Dr. Oscar White Muscarella  
Rapporteur: Ms. Andrea Hinojosa

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 30      *The Archaeology of Jerusalem*  
Gabriel Barkay, Bar Ilan University
- November 18    *Persepolis and Other Pre-Islamic Images on Carpets from Qajar, Iran*  
Judith Lerner, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University
- December 9    *Long-Distance Trade and Social Change: The Case of Western Asia, c. 2000–1700 BC*  
Gojko Barjamovic, Harvard University
- January 22     *Mapping Late Bronze Age Religion between Anatolia and the Aegean:  
Diffusion, Analogy, and Regional Patterns*  
Ian Rutherford, University of Reading
- February 10    *On Writing a History of Ancient Israel—Without the Bible?*  
William G. Dever, Lycoming College
- March 4        *Specimens of Late Sassanian Art within the Context of the 5th/6th century ‘Hellenistic Revival’*  
Matteo Compagnoni, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University
- March 24      *Miscellaneous Memories of Edith Porada from Hagengut, Cyprus, and Columbia*  
Dominique Collon, British Museum
- March 31      *The Oath of the Assyrians to King Esarhaddon (672 BC): New Historical Findings*  
Mario Fales, Università degli Studi di Udine
- April 7        *The Stele of Tavşantepe: A Goddess Among Storm-Gods*  
Anna Lanaro, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University
- April 29      *Settlements, Fortifications, and Routes at the Eastern Edge of Urartu*  
Emily Hammer, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University

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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 Ernest Ialongo

Rapporteur: Ms. Alessia Palanti

### MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 20     *Venezianella e Studentaccio*, by Filippo Tommaso Marinetti  
Paolo Valesio, Columbia University  
Respondent: Peter Carravetta, Stony Brook University, The State University of New York
- October 25     *The 'Made in Italy' Fashion by Chinese Immigrants: Economic Illegality,  
Police Raids, and Social Integration in Prato, 2005–2012*  
Gaoheng Zhang, University of Southern California  
Respondent: David Forgacs, New York University
- November 15     *Fascist Legacy and American Intervention: The Cineteca Scolastica Italiana and  
the Education of Italian Citizens Through Films in the Classroom (1952–1962)*  
Paola Bonifazio, University of Texas at Austin  
Respondent: Victoria DeGrazia, Columbia University
- December 13     *Transnational Political Cosmology, a Central-Mediterranean Example*  
Naor Ben-Yehoyada, University of Cambridge  
Respondent: Jane Schneider, The City University of New York

- February 7      *Benito Mussolini and the Maciste Films of Italian Cinema*  
Jacqueline Reich, Fordham University  
Respondent: Ruth Ben-Ghiat, New York University
- March 14      *A Very Seductive Body Politic: Berlusconi and the Cinema*  
Nicoletta Marini-Maio, Dickinson College  
Respondent: Silvia Carlorosi, The City University of New York
- April 11      *The Lost Wave: Women and Democracy in Postwar Italy*  
Molly Tambor, Long Island University  
Respondent: Frank Snowden, Yale University
- May 9      *Fabulous Planning: Unbuilt Venices*  
Jennifer Scappettone, University of Chicago  
Respondent: Ara Merjian, New York University

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## 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.

Co-Chairs: Professor Zara Anishanslin, Professor Brian Murphy

Rapporteurs: Mr. Eric Herschthal, Ms. Katy Lasdow

### MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 10 | <i>Picturing Penn: Politics, Pacifism, Portraits, and the Battle for Pennsylvania's Cultural Heritage, 1700–1776</i><br>George Boudreau, Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg |
| October 8    | <i>The Calliopean Society and the Limits of Literary Collaboration in Post-Revolutionary New York</i><br>Robb Haberman, Fordham University  |
| November 5   | <i>Quest for Quality: The Revolutionary Generation and the Improvement of American Agriculture</i><br>Daniel Kevles, Yale University  |
| November 12  | <i>The Many Captivities of Esther Wheelwright</i><br>Ann Little, Colorado State University  |
| December 17  | <i>Coerced Colonists: Slave Labor in Seventeenth Century New England</i><br>Wendy Warren, Princeton University  |
| February 11  | <i>Before 1607</i><br>Karen Kupperman, New York University  |
| March 11     | <i>The Government of Use: Legal Theory and the Roots of Jeffersonian Political Economy</i><br>Matthew Crow, Hobart and William Smith Colleges                                       |
| April 8      | <i>New Men, New Politics: Middle-Class Politicians and the Reshaping of American Political Practice, 1812–1828</i><br>Reeve Huston, Duke University                                 |
| May 13       | <i>Jeffersonian America—Seminar in Honor of Herb Sloan</i><br>Barbara Oberg, Princeton University<br>Peter Onuf, University of Virginia<br>Andrew Shankman, Rutgers University      |

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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 pollution and environmental regulation on water and related environmental resources. Proceedings of the seminar, collections of the lectures, are published yearly. To date, forty one volumes have been published. Besides these volumes, the seminar has contributed over forty articles written in seven languages abroad and in the United States. The research institute of the seminar, the American Academy of Ocean Sciences, conducted research actively from 1969 to 1985. During the past thirty years, thirty-three graduate students have participated in the seminar and their participation has been credited toward their studies.

Chair: Professor Richard W. Lo Pinto

Rapporteur: Ms. Joanne Lo Pinto

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 24     *Fighting for Clean Water in NY-NJ Harbor*  
Deborah A. Mans, NY/NJ Baykeeper
- November 21     *Global and Regional Climate Models in Water Resource Planning?*  
Radley Horton, Center for Climate Systems Research, Columbia University
- February 27     *Is Brown the New Green? The Fusion of Ecology of Urban Wildlands*  
Claus Holzapfel, Rutgers University
- April 24     *Phrag Wars: The Complicated Story of Citizen Science in a Local Wetland*  
Robert Newton, Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory

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# 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 Susan Smith-Peter

Rapporteur: Ms. Molly Rose Avila

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 4      *Res Publicae or Res Divinae? Orthodox Icons and the Discourse on Property in Imperial Russia*  
Ekaterina Pravilova, Princeton University
- November 1    *A Plan for the Soviet Future: Programming, the Second Literacy*  
Ksenia Tatarchenko, The Harriman Institute, Columbia University
- December 6    *Siberian Mestizos: Race and Ethnicity in Late Imperial Russia*  
David Rainbow, New York University
- February 7    *Nikolai Nadezhdin: The Making of an Ethnographer*  
Nathaniel Knight, Seton Hall University
- March 7        *A Life in the Avant-Garde: Daniil Kharms and the "Purity of Order"*  
Tony Anemone, Eugene Lang College, The New School for Liberal Arts  
Peter Scotto, Mount Holyoke College
- April 4         *Vinni-pukh and the Glorification of Failed Masculinity*  
Anna Fishzon, Williams College
- May 2          *Russian Taxes and Happiness: Russian, European, and U.S. Fiscal Reforms  
in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries*  
Yanni Kotsonis, New York University

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# ISRAEL AND JEWISH STUDIES (501)

*Founded: 1968*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Jeremy Dauber, Professor Seth Schwartz  
Rapporteur: Ms. Debra Glasberg Gail

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| October 13  | <i>The Reading Habits of Count Joseph Karl Emmanuel von Waldstein</i><br>Pawel Maciejko, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem                        |
| November 28 | <i>The Jewish Origins of Pagan Festivals: Rabbinic Texts on the Roman Calendar</i><br>Sarit Kattan Gribetz, Jewish Theological Seminary            |
| February 26 | <i>Writing on the Wall: Graffiti and the Forgotten Jews of Late Antiquity</i><br>Karen B. Stern, Brooklyn College, The City University of New York |
| April 2     | <i>Inside Kishinev's Pogrom: Hayyim Nahman Bialik, Michael Davitt and the Burdens of Truth</i><br>Steven Zipperstein, Stanford University          |

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# ECONOMIC HISTORY (503)

*Founded: 1969*

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

**Co-Chairs: Professor Alan Dye, Professor Susie Pak, Professor David Weiman**  
**Rapporteur: Mr. Manuel Alejandro Bautista Gonzalez**

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 3      *Negotiating Uncertainty with Social Ties in Early-Modern Overseas Trade*  
Emily Erikson, Yale University
- November 7    *An Overlooked Central Bank Rescue: How the Bank of France*  
*Ended the American Financial Crisis of 1907*  
Mary Tone Rodgers, School of Business, State University of New York at Oswego
- December 5    *Rethinking the WWII Economy: The Welfare Effects of WWII*  
*and the Role of Household Demand in the Postwar Boom*  
Andrew Bossie, Graduate Center and Queens College, The City University of New York
- February 6    *Jewish Persecutions and Weather Shocks: 1100–1800*  
Noel D. Johnson, George Mason University
- March 6        *The New York City Fiscal Crisis and Ideas of the State in the 1970s*  
Kim Phillips-Fein, Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University
- April 3         *Introduction to "Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migrants*  
*in Northern Cities and Labor Markets"*  
Leah Platt Boustan, University of California at Los Angeles
- May 1          *Projecting Power Overseas: The 1863 Paris Postal Conference, the American Civil War,*  
*and the Creation of International Communications Networks*  
Richard John, Columbia University

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# DEATH (507)

*Founded: 1971*

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

Chair: Dr. Christina Staudt  
Honorary Chair: Dr. Michael K. Bartalos  
Rapporteur: Mr. Justin McNamee

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| October 9   | <i>The Psychological Integration of Death Into Life</i><br>Tom Caffrey, John Jay College of Criminal Justice              |
| November 13 | <i>What If You Only Had a Year to Live?</i><br>Rhonda Sternberg, John Jay College of Criminal Justice                     |
| December 11 | <i>Deprogramming Death</i><br>Mark C. Taylor, Columbia University   |
| February 12 | <i>'A Small but Significant Minority': The Rise of the Anti-Right-to-Die Movement</i><br>Ann Neumann, New York University |
| March 12    | <i>Death Avoidance: A Social Context</i><br>Margaret Souza, Empire State College, The State University of New York        |
| April 9     | DISCUSSION OF THE PURPOSE OF THE UNIVERSITY SEMINAR ON DEATH  |
| May 14      | <i>Where in the World is the Human Soul?</i><br>Robert Pollack, Columbia University                                       |

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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.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Francesco Pellizzi, Professor Zoe Strother

Rapporteur: Mr. Alvaro Luis Lima

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| October 3  | <i>Decoding the Adena Tablets: New Interpretations of the “Mound Builder” Tablets</i><br>Duncan Caldwell, Marine and Paleobiological Research Institute           |
| November 7 | <i>Signed Selves: Identity and Career Among Classic Maya Painters and Sculptors</i><br>Stephen Houston, Brown University  |
| December 5 | <i>The Material Sublime: Sleeved Tapestry-Woven Tunics of the Wari Middle Horizon</i><br>Sue Bergh, Cleveland Museum of Art                                       |
| February 6 | <i>Incipient Globalism? Egypt, India and the Architecture of Twelfth-Century Ethiopia</i><br>Finbarr Barry Flood, New York University                             |
| April 10   | <i>Living Presence and the Artifact Person: Exploration into Amazonian Visual Regimes</i><br>Carlos Fausto, National Museum, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro |

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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 Gross, Professor Robert McClintock

Rapporteur: Ms. Rebecca Martin

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 21      JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY  
*Krzysztof Kieslowski: The Filmmaker as Moral Educator*  
Annette Insdorf, Columbia University
- November 11    JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY  
*Cosmopolitanism: What Does It Mean To Be a Citizen of the World?*  
David Hansen, Teachers College, Columbia University
- December 9     JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY  
*Barack Obama as a Global Leader*  
Dinesh Sharma, Binghamton University, The State University of New York  
Uwe P. Gielen, St. Francis College
- January 27     JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY  
*The Power of Conversation*  
Ronald Gross, Teachers College, Columbia University
- March 3        JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY  
*Valuing Contingency: Educating Towards A Sense of Possibility*  
Maxine McClintock, Independent Scholar
- April 7         JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY  
*The Struggle for Fundamental Change in American Social, Economic, and Political Life: What's Worked, What Hasn't, and Where To Now?*  
William Caspary, New York University
- May 5          JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY  
*"I Was A Child Abuser!" How Media Misrepresentations Promote Misguided and Ineffective Approaches to Child Protection*  
Emily Horowitz, St. Francis College

Academic year 2014–2015 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.

Chair: Dr. Margaret E. Crahan

Chair Emeritus: Professor Eugenio Chang-Rodríguez

Rapporteur: Ms. Laura Vargas

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 3 *Chile: Forty Years After the Coup*  
Peter Winn, Tufts University  
Commentators: Katherine Hite, Vassar College  
Marianne González Le Saux, Columbia University
- November 7 *The Indigenous Emergence: From Underclass to Potent Political Actors*  
Rodolfo Stavenhagen, Colegio de México
- December 5 *Challenges by Leftist Democracies to the Traditional Liberal Role of the News Media*  
John Dinges, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism
- February 6 *From Social Movements to Cabinets, Boardrooms, and Beyond:  
The Status of Women in Latin America*  
Jane S. Jaquette, Occidental College
- March 6 *Narratives of the Dirty War in Argentina, 1976–1983*  
Jorgelina Corbatta, Wayne State University
- May 1 *The Globalization of the Latino Diaspora and its Impact on Latin America*  
José Moya, Barnard College, Columbia University

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Chair Emeritus Professor Eugenio Chang-Rodríguez

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# POPULATION BIOLOGY (521)

*Founded: 1971*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Michael Levandowsky,  
Professor Kathleen A. Nolan,  
Professor Dustin Rubenstein

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- March 6      EVOLUTION OF ANIMAL COMMUNICATION  
*Auditory Tuning for Communication Signals in the Songbird Brain*  
Sarah Woolley, Columbia University
- Social Learning is Biased: Evidence from Sparrows and Canaries*  
David Lahti, Queens College, The City University of New York
- April 24      BEHAVIORAL GENOMICS AND EPIGENETICS  
*Ant Genomics and Social Evolution*  
Daniel Kronauer, Rockefeller University
- Harpegnathos Saltator as an Emerging Model for Behavioral Epigenetics*  
Hua Tan, New York University

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# POLITICAL ECONOMY AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES (523)

*Founded: 1971*

This seminar was founded to study the most compelling questions of the day which then related to the war in Southeast Asia, its causes, and consequences. Today the seminar continues to examine vital current issues with emphasis on their 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: Professor Carol Gould, Professor Philip Green,  
Professor Gary Mongiovi  
Rapporteur: Mr. Serdar Yalcin

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 24     *Beyond Neoliberal School Reform: The Role of Choice and Markets in School Systems of the Future*  
Dr. Brian D'Agostino, Empire State College; author of *The Middle Class Fights Back: How Progressive Movements can Restore Democracy in America*
- January 30     *Legalizing the "Exception": How Policing Frames the Debate Over Emergency Powers*  
Leonard Feldman, Hunter College, The City University of New York
- February 27     *Retrieving Chance: Five Theses on Neoliberalism*  
Robyn Marasco, Hunter College, The City University of New York
- April 24         *Undemocratic Tendencies in the American Political System:  
Is the U.S. an Unequalocracy, Polyarchy, or Oligarchy?*  
Ross Zucker, Professor of Political Science, Touro College

Academic year 2014–2015 Co-Chairs:  
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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 three and a half hour discussion at each meeting, assuring ample time for serious dialogue on focused issues. The seminar provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences by Middle East experts in various spheres—business, banking and investment, federal service, the foundations, the media, and the liberal professions as well as academia. The seminar has become a medium for carefully defined and informed evaluation of stubborn problems in a region that symbolizes 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. Aline Sara

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 11 | <i>Demands on U.S. Middle East Policy in a Time of Upheaval</i><br>Paul Pillar, Georgetown University  |
| October 9    | <i>Oil for Food: The Global Food Crisis and the Middle East</i><br>Eckart Woertz, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs<br><br><i>The Crisis in Egypt: An Update</i><br>Lisa Anderson, American University of Cairo |
| November 6   | <i>Strongman Governance and the State in Afghanistan</i><br>Dipali Mukhopadhyay, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University   |
| December 4   | <i>The Obama Doctrine and the Future of U.S. Middle East Policy</i><br>Gary Sick, Columbia University  |

- January 22      *Saudi Arabia: Domestic Stability and the New Middle East Cold War*  
Gregory Gause, University of Vermont
- February 19    *The Evolving Situation in Libya*  
Hanan Salah, Human Rights Watch
- Update on Syria and Lebanon*  
Deborah Amos, National Public Radio
- March 26        *The Fog of Peace*  
Giandomenico Picco, United Nations
- April 23         *Egypt: Revolutionary Process or Failed Transition?*  
Mona El-Ghobashy, Barnard College, Columbia University

Academic year 2014–2015 Co-Chairs:  
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## APPETITIVE BEHAVIOR (529)

*Founded: 1972*

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.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Allan Geliebter, Dr. Harry R. Kissileff

Rapporteur: Dr. Ari Shechter

### MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 12 | <i>Use of a Dopamine Reuptake Inhibitor in Modeling Binge Eating in Obese Women</i><br>Jennifer Nasser, Ph.D., Drexel University |
| October 3    | <i>Role of Sex Hormones in Modulating Metabolism</i><br>Deborah Clegg, Ph.D., University of Texas Southwestern                   |
| November 7   | <i>Sleep and Food Intake Control</i><br>Marie-Pierre St-Onge, Ph.D., New York Obesity Nutrition Research Center                  |
| December 5   | <i>Food Cues and Obesity</i><br>C. Peter Herman, Ph.D., University of Toronto<br>Janet Polivy, Ph.D., University of Toronto      |

- January 23      *Homeostasis: Relationship with Specific Appetites and Behavioral Sensitization*  
Laurival A. De Luca Jr., Ph.D., São Paulo State University
- February 6      *Neural Vulnerability Factors that Predict Future Weight Gain*  
Eric Stice Ph.D., Oregon Research Institute
- March 6      *Evidence of Intercommunication within Brain Reward Areas in the Control of Meal Size*  
Patricia Miner, Ph.D., New York Obesity Research Center,  
Queens College, City University of New York
- April 3      *The Role of Current and Historical Weight in Eating Disorders*  
Michael Lowe, Ph.D., Drexel University
- May 1      *Estrogens Affect Peripheral and Central Eating Controls in a Rat RYGB Model*  
Lori Asarian, Ph.D., University of Zurich
- May 29      *Visceral Sensory Signaling/Satiety*  
Linda Rinaman, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh

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# CULTURE, POWER, BOUNDARIES (531)

*Founded: 1972*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Maria-Luisa Achino-Loeb, Professor Patricia Antonello  
Rapporteur: Ms. Christina Fox

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 7      *“Changing Continuities”: Combining Long-Term Research [in Barbados] with Cross-Continent Research [with Yoruba of Nigeria]*  
Constance R. Sutton, New York University
- November 4      *At Home In The End Times*  
Jeff Maskovsky, Queens College, The City University of New York
- December 2      *Culture Still Matters: Notes from the Field*  
Dan Varisco, Hofstra University
- February 3      *Indigenizing Islam in Haiti: New Historiographies and Global Citizenship*  
Aisha Khan, New York University  
Katherine Smith, New York University
- March 3      *Mad Love: Stories of Race and Recovery From A Mental Institution*  
Katie Hejtmanek, Brooklyn College, The City University of New York
- April 7      JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON BRAZIL  
*Continuities and Changes in Methods and Content Conducting Research in Brazil over a Period of 55 Years*  
Sidney Greenfield, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

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# THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE (533)

*Founded: 1973*

This seminar is devoted to exploring substantive as well as methodological issues in the history and philosophy of science. Science is construed broadly and the issues considered range from epistemic and historiographic questions to issues of relevance and accountability. Topics include the presuppositions and practice of a range of life sciences, earth sciences, and social sciences as well as the physical sciences and mathematics. In the physical sciences its interests range from antiquity to contemporary quantum theory. In the life sciences and social sciences the fields considered include various forms of historical, evolutionary inquiry (in biology, geology, and the historical social sciences), biotechnology and ecology, economics, psychology and cognitive science, and interpretive social inquiry. The membership of this seminar includes natural scientists, social scientists, and scholars in the humanities. Most sessions take place in conjunction with the New York Metropolitan Consortium for the History and Philosophy of Science, Technology, Public Health, and Medicine.

Co-Chairs: Professor Matthew Jones, Professor Pamela H. Smith

Rapporteur: Mr. Sean O'Neil

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| October 30  | <i>Where the Mosquito Sucks, There Suck I: Dracula and Malaria</i><br>Christopher Hamlin, University of Notre Dame  |
| December 4  | <i>Myths in the History of Induction</i><br>John McCaskey, Brown University   |
| January 29  | <i>Territory in the Twentieth Century: The Politics and Geography of Radionavigation from World War I to GPS</i><br>William Rankin, Yale University             |
| February 26 | <i>Engineering and Philosophy: Social, Technical, and Intellectual Elites in Interwar Germany and the U.S.</i><br>Heidi Voskuhl, University of Pennsylvania     |
| March 26    | <i>A Patch of Weeds: Plant Transfers and Biological Innovation in 19th-Century American Agricultural Development</i><br>Courtney Fullilove, Wesleyan University |
| April 30    | <i>Shoddy Technology: Textile Waste and the Epistemology of Reuse</i><br>Hanna Shell, Massachusetts Institute of Technology                                     |
| May 12      | <i>Experiments in the Popularization of Mid-Victorian Science: Museums and Exhibitions</i><br>Bernard Lightman, York University                                 |

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Professor Pamela H. Smith, [ps2270@columbia.edu](mailto: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, film studies, political science, sociology, anthropology, music, and folklore. These scholars bring to any topic under discussion a diversity of background which is stimulating and informative for all present. The concern for Irish studies as a field of scholarly inquiry is reflected in the collegial sharing of information about resources and repositories for research in the field.

Co-Chairs: Professor Terrence Byrne, Professor Mary McGlynn

Rapporteur: Ms. Annie Holt

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 4      *Stoker's Vampire and the Vicissitudes of Bio-Power*  
Joseph Valente, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
- November 1    *My Mamie Rose/Regeneration as New York Narrative*  
Robert Singer, Kingsborough Community College, The City University of New York
- December 6    *London Bridge is Falling Down: Irish and American Modernisms and  
the Re-Making of the Nineteenth-Century World Literary System*  
Joe Cleary, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
- February 7    *Masculinity and Political Geographies in Early Modern England, Ireland and North America*  
Brendan Kane, University of Connecticut
- March 7        *Look at Ireland: the Gael-Linn Amharc Éireann Documentary and News Film Series, 1956–1964*  
Mairéad Pratschke, University of Massachusetts, Lowell
- April 4        *Love/Hate: Irish Masculinities*  
Danine Farquharson, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- May 2         *The Identity That Dare Not Speak Its Name: Scots-Irishness, Henry James,  
and Colm Tóibín's "The Master"*  
Mary Burke, University of Connecticut

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Professor Mary McGlynn, mary.mcglynn@baruch.cuny.edu

# CINEMA AND INTERDISCIPLINARY INTERPRETATION (539)

*Founded: 1974*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor William Luhr, Professor David Sterritt

Rapporteurs: Mr. Peter Labuza

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 19     *Hollywood's Proper Stranger: Natalie Wood's Knowing Innocence and Uncertain Experience*  
Cynthia Lucia, Rider University  
Respondent: David Lugowski, Manhattanville College
- October 24     *Traces of a Viennese Youth: Uncovering the Early Life and Career of Edgar Ulmer*  
Noah Isenberg, Eugene Lang College, The New School for Liberal Arts  
Respondent: Jim Hoberman, Film Critic
- November 14     *City-Essay Films*  
Philip Lopate, Columbia University  
Respondent: Gilberto Perez, Sarah Lawrence College
- December 12     *Hollywood and the Third Reich*  
Ben Urwand, Harvard University  
Respondent: Christopher Sharrett, Seton Hall University

March 6      *Why Should We Take Frasier Seriously?*  
Sidney Gottlieb, Sacred Heart University  
Jim Castonguay, Sacred Heart University  
Respondent: David Lugowski, Manhattanville College

April 3      THE FRANKENSTEIN BICENTENNIAL PROJECT  
*Frankenstein's Body*  
Peter Lehman, Arizona State University  
  
*Networking the Monster: The Frankenstein Myth as Cultural Linking Structure*  
Ed Finn, Arizona State University  
  
*Cities, Cyborgs, Frankenstein and Film*  
Jathan Sadowski, Arizona State University

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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: Professor Samantha Majic, Professor Jennifer Rutledge  
Rapporteur: Ms. Billur Avlar

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 16 *Case Studies in Queer Ecology: Jewett to Freud*  
Travis M. Foster, Villanova University  
Discussant: Sarah Chinn, Hunter College, The City University of New York
- October 21 *Motherhood as Punishment: The Case of Parenting in Prison*  
Lynne Haney, New York University  
Discussant: Jeanne Flavin, National Advocates for Pregnant Women
- November 18 *Recovery Narratives, War Stories, and Nostalgia: Street-Based  
Sex Workers' Discursive Negotiations of the Exclusionary Regime*  
Susan Dewey, University of Wyoming  
Discussant: Tiantian Zheng, State University of New York College at Cortland
- February 24 *The Politics of Socio-Cultural Leveraging: Why Gender Became Central  
to Immigrant Integration Policy in France*  
Kimberly J. Morgan, George Washington University  
Discussant: Vilna Bashi Treitler, Baruch College, The City University of New York
- March 31 *Mapping Violence against Women in Politics*  
Mona Lena Krook, Rutgers University  
Discussant: Sheila Dauer, Teachers College, Columbia University  
and The New School for Public Engagement
- April 28 *Feminism, Disability, and the Body/Mind Duality: Rethinking the Place of the Will*  
Nancy J. Hirschmann, University of Pennsylvania  
Discussant: Serene Khader, Stony Brook University, The State University of New York
- May 19 *Celebration Amidst Depression: The Abeokuta Centenary*  
Judith Byfield, Cornell University  
Discussant: Carolyn A. Brown, Rutgers University

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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: Professor Christine Philliou, Professor Nader Sohrabi  
Rapporteur: Ms. Anna Wood

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 27     *A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THE GEZI PARK PROTESTS*  
Ayda Erbal, New York University  
Murat Guney, Columbia University  
Selim Karlitekin, Columbia University  
Onur Ozgode, Columbia University  
Moderator: Christine Philliou, Columbia University
- October 25     *Royal Portrait: The Public Image of Sultan Murad III (1574–1595)*  
Ozgen Felek, **AFFILIATION?**
- November 14     *Osman Hamdi Bey's Genesis (1901): Symbolism, Emulation, Provocation*  
Edhem Eldem, Bosphorus University
- February 3     *Greek Philosophical Texts in the Court of Mehmed II*  
Maria Mavroudi, **AFFILIATION?**
- April 25     *Architecture and Greek Communities in the Ottoman Empire under the Tanzimat*  
Vassilis Colonas, School of Architecture, University of Thessaly

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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: Ms. Susan Ohanesian, LCSW, ACSW, CASAC

Rapporteur: Mr. Serdar Yalcin

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 10 | <i>Substance Use Services in the Era of Health Care Reform</i><br>Frank McCorry, PhD, New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services                    |
| October 8    | <i>Change in the Rockefeller Drug Laws, and its Impact on the Treatment of the Addicts</i><br>Bridget Brennan, Office of Special Narcotics                                |
| November 19  | <i>Addiction Medicine: Closing the Gap between Evidence and Practice</i><br>Susan E. Foster, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse,<br>Columbia University |
| December 3   | <i>Integrative Treatment for Alcoholism: Challenges and Opportunities</i><br>Allen Zweben, Ph.D, School of Social Work, Columbia University                               |
| February 11  | <i>A Qualitative Analysis of Case Managers' Use of Harm Reduction in Practice</i><br>Emmy Tiderington, Silver School of Social Work, New York University                  |
| March 18     | <i>Applications of Positive Psychology to Addictions Interventions: Overview of Research</i><br>Amy Krentzman, PhD, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota        |
| April 8      | <i>Australian Perspectives on Harm Reduction</i><br>Andrew Byrne, Addictions Physician  |
| May 13       | <i>Re-Envisioning Addiction treatment: A Six Point Plan</i><br>Scott Kellogg, Ph.D., New York University  |

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# TWENTIETH-CENTURY POLITICS AND SOCIETY (555)

*Founded: 1992*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Joanne Cho,  
Professor Christopher Dietrich, Professor Isabel Tirado  
Rapporteur: Mr. Stephen Wertheim

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 26     *Free Men, Hygienic Homes, and Modern Migration: The Racial Reverberations of Puerto Rican Populism, 1935–1950*  
Eileen J. Findlay, American University
- October 23        *“The Whip Hand”: Sovereignty, Anti-Colonialism, and International Law, 1950–1971*  
Christopher Dietrich, Fordham University
- December 4        *Secrecy and the Soviet State: Toward a Social Map of Knowledge*  
Asif Siddiqi, Fordham University
- February 6         *Finding Their Voice: Mobilizing Immigrant Voters in the 2012 Election*  
Heath Brown, Seton Hall University
- March 11           *The Political Origins of Global Justice*  
Samuel Moyn, Columbia University
- April 24            *The Evolution of International Humanitarian Law: Lieber to Guantanamo*  
David Crowe, Elon School of Law

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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: Professor Diana Brown, Professor John Collins,  
Professor Sidney Greenfield, Professor Vânia Penha-Lopes  
Rapporteur: Ms. Laura Vargas

### MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 19    OPEN DISCUSSION ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN BRAZIL
- October 17    *Brazilian Quilombos: Their Transhistorical, Juridical and Post-Utopian Dimensions*  
Ilka Boaventura, Federal University of Santa Catarina
- November 14    *Some Interpretive Considerations on Post-Abolition and Politics in Brazil*  
Hebbe Matos, Universidade Federal Fluminense
- December 19    *What Does it Mean to Be Brazilian?: Perceptions of Brazilian Ethnicity Abroad*  
Maxine L. Margolis, University of Florida
- February 20    *Current Conflicts over Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in Brazil*  
Julia S. Guivant, Institute of Research on Risk and Sustainability,  
Federal University of Santa Catarina
- March 13    *The Dark Side of the Moon: Heritage, Memory, and Place in Rio de Janeiro*  
José Reginaldo Santos Gonçalves, Institute of Philosophy and Social Sciences,  
Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
- April 7    JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON CULTURE, POWER, AND BOUNDARIES  
*Continuities and Changes in Methods and Content Conducting Research  
in Brazil over a Period of 55 Years*  
Sidney Greenfield, University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee
- April 17    *Creating a Dialogue on Health Needs Between Indigenous Peoples and the Brazilian Government*  
Maria de Lourdes Beldi de Alcantara, Harvard University
- May 15    *Three Incarnations, Three Deviations: Six Themes in Search of a Historian—  
Fifty Plus Years in Pursuit*  
Ralph della Cava, Queens College, The City University of New York

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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.

Chair: Professor Muhsin Al-Musawi

Rapporteur: Mr. Vivek Gupta

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 26 | <i>Castilian Blessings on a Moorish Historian and a Moorish Translator: Don Quixote, The Arabian Nights and the Maqāma</i><br>Nizar Hermes, Princeton University        |
| October 31   | <i>The European Construction of the Image of the Prophet Muhammad</i><br>Avinoam Shalem, Columbia University  |
| November 21  | <i>Venice 1547: A Renaissance Scholar Between Artes, Fabulae and the Qur'an</i><br>Pier Mattia Tommasino, Columbia University   |
| January 30   | <i>Early Modern Mediterranean Stories of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Captivity: Religion, Nationalisms, and Identities</i><br>Patricia E. Grieve, Columbia University |
| February 27  | <i>Adam Smith and the Decline of Arabic/Islamic Philosophy and Science</i><br>George Saliba, Columbia University  |
| March 27     | <i>Arabic Literature of the African Sahara</i><br>Xavier Luffin, Université Libre de Bruxelles  |
| April 24     | <i>From Lisaan 'Arabiyy to al-'Arabiyya: The Rise of Standard Language Ideology and Its Implications</i><br>Kristen Brustad, University of Texas at Austin              |

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# HUMAN RIGHTS (561)

*Founded: 1978*

This seminar addresses various human rights issues at monthly meetings, sometimes by designating a theme to be followed during the entire academic 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: Professor George Andreopoulos, Professor Yasmine Ergas  
Rapporteur: Ms. Branwen Millar

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 7 *The Impact of Women's Rights on HIV/AIDS Prevalence, 1990–2005: A Global Analysis*  
Bozena Welborne, University of Nevada, Reno  
Robert L. Ostergard, University of Nevada, Reno
- November 4 *From Solidarity to Survival: The Motivational Life Cycle of Transnational Democracy and Human Rights Movements*  
Tsveta Petrova, Harriman Institute, Columbia University
- December 2 *Doing without Believing? Persuasion Versus Coercion in Human Rights Activism*  
Rachel Wahl, New York University and Columbia University
- February 3 *Who Survived? Ethiopia's Regulatory Crackdown on Foreign-Funded NGOs*  
Kendra Dupuy, University of Washington
- April 7 *The Endtimes of Human Rights*  
Stephen Hopgood, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

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# NEO-CONFUCIAN STUDIES (567)

*Founded: 1979*

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

Co-Chairs: Mr. Ari Borrell, Professor Tao Jiang,  
Professor On-cho Ng, Professor Deborah Sommer  
Rapporteur: Mr. Yao Lin

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 4      *Repossessing the Exorcised: Zhu Xi and the Songs of Chu*  
Gopal Sukhu, Queens College, The City University of New York
- November 1    *The Concept of Yi in the Mencius and Problems of Distributive Justice*  
Sor-hoon Tan, National University of Singapore
- December 6    *Dreams, Court Cases and Confucians*  
Ellen Neskar, Sarah Lawrence College
- February 7    *Rites as Principles: A Fundamental Concept in Confucian Theories of Ethics and Politics*  
Elizabeth Woo Li, Peking University
- New Old Foundations for Confucian Ethical Philosophy: Ito Jinsai (1627–1705),  
Dai Zhen (1722–1776), and Jeong Yakyong (1762–1836)*  
Philip J. Ivanhoe, City University of Hong Kong
- March 7        *Limits of Governance in Thirteenth Century China: Huang Zhen in Fuzhou, Jiangxi*  
Sukhee Lee, Rutgers University
- April 4         *A Selected Translation of Zhu Xi's "Critique of Adulterated Learning (Zaxue Bian)"*  
Ari Borrell, Modern Language Association

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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: Professor Gary Heiman

Rapporteur: Ms. Esther Drill

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| October 10  | <i>Recent Experiences with Exome Sequence Data in Families, or “The Rebirth of Linkage Analysis”</i><br>Jurg Ott, PhD, Rockefeller University                                    |
| November 14 | <i>Everything You Wanted to Know about Encode, But Were Afraid to Ask</i><br>Robert J. Klein, PhD, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  |
| December 12 | <i>Pattern Discovery and Cancer Gene Identification in Integrated Cancer Genomic Data</i><br>Ronglai Shen, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center                                |
| January 9   | <i>Identifying Schizophrenia Risk Loci in the MHC Using Next Generation Sequencing</i><br>Semanti Mukherjee, Feinstein Institute of Medical Research                             |
| March 13    | <i>Methodological Developments in Sequence-Based Association Tests, and Applications</i><br>Iuliana Ionita-Laza, PhD, Columbia University  |
| April 10    | <i>Genetics of Beta Amyloid and Dementia in Down Syndrome:<br/>Dissecting Dementia Pathways through Genetic and Biomarker Signatures</i><br>Joseph Lee, PhD, Columbia 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: Professor Andras Kisery, Professor Zoltan Markus  
Rapporteur: Ms. Ashley Streeter

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 20 | <i>Staging Early Modern Theater in Contemporary New York</i><br>Jesse Berger, Red Bull Theater<br>Jean Howard, Columbia University                                  |
| October 11   | <i>A Rose by Any Other Name . . . : Shakespeare and the Senses</i><br>Holly Dugan, George Washington University   |
| November 8   | <i>Continental Shakespeare</i><br>Karen Newman, Brown University  |
| December 13  | BERNARD BECKERMAN LECTURE<br><i>Shadows, Visions, and Poetic Faith in "Midsummer Night's Dream"</i><br>Rich McCoy, Graduate Center, The City University of New York |
| February 28  | <i>Humanist as Maker</i><br>Katherine Rowe, Bryn Mawr College   |
| March 14     | <i>The 'Evil Affection': Early Modern Tragedy and the Problem of Passionate Sympathy</i><br>Ashley Street, Columbia University                                      |
| April 4      | <i>The (Mis)Fortunes of 2 Henry IV in Performance</i><br>James C. Bulman, Allegheny College   |
| May 9        | <i>The Dead Indian and "The Tempest" (1613)</i><br>Gavin Hollis, Hunter College, The City University of New York  |

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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: Professor Ann Marie Murphy,  
Professor Hugh T. Patrick, Professor Jayne Werner  
Rapporteur: Ms. Kim Truong

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 25 | <i>Myanmar's Transition from Authoritarianism: Challenges and Opportunities</i><br>Ardeth Thawngmung, University of Massachusetts Lowell |
| October 23   | <i>On Cambodia's Recent Elections</i><br>Duncan McCargo, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University                           |
| December 4   | <i>Indonesia in ASEAN: A Crumbling Cornerstone</i><br>Donald Weatherbee, University of South Carolina                                    |
| February 25  | <i>Writing Environmental Histories of Viet Nam and Cambodia</i><br>Ben Kiernan, Yale University  |
| April 9      | <i>Untapped Middle Power Ties: What South Korea and ASEAN Can Do for the Region</i><br>Yongwook Ryu, Australian National University      |
| May 8        | <i>Of Inequality and Irritation: New Agendas and Activism in Malaysia and Singapore</i><br>Meredith L. Weiss, Johns Hopkins University   |

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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.

Chair: Dr. Michael Schulman  
Rapporteur: Ms. Rebecca Martin

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 21      JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION  
*Krzysztof Kieslowski: The Filmmaker as Moral Educator*  
Annette Insdorf, Columbia University
- November 11    JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION  
*Cosmopolitanism: What Does It Mean To Be a Citizen of the World?*  
David Hansen, Teachers College, Columbia University
- December 9     JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION  
*Barack Obama as a Global Leader*  
Dinesh Sharma, Binghamton University, The State University of New York  
Uwe P. Gielen, St. Francis College
- January 27     JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION  
*The Power of Conversation*  
Ronald Gross, Teachers College, Columbia University
- March 3        JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION  
*Valuing Contingency: Educating Towards A Sense of Possibility*  
Maxine McClintock, Independent Scholar
- April 7         JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION  
*The Struggle for Fundamental Change in American Social, Economic, and Political Life:  
What's Worked, What Hasn't, and Where To Now?*  
William Caspary, New York University
- May 5          JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION  
*"I Was A Child Abuser!" How Media Misrepresentations Promote  
Misguided and Ineffective Approaches to Child Protection*  
Emily Horowitz, St. Francis College

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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. New paradigms for studying cognitive processes in animals—in particular symbol use and memory—have, for the first time, allowed psychologists and neuroscientists to compare higher thought processes in animals and human beings. New imaging approaches have also facilitated exploring the neural basis of behavior and both animals and humans. Questions concerning the nature of animal and human cognition have defined the themes of this seminar whose members include specialists in cognition, ethology, philosophy and neuroscience.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Yaakov Stern, Professor Herbert S. Terrace  
Rapporteur: Mr. Gregory Jensen

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 19 | <i>On Knowing and Being Known in the 4-Month Origins of Disorganized Attachment</i><br>Beatrice Beebe, Columbia University                                |
| October 17   | <i>Intuitive Cooperation and Habits of Virtue</i><br>David Rand, Yale University  |
| November 21  | <i>Emergence of Complex Communication from Simple Interactions:<br/>Lessons from Songbirds and Human Infants</i><br>Michael Goldstein, Cornell University |
| December 16  | JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON LANGUAGE AND COGNITION<br><i>The Evolution of Speech and Music</i><br>W. Tecumseh Fitch, University of Vienna           |
| January 30   | <i>Predicting the Accuracy of a Decision: A Neural Mechanism for Confidence</i><br>Michael Shadlen, Cornell University                                    |
| February 27  | <i>Origins of Charity and Deception in the Brain</i><br>Michael Platt, Duke University  |
| April 24     | <i>Evolution and Development of the Human Cerebral Cortex</i><br>Chet Sherwood, George Washington University  |

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# SCIENTIFIC LITERACY/SCIENTIFIC FRONTIERS (611)

*Founded: 1987*

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: Mr. Alex Ruiqing Ma

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

September 20	<i>Engineering Failures and Design Principles</i> Sheldon Levine, Aero Nav Laboratories
October 18	<i>The Discovery of The Higgs Boson: Latest Results from the Atlas Experiment at the LHC</i> Michael Tuts, Columbia University
November 22	<i>Solar Cells—Principles, Possibilities, and Limitations</i> Omer Yaffe, Columbia University
December 13	<i>Environmental Remediation: Purification of Water with Designed Polymers</i> Spiro Alexandratos, Hunter College, The City University of New York
January 31	<i>A Coherent Approach to Energy in High School Physics and Chemistry</i> Larry Dukerich, Arizona State University
February 28	<i>Artificial Photosynthesis, An Excited State Acid-Base Process</i> Harry Gafney, Queens College, The City University of New York
March 28	<i>Sustainable Schools and Sustainable Communities</i> Sabina Pendse, Environmental Protection Administration
April 25	THE ANNUAL DEMO DERBY

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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 crossnational perspectives, primarily in other industrialized economies. The purpose is to identify and clarify the more difficult and central intellectual questions which relate to and affect the national commitment and capability to assure full employment, social welfare, and equity over long periods.

Co-Chairs: Professor Sheila Collins,  
Professor Helen Lachs Ginsburg, Professor Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg  
Rapporteurs: Ms. Loren Cobbs, Ms. Eva Lu

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 23 *Before the Koch Brothers: Business Activism and the Postwar American Right*  
Kimberly Phillips-Fein, Gallatin School for Individualized Study, New York University
- December 9 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES  
*Trade Unions for Energy Democracy: A Global, Multi-Sector Initiative to Advance Democratic Direction and Control Energy*  
Sean Sweeney, Global Labor Institute, Cornell University
- February 10 *Securing the Right to Work at the State or Local Level with a Direct Job Creation Program*  
Phillip Harvey, Rutgers University
- March 24 *The Nature of the Pension “Promise”*  
Brian A. Jones, Independent Scholar
- April 7 *Down The Up Escalator: How the 99% Live*  
Barbara Garson, Author
- May 5 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES  
*What Future for Haiti?*  
CarolAnn Daniels, Green Cities—Green Villages  
Yanique Joseph, Green Cities—Green Villages

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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: Professor Ahmad Ashraf, Professor Vahid Nowshirvani

Rapporteurs: Mr. Justin McNamee, Ms. Anna Wood

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 12 | <i>English in Post-Revolutionary Iran: From Indigenization to Internationalization</i><br>Maryam Borjian, Rutgers University                   |
| October 10   | <i>Not Just Love and Epic Poems: Philosophical Poetry in Persian and the Case of Nasir Khusraw</i><br>Alice C. Hunsberger, Independent Scholar |
| December 11  | <i>Hidden Redeemers and Sleeping Heroes: The Ghayba-Idea in 8th Century Iran</i><br>Sean Anthony, University of Oregon                         |
| February 7   | <i>Discovering Cyrus: The Persian Conqueror Astride the Ancient World</i><br>Reza Zarghamee, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP               |
| March 12     | <i>The Decline and Fall of the Safavid Dynasty: Comparisons and Lessons</i><br>Rudi Matthee, University of Delaware                            |
| April 9      | <i>Some Recent Controversies on the Role of Hadith in Islam</i><br>Rainer Brunner, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris         |
| May 7        | <i>Power, Pleasure, and Interaction: Depictions of Garden Pavilions in Persian Paintings</i><br>Mohammad Gharipour, Morgan State University    |

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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.

Co-Chairs: Professor Michael I. Como, Professor David Max Moerman

Rapporteur: Mr. Andrew Macomber

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- November 8 *Buddhist Medicine in Medieval China*  
C. Pierce Salguero, Pennsylvania State University, Abington College
- December 13 *A Landscape of Texts—On the Use of Temple Gazetteers for the Study of Chinese Buddhist History*  
Marcus Bingenheimer, Temple University
- March 25 *Of Monks and Embryos: Tantric Practices and the Ritualization of Buddhist Embryology in Mediaeval Japan*  
Lucia Dolce, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- April 11 *The Buddha's Miracles at Śrāvastī: A Reconsideration*  
John Strong, Bates College
- April 25 *Monastic Discipline and Ordinations (Or Their Absence) in Medieval Japanese Tendai*  
Paul Groner, University of Virginia

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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 Evan Haefeli  
Rapporteur: Mr. Joseph Blankholm

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 17 | <i>Apocalyptic Caribbean: Sectaries, Soldiers, and Slaves in the English Atlantic, c.1639–1660</i><br>David Como, Stanford University                                |
| October 15   | <i>Joshua’s Story: A Mohican-Moravian Man, Daniel Boone, and the Story of American Religion</i><br>Rachel Wheeler, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis |
| November 19  | <i>Sensualizing the Secular</i><br>E. Marshall Brooks, Rutgers University  |
| December 9   | <i>Tornado God: American Religion and Violent Weather</i><br>Peter Thuesen, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis  |
| February 18  | <i>God’s Historian: David Barton and American Christian Nationalism</i><br>John Fea, Messiah College   |
| March 10     | <i>Christian Slavery: Protestant Missions and Slave Conversion in the Atlantic World, 1660–1760</i><br>Katharine Gerbner, University of Minnesota                    |
| April 8      | <i>The Quest for a Viable Intolerance in Puritan New England</i><br>Michael Winship, University of Georgia   |

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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 consist of a mix of “outside” specialists in American academic history and Columbia “insiders” who have had a direct involvement with a particular issue and a familiarity with recent Columbia folkways.

Co-Chairs: Professor Robert L. Belknap, Mr. Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr.

Rapporteur: Ms. Isabel Kim Dzitac

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| October 2  | ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING   |
| November 6 | <i>Bali in Her Soul: A Portrait of Jane Belo Tannenbaum</i><br>Georgina Marrero, Independent Scholar   |
| December 4 | <i>Toward an Intellectual History of Columbia University: A Roundtable on Bibliographic and Archival Materials, with a Special Emphasis on the Physics Department</i><br>Mary Marshall Clark, Columbia University Oral History Project<br>Ronald Grele, Columbia University Oral History Project<br>Harold Wechsler, New York University |
| February 5 | <i>50 Year Evolution of Subject Matter in the University Seminar on Eighteenth Century European Culture (417)</i><br>Elizabeth Powers, Independent Scholar<br>Orest Ranum, Johns Hopkins University  |
| March 5    | <i>Columbia's Pure Sciences and Its Engineers: The Great Rapprochement</i><br>Robert A. McCaughey, Barnard College, Columbia University  |
| April 2    | <i>Pre-20th Century Physics at Columbia</i><br>Frank Sciulli, Columbia University  |

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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: Dr. David Bensman, Dr. Sheila Collins

Rapporteur: Ms. Loren Cobbs

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 30     *The Specter of Our Time: Oil, War, and Global Polity*  
Cyrus Bina, University of Minnesota, Morris
- December 9     JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND EQUITY  
*Trade Unions for Energy Democracy: A Global, Multi-Sector Initiative*  
*to Advance Democratic Direction and Control Energy*  
Sean Sweeney, Global Labor Institute, Cornell University
- February 18     *Informal Labor, Formal Politics and Discontent in India*  
Rina Agarwala, Johns Hopkins University
- April 21     *Law, Labor, and Discipline: How Labor Protections Sustain a Docile Workforce*  
SaunJuhi Verma, Duke University
- May 5     JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND EQUITY  
*What Future for Haiti?*  
CarolAnn Daniels, Green Cities—Green Villages  
Yanique Joseph, Green Cities—Green Villages

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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. Georgia Duan

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 24     *Audiovisual Speech and the Primacy of the Multisensory Brain*  
Lawrence D. Rosenblum, University of California, Riverside
- December 5     *On the Nature of Sequential Representations for Speech and Word Recognition*  
James S. Magnuson, University of Connecticut
- December 16     JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE  
*The Evolution of Speech and Music*  
W. Tecumseh Fitch, University of Vienna
- February 20     *The Architecture of Spoken Production Makes Use of Both  
Concrete and Abstract Representations of Sound Structure*  
Adam Buchwald, New York University
- March 6     *Articulatory Reliability in Child-Specific Phonology*  
Tara McAllister Byun, New York University
- May 1     *A New Approach to Investigating Ability and Disability in Reading Comprehension*  
Julie A. Van Dyke, Haskins Laboratories

Academic year 2014–2015 Chair:

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# MEMORY AND SLAVERY (689)

*Founded: 2001*

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: Dr. Pilar Jennings, Professor Robert Pollack  
Rapporteur: Mr. Patrick Higgiston

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 24     *Looking for Lyricism: Black Maternity in An Unforgiving Land*  
Patricia J. Williams, Columbia University
- October 29        *The Pursuit of Parenthood*  
Wendy Chavkin, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
- April 22           *My Principal Witness: James Baldwin and American Morality*  
Rich Blint, Office of Community Outreach and Education,  
Columbia University School of the Arts
- May 13            *The Physician's (Complex) Role as Final Journey Navigator*  
Anthony Lechich, Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center

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# 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: Professor Li Feng, Professor David Pankenier  
Rapporteur: Mr. Maxim Korolkov

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 12      *Wherefore the Star-Crossed Lovers Weaving Maid and Ox-herd?*  
David Pankenier, Lehigh University  
*A New Hypothesis on the Techniques of Casting Western Zhou Bronze Inscriptions*  
Li Feng, Columbia University
- November 16    *Witchcraft and the Rise of the First Confucian Empire*  
Cai Liang, University of Arkansas  
*Bān Gù's Tetra-syllabic Verse and its Place in the Evolution of the Form*  
David Prager Branner, Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton University
- March 22        *Ritual Assemblies and the Geopolitics of Zhou Expansion*  
Nicholas Vogt, Heidelberg University  
*Prayer in the Huayuanzhuang Oracle Bone Inscriptions, with  
an Annotated Translation of China's Earliest Prayer Text*  
Adam Schwartz, Institute for the Study of Ancient World, New York University  
*On Shang Ceramics*  
Marina Kuznetsova-Fetisova, Russian Academy of Sciences
- April 12        *The Language of Letters. Terminology of Private Letters from the Qin and Han Periods*  
Enno Giele, Heidelberg University  
*Conquest and Concord: The Transformation of Ji from a Pro-Shang Polity to Zhou Regional State*  
Minna Wu, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
- May 17         *Serving the Dead Accordingly: Talismanic Objects and "Doings" in the Tombs  
from the 3rd century B.C.E. to the 5th century C.E. China*  
Guo Jue, Barnard College, Columbia University

Academic year 2014–2015 Co-Chairs:  
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# 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: Professor Michelle Ballan, Ms. Colleen Lewis

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

March 27      *There's No Disability When It Comes to Love: Paul and Hava's Story*  
Paul and Hava Forziano  
Norm and Bonnie Samuels  
Frank and Roseann Forziano

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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 hear research papers by visiting scholars and comment on work in progress by members of the group.

Co-Chairs: Mr. Toby Harper, Professor Guy Ortolano

Rapporteur: Ms. Alma Igra

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 9 | <i>Robert Walpole's Political Calculations</i><br>William Deringer, Columbia Society of Fellows  |
| October 7   | <i>Guns in the Eighteenth-Century Culture of Violence:<br/>Evidence from a Quaker Gun-Maker and His Contemporaries</i><br>Priya Satia, Stanford University |
| November 4  | <i>The Institutional Afterlife of Christian England</i><br>Daniel Loss, Harvard University   |
| January 30  | <i>The Greatest Metaphor Ever Mixed: Gold in the British Bible, 1750–1850</i><br>Timothy Alborn, Lehman College, The City University of New York           |
| March 6     | <i>Corporation and Colony in the Early Modern British Empire</i><br>Philip Stern, Duke University  |
| April 3     | <i>The Crisis of the Meritocracy: Education and Democracy in Modern Britain</i><br>Peter Mandler, Cambridge University                                     |

Academic year 2014–2015 Chair:

Professor Guy Ortolano, ortolano@nyu.edu

# 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: Mr. Alexis Radisoglou

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| November 7  | <i>How to Be Public: Conflict and Collectivity at the Thessaloniki Film Festival</i><br>Toby Lee, Columbia University                              |
| November 20 | <i>The Modernization Of Sappho's Reception In Early 20th Century Greek Translation and Poetry</i><br>Panagiotis Antonopoulos, University of Crete  |
| December 4  | <i>Children of the Dictatorship: Student Resistance, Cultural Politics, and the 'Long 1960s' in Greece</i><br>Kostis Kornetis, New York University |

- March 5 *Performing the Real of History*  
Tatjana Aleksic, University of Michigan  
*Flaying Alive: The Body As Site Of Resistance In Elias Maglinis's The Interrogation*  
Patricia Felisa Barbeito, Rhode Island School of Design
- March 24 *Communists Carrying the American Flag: Americanism, Anti-Americanism and the Greek Left (1944–1949)*  
Kostis Karpozilos, Blinken European Institute and Stavros Niarchos Foundation  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Columbia University  
*American Espionage and Philanthropy: Perspectives from the Greek Left*  
Despina Lalaki, New York University
- April 1 *Poverty Porn: Performing the National and Mapping the Cosmopolitical in Contemporary New Wave Films*  
Erato Basea, Stavros Niarchos Foundation  
Postdoctoral Fellow in Film, Columbia University

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## EARLY MODERN FRANCE (707)

*Founded: 2005*

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

Chair: Professor Joanna R. Stalnaker

Rapporteur: Mr. Yohann Ripert

### MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| October 23 | <i>Medusa's Progeny</i><br>Marie-Hélène Huet, Princeton University                        |
| November 6 | <i>Surveillance and Secrecy: The Black Cabinets</i><br>Jay Caplan, Amherst College        |
| March 7    | <i>L'aède et le géographe</i><br>Phillip John Usher, Barnard College, Columbia University |

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Professor Charly Coleman, [cc3472@columbia.edu](mailto:cc3472@columbia.edu)



# LITERARY THEORY (711)

*Founded: 2005*

This seminar has had a long and distinguished history at Columbia. Originally called Theory of Literature (469), it was revived under its current title in 2006 with a view to pursuing the relations between literature, philosophy, and the politics that pervades our cultural production and its study. For some time now, literary studies has been engaged in wider theoretical approaches to texts and to the very idea of literature and criticism, and the seminar hopes to take philosophical stock of this tendency as well as to try to bring to it, wherever possible, more creative and more rigorous angles. These goals will initially be pursued broadly and ecumenically and should it turn out that one or other theme surfaces, which demands our sustained focus, the seminar will very likely take it up for a whole year, approaching it from different angles. For the most part, one of the members will circulate a paper, introduced for the seminar by another member, but occasionally, we will invite a speaker from outside the membership.

Chair: Professor Bruce Robbins  
Rapporteur: Ms. Mary Grace Albanese

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 25     *Foucault's Points of Heresy*  
Étienne Balibar, Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia University  
Respondent: John Rajchman, Columbia University
- October 29     *What Theory A Young Writer Needs*  
Sarah Leonard, Dissent Magazine  
Respondent: Laura Kipnis, School of Communication, Northwestern University
- November 26     *A Demon With Ruby Eyes*  
Manan Ahmed, Columbia University
- February 4     *What Theory Does a Young Writer Need?*  
Nikil Saval, Stanford University  
Respondent: Nicholas Dames, Columbia University
- March 6     *Reading as a Social Science*  
Heather Love, University of Pennsylvania  
Respondent: Sharon Marcus, Columbia University
- April 17     *There's Something about Mary: Feeling God in Time, Language, and the Social World*  
Eleanor Johnson, Columbia University  
Respondent: Jean Howard, Columbia University

Academic year 2014–2015 Chair:  
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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: Professor Marianne Hirsch, Professor Andreas Huyssen

Rapporteurs: Ms. Kate Trebuss

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 25     *Terror and Taboo: Going to Turkey*  
Peter Balakian, Colgate University  
Respondent: Leo Spitzer, Dartmouth College
- October 3        *Contemporary History and its Discontents: Memory Politics in Morocco*  
Sonja Hegasy, Zentrum Moderner Orient  
Respondent: Lila Abu-Lughod, Columbia University
- November 25     *Memory Works*  
Marcelo Brodsky, Artist, Photographer and Human Rights Activist  
Respondent: Lorie Novak, Tisch School of the Arts, New York University
- March 10         A GRADUATE STUDENT ROUNDTABLE  
*Memory for the Future: Collaborative Witnessing in Post-Dictatorship Chile*  
Moderated by Kate Trebuss
- March 25         *Mapping Ararat: Remembering an Imaginary Jewish Homeland*  
Louis Kaplan, University of Toronto  
Melissa Schiff, University of Toronto  
Respondent: Marianne Hirsch, Columbia University

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# INJURY PREVENTION AND CONTROL (719)

*Founded: 2007*

Established by the faculty from the Department of Anesthesiology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Department of Epidemiology 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 injury prevention and control, and provides an opportunity for seminar participants to analyze and evaluate new and continuing issues of growing significance with respect to injury epidemiology. Current topics of interest include motor vehicle crashes and pedestrian injuries, violence, emergency and disaster preparedness, and the implications of aging on health and safety. The seminar provides a framework for a multidisciplinary scholarly exchange of ideas on emerging issues, research, practice and policies affecting injury control and prevention in the 21st century.

Chair: Professor Charles J. DiMaggio  
Rapporteur: Mr. Cameron Vanderscoff

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- October 18     *The Evolution of the Injury Prevention Center at  
Connecticut Children’s Medical Center/Hartford Hospital*  
Gary Lapidus, Connecticut Children’s Medical Center/Hartford Hospital  
and University of Connecticut
- March 27     *Dynamic Knowledge Representation with Agent-Based Modeling:  
A Computational Approach to the Study of Inflammation and Injury*  
Gary An, University of Chicago

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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 thought (including Buddhism, Confucianism, and Daoism) as well as Western Philosophy. Comparison in this context is not to loan authority to one tradition by appealing to another, nor does it mean to sociologize philosophy in search of general laws of human cultural and intellectual development. Rather, the intent is to explicate and employ an expanded philosophical toolset by working across diverse traditions of thought. 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).

Co-Chairs: Professor Jonathan Gold, Professor Hagop Sarkissian  
Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel del Nido

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 27     *The Self as a Process. Middle Ground Between a Naiyāyika Eternal Ātman and a Buddhist Stream of Consciousness-Moments*  
Alex Watson, Harvard University  
Respondent: Mark Siderits, Seoul National University
- October 25        *Construction of Buddha Nature in Medieval China*  
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University
- December 6       *Truth and Argument in Ancient Chinese Philosophy*  
Bryan Van Norden, Vassar College  
Respondent: Timothy Connolly, East Stroudsburg University
- March 7            *Emptiness and Causation*  
Mark Siderits, Seoul National University  
Respondent: Jonathan Gold, Princeton University
- March 28          *Web-Based Research Tools*  
Jan Westerhoff, University of Oxford
- April 18           *Confucianism and Democracy: Uneasy Marriage or Productive Partnership?*  
Joseph Chan, Hong Kong University  
Respondent: Warren Frisina, Hofstra University
- May 9              *Trying Not to Try: Trust, Cooperation, and the Paradox of Spontaneity*  
Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia  
Respondent: Michael Brownstein, New Jersey Institute of Technology

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## MODERN EUROPE (723)

*Founded: 2008*

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: Professor Sheri Berman**

**Rapporteur: Ms. Cyrielle Jean**

### MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 26 | <i>Who is Afraid of Inflation?: The Politics of Austerity and the Long Shadow of the 1970s</i><br>Adam Tooze, Yale University   |
| December 5   | <i>The Transatlantic Century: Europe and America 1890–2010</i><br>Mary Nolan, New York University<br>Moderator: Volker Berghahn, Columbia University                            |
| December 10  | <i>Fault Lines in the European Social Welfare Model</i><br>Anton Hemerijck, University of Amsterdam   |
| March 11     | <i>National Growth Strategies and Welfare State Reforms</i><br>Bruno Palier, Sciences Politiques, Centre d'Études Européennes<br>Moderator: Isabella Mares, Columbia University |
| April 24     | <i>Conservatives and Democracy 1848–1950</i><br>Daniel Ziblatt, Harvard University  |

**Academic year 2014–2015 Chair:**  
**Seminar will be inactive for 2014–2015**

# HISTORY, REDRESS, AND RECONCILIATION (729)

*Founded: 2009*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Elazar Barkan, Professor Daniel Levy

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Mahla

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 26 | <i>Why Trauma? Probing the Ethics of Memory Study</i><br>Wulf Kansteiner, Binghamton University, The State University of New York  |
| November 14  | <i>Chosen Trauma, Chosen Glory: Identity Politics and China-Japan Reconciliation</i><br>Zheng Wang, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University |
| November 20  | <i>Beyond Nuremberg: The Historical Significance of the Post-Apartheid Transition in South Africa</i><br>Mahmood Mamdani, Columbia University                              |
| April 23     | <i>Memory Activism and Reconciliation Discourses in Israel-Palestine, Poland, and the Sudetenland</i><br>Yifat Gutman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem                      |

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# JAPANESE CULTURE (733)

*Founded: 2009*

The purpose of the University Seminar on Japanese Culture is to address the rich tradition of Japanese culture, with special focus on literary and visual arts. The seminar takes an interdisciplinary approach, drawing on the fields of literature, art history, religion, and cultural and social history, to shed new light on the multitude of visual, textual, material, and performative genres that are hallmarks of Japanese culture.

Chair: Professor Haruo Shirane  
Rapporteur: Mr. Ariel Stilerman

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- November 1     *Monsters and the Fantastic in Medieval and Early Modern Japanese Illustrated Narratives*  
Tokuda Kazuo, Gakushuin Women's College
- April 4         *Medieval Tales of Genji kuyô: Sin, Salvation, and The Tale of Genji*  
Satoko Naito, University of Maryland

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# SITES OF CINEMA (735)

*Founded: 2010*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Noam Elcott, Professor Jane Gaines

Rapporteur: Mr. Matthias Domingo Mushinski

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 12 | <i>Apparitions of History for Recent Chinese Video</i><br>Christopher Phillips, The International Center of Photography             |
| October 10   | <i>Sinophone Queer Cinema</i><br>Guo-Juin Hong, Duke University   |
| November 21  | <i>Mediatic Public Diplomacy—Iranian State, Iranian People, and the West</i><br>Hamid Naficy, Northwestern University               |
| December 5   | <i>Film Theory Before Benjamin: Textual Archaeology and the Future of the Past</i><br>Anton Kaes, University of California Berkeley |

Academic year 2014–2015 Co-Chairs:

Chair: Professor Jane Gaines

Co-Chair Fall 2014: Professor Rob King [rk2704@columbia.edu](mailto:rk2704@columbia.edu)



# NARRATIVE, HEALTH, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (737)

*Founded: 2010*

This interdisciplinary and inter-institutional seminar explores the connection between narrative, health, and social justice. If disease, violence, terror, war, poverty and oppression all manifest themselves in narrative, then it is equally true that resistance, justice, healing, activism, and collectivity can be products of a narrative-based approach to ourselves and the world. Narrative understanding helps unpack the complex power relations between North and South, state and worker, disabled body and able-body, bread-earner and child-bearer, subject and researcher, patient and provider as well as self and the other. The seminar will draw from such fields as journalism, performance arts, law, public health, trauma studies, anthropology, sociology, literary studies, medicine, writing, and cultural studies. The common thread will be the narratives we tell as individuals, families, communities, and nations that situate our experience in social, political, and cultural contexts, and that express in so many ways our search for justice in our world and for our world. Our aim is to broaden the mandate of each of our disciplines, challenging each of us to bring a critical, self-reflective eye to our scholarship, teaching, practice, and organizing. How are the stories we tell manifestations of social injustice? How can we transform such stories into narratives of justice, health, and change?

Co-Chairs: Professor Sayantani DasGupta, Dr. Marsha Hurst

Rapporteur: Ms. Martina Steiger

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 12 | <i>Slavery, Social Justice, and Sugar</i><br>Elizabeth Dolan, Lehigh University<br>Marc Aronson, Independent Scholar   |
| October 10   | <i>Narrating the Work: Stories of Social Justice Organizing</i><br>Rinku Sen, <i>Colorlines</i> and Race Forward [formerly The Applied Research Council]<br>Yomara Velez, National Domestic Workers Alliance |
| November 14  | <i>When I Walk</i><br>Jason DaSilva, Film Director<br>Discussant: Matthew Spitzer, MD, Mount Sinai Doctors, Brooklyn Heights   |

- January 16      *Looking Back to Move Forward: Toward the Creation of an Anthology  
or Online Representation of Narrative, Health and Social Justice*
- March 13      *Transgender Narratives*  
Karen Winkler, PhD, Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College,  
The City University of New York  
Edgar Rivera Colón, PhD, Sarah Lawrence College and Columbia University
- May 8      *Narrative of Family Caregiving*  
Carol Levine, Families and Health Care Project, United Hospital Fund  
Kathy McDonald, PhD, Center for Worker Education, City College of New York,  
The City University of New York  
Gillian Pidcock, Columbia University

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# COLUMBIA SCHOOL LINGUISTICS (739)

*Founded: 2011*

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

Co-Chairs: Dr. Radmila Gorup, Professor Wallis Reid

Rapporteur: Ms. Billur Avlar

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 13 | <i>The Distributional Problem: Any vs. Some</i><br>Nadav Sabar, Queens College, The City University of New York  |
| September 27 | <i>A Revision of the Semantic Distinction between Some and Any</i><br>Nadav Sabar, Queens College, The City University of New York   |
| October 11   | <i>The Degree of Certainty System in Spanish</i><br>Joss Ruggles, Graduate Center, City University of New York   |
| October 25   | <i>Revision of the Semantic Substance for the Words Some and Any</i><br>Nadav Sabar, Queens College, The City University of New York   |
| November 8   | <i>On the Status of Constraint Hierarchies in Sociolinguistics</i><br>Wallis Reid, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University  |
| November 22  | <i>Group Discussion of Beyond Pure Reason: Ferdinand de Saussure's<br/>Philosophy of Language and its Early Romantic Antecedents by Boris Gasparov</i><br>Discussion Leader: Wallis Reid, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University |
| December 5   | <i>Saussure's Principle of "Arbitrariness"—Does it Make La Langue Immanent or Unsustainable?</i><br>Boris Gasparov, Columbia University  |
| December 20  | <i>An Evaluation of Six Semantic Hypotheses about Some and Any</i><br>Nadav Sabar, Queens College, The City University of New York   |

- January 31      *Deconstructing a Construction Built on Lack of Agreement: The Italian Impersonal si Construction*  
Joseph Davis, City College of New York, The City University of New York
- February 14     *When Nothing is Something: The Analytics of High Probability*  
Alan Huffman, New York City College of Technology, The City University of New York
- February 28     *The Distributional Problem: Any vs. Some*  
Nadav Sabar, Queens College, The City University of New York
- March 14        *When Nothing is Something: The Analytics of High Probability*  
Alan Huffman, New York City College of Technology, The City University of New York
- March 28        *The Relevance of Relevance in Linguistic Analysis: Spanish Simple Past Tenses*  
Bob de Jonge, University of Groningen, Netherlands
- April 11         *Focus in Prepositional Phrases*  
Radmila Gorup, Columbia University
- April 25         *Focus in Prepositional Phrases*  
Radmila Gorup, Columbia University
- May 23          *A Sign-Based Account of the Distribution of English Forms Any and Some*  
Nadav Sabar, Queens College, The City University of New York

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# GLOBAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY CORE CURRICULA (741)

*Founded: 2011*

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

Chair: Professor Rachel E. Chung

Rapporteur: Mr. Justin McNamee

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| January 27  | <i>Self-Reflection for Academic Credit</i><br>Robert Pollack, Columbia University                     |
| February 3  | <i>A Core Curricular Proposal for the Global Centers</i><br>Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University      |
| February 17 | <i>The Core Within a Globalizing Undergraduate Curriculum</i><br>Gareth Williams, Columbia University |
| March 24    | <i>God and Man in Tehran</i><br>Hossein Kamaly, Barnard College, Columbia University                  |

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# COMPLEXITY SCIENCE, MODELING, AND SUSTAINABILITY

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*Founded: 2011*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Peter T. Coleman, Professor Peter Schlosser

Rapporteur: Ms. Eda Gimenez

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 19     *A Proposal for a Research Project on Sustainable Human Development*  
Peter T. Coleman, The Earth Institute, Columbia University  
Joshua Fisher, The Earth Institute, Columbia University
- October 31     *Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Sustainable Human Development:  
Urban Design, Water Management, Complexity Modeling, and Political Science*  
Christoph Meinrenken, The Lenfest Center for Sustainable Energy, Columbia University  
Marion Dumas, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University  
Katherine Alfredo, The Water Center, Columbia University
- February 20     *Of Weak Links, Decision Paralysis, and Endemic Vulnerability: Population Profiling  
and Simulation for Effective Programming for Afghan Refugees in Iran*  
Maciej M. Latek, Scensei, LLC
- March 27     **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**  
*Measuring and Operationalizing the Temporal Dynamics of Sustainable Development*
- April 24     *Multidisciplinary Perspectives on the State of the Art of Sustainable Human Development*  
Johannes Urpeleinan, Columbia University  
Katherine Alfredo, The Water Center, Columbia University  
Tess Russo, The Water Center, Columbia University  
Danielle Petretta, Center for Sustainable Urban Development, Columbia University  
Jackie Klopp, Center for Sustainable Urban Development, Columbia University

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# CATHOLICISM, CULTURE, AND MODERNITY (745)

*Founded: 2011*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Pierre Force, Professor Lorenzo Polvani  
Rapporteur: Mr. Nicholas Engel

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| October 2   | <i>Rahner and the Contemporary Church</i><br>R. R. Reno, First Things Magazine  |
| November 6  | <i>Jean Danielou and the Problem of History in the Modernist Controversy</i><br>Paige Hochschild, Mount Saint Mary's University   |
| December 4  | <i>Comments on Evangelii Gaudium</i><br>Matthew Boudway, Commonweal Magazine  |
| January 28  | <i>Liturgy as Explicit and Implicit Religion: The Feast of Corpus Christi Revisited</i><br>Barbara Walters, School of Professional Studies, The City University of New York |
| February 25 | <i>Cardinal Newman and the Intellectual Responsibility of the Church</i><br>Joseph Komonchak, Catholic University of America  |
| March 27    | <i>Nature, Grace, and the Public Square</i><br>Stephen Fields, Georgetown University  |
| April 29    | <i>Topics on Gianni Vattimo</i><br>Thomas Guarino, Seton Hall University  |

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## STUDIES IN DANCE (749)

*Founded: 2011*

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

Chair: Professor Lynn Garafola

Rapporteur: Mr. Seth Williams

### MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| September 23 | <i>African-American Set Dances</i><br>John Szwed, Columbia University  |
| October 14   | <i>Rodin's Dancers: Moving Toward the Limits of Sculpture</i><br>Juliet Bellow, American University                      |
| November 11  | <i>Gays and Machos: Male Dancers, Homophobia and Masculinity in the Cuban Ballet</i><br>Lester Tomé, Smith College       |
| December 2   | <i>Poulenc's House Party</i><br>Simon Morrison, Princeton University   |
| February 24  | <i>Light, Shadow, Screendance: Catherine Galasso's Bring on the Lumière!</i><br>Selby Wynn Schwartz, Columbia University |
| March 24     | <i>Bronislava Nijinska: A Choreographer's Journey</i><br>Lynn Garafola, Barnard College, Columbia University             |
| April 21     | <i>Modernism's Moving Bodies</i><br>Michelle Clayton, Brown University   |

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# RELIGION AND WRITING (751)

*Founded: 2011*

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

Co-Chairs: Dr. Mahnaz Moazami, Dr. Dagmar Riedel  
Rapporteurs: Ms. Hannah Barker, Ms. Deborah Shulevitz

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

### RELIGIOUS BOOKS AND ORTHODOXY: FROM CENSORSHIP AND BOOK BURNING TO COPYRIGHT AND TRADEMARKS

- September 10 *Trial by Fire: Religion and Book-Burning*  
David Greetham, Graduate Center, The City University of New York
- October 29 *Natural and Unnatural Boundaries of the Jewish Book*  
Emile Schrijver, Universiteit van Amsterdam
- November 19 *The King and his Audience: On the Composition and Reception  
of Royal Inscriptions in Ancient Iran and the Iranian World*  
M. Rahim Shayegan, University of California, Los Angeles
- December 12 *Copyright and Churches*  
Jessica Litman, University of Michigan
- January 28 *Treating Images as Texts: A Reconstruction of the Sogdian Pantheon  
from the Images of Sogdian Ossuaries*  
Aleksandr Naymark, Hofstra University
- February 18 *BNF MS arabe 328a: Manipulation of Text and Meaning in an Early Quran Manuscript*  
David Powers, Cornell University
- March 25 *Who Tweets for the Ummah? From Clash of Civilizations to Bonds of Humor,  
From Innocence of Muslims to #Muslim Rage*  
Zeynep Tüfekçi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- April 22 *Canonicity and the Cuneiform Traditions*  
Ronald Wallenfels, New York University

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# BIG DATA AND DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP (753)

*Founded: 2012*

Scholars now have access to unprecedentedly large and rich bodies of information generated from the digitization of archived materials and the explosion of new content through social media. Computational methods make it possible to answer traditional research questions with greater rigor, and tackle new kinds of projects that would once have been deemed impracticable. This seminar will consider the research agenda ahead and discuss what might be gained, or lost, in this methodological transformation.

**Chair: Professor Matthew Connelly**

**Rapporteur: Mr. Arunabh Ghosh**

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

November 18     *High Performance Text Processing and the Columbia Declassification Engine Project*  
Daniel Krasner, KFit Solutions

Seminar will not meet until further notice

# WORK/FAMILY IN THE 21ST CENTURY (755)

*Founded: 2012*

The American family is changing, but work/family policies have not kept up with those changes. The focus of this seminar is to: 1) review recent demographic trends and their implications for American families; 2) consider the range of work/family policies and their rationales; 3) learn about new approaches to work/family policy, drawing on examples from innovative cities and states as well as other countries; 4) discuss the politics of work/family policies and what is needed to influence adoption of new policies, particularly at the federal level; 5) identify knowledge gaps and agendas for further research. The goal of this seminar is to advance knowledge on this important topic and to promote further research collaborations among Columbia faculty, and between Columbia faculty and outside experts.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Wendy Chavkin,  
Associate Provost and Director Carol Hoffman,  
Professor Jane Waldfogel  
Rapporteur: Ms. Deborah Hughes Ndao

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| October 16  | <i>Current Efforts to Enact Paid Family Leave</i><br>Heather Boushey, Center for American Progress  |
| November 13 | <i>Workplace Flexibility</i><br>Kathleen Christensen, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation<br>Discussant: Ellen Galinsky, Families and Work Institute |
| February 19 | <i>Low Wage Workers and Work/Family</i><br>Susan Lambert, University of Chicago   |
| April 16    | <i>Elder Care</i><br>Lynn Friss Freinberg, AARP Public Policy Institute   |

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# GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH (757)

*Founded: 2012*

Historically, the global health agenda has prioritized communicable and non-communicable diseases other than mental health; however, the data now unequivocally and overwhelmingly point to the essential need to make mental health an integral component of the global health agenda. This will require innovative thinking, multidisciplinary collaboration, and strategic initiatives. The GMH University Seminar is supported by faculty from across multiple departments at Columbia; it provides the opportunity for intellectual discourse on the essential issues in global mental health; and it serves as a seminal component of the multidisciplinary program in global mental health at Columbia University.

The GMH University Seminar aims to facilitate professional collaborations and contribute to the field by hosting programs that address and advance the scientific, policy, and practical aspects of making mental health a core component of the global health agenda.

Chair: Professor Kathleen Pike  
Rapporteur: Ms. Patricia E. Kelly

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

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| October 16 | <i>Engaging the Arts to Advocate for Individuals with Mental Illness</i><br>Robin Hammond, Photojournalist  |
| November 4 | <i>The Global Burden of Disease Study: A Close-up on Mental Health</i><br>Theo Vos, MD, PhD, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington                          |
| December 9 | <i>The Development of Effective Treatments to Address Interpersonal Violence in the Congo</i><br>Judith Bass, PhD, MPH, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health                     |
| January 27 | <i>Engaging A Network of Partners to Move Mental Health Forward<br/>in Low-Resource Communities: A Close-up View of Burundi</i><br>Sonali Sharma, MD, M.Sc., Columbia University            |
| April 21   | <i>Questions From Inside: A Critical View of Global Mental Health</i><br>Alex Cohen, PhD, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine  |
| May 12     | <i>Sexual Health and Sexual Disorders: The Science and Implications<br/>of Changing Diagnoses in the ICD</i><br>Richard Krueger, MD, NY State Psychiatric Institute and Columbia University |

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# DEFENSE AND SECURITY (759)

*Founded: 2013*

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

In the 2013–2014 Academic Year, CSDS will produce its U.S. Defense Strategic Priorities, taking its departure from the January 2012 White House release, Sustaining U.S. Global Leadership, and the 2013 Pentagon Strategic Choices and Management Review (SCMR), yet significantly reworked to emphasize enduring strategies and specific risks, and eschewing metric-driven solutions.

Co-Chairs: Professor Nancy Walbridge Collins, Professor Austin Long

Rapporteur: Ms. Cyrielle Jean

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

October 1	Patrick Mahaney, United States Army
October 15	<i>Creation of Working Groups: Strategic Landpower and U.S. Defense Strategic Priorities</i>
October 29	<i>U.S. Air Force Perspectives</i> Robert S. Spalding, III, United States Air Force
November 12	WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION
November 13	Stanley A. McChrystal, International Security Assistance Force
January 28	<i>U.S. Navy on the Resiliency and Preservation of U.S. Armed Forces</i> Stephanie Simone-Mahaney, United States Army Carl Tiska, United States Naval War College
February 4	<i>U.S. Marine Corps: State of Service</i> Scott Campbell, United States Marine Force
February 11	<i>FBI Counter-Terrorism Strategy</i> Charles E. Berger, FBI
February 25	<i>U.S. Coast Guard Strategy</i> Charles L. Cashin III, United States Coast Guard

- March 4      *U.S. Defense Spending Levels and the Future of Warfare*  
Max Boot, Council on Foreign Relations
- March 11     *Future Counter-Terrorism Efforts*  
Christopher Costa, United States Naval Special Warfare Command
- April 22     *Media Coverage of Defense and Security*  
Nicole Wallace, NBC News and MSNBC Morning Joe
- April 29     *JIEDDO Internal Transformation*  
John D. Johnson, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization

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# VISUAL PERCEPTION (761)

*Founded: 2013*

Visual perception is currently the best understood of all perceptual mechanisms, both from a psychological and from a neuroscientific point of view. Rigorous computational and animal models, along with novel brain imaging and single- and multiple-cell recording techniques offer new exciting approaches to vision along with new challenges. Furthering interdisciplinary work in this area among psychologists, neuroscientists, computer scientists, and philosophers, is of utmost importance. The seminar focuses on a wide range of topics that go from attention and perceptual learning to conscious awareness and computational modeling of vision among many others.

**Chair: Professor Hakwan Lau**

**Rapporteur: Mr. Jorge Morales**

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- September 17     *Effects of MT/MST Microstimulation on Confidence in a Perceptual Decision*  
Christopher Fetsch, Columbia University
- Human Intracranial Electrophysiology Supports a Heuristic Model of Perceptual Confidence*  
Hakwan Lau, Columbia University
- October 8         *Roles of Attention and Reward in Perceptual Learning*  
Takeo Watanabe, Brown University
- October 15        *Attention and Arousal in the Parietal Cortex*  
Michael Goldberg, Columbia University
- Circuitry Underlying Supralinear to Sublinear Transition: An Explanation  
for Contrast Dependence of Surround Suppression and “Normalization”*  
Ken Miller, Columbia University
- November 1        *The Role of Early Visual Areas in High-Level Visual Cognition*  
Frank Tong, Vanderbilt University
- November 19      *Rapid and enduring coding of novelty in the parietal lobe*  
Nicholas Foley, Columbia University
- Flexible Decision-Making in Prefrontal Cortex and Dorsal Striatum*  
Vincent Ferrera, Columbia University
- December 3        *A Task-Related Reward Signal in Primary Visual Cortex (V1) of Alert Macaques*  
Mariana Cardoso, Columbia University
- Too Good to be True: A Psychophysical Evaluation of Some Popular Decoding Models*  
Ning Qian, Columbia University

- January 28      *Thalamic Synchrony and Adaptive Tradeoff between Detection and Discrimination in Behavior*  
Qi Wang, Columbia University
- February 18     *Understanding Contextual Visual Processing Using a Principled Model of Natural Image Statistics*  
Odelia Schwartz, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
- February 25     *The Proactive Brain: Predictions in Visual Cognition*  
Moshe Bar, Bar-Ilan University
- April 8          *Perceptual Grouping and Surface Lightness Computation*  
Alan Gilchrist, Rutgers University
- April 29         *The Neurophysiology of Visual Adaptation*  
Adam Kohn, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
- May 6            *How the Statistics of the Sensory Environment Shape Cortical Visual Processing*  
Jonathan Victor, Weil Cornell Medical College

Seminar is discontinued



## BEYOND FRANCE (763)

*Founded: 2014*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Gregory Mann, Professor Emmanuelle Saada  
Rapporteur: Ms. Pandora O'Mahony-Adams

### MEETINGS 2013–2014

- January 31     *Decolonizing France: African Socialism and the Fate of the World*  
Gary Wilder, Graduate Center, The City University of New York
- February 28     *Divided Rule: Sovereignty and Empire in French Tunisia, 1881–1938*  
Mary Lewis, Harvard University
- April 11     *The End of the “White Plague”: Race, Immigration,  
and the Politics of Public Health in Postwar France*  
Clifford Rosenberg, City College of New York

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# LOGIC, PROBABILITY, AND GAMES (765)

*Founded: 2014*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Haim Gaifman, Professor Rohit Parikh  
Rapporteur: Mr. Yang Liu

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

- April 4      *Causal Decision Theory and Intrapersonal Nash Equilibria*  
Arif Ahmed, University of Cambridge
- May 2      *The Humean Thesis on Belief*  
Hannes Leitgeb, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

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# HUMAN-ANIMAL STUDIES (769)

*Founded: 2014*

The Human-Animal Studies Seminar focus on how humans and other animals have interacted across cultures: how the protein, work, and products derived from animals have contributed to human projects; how cross-species relationships have shaped human histories; and how animals' imaginative and aesthetic roles in cultures are connected to the living presence of animals among us. Work in human-animal studies tends to be interdisciplinary, drawing on the social sciences, sciences, and humanities as well as on the already interdisciplinary work in environmental and posthumanist studies. We welcome members from these academic fields and from beyond academia in professional fields of animal behavior, conservation, and policy.

Co-Chairs: Professor Brian Boyd, Professor Susan Crane  
Rapporteur: Mr. Matthew Margini

## MEETINGS 2013–2014

February 25      JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ECOLOGY AND CULTURE  
*Emergent Ecologies*  
Eben Kirksey, University of New South Wales

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