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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.

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.

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 intellectual activity is 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 Seminars make the minutes of most past meetings available to users of the Columbia Library after five years. 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 its auspices, and sponsor conferences to make public new discoveries or to work with scholars too distant to be regular participants.

Scholars and others interested in attending a seminar should email their credentials to the appropriate chair. Seminars active in the 2014–2015 academic year are listed in the index.

For a complete list of current seminars and chairs, please visit our website: 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 super-vened. 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*.

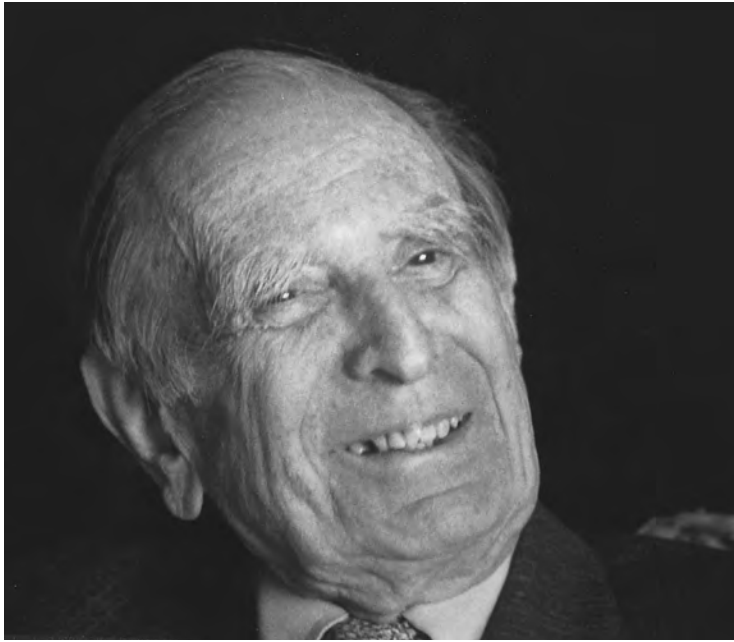
The Seminars continue to serve Tannenbaum's and Butler's purposes, but they have also become an intrinsic part of the enterprise that Columbia does better than any great university in the world—the ongoing education of its own faculty. Most of this education takes place within the academic departments, 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 Seminars approximately \$1.7 million in their wills (1969 and 1972), to be invested and reinvested as a dedicated part of Columbia's endowment. Tannenbaum wrote a charter to "protect the spontaneity of the Seminars from an unstructured



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).



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 guided by a smaller Advisory Board chosen by the General Committee, consisting of Columbia’s president, provost, and the chairs of all the seminars.

In 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 preserved. In 2011, Summer Hart was hired to work with Bob Belknap and Bob Pollack to unify the various components of the archive. Beginning fall 2015, this treasure trove of intellectual history will be available for scholarly research in the Rare Books and Manuscript Library Reading Room.

In the four decades since Tannenbaum’s death, the number of Seminars has grown to the 91 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

2014–2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Beginning with AY 2011–2012 The University Seminars had been through a period of financial stringency, intellectual novelty and administrative change; this past academic year has been one of consolidation, review and culmination. We will institutionalize the memory of Professor Belknap in the Fall of 2015 with the emergence of our digital, searchable archive of minutes accumulated by our Seminars over seventy years. We have clarified and remedied the roles of our office colleagues. Alice Newton was promoted to Deputy Director last winter. Gessy Alvarez and Summer Hart have been recently promoted and are now Associate Director, Budget & Operations and Associate Director for Archives, Web Management & Design, respectively.

We have recovered entirely from the fiscal stress put on our endowment by the financial dip of 2008–2009; and by our capital expenditures in 2013, and we have put in place small but important changes in policy that stabilize our fiscal future without hindering our ability to support the core functions of the seminars.

Even as the office works to maintain a high level of transparency and continuity, the seminars themselves provide a constant novelty. In 2014–2015, 91 seminars were active including three of the first five, which began meeting in 1945. Two new seminars held meetings: *The Future of Aging Research* and *Affect Studies. Disability, Culture, and Society* is scheduled to begin meeting this fall.

All active seminars continue to meet and discuss issues important 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 allow the Seminars office to participate in Tannenbaum's vision: answers to questions



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

from chairs may come not from the office, but they will always have been discussed with our Advisory Board, listed in this directory, and often with 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 Lec-

ture, 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 E. Remez, and made up of academicians who are knowledgeable about the University Seminars. In 2015–2016, we are pleased to welcome the President and Director of Columbia University Press, Jennifer Crewe, to our Board.

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

- Fall 2015 Professor Robert E. Remez,
Columbia University
- Fall 2016 Professor Robert O’Meally,
Columbia University

THE SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL
DINNER MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

Presentation of the

TANNENBAUM-WARNER AWARD

*for Extraordinary Service to the University Seminars
to*

CHAUNCEY G. OLINGER, JR.

followed by

THE TANNENBAUM LECTURE

*The Global HIV Epidemic:
Lessons Learned, Implications for Global Health
by*

WAFAA EL-SADR

Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr., commenting in the Graduate Faculties Alumni News Report, in 1977, as he became president of Columbia's Graduate Faculties Alumni, said, "I hadn't come to Columbia [in 1958] to make myself an academic, but only, in some romantic way, to drink deeply of philosophy and learning—and the loose, open texture of the Columbia philosophy department was ideal. . . . When I arrived at Columbia my basic interest was in metaphysics, but within two years the social, economic, and political agonies of New York City had persuaded me to put aside the unresolved (and perhaps unresolvable) disputes of metaphysics for the possibly ameliorable problems of humanity."

Looking back now he says that Columbia has been even more of the world of which he had dreamed. He took classes from John Herman Randall, Jr., Paul Oskar Kristeller, Ernest Nagle, Albert Hofstadter, and Frank Tannenbaum, and audited courses by Eli Ginzberg, Margaret Mead, and Mark Van Doren. As President of the Columbia University Student Council he led the successful campaign to replace the subway "kiosk" (entrance) in the middle of Broadway (the location of which had led to many injuries and deaths), with sidewalk entrances, and lobbied to permit students to entertain



Dr. Wafaa El-Sadr



Columbia Seminars Director Robert Pollack and Advisory Board chair, Robert E. Remez present the Tannenbaum-Warner Award to Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr.

their girlfriends in their dorm rooms. He became the rapporteur of a University Seminar, chaired by Margaret Mead, which included W. H. Auden, Theodosius Dobzhansky, Lawrence S. Kubie, Adolph Lowe, Hans J. Morgenthau, Roger L. Shinn, and George Wald.

He did oral histories of I. I. Rabi, Grayson Kirk, Courtney Brown, and Frank Tannenbaum. In 1990, he initiated the campaign to create the I. I. Rabi Memorial Room in Pupin Hall. Given this familiarity with recent Columbia history, he proposed the creation of a University Seminar on the History of Columbia University in 1994; he continues today as its chairman.

Wafaa El-Sadr is Director of ICAP at Columbia University, University Professor, and Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and College of Physicians and Surgeons. She also leads the Global Health Initiative at the Mailman School of Public Health.

Dr. El-Sadr's interests include: HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis maternal/child health, capacity building and health systems strengthening. Her work bridges interest and commitment to local and global public health challenges and an appreciation of the breadth of issues needed to transform the health of populations. She has extensive research experience and leads the NIH-funded HIV Prevention Trials Network.

Through ICAP, the center she established more than a decade ago at Columbia University, she has led the efforts that enabled the establishment of large-scale programs in 20 countries in Africa and Asia that link research, education, training and practice with a focus on HIV, other public health threats, and health system strengthening. Through ICAP's work more than two million people have received access to HIV programs around the world. ICAP works hand-in-hand with ministries of health, academic institutions, non-governmental and community-based organizations to strengthen health systems and enable the response to most critical health threats. ICAP supports more than 4,000 health facilities and has training 60,000 health care workers to deliver high quality services. ICAP has championed integration of research into programs and investment in health system strengthening and quality improvement.

She received her medical degree from Cairo University in Egypt, a masters in public health from Columbia School of Public Health and a masters degree in public administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Her scholarly work has appeared in leading scientific journals. She was named a MacArthur Fellow in 2008 and is a member of the Institute of Medicine.



Attendees with Tannenbaum-Warner Award recipient Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr.

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, 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	2004	Kenneth T. Jackson
1993	Paul Oscar Kristeller	2005	Carole Vance
1994	John N. Hazard	2006	George Halasi-Kun
1995	Wm. Theodore De Bary	2007	Harry R. Kissileff
1996	J. C. Hurewitz	2008	Seth Neugroschl
1997	Joseph B. Maier	2009	Allan Gilbert
1998	Joan Ferrante	2010	Gary Sick
1999	Anslie T. Embree	2011	Robert L. Belknap
2000	Aaron W. Warner	2012	Peter H. Juviler
2001	Oscar Schachter	2013	Peter V. Norden
2002	Marshall D. Shulman	2014	Roxie R. Smith
2003	Sam Devons		

TANNENBAUM LECTURERS

1971	Gilbert Highet	1993	M. Elaine Combs-Schilling
1972	Philip C. Jessup	1994	Eli Ginzberg
1973	Harvey Picker	1995	[50th Anniversary Celebration]
1974	Paul Henry Lang	1996	Alan Brinkley
1975	Theodosius Dobzhansky	1997	Eric Foner
1976	Eric Louis McKittrick	1998	Martin Meisel
1977	Daniel Yankelovich	1999	Cynthia H. Whittaker
1978	Harrison E. Salisbury	2000	Richard W. Bulliet
1979	Barbara W. Tuchman	2001	Robert O'Meally
1980	Charles Gati, John N. Hazard, R. Randle Edwards, Seweryn Bialer	2002	Andrew J. Nathan
1981	Marshall D. Shulman	2003	John Stratton Hawley
1982	Richard N. Gardner	2004	Alice Kessler-Harris
1983	Richard W. Lyman	2005	James G. Neal
1984	Gerda Lerner	2006	Herbert S. Terrace
1985	Joan M. Ferrante	2007	Ester Fuchs
1986	Robert L. Payton	2008	Lisa Anderson
1987	Henry F. Graff	2009	Andrew S. Dolkart
1988	Arthur A. Hartman	2010	Paul Anderer
1989	Robert L. Belknap	2011	Patricia J. Williams
1990	Fritz Stern	2012	Kenneth T. Jackson
1991	J. C. Hurewitz	2013	Wallace S. Broecker
1992	William S. Vickrey	2014	Joseph E. Stiglitz

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THE TWENTY-SECOND SERIES OF THE

LEONARD HASTINGS SCHOFF
MEMORIAL LECTURES

given by

ANNETTE INSDORF

Director of Undergraduate Film Studies
Professor in the Graduate Film Program of the School of the Arts,
Columbia University

COHERENCE AND RESONANCE:
HOW TO READ FILM OPENINGS

I.

Opening-as-Prologue

8 pm, Monday, November 10, 2014

II.

Opening-as-Misdirection

8 pm, Monday, November 17, 2014

III.

Opening-as-Action

8 pm, Monday, November 24, 2014

Annette Insdorf's criteria of value—for the past few decades of teaching cinema at Yale and Columbia—have been internal coherence of the cinematic text, and the film's resonance (whether cultural, political or aesthetic) beyond the frame. Her point of departure is close analysis of the opening sequences of motion pictures. Using clips from such masterpieces as *Apocalypse Now*, *Cabaret*, *Hiroshima, mon amour*, *Sunset Boulevard*, and *Touch of Evil*, she explores how the introduction is the anchor of a rich audio-visual experience.

Annette Insdorf is Director of Undergraduate Film Studies at Co-



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lumbia University, and a Professor in the Graduate Film Program of the School of the Arts (for which she was Chair from 1990–95). She is the recipient of the 2008 Award for Excellence in Teaching from Columbia University's School of General Studies. She taught film history and criticism at Yale University from 1975 until 1988.

Professor Insdorf is the author of *Double Lives, Second Chances: The Cinema of Krzysztof Kieslowski; Francois Truffaut*, a study of the French director's work; and the landmark study, *Indelible Shadows: Film and the Holocaust*. Her most recent book is *Philip Kaufman*, which Leonard Maltin called "a thoughtful, scholarly study of one of America's most underrated filmmakers."

Her commentaries can be heard on many DVDs, and she has interviewed over 100 film celebrities in her popular *Reel Pieces* series at Manhattan's 92nd Street Y. She has been a juror at the film festivals of Berlin, Galway (Ireland), Locarno, and Jerusalem.

Born in Paris, she later moved to New York where she received her BA from Queens College and her PhD from Yale University as a Danforth Fellow. In 1986, she was named Chevalier dans l'ordre des arts et des lettres by the French Ministry of Culture. A second honor followed in 1993, when she was "knighted" for her educational efforts, and a third in 1999 when she was promoted to "Officer" in the arts.

On television, Professor Insdorf co-hosted (with Roger Ebert) Cannes Film Festival coverage for Bravo/IFC; served as host for *TeleFrance Cine-Club* (a national cable-TV program) and *Years of Darkness* (an 8-week film series about World War II shown by WNET/PBS); and she has appeared on *20/20*, *Charlie Rose*, *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, *Good Morning, America*, The Sundance Channel, MSNBC, and CNN.

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*

2013: PAIGE WEST

Tow Professor of Anthropology
Barnard College and Columbia University
*Accumulation by Dispossession?: Loss, Change, & the
Future of the Melanesian Pacific*

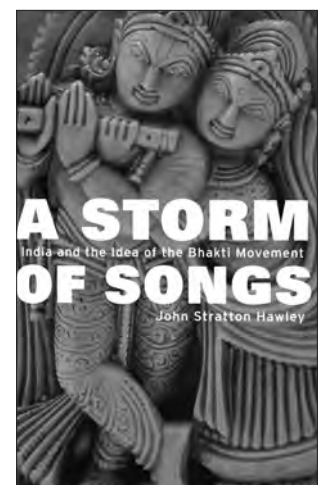
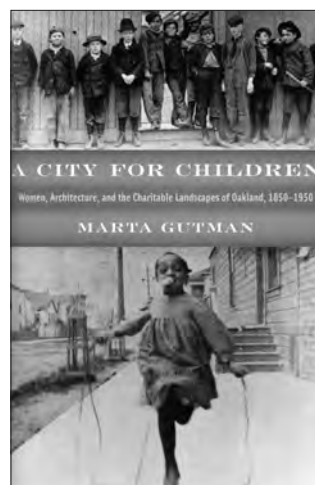
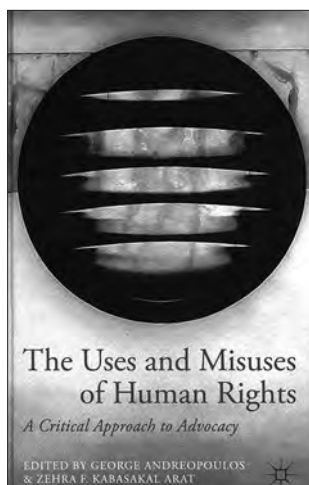
THE SCHOFF AND WARNER PUBLICATION AWARDS

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 2014–2015, thirteen books were published with assistance from the Schoff fund; and seven books were published with aid from the Warner fund.



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



SCHOFF FUND

George Abosedo, *Making Modern Girls: A history of girlhood, labor, and social development in 20th century colonial Lagos*

George Andreopoulos and Zehra F. Kabasakal Arat (editors), *The Uses and Misuses of Human Rights: A Critical Approach to Advocacy*

Weihong Bao, *Fiery Cinema: The Emergence of an Affective Medium in China, 1915–1945*

Linda Feng, *City of Marvel and Transformation: Chang'an and Narratives of Experience in Tang Dynasty China*

Carol Gould, *Interactive Democracy: The Social Roots of Global Justice*

Marta Gutman, *A City for Children: Women, Architecture, and the Charitable Landscapes of Oakland, 1850–1950*

John Stratton Hawley, *A Storm of Songs: India and the Idea of the Bhakti Movement*

John Stratton Hawley (translator), *Sur's Ocean: Poems from the Early Tradition*

Rito Hofmann, *The Fascist Effect Japan and Italy, 1915–1952*

Ernest Ialongo, *Filippo Tommaso Marinetti: The Artist and his Politics*

Sarah Keller, *Maya Deren: Incomplete Control*

Jeffrey C. Kinkley, *Visions of Dystopia in China's New Historical Novels*

Seth Kimmel, *Parables of Coercion: Conversation and Knowledge at the End of Islamic Spain*

WARNER FUND

Muhsin J. Al-Musawi, *The Medieval Islamic Republic of Letters: Arabic Knowledge Construction*

Kaira Cabañas, *Off-Screen Cinema: Isidore Isou and the Lettrist Avant-Garde*

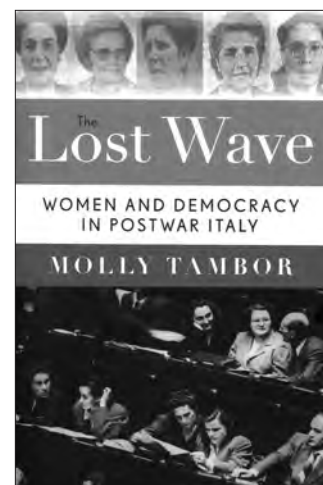
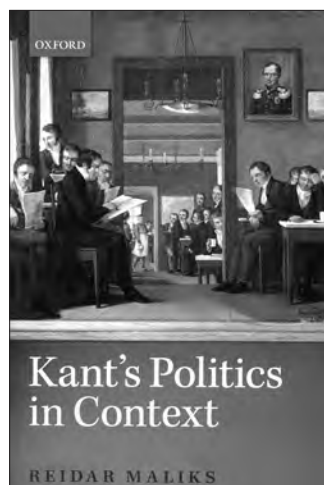
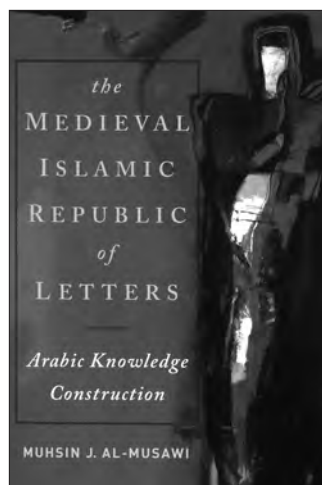
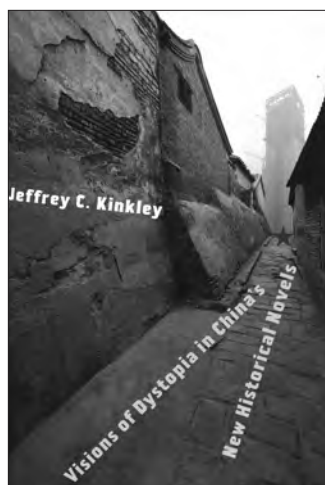
Paul Copp, *The Body Incantatory: Spells and the Ritual Imagination in Medieval Chinese Buddhism*

Reidar Maliks, *Kant's Politics in Context*

Daniel Margocsy, *Commercial Visions: Science, Trade, and Visual Culture in the Dutch Golden Age*

Laura Neitzel, *The Life We Longed For: Danchi Mass Housing and the Middle-Class Dream in Postwar Japan*

Molly Tambor, *The Lost Wave: Women and Democracy in Postwar Italy*



We mourn the death of long time University Seminars friend, Ene Sirvet. We got to know Ene through her friend, and colleague in EPIC, Robert Belknap. She was a cheerful and enlightening presence in our office and we miss her.

In Memoriam

ENE SIRVET

April 12, 1938 – April 22, 2015

Ene was born in Estonia and lived in Pärnu until her family was forced to leave in 1944 when the Soviets invaded, ending up in a displaced persons camp in Augsburg, Germany.

In 1949 the family immigrated to America and settled in Rochester, NY, where she graduated in 1956 from Benjamin Franklin High School. She studied history at the University of Rochester, graduating in 1960.

After college she came to New York City to pursue her interest in history and began a long career in a variety of administrative positions at Columbia University. She served as administrative assistant in the Department of History and worked with a number of distinguished professors, among them Fritz Stern and Kenneth Jackson. Her longest career engagement was with the John Jay Papers project in the Columbia University Libraries, where she worked closely with the late Richard B. Morris, Gouverneur Morris Professor of History.

Beyond Columbia, Ene served on the Board of the Jay Heritage Center in Rye, NY, and was an active member of the Friends of the John Jay Homestead, a NYS historic site based in Katonah.

Ene retired from full-time work in 1997 but continued to work in part-time positions, serving for many years as administrative secretary of the Society of American Historians at Columbia. In 2004 she became the administrator for EPIC (Emeritus Professors in Columbia), a position she held until she was taken ill in late 2014. Her charm, graciousness, care, professionalism, and efficiency contributed greatly to every position she held.

Ene was a woman of great taste and culture. She loved music; she was a gourmet cook. She befriended people from around the world and traveled widely, including several visits to her homeland Estonia after it declared freedom in 1991.

She is survived by a brother, Ain Sirvet, of Rochester; NY, and a niece, Kristin Haight, of Pennsylvania; and two grand-nephews.



“You will be missed, your memory will be a blessing for all those who knew you.”

Suzanne Anteby

“When I first arrived as a professor at Columbia 47 years ago, Ene became my first friend. I still remember the wonderful steak dinner she prepared in her apartment. For decades thereafter, when I was the executive secretary of the Society of American Historians, Ene and I worked together on elections, annual dinners, mailings, prize committees, and the like. She was a good friend and essential to my life.”

Kenneth T. Jackson, Jacques Barzun
Professor in History and
the Social Sciences

“A life well lived, a remarkable capacity to serve with grace to a diverse battery of major and minor Columbia people of all ages and genders. We will celebrate a superb existence.”

Richard Pierson, EPIC member and
Professor of Clinical Medicine

2014–2015 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 2014–2015, The University Seminars sponsored or co-sponsored nine conferences:

BEYOND MODERNITY? UNDERSTANDING CHANGE IN CHINA

The University Seminar on Modern East Asia: China (443)



The concept of “modernity” has been at the center of many thorny historiographical discussions, which too often have monopolized the attention of historians over the last few decades. This approach has led to a deeper understanding of many aspects of the historical past, and even a more sophisticated notion of “alternative modernities” that rejects the narrow view of steady progress along a single path set

by Western industrialized nations. Critics, nonetheless, still question this linear notion of development, and fault the modernity paradigm for flattening the past and fragmenting scholarly research into isolated time bands.

The goal of this conference is to assess critically the modernity paradigm by exploring its utility and its limits through the lens of Chinese history during

the late-Imperial and Republican periods. The topic is certainly timely, and will bring together new generations of scholars whose innovative research has recast the Chinese past in wider, richer terms and through new theoretical approaches. Their contributions will also serve as an appreciation of the pioneering research of their mentor Professor Madeleine Zelin in the fields of late-Imperial and Republican Chinese history. In her work Professor Zelin has consistently demonstrated the limits of a stereotypical understanding of Chinese economic and legal actors as “pre-modern,” unaware of practical and effective economic policies and legal relations. As a result, her works question the validity of modernity-based periodizations and static notions of modernity itself. Zelin’s critique of the modernization formula was not articulated explicitly, but conducted through in-depth re-examinations of legal and economic practices, grounded thoroughly in archival resources and richly illustrated with the details and elements that did not fit pre-existing narratives.

It is this methodological legacy that Professor Zelin has passed along to her students, who work on fields ranging from economic to cultural history, but who all were trained to adopt the same attention for the detail, careful readings of sources, and distrust for meta-narratives.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

10:00 am | Opening Remarks

Eugenia Lean, Columbia University
Haruo Shirane, Columbia University
Myron Cohen, Columbia University
Rashid Khalidi, Columbia University

11:00 am–12:30 pm

I: Framing, part I: The Big Picture

Chair: **Andrew Nathan**, Columbia University
 Discussant: **Dorothy Ko**, Columbia University

Remington Worldwide: The Globalization of the Keyboard and the Xenogenesis of Chinese
Thomas Mullaney, Stanford University

Historical Séances: Lost Films, Modern Mediums
Kristine Harris, SUNY – New Paltz

The Social Life of the Foreignized Chinese Carpet
Elizabeth LaCouture, Colby College

2:00–3:30 pm

II: Becoming Accountable

Chairs: **Feng Li**, Columbia University
Zvi Ben-Dor Benite, New York University
 Discussant: **Robert Hymes**, Columbia University

‘For Ten Thousand Years A Pattern for Those who Hold Command:’ Shahe County’s Investment in Shrines and Steles

Sarah Schneewind, University of California – San Diego

From Generosity to Accountability: Public Financial Reports in Qing China
Weiwei Luo, Columbia University

Mediating Modernization: Mobilizing Support for the Bank of China, 1912–1918”

Georgia Mickey, California State Polytechnic University Pomona

4:00–5:30 pm

III: Professional Practice

Chair: **Benjamin Liebman**, Columbia University
 Discussant: **Jonathan Ocko**, North Carolina State University

Forensic Autopsy and its Fate in Republican China
Daniel Asen, Rutgers University - Newark

On Track to Modernity? The Making of the Civil Engineer in Republican China
Elisabeth Köll, Harvard University

Guilty by Association or by Action: Defining and Punishing Chinese Collaborators in Local Society, 1937–1949

Xu Xiaoqun, Christopher Newport University

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

9:00–10:30 am

IV: *The Everyday Modern*

Chair: **Peter Perdue**, Yale University

Discussant: **Eugenia Lean**, Columbia University

*Public Bodies: Women's Reproductive Health
in the Early Chinese Periodical Press*

Joan Judge, York University

*Pilgrim's Chinese Progress: Old Texts/Modern
Meanings in Constructing New Women for China*

Sue Gronewold, Kean University

*Displaying 'Everyday Modernity'—and
What is Beyond? Haircut Hygiene in the
1925 Taipei Police Exhibition*

Hui-yu Caroline Ts'ai, Academia Sinica,
Taiwan

11:00 am–12:30 pm

V: *Reshaping Space*

Chair: **David Weiman**, Barnard College

Discussant: **Chuck Wooldridge**, Lehman College
of CUNY

*The Building of Chungking Mansions
and a History of the Site*

Josephine Khu, Independent Scholar

*A Modernist Revolution? Urban Space
in Maoist China*

Fabio Lanza, University of Arizona

*Elusive Demobilization: Patterns of Place and
Displacements in the Long War, 1937–1959*

Rebecca Nedostup, Brown University

1:30–3:00 pm

VI: *Extending Power*

Chair: **Robbie Robert J. Barnett**, Columbia
University

Discussant: **Joshua A. Fogel**, York University

*Imperial Borderland to Socialist State: Change
and Continuity on the Tibetan Frontier during the
Late-Imperial, Republican, and Maoist Periods*

Benno Ryan Weiner, Appalachian State
University

*Without the Luxury of Critique: Lin Biao and
Military Modernity in Manchuria, 1945–1948*

Harold Tanner, University of North Texas

Chinese Uhuru: Maoism and the Congo Crisis
Alexander C. Cook, University of California –
Berkeley

3:30–6:00 pm

VII: *Framing, Part II—The Fine Print*

Chair: **Robert P. Gardella**, United States Merchant
Marine Academy – Kings Point

Discussant: **Rebecca Nedostup**, Brown University

*Negotiating with the Nation and Empire:
Contested Visions of Chinese Legal Modernity
in Post-1860 Qing China*

Li Chen, University of Toronto – Scarborough

*Consumption, Standards of Living, and the
Question of Modernity in China (1500–1937)*

Margherita Zanasi, Louisiana State University

*No 'Mean' Solution: Socialist Statistics and
Economic Calculation in 1950s PRC*

Arunabh Ghosh, Columbia University

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PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACHES TO TRAFFIC SAFETY:
A RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM IN SUPPORT OF
NEW YORK CITY'S VISION ZERO

The University Seminar on Injury Prevention and Control (719)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014

Opening Remarks

Linda Fried, MD, MPH, Columbia University,
Mailman School of Public Health

Keynote Talk

*Public Health Perspective on Injury Prevention
and Control*

Kenneth Moritsugu, MD, MPH,
Former Acting US Surgeon General

Panel Presentations

*Local Health Data: Key Questions
on Injury Control and Road Safety*
New York City Department of Health
and Mental Hygiene

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2014 Annual Shakespeare Colloquium

SHAKESPEARE BAD AND SHAKESPEARE WRONG: RETHINKING THE SHAKESPEAREAN

22nd year of Shakespeare Gatherings at Fairleigh Dickinson University

The University Seminar on Shakespeare (581)



Actors and directors and teachers try to do Shakespeare well but often do it badly and get him wrong. They try to get him “right”—but what is “right” Shakespeare? In this year’s provocative colloquium, we think about the value of getting Shakespeare wrong. What constitutes bad or wrong Shakespeare and what can we learn from thinking about it?

Four noted theater practitioners and experts discuss the pleasures, perils, and challenges of staging Shakespeare’s plays.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014

9:30 am

*Shakespeare Bad, Shakespeare Wrong:
Marking the Difference*

Zoltán Márkus

Questioning “Shakespearean fundamentalism,” **Zoltán Márkus** distinguishes between “bad Shakespeare” and “wrong Shakespeare” and asks how investigations of the difference assume different critical protocols. What kind of ethical assumptions, implications, or judgments are presented when we distinguish “bad” Shakespeare from “wrong” Shakespeare?

Associate professor of English at Vassar College, **Zoltán Márkus** writes on the cultural appropriation of Shakespeare, foreign Shakespeare, Shakespeare in translation, and Shakespeare on stage and film. His recently completed book manuscript titled *Shakespeares at War: Cultural Appropriations of Shakespeare in London and Berlin during World War II* compares Shakespeare’s wartime cultural reception in these two cities.

10:45 am

Shakespeare in Nazi Germany

Iska Alter

Appropriating Shakespeare as a “Germanic” writer, the Third Reich encouraged productions of *Hamlet*, *Richard III*, and *Macbeth*. (*The Merchant of Venice* was banned as insufficiently anti-Semitic.) **Iska Alter** will discuss how and why Shakespeare was adapted to serve the Nazi regime.

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

1:00–2:15 pm

Stages of Revision: Anonymous and the Lessons of Wrong Shakespeare

Donovan Sherman

Donovan Sherman discusses Roland Emmerich’s 2011 film *Anonymous* (which contends that Shakespeare’s plays were written by the Earl of Oxford) and shows how its historical and aesthetic “wrongness” provides a powerful reflection of our practices as readers and audiences of Shakespeare.

Donovan Sherman, assistant professor of English at Seton Hall University, writes on Shakespeare, critical theory, and performance studies. His work has appeared in *Shakespeare Quarterly*, *The Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies*, *Literature/Film Quarterly*, and *Shakespeare Bulletin*. His current project is a book about souls in Shakespearean drama.

2:15–3:30 pm

Getting Othello Wrong Right

Emily Weissbourd

Using an anachronistic reading of *Othello* and its treatment of servitude, **Emily Weissbourd** shows how differently racial categories functioned in the early modern period than they do today. She compares *Othello* to a little-known Spanish comedy, Jiménez de Enciso’s *Juan Latino* (1612–20), which complicates our idea of Othello and Desdemona’s interracial marriage.

Emily Weissbourd, Visiting Assistant Professor at Bryn Mawr College, has written on discourses of race and representations of slavery in early modern English and Spanish literature in *Comparative Drama* and *Huntington Library Quarterly* and she is the co-editor (with Barbara Fuchs) of *Representing Imperial Rivalry in the Early Modern Mediterranean* (University of Toronto Press 2014).

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REWRITING ENGLISH: GAURI VISWANATHAN'S *MASKS OF CONQUEST* AT TWENTY-FIVE

The University Seminar on Literary Theory (711)

The Heyman Center hosts an all-day conference celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Gauri Viswanathan's *Masks of Conquest: Literary Study and British Rule in India*. Viswanathan's book changed the way we think about English Literature as a "discipline"—both educational and colonial; it continues to be one of the most important works on the teaching of English in colonial India, and one of the most important analyses for the idea of literature as a conscious strategy of hegemony. In this commemorative event, sixteen of her former students, along with other scholars of postcolonial thought, will give short papers that consider the legacy of this work.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2014

9:30–10:00 am | Welcome and Introduction

10:00–11:00 am

Speaking, Reading, Being Read

Sonali Perera, Associate Professor of English,
Hunter College, City University of New York

Tim Watson, Associate Professor of English,
University of Miami

Siraj Ahmed, Associate Professor of English,
Lehman College, City University of New York

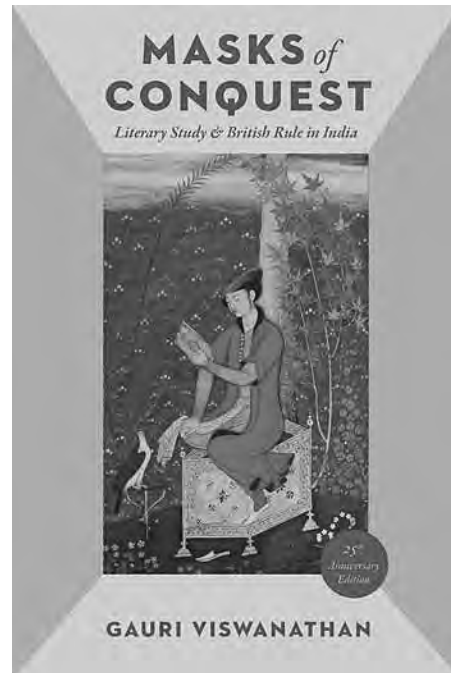
11:00 am–12:00 pm

Colonial Exchange and Change

Suzanne Daly, Associate Professor of English,
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Sunil Agnani, Associate Professor of English
and History, University of Illinois at Chicago

Amy Martin, Associate Professor of English,
Mount Holyoke College



1:00–2:00 pm

Out of Place

Michael Malouf, Associate Professor of
English, George Mason University

Cóilín Parsons, Assistant Professor of English,
Georgetown University

Sarah Phillips Casteel, Associate Professor
of English, Carleton University

Sanjay Krishnan, Associate Professor
of English, Boston University

2:00–3:00 pm

The Political Conscious

Helen Kapstein, Assistant Professor of English,
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Richard Jean So, Assistant Professor of English,
University of Chicago

Joshua L. Miller, Associate Professor
of English, University of Michigan

3:30–4:30 pm

Method and Mentorship

Sailaja Sastry, Lecturer in English,
Barnard College

Moustafa Bayoumi, Professor of English,
Brooklyn College, The City University
of New York

Radhika Jones, Deputy Managing Editor,
Time magazine

4:30–5:30 pm

Crossing Paths

Isabel Hofmeyr, Professor of African Literature,
University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Una Chaudhuri, Collegiate Professor
and Professor of English and Drama,
New York University Abu Dhabi

Additional Participants:

Dohra Ahmad, Associate Professor of English,
St. John's University

Elaine Freedgood, Professor of English,
New York University

Anjuli Raza Kolb, Assistant Professor of English
and Comparative Literature, Williams College

Sonali Perera, Associate Professor of English,
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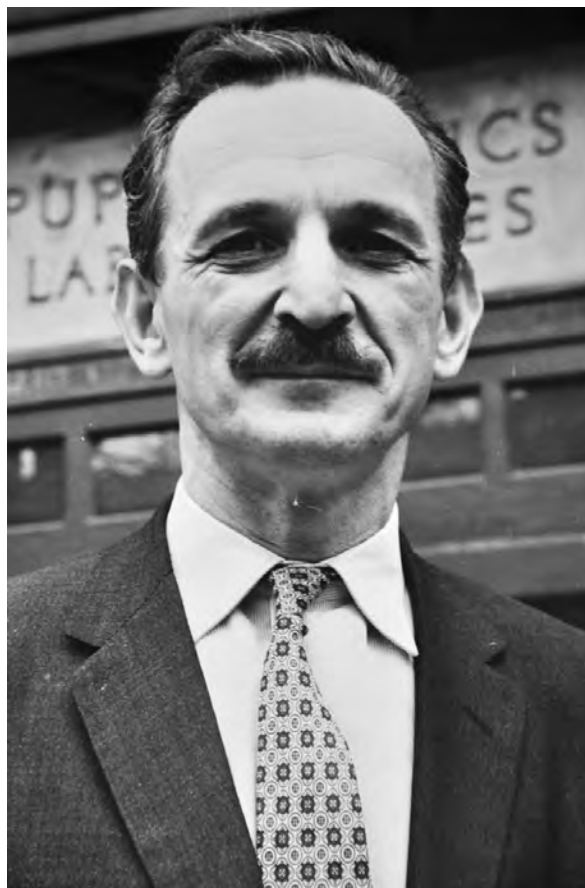
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A Centennial Celebration of the Life and Work of
PROFESSOR SAMUEL DEVONS
(1914–2006)

The University Seminar on The History of Columbia University (667)

Sam Devons—physicist, teacher, science historian, and creative communicator—came to Columbia in 1959. After a distinguished professional career at Cambridge and Imperial College and important work during WW II, he became the Langworthy Professor and Director of Physics at the University of Manchester. A highly regarded researcher, he was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 1955, and later received the prestigious Rutherford Medal and Prize from Britain’s Institute of Physics. At Columbia, besides continuing his prolific nuclear physics research, he served as chair of the Columbia Physics Department. He established the unique History of Physics Laboratory program at Barnard College, continued his lectures and writings on famous historical science figures, and actively promoted scientific literacy at all levels especially the enrichment of science teaching in secondary schools. He continued these activities after retirement in 1984, as well as renewed involvement in many Columbia University Seminars and in broadening activities at Faculty House. Devons demonstrated imagination, wit, and limitless energy all his life to broaden the intellectual world in which he, his colleagues, and the broader community lived.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

9:00 am | Welcomes by physics department, organizers and sponsors

Frank Sciulli, Conference Chairman,
Physics Department

Cathryn Devons, Devons family

Linda Bell, Barnard College

Robert Pollack, Columbia University Seminars

9:35 am

Early Days

Sue Devons Gil

10:00 am

Devons’ scientific research

David Hitlin

11:00 am

Founding of Emeriti Professors in Columbia (EPIC)

Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr.

11:30 am

Personal reminiscences and professional influences

Judith Devons

11:45 am

Devons and the Columbia Faculty House

Paul D. Carter

1:30 pm

Sam Devons and the biological sciences

Eduardo Macagno

2:15 pm

History of Physics Laboratory at Barnard College

Lillian Hoddeson

3:15 pm | Reminiscences and visual recollections of Sam Devons

4:00 pm

Joseph Priestley Association and scientific literacy

John Roeder

4:30 pm

Samuel Devons: his passions and values

Amanda Devons

Invited Speakers:

David Hitlin, Professor of Physics at the California Institute of Technology, worked with Devons as a graduate student in the 1960s on muonic x-ray experiments at Nevis Labs. He is an experimentalist known for his work on the properties of charm and bottom quarks particularly from the BABAR program. Dave was the founding spokesman of this collaboration, which discovered violation of particle-antiparticle symmetry in decays of bottom quarks.

Lillian (Hartmann) Hoddeson, Siebel Professor of the History of Science (Emeritus), University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, worked with Devons as a Columbia physics graduate student and Barnard faculty member in developing the History of Physics Laboratory. Her books about the history of science include *Out of the Crystal Maze* (solid state physics), *Critical Assembly* (WWII Los Alamos), *Crystal Fire* (transistors), *True Genius* (Bardeen), and *Fermilab*.

Eduardo Macagno, Distinguished Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of California San Diego, moved from Columbia in 2001 as Founding

Dean of UCSD Division of Biological Sciences. He received his Ph.D. in Physics at Columbia in 1968, was on the Columbia faculty from 1973 to 2000, chaired the Department of Biological Sciences, 1990–93, and was Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Education and Dean of Graduate School of Arts and Sciences from 1993 to 2000. Sam Devons was one of his doctoral research mentors in the mid-1960s.

Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr., was the editor for the Program for Studies of the Modern Corporation for the Columbia Business School and of the volume *Columbia and the City: The University's Commitment to New York City*. He has been a member of several University Seminars, and founder and co-chair of the University Seminar on the History of Columbia University. He conducted extensive oral histories with several famous Columbians, including I. I. Rabi. Chauncey was an early member of the steering committee for the EPIC (see below) founded by Professor Devons.

John Roeder is a long-time teacher at the Calhoun School and Secretary-Treasurer of the Physics Club of New York. He has received several American Association of Physics Teachers' awards, including the Excellence in Pre-College Teaching Award and the Distinguished Service Citation. John worked closely with Devons in the Joseph Priestley Association and Columbia's Scientific Literacy Seminar.

Sam's immediate family and close friends.

Columbia and Barnard colleagues.

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THE INTERACTION OF LINGUISTIC FORM AND MEANING WITH HUMAN BEHAVIOR

The University Seminar on Columbia School Linguistics (739)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2015

9:15–9:30 am | Greetings

Radmila Gorup, President, Columbia School
Linguistic Society

Ricardo Otheguy, for the conference organizers

9:30–10:00 am

Extending Diver's Focus Hypothesis for Latin
Joseph Davis

10:00–10:45 am

*Is there a place for traditional parts of speech
in Columbia School theory?*
Wallis Reid

11:15–11:45 am

*Vowels and consonants: A new vision
of syllable structure from PHB*
Bob de Jonge

11:45 am–12:15 pm

*Un-debunking the phoneme: How the space
character and the Roman alphabet
led phonology astray*
Tom Eccardt

1:30–2:00 pm | Poster Sessions

*Metadiscourse in Arabic and English
research abstracts*
Hmoud Alotaibi

Spanish a: A Columbia School road to homonymy
Joanna Birnbaum
Control and Focus in Gurung
Danielle Ronko

2:00–2:45 pm

*Pragmatic analysis of wiretaps, foreign intelligence
surveillance, pretext and consensual recordings:
"smoking guns" vs speech event theory*
Rob Leonard

2:45–3:15 pm

*Linguistic and semiotic mechanisms
and ideology in Israeli textbooks*
Nurit PeledElhanan

3:30–4:00 pm

Semantic variation in Danish epistemic markers
Tanya Christensen

4:00–4:30 pm

The usefulness of imperfect paraphrases
Bob Kirsner

4:45–5:15 pm

*The Focus System and the so-called nominalizers
koto and no in Modern Japanese*
Hidemi Sugi Riggs

5:15–5:45 pm

*A sign-based account of the distribution of the forms
any and some*
Nadav Sabar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015

9:30–10:00 am

*A comparative discourse study of the restrictive
markings of Mandarin jù, cái, and zhǔ*
Xuehua Xiang

10:00–10:45 am

*A little common sense, please! Chinese word order
versus the grammatical tradition*
Alan Huffman

11:00–11:45 am

*Scene, meaning, and message and the
English System of Degree of Control:
Giving the wall a push*
Nancy Stern

11:45 am–12:15 pm

*Columbian COCA: Using big data
to test a Columbia School hypothesis*

Ricardo Otheguy and Lauren Spradlin

2:15–2:45 pm

*El “juego” intra-paradigmático: Una mirada
al uso actual de los clíticos en Buenos Aires*

Angelita Martínez

2:45–3:15 pm

*An inquiry into the semantic substance
of Spanish verbs: A sign based analysis*

Jaseleen Ruggles and Ricardo Otheguy

3:15–3:45 pm

*Pay attention: Discourse prominence
and subject expression in Spanish*

Berenice Darwich

4:00–4:30 pm

What is que? A monosemic approach

Eduardo Ho Fernández

4:30–5:00 pm

*You can say that again: The communicative utility
of that repetition*

Andrew McCormick

5:15–6:00 pm

The puzzle of ‘determiners’ in Mopan Maya

Ellen Contini-Morava and Eve Danziger

6:00–6:30 pm

*Linguistic creativity and children’s literature:
The case of Pinkalicious*

Bill Carrasco

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015

9:30–10:00 am

*Observing speech acts in hospitality situations:
the role of linguistic forms*

Leanne Schreurs

10:00–10:30 am

A new approach to case meaning in Russian

Mary Anne Consentini

10:30–11:00 am

The characterization of referents in Serbo-Croatian

Radmila Gorup

11:15 am–12:00 pm | Business Meeting

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GHOSTS OF THE PAST

The University Seminar on Cultural Memory (717)



American Soldiers in front of Manet's *Wintergarten*, April 25, 1945. National Archives Washington

Co-organized by Columbia University's Department of Art History and Archaeology and Deutsches Haus in collaboration with the Goethe-Institut New York and the Jewish Museum, New York, this conference will bring together an international group of historians, art historians, scholars of provenance research and legal practice, museums directors, museum curators, and journalists. Beyond the specific case of Hildebrand and Cornelius Gurlitt's long hidden treasures, the conference will explore the manifold legacies of Nazi-looted art that continue to haunt our present.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

6:30 pm | Introduction

Andreas Huysen, Director of Deutsches Haus, Columbia University

6:30–7:30 pm | Keynote Lecture

From "Degenerate Art" to Looted Art: Reflections on a Historical Process in Nazi Germany

Olaf Peters, Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

9:30 am | Welcome

Holger A. Klein, Chairman of the Department of Art History and Archaeology, Columbia University

Morning Session I

Moderator: **Andreas Huysen**, Columbia University

9:45–10:15 am

Five Uncomfortable and Difficult Topics

Relating to the Restitution of Nazi Looted Art

Jonathan Petropoulos, Claremont McKenna College

10:30–11:00 am

Pressure, Erasure, Return? Investigating the “Grey Zone” of Interactions between Jewish Art Experts and German Art Historians in Nazi Occupied Europe—and After

Christian Fuhrmeister, Zentralinstitut für Kunstgeschichte, Munich

Morning Session II

Moderator: **Noam Elcott**, Columbia University

11:45 am–12:15 pm

Networks, Structures, Mechanisms: The Art Market in the “Third Reich” through the auction House Adolf Weinmüller in Munich and Vienna

Meike Hopp, Zentralinstitut für Kunstgeschichte, Munich

12:30–1:00 pm

Hildebrand Gurlitt and his dealings with German museums during the “Third Reich”

Meike Hoffmann, Freie Universität, Berlin

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015

Morning Session I

Moderator: **Avinoam Shalem**, Columbia University

9:45–10:15 am

‘The Largest Jewish Library in the World’: The Books of Holocaust Victims and their Redistribution Following World War II

Gish Amit, Mandel Leadership Institute, Jerusalem

10:30–11:00 am

Gurlitt, Weinmüller, Nolde: The Recent German Debate on Art Politics in the Nazi Era

Julia Voss, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Frankfurt

Afternoon Session II

Moderator: **Anson Rabinbach**, Princeton University

1:15–1:45 pm

Restitution as Diagnosis: Political Aspects of the “Trophy Art” Problem and Russian-German Relations

Konstantin Akinsha, Guest Fellow in Max Weber Kolleg, Erfurt, Germany

2:00–2:30 pm

All Paths Lead to New York; Cultural Plunder and Its Commercial Consequences, 1933–Today

Marc Masurovsky, Co-Founder, Holocaust Art Restitution Project, Washington

2:45–3:15 pm

The Restitution of Nazi-Looted Art and Other Cultural Property: Have we gone too far or not far enough?

Lawrence M. Kaye, Co-Chair of the Art Law Group at Herrick, Feinstein LLP in New York

4:00–5:30 pm | Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Barry Bergdoll**, Columbia University

Featured participants will include:

Stephanie Barron, Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles

Ruth Beesch, Deputy Director Jewish Museum, New York

MaryKate Cleary, The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)

Uwe Hartmann, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Berlin

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FASCISMS ACROSS BORDERS

An International Conference

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



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

9:30 am

Past and Present of Fascism

Chair: **Federico Finchelstein**, The New School

Discussant: **Turkuler Isiksel**, Columbia University

*Postfascism: the Politics of Xenophobia
and the Legacy of the Twentieth Century*

Enzo Traverso, Cornell University

*Contemporary Fascisms and the Limits
of Historical Analogies*

Kostis Karpozilos, Princeton University

Old and New Ideological Borders

Chair: **Jean Cohen**, Columbia University

Discussant: **Jose Moya**, Columbia University

*The Populism of the European Extreme Right:
Myth and Realities*

Yannis Stavrakakis, Aristotle University
of Thessaloniki

Crossing the Borders of Time and Space:

The Italian Intellectuals and the "Fascist Culture"

Michele Battini, University of Pisa

Within the Fortress of Europe 1

Chair: **Nadia Urbinati**, Columbia University

Discussant: **Ruth Ben-Ghiat**, New York University

*Fascism(s) in Europe's center and periphery
through the crises of the 1970s and the 2010s*

Dimitris Kousouris, University of Konstanz

The Neonazism Restructuring After 1989

Hubertus Buchstein, Greifswald University

Within the Fortress of Europe 2

Chair: **Andrew Arato**, The New School
for Social Research

Discussant: **Jeremy Varon**, The New School
for Social Research

*Fascist Branding: Constructing the
Spectacle of Ethnos in the Balkans*

Kriss Ravetto, University of California Davis

*The Crisis of Liberal Institutions
in Mediterranean Europe*

Giulia Albanese, University of Padua

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

9:30 am

The Evolution of Populism in Latin America

Chair: **Stathis Gourgouris**, Columbia University

Discussant: **Pablo Piccato**, Columbia University

*Populism and the Politics of the Extraordinary
in Latin America*

Carlos de LaTorre, University of Kentucky

*Populism and Redistribution in Latin America:
Conceptualizing a Threshold of Acceptance*

Juan F Gonzalez Bertomeu, ITAM School
of Law, Mexico

Maria Paula Saffon, Columbia University

*New Challenges in the Age of
New Media Technology*

Chair: **Neni Panourgia**, Columbia University

Discussant: **Silvana Patriarca**, Fordham University

*Violence, Breakdown, Consent: Fascism
and the Technologies of Crisis*

Geoff Eley, University of Michigan

*Repressed genealogies of "race" and empire in the
critical responses to the new European fascisms*

Eleni Varikas, University Paris 8 and Centre de
Recherches Sociologiques et Politiques de Paris
(CRESPPA) CNRS

Fascism and Beyond: A Round Table Panel

Chair: **Andreas Kalyvas**, The New School
for Social Research

Discussants: **Victoria De Grazia**, Columbia
University

Simon Levis Sullam, University of Venice

Is There Still Fascism in Latin America?

Carlos Forment, The New School
for Social Research

Is There Still Fascism in Europe?

Paul Corner, University of Siena

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THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: OUTCOMES IN CONTEXT

The University Seminar on Indigenous Studies (771)



In September 2014, following an extensive process that included the participation of indigenous peoples, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples Outcome Document. Soon after, faculty members at Columbia and UiT agreed to organize a seminar examining the document's impact on indigenous peoples and the indigenous rights community.

With 40 paragraphs of recommendations directed at States as well as the UN System, and given the fact that indigenous peoples were directly involved in the preparatory process, it is expected the document will directly impact the indigenous rights regime. In this seminar we will discuss the issues listed below, among others:

- What is the legal relevance of the WCIP Outcome Document?

- What might its impact be on the indigenous rights regime?
- What is the relationship between the Outcome Document, human rights treaties, and general principles of international law?
- Has the role of indigenous groups and peoples changed in light of the Outcome Document and its preparatory process?

We scheduled this seminar to fall on the weekend in between the two weeks of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues meeting in New York City. We hope you will join us in dialogue as we debate the Outcome Document.

The seminar is open to academics, representatives of Indigenous Peoples' organizations and nations as well as non-governmental organizations and inter-governmental organizations.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

10:00–10:15 am

Welcoming remarks by representatives of the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race and the Institute for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University and the leader of the Sami and Indigenous Rights Group at the Arctic University of Norway, UiT

10:15–10:45 am

The relevance of the WCIP, the Alta Outcome Document, and indigenous peoples' participation in the process in general. Introductory presentation by **Les Malezer**.

10:45–11:30 am | Discussion

Dr. Myrna Cunningham, facilitator

11:30 am–12:00 pm

The relationship between the WCIP Outcome Document and international human rights treaties and general principles of international law. Introductory presentation by Professor **Martin Scheinin**.

1:30–1:45 pm | Discussion

Associate Professor **Mattias Åhrén**, facilitator

2:00–2:30 pm

The legal relevance of the WCIP Outcome Document and its potential impacts on the indigenous rights regime, including on the legal status of the UNDRIP. Introductory presentation by Professor **Hurst Hannum**.

2:30–3:15 pm | Discussion

Professor **Martin Scheinin**, facilitator

3:30–4:00 pm

The proposed enhanced participatory status of indigenous peoples in the UN system; the potential impact on the legal status of indigenous peoples under international law. Introductory presentation by **Manuel May Castillo**.

4:00–4:45 pm | Discussion

Professor **Hurst Hannum**, facilitator

4:45–5:00 pm | Closing of first meeting day

SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2015

9:00–9:30 am

A relevant mandate for the EMRIP: an insider's perspective. Introductory presentation by **Dr. Claire Charters**, Senior Lecturer

9:30–10:15 am | Discussion

Professor **Elsa Stamatopoulou**, facilitator

10:30–11:00 am

The WCIP process, outcome, and road ahead; a state perspective. Introductory presentation by **Elisa Diaz Gras**, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations

11:00–11:30 am

A relevant mandate for the EMRIP; theoretical thoughts and considerations. Introductory presentation by Associate Professor **Mattias Åhrén**.

11:30 am–12:15 pm | Discussion

Professor **Les Malezer**, facilitator

1:30–2:00 pm

The relevance of recommendations directed at states for the implementation of indigenous peoples' human rights at the national level, in particular for those rights enshrined in the UNDRIP. Introductory presentation by **Dr. Myrna Cunningham**.

2:00–2:45 pm | Discussion

Dr. Manuel May Castillo, facilitator

3:00–3:30 pm

The relevance of other recommendations contained in the WCIP Outcome Document. Introductory presentation by Professor **Elsa Stamatopoulou**.

3:30–4:15 pm | Discussion

Dr. Claire Charters, facilitator

4:15–4:30 pm | Closing of the seminar

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2014–2015 SEMINARS

Below is a listing of the 2014–2015 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 70 years; new ones continue to be formed. Eight 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: Ms. Diandian Jiang

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| September 23 | <i>Who Are IS/ISIL/ISIS and What Are They Trying to Establish</i>
Omar El Okdah, International Peace Institute |
| October 14 | <i>The European Union at the United Nations: Promise, Prejudice and Reality</i>
Ioannis Vrailas, European Union Delegation to the United Nations |
| November 18 | <i>Human Trafficking, Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Gender Equality</i>
Taina BienAimé, Coalition Against Trafficking in Women |
| December 16 | <i>Should a Head of State be Immune from Prosecution for International Crimes while He or She is in Office?</i>
John Q. Barrett, St. John's University |
| February 17 | <i>The Rise of Isis</i>
Martin Smith, Frontline |

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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 2014–2015

- October 15 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
Sociality, Sin and the Unbuffered Self in American Evangelicalism
Omri Elisha, Queens College, The City University of New York
- November 19 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
*Ontological Stabilities and Ethnographic Knowledge: Experiencing the
Mega Temple Complex and Swaminarayan Religious Subjectivity*
Hanna Kim, Adelphi University
- December 16 *Complexity and Contradiction in Religion News Reporting in the 21st Century*
Tony Carnes, A Journey Through NYC Religions
- February 19 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
The Shared Parish: Latino and White Catholics and the Future of U.S. Catholicism
Brett Hoover, Loyola Marymount University
- April 8 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
The Sunday of Life: Hegel's Aesthetics
Marcella Tarozzi-Goldsmith, Philosopher of Art
- May 13 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINARS ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
AND CATHOLICISM, CULTURE, AND MODERNITY
The 50th Anniversary of Vatican II and Joseph Komonchak's "Realist's Church"
Christopher Denny, St. John's University

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:

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Professor Sidney Greenfield, sidneygreenfield@gmail.com

THE RENAISSANCE (407)

Founded: 1945

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Cynthia Pyle, Professor Alan Stewart
Rapporteur: Mr. John Kuhn

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 9 *Prolegomena for a new Intellectual History of the Italian Renaissance*
Christopher Celenza, Johns Hopkins University
- October 6 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON MEDIEVAL STUDIES
Inventing Medieval Women: History, Memory, and Forgery in Early Modern Italy
Paula Findlen, Stanford University
- October 14 *What is the Scale of Epic Literature? Thoughts on the French Context*
Phillip John Usher, New York University
- November 11 *The Physics and Metaphysics of Talismans (Imagines Astronomicae) in Marsilio Ficino's De vita libri tres (1489): A Case Study in (Neo)Platonism, Aristotelianism and the Esoteric Tradition*
H. Darrel Rutkin, Columbia University
- December 9 *Medieval Legends and Historical Writing in Sixteenth-Century Florence*
Ann Moyer, University of Pennsylvania
- February 10 *Islamic Embryology and Renaissance Polemics*
Pier Mattia Tommasino, Columbia University
- March 10 *Catastrophizing: Reading Disastrously in the Renaissance*
Gerard Passannante, University of Maryland
- April 14 *The Death of Heavenly Harmonies*
Eric Bianchi, Fordham University
- May 12 *From Colonne to Anticaglie; the Invention of Architectural Antiquities*
Dale Kinney, Bryn Mawr College

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Professor Alan Stewart, ags2105@columbia.edu
Acting Co-Chair: Professor Kathy Hannah Eden, khe1@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 2014–2015

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*Ontological Stabilities and Ethnographic Knowledge: Experiencing the
Mega Temple Complex and Swaminarayan Religious Subjectivity*
Hanna Kim, Adelphi University
- December 9 *Trajectories of State: Making Gender, Heretics, and Race, and Why States Always
Eventually Lose Against the Peoples Once Called Barbarians and Now Called Terrorists*
Gerald Sider, Graduate Center, The City University of New York
- February 19 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON STUDIES IN RELIGION
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Christopher Denny, St. John's 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 and disciplines: history, literature, philosophy, political science, music, history of science, and art, as well as national traditions. The Seminar's offerings are eclectic, but from time to time our Seminar has hosted special events such as symposia on the 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 recently appeared as a collection of essays edited by former Chair Elizabeth Powers, *Freedom of Speech: The History of an Idea* (Bucknell University Press, 2011). Most recently, our Seminar has co-sponsored, with the Seminar on Early Modern France, a series of roundtables on new directions in eighteenth-century studies under the rubric of "Literature and History in Dialogue." Past roundtables have been devoted to concepts of authorship (Fall 2010), eighteenth-century science studies (Spring 2011), and comparative colonialisms and orientalisms (Fall 2011). The 2012–2013 program marked the Seminar's 50th year in operation.

Chair: Professor Al Coppola
Rapporteur: Mr. Michael Paulson

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 18 *Experimental Philosophy, Absolutism, Swift*
Tita Chico, University of Maryland
- October 23 *The Ins and the Outs: John Dryden and the Queering of Augustan Party Politics*
James Horowitz, Sarah Lawrence College
- November 20 *Prohibited Books, Science, and Biblical Criticism: Joseph Attias (1672–1739),
a Jewish Cultural Mediator in the Republic of Letters*
Francesca Bregoli, Queens College, The City University of New York
- December 18 *Creaturely Life at Strawberry Hill*
Eugenia Zuroski Jenkins, McMaster University
- February 19 *A Natural History of Satyrs: Mythology and Science in the (Very) Long Eighteenth Century*
Daniel Margócsy, Hunter College, The City University of New York
- March 26 *China on Display: A Porcelain Menagerie at the Aranjuez Palace*
Tara Zanardi, Hunter College, The City University of New York
- April 23 EIGHTEENTH CENTURY FORMALISM(S): A SYMPOSIUM
*Starting from Scratch: *Camilla* and the Appeals of Inexperience*
Stephanie Hershinow, Baruch College, The City University of New York
Form and Sense: Locke, Addison, and Empiricist Antiformalism
Abigail Zitin, Rutgers University
Respondent: Jenny Davidson, Columbia University

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:
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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

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- December 8 *Between A Rock and A Hard Place: How Corporations Comply With Conflicting Laws and Regulations In Which They Do Business, and How They Should Be Punished When They Don't*
Terry Meyers
Birgit Kurtz
Peter Flägel
- February 9 *Driving Business Value with Analytics*
Emily Plachy, IBM

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STUDIES IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THOUGHT (427)

Founded: 1968

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

Co-Chairs: Professor David Johnston, Professor Nadia Urbinati
Rapporteur: Mr. Rob Goodman

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 9 *Isaiah Berlin's Neglect of Enlightenment Constitutionalism*
Jeremy Waldron, New York University
- November 6 *'Cooperation as Fairness' between Enemies in War*
Yvonne Chiu, University of Hong Kong
- December 4 *Thomas Hobbes: At the Edge of Promises and Prophecies*
Alison McQueen, Stanford University
- February 5 *Reproductive Choices and International Distributive Justice*
Louis-Philippe Hodgson, York University
- March 11 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON KNOWLEDGE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS
A New Educational Paradigm and its Impact on Math and Science Achievement
Robert Goodman, New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning
- March 26 *Communism By the Numbers: On the Political Philosophy of Alain Badiou*
Richard Wolin, Graduate Center, The City University of New York
- April 16 *A Good Economy: The Freiburg School of Ordo Liberalism*
Ellen Kennedy, University of Pennsylvania

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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. Mary Grace Albanese

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| September 9 | <i>The Business of Bohemianism: Art and Labor in Antebellum New York</i>
Edward Whitley, Lehigh University |
| October 7 | <i>Reading Boy's Books with Master James</i>
Patricia Crain, New York University |
| November 11 | <i>Improvising Enlightenment, or, Notes toward a Defensible Humanities</i>
Kandice Chuh, Graduate Center, The City University of New York |
| December 4 | <i>Frederick Douglass, Thomas Auld, and the Reunion Narrative: 1877, 1881, 1892</i>
Robert Levine, University of Maryland |
| February 3 | <i>Frederick Douglass and the Aesthetics of Black Evangelical Homiletics</i>
Douglas Jones, Rutgers University |
| March 3 | <i>The Wild Not Less Than the Good: Thoreau, Sex, Biopower</i>
Peter Coviello, University of Illinois at Chicago |
| April 7 | <i>Nudity and Other Sensitive States: Privacy and Secularity in the Antebellum United States</i>
Justine Murison, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |
| May 5 | <i>Tasting the Bone: Animism, Assemblage, and the Theater of Zora Neale Hurston</i>
Katherine Biers, Columbia University |

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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 2014–2015

- September 16 *'A Lanterne of Lyght to the People': English Narrative Alabaster Images of John the Baptist in their Visual, Religious, and Social Contexts*
Kathryn Smith, New York University
- October 6 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON THE RENAISSANCE
Inventing Medieval Women: History, Memory, and Forgery in Early Modern Italy
Paula Findlen, Stanford University
- October 15 *Marco Polo's 'Portrait': Illumination and Agency in the Manuscripts of the Devisement du Monde*
Mark Cruse, Arizona State University
- November 10 *Forging the Past: Invented Histories in Counter-Reformation Spain*
Katrina Olds, University of San Francisco
- December 1 *False Gods, Idolatrous Desire, and the Nature of Art in the Roman de la Rose*
Jonathan Morton, University of Oxford
- February 25 *Moses the Egyptian in the Illustrated Old English Hexateuch*
H.R. Broderick, Lehman College, The City University of New York
- March 23 *From Shape to Sound in Medieval Song*
Ardis Butterfield, Yale University
- March 24 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON RELIGION AND WRITING
Peoples of the Book: Middle-Eastern Ethnology in Western Medieval Encyclopedias
Michael Twomey, Ithaca College
- April 29 *Manasses of Hierges and the Monks of Brogne: New Sources and Perspectives on the Crusader and His Community*
Nicholas Paul, Fordham University

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STUDIES IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICA (435)

Founded: 1956

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Abosedo George, Professor Hlonipha Mokoena
Rapporteur: Ms. Titilola Halimat Somotan

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 18 *Rationalizing Chronic Disease in Young Nations:
Cancer, Aging and Experts in India and South Africa (1940–50s)*
Kavita Sivaramakrishnan, Columbia University
- October 16 *The Rise and Fall (and Rise and Fall) of History in West Africa:
“The Crisis of West African History and the Question of the Historical Fact” 1975–1985*
Sean Hanretta, Northwestern University
- November 6 *Yinka Shonibare and the ‘Other’ Victorians*
Chika Okeke-Agulu, Princeton University
- November 18 *Women’s Internationalism and the Politics of Nation-Building in Early Independent Ghana*
Naaborko Sackeyfio-Lenoch, Dartmouth College
- February 17 *Citizen without Status: Métis, Citizenship, and Rights in Late Colonial French Equatorial Africa*
Rachel Jean-Baptiste, University of California, Davis
- March 26 *Dissident Sexualities and the State in Colonial and Post-Independence Africa*
Carina Ray, Fordham University
- April 23 *1989 and the Era of Relief: Ethiopia and the US at the End of the Cold War in Africa*
Benjamin Talton, Temple University

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Professor Rhiannon Stephens, rs3169@columbia.edu

CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION (441)

Founded: 1957

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

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

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 18 *Writing with Posterity in Mind: Thucydides and Tacitus on Secession*
Cynthia Damon, University of Pennsylvania
- October 16 *Apuleius the Provincial*
Alessandro Barchiesi, New York University
- November 20 *Homer in the Soros of Posidippus: An Epigrammatic Collection and Its Sources*
Peter Bing, Emory University
- January 22 *Engendering Harmony in the SecondBest City:
Plato's 'Feminism' and the Female Voice in the Laws*
Marcus Folch, Columbia University
- February 19 *Horace's Hymn to Bacchus (Odes 2.19): Poetics and Politics*
Stephen Harrison, University of Oxford
- April 23 *Africitas and Augustine*
Catherine Conybeare, Bryn Mawr College

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Professor Katharina Volk, kv2018@columbia.edu

MODERN EAST ASIA: CHINA (443)

Founded: 1957

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Robert Barnett, Professor William Charles Wooldridge
Rapporteur: Ms. Dongxin Zou

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 11 *What Do We Believe? Citizen Faith in China Today*
Carl Minzner, Fordham University
Discussant: Madeleine Zelin, Columbia University
- October 9 *Analyzing Tensions in China's Ethnic Areas: Problems and Methods*
Nicholas Bequelin, Human Rights Watch
Discussant: Alexa Olesen, The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists
- November 13 *Wartime Dead in Time and Place in Late 1940s Jiangsu*
Rebecca Nedostup, Brown University
Discussant: Kevin Landdeck, Sarah Lawrence College
- December 11 *From Manchu Law to Qing Law: the Evolution of the Fugitive Law in the Qing Dynasty*
Hu Xiangyu, Renmin University of China
Discussant: Madeleine Zelin, Columbia University
- February 12 *Between the Law: The Unmaking of Empire and the Persistence of Redress in China and Japan*
Yukiko Koga, Hunter College
Discussant: Frank K. Upham, New York University
- March 12 *Archival Resources of Republican China at Columbia and Beyond*
Chengzhi Wang, Columbia University
- April 16 *The Silk Road and the Crisis in the Humanities*
Johan Elverskog, Southern Methodist University
Discussant: Robert Hymes, Columbia University
- May 14 *The Women's Advisory Council and Transnational Relief Networks
for China's Resistance and Reconstruction, 1937–1949*
Helen Schneider, Virginia Tech
Discussant: Robert Culp, Bard College

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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 Yukiko Koga, Professor Janis Mimura
Rapporteur: Mr. James Gerien-Chen

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 27 *Encyclopedias in Japan's Postwar Enlightenment*
Miriam Kingsberg, University of Colorado, Boulder
Discussant: Seiji Shirane, City College, The City University of New York
- November 14 *Crossed Geographies: Endō and Fanon in Lyon*
Christopher Hill, University of Michigan
Discussant: Emmanuelle Saada, Columbia University
- April 17 *Engaging Asia: Reintegrating Japanese Film Culture into Cold War Asia*
Michael Baskett, University of Kansas
Discussant: Hikari Hori, Columbia University
- May 1 *The Chains of Freedom: Aesthetics and the Re enchantment of the Modern World*
Raja Adal, University of Cincinnati
Discussant: Kim Brandt, Columbia University

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:
Professor Yukiko Koga, 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. Amy Meverden

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| September 10 | <i>What Led to the Creation of Gospels?</i>
Michael Winger, Independent Scholar |
| October 1 | <i>Remorse or Conversion? Metanoia in the New Testament and its Greek Context</i>
David Konstan, New York University |
| November 5 | <i>A 'Hope' That Does Not Disappoint: Paul's Rhetoric of 'Hope' in its Imperial Context</i>
Rob Lewis, Fordham University |
| February 4 | <i>The Gospel of John and Some Philosophical Issues</i>
Harold W. Attridge, Yale Divinity School |
| February 26 | <i>Diaspora Theory and the End of 'Early Christian Identity'</i>
Maia L. Kotrosits, Denison University |
| April 22 | <i>Jesus in the Epistle of Barnabas</i>
John Edwards, St. Francis College |

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:

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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 2014–2015

- October 21 *Governing the Large Metropolis: Dilemmas of Urban Governance in Mexico, São Paolo, London and Paris*
Patrick Le Gales, Sciences Po
- November 6 *Frederick Law Olmsted and the World's Columbian Exposition*
David Schuyler, Franklin and Marshall College
- February 5 *Latino Landscapes: The Transnational Origins of a New Urban America*
Andrew Sandoval-Strausz, University of New Mexico
- March 4 *Roaring the Tabloids: Newsboys and the Challenge of Modernity in 1920s America*
Vince DiGirolamo, Baruch College, The City University of New York
- April 21 *Research and Development on the Great White Way: Broadway Finance and the NYC Economy*
Tim White, New Jersey City University

Academic year 2015–2016 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. Sarah Danielsson, Dr. Theodore Kovaleff
Rapporteur: Ms. Megan McKenzie

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 23 *The Eurozone Crisis and the 2013 Federal Election in Germany*
Alexandra Hennessey, Seton Hall University
- October 22 *The Birth of the New Justice: the Internationalization of Crime and Punishment*
Mark Lewis, College of Staten Island, The City University of New York
- November 18 *In Search of a Macro-level Theory of Political Science for the 21st Century:
The Case for Ecological 'Limits to Growth' and the 'Peak Oil' Theory of Resource Depletion*
Daniel Lipson, New Paltz, The State University of New York
- December 10 *Issues of State Formation and National Identity During the Process of Mexican Independence*
Alejandro Quintana, St. John's University
- February 10 *Medieval Islamic Political Thought*
Neguin Yavari, The New School
- March 10 *Local Politics of Colonial Schooling in Senegal at the Turn of the 20th Century*
Kelly Duke Bryant, Rowan University
- April 1 GENERAL SEMINAR DINNER AND PRESENTATION
- April 14 *The Transfer of Hungarian Subcarpathia to the Ukrainian SSR of the Soviet Union in 1945*
Peter Pastor, Montclair State University
- May 12 *Private Justice: Prosecutorial Accountability and Access to Justice in Chile, Guatemala and Mexico*
Veronica Michel-Luviano, John Jay College, The City University of New York

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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. Moni Taichute

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| October 8 | <i>Knowledge and Knowing: the First 3 Billion Years</i>
James Smith, The New School |
| November 12 | <i>The Growing Existential Threat of Nuclear Weapons</i>
Edward A. Friedman, Stevens Institute of Technology |
| December 10 | <i>How Literature and Mediation Hold the Secret to World Peace</i>
Peter V. Arcese, The ABA Mediation Committee |
| February 11 | <i>Could a New Sheriff Reform Health Care?</i>
David Goldhill, GSN |
| March 11 | JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THOUGHT
<i>A New Educational Paradigm and its Impact on Math and Science Achievement</i>
Robert Goodman, New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning |
| April 15 | <i>Promoting Social Change: Social Media and Global Activism</i>
Felipe Queipo, United Nations |
| May 13 | <i>New Technologies for Sustainability: The Case of Renewable Energy</i>
Elliott Harris, UNEP New York Office |

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Professor Takeshi Utsumi, takutsumi0@gmail.com

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 2014–2015

- September 25 *Living with Crows in Hawai'i: Conservation in Haunted Landscapes*
Thom van Dooren, University of New South Wales
- November 6 *The Not Environmentalism of Masdar*
Gökçe Günel, Columbia University
- April 2 *Mixing Oil and Water: Shrimp and Petroleum Industries Side by Side*
Veronica Davidov, Monmouth University
- April 30 *Toward a History of Upcycling: The Case of Aluminum 1945–2015*
Carl Zimring, Pratt Institute

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THE STUDY OF THE HEBREW BIBLE (473)

Founded: 1968

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

Co-Chairs: Dr. Robbie Harris, Dr. Sharon Keller

Rapporteur: Mr. David DeLauro

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 16 *The Inheritance of Prophecy in Apocalypse*
Stephen Geller, Jewish Theological Seminary
- October 21 *Joseph in Egypt: A Tale of Israel without Tribes in Genesis 39–41 and 47*
Dan Fleming, New York University
- November 18 *Jacob as a Fugitive Hero: A Challenge to Higher Critical Theories*
Edward Greenstein, Bar Ilan
Respondent: David Carr, Union Theological Seminary
- December 9 *Joshua and Anomie: A Hypothesis for Dating the Book of Joshua*
Douglas Knight, Vanderbilt University
- January 20 *Child Sacrifice in Ancient Israel: A Study in Diversity*
Heath Dewrell, Princeton Seminary
Respondent: Mark Smith, New York University
- February 24 *Placing the Pentateuch's Literary Values in History: Some Basic Considerations*
Seth Sanders, Trinity College
- March 24 *The New Critical Edition of the Samaritan Pentateuch*
Stefan Schorch, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg
- April 21 *The Impact of Siege Warfare on Biblical Conceptualizations of Yahweh*
Elizabeth BlochSmith, Saint Joseph's 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: Professor Serinity Young
Rapporteur: Ms. Deepika Narasimhan

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| September 15 | <i>What Should the Bhakti Movement Be?</i>
John Stratton Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University |
| October 27 | <i>Rabindranath Tagore in Bangladesh: the Question of Secular Culture</i>
Karunamay Goswami, Cambrien Center for International Studies |
| December 8 | <i>Households and Courts in Northern India, circa 1350–1550</i>
Ramya Sreenivasan, University of Pennsylvania |
| February 9 | <i>Devotion and Donkeys: Traces of a Vernacular Public in Thirteenth-Century India</i>
Christian Novetzke, University of Washington |
| March 23 | <i>The Science of Family Life: Bhudeb Mukhopadhyay
and Conservative Discourse in Nineteenth-Century India</i>
Satadru Sen, Queens College, The City University of New York |
| April 27 | <i>Boat Over Troubled Water: The Bhagavad Gita and Indian Nationalism</i>
Richard H. Davis, Bard College |

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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 2014–2015

- September 16 *Aramaic Documents From Achaemenid Bactria:
Connections To The West—and The East—and The Future*
Peter T. Daniels, Independent Scholar
- October 2 *Bread Production In Southwest Asia 2000 Years Prior To Agriculture*
David Eitam, Hebrew University
- October 14 *Child Sacrifice and The Tale Of A Second Millennium BCE City In Ancient Mesopotamia*
Marta Luciani, University of Vienna
- December 10 *The Status Of The Children Of Slaves In Early Mesopotamia*
John Nicholas Reid, Oxford University and New York University
- February 4 *Screening of a New Documentary Film, The Faces of Phlamoudhi*
Ian Cohn, Independent Photographer
Rupert Barclay, Independent Filmmaker
- February 11 *Gender and Adornment in the Hasanlu IVb Cemetery*
Megan Cifarelli, Manhattanville College
- March 11 *The Erasure of Millennia: The Cultural Heritage Crises in Syria and Northern Iraq*
Michael Danti, American Schools of Oriental Research Cultural Heritage Initiatives
- April 2 *Climbing Mountains and Moving Molehills: Highland Communities
and Lowland Encounters in the Ancient Near East*
Claudia Glatz, University of Glasgow
- April 23 *Seals and Social Interaction At Kültepe In The Early 2nd Millennium BCE*
Agnete Lassen, Yale University
- May 7 *The Search for Insights: Comparing Mesopotamian Religion and Hinduism*
Selim Ferruh Adali, Social Sciences University of Ankara

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Dr. Oscar White Muscarella, oscarbey@aol.com

STUDIES IN MODERN ITALY (483)

Founded: 1966

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

Chair: Professor Ernest Ialongo

Rapporteur: Ms. Alessia Palanti

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 19 *Neo-Bourbonism: What Is Going On?*
Marta Petruszewicz, University of Calabria and
Hunter College, The City University of New York
Respondent: Jason Pine, Purchase, The State University of New York
- October 17 *The New Front: Painting and Politics in Cold War Italy*
Adrian Duran, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Respondent: Romy Golan, The Graduate Center, The City University of New York
- November 7 *On Nationalism, Heritage, and Representation. Collecting, Researching
and Building a Museum in Istria against Vienna (1884–1915)*
Ilaria Porciani, Università di Bologna
Respondent: Mahnaz Yousefzadeh, New York University

- December 12 *The Legacy of Fascism in the Built Environment: Fascist Party Headquarters after Fascism*
 Lucy Maulsby, Northeastern University
 Respondent: Richard Etlin, University of Maryland
- February 20 *Jewish Writers in Post-Unification Italy: the Formation of a National Culture*
 Gabriella Romani, Seton Hall University
 Respondent: Giuseppe Gazzola, Stony Brook University
- March 27 *'A Wider Circle of Humanity?': Antonio Gramsci, the Armenian Genocide, and the Otherness of Suffering*
 Ara H. Merjian, New York University
 Respondent: Nadia Urbinati, Columbia University
- April 17 *The Fall of Mussolini: Violence, Emotion and Memory*
 Joshua Arthurs, West Virginia University
 Respondent: Stanislao Pugliese, Hofstra University
- May 8 *A(ardvarks) to Z(ebras): Exotic Animal Imagery in Interwar Italy*
 Vivien Greene of the Guggenheim Museum
 Respondent: Emily Braun, Hunter College and the Graduate Center, The City University of New York

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:
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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. Kathryn Knowles Lasdow

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 9 *Old Friends/New Editors: A Conversation About Early American Publishing*
Cathy Kelly, University of Oklahoma
Joshua Piker, College of William and Mary
- October 14 *Preservation by Permanence: Sacred Historic Spaces and Market Morality in Jacksonian America*
Whitney Martinko, Villanova University
- November 11 *Like Warren Hastings over India or Napoleon over Naples? The Lessons of History and the Problem of Occupation in the Post-Surrender United States*
Greg Downs, Graduate Center and City College, The City University of New York
- December 9 *King Cotton, Emperor Slavery: Antebellum Slaveholders and the Global Economy*
Matt Karp, Princeton University
- February 10 *Edmund S. Morgan and the Urgency of Good Leadership*
Benjamin Carp, Brooklyn College, The City University of New York
- March 10 *Potosi: Crucible of the Atlantic World*
John Demos, Yale University
- March 31 *Slavery, Property, and the Federal Constitution*
Sean Wilentz, Princeton University
- April 14 *The United States and Spanish American Emancipation, 1815–1825*
Caitlin Fitz, Northwestern University
- May 12 *'with all my right of Cominage, Woods, Underwoods, Bit of mouth and Turburd': Robert Williams of Lusum and the Early Long Island 'Deed Game'*
Michael LaCombe, Adelphi University

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:

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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 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 2014–2015

- October 2 *Response of Hudson River Shallow Habitats to Climate Change—At Risk or Resilient?*
Dr. Stuart Findlay, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies
- November 13 *Historical Ecology and Archaeology's Deep-Time Perspective on Environmental Decisions*
April Beisaw, Vassar College
- March 26 *Marine Pollution—What Everyone Needs to Know*
Judith Weis, Rutgers University
- April 23 *Performance Evaluation of Some Coagulants used in Water Treatment*
Cristina Costache, University Politehnica of Bucharest, Romania

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:

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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. Mie Mortensen

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 3 *The Internationalist Gaze: China in Early Soviet Film*
Edward Joseph Tyerman, Barnard College, Columbia University
- November 7 *Gendarmes and Counterfeiters: The Culture of Transnational Crime in the Long 19th Century*
Sergei Antonov, Queens College, The City University of New York
- December 5 *Money for Nothing: The Libidinal Economy of the Russian Novel*
Emma Lieber, Rutgers University
- February 6 *Sovietization with a Woman's Face: Women and Sovietness in the Soviet West*
Tarik Cyril Amar, Columbia University
- March 6 *"True" Selves and Masks: Complicity and Resistance in
the Labor Camp Correspondance of Arsenii Formakov*
Emily D. Johnson, University of Oklahoma
- April 10 *Sex and the City: Passazh, Prostitution and the Problem of Modernity in Saint Petersburg, 1848–69*
Abby Schrader, Franklin and Marshall College
- May 1 *The Making of an Artist as National Hero: Karl Briullov and Society in Imperial Russia*
Katia Dianina, University of Virginia

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:
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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 2014–2015

- October 29 *“I Am Building a City”: Agnon’s Buczacz Stories and the Re-Imagining of Polish Jewry*
Alan Mintz, Jewish Theological Seminary
- December 3 *Writing Aramaic in the Early Hellenistic Age: New Perspectives
on Jewish Knowledge in the Third Century BCE*
Annette Reed, University of Pennsylvania
- January 28 *The Emergence of the Safadian Kabbalistic Center*
K Moshe Idel, Hebrew University
- April 29 *Divine Law: A Tale of Two Concepts and Three Responses*
Christine Hayes, Yale University

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:
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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: Ms. Sarah Lorch

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| October 2 | <i>Bankers and Andean Minerals in the German Global Strategy, 1901–1914</i>
Oscar Granados, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University |
| November 6 | <i>It's Always About the People: Enron is No Different</i>
Jana Diesner, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |
| December 4 | <i>Taxes, National Identity, and National Building: Evidence from France</i>
Noel D. Johnson, George Mason University |
| February 5 | <i>Mothers' Pension Legislation and the Politics of Welfare Generosity</i>
Carolyn M. Moehling, Rutgers University |
| March 5 | <i>The Effects of Lead Exposure on Violent Crime:
Evidence from U.S. Cities in the Early Twentieth Century</i>
Christopher Muller, Columbia University
James Feigenbaum, Harvard University |
| April 2 | <i>After the Rentier Society, The Great Shocks of the Twentieth Century Reconsidered:
A Parisian Perspective 1872–1952</i>
Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, California Institute of Technology |
| May 7 | <i>Contested Property: Fugitive Slaves in the Antebellum U.S. South</i>
Suresh Naidu, 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: Ms. Manpreet Kaur

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 8 *The Morbid Anatomy Museum: Art, Anatomy, and that Which Falls Between the Cracks*
Joanna Ebenstein, Morbid Anatomy Museum
- November 12 *Palliative Care in the 21st Century*
Craig D. Blinderman, Columbia University
- December 10 *Dead Bodies and the Body-Politic: The Destruction of Cemeteries in Singapore*
Ruth E. Toulson, University of Pennsylvania
- February 11 *Senior (80+) Cultural Anthropologists Confront Their Own Aging and Mortality*
Philip Singer, Oakland University
Sidney Greenfield, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- March 11 *Thinking Outside the Box: New Technologies for the Wholesome Dead*
Philip Olson, Virginia Tech
- April 8 *Everything Dead Is New Again: Rethinking the "Tech" in Postmodern Technologies*
John Troyer, University of Bath
- May 13 *On the Impossibility of Obituaries (Case Study: Artist Agnes Martin)*
Karen Schiff, Boston Architectural College

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Honorary Chair: Dr. Michael K. Bartalos, bartalosmk@verizon.net

THE ART OF AFRICA, OCEANIA, AND THE AMERICAS (509)

Founded: 1970

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

Co-Chairs: Dr. Francesco Pellizzi, Professor Zoe Strother
Rapporteur: Mr. Alvaro Luis Lima

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 2 *The Potlatch Ethic and the Spirit of Cannibalism: Ethnographic Mediation and the Making of a Northwest Coast Ritual Icon*
Aaron Glass, Bard Graduate Center
- December 4 *Re-figuring Zapotec Funerary Rites: The Uses of Virtual 3D Modeling in Understanding Ancient Ritual Behavior in Oaxaca*
Ellen Hoobler, Cornell College
- February 5 *Mining the Unsaid: Spectral Archives in South Africa*
Rosalind C. Morris, Columbia University
- March 5 *Transnational Dimensions to Senegalese Modern Art, 1960–1980*
Joshua I. Cohen, City College, The City University of New York
- April 2 *Bodies Transformed: Ancient Maya Carved Bones*
Megan O’Neil, Los Angeles County Museum of Art

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:
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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: Dr. Elizabeth Cohn, Mr. Ronald Gross, Professor Robert McClintock
Rapporteur: Ms. Rebecca Martin

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 6 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
The Discriminating Infant: Early Social Judgments and the Roots of Good and Evil
Karen Wynn, Yale University
- November 10 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Philosophy and Public Education: A Community Outreach Program with Court-Involved Youth
Max Hayward, Columbia University
- December 8 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Beyond Resilience and PTSD: Flexibility and Heterogeneity Following Potential Trauma
George A. Bonanno, Columbia University
- March 2 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Wisdom: What Does It Take To Become Wiser? A Psychological Perspective On Wisdom
Ursula Staudinger, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
- April 27 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Going Solo: The Extraordinary Rise and Surprising Appeal Of Living Alone
Eric Klinenberg, New York University
- May 4 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
The “Good” Life: From Value, Truth and Control, Working Together
E. Tory Higgins, Columbia University

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:
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LATIN AMERICA (515)

Founded: 1971

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

Co-Chairs: Dr. Sara Calvo, Dr. Christopher Sabatini, Dr. George Vickers

Rapporteur: Ms. Maria Jesus Zevallos

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 2 *What's Left: The Problem of Liberal Democracy and Its Institutions*
Tony Spanakos, Montclair State University
- November 6 *From 1996 to 2666: Reflections on the Contemporary Spanish American Novel*
Juan De Castro, The New School for Liberal Arts
- February 5 *The 'New' New Latin American Cinema of the 21st Century: Some Narrative Trends*
Jerry Carlson, City College and Graduate Center, The City University of New York
- April 2 *Change in the Dominical Political Party System, 1966–2015*
Christopher Mitchell, New York University
Respondent: Bernardo Vega, Academia De La Historia Dominicana
- May 7 *Violence at Latin American Urban Margins*
Javier Auyero, University of Texas

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:

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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: Ms. Juliette Faure

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| September 18 | <i>Is Net Stock Issuance Relevant to Capital Formation? Comparing Heterodox Models of Firm-Level Capita Expenditures Across the Advanced and Largest Developing Economies</i>
Jason Hecht, Anisfield School of Business, Ramapo College of New Jersey |
| January 29 | <i>After Ferguson: Notes on Oppression</i>
Philip Green, The New School |
| March 5 | <i>Law and Economics of Bound Labor</i>
Suresh Naidu, Columbia University |
| March 26 | <i>A Critique of the New Theory of Plutocracy</i>
Ross Zucker, Touro College |
| April 23 | <i>Democracy and National Education Standards</i>
Nicholas Tampio, Fordham University |

Academic year 2015–2016 (on hiatus)

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 persistent instability and proliferating crises. Detailed minutes are circulated to participating members for use without attribution to uphold the confidentiality of the discussion.

Founding Chair: Professor J.C. Hurewitz

Chair: Professor Gary Sick

Associate Chair: Professor Lawrence G. Potter

Rapporteur: Mr. Seth Anziska

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| September 17 | <i>Iraq, the Kurds and the New Islamic State</i>
Denise Natali, Institute for National Strategic Studies |
| October 15 | <i>Islamists, the Military and Revolution in the Middle East</i>
Khaled Fahmy, American University in Cairo |
| November 19 | <i>Understanding the Islamic State (ISIS)</i>
Cole Bunzel, Princeton University |
| December 10 | <i>Afghanistan after the US/NATO Combat Mission</i>
Barnett R. Rubin, New York University |
| January 21 | <i>The Price of Oil is Down: Should We Care?</i>
Jason Bordoff, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University
Carlos Pascual, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University
Andrew Cooper, author of <i>The Oil Kings</i> |
| February 18 | <i>2015, A Century On: Is a New Sultan on the Rise?</i>
David Cuthell, The Institute of Turkish Studies, Georgetown University |
| March 11 | <i>Periphery: Israel's Search for Middle East Allies</i>
Yossi Alpher, Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv University |
| April 22 | <i>The Iran Negotiations: How We Got This Far and Where We Are Going</i>
Richard Nephew, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University |

Academic year 2015–2016 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, neuroimaging, and neuroanatomical perspectives on the control of ingestive behavior; 4) cognitive, social, and environmental controls of ingestive behavior. The seminar thus combines interests in basic control mechanisms with clinical applications.

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

Rapporteur: Ms. Musya Herzog

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| September 11 | <i>Manipulation of Foods to Enhance Satiety</i>
Nerys Astbury, Columbia University |
| October 2 | <i>Alcohol and Fat Overconsumption: Influence of Neuropeptides in the Hypothalamus and Beyond</i>
Jessica Barson, Rockefeller University |
| November 13 | <i>Gut Microbiota Modulate Intestinal Signaling in Obesity</i>
Mihai Covasa, Western University of Health Sciences |
| December 4 | <i>Interoceptive Sugar Sensing by the Brain in Fruit Flies</i>
Greg Suh, New York University School of Medicine |
| January 22 | <i>Neurobiological Correlates of the Placebo Effect in Obesity-prone Animals</i>
Emmanuel Pothos, Tufts University School of Medicine |
| February 5 | <i>Developmental Influences on Circuits Regulating Food Intake and Body Weight</i>
Lori Zeltser, Columbia University |
| March 5 | <i>Neural and Behavioral Mechanisms Underlying the Portion Size Effect in Children</i>
Nicole Fearnbach, Pennsylvania State University |
| April 2 | <i>Neuronal Metabolic Sensing and the Regulation of Energy and Glucose Homeostasis</i>
Barry Levin, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School |
| May 7 | <i>Flavor-nutrient Learning and the Obesogenic Environment</i>
Kevin Myers, Bucknell University |
| May 28 | <i>Cognitive Neuroscience of Restricted Food Choice in Anorexia Nervosa</i>
Joanna Steinglass, Columbia University |

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:

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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 2014–2015

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| September 15 | <i>Mobilization around Anti-Mining in Ecuador and Anti-Oil in the Amazon</i>
Veronica Davidov, Monmouth University |
| October 6 | <i>Grassroots Organizing of Taxi Drivers in Nairobi, Kenya</i>
Megan Ference, Washington University, St. Louis |
| November 10 | <i>Moral Economy after Neoliberalism: Reading E.P. Thompson in Rural Jamaica</i>
Edward Sammons, Brooklyn College, The City University of New York |
| February 2 | <i>Changing the Channel: Class Conflict, Everyday State Formation, and television in Venezuela</i>
Naomi Schiller, Brooklyn College, The City University of New York |
| March 7 | <i>Feminist Activist Ethnography</i>
Dana-Ain Davis, Queens College, The City University of New York |
| April 6 | <i>Grassroots Organizing of Mineworkers in Colombia</i>
Avi Chomsky, Salem State University |

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:
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Professor Patricia Antonello, pata@brooklyn.cuny.edu

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 scientists, philosophers, and historians. Most sessions take place in conjunction with the New York City History of Science Working Group.

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

Rapporteur: Mr. Sean O'Neil

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| October 8 | <i>Mutant Sexuality</i>
Luis Campos, University of New Mexico |
| October 29 | <i>Clean, Limitless, Classified: The Secret Histories of Laser Fusion</i>
Alex Wellerstein, Stevens Institute of Technology |
| December 3 | <i>The Art of Encryption: Music-Image-Text in Michael Maier's Alchemical Emblem Book, Atalanta fugiens (1618)</i>
Donna Bilak, Columbia University
Robin Bier, Les Canards Chantants |
| February 25 | <i>Facts and Figures: The Birth of Numerical Objectivity</i>
William Deringer, Columbia University |
| March 25 | <i>Across Disciplines and Borders: The Big Science of Acid Rain</i>
Rachel Rothschild, Yale University |
| April 29 | <i>Commercializing Medicine or Benefiting the People: The Imperial Apothecary in China 1076–1600</i>
Asaf Goldschmidt, Yale University |

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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. Marcella Yakalis

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| September 5 | <i>Communist Modernism and the Making of Ernie O'Malley's On Another Man's Wound</i>
Spurgeon Thompson, Fordham University |
| November 7 | <i>The O'Kalems: Ireland and the Irish on Screen, 1910–1914</i>
Peter Flynn, Emerson College |
| December 5 | <i>The Genders of Nationalistic Space</i>
Aidan Beatty, University of Chicago |
| February 6 | <i>Robert Flaherty and Seán Ó Direáin: Lights, Camera, and (Not Too Much) Action</i>
Tomás Ó h-Íde, Lehman College |
| March 6 | <i>Loyalty, Treason, and the Irish Revolution: The Impact of Shifting Allegiances, 1913–1923</i>
Justin Stover, Idaho State University |
| April 10 | <i>Ireland at Sea: An Offshore Cultural History</i>
Nicholas Allen, University of Georgia |
| May 1 | <i>Becoming Irish: Daniel Patrick Moynihan and the Last Hurrah</i>
Peter Aigner, The Graduate Center, The City University of New York |

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:

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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 Cynthia Lucia (Spring), Professor David Sterritt (Fall)
Rapporteur: Mr. Patrick Brodie

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 18 *Bad Mixings: Dirty Harry, Social Anomaly, and the Gospel of Healthy Mindedness*
David Sterritt, Columbia University and Maryland Institute College of Art
Respondent: William Luhr, St. Peter's University
- October 23 *An Embarrassing Genre: Patriotic Films of the 21st Century from China, Cuba, and the USA*
Jerry Carlson, The City University of New York
Respondent: Robert Singer, Kingsborough Community College
and the Graduate Center, The City University of New York
- November 13 *Film as Soft Power and Hard Currency: The Sino-Hollywood Courtship*
Ying Zhou, Staten Island, The City University of New York
Respondent: Peter Biskind, Cultural Critic
- December 11 *Roundtable: World War I and the Media*
Charles Silver, MoMA
John Belton, Rutgers University
Chris Straayer, New York University
Richard Koszarski, Rutgers University
Respondent: Christopher Sharrett, Seton Hall University

- January 22 *Wong Kar-Wai: Weak Theory and Liminality*
Martha P. Nochimson, Mercy College, Emerita
Respondent: Joseph Kickasola, Baylor University
- February 19 *Cinema and the Human Figure: Sitting/Standing*
Joe McElhaney, Hunter College, The City University of New York
Respondent: Amy Herzog, Graduate Center and
Queens College, The City University of New York
- March 12 *The Portrait in Fred Zinnemann's Renaissance:
Rebuilding Film Authorship in the Remains of an Archive*
J.E. Smyth, University of Warwick
Respondent: Noah Isenberg, The New School
- April 16 *The Current Fate of Experimental Films of the 1960s and 1970s in a Digital Age*
Wheeler Winston Dixon, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Respondent: David Sterritt, Columbia University and Maryland Institute College of Art

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:
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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 2014–2015

- September 22 *Contextualizing Trafficking: The History Of Forced Labor In The United States Since 1865*
Melissa Hope Ditmore, Independent Scholar
Discussant: Mindy Chateauvert, Leather Archives and Museum
- October 20 *Amicitia e Famiglia: Female Friendship, Family Ties,
and the Exchange of Gossip in Early Modern Florence*
Megan Moran, Montclair State University
Discussant: Alison Smith, Wagner College
- November 19 *Difference, Solidarity and Inclusion: Lessons from Feminist Organizing*
Laurel Weldon, Purdue University
Discussants: Samantha Majic and Jennifer Rutledge, John Jay College of Criminal Justice,
The City University of New York
- February 23 *Do Self-reporting Regimes Matter? Evidence from the Convention on
the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women*
Beth Simmons, Harvard University
Discussant: Tanya Putnam, Columbia University
- March 23 *Gender, Class and the Politics of Everyday Foodwork*
Norah MacKendrick, Rutgers University
Discussant: Barbara Katz Rothman, The City University of New York
- April 13 *Why So Little Policy Movement on Caring Issues? A Policy Feedback Perspective*
Andrea Louise Campbell, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Discussant: Miriam Laugesen, Columbia 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.

Chair: Professor Christine Philliou

Rapporteur: Ms. Anna Wood

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| October 31 | <i>The Curious Case of Saliha Hatun: Healers and the State in Early Modern Istanbul</i>
Nükhet Varlık, Rutgers University |
| November 14 | <i>Far from Ankara: Celebrating the 'New Language' in Early Republican Turkey</i>
Emmanuel Szurek, Princeton University |
| December 5 | <i>Technology of Colonialism and the Resistance along the Ottoman Borderlands in Arabia</i>
Mostafa Minawi, Cornell University |
| January 28 | <i>Erdoğan's New Turkey: The Struggle for Political Legitimacy</i>
Sinan Ciddi, Institute of Turkish Studies |
| February 25 | <i>The (Un)Protected: Foreign Muslims and Extraterritoriality in the Fin de Siècle Ottoman Empire</i>
Lale Can, City College, The City University of New York |
| March 25 | <i>Survivors into Minorities: Armenians in Post-genocide Turkey</i>
Lerna Ekmekcioglu, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Discussant: Melissa Bilal, Columbia University |
| April 17 | <i>Denial of Violence: Ottoman Past, Turkish Present and the Collective Violence against the Armenians, 1789–2009</i>
Fatma Müge Göçek, University of Michigan |

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:

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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: Ms. Annum Hussain

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 16 *Motivation and Self-Efficacy in the Context of Moderated Drinking—
Global Self-report and Ecology Momentary Assessment*
Alexis Kuerbis, Hunter College, The City University of New York
- October 21 *Young Adults with Co-Occurring Disorders: Substance Use Disorder
Treatment Response and Outcomes*
Brandon G. Bergman, Mass General Hospital, Boston
- November 18 *Treating Veterans with SUD: What Is Unique and What Do They
Share in Common with Civilian SUD Patients*
Jerome F.X. Carroll, Brooklyn VA Hospital
Charles Hall, NY Harbor Staff Chaplain
Michael Mooney, Brooklyn VA Hospital
Roy Kearse, Samaritan Village;
Jo Potestivo, Health Science Specialist
Nancy Forman, Brooklyn VA Hospital
- December 9 *Residential Redesign*
Norwig DeBye-Saxinger, Phoenix House
Robert Kent, NY State OASAS

- January 20 *Criminal Justice Outcomes after Engagement in Substance Abuse Treatment*
Deborah W. Garnick, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management,
Brandeis University
- February 17 *Evaluation of a Housing Intervention for Substance Using Adults
with Multiple Episodes of Homelessness and Incarceration*
Angela A. Aidala, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
- March 10 *Web-Based CBT for Substance Misusing and PTSD Symptomatic OEF/OIF Veterans*
Andrew Rosenblum, National Development and Research Institutes
Michelle Acosta, National Development and Research Institutes
- April 14 *Predictors and Treatment Outcomes of Perceived Ward Atmosphere
Among Therapeutic Community Residents*
W. Amory Carr, University of New Haven
- May 12 *Variations and Commonalities of Sexual Offenders and Heroin Abusers on Management of Stigma*
R. Terry Furst, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, The City University of New York
Douglas Evans, Medical College of Wisconsin

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TWENTIETH-CENTURY POLITICS AND SOCIETY (555)

Founded: 1992

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

Chair: Professor Christopher Dietrich

Rapporteur: Mr. Stephen Wertheim

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 7 *The Historical Development of International Criminal Law, 1919–1950: Some Basic Arguments*
Mark Lewis, College of Staten Island, The City University of New York
- October 21 *Umpire or Empire? American Foreign Relations in World History*
Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman, San Diego State University
- November 11 *Conscription Against Communism*
Jeremy Kessler, Columbia Law School
- December 2 *Global Thermidor: The Recession of 1920–1921 and the Making of the Interwar Order*
Adam Tooze, Yale University
- February 10 *Stalin: Terror and Foreign Policy, 1929–1941*
Stephen Kotkin, Princeton University
- February 24 *Beyond Camp David: Jimmy Carter, Palestinian Self-Determination, and Human Rights*
Craig Daigle, City College of New York
- March 10 *Capitalism, Modernity, and The Growth Debate*
Wallace Katz, Stony Brook University
- March 31 *Faculty Politics in the 1960s and 1970s*
Ellen Schrecker, Yeshiva University
- April 21 *The Crucible of Humanitarian Warfare: The Interrogation Rooms of the Korean War*
Monica Kim, New York University

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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: Mr. João Villela de Faria

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 18 *Community Participation and Empowerment: The Case of PROVOZ in Fortaleza, Brazil*
Timothy J. Finan, University of Arizona
- October 16 *Images of Brazil*
Renato Ortiz, University of Campinas
- November 20 *Protests in Brazil, 2013*
Marcelo Ridente, University of Campinas
- December 18 *Space and Race: The Politics of Inequality at Brazil's Satellite Launch Center*
Sean T. Mitchell, Rutgers University
- February 12 *Lundu: Music and the Politics of Class, Race, and National Identity in Past and Presentday Brazil*
Marcelo Campos Hazan, University of South Carolina
- March 12 *"Eis a cidade!" Odorico Tavares, the Museu de Arte Moderna, and the*
Mid-Century Struggle Over Cultural Politics in Salvador, Brazil
Scott Ickes, Gustavus Adolphus College
- April 16 *The Rise and Retreat of Globalized Capitalism: A Study of*
Telecommunication Multinationals in Brazil after Privatization
Jawdat Abu-d Laj, Federal University of Ceará
- May 14 *Perspectives on Corruption*
Judivan J. Vieira, Procuradoria-Geral Federal

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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: Ms. Ouijdane Absi

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| September 25 | <i>Speculating in Egypt: Fiction and Finance at the Turn of the Twentieth Century</i>
Elizabeth Holt, Bard College |
| December 4 | <i>Sex Across the Border: Fractured Reflections of Arab Sexual Attitudes in Some Latin Texts</i>
Everett Rowson, New York University |
| January 29 | <i>Būyid Rulers and Shi 'i Scholars</i>
Roy Parviz Mottahedeh, Harvard University |
| February 26 | <i>A Phenomenology of Violence: Art and Spatial Politics</i>
Abeer Shahin, Columbia University |
| March 25 | <i>Mahmud Darwish: Technologies of Selfhood and Commitment to Palestine</i>
Ali J. Al Allaq, University of Exeter |
| April 9 | <i>The Arabic-Islamic Manuscript Tradition and the Rise of the Professional Editor (al-Muhaqqiq) in 19th and 20th Century Egypt</i>
Islam Dayeh, Freie Universitaet Berlin |
| April 23 | <i>The Medieval Islamic Republic of Letters</i>
Muhsin alMusawi, Columbia University |

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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: Mr. Daniel Golebiewski

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 6 *Human Rights and Political Legitimacy: A Democratic Perspective*
John R. Wallach, Hunter College and The Graduate Center,
The City University of New York
Discussant: Omar Dahbour, Hunter College and The Graduate Center,
The City University of New York
- December 1 *The Shape of Appeals in International Relations: Justice, Thick and Thin*
Ann Marie Clark, Purdue University
Discussant: Jack L. Snyder, Columbia University
- March 2 *Children's Rights NGOs, the Hague Convention, and Intercountry Adoption*
Marijke Breuning, University of North Texas
Discussant: Ulrike Capdepon, German Institute of Global and Area Studies
- April 6 *Organizing Repression: Coercive Institutions and State Violence Under Authoritarianism*
Sheena Greitens, University of Missouri
Discussant: Florencia Ruiz-Mendoza, Social Movements Historical Research Center

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:
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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 2014–2015

- October 3 *Acceptance of Presidential Medal*
William Theodore de Bary, Columbia University
- November 7 *Imagined Seclusion: The Construction of Su Shi's Literary Persona at Huangzhou*
Zach Berge-Becker, Columbia University
- December 5 *The Problem with Common Physicians and Its Solutions in the Northern Song*
Stephen Boyanton, Columbia University
- February 6 *Restoring Cosmic Order Through Ritual and Music:
Zhu Yunming's Unheeded Alternative to Daoxue in Mid-Ming*
Jiyan Claire Qiao, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations
- March 6 *Varieties of Knowing*
Stephen Angle, Wesleyan University
- April 3 *A Confucian Theory of Immorality*
Chi-keung Chan, City University of Hong Kong

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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 2014–2015

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| October 9 | <i>Transposable Elements and Psychiatric Disorders</i>
Guia Guffanti, Columbia University |
| December 11 | <i>Pedigree-Based Disease-Gene Identification Using High-Throughput Sequencing</i>
Jinchuan Xing, Rutgers University |
| January 8 | <i>Getting More For Less: Pedigree-Based Imputation and Error Detection Combining STR, SNP and NGS Data</i>
Scott R. Diehl, Rutgers University |
| February 12 | <i>Power and Sample Size Calculations for Genetic Association with Pleiotrophic Phenotypes</i>
Derek Gordon, Rutgers University |
| March 12 | <i>Whole-Exome Sequencing Results From The Tourette International Collaborative Genetics Study</i>
Gary Heiman, Rutgers University
Thomas Fernandez, Yale University School of Medicine |
| April 16 | <i>The Genetics of Congenital Heart Disease</i>
Yufeng Shen, Columbia University |
| May 14 | <i>Prioritizing GWAS Results by Integrating Pleiotropy and Annotation</i>
Hongyu Zhao, Yale University School of Public Health |

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:

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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 John Staines
Rapporteur: Mr. Alexander Lash

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 12 *The Void in the Evidence: Edward Alleyn, Philip Henslowe, and Christopher Marlowe*
Susan Cerasano, Colgate University
- October 10 *Affective Politics: Alternative Histories on the Early Modern English Stage*
Mario DiGangi, Lehman College and Graduate Center, The City University of New York
- November 14 *Shrill-voiced suppliants: Ritual Forms, Constraint, and Coercion in Richard II*
Leah Whittington, Harvard University
- December 12 *'So Shakespeare': Francis Meres and The Genius Of Resemblance*
Catherine Nicholson, Yale University
- February 13 *'All the Brothers' in Twelfth Night*
Corey Abate, Paramus Catholic High School
- March 13 *'Unless. . .' (Prospero, Gonzalo, and the Shakespearean Monument)*
Naomi Liebler, Montclair State University
- April 10 *Spangled With Flatteries: The Language of Credit Intimon of Athens (And Beyond)*
Laura Kolb, Baruch College, The City University of New York
- May 8 *Mind, Nature, Heterodoxy, and Iconoclasm in The Winter's Tale*
Richard Strier, University of Chicago

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:
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SOUTHEAST ASIA IN WORLD AFFAIRS (583)

Founded: 1982

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Ann Marie Murphy, Professor Hugh T. Patrick, Professor Jayne Werner
Rapporteur: Mr. Rafael Ignacio

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 22 *The Economic and Business Challenges Facing Indonesia's Jokowi Administration*
Wayne Forrest, American Indonesian Chamber of Commerce
- November 12 *Southeast Asia's Strategic Environment*
Joseph Chinyong Liow, Brookings Institution
- February 25 *The Trouble with Transitional Justice? The Khmer Rouge Tribunal,
Thai Truth Commissions and Other Debacles*
Duncan McCargo, Columbia University and University of Leeds
- March 25 *Dealing in Desire: Asian Ascendancy, Western Decline
and the Hidden Currencies of Global Sex Work*
Kimberly Kay Hoang, Boston College
- April 30 *Who Can Be Killed with Impunity and Who Cannot Be Impugned in Thailand*
Tyrell Haberkorn, Harvard University and Australian National University

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:
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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 2014–2015

- October 6 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
The Discriminating Infant: Early Social Judgments and the Roots of Good and Evil
Karen Wynn, Yale University
- November 10 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Philosophy and Public Education: A Community Outreach Program with Court-Involved Youth
Max Hayward, Columbia University
- December 8 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Beyond Resilience and PTSD: Flexibility and Heterogeneity Following Potential Trauma
George A. Bonanno, Columbia University
- March 2 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Wisdom: What Does It Take To Become Wiser? A Psychological Perspective On Wisdom
Ursula Staudinger, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
- April 27 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Going Solo: The Extraordinary Rise and Surprising Appeal Of Living Alone
Eric Klinenberg, New York University
- May 4 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
The "Good" Life: From Value, Truth and Control, Working Together
E. Tory Higgins, Columbia University

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:
Dr. Michael Schulman, mdschlmn41@yahoo.com

COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE (603)

Founded: 1986

For more than 100 years, comparative psychologists have sought to understand the evolution of human intelligence. New paradigms for studying cognitive processes in animals—in particular symbol use and memory—have, for the first time, allowed psychologists and neuroscientists to compare higher thought processes in animals and human beings. New imaging approaches have also facilitated exploring the neural basis of behavior and both animals and humans. Questions concerning the nature of animal and human cognition have defined the themes of this seminar whose members include specialists in cognition, ethology, philosophy and neuroscience.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Yaakov Stern, Professor Herbert S. Terrace
Rapporteur: Ms. Cait Williamson

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| September 18 | <i>Neurobiology of Primate Prosocial Behavior</i>
Steve Chang, Yale University |
| October 14 | JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON LANGUAGE AND COGNITION
<i>The Syntax of Mind: Dendrophilia and Human Cognition</i>
Tecumseh Fitch, University of Vienna |
| November 20 | <i>Developmental Origins of Differential Responding to Social Categories</i>
Paul Quinn, University of Delaware |
| December 11 | <i>The Emerging Synthesis of Evolutionary and Developmental Biology: Implications and Limits for Understanding the Transgenerational Effects of Early Experience</i>
Myron Hofer, Columbia University |
| January 22 | JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON LANGUAGE AND COGNITION
<i>Can Nonlinguistic Musical Training Change The Way The Brain Processes Speech?</i>
Aniruddh Patel, Tufts University |
| February 19 | <i>Constraints and Flexibility in Early Quantification: Insights from Infancy</i>
Lisa Feigenson, Johns Hopkins University |
| March 5 | <i>Inferential Understanding of Ostensive Communication in Preverbal Infants</i>
Gyorgy Gergely, Central European University |
| April 16 | <i>Consciousness and the Social Brain</i>
Michael Graziano, Princeton 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: Ms. Adrija Thakur

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| September 18 | <i>Safety Policy and Procedure in the Science Classroom and Laboratory</i>
Lew Malchick, Brooklyn Technical High School |
| October 17 | <i>MOF/Graphene Composites: Exploring the New Concept of Separation Media</i>
Teresa J. Bandosz, City College, The City University of New York |
| November 14 | <i>Engineering Shape: The Novel Geometries of Colloidal Self-Assembly</i>
Stefano Sacanna, New York University |
| December 12 | <i>The Lost Elements—The Periodic Table's Shadow Side</i>
Mary Virginia Orna, College of New Rochelle |
| January 30 | <i>Indigo and Cochineal: Uniform Colors</i>
Robert F. Drake, The Physics Teachers Club of New York |
| February 27 | <i>Materials Chemistry in a Virtual Laboratory: Structure, Transport, and Functionalization</i>
Mark Tuckerman, New York University |
| April 17 | THE ANNUAL DEMO DERBY |

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:

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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
Rapporteur: Ms. Loren Cobbs

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 22 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES
From Paternalism to a Race Fair America: Why 'My Brother's Keeper' Just Won't Cut It
Darrick Hamilton, The New School for International Affairs,
Management and Urban Policy
- October 27 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES
Social Movements in the 1930s: What They Can Teach Us about Social Protest Today
Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg, Emerita, Adelphi University
- November 17 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES
The People's Climate March: Where Do We Go From Here?
Leslie Cagan, People's Climate March
Joe Uehlein, Labor Network for Sustainability
Charles Bell, Consumers Union
- March 2 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES
Rebuilding the Union Movement in a Time of Crisis
Henry Garrido, DC 37, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
- April 6 *TPP: What Would the Biggest U.S. Free Trade Deal Mean for Workers,
Consumers and the Public Interest?*
Ben Beachy, Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch
- May 4 *The U.S. Green Energy Transformation*
Robert Pollin, University of MassachusettsAmherst

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Professor Gertrude Schoffner Goldberg, trudygoldberg@msn.com

IRANIAN STUDIES (615)

Founded: 1987

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Ahmad Ashraf, Professor Vahid Nowshirvani

Rapporteurs: Ms. Zeinab Azarbadegan, Ms. Suzanne A. Toma

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 3 *The Goals and Policies of the Central Bank of Iran: 1960–1978*
Hassanali Mehran, Former Governor of Central Bank of Iran
- September 19 *Nightingale's Fever: The Life and Poetry of Simin Behbahani*
Farzaneh Milani, University of Virginia at Charlottesville
- October 8 *Zoroastrians in the Pre and Post Islamic Revolution Period: A Comparative View*
Janet Kestenberg Amighi, Montgomery County Community College
- November 5 *Local Roots of Iranian Nationalism?: Identity and the Construction of Space in Nineteenth Century Persian Geographical Writing*
James M. Gustafson, Indiana State University
- December 3 *The Construction of the Sanction Regime against Iran: Political and Strategic Dimensions*
Hisae Nakanishi, Doshisha University
- February 11 *Triumphal and Lachrymose Narratives of Fire Temple Desecration in Early Islamic Iran*
Andrew Magnusson, California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo
- March 11 *The Puzzle of the Iranian Revolution*
Behrooz Moazami, Loyola University
- April 17 *Celebration of Professor Yarshater's 95th Birthday*
Mohammad Tavakoli-Targh, University of Toronto
Ali Banuazizi, Boston College
Martin Schwartz, University of California, Berkeley
Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak, University of Maryland
- May 6 *The Conjunction of Religion and Politics in the Emergence of Khomeini*
Fakhreddin Azimi, University of Connecticut

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Professor Vahid Nowshirvani, vfn1@columbia.edu

BUDDHIST STUDIES (629)

Founded: 1990

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

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

Rapporteur: Mr. Alessandro Poletto

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 7 *Scholars and Scribes: Leveraging Computerized Tools for Navigating an Uncharted Tibetan Buddhist Philosophical Corpus*
Orna Almogi, University of Hamburg
Dorji Wangchuk, University of Hamburg
- February 6 *Curing with Ox-Bezoars: The Materiality of Heian-period Therapeutic*
Benedetta Lomi, University of Virginia
- February 13 *Sino-Indian Cultural Encounters in the Medieval Period: Analysis of a Chain of Evidence from Dunhuang and Turfan Manuscripts*
Ming Chen, Peking University
- February 27 *Restoring the Dragon Princess: Her Episode in the Lotus Sutra and its Implications for Medieval Japanese Art and Literature*
Abe Ryuichi, Harvard University
- April 16 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON JAPANESE CULTURE
When Men Become Gods: The Ritual Basis for Political Authority in Japan, 1351–1551
Thomas Conlan, Princeton University

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:

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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 Courtney Bender
Rapporteur: Ms. Cara Rock-Singer

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- September 8 *The Work of Art in the Age of Inarticulate Religion*
Courtney Bender, Columbia University
- October 13 *A Life in the Spirit: Norman Lear, Religious Liberalism,
and Late Twentieth Century American Politics*
Benji Rolsky, Drew University
- November 10 *Sympathy and Cosmopolitanism in the Ecumenical Women’s Missionary Movement*
Gale Kenny, Barnard College, Columbia University
- December 8 *Wonder of Wonders: A Cultural History of Fiddler on the Roof*
Alisa Solomon, Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University
- February 16 *Religion in Plain View: The Public Aesthetics of American Belief*
Sally Promey, Yale University
- March 9 *Altars of Ammo: Catholic Materiality in the Second World War*
John Seitz, Fordham University
- April 20 *Fording a Right to Work Religion: ‘The Human Element’ and the Work of Incorporation*
Kati Curts, Yale University
- May 4 *“Poems of a Religious Nature”: Race and Religion in the Poetry of Langston Hughes*
Wallace Best, Princeton University

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:
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THE HISTORY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (667)

Founded: 1998

This seminar provides a forum where issues that define the institutional, intellectual and social history of Columbia University will be given scholarly consideration. Speakers will 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.

Chair: Mr. Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr.

Rapporteur: Ms. Sarah Lorch

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| September 12 | <i>Further Research on Jane Belo Tannenbaum</i>
Georgina Marrero, Independent Scholar |
| November 5 | <i>The Life and Work of I. I. Rabi at Columbia</i>
Malvin Ruderman, Columbia University |
| February 4 | <i>Oral History Interview of Professor Frank Tannenbaum</i>
Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr., Columbia University |
| April 1 | <i>Jane Belo Tannenbaum</i>
Georgina Marrero, Independent Scholar |
| May 6 | <i>The Troubles at Columbia in 1968</i>
Allan Silver, 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, Professor Sheila Collins

Rapporteur: Ms. Loren Cobbs

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Ben Beachy, Public Citizen’s Global Trade Watch

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SEXUALITY, GENDER, HEALTH, AND HUMAN RIGHTS (673)

Founded: 1999

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Rebecca Jordan-Young, Professor Alice Miller, Professor Carole S. Vance
Rapporteur: Ms. Ronna Popkin

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- January 29 *When Security Fails: Race, Gender, and Sexuality
in Biometric Technologies at the Canada-US Border*
Shoshana Magnet, University of Ottawa
- February 26 *Hijacking Feminist Rhetoric: The Latest PR Tactics
in the Promotion of “Female Sexual Dysfunction”*
Leonore Tiefer, New York University School of Medicine

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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. Mimi LaValley

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- September 18 *Reverse Engineering the Neural Mechanisms Involved in Robust Speech Processing*
Nima Mesgarani, Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science,
Columbia University
- October 14 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE
The Syntax of Mind: Dendrophilia and Human Cognition
Tecumseh Fitch, University of Vienna
- December 4 *Speech Perception and Speech Production: Two Sides of the Same Sensorimotor Coin*
Vincent L. Gracco, McGill University
- January 22 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE
Can Nonlinguistic Musical Training Change The Way The Brain Processes Speech?
Aniruddh Patel, Tufts University
- February 19 *Great Expectations: How Prediction in Speech Affects Processing*
Laura C. Dilley, Michigan State University
- April 23 *Bilingualism: Consequences for Mind and Brain*
Ellen Bialystok, York University

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:

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MEMORY AND SLAVERY (689)

Founded: 2001

The foundational premise of this seminar centers on the continued effects of slavery in the United States. Such social constructs depend upon human conceptions, behaviors, and key neurobiological regulatory mechanisms sculpting them. For the 2014–2015 academic year, the seminar discussions focused upon the dynamic interactions among neuroscience, psychiatry, psychology, and neurobiology, and their influence on medicine, culture, law, and religion. Members of this seminar include scientists, sociologists, clergy, medical doctors, therapists, legal scholars, and others who share an interest in learning from the collective memories of slavery.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Pilar Jennings, Professor Robert Pollack

Rapporteur: Ms. Carolyn Brokowski

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| October 30 | <i>Who Am I? The Origins and Development of a Sense of Self</i>
Pilar Jennings, Union Theological Seminary
Robert Pollack, Columbia University |
| November 21 | <i>Anatomy of Short Lives</i>
Patricia J. Williams, Columbia Law School |
| December 16 | <i>Historical Trauma and the Vast Problems that Exist in Many Native American Communities</i>
Dan Press, Columbia University
Rebecca Cohen |
| February 27 | <i>Transgenerational Inheritance in Mammals</i>
Frances Champagne, Columbia University |
| March 27 | <i>Racism in U.S. Incarceration Policies</i>
Jed S. Rakoff, Columbia Law School |
| April 17 | <i>Space Justice</i>
Marcia Sells, Columbia Law School |
| May 15 | <i>Unearthing Memories and Naming the Unknown: A Genealogist's Journeys</i>
Marya Pollack, Columbia University Medical Center |
| June 19 | <i>Medicine and Love</i>
Don Shriver, Union Theological Seminary |

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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 Jue Guo, Professor Roderick Campbell
Rapporteurs: Ms. Glenda Chao, Mr. Maxim Korolkov, Mr. Brian Lander

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- October 3 *Wen, Wu and Me, Too: A Hypothesis on Public Memory Construction in Early China*
Kenneth Brashier, Reed College
- October 27 *The System Of Official Documentation As Reflected By The Qin Texts On Bamboo and Wood*
Chen Wei, Wuhan University
*The 'Night Prayer' In Ancient China: A Note On The Relationship
Between The Ancient Magic and 'Confucian' Ritual*
Yang Hua, Wuhan University
*The Discovery and Preliminary Study Of Zeng-Hou Chime Bells
Excavated From Tomb #1 At Wenfengta*
Li Tianhong, Wuhan University
- November 7 *Why Did The Chinese Make Bronze Ritual Vessels: Origins and Outcomes*
Jessica Rawson, Oxford University
- December 5 *"Rabbit" (Tu) and "Rat" (Shu) in Chu Manuscripts:
The Contact and Impact of the Linguistic Substratum on Old Chinese*
Lai Guolong, University of Florida and Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University
- February 6 *Translating the Tian Wen: Where is the Irony?*
Gopal Sukhu, Queens College and Columbia University
- March 6 *Why History Mattered? On the Politics of the Past in Early China*
Vincent Leung, University of Pittsburgh and Institute for the Study of the Ancient World,
New York University
- April 3 *Crooked and Licentious Cults: Han Popular Movements Seen Through Religion's Double Lens*
Mark Csikszentmihalyi, University of California, Berkeley
- May 8 *The Evolution of Xiwangmu (Queen Mother of the West) and Dongwanggong
(King Father of the East) in Archaeological Records*
Jianing Chen, Tianjin University and University of Pennsylvania

Academic year 2015–2016 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 valuations 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

Rapporteur: Ms. Rhiannon Maycumber

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| October 23 | <i>Eugenics and Disability: A Troublesome History</i>
Paul A. Lombardo, Georgia State University |
| November 20 | <i>Concordance between Parents and Students about Autism Spectrum Disorder</i>
Ruth L. Fischbach, Columbia University |
| February 26 | <i>Aid in Dying . . . And the Right of Patients to Decide How They Will Die</i>
David C. Leven, End of Life Choices New York |
| March 26 | <i>Don't Judge a Book by its Cover: Contextual Antecedents of Identity Complexity in Individuals with Developmental Disabilities</i>
Bonnie Wilkenfeld, Rutgers University |
| April 16 | <i>Community Integration for People with Disabilities: Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going</i>
Alison Barkoff, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law |

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:

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MODERN BRITISH HISTORY (701)

Founded: 2004

The seminar in Modern British history brings together historians from the different New York area institutions, together with literary scholars, political scientists, philosophers and others working historically, to hear research papers by visiting scholars, to discuss recent significant books in the field of Modern British history (from the late 17th century to the present) or to comment on work in progress by members of the group.

Chair: Professor Guy Ortolano

Rapporteur: Ms. Alma Igra

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 8 *A Breed in Any Other Place: Heredity, Type, and Place in British Livestock Breeding since 1800*
Rebecca Woods, Columbia University
- October 2 *Trans-Atlantic Celebrity: Sarah Cole on H.G. Wells, Hilary Hallett on Elinor Glyn, and Sharon Marcus on Sarah Bernhardt*
Sarah Cole, Columbia University
Hilary Hallett, Columbia University
Sharon Marcus, Columbia University
- October 13 *The Making of the British Motor City: Birmingham, c. 1955–1975*
Simon Gunn, Leicester University
- November 5 *Humanity After Empire: British Relief in an Era of Decolonization*
Tehila Sasson, University of California, Berkeley
- February 12 *Ireland, India, and Quebec: Economy and Aristocracy in the Age of Revolution*
Heather Welland, Binghamton University
- March 12 *Cinderella of the Education System: Nursery Expansion in 1970s Britain*
Anna Danziger Halperin, Columbia University
- April 9 *DeIndustrialisation not Decline: Britain since the 1950s*
Jim Tomlinson, University of Glasgow

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:

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MODERN GREEK (703)

Founded: 2005

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Stathis Gourgouris, Dr. Maria Hadjipolykarpou

Rapporteur: Mr. David Schneller

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| October 2 | <i>Media Representations of the Greek Crisis</i>
Maria Kakavoulia, Panteion University |
| October 21 | <i>Screening of "Kisses to the Children"</i>
Vassilis Loules, Director |
| November 12 | <i>The Politics of Hospitality: Gender Performativity as Political (Dis)obedience</i>
Elena Mamoulaki, Columbia University |
| November 18 | <i>Greek Crisis and Social Criticism: From Democracy to Demo-crisis</i>
Antonis Liakos, University of Athens |
| April 7 | POETRY READING
Elsa Korneti, Poet
Patricia Felisa Barbeito, translator |

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:

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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 Charly Coleman

Rapporteur: Mr. Yohann Ripert

MEETINGS 2014–2015

February 4

When Did "Rights" Become Rights?

Dan Edelstein, Stanford University

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:

Professor Joanna R. Stalaker, jrs2052@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 2014–2015

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| September 29 | <i>Planet vs Globe</i>
Jennifer Wenzel, Columbia University
Respondent: Ariane Lourie Harrison, Yale University |
| October 22 | <i>The Politics of Debt</i>
Etienne Balibar, Columbia University
Respondent: Richard Dienst, Rutgers University |
| November 12 | <i>Reading (or The Reading Effect)</i>
Ellen Rooney, Brown University
Respondent: Nicholas Dames, Columbia University |
| February 25 | <i>Depressive Reading</i>
Christine Smallwood, Columbia University
Respondent: Elaine Freedgood, New York University |
| April 7 | <i>Universal Philosophy and Antihumanist Theory</i>
Mark Greif, The New School
Respondent: Ross Posnock, Columbia University |

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:

Professor Bruce Robbins, bwr2001@columbia.edu

CULTURAL MEMORY (717)

Founded: 2007

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Marianne Hirsch, Professor Andreas Huyssen

Rapporteur: Ms. Alyssa Greene

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 25 *(Post)Colonial Violence and the Terror of History*
A. Dirk Moses, European University Institute
- October 27 *The Politics of Memory: Contemporary Art and Historical Sites in Spain*
Miriam M. Basilio Gaztambide, New York University
- December 1 *Remembering To Forget In The Web: The Right To Be Forgotten and Its Paradoxes*
Elena Esposito, Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia
- February 2 *The Witness and the Historian: Screening and Discussion of Bach in Auschwitz*
Sonia Combe, Institut des Sciences Sociales du Politique (ISP-CNRS)
- March 30 CULTURAL MEMORY SEMINARS ROUNDTABLE
- April 6 *Book Discussion on Omens of Adversity*
David Scott, Columbia University
Respondent: Jennifer Wenzel, Columbia University

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:

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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 2014–2015

October 15 *Supporting Children at Times of Crisis*
David J. Schonfeld, National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:
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COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY (721)

Founded: 2007

The Comparative Philosophy Seminar seeks to advance constructive philosophical projects by bringing together scholars with training in diverse areas of Asian (mostly Buddhist) thought and Western Philosophy. Comparison in this context is not employed to loan authority to one set of obscure discoveries by revealing its resonances with the works of others, deemed less obscure. Nor does it sociologize philosophy in search of general laws of human cultural and intellectual development. Rather, the intent is to explicate, and employ, the fullness of an expanded philosophical toolset—and see how that works. The seminar ordinarily invites respondents who are versed in the relevant field of philosophical inquiry, but who are not necessarily specialists in Asian thought. In order to facilitate an ongoing conversation, seminar meetings for a given year are loosely organized around a very general theme, which speakers are asked to address when possible. In past years, the themes have been “Personal Identity” (2007–2008) and “Meta-Ethics” (2008–2009).

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

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 24 *'The Scope for Wisdom': Early Buddhism on Reasons and Persons*
 Jake Davis, Graduate Center, The City University of New York
 Respondent: Charles Goodman, Binghamton, The State University of New York
- November 14 *On Wielding Moral Sway: Influence and Manipulation in Social Networks*
 Hagop Sarkissian, Baruch College, The City University of New York
- December 5 *Virtue Ethics, Role Ethics, and the Early Confucian Self*
 Tim Connolly, East Stroudsburg University
 Respondent: Scott Stroud, University of Texas at Austin

- February 27 *Reading Nagarjuna as a Political Philosopher*
Joseph Walser, Tufts University
Respondent: Sandeep Sreekumar, Baruch College, The City University of New York
- March 27 *The Possibility of a Confucian Doctrine of Free Expression*
David Elstein, New Paltz, The State University of New York
Respondent: Warren Frisina, Hofstra University
- April 10 *Should we be Pluralists about Buddhist Ethics?*
Bronwyn Finnigan, Australian National University
Respondent: Nic Bommarito, New York University
- April 24 *Naïve Realists and Innate Essentialists: Yogācāra Buddhism and
Cognitive Science on our Innate Dispositions*
William Waldron, Middlebury College
- May 8 *Another Way into Buddhist Philosophy: the Path as a Philosophical Concept*
Pierre-Julien Harter, University of Chicago Divinity School
Respondent: Chris Gowans, Fordham University

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THEORY AND HISTORY OF MEDIA (727)

Founded: 2009

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Stefan Andriopoulos, Professor Noam Elcott, Professor Brian Larkin
Rapporteur: Mr. Alex Weintraub

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| September 15 | <i>Cultural Techniques</i>
Reinhold Martin, Columbia University |
| October 20 | <i>Body Techniques</i>
Brian Larkin, Barnard College, Columbia University |
| November 17 | <i>Gilbert Simondon</i>
Nico Baumbach, Columbia University |
| February 16 | <i>The Dispositif</i>
Noam M. Elcott, Columbia University |
| April 13 | <i>Cultural Techniques: Grids, Filters, Doors, and Other Articulations of the Real</i>
Bernhard Siegert, Bauhaus-University Weimar |

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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: Ms. Zeynep Sila Sonmez

MEETINGS 2014–2015

October 8

Can We Reconcile? Understanding the Multi-Level Challenges of Conflict Transformation

Sarah Maddison, University of New South Wales

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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.

Co-Chairs: Professor Haruo Shirane, Professor David Lurie
Rapporteur: Mr. Ariel Stilerman

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 23 *The Culture of Hyakunin isshu: A Hundreds Poems by a Hundred Poets*
Tomomi Yoshino, Chûô University
Discussant: Haruo Shirane, Columbia University
- April 16 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON BUDDHIST STUDIES
When Men Become Gods: The Ritual Basis for Political Authority in Japan, 1351–1551
Thomas Conlan, Princeton University

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:
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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 Jane Gaines, Professor Rob King

Rapporteur: Mr. Aaron Boalick

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 23 *What’s All the Promotion?: American Film History as Hollywood Public Relations*
Mark Lynn Anderson, University of Pittsburgh
- December 4 *Form, Function, Fantasy: Early Studio Architecture in New York*
Brian Jacobson, University of St. Andrews
Respondent: Noam Elcott, Columbia University
- February 19 *The Persistence of Cinema in a Post-cinematographic Age*
Francesco Casetti, Yale University
Respondent: Malcolm Turvey, Sarah Lawrence College
- March 12 *Doing Digital Archeology: Nam June Paik’s Etude*
Gregory Zinman, Georgia Institute of Technology
Respondent: Thomas Elsaesser, Columbia University
- April 2 *The Aesthetics and Politics of Narcissism in Media Today: Notes Toward an Investigation*
Nico Baumbach, Columbia University
Respondent: Damon Young, University of Michigan

Academic year 2015–2016 Chair:

Professor Jane Gaines

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: Dr. Sayantani DasGupta, Dr. Marsha Hurst

Rapporteur: Mr. Cameron Vanderscoff

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 11 *Oral History Meets Dementia: A Staged Reading of the Play* Timothy and Mary Sam Robson, Independent Historian
- October 9 *Enwheeled: The Interdependent Identity of Wheelchair and User*
Penny Wolfson, Center for the Study of Social Difference
Respondent: Ynestra King, Barnard College, Columbia University
- November 6 *Life Outsourced: Globalization and Transnational Surrogacy in India*
Co-sponsored by The Heyman Center for the Humanities
and the Institute for Research on Women, Gender and Sexuality
Sayantani DasGupta, Columbia University
Vaishali Sinha, Filmmaker
- December 11 *[Re]Narrating Ebola: Contagion, Race Panic, and Boundaries Breached*
Sayantani DasGupta, Columbia University
Graduate Students, Narrative Medicine, Columbia University

- February 12 *Narrative Advocacy: Stories of Sexual Violence, Action and Inaction on Campus*
Rebecca Breslaw, Barnard College, Columbia University
Rosie Hoffman, Columbia University
Camila Quarta, Columbia University
Amanda Taub, Vox
- March 12 *A Funny Thing about Death: Using Humor and Narrative to Tackle a Taboo*
Cherie Henderson, Narrative Medicine, Columbia University
Marsha Hurst, Columbia University
- April 9 *Enwheeled, Part II: The Wheelchair in Early Film*
Penny Wolfson, Center for the Study of Social Difference
- May 14 *Symposium on Spoken Word as Artistry and Activism*
Akua Doku, Independent Poet
Caroline Rothstein, Independent Writer
Caridad De La Luz, Independent Poet

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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 2014–2015

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| September 5 | <i>The Russian Control System</i>
Mary Anne Cosentini, Independent Scholar |
| September 19 | <i>Italian si and the Spectrum of Control</i>
Joseph Davis, The City University of New York |
| October 10 | <i>Semiotic Analysis of 'Seem', 'Look' and 'Appear'</i>
Nadav Sabar, The City University of New York |
| October 24 | <i>Data on the Spanish Subjunctive</i>
Joss Ruggles, The City University of New York |
| November 7 | <i>The Importance of Oronyms in a Radically Functional Phonology</i>
Thomas Eccardt, Independent Scholar |
| November 21 | <i>Discussion about Dan Everett's Works</i>
Nancy Stern, The City University of New York |
| December 11 | <i>On the Role of Culture in the Emergence of Language</i>
Daniel Everett, Bentley University |
| December 19 | <i>Sign-Based Analysis of Look, See, Appear, and Seem</i>
Nadav Sabar, The City University of New York |

- January 30 *Sign-Based Analysis of Look, See, Appear and Seem*
Nadav Sabar, The City University of New York
- February 27 *Sign-Based Analysis of Look, See, Appear and Seem*
Nadav Sabar, The City University of New York
- March 13 *Case Meaning in Russian*
Mary Anne Cosentini, Independent Scholar
- March 27 *The Logic and the Linguistics of Subordinate Clauses*
Joseph Davis, The City College of New York
- April 17 *Grammatical Systems Involving the Semantic Substance of Concentration of Attention*
Wallis Reid, Rutgers University
Sign-Based Analysis of Look, See, Appear and Seem
Nadav Sabar, The City University of New York
- May 1 *Least Inappropriate Meaning Rationale*
Wallis Reid, Rutgers University
Sign-Based Analysis of Look, See, Appear and Seem
Nadav Sabar, The City University of New York
- May 22 *A Justification For Grammatical Systems*
Wallis Reid, Rutgers University
Sign-Based Analysis of Look, See, Appear and Seem
Nadav Sabar, The City University of New York
- June 5 *Sign-Based Analysis of Look, See, Appear and Seem*
Nadav Sabar, The City University of New York

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COMPLEXITY SCIENCE, MODELING, AND SUSTAINABILITY (743)

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.

Chair: Professor Peter T. Coleman
Rapporteur: Ms. Kristen Rucki

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 18 *Modeling Sustainable Human Development: Lessons Learned
from Complex Systems in Other Disciplines*
Christoph Meinrenken, Earth Institute, Columbia University
- October 23 *Using Simple Quantitative Measures to Evaluate Broader System Properties:
Examples from Data of Social Interactions*
Larry Liebovitch, Queens College, City University of New York
- November 20 *Closing the Carbon Cycle: From Climate Stabilization to Chaos Control*
Peter Eisenberger, Columbia University
- February 19 *Physical Limits of the Earth System: Emergent Simplicity in Complex Dynamics*
Axel Kleidon, Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry

Academic year 2015–2016 Co-Chairs:
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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. Michael West

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| September 25 | <i>Research as Conversion</i>
Richard Liddy, Seton Hall University |
| October 21 | <i>Community, Religion and Virtue In Modern Liberal Democracies</i>
Christopher Cullen, Fordham University |
| November 3 | <i>Are There As Many Gods as There Are Religions?</i>
Remi Brague, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich |
| December 2 | <i>A Current of Catholic Renewal: The Roots of Vatican II
and the Context For Thinking Judaism Anew</i>
Brenna Moore, Fordham University |
| January 29 | <i>What We Talk about When We Talk about ‘Secular’</i>
Peter Steinfels, Commonweal Magazine |
| February 26 | <i>Narratives of the Reformation and Modernity</i>
Brad Gregory, University of Notre Dame |
| March 26 | <i>Faith and Culture: Gaudium et Spes in a Post Secular World</i>
J. Paul Martin, Barnard College, Columbia University |
| May 13 | JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINARS ON STUDIES IN RELIGION
AND CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
<i>The 50th Anniversary of Vatican II and Joseph Komonchak’s “Realist’s Church”</i>
Christopher Denny, St. John’s 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

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| September 29 | <i>Writing the Life of Martha Graham</i>
Deborah Jowitt, New York University |
| October 20 | <i>Dancing National Identity in Daily Life: A New German Folk, 1945–61</i>
Jens Giersdorf, Marymount Manhattan College |
| February 16 | <i>From the Kirov Ballet to the GULAG: Nina Anisimova, 1938–1939</i>
Christina Ezrahi, Independent Scholar |
| March 23 | <i>Televised Teen Dance Programs in the 1950s and early 1960s</i>
Julie Malnig, New York University |
| April 27 | <i>The Postcolonial Blind Spot</i>
Emily Wilcox, University of Michigan |

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RELIGION AND WRITING (751)

Founded: 2011

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

Co-Chairs: Dr. Mahnaz Moazami, Dr. Dagmar Riedel

Rapporteur: Ms. Deborah Shulevitz

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- September 9 *Christian Ethics in American Antislavery Writings, 1688–1865*
James G. Basker, Barnard College and Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History
- October 21 *Reading Abroad: Women, Religion and Sociability in Early Modern England*
Julie Crawford, Columbia University
- November 11 *What Was Buried in Numa's Tomb? Religion and Politics in Roman Book-Burning*
Joseph A. Howley, Columbia University
- December 2 *The KKK and the Separation of Church and State*
Philip Hamburger, Columbia Law School
- February 2 *Classicizing the New: The Publication of the Tarikh al-Hind al-gharbi al-musammā
bi-ḥadith-i nuw (Istanbul, Ramaḍān 1142/1730)*
Avinoam Shalem, Columbia University
- February 24 *The Story of a Remarkable 15th Century Manuscript and the Story of its
Scholarly Discovery: The Monk's Haggadah (Munich, BSB Cod. hebr. 200)*
David Stern, University of Pennsylvania
- March 24 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON MEDIEVAL STUDIES
Peoples of the Book: Middle-Eastern Ethnology in Western Medieval Encyclopedias
Michael Twomey, Ithaca College
- April 28 *Writing and Reading the Words of Zarathustra*
Oktor Skjaervø, Harvard University
This meeting was generously sponsored by the American Institute of Iranian Studies

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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 Carol Hoffman, Professor Jane Waldfogel

Rapporteur: Ms. Alice Lesman

MEETINGS 2014–2015

- October 21 *Aging*
Ursula Staudinger, Columbia University
- November 18 *Delayed Childbirth, Egg Freezing, Surrogacy, and Other Technologies*
Wendy Chavkin, School of Public Health, Columbia University
Yasmine Ergas, Institute for the Study of Human Rights
Respondent: Elizabeth Scott, Columbia University
- February 11 *Trends In Fertility In The Longer Term and Its Social Dimensions*
Vegard Skirbekk, Columbia Aging Center, Columbia University
- April 15 *Expectations and Realities of Dividing Labor in Same and Different Sex Couples*
Ken Matos, Families and Work 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 2014–2015

- September 29 *How Does Social Change Influence Mental Disorders and Mental Health Services in Rural China*
Mao-Sheng Ran, University of Hong Kong
- October 6 *Assessing the Full Value of Interventions for Improving Mental Health: A Conceptual Framework*
Chris Desmond, Human Sciences Research Council
- November 10 *OSITA: Stepped-Care Program for Internally Displaced Women (IDWs) in Bogota, Colombia*
Yuval Neria, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University
Liat Helpman, Global Mental Health Program, Columbia University
- February 23 *A Global Perspective on Diagnostic Classification and Clinical Practice for Eating Disorders*
Robyn Sysko, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- March 9 *Global Mental Health and Poverty: Points of Intersection and Influence*
Fred Ssewamala, School of Social Work, Columbia University
Mary McKay, School of Social Work, New York University
Claude Mellins, Columbia University and New York State Psychiatric Institute
- April 27 *Neurological Disorders in Resource-Limited Settings: Esoteric or Overlooked?*
Ana-Claire Meyer, Yale School of Medicine

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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.

Co-Chairs: Professor Nancy Walbridge Collins,
Professor Austin Long, Ms. Stephanie Simone-Mahaney

MEETINGS 2014–2015

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| September 30 | <i>Future Concept of the U.S. Army</i>
Michael W. Rauhut, U.S. Army |
| October 7 | <i>Nexus of Technology and Security</i>
Scott Carpenter, Google
Dan Keyserling, Google |
| October 14 | <i>The Interagency Problem in U.S. National Security</i>
Rick Ozzie Nelson, Center for Strategic and International Studies |
| October 21 | <i>Today's Military Strategy</i>
Eric T. Olson, U.S. Special Operations |
| October 28 | <i>U.S. Senate and National Security Legislative Change</i>
Elana Broitman, U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee |
| November 18 | <i>Comparative Approaches to Global Maritime Strategy</i>
Pat DeQuattro, U.S. Coast Guard
Stephen E. Liszewski, U.S. Marine Corps
Robert A. Newson, U.S. Navy |

- February 10 *Counterterrorism After Charlie Hebdo*
Steve Coll, Columbia Graduate School of Journalism
- February 24 *Changes to Pentagon Internal Operations*
Chandru Krishnamurthy, McKinsey and Co.
- March 3 *Private and Forensic Intelligence in the Fortune 500*
Whitney Kassel, The Arkin Group
- March 31 *Risk, Drones, and New Air Strategies*
Scott Clint Hinote, U.S. Air Force
Global Leadership and Practical Ethics
Joel Rosenthal, Carnegie Council
- April 7 *Foreign Policy Begins at Home*
Richard Haass, Council on Foreign Relations

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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

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- September 19 *'See Our Arms, See Our Physicians': The Algerian Health Services Division and the Politics of Nation Building*
Jennifer Johnson, The City University of New York
- October 17 *Husbands Into Frenchmen: Immigrant Bachelors, French Officials and the Politics of Marriage in Third Republican France*
Nimisha Barton, Princeton University
- November 7 *'Every Skin Color is Represented': Black, 'Cafe-au-lait,' and 'Grey' French Citizens in Colonial Indochina, 1862–1945*
Paul Sager, New York University
- January 23 *A Jewish "Program" Against Muslims: The Polemics of Muslim-Jewish Relations in the Last Years of Colonial Algeria*
Joshua Schreier, Vassar College
- February 13 *Colonial Literature, Customary Law Reform, and the Interwar Crisis of Representation in French Algeria*
Judith Surkis, Rutgers University
- March 13 *Training for Africanization in Postwar France and Africa: Images from the 1960s*
Michelle M. Pinto, University of Pennsylvania
- April 10 *The Slaves of Paris: Revelations from the Archives de la Bastille*
Miranda Spieler, American University of Paris

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Professor Tabettha Ewing, email

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

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| October 31 | <i>The Rise and Fall of Accuracy-first Epistemology</i>
Greg Wheeler, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich |
| November 7 | <i>Conversation about Human Judgment and Decision-making</i>
Daniel Kahneman, Princeton University |
| December 5 | <i>Sleeping Beauty and the Law of Too Much Probability</i>
Teddy Seidenfeld, Carnegie Mellon University |
| February 13 | <i>Learning Conditionals and the Problem of Old Evidence</i>
Stephen Harmann, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich |
| May 8 | <i>Gödel on Russell: Truth, Perception, and an Infinitary Version of the Multiple</i>
Juliet Floyd, Boston University |

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ARTS AND SCIENCE (767)

Founded: 2014

This seminar is an outgrowth of a project developed in 2013 called CUriosity3. These talks brought together an artist and scientist in conversation about a specific topic. This project attracted a varied collection of scholars, scientists and artists interested in having more conversations at the intersection of art and science. This seminar will connect Columbia and Barnard faculty from the arts and in the sciences, with artists, scientists and thinkers from New York City who want to engage in discussion at the intersection of science and art/humanities. It also offers a space to explore potential partnerships, research ideas or artistic presentations, which highlights art and science.

Chair: Professor Marcia Sells
Rapporteur: Ms. Kyoungjin Bae

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| October 16 | <i>Turbulent Ice: Dance and Science in the Arctic</i>
Jody Sperling, Time Lapse Dance |
| November 13 | <i>Holescenes</i>
Lars Jan, Affiliation |
| December 11 | <i>The Potential Poetics of Physics and Dance</i>
Emily Coates, Yale University |
| April 27 | <i>Discussion on Ideas for Next Year's Seminar</i> |

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HUMAN-ANIMAL STUDIES (769)

Founded: 2014

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

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

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| September 15 | <i>The Animal Turn</i>
Dale Jamieson, New York University |
| October 7 | <i>LaTour D'Ooz: Zoological Encounter in Multi-Species Networks</i>
Natalie Jeremijenko, New York University
Respondent: Ralph Acampora, Hofstra University |
| November 18 | <i>Rastelli, The Conjuror</i>
Michael Taussig, Columbia University |
| February 4 | <i>What We Talk About When We Talk About Dogs</i>
Alexandra Horowitz, Barnard College, Columbia University |
| April 14 | <i>Pedestrian Animals</i>
Colin Jerolmack, New York University |
| April 21 | <i>The "War on Pity" in 19th Century France (Or Putting Descartes Before the Horse)</i>
Kari Weil, Wesleyan University |

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INDIGENOUS STUDIES (771)

Founded: 2014

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

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Elizabeth Povinelli, Professor Elsa Stamatopoulou
Rapporteur: Ms. Theresa Castillo

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| October 7 | <i>Report from the Front Lines: The World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (22–23 September 2014)</i>
John Bernard Henriksen, Sami Parliament Council of Norway |
| November 6 | <i>The Rights of Indigenous Peoples: the Power of Ideas and the Challenges of Practice</i>
S. James Anaya, University of Arizona |
| December 2 | <i>Urbis Nullius: Gentrification and Indigenous Colonization</i>
Glen Coulthard, University of British Columbia |

- February 3 *Repatriation of Indigenous Recordings from Columbia's Center for Ethnomusicology*
Aaron Fox, Columbia University
- March 10 *Culture of Conquest and the Doctrine of Discovery: The United States as a Colonial Settler State*
Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz, California State University, Hayward
- April 7 *Indigenous Women and the Hegemony of a 'Cultural Revolution' in Bolivia*
Pamela Calla, New York University

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THE INTEGRATIVE STUDY OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOR (773)

Founded: 2014

Animal behavior is the ultimate complex and integrated trait, shaped not only by gene, protein, neural, endocrine interactions, but also by interactions among animals of the same and even different species. This Seminar takes an integrative approach to exploring animal behavior by bring together scientists that work in the lab and field to study neuroscience, behavioral ecology, behavioral endocrinology, functional genomics, population genetics, comparative physiology, and more.

Chair: Professor Dustin Rubenstein

Rapporteur: Ms. Suzanne Toma

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- September 29 *Neural and Hormonal Correlates of Female Mate Choice in the Túngara Frog*
Kathleen Lynch, Hofstra University
Gonadotropin Inhibitory Hormone: New Insights into the Neuroendocrinology of Stress and Social Conditions
Rebecca Calisi-Rodriguez, Barnard College, Columbia University
- November 24 *The Role of the Song System in the Vocal Coordination in Songbirds*
Ofer Tchernichovski, Hunter College, The City University of New York
- March 9 **BEHAVIOR MEETS MORPHOLOGY**
Not Just For Swimming: Flexible Fish Fins Offer Feedback
Brooke Flammang, New Jersey Institute of Technology
Limits to Egg Color and Its Perception in Birds
Mark Hauber, Hunter College, The City University of New York
- April 13 **COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOR ACROSS SCALES**
An Ant Bridge Too Far: Self-Organized Living Architectures in Eciton Army Ants
Simon Garnier, New Jersey Institute of Technology
Tracking Bird Migration at Night Through Urban Landscapes
Alan Clark, Fordham University

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THE FUTURE OF AGING RESEARCH (775)

Founded: 2014

Human aging is the result of biopsychosocial forces. The interactions among these three sources—biology, culture and the aging individual—provide for variation within and between individuals. The range and limits of the modifiability of aging trajectories in light of this interactive nature of aging is the main focus of this Seminar which will draw from a wide range of disciplines—from biology, neurology, medicine and public health to psychology, sociology, economics, political science, demographics, and engineering.

Co-Chairs: Professor Bruce Kogut, Professor Franck Polleux, Professor Ursula Staudinger
Rapporteur: Ms. Erin Beck

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- February 10 *Modifiability of Cognitive Aging: A Perspective from Behavioral Demography*
Vegard Skirbekk, Columbia Aging Center, Columbia University
- May 5 *Mechanisms underlying the relationship between education and cognitive aging:
A neuropsychological perspective*
Jennifer Manly, Taub Institute, Columbia University

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AFFECT STUDIES (777)

Founded: 2015

This seminar seeks to bring together scholars in the fields and subfields that have been touched by a growing interest in emotional or affective experience, whether understood as embodied or incorporeal, emotional or impersonal, quantifiable or escaping measurement. This inter/multidisciplinary seminar on affect will incorporate a wide range of approaches and topics across disciplines and periods. We aim to provide a forum for a discussion of affect in the arts, sciences, history, psychology, philosophy, ecology, queer/feminist studies and social theory, among others, as well as a means to historicize how affect and emotion have served in religious, social, and political contexts in different periods and locales, from Antiquity to contemporary life. We feel that fostering interdisciplinary exchange on the question of affect is vital for understanding the many valences of affect studies' vocabulary and concerns.

Co-Chairs: Professor Patricia Dailey, Professor Lauren Mancia
Rapporteur: Ms. Valeria Tsygankova

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- March 12 *In the Aporia of Ontology and Epistemology: Toward a Politics of Measure*
Patricia Ticineto Clough, Graduate Center and Queens College,
The City University of New York
- April 17 *Affect in Cassian's Conferences and in Athanasius—Letter to Marcellinus*
Amy Hollywood, Harvard Divinity School
- April 29 *Affect in Spinoza's Ethics and Deleuze's Expressionism in Philosophy*
Branka Arsić, Columbia University

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