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The University Seminars at Columbia University is an ongoing community of partnerships each of which is constituted by scholars from multiple academic departments and disciplines, often including experts from outside academia, and is devoted to the study of an institution, practice, or issue of theoretical and/or practical importance. The University Seminars originated in, and maintains its vitality through, spontaneous intellectual initiatives and is therefore considered a movement. The mission of The University Seminars collectively is to enable the intellectual missions of its individual constituent seminars.

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

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

As independent entities, seminars can take intellectual risks the schools and departments of the University might not otherwise assume. They provide something every great institution needs: private, autonomous venues where intellectual activity is fast, cheap, and beyond central control. Columbia is one of the few universities, or businesses, with the courage to institutionalize such independence.

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

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

Seminars are closed to the general public; however, seminars welcome new members, both from Columbia and from the larger community. To be invited to attend a seminar, please write to the seminar chair expressing your interest and qualifications in the seminar's area of study.

For a complete list of current seminars and chairs, please visit: universityseminars.columbia.edu.



Drawing of Faculty House, 1923

HISTORY OF THE SEMINARS

In the 1930's, Professor Frank Tannenbaum and Columbia University President Nicholas Murray Butler discussed the idea of creating ongoing groups of Columbia professors and experts from the region to explore matters no single department had the breadth or the agility to study. Butler saw the idea as a quick way to mobilize the intellectual resources of the University to confront suddenly emerging problems, but World War II super-vened. It was 1944 before Butler's successor, Frank Fackenthal, approved the first five University Seminars. Three of these seminars still meet: The Problem of Peace, Studies in Religion, and The Renaissance.

The University Seminars continue to serve Tannenbaum's and Butler's purposes. The Seminars have also become an intrinsic part of the enterprise that Columbia excels more than any other university: the ongoing education of its own faculty. Most of this education takes place within the academic departments, but Tannenbaum was continuing a tradition of General Education in a Core Curriculum that Columbia had been developing for thirty years. The Contemporary Civilization and the Humanities courses are famous for the breadth they give Columbia undergraduates, but the demands of teaching such wide-ranging material are astonishingly unrecognized for imparting rigor and sophistication to the professors themselves: at few universities would one find an economist teaching Plato.

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

When Tannenbaum died in 1969, there were fifty seminars. He and his wife, Jane Belo, left The Seminars approximately \$1.7 million in their wills (1969 and 1972), to be invested and reinvested as a dedicated part of Columbia's endowment. Tannenbaum wrote a charter to "protect the spontaneity of The Seminars from an unstructured situation [in which] interference is inevitable, because the desire for general rules and uniformity is irresistible."

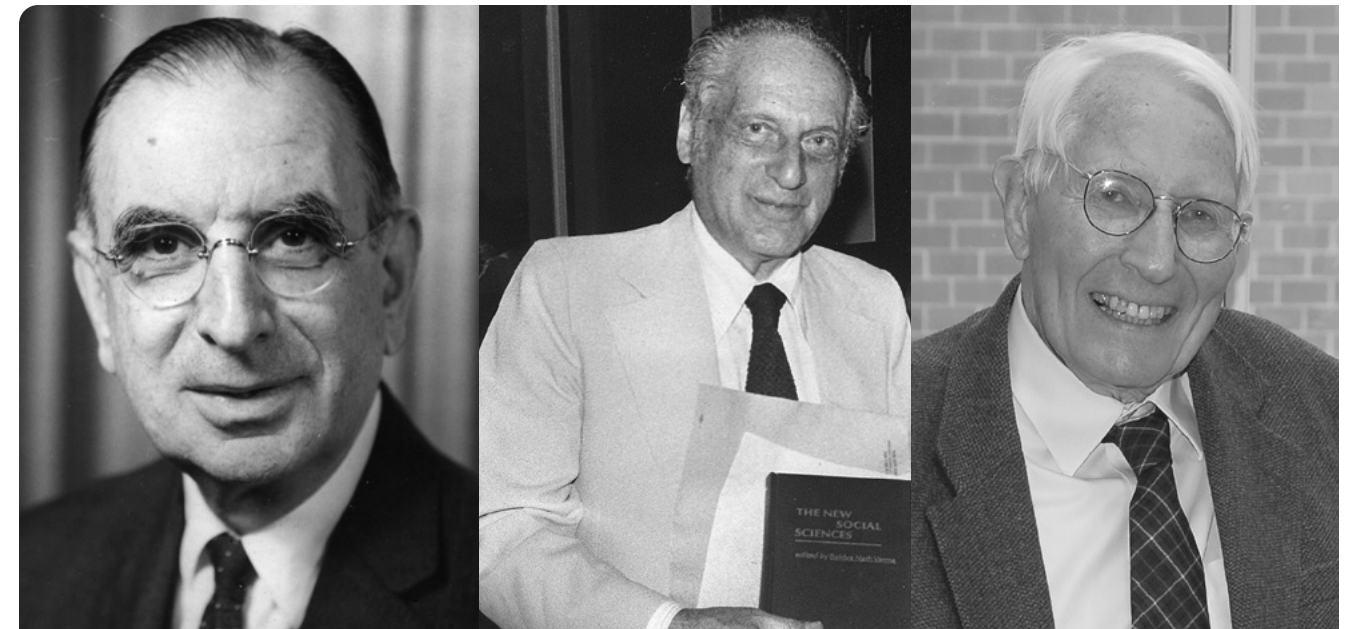
In the four decades since Frank Tannenbaum's death, the number of seminars has grown to over 90. About half the seminars that were founded are still meeting, while half have merged, split, or dissolved. James Gutmann was Director from 1969



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



Jane Belo, teacher, painter, and anthropologist. Photograph by Carl Van Vechten.



The philosopher **James Gutmann** succeeded **Tannenbaum** as Director of The Seminars in 1976, **Aaron Warner** (middle), Professor of Economics and Dean of the School of General Studies, was appointed as his successor. Professor of Russian Literature **Robert L. Belknap** (right) was director from 2001–2011.



Robert Pollack, Professor of Biological Sciences and Director of The University Seminars from 2011-2019.



Alice Newton, Interim Director of The University Seminars.

to 1975, Aaron Warner from 1976 to 2000, Robert Belknap from 2001 to 2011, and Robert Pollack from 2011 to 2019. Alice Newton is Interim Director.

Last year was another remarkable year for The Seminars. Members managed to keep a level of enthusiasm going while meeting only virtually. We will continue meeting via Zoom through fall 2021. The University has done a superb job at keeping infection rates among associates very low; and at virtually eliminating on-campus transmission. I am cautiously hopeful that we will resume meeting in person in winter and spring, 2022. The office is working with Faculty House to install technology to offer hybrid/hyflex meetings.

In March, 2021, we held a special meeting of the General Committee of The University Seminars to review and vote on our new bylaws. The bylaws clarify many of our undocumented rules and traditions, and usher in more transparent processes at The Seminars. The bylaws, with some minor clarifications, were overwhelmingly approved by seminar chairs.

We have rescheduled the Schoff Lectures series, normally held in November, to three Mondays in the spring: March 21, 28 and April 4. Professor Robert Gooding-Williams has agreed to be our lecturer. Gooding-Williams is the M. Moran Weston/Black Alumni Council Professor of African American Studies, and Professor of Philosophy and of African American and African Diaspora Studies here at Columbia University. We are very grateful Professor Gooding-Williams was flexible about the dates.

We have rescheduled our 2021 Annual Dinner to April 27, 2022. Our Tannenbaum lecturer, Deborah Paredez is available and I fervently hope we are able to all get together! Professor Paredez is a poet and a scholar. She is Director of Undergraduate Studies, Associate Professor of Professional Practice in Writing, School of the Arts at Columbia University.

We have lost some colleagues this year including our *Community of Scholars* editor, Thomas Vinciguerra, 57, who died on February 22 in Garden City, NY, following a year of failing health. The Columbia College community lost a champion with Tom and we mourn his passing.

Three long time seminar chair people also passed away this year: Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr., Elizabeth Hill, and Helen Ginsburg. Chauncey was Chair of The History of Columbia University. He was devoted to The Seminars and Columbia University. Elizabeth was Chair of the Renaissance Seminar for decades. She was a reliable and welcome visitor to our office. Helen was Co-Chair of the Seminar on Full Employment, Social Welfare, and Equity and a committed warrior for social justice.

Helen was one of the first chairs I met sixteen years ago.

Last spring, The Seminars put out a call for proposals for a pilot program: The University Seminars Workshops. Workshops are intended to foster the in-depth study of an intellectual problem or task for a set period of time (one to three years), culminating in one or more scholarly works—e.g. a book, issue of a scholarly journal, website or online publication, conference, colloquium, or other scholarly meeting. We received nine proposals and were able to accept these four: New Directions in African Diaspora Studies; Prison Education and Social Justice Curricula; Public Humanities: Expanding Scholarship and Pedagogy; and The University and Society. We look forward to the work of these Seminar Workshops.

Another new seminar will begin meeting this fall, International Relations and Contemporary Foreign Policy.

I will continue to be interim director until a new director is appointed. There is a committee working on this. The position is open to tenured professors from all of Columbia University's schools who have had experience with The University Seminars.

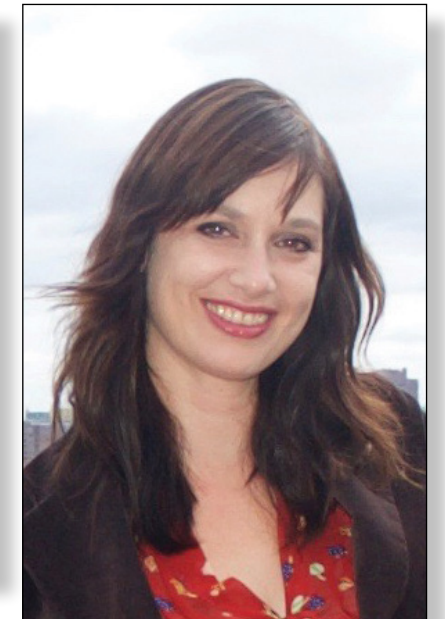
Our website is a useful reference tool. Our guidelines on the website are up-to-date and will be revised as the situation changes. Please look and use these!

We did collect gifts for the Faculty House staff from some seminars at the beginning of the pandemic and some of the FH staff are back working. We want to initiate a gratuity transfer to them. Please click the "Donate" button on the upper right hand corner or our website to contribute.

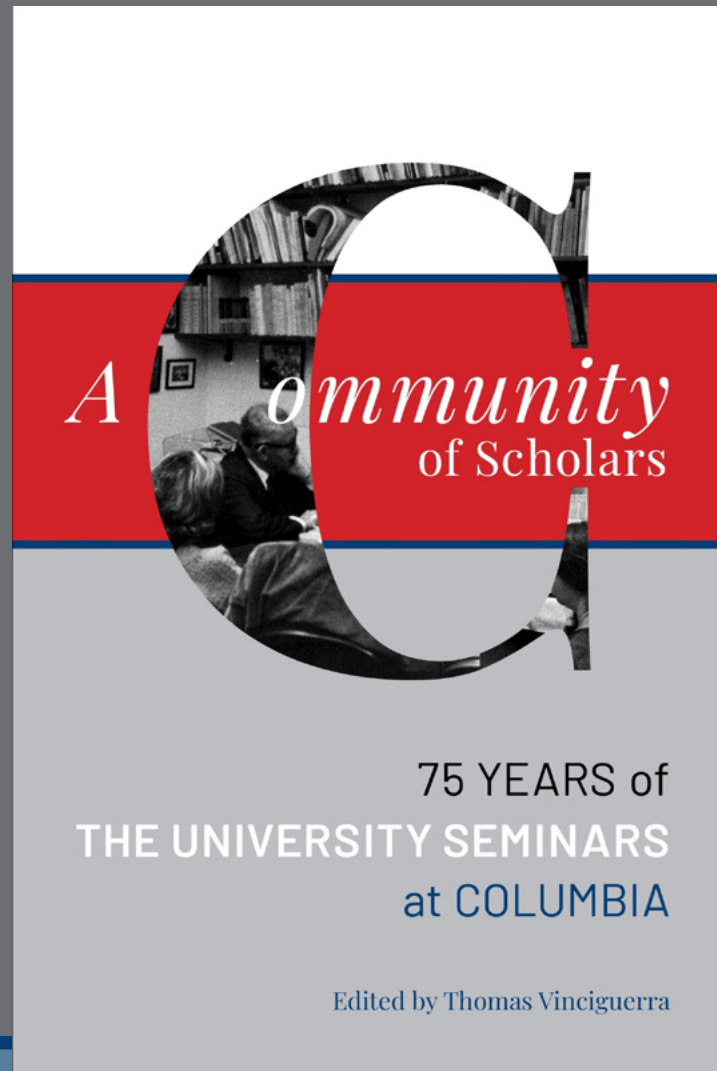
I, and the rest of the office, continue to miss our colleagues in Faculty House. We have Zoomed with Scott Buonomo, Emerald Currie and Sanjay Mahajan. John and Pamela have been to the campus and seen some people in person, including Steve Francis, our wonderful AV person. Damien Nolan is helping with COVID-19 testing and is always a welcome sight! We appreciate the leadership of Sanjay Mahajan, Scott Wright, and David Martin of University Events Management. We look forward to seeing the kind and generous staff in Faculty House again, including Chef Leo Michel! We are eager also to see each other, but for now, we Zoom. It's been another interesting, joyful, and difficult year to be The University Seminars Interim Director. We are all lucky to have Summer Hart, Pamela Guardia, John Jayo, Gesenia Alvarez-Lazauskas, and Nataly Shahaf in our corners. Bob Pollack is a steadfast advisor; one of the misfortunes of the pandemic is that we were not able to properly mark Bob's accomplishments in this office; and we hope to honor and celebrate his directorship in person next year!

Alice Newton

Interim Director, The University Seminars



The University Seminars Staff from left to right: Alice Newton, Pamela Guardia, Summer Hart, John Jayo, Gesenia Alvarez-Lazauskas, Nataly Shahaf, and Robert Pollack, Director of The Seminars from 2011-2019.



The Columbia University Seminars have played a vital role in the intellectual flourishing of hundreds of scholars, with the senior members providing inspiration and guidance for their younger colleagues and the younger ones benefitting from the wisdom of their elders. This was certainly true for me, from “The Political Economy of War and Peace” in the 1970s to the “Full Employment” seminar today. As this volume amply documents, the Seminars are one of the finest experiments ever undertaken at Columbia.

Frank Roosevelt,
Professor of Economics Emeritus,
Sarah Lawrence College

Founded in 1945 by humanities faculty as the world reeled from a war that defeated fascism, the Columbia University Seminars span all areas of knowledge, from social welfare to death to human rights to the study of Brazil, Italy, Japan, and other countries. Today, as illiberal politics spreads, and societies become more polarized, the model of intellectual community and open dialogue they represent is more necessary than ever.

Ruth Ben-Ghiat,
Professor of History and Italian Studies,
New York University



Thomas Vinciguerra, photographed in his home in Garden City in May 2019 by Sam Roe.

Tom was a founding editor of the newsmagazine *The Week* and author of *Cast of Characters: Wolcott Gibbs, E. B. White, James Thurber, and the Golden Age of The New Yorker* (2015).

75 Years of The University Seminars

A Community of Scholars is a seventy-fifth anniversary celebration of the founding of The University Seminars. It brings together essays by seminar chairs and other leading participants that exemplify the diversity and vibrancy of these proceedings. Their topics are wide-ranging—the evolution of the labor movement, urban life, the politics and culture of Brazil, the Enlightenment, the prospects for world peace—but in each, a commitment to intellectual provocation and shared learning is on full display. An informative introduction explains how The Seminars came into being and why they continue to matter. The volume also features biographical sketches of Frank Tannenbaum, the Latin America scholar and criminologist who founded The Seminars, and his wife, the anthropologist Jane Belo, a close friend of Margaret Mead. Belo and Tannenbaum endowed The Seminars and allowed them to flourish. A remarkable testament to an unparalleled intellectual forum, *A Community of Scholars* allows readers to share in the eclectic spirit of The Seminars.

Columbia University Press

VINCIGUERRA, Thomas J. The Columbia College community mourns the passing of an outstanding journalist, editor and author, 57, who greatly enriched the life of the university; he died February 22 in Garden City, NY, following a year of failing health. The long-time associate editor of the alumni magazine *Columbia College Today*, Tom later served as deputy editor of *The Week* and executive editor of *Indian Country Today*. He was a prolific freelancer who contributed many pieces to the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal* and other publications. His books include *Cast of Characters: Wolcott Gibbs, E.B. White, James Thurber and the Golden Age of the New Yorker*, and *A Community of Scholars: Seventy-Five Years of The University Seminars at Columbia*, which he edited. A 1985 graduate of the College, where he was active at *Spectator* and the *Varsity Show*, he also earned a Master's in journalism and English at Columbia. He single-handedly revived the College's *Philolexian* literary and debate society, one of the nation's oldest; he was officially recognized as the society's "Avatar." He is survived by his brother William, of Garden City, sister-in-law Jeanine, a niece and nephew. Elena Cabral '93 Beth Ritchie Chung '88 Addison F. Golladay '93 Robert Hardt '91 James C. Katz '72 Brian Krisberg '81 James T. McMenamin Liz Pleshette '89 Robert E. Pollack '61 Roy Pomerantz '83.

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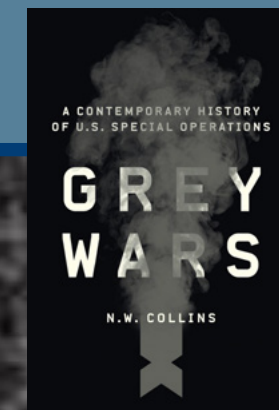
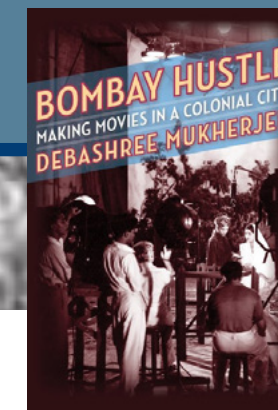
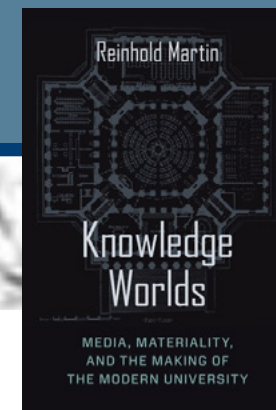
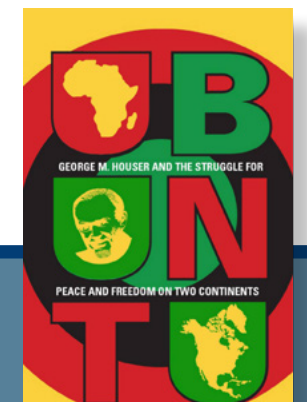
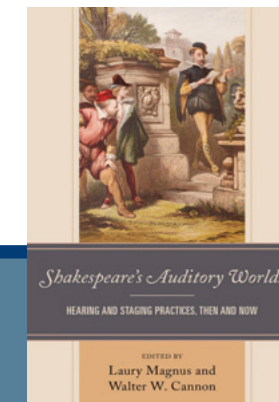
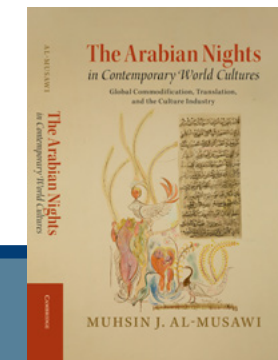
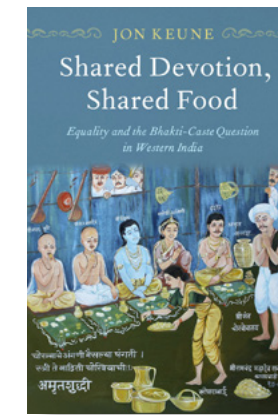
PUBLICATIONS

The **Leonard Hastings Schoff and Suzanne Levick Schoff Memorial Fund** is used for indexing, translating, technical editing, illustrating, or other publication costs of manuscripts or monographs produced under the auspices of The University Seminars in the fields of economics, sociology, psychology, penology, or the behavioral sciences which have already been approved for publication.

The **Aaron Warner Fund**, in honor of Aaron Warner, the social scientist who was Director of The University Seminars for decades, and whose devotion to music on the one hand, and to the world of physics at Columbia, on the other, carried him far beyond the social sciences. The Aaron Warner Fund supports the publication of materials that emerge from a University Seminar. These publications do not need to fall under a specific field.

In 2020-2021, the following 12 books were published and one website was launched with the assistance of the **The Leonard Hastings Schoff and Suzanne Levick Schoff Memorial Fund**.

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| 417 Dustin Stewart , <i>Futures of Enlightenment Poetry</i> | <i>Then and Now</i> |
| 477 Jon Keune , <i>Shared Devotion, Shared Food: Equality and the Bhakti-Caste Question in Western India</i> | 613 Sheila Collins , <i>Ubuntu: George M. Houser and the Struggle for Peace and Freedom on Two Continents</i> |
| 483 Teresa Fiore , <i>Pre-Occupied Spaces: Remapping Italy's Transnational Migrations and Colonial Legacies</i> (Italian translation) | 727 Reinhold Martin , <i>Knowledge Worlds: A Media History of the Modern University</i> |
| 483 Erica Moretti , <i>The Best Weapon for Peace: Maria Montessori, Education, and Children's Rights</i> | 735 Jane Gaines , <i>The Women Film Pioneers Project</i> (Website) |
| 551 Christine Philiou , <i>Turkey: A Past Against History</i> | 735 Debashree Mukherjee , <i>Bombay Hustle: Making Movies in a Colonial City</i> |
| 559 Muhsin al-Musawi , <i>The Arabian Nights in World Culture: Global Commodification, Translation, and the Culture Industry</i> | 759 Nancy Collins , <i>Grey Wars: A Contemporary History of U.S. Special Operations</i> |
| 581 Laury Magnus (ed), Walter Cannon (ed) , <i>Shakespeare's Auditory Worlds: Hearing and Staging Practices,</i> | 779 Rachel Adams, George Estreich , <i>Unexpected: Parenting, Prenatal Testing, and Down Syndrome</i> (Alison Piepmeier's unfinished manuscript) |



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Welcome to the **Women Film Pioneers Project**, a scholarly resource exploring women's global involvement at all levels of film production during the silent film era.



Occasionally, a seminar's central concerns involve scholars too distant for regular participation or a seminar wants to engage a broader audience. On such occasions, the seminar may wish to organize a conference or public symposium. Conferences and public symposia on issues of paramount interest to the seminar members and the seminars community are an exciting part of The University Seminars.

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

In 2020-2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many conferences and symposia were canceled or postponed. The University Seminars sponsored or co-sponsored the following virtual events.

IN HONOR OF THE FIRST COMMEMORATION OF
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 | 7:00PM (EST)

REGISTER HERE: bit.ly/2GPYOTP

Sachem HawkStorm,
Welcome from the Lenape People

Lisa Bellanger (Anishnabe), International
Indian Treaty Council, Board of Directors

Dr. Myrna Cunningham (Miskita),
President, Fondo para el Desarrollo de
los Pueblos Indígenas de América Latina
y el Caribe

Victor Lopez Carmen (Crow Creek Sioux
Tribe and Yaqui), Co-Chair Global
Indigenous Youth Caucus

Tarcila Rivera Zea (Quechua), President,
International Indigenous Women's Forum,
Vice-President, Chirapaq

**Sara Nawashahu Yawanawá-
Bergin** (Yawanawa), Chief of Shukuvena
Village

Janene Yazzie (Diné (Navajo), Dzit
Asdáán (Strong Women) Command
Center for Covid Relief



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Organized by The University Seminar on Indigenous Studies, The University Seminar on Latin America and the Institute for the Study of Human Rights and cosponsored by Native American Council, Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race, Center for the Study of Social Difference, Mailman School of Public Health, Institute of Latin American Studies, at Columbia University, and Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Native Studies Forum and The Latinx Project at New York University.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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Organized by the Columbia University Seminar on Indigenous Studies, the Columbia University Seminar on Latin America, and the Institute for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University. Co-sponsored by the Native American Council of Columbia University, the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race at Columbia University, the Center for the Study of Social Difference at Columbia University, Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, the Institute of Latin American Studies at Columbia University, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at New York University, the New York University Native Studies Forum, and the Latinx Project at New York University.

October 12, 2020

In honor of the first commemoration of Indigenous Peoples Day at Columbia University

WELCOME FROM THE LENAPE PEOPLE

Sachem HawkStorm
Schaghticoke First Nations Chief

PARTICIPANTS

Lisa Bellinger
International Indian Treaty Council

Myrna Cunningham
Fondo para el Desarrollo de los Pueblos Indígenas de América
Latina y el Caribe (Bolivia)

Victor Lopez Carmen
Global Indigenous Youth Caucus

Tarcila Rivera Zea
International Indigenous Women's Forum and Chirapaq

Sara Nawashahu Yawanawá-Bergin
Shukuvena Village Chief

Janene Yazzie
Dzit Asdáán (Strong Women) Command Center for COVID Relief

Disability and the Archive: Teresa Deevy in Context



Teresa Deevy. Photo: Maynooth University Archive

DISABILITY IN THE ARCHIVE: TERESA DEEVY IN CONTEXT

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Co-sponsored by the Columbia University Seminar in Irish Studies, Maynooth University Library and Department of English at Maynooth University (Ireland), the Heyman Center for the Humanities at Columbia University, the Society of Fellows at Columbia University, Explorations in the Medical Humanities at Columbia University, New York City Irish Studies Colloquium, Waterford Institute of Technology, and New York University's Glucksman Ireland House.

February 10, 2021

Dramatists, scholars, and disability activists have started taking an interest in a deaf Irishwoman who was once considered the premiere national playwright of her day: Teresa Deevy. Interest in her life and works has taken different shapes, from those drawn to her representations of women living circumscribed lives in 1930s Ireland to those who want to recover a neglected history of deaf artistry. In a series of panels, we ask what it means to look in the archives for a writer as elusive as Deevy. Where do we find information about Deevy and her work, and how is this quest inflected by the needs of the present moment? This symposium will include discussions between archivists, scholars, theatre historians, disability activists, performance artists, and directors to examine the various ways of finding Deevy in a historical record that has too often blotted her out.

PARTICIPANTS

Lauren Arrington

National University of Ireland and Maynooth University (Ireland)

Hugh Murphy

Maynooth University (Ireland)

Mairead Delaney

Abbey Theatre (Ireland)

Lianne Quigley

Dublin Theatre of the Deaf (Ireland)

Amanda Coogan

Performance Artist

Emily Bloom

Columbia University

Christopher Morash

Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)

Elizabeth Redwine

Seton Hall University

SOUTHEAST ASIA VIEWS AMERICA: PERCEPTIONS, POLICIES & PROSPECTS

APRIL 15, 2021 - MAY 26, 2021

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

PROGRAM

Huong Le Thu, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

Title: Internal Pull, External Push: Domestic and International Factors of Vietnam-US Relations

Discussants: **Lien-Hang Nguyen**, Columbia University &

Murray Hiebert, CSIS Southeast Asia

April 15, 2021 | 06:00-7:30 PM ET

Evan Laksmana, CSIS Indonesia

Title: Last Line of Defense? US-Indonesia Defense Relations and Strategic Competition in the Indo-Pacific

Discussant: **Donald K. Emmerson**, Stanford University

April 21, 2021 | 08:00-9:30 PM ET

Cheng-Chwee Kuik, National University of Malaysia

Title: Ambiguities of Alignment: the Politics of Malaysian - US Relations

Discussant: **Elina Noor**, Asia Society Policy Institute

April 28, 2021 | 08:00-9:30 PM ET

Vannarith Chheang, Asian Vision Institute & **Thearith Leng**, Asian Vision Institute

Title: Cambodia-US Relations in the New Era

Discussant: **Kosal Path**, Brooklyn College-CUNY

May 6, 2021 | 08:00-9:30 PM ET

Renato Cruz De Castro, De La Salle University

Title: The Philippines Hedging Between Alliance or Appeasement: Can the Biden Administration Tip the Balance?

Discussant: **Greg Poling**, CSIS

May 14, 2021 | 09:00-10:30 AM ET

Thitinan Pongsudhirak, Chulalongkorn University

Title: Alliance Internalized: The Securitization of Thai-US Relations

Discussant: **Benjamin Zawacki**, The Asia Foundation

May 17, 2021 | 09:00-10:30 AM ET

See Seng Tan, International Students Inc.

Title: Helping America Regain Its Mojo: Singapore's Policy Toward the United States After Trump

Discussant: **Amy Searight**, CSIS

May 25, 2021 | 06:00-07:30 PM ET

Moe Thuzar, ISEAS Yusof Ishak Institute (Newly added!)

Title: Burma/Myanmar Policy Toward the United States: A Delicate Balance

Discussant: **Murray Hiebert**, CSIS Southeast Asia

May 26, 2021 | 09:00-10:30 AM ET

CONFERENCE CONVENOR

Ann Marie Murphy, Seton Hall University

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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SOUTHEAST ASIA VIEWS AMERICA: PERCEPTIONS, POLICIES & PROSPECTS

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Sponsored by the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University, and the New York Southeast Asia Network.

April 15, 2021 • May 25, 2021

In the spring of 2021, Co-Chair Ann Marie Murphey organized a virtual conference series of on how eight Southeast Asian countries view the United States, entitled "Southeast Asia Views America: Perceptions, Policies and Prospects" that featured eight Southeast Asian scholars as speakers, with Americans as discussants and Ann Marie as moderator convenor.

Given the isolation of so many of us during the last academic year, The Seminar on South East Asia and World Affairs wanted to expand the audience beyond the USEM members, particularly to engage Southeast Asian students, academics and analysts. Therefore, while all of the seminar members were invited, the events were public, and some drew audiences of over 100 people.

PROGRAM

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Vannarith Chheang, Asian Vision Institute;

Thearith Leng, Asian Vision Institute

Discussant: **Kosal Path**, Brooklyn College-CUNY

May 14, 2021

The Philippines Hedging Between Alliance or Appeasement: Can the Biden Administration Tip the Balance?

Renato Cruz De Castro, De La Salle University

Discussant: **Greg Poling**, CSIS

May 17, 2021

Alliance Internalized: The Securitization of Thai-US Relations

Thitinan Pongsudhirak, Chulalongkorn University

Discussant: **Benjamin Zawacki**, The Asia Foundation

May 25, 2021

Helping America Regain Its Mojo: Singapore's Policy Toward the United States After Trump

See Seng Tan, International Students Inc.

Discussant: **Amy Searight**, CSIS

May 26, 2021

Burma/Myanmar Policy Toward the United States: A Delicate Balance

Moe Thuzar, ISEAS Yusof-Ishak Institute

Discussant: **Murray Hiebert**, CSIS Southeast Asia

The following pages list The University Seminars that were active in 2020-2021, with their topics and speakers. The seminars are listed by seminar number, which roughly follows their chronological founding. They are also listed alphabetically in the index. 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, area studies, Shakespeare, and the sciences.

For practical or intellectual reasons, seminars sometimes stop meeting, either permanently or for a one year hiatus. Others have remained active after 75 years. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all 2020-2021 seminars met virtually. Some seminars have taken a pause. Others have embraced the opportunities newly presented and have expanded globally for the first time. Our office is working with Faculty House to provide in-person, virtual and hybrid meeting options beginning spring 2022. One new seminar was inaugurated in 2020-2021.

For a complete list of current seminars, please visit our website:

universityseminars.columbia.edu

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: **Tony Carnes**; **Professor Sidney Greenfield** • RAPPORTEUR: **Shikhar Madan**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

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Tony Lin , Independent Scholar |
| February 18 | JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINARS ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
AND BRAZIL
<i>Fading Shadows: Religious Borders and the Power of Transformation</i>
Vânia Zikán Cardoso , Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (Brazil) |
| April 28 | JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
<i>Could There Be a Relationship Between Economics and Religion in the Way Countries like Brazil Were Offered a Path to Modernization and Development?</i>
Sidney Greenfield , University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee |
| May 17 | JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
<i>The Protestant Reformation, the Enlightenment, Global Economy, and the Development of New York City: The Norwegian Example</i>
Tony Carnes , A Journey Through NYC Religions |

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Tony Carnes**, editor@nycreligion.info; **Professor Sidney Greenfield**, sidneygreenfield@gmail.com

THE RENAISSANCE (407) • Founded: 1945

The Seminar in the Renaissance, founded in 1945 by Paul Oskar Kristeller and John Herman Randall, Jr., of the Columbia Philosophy Department, 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.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Cynthia M. Pyle**; **Professor Alan Stewart** • RAPPOREUR: **Matthew Mazewski**

2020–2021 MEETINGS

- September 8 *Philology and Poetry in the Humanism of Giovanni Pontano*
Julia Gaiser, Bryn Mawr College
- October 13 *Forging a Community: Erasmus, Copia, and the Practice of Discontinuous Reading*
Anita Traninger, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
- November 10 *The Engaged Visitor and the Limits of Ekphrasis: From Kunstkammer Accounts to Daniel Papebroch's Travelogue*
Jeffrey Chipps Smith, University of Texas at Austin
- December 8 *Insects in Renaissance Culture: Art, Science, Technology, Thought, and Literature*
Cynthia M. Pyle, New York University
- December 18 Post-Luncheon Roundtable Meeting to Commemorate the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Columbia University Seminar in the Renaissance (1945-2020)
- February 9 *Letters from Constantinople: The Venetian Community in the Byzantine Capital on the Eve of the Ottoman Conquest*
Maarten Halff, Independent Scholar
- March 9 *Copying and the Renaissance Architectural Print*
Michael Waters, Columbia University
- April 13 *In the Service of the Church and of the Learned: The First Inventories of Printed Books in the Vatican Library*
Massimo Ceresa, Catholic University of America
- April 30 Business Meeting
- May 11 *Punctuation and the Drafting of the King James Bible*
Jeffrey Alan Miller, Montclair State University

2021–2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Cynthia M. Pyle**, c.m.pyle@nyu.edu; **Professor Alan Stewart**, ags2105@columbia.edu

CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (411) • Founded: 1947

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Tony Carnes**; **Professor Sidney Greenfield** • RAPPOREUR: **Shikhar Madan**

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EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPEAN CULTURE (417) • Founded: 1962

This interdisciplinary seminar hosts speakers ranging from established scholars to early-career researchers who present works-in-progress that explore and redefine eighteenth-century European culture. Our interests range from material culture to textual history, national traditions to colonial formations, historicist practice to theoretical investigation, and we therefore seek to query, expand, and innovate 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 varied in scope, and occasionally our Seminar hosts special events, such as a symposium on the intellectual origins of freedom of speech (2007, 2008) and a 50th anniversary retrospective of the Seminar (2014). Recently our Seminar has hosted, in addition to full-length talks, roundtables on science studies (2011), comparative orientalism (2011), the quantitative eighteenth century (2016), rediscovering race (2017), and human rights (2019).

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Stephanie Insley Hershinow**; **Professor Kathleen Lubey** • RAPPORTEUR: **Katherine Bergevin**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

March 4 *Collage Before Modernism? Eighteenth-Century Collage, Periodization, and Queering Art History*
Freya Gowrley, University of Derby (England, UK)

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Stephanie Insley Hershinow**, stephanie.insley@gmail.com;
Professor Kathleen Lubey, kathleen.lubey@gmail.com

STUDIES IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THOUGHT (427) • Founded: 1968

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor David Johnston**; **Professor Karuna Mantena** • RAPPORTEUR: **Nathan Feldman**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

February 5 Planning Meeting
March 26 Roundtable Discussion of Hans Kelsen's *Essence and Value of Democracy*
May 7 Roundtable Discussion of David Bell's *Men on Horseback*
June 25 Roundtable Discussion of Max Skjönsberg's *The Persistence of Party*

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor David Johnston**, dcj1@columbia.edu; **Professor Karuna Mantena**, km3510@columbia.edu

AMERICAN STUDIES (429) • Founded: 1954

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor James Kim**; **Professor Matt Sandler** • RAPPOREUR: **Rebecca Stout**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 22 *Fugitive Historiography and the Gift of Black Folks: Towards a Consideration of Slave Narratives as African-American Intellectual History*
Westenley Alcenat, Fordham University
- November 17 *A Queer History of Latinx Challenges to US Immigration Policy*
Julio Capo Jr., Florida International University
- December 8 *The Racial Project of Academic Freedom*
Diane Detournay, Fordham University
- January 26 *The Land(ing): Flying Africans and Paule Marshall's Black Analytics of Arrival*
Sasha Ann Panaram, Fordham University
- February 23 *"Deep Black Mourning": Evidence, Performance, and the Matter of Black Living in the 1899 Baker Exhibition*
Autumn Womack, Princeton University
- March 23 *Black Writing in the Black Lives Matter Era*
Howard Ramsby II, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- April 20 *Citizens of the Whole World: Race, Radicalism, and the Anti-Zionism of the Jewish New Left*
Benjamin Balthasar, Indiana University South Bend

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor James Kim**, bjakim@fordham.edu; **Professor Matt Sandler**, mfs2001@columbia.edu

STUDIES IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICA (435) • Founded: 1956

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Abosede George**; **Professor Anooradha Siddiqi** • RAPPOREUR: **Luz Colpa**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 23 *Institutional Inhabitations*
Joy Mboya, GoDown Arts Centre (Kenya)
Garnette Oluoch-Olunya, GoDown Arts Centre (Kenya)
Sahasra Sambamoorthi, Navatman
Keisha Brown, Navatman
- November 11 *Monumental Landscapes*
Kate Beane, Minnesota Historical Society
Lydia Muthuma, Technical University of Kenya (Kenya)
Bhakti Shringarpure, University of Connecticut and Warscapes
- December 9 *Environmental Reclamations*
Alishine Osman, Pennsylvania Center for Refugees and Immigrants
Anisa Salat, One Earth Future Foundation-Shuraako
Huma Gupta, Brandeis University
- January 26 *Camps, Archives, and Ancestors*
Zoé Samudzi, University of California, San Francisco
- February 23 *Gulf Arab Land Investments and the Politics of Disruption in Central Sudan*
Nisrin Elamin, Bryn Mawr College
- March 23 *Rwanda's Genocide Heritage: Between Justice and Sovereignty*
Delia Wendel, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Robyn d'Avignon**, robyn.davignon@nyu.edu;
Professor Anooradha Siddiqi, asiddiqi@barnard.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 Marcus Folch**, **Professor Joel Lidov** • RAPPORTEUR: **Lien Van Geel**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 15 *The Politics of Greece's Theatrical Revolution, ca. 500-ca. 300 BC*
Peter Wilson, University of Sydney (Australia)
- November 19 *Reading Vergil from the South*
Grant Parker, Stanford University
- January 21 *Demosthenes the Accountant: Numbers and Persuasion in the Athenian Courts*
Peter O'Connell, University of Georgia
- February 18 *Generative Landscapes at Delphi (Color and Khōra)*
Jennifer Stager, Johns Hopkins University
- March 18 *Slave Cooks as Comic Figures: Resistance, Appropriation, Circulation*
Amy Richlin, University of California, Los Angeles
- April 29 *Aesop's Final Fable: Intimate Violence, Race, and the Life of Aesop*
Helen Morales, University of California, Santa Barbara

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Marcus Folch**, mf2664@columbia.edu; **Professor Joel Lidov**, jlidov@gc.cuny.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 Nick Bartlett**, **Professor Ying Qian**, **Professor William Charles Wooldridge** •
RAPPORTEUR: **Danping Wang**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 23 *Chinese Elites and US Gatekeeping: Racial Discrimination and Class Privilege in Boston's 1905 King Incident*
Emma Teng, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Discussant: **Mae Ngai**, Columbia University
- October 22 *Spectral Sovereignty: Mao, Mediumship, and the Returning of Spirits in 'Post'-Socialist China*
Emily Ng, Universiteit van Amsterdam (Netherlands)
Discussant: **Katherine Ewing**, Columbia University
- December 3 *Cold War Counter-Publics and the Ghosts of Pan-Asianism: The Japanese Matsuyama Ballet's 1958 The White-Haired Girl Tour in China*
Emily Wilcox, University of Michigan
Discussant: **Bruce Baird**, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- January 21 *The Currency of Truth: Newsmaking and the Imaginary of China's Digital Era*
Emily Chua, National University of Singapore (Singapore)
Discussant: **John Osburg**, University of Rochester
- February 18 *The Policeman, the Miner, and the Camera: Identifying Sabotage in Maoist China*
Chris Chang, Columbia University
Discussant: **Fabio Lanza**, University of Arizona
- March 11 *Industrial Craft: A Global History of the Chinese Cotton Industry, 1877-1937*
Yuan Yi, Columbia University
Discussant: **Chuck Wooldridge**, Lehman College, City University of New York
- April 8 *An Unconscious Revolution: Psychoanalysis and Transcultural Reasoning in Republican China*
Howard Chiang, University of California, Davis
Discussant: **Emily Baum**, University of California, Irvine

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Nick Bartlett**, nbartlet@barnard.edu; **Professor Ying Qian**, yq2189@columbia.edu;
Professor William Charles Wooldridge, william.wooldridge@lehman.cuny.edu

MODERN EAST ASIA: JAPAN (445) • Founded: 1960

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

CHAIR: **Professor Sarah Kovner** • RAPPORTEUR: **Mairead Hynes**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 24 *Masks, Science, and Being Foreign: Japan During the First Wave of COVID-19*
Alexis Dudden, University of Connecticut
Discussant: **Fumiko Sasaki**, Columbia University
- October 7 *Sook Ching: The Japanese Mass Executions in Singapore, February-March 1942*
Robert Cribb, Australian National University (Australia)
Discussant: **Clay Eaton**, Yale University
- October 21 *Interpreters as Japanese War Criminals*
Sandra Wilson, Murdoch University (Australia)
Discussant: **Paul Kreitman**, Columbia University
- November 18 *The Olympics and Japan's Environment: 1940-2020*
Robin Kietlinski, LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York
Discussant: **Tristan Grunow**, Pacific University
- February 16 *The 1958 Rollout of Morality Time in Japanese Schools*
Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania
Discussant: **Robin Kietlinski**, LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York
- March 17 *The War Against US Military Base Culture: The Korean War and Japan Association to Protect Children*
Akiko Takenaka, University of Kentucky
Discussant: **Ann Sherif**, Oberlin College

2021-2022 CHAIR: **Professor Sarah Kovner**, sck25@columbia.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 John Edwards**; **Professor Emma Wasserman** • RAPPORTEUR: **Jermaine Ross-Alam**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 16 *Paul, Mark, and Marcion's Gospel*
Heidi Wendt, McGill University (Canada)
- October 14 *The Influence of John the Baptist on Jesus' Teaching*
James McGrath, Butler University
- March 23 *Helena, Egeria, Melania, and Pelagia: Towards a Feminist Approach to Jerusalem's Christianization*
Sarit Kattan Gribetz, Fordham University
- April 14 *The Earliest Pocket Bibles: Miniature Book Rolls and Private Reading at Qumran*
Travis Williams, Tusculum University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor John Edwards**, jedwards1329@sfc.edu;
Professor Emma Wasserman, wasserme@religion.rutgers.edu

THE CITY (459A) • Founded: 1962

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

CHAIR: **Professor Lisa Keller** • RAPPORTEUR: **Rev. Stephen Koeth**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- January 26 *A Panel Discussion on COVID and Cities*
Timothy J. Gilfoyle, Loyola University Chicago
Richard Harris, McMaster University (Canada)
Kenneth T. Jackson, Columbia University
Howard Markel, University of Michigan
Lynne B. Sagalyn, Columbia University
- February 23 *Critical Reflections on 'Neighborhood' in the Postwar US*
Marta Gutman, Graduate Center, City University of New York
Peter Eisenstadt, Independent Scholar
Matthew G. Lasner, Hunter College, City University of New York
Marci Reavan, New York Historical Society
Robert W. Snyder, Rutgers University-Newark
- March 16 *A Tale of Two Metropolitan Cities: Minneapolis-St. Paul (Minnesota) and Lyon (France)*
Cynthia Ghorra-Gobin, Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle-Paris III (France)
- April 13 *Rebuildings, Reinventions, and Reclamations: Varieties of Neoliberalism in New York Since the Financial Crisis*
Mason B. Williams, Williams College
- May 18 *'Country Comes to Town': Southern Women in the City*
Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2021-2022 CHAIR: **Professor Lisa Keller**, lisa.keller@purchase.edu

ECOLOGY AND CULTURE (471) • Founded: 1964

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Veronica Davidov**; **Dr. Jason Roberts**; **Professor Paige West** • RAPPORTEUR: **Chazelle Rhoden**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- January 15 *Polygons: Ingenieros and the Sedimented Politics of Mathematical Objects in Peruvian Amazonia*
Eduardo Romero Dianderas, Columbia University
- January 29 *Thoughts on Kathryn Yusoff's "A Billion Black Anthropocenes or None"*
Alyssa James, Columbia University
- February 12 Roundtable: *Technoscience as a Solution to Climate Change Conservation?*
- February 19 Roundtable: *Pedagogy and Environmental Anthropology*
- February 26 Roundtable: *Facilitation as a Key Skill within the Field of Environmental Anthropology*
- March 12 Roundtable: *The Poetics of Climate Change*
- March 26 Roundtable: *Making Mauritius*
- April 9 Roundtable: *Eco-Spirituality and Climate Change*
- April 16 *Construction of Environmental Facts and Meanings of (Im)mobility*
Antara Chakrabarti, Columbia University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Veronica Davidov**, veronica.davidov@gmail.com;
Professor Paige West, cw2031@columbia.edu

THE STUDY OF THE HEBREW BIBLE (473) • Founded: 1968

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

CHAIR: **Professor Liane Feldman** • RAPPORTEUR: **David DeLauro**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 22 *Transformed, Reformed, Deformed: Acrostics and Radical Aesthetics*
Elaine James, Princeton Theological Seminary
- October 13 *Black Samson: A Conversation with the Authors*
Nyasha Junior, Temple University
Jeremy Schipper, Temple University
- November 10 *Job Between Corporeality and Monstrosity*
Madadh Richey, Princeton University
- December 8 *Demonizing Daimones? Septuagintal Data for Second Temple Jewish Demonology*
Annette Reed, New York University
- January 26 *Between Biography and Reception in Ezra-Nehemiah and Ezra Traditions*
Hindy Najman, University of Oxford (England, UK)
- February 16 *Involuntary "Wife" or Conjugal Slave? The "Forced Marriage" of Deuteronomy 21:10-14*
Brian Rainey, Princeton Theological Seminary
- March 23 *A Mother Gets Custody: Law and Narrative in Genesis 21:14-21*
Yael Landman, Gorgias Press
- April 20 *Moses the Israelite, Moses the Egyptian, Moses the Midianite?*
Philip Yoo, University of Texas at Austin

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **David Carr**, dcarr@utsnyc.edu; **Liane Feldman**, lmfeldman@nyu.edu

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 Carla Bellamy** • RAPPORTEUR: **Daniel McAbee**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 21 *Illicit Sex in Early Modern South Asia: Rape, Aortion, and Law*
Divya Cherian, Princeton University
- October 26 *Centering Women, Countering Killing: Female-Only Sacrifices, A Midwife Goddess, and Sacred Motherhood*
Indira Arumugam, National University of Singapore (Singapore)
- November 16 *Singing Knowledge: Sound, Seed, and Siddhi Across the Bay of Bengal*
Carola Lorea, National University of Singapore (Singapore)
- December 14 *What Shared Space in the Daragh Sharif (Ajmer)?*
Christophe Jaffrelot, Centre d'études et de recherches internationales (France) and Institut d'études politiques de Paris (France)
Jusmeet Singh Sehra, Centre d'études et de recherches internationales (France) and Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)
- January 11 *Pilgrimage in the Colonial Imaginaire: From the Picturesque and Sublime to Festering Hotbeds of Miasma and Sedition*
Amna Khalid, Carleton College
- February 15 *The Missing Goddess: Women, Water, and Eco-Violence in a Contagious Time*
Tulasi Srinivas, Emerson College
- March 15 *In Our Stars or in Ourselves? Misfortune and Its Discontents in Modern Indian Temple Ritual*
Carla Bellamy, Baruch College, City University of New York
- April 5 *Translation and Multilingualism in the Vernacular Millenium*
Elaine Fisher, Stanford University

2021-2022 CHAIR: **Professor Carla Bellamy**, carla.bellamy@baruch.cuny.edu

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: **Professor Allan Gilbert**; **Dr. K. Aslihan Yener** • RAPPOORTEURS: **Jeiran Jahani**; **Kutay Şen**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- February 25 *Unpublished Tablets, New and Old, from Alalakh/Tell Atchana*
Jacob Lauinger, Johns Hopkins University
- March 24 *The Last Days of Mari*
Nele Ziegler, Collège de France and Centre national de la recherche scientifique (France)

2021–2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Allan Gilbert**, gilbert@fordham.edu; **Dr. K. Aslihan Yener**, akyener12@gmail.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 Rebecca Bauman** • RAPPOORTEUR: **Luca Naponiello**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 11 *#Milanononsiferma (Milan Won't Stop): Disguising Disease in Politics and Visual Arts in Post-Unification Italy*
Sharon Hecker, Università di Pavia (Italy)
Arianna Arisi Rota, Università di Pavia (Italy)
Respondent: **Vivien Greene**, Guggenheim Museum
- October 16 *Place, Memory, and the Picturesque in Bronx Oral Histories: The Bronx Italian American History Initiative and Community-Engaged Scholarship*
Kathleen LaPenta, Fordham University
Jacqueline Reich, Fordham University
Respondent: **John Gennari**, University of Vermont
- November 13 *Paralysis, Piety, and Miracles: An Agnostic's Letter to Paul VI*
William J. Connell, Seton Hall University
Respondent: **Fred Gardaphé**, Queens College, City University of New York
- December 11 *Amara Lakhous: Canonical Literature or Just Another Whodunnit?*
Ryan Calabretta-Sajder, University of Arkansas
Respondent: **Meredith Ray**, University of Delaware
- January 15 *Discovering Antiracism: Italian Catholic Culture and the 'Black Question'*
Matteo Caponi, Università di Genova (Italy)
Respondent: **Shelleen Greene**, University of California, Los Angeles
- February 5 *The World Fascism Laid: National Refugees, Infrastructure, and the Foundations of Postwar Italy*
Pamela Ballinger, University of Michigan
Respondent: **Victoria de Grazia**, Columbia University
- March 5 *Giacomo Leopardi's Zibaldone and the Pages of La difesa della razza (1938-1940)*
Martina Piperno, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium)
Respondent: **Alessandro Giammei**, Bryn Mawr College
- April 9 *Can A Forest Be A Fascist? A Case of Socio-Environmental Enlightenment in Central Italy*
Damiano Benvegnù, Dartmouth College
Respondent: **Karl Appuhn**, New York University
- May 7 *Latent Fascism, American Culture, and Blackness in Postwar Italy*
Jessica L. Harris, St. John's University
Respondent: **Silvana Patriarca**, Fordham University

2021–2022 CHAIR: **Professor Rebecca Bauman**, rebecca_bauman@fitnyc.edu

EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE (491) • Founded: 1966

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

CHAIR: **Professor John Dixon**; **Professor Andrew Lipman** • RAPPOREUR: **Yoav Hamdani**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- February 9 *The Oldest South*
Caroline Winterer, Stanford University
- March 9 *Creating a Fashion for Slavery in the State Courts*
Holly Brewer, University of Maryland
- April 13 *An "Infinity of Indians": Contextualizing Changes in Indian Slavery*
Linford Fisher, Brown University
- May 11 *Commerce, Credit, and Land: How Monopoly Imperiled America from the Treaty of Utrecht to the Civil War...and Beyond*
Richard John, Columbia University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor John Blanton**, jblanton@ccny.cuny.edu;
Professor Hannah Farber, hannah.farber@columbia.edu

SLAVIC HISTORY AND CULTURE (497) • Founded: 1968

The Seminar on Slavic History and Culture was founded in 1968 on the initiative of the renowned scholar of Russian literature and specialist on Dostoevsky, Robert Belknap. It was initially conceived as a broad exploration of history, literature, and arts of the Slavic peoples, to include topics from economic development to religious and philosophic thought. Today, after many years bringing together the Slavic studies community in the New York City area, our Seminar continues to bridge the disciplines of literature, language, and history, with a focus on original research across the range of Russian and East European history, as well as a lively exploration of the contemporary literary and artistic scene. We are pleased to welcome a dynamic group of graduate students who bring their energy and enthusiasm to our meetings.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Catherine Evtuhov**; **Professor Mark Lipovetsky** • RAPPOREUR: **Tomi Haxhi**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 18 *Tolstoy and the Romantic Myth*
Andrei Zorin, University of Oxford (England, UK)
- November 20 *In the Broken Mirror of Iraida Barry: Reflections on Constantinople's 'Russian' Moment*
Valentina Izmirlieva, Columbia University
- February 5 *The American Steppes: The Unexpected 'Russian' Roots of Great Plains Agriculture*
David Moon, University of York (England, UK)
- April 2 IN MEMORY OF VIKTOR EFIMOVICH KEL'NER (1945-2021)
Antisemitism as a Political Problem: Cases from Twentieth-Century Russia and Eastern Europe
Laura Engelstein, Yale University and Princeton University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Catherine Evtuhov**, ce2308@columbia.edu;
Professor Mark Lipovetsky, ml4360@columbia.edu

ISRAEL AND JEWISH STUDIES (501) • Founded: 1968

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

CHAIR: **Professor Elisheva Carlebach**; **Professor Rebecca Kobrin** • RAPPORTEUR: **Nancy Ko**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 15 *Nahmanides: Law and Mysticism*
Moshe Halbertal, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel) and New York University
- November 19 *Hitler's Jewish Refugees: Hope and Anxiety in Portugal*
Marion Kaplan, New York University
- February 10 *Legacy of Blood: Pogroms, the Russian Civil War, and Modern Jewish History*
Elissa Bemporad, Queens College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York
- April 15 *Theodor Herzl: A Biography for Our Time*
Derek Penslar, Harvard University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Elisheva Carlebach**, ecarlebach@columbia.edu;
Professor Rebecca Kobrin, rk2351@columbia.edu

ECONOMIC HISTORY (503) • Founded: 1969

The concerns of this seminar are wide ranging in time, place, and method. Emphasis is on European and American economic growth and development from feudal times to the present, with growing representation of 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: **Robert Corban**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- November 5 *Transport and Urban Growth in the First Industrial Revolution* (Co-Authored with E. Alvarez-Palau, O. Dunn, A.E.M Satchell, and L.M.S. Shaw-Taylor)
Dan Bogart, University of California, Irvine
- February 4 *Measuring the Carceral Legacy of Slavery*
John Clegg, University of Chicago
- April 1 *Investing in State Capacity: Haiti, 1932-1949*
Craig Palsson, Utah State University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Alan Dye**, adye@barnard.edu; **Professor Susie Pak**, paksl@stjohns.edu;
Professor David Weiman, dweiman@barnard.edu

DEATH (507) • Founded: 1971

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

CHAIR: **Dr. Christina Staudt** • RAPPORTEUR: **Zachary Levine**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 14 *Death Will Not Be Denied: Memories and Projections*
Gary Laderman, Emory University
- November 11 *Responding to a Pandemic: A Look Inside Calvary Hospital*
Sherry Schachter, Calvary Hospital
- December 9 *The Dance of Death and Deliverance*
Steven Phelps, Riverside Church
- February 10 *Inside the Green Burial Movement: Examining the Environmental and Social Motivations and Goals of Cemetery Reform*
Lee Webster, New Hampshire Funeral Resources
- March 10 *What Does It Mean to Give Hospice Care to Unrepresented Patients?*
Timothy Kirk, York College, City University of New York
- April 14 *Cremation in Jewish Tradition: Law, Philosophy, and Community Boundaries*
Ezra Schwartz, Yeshiva University
- May 12 *Programming the Future*
Mark C. Taylor, Columbia University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Karla Rothstein**, kmr16@columbia.edu; **Dr. Christina Staudt**, christinastaudt@gmail.com

ART OF AFRICA, OCEANIA, AND THE AMERICAS (509) • Founded: 1971

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 Zoë Strother**; **Professor Lisa Trever** • RAPPORTEUR: **Katherine McCarthy**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 15 *Playing with Things: Engaging the Moche Sex Pots*
Mary Weismantel, Northwestern University
- November 5 *On Oscillation of Value: The Unsettled Market for African Art in the 1920s*
Yaelle Biro, Metropolitan Museum of Art
- February 4 *The Island Deified: Regarding the Symbolism of Caribbean Three-Pointer Stones*
Lawrence Waldron, Queens College, City University of New York

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Francesco Pellizzi**, pellizzi@fas.harvard.edu; **Professor Zoë Strother**, zssl@columbia.edu;
Professor Lisa Trever, lt2731@columbia.edu

INNOVATION IN EDUCATION (511) • Founded: 1970

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Elizabeth Cohn**; **Ronald Gross**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 13 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
A Terrible Thing to Waste: Environmental Racism and Its Assault on the American Mind
Harriet A. Washington, New York Academy of Medicine
- December 8 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINARS ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY AND MEMORY AND SLAVERY
James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own
Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University
- February 9 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY
Erasing Racism in Housing, Education, and Public Policy
V. Elaine Gross, ERASE Racism, Inc.
- May 11 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINARS ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY AND MEMORY AND SLAVERY
Racing to Justice
john a. powell, University of California, Berkeley

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Elizabeth Cohn**, ec2341@columbia.edu; **Ronald Gross**, grossassoc@aol.com

LATIN AMERICA (515) • Founded: 1971

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

CHAIR: **Professor Peter Winn** • RAPORTEURS: **Mariana Katz** (Fall); **Caitlin Liss** (Spring)

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- November 5 *The US Elections and US-Latin American Relations*
John Coatsworth, Columbia University
Respondent: **Jorge Castañeda**, New York University
- December 3 *Chile Awoke: From Popular Rebellion to Constitutional Convention*
Patricio Navia, New York University and Universidad Diego Portales (Chile)
Jorge Heine, Boston University
Moderator: **Peter Winn**, Tufts University
- February 4 *Peru's Political Crisis and Presidential Election*
Jo-Marie Burt, George Mason University
Respondent: **Natalia Sobrevilla**, University of Kent (England, UK)
- March 11 *Memory, Human Rights, Art, and Activism in Argentina*
Marcelo Brodsky, Visual and Conceptual Artist
Respondent: **Andreas Huyssen**, Columbia University
- May 6 *Gambling with Armageddon: Nuclear Roulette from Hiroshima to the Cuban Missile Crisis*
Martin Sherwin, George Mason University
Respondent: **Peter Winn**, Tufts University

2021-2022 CHAIR: **Professor Peter Winn**, peter.winn@tufts.edu

POPULATION BIOLOGY (521) • Founded: 1971

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Alison Cucco**; **Professor Kathleen Nolan**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- December 20 *New York City East River Fish Species Populations Inventory and Emergence of a Unique Fish Community Science Network* (paper co-authored with **Isa Del Bello**, Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy and **Christopher Girgenti**, Randall's Island Park Alliance)
Peter Park, State University of New York at Farmingdale
- March 7 *Ecology, Distribution and Microbiome of Juvenile American Horseshoe Crabs at Plumb Beach, Jamaica Bay, NY*
Christina P. Colon, Kingsborough Community College, City University of New York
- April 14 *Evaluating Changes in Avian Species Composition Using Community Indices*
Shannon Curley, College of Staten Island, City University of New York
- May 3 *Terrapins of Jamaica Bay: A Tale of Two Turtles*
Russell Burke, Hofstra University

2020-2021 CO-CHAIRS: **Alison Cucco**, alisoncuc@gmail.com; **Professor Kathleen Nolan**, knolan@sfc.edu

POLITICAL ECONOMY AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES (523) • Founded: 1971

This seminar was founded to study the most compelling questions of the day which then related to the war in Southeast Asia, its causes, and consequences. Today the seminar continues to examine vital current issues with emphasis on their economic, political, and philosophical dimensions. Such issues have included welfare policy, homelessness, and strains in multicultural democracies, and violent conflicts within and across nation-states. The underlying nature and structure of the political economy giving rise to these issues are also considered. In this regard, sessions have addressed the extension of democracy to economic enterprises, refashioning American government, developments in welfare states, and new principles of income distribution. Theories oriented to deepening democracy and realizing human rights both in the US and abroad are also an ongoing focus.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Carol Gould**; **Professor Omar Dahbour** • RAPPORTEUR: **Alvaro Contente**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 15 *Environmental Justice and the Green New Deal*
John L. Hammond, Hunter College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York
- November 12 *Reframing Political Ecology: Vikalp Sangam and the Search for Alternatives in India*
Pallav Das, Kalpavriksh
- December 3 *Seventeen Years of Struggle: The UN Declaration of the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas*
Marc Edelman, Hunter College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York
- February 11 *Viral Contagion and Behavioral Contagion*
Robert Frank, Cornell University
- March 18 *Understanding Work in the Platform Economy*
Juliet Schor, Boston College
- April 29 *Schooling in an Age of Human Capital*
Daniel Markovits, Yale University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Carol Gould**, carolcgoald@gmail.com;
Professor Omar Dahbour, odahbour@hunter.cuny.edu

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** • RAPPOREUR: **Cheyn Shah**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 23 *The State of the Arabs: Taking Stock of a Turbulent Arab Region in Distress*
Rami Khouri, American University of Beirut (Lebanon)
- October 21 *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine*
Rashid Khalidi, Columbia University
- November 18 *US Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Where Do We Go from Here?*
Robert Hunter, Former US Ambassador to NATO
- December 9 *Turkey in the Middle East*
Rich Outzen, George Mason University
- January 13 *The New Realities of Politics and Security in the Post-Trump Persian Gulf*
Kristian Coates Ulrichsen, Rice University
- February 18 *US-Iran Relations: Where Do We Go from Here?*
Nasser Hadian, University of Tehran (Iran)
- March 10 *Iran and Israel: A Perspective from Tel Aviv*
David Menashri, Tel Aviv University (Israel)
- April 14 *Yemen in Crisis*
Helen Lackner, University of London (England, UK) and the European Council for Foreign Relations
- May 6 *Modern Slavery in Oman*
Emily Jane O'Dell, Sichuan University-Pittsburgh Institute (China)

2021-2022 CHAIRS: **Professor Gary Sick**, ggs2@columbia.edu; **Professor Lawrence G. Potter**, lgp5@columbia.edu

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** • RAPPOREUR: **Jeon Hamm**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 10 *Gut-Hypothalamic Signaling Effects on Feeding Behavior*
Amber Alhadeff, University of Pennsylvania
- October 8 *Autonomous Eating in Adolescents with Low-Weight Eating Disorders*
Robyn Sysko, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- November 12 *Rapid Eating and Obesity Risk in Early Childhood: Can Eating Speed Be Replaced?*
Myles S. Faith, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
- December 10 *A Gut Choice*
Diego V. Bohórquez, Duke University
- January 21 *It's All in Good Taste: Taste-Related Reward and Weight Loss Following Bariatric Surgery*
Kimberly Smith, Johns Hopkins University
- February 18 *Lead Food and Worn Breaks: Reinforcement Pathology and Obesity*
Leonard Epstein, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
- March 11 *What Does the Taste System Tell Us About the Nutritional Composition and Toxicity of Foods?*
John Glendinning, Barnard College, Columbia University
- April 15 *The Conundrums of Studying the Effects of Gastric Bypass on Taste-Related Behavior and Food Choice*
Alan Spector, Florida State University
- April 29 *Volatile-Enhanced Sweetness: How to Enhance Sweet Taste in the Brain*
Linda Bartoshuk, University of Florida
- May 20 *Reflections on the Origins and Mechanisms of Salt Hunger*
Jay Schulkin, Georgetown University and University of Washington

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Allan Geliebter**, ag58@columbia.edu; **Professor John Glendinning**, jglendin@barnard.edu;
Dr. Harry Kissileff, harry.kissileff2@mountsinai.org; **Dr. Blandine Laferrère**, bbl14@cumc.columbia.edu

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: **Rebecca Stout**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 5 *Going to Hell? A Polemic on Anthropological Futures*
Steve Reyna, Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung (Germany)
- November 2 *Free Agents and Fated Futures: History, Personhood, and Cosmic Consciousness in Western Astrology*
Omri Elisha, Queens College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York
- February 8 *Fear of an Indigenous Planet: The Role of Anthropology in Mawukema Futures*
Les Field, University of New Mexico
- March 8 *Chasing My Apical Ancestors, Finding My Identity: An Anthropologist's Journey into Family History, War, and Intergenerational Trauma*
Ken Guest, Baruch College, City University of New York
- April 12 *Reconsidering Anthropology's Future: Untimely Thoughts from a Virtual Department Chair*
Jeff Maskovsky, Queens College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Maria-Luisa Achino-Loeb**, mluisa164@aol.com;
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.

CHAIR: **Professor Matthew Jones** • RAPPORTEUR: **Celine Camps**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 7 *Science Confronts Race and Racism in a Pandemic*
Evelynn Hammonds, Harvard University
- October 21 *Persistent Plagues: Race, Space, and Epidemiological Thinking in Drug Use Research, 1950-1980*
Samuel K. Roberts, Columbia University
- November 18 *Accidents of Geography: Historicizing Genetic Cartographies of the Middle East*
Elise Burton, University of Cambridge (England, UK)
- December 9 *Religion as Race: Geneticizing Religious Difference in South Asia, c. 1947-1971*
Projit Mukharji, University of Pennsylvania
- January 20 *Southern Racial Dilemmas: Brazilian Race Relations and Economic Development in the 1950s*
Sebastián Gil-Riaño, University of Pennsylvania
- February 17 *Poisoning Master: Drugs, Slave Knowledge, and Premeditation in a Tennessee Murder Trial*
Keith Wailoo, Princeton University
- April 14 *Counting Deaths: A Historical Look at Black Infant Mortality*
Wangui Muigai, Brandeis University

2021-2022 CHAIR: **Professor Matthew Jones**, mj340@columbia.edu

IRISH STUDIES (535) • Founded: 1973

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Mary McGlynn**; **Professor Seamus O'Malley** • RAPPOREUR: **Anna Krauthamer**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

October 2 *Literary Explorations and Continental Wanderings: Charles Lever, Charles Bianconi, and Nineteenth Century Irish-Italian Connections*
Kristina Varade, Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York and University College Dublin (Ireland)

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Mary McGlynn**, mary.mcglynn@baruch.cuny.edu;
Professor Seamus O'Malley, seamusomalley@gmail.com

CINEMA AND INTERDISCIPLINARY INTERPRETATION (539) • Founded: 1974

This seminar is devoted to exploring interdisciplinary influences in the ever-changing, ever-expanding field of cinema and media studies. Internationally acclaimed scholars—from the New York metropolitan area and well beyond—have presented their works in progress, sharing their innovative and often groundbreaking insights, and often receiving valuable input from seminar members. These presentations have led to numerous pioneering publications, as well as further presentations at international conferences. As a center for ongoing face-to-face and hybrid scholarly exchanges in the field, the seminar enjoys an international reputation among film and media scholars.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Cynthia Lucia**; **Professor William Luhr** • RAPPOREUR: **Joseph Fischer**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

September 24 *Quick, Quick—Like a Bunny! The Ink and Paint Machine, Female Labor, and Color Production at Disney During the Classical Era*
Kirsten Moana Thompson, Seattle University
Respondent: **Joshua Yumibe**, Michigan State University

October 8 *Perpetual Motion: Mobility, Precarity, and Slow Death Cinema*
Pamela Wojcik, University of Notre Dame
Respondent: **Dana Polan**, New York University

November 5 *Vengeance is Mine: Considering Emotion and the Cinema*
Lucy Fisher, University of Pittsburgh
Respondent: **Krin Gabbard**, State University of New York at Stony Brook

December 3 *Empathy in Avant-Garde Film: Sergei Eisenstein on Spectators' Embodiment and Estrangement*
Ana Hedberg Olenina, Arizona State University
Respondent: **Michael Kunichika**, Amherst College

January 21 *On Vivid Colors and Afrotypes in African and Diasporic Cinema*
Joshua Yumibe, Michigan State University
Respondent: **Kirsten Moana**, Thompson, Seattle University

February 11 *Montage and Ethnographic Method*
Michael Kunichika, Amherst College
Respondent: **Joan Neuberger**, University of Texas at Austin

March 11 *Madea's Baby, Tyler's Maybe: Wrestling with the Heritage of the Mother*
Miriam Joanna Petty, Northwestern University
Respondent: **Monica White Ndounou**, Dartmouth College

April 8 *Trauma, Aesthetic, and Healing in Alison Bechdel's Are You My Mother? A Comic Drama*
Elizabeth Ann Kaplan, State University of New York at Stony Brook
Respondent: **Lucy Fisher**, University of Pittsburgh

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Cynthia Lucia**, cindylucia@aol.com; **Professor William Luhr**, luhrwg@aol.com

WOMEN AND SOCIETY (545) • Founded: 1974

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Maria DeLongoria**; **Professor Emily Sohmer Tai** • RAPPOREUR: **Amelia Spooner**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 21 *Curating an Archive of Feminist Carceral Resistance: Intimate Violence, Racism, and the Carceral State*
Alisa Del Tufo, Bennington College
Sharon White-Harrigan, Women's Community Justice Association
Respondent: Michelle Fine, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- October 19 *African-American Women in Academic Leadership*
Katherine Aguirre, Suffolk County Community College
Respondent: **Dorothy Laffin**, Suffolk County Community College
- November 23 *Righteous Violence: Systemic Reproductive Coercion in the United States*
Carrie N. Baker, Smith College
Respondent: **Alys Eve Weinbaum**, University of Washington
- December 14 *INSTEAD... How Ageism Hardened into Eldercide in the COVID Era*
Margaret Morganroth Gullette, Brandeis University
Respondent: **Elinor Fuchs**, Yale University
- January 25 *When Witches Were Merchants: Trading and Magic in Portuguese West Africa*
Lexie Cook, Columbia University
Respondent: **Yaari Felber-Seligman**, City College, City University of New York
- February 22 *History and Pop Culture Collide*
Sarah L. Holland, Hostos Community College
Respondent: **Ria Banerjee**, Guttman Community College, City University of New York
Respondent: **Megan Behrent**, New York City College of Technology, City University of New York
- March 22 *Enslaved Women, the Common Terror, and the Genesis of the African-American Identity*
Owen Brown, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York
Respondent: **Delia Cook Gillis**, University of Central Missouri
- April 26 *Violet Oakley's Feminist Critique of American Nationalism*
Patricia Likos Ricci, Elizabethtown College
Respondent: **Kimberly Van Esveld Adams**, Elizabethtown College

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Professor Emily Sohmer Tai, etai@qcc.cuny.edu

DRUGS AND SOCIETY (553) • Founded: 1975

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

CHAIR: **Dr. Frank McCorry** • RAPPOREUR: **Carolina Leiva Ureta**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 15 *Retaining Access While Protecting Public Health: Changes to the New York State Addiction Treatment System During the COVID-19 Pandemic*
Marc W. Manseau, New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support
- October 20 *Measuring Addiction Treatment in New York State and Beyond: Shatterproof ATLAS Update, October 2020*
Leah Kaufman, Shatterproof
- November 17 *COVID-19 and Substance Use: New York City's Response*
Gail Goldstein, New York City Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention, Care and Treatment
- December 15 *Identification and Treatment of Substance Use in the Time of COVID-19: Collaborative Care in a Federally Qualified Community Health Center*
Joseph Lurio, Institute for Family Health
Abigail Heron, Institute for Family Health
- January 19 *Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs): Learning from Five Years*
Mike Fagan, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- February 16 *Stigma and MAT 101+*
Sy Demsky, Stop Stigma Now and National Development Research, Inc.
Joe Lunievicz, Stop Stigma Now and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals
- March 16 *Epidemic in a Pandemic: What Happened to Substance Use Disorder Services During COVID-19*
Patricia Strach, Rockefeller Foundation
Katie Zuber, Rockefeller Foundation
- April 20 Planning for 2021-2022 Seminar Series

2021-2022 CHAIR: **Dr. Frank McCorry**, famcl27@gmail.com

BRAZIL (557) • Founded: 1976

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Diana Brown**, **Professor John F. Collins**, **Professor Sidney Greenfield**,
Professor Vânia Penha-Lopes • RAPORTEUR: **Bruna Credidio Camara**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 17 *Five Years from Zika to COVID—Mothers Share Their Stories: A Film, an Update on the Effects of COVID, and a Discussion*
Parry Scott, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco (Brazil)
- October 15 *COVID-19 and the Perceptions of Brazil's Indigenous Peoples*
Maria de Lourdes Beldi de Alcântara, Universidade de São Paulo (Brazil)
- November 19 *Democracy and Representation in a Favela in São Paulo*
Karina Biondi, Universidade Estadual do Maranhão (Brazil)
- December 17 *Racism and Antiracism from a Comparative Perspective*
Júlio César de Tavares, Universidade Federal Fluminense (Brazil)
- January 21 *Resisting Dispossession: Ownership and the Retaking of Indigenous Lands in Brazil*
Jeffrey M. Campbell, Roger Williams University
- February 18 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINARS ON STUDIES IN RELIGION AND CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
Fading Shadows: Religious Borders and the Power of Transformation
Vânia Zikán Cardoso, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (Brazil)
- March 18 *Media, Researchers, and Communities Past and Future*
Anthony Seeger, University of California, Los Angeles
- April 22 *The Gender of Pandemic: The Black Female Face of COVID-19 in Brazil*
Denise Moraes Pimenta, Centro de Integração de Dados e Conhecimentos para Saúde-Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Brazil)
- May 20 *Field Station Bahia: E. Franklin Frazier, Lorenzo Turner, Frances and Melville Herskovits, and the Transnational Making of Afro-Brazilian Studies: 1935-1967*
Livio Sansone, Universidade Federal da Bahia (Brazil)

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Diana Brown**, dbrown@bard.edu; **Professor John F. Collins**, zemilideias@yahoo.com;
Professor Sidney Greenfield, sidneygreenfield@gmail.com; **Professor Vânia Penha-Lopes**, vania_penha-lopes@bloomfield.edu

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** • RAPORTEUR: **Ruwa Mohammed Alhayek**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- January 29 *Neoplatonism and Arabic Poetry*
Stephen Sperl, University of London (England, UK)
- February 26 *The Literary Qur'an*
Hoda el-Shkry, University of Chicago
- April 2 *History of the Novel in Arabic Translation*
Rebecca C. Johnson, Northwestern University

2021-2022 CHAIR: **Professor Muhsin al-Musawi**, ma2188@columbia.edu

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** • RAPPOREUR: **Yoav Hamdani**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 5 *Countering Terrorism Beyond National Territory: Challenges for Human Rights Law; and Opportunities?*
David McKeever, United Nations Security Council
- November 9 *COVID-19 and the Ethics of Risk Imposition*
Christian Barry, Australian National University (Australia)
- December 7 *The COVID-19 Gender Gap: Implications for International Human Rights Law*
Susan Harris Rimmer, Griffith University (Australia)
- February 1 *Rights-Based Global Health Governance for the Post-Pandemic World*
Eric Friedman, Georgetown University
- March 1 *Bretton Woods' Pandemic Policies: A Feminist Ring Bell (Co-Authored with Mariana Rulli)*
Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky, Universidad Nacional de Río Negro (Argentina)
- April 5 *Human Rights for Pragmatists: Social Power in Modern Times*
Jack Snyder, Columbia University
- May 17 Planning for 2021-2022 Seminar Series

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor George Andreopoulos**, chrights@jjay.cuny.edu;
Professor Yasmine Ergas, ye36@columbia.edu

NEO-CONFUCIAN STUDIES (567) • Founded: 1979

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Ari Borrell**; **Professor Tao Jiang**; **Professor On-cho Ng** • RAPPOREUR: **Nolan Bensen**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- February 2 *Two Late Joseon Korean Women Confucian Philosophers*
Hwa Yeong Wang, Georgetown University
- March 5 *Between Coherence and Principle: Li 理 and the Politics of Neo-Confucianism in Late Koryŏ Korea*
Kim Sungmoon, City University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)
- April 9 *Virtue Ethicist of the Ideal Type: Aristotle or Zhu Xi?*
Yong Huang, Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Ari Borrell**, arinborrell@gmail.com; **Professor Tao Jiang**, tjiang@rci.rutgers.edu;
Professor On-cho Ng, oxnl@psu.edu

SHAKESPEARE (581) • Founded: 1982

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Caralyn Bialo**; **Professor David Hershnow** • RAPPORTEUR: **Bernadette Myers**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 11 *Counterfactual Richard III*
Marissa Nicosia, Pennsylvania State University
- October 9 *Mud, Blood, and the Naturalization of Carp in All's Well That Ends Well*
Rob Wakeman, Mount Saint Mary College
- November 13 *Shakespeare's Disgraceful Hands*
Seth Williams, Barnard College, Columbia University
- December 11 *Shakespearean Futures: Casting the Bodies of Tomorrow on Shakespeare's Stages Today*
Amy Cook, State University of New York at Stony Brook
- February 12 *Antony and Cleopatra and the Triumph of English Theater*
John Kuhn, State University of New York at Binghamton
- March 12 *The Nature of Whiteness in Henry V's Theater of the Earth*
Marjorie Rubright, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- April 9 *Much Ado About the Social History of Truth*
Debapriya Sarkar, University of Connecticut-Avery Point
- May 12 BERNARD BECKERMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE
Isabella's Feminist Ethics in Measure for Measure
Cristina León Alfar, Hunter College, City University of New York

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Caralyn Bialo**, caralyb.bialo@mville.edu;
Professor Lauren Robertson, lr2859@columbia.edu

ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY (585) • Founded: 1983

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Elizabeth Cohn**; **Ronald Gross**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 13 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
A Terrible Thing to Waste: Environmental Racism and Its Assault on the American Mind
Harriet A. Washington, New York Academy of Medicine
- December 8 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINARS ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AND MEMORY AND SLAVERY
James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own
Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University
- February 9 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
Erasing Racism in Housing, Education, and Public Policy
V. Elaine Gross, ERASE Racism, Inc.
- May 11 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINARS ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AND MEMORY AND SLAVERY
Racing to Justice
john a. powell, University of California, Berkeley

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Elizabeth Cohn**, ec2341@columbia.edu; **Ronald Gross**, grossassoc@aol.com

FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND EQUITY (613) • Founded: 1987

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Andrés Bernal**; **Professor Sheila Collins**; **Professor Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg** •
RAPORTEURS: **Charlotte Wilhelm** (Fall); **Sara Mittleberg** (Spring)

2020-2021 MEETINGS

October 19 *Unemployment in Europe and the United States Under COVID-19: Better Constrained in the Corset of Insurance Logic or at the Whim of a Presidential System?*
Georg Fischer, Wiener Institut für Internationale Wirtschaftsvergleiche (Austria)
Günther Schmid, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung and Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
Respondent: **Gregory Heires**, Labor Journalist and Blogger

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Andrés Bernal**, abernal86@gmail.com;
Professor Sheila Collins, sheila.collins65@verizon.net; **Professor Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg**, trudygoldberg@msn.com

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** • RAPORTEUR: **Sarah Hedgecock**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

February 15 *Ritual*
Sonia Hazard, Florida State University

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SPRING 2022 CHAIR: **Professor Courtney Bender**, cb337@columbia.edu

THE HISTORY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (667) • Founded: 1998

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Floyd M. Hammack**, **Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr.** • RAPPOREUR: **Lien Van Geel**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 7 *The History and Development of “Organizational Development” at Teachers College and Columbia University*
W. Warner Burke, Teachers College, Columbia University and the Journal of Applied Behavioral Sciences
- November 4 *Columbia Copes with SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) Coronavirus 2 (COVID-19): A “First Rough Draft” of Columbia University History*
Donna Lynne, Columbia University
- December 2 *Columbia Wakes Up to Sexuality*
Jack Halberstam, Columbia University
- February 3 *The Founding of American Anthropology at Columbia and Barnard*
Judith Shapiro, Barnard College, Columbia University
- March 3 *The Origins and Evolution of Double Discovery*
Roger Lehecka, Columbia University
- April 7 *Columbia and the Making of a Neighborhood*
Andrew Scott Dolkart, Columbia University

2021-2022 CHAIR: **Dr. Floyd M. Hammack**, fmh1@nyu.edu

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 Remez** • RAPPOREUR: **Leah Christman**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 8 *Donald Trump and His Narration of Masculinity: A Book Talk*
Norma Mendoza-Denton, University of California, Los Angeles
- December 10 *Improving Intelligibility and Communication in Children with Dysarthria*
Erika S. Levy, Teachers College, Columbia University
- January 21 *When Do Listeners Care About Phonetic Variation?*
Molly Babel, University of British Columbia (Canada)
- April 1 *Vocabulary Acquisition in ASL: The Role of Early Language Experience*
Naomi Caselli, Boston University

2020-2021 CHAIR: **Professor Robert Remez**, rremez@barnard.edu

MEMORY AND SLAVERY: SOCIAL AND HUMAN CONSEQUENCES (689) • Founded: 2001

This Seminar addresses the legacy of slavery in the western hemisphere, focusing on African-American slavery in the United States. Presenters and discussants participate in dialogue on the history of slavery, its neurobehavioral and cultural underpinnings, the social, economic, and political factors facilitating ongoing racism and inequities, and the consequences for ancestors of enslaved peoples and enslaving peoples in the modern world. Members of this seminar include anthropologists, clergy, historians, neuroscientists, psychologists, sociologists, and other scholars and guests who share an interest in learning from the collective memories of slavery, determining what must be done to heal the wounds left behind by slavery, and determining how to move toward equitable and healthy societies in which all peoples can thrive.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Emily Anderson**; **Dr. John Delfs** • RAPPORTEUR: **Isaac Sekyi Nana Mensah**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 8 *Race War: The Trump Administration's Weaponization of Critical Race Theory*
Kendall Thomas, Columbia University
- November 12 *Race and Public Health*
Philip Alcabes, Hunter College, City University of New York
- December 8 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINARS ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AND MORAL EDUCATION, ETHICS, AND SOCIETY
James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own
Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University
- January 21 Roundtable Discussion of Issues Raised by Professors Kendall Thomas, Philip Alcabes, and Eddie Glaude
- February 11 *Battle for the Bible: Christian Nationalism, White Supremacy, and the Call to Abolish Racism and Poverty in 2021*
Liz Theoharis, Union Theological Seminary and the Poor People's Campaign
- March 11 *Public Memory and Memorials: Moving Toward Justice*
Jha D. Williams, MASS Design Group
- May 11 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINARS ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AND MORAL EDUCATION, ETHICS, AND SOCIETY
Racing to Justice
john a. powell, University of California, Berkeley
- June 17 The Presentation by Dr. Keri Day was cancelled, and the seminar participants engaged in a lively discussion on the topic of Reparations.

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Emily Anderson**, eanderson6@msn.com; **Dr. John Delfs**, john@goodwolf.com

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 Glenda Chao**; **Professor Jue Guo** • RAPPORTEUR: **Chris Kim**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 25 *What Were the Prime Movers for the Transition to Agriculture? Insights from Archaeological Research in Northeast China*
Gideon Shelach-Lavi, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)
- October 23 *Understanding Hongshan Core-Zone Households and Communities*
Christian Peterson, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- November 6 *Good Wives? Jealousy and Domestic Violence in Marriages in Early China*
Olivia Milburn, Seoul National University (South Korea)
- November 20 *Communities and Settlement in Hunter-Gatherer Societies in Northeast China*
Pauline Sebillaud, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (France) and Jilin University (China)
- December 11 *Water Management in Prehistoric China: A Case Study of the Jiangnan Plain (6000-4000 BP)*
Jianguo Liu, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (China)
- February 19 *Charting the Early Chinese Oikumene*
Min Li, University of California, Los Angeles
- March 12 *Fields, Markets, and Trees: Contending Paradigms of Growth in Early China*
Romain Graziani, École normale supérieure de Lyon (France)
- March 26 *Feasts and Gifts: Food Redistribution in Early Imperial China*
Moonsil Lee Kim, Rhode Island College
- April 23 *Reconsidering the Significance of Chu Antlered Sculptures: A Regional Perspective*
Cortney Chaffin, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Glenda Chao**, gchao@ursinus.edu; **Professor Ethan Harkness**, harkness@nyu.edu

MODERN BRITISH HISTORY (701) • Founded: 2004

The seminar in Modern British History brings together historians from 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 books in the field of modern British history (from the late seventeenth century to the present), or to comment on work in progress by members of the group.

CHAIR: **Professor Guy Ortolano**; **Professor Susan Pedersen** • RAPPORTEUR: **Alice Gorton**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 6 *The Art of Dying: Executions, Paintings, and Publics in Eighteenth Century London*
Meredith Gamer, Columbia University
Discussant: **Christopher Brown**, Columbia University
- December 7 *Nervous Hands and Stolen Kisses: Touch in the Cerebral Age*
Simeon Koole, University of Bristol (England, UK)
Discussant: **Seth Koven**, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- February 23 *Broadcasting Intimacy: Hilda Matheson, Vita Sackville-West, and the BBC Talks Experiment, 1928-1930*
Katie Hindmarch-Watson, Johns Hopkins University
Discussant: **Charles Upchurch**, Florida State University
- April 6 *The Crisis of Meritocracy: Britain's Transition to Mass Education Since the Second World War*
Peter Mandler, University of Cambridge (England, UK)
Discussants: **Deborah Cohen**, Northwestern University; **Ben Schmidt**, New York University;
Jonathan Zimmerman, University of Pennsylvania

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Guy Ortolano**, ortolano@nyu.edu; **Professor James Stafford**, jms2533@columbia.edu

MODERN GREEK (703) • Founded: 2005

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Dimitrios Antoniou**; **Professor Karen Van Dyck** • RAPPORTEUR: **Chloe Howe Haralambous**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 22 *An Evening in Pangrati: Revisiting the AIDS Epidemic in 1980s Athens*
Dimitris Xanthoulis, Journalist and Activist
Panayotis Evangelidis, Novelist and Filmmaker
- November 19 *Extra-Terrestrial Ethnographies of the Future-Present (Part I: Writing Workshop)*
Alexandra Siotou, University of Thessaly (Greece)
Giorgos Mantzios, University of Toronto (Canada)
Penelope Papailias, University of Thessaly (Greece)
- December 10 Online Screening of the Film *Third Kind* (2018) and Discussion with the Director
Yorgos Zois, Director
Discussant: **Giorgos Mantzios**, University of Toronto (Canada)
- December 17 *Extra-Terrestrial Ethnographies of the Future-Present (Part II: Zine Workshop)*
Alexandra Siotou, University of Thessaly (Greece)
Giorgos Mantzios, University of Toronto (Canada)
Penelope Papailias, University of Thessaly (Greece)
- February 17 *Performing the Index*
Elpida Karaba, Temporary Academy of Arts (Greece)
Yota Ioannidou, Temporary Academy of Arts (Greece)
Despina Zefkili, Temporary Academy of Arts (Greece)
Vangelis Vlahos, Temporary Academy of Arts (Greece)
- March 19 *Curating Greek Independence*
Ioulia Pentazou, University of Thessaly (Greece)
Alexandros Teneketzis, Hellenic Open University (Greece)
Respondent: **Konstantina Zanou**, Columbia University
- April 15 *Walking Through History: Tracing Resistance and the Great Famine in Athens*
Menelaos Charalambidis, Hellenic Open University (Greece)
Respondent: **Eleni Kyramargiou**, Columbia University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Dimitrios Antoniou**, da2500@columbia.edu;
Professor Karen Van Dyck, vandyck@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: **Milan Terlunen**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 21 *On Nietzsche and Doing Less with Cynicism*
Helen Small, University of Oxford (England, UK)
Respondent: **Etienne Balibar**, Université de Paris (France) and Columbia University
- October 21 *Making Worlds: Affect and Collectivity in Contemporary European Cinema*
Claudia Breger, Columbia University
Respondent: **Nico Baumbach**, Columbia University
- November 16 *Theory of the Gimmick: Aesthetic Judgement and Capitalist Form*
Sianne Ngai, University of Chicago
Respondent: **Lee Konstantinou**, University of Maryland
- February 2 *The Second Secularization, or, The Humanities Today*
Simon During, University of Queensland (Australia)
Respondent: **Stathis Gourgouris**, Columbia University

2021-2022 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: **Noni Carter**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- November 30 *The Memory of Racial Terror: The National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum*
Marita Sturken, New York University
Respondent: **Alison Landsberg**, George Mason University
- February 2 *Slavery in the Age of Memory: Engaging the Past*
Ana Lucio Araujo, Howard University
Respondents: **Laura Wexler**, Yale University; Leo Spitzer, Dartmouth College
- May 6 *Revolutionary Affects and the Archive of Memory*
Manijeh Moradian, Barnard College, Columbia University
Respondents: **Persis Karim**, San Francisco State University; Anne Rigney, Universiteit Utrecht (Netherlands)

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Marianne Hirsch**, mh2349@columbia.edu;
Professor Andreas Huyssen, ah26@columbia.edu

COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY (721) • Founded: 2007

The Comparative Philosophy Seminar seeks to advance constructive philosophical projects by bringing together scholars with training in diverse areas of Asian thought (mostly the Indian and Chinese) and Western Philosophy. Comparison in this context is not employed to loan authority to one perspective or other. Nor is it in pursuit of general laws of human cultural and intellectual development. Rather, the intent is to explicate, and employ, the fullness of an expanded philosophical toolset, and see how that works. The seminar ordinarily invites respondents who are versed in the relevant field of philosophical inquiry, but who are not necessarily specialists in Asian thought. In order to facilitate an ongoing conversation, seminar meetings for a given year are loosely organized around a very general theme, which speakers are asked to address when possible.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Jonathan Gold**; **Professor Hagop Sarkissian** • RAPPORTEUR: **Verena Meyer**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 9 *Mind Only Thought as Metapraxis, Mind Only as Diagnosis*
Joy Brennan, Kenyon College
Discussant: **Jonathan Gold**, Princeton University
- November 6 *Zhuangzi's Robber Zhi: A Discussion*
Stephen Walker, University of Chicago
Discussants: **Timothy Connolly**, East Stroudsburg University; **Tao Jiang**, Rutgers University-New Brunswick; **Qianyi Qin**, Graduate Center, City University of New York; **Hagop Sarkissian**, Baruch College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York
- December 11 *Śāntideva's Bodhicaryāvatāra: A Discussion*
Barbra Clayton, Mount Allison University (Canada)
Discussants: **Douglas Duckworth**, Temple University; **Katie Javanaud**, Princeton University; **Stephen Jenkins**, Humboldt State University; **Amod Lele**, Boston University
- March 12 *A Passage from Wang Yangming's Questions on the Great Learning*
Harvey Lederman, Princeton University
Discussants: **Stephen Angle**, Wesleyan University; **Warren Frisina**, Hofstra University; **Xiaomei Yang**, Southern Connecticut State University
- April 23 *Bhagavad Gītā 2.47: A Discussion*
Andrew J. Nicholson, State University of New York at Stony Brook
Discussants: **Laurie L. Patton**, Middlebury College; **Jessica Frazier**, University of Oxford (England, UK); **Bina Gupta**, University of Missouri; **Neil Dalal**, University of Alberta (Canada); **Richard H. Davis**, Bard College
- May 7 *Patrul Rinpoche's Words of My Perfect Teacher: A Discussion*
Nic Bommarito, Simon Fraser University (Canada)
Discussants: **Emily McRae**, University of New Mexico; **Rachel Pang**, Davidson College; **Palden Gyal**, Columbia University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Jonathan Gold**, jcgold@princeton.edu;
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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 Zeynep Çelik**; **Professor Ying Qian** • RAPPORTEUR: **Alex Zivkovic**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 9 KNOWLEDGE AND MEDIATION: TECHNE, AESTHETICS, POLITICS
Films that Work: Industrial Film and the Productivity of Media
Takuya Tsunoda, Columbia University
Becoming Reality: Documentary Cinema in Revolutionary China
Ying Qian, Columbia University
- October 26 *Photographing Never: Temporality, Nationality, and Ottoman State Portraiture*
Zeynep Gürsel, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Respondent: **Noam Elcott**, Columbia University
- November 30 *Imperfect Facsimiles: The Library and the Museum*
Winnie Wong, University of California, Berkeley
Respondent: **Dennis Tenen**, Columbia University
- March 8 *The Paperwork of Security: Unfree Mobility, Parole, and the Pass System in the British Empire*
Bhavani Raman, University of Toronto (Canada)
Respondent: **Zeynep Çelik**, Columbia University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Zeynep Çelik**, zc2171@columbia.edu; **Professor Brian Larkin**, blarkin@barnard.edu

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 Nico Baumbach**; **Professor Jane Gaines** •
RAPORTEURS: **Spandita Behera** (Fall); **Carlos Gutierrez Aza** (Spring)

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 25 *Here and Now: Queer Radical Changes Through the Lens of Buddhism*
Victor Fan, King’s College London (England, UK)
Respondent: **Ronald Gregg**, Columbia University
- October 23 Panel Discussion of *Bombay Hustle: Making Moves in a Colonial City* by Debashree Mukherjee (2020)
Jennifer M. Bean, University of Washington
Nitin Govil, University of Southern California
Debashree Mukherjee, Columbia University
- December 4 *Seeing Films by Electricity*
Doron Galili, Stockholms Universitet (Sweden)
Respondent: **Noam Elcott**, Columbia University
- January 28 *Star Surveillance: The British Intelligence Center at Cinecittà*
Noa Steimatsky, Independent Scholar
Respondent: **Brian Jacobson**, California Institute of Technology
- February 18 *Lukács and Marxist Film Theory in the Present*
Philip Rosen, Brown University
Respondent: **Jane Gaines**, Columbia University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Nico Baumbach**, nb2428@columbia.edu; **Professor Jane Gaines**, jmg2196@columbia.edu

NARRATIVE, HEALTH, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (737) • Founded: 2010

This interdisciplinary and inter-institutional seminar explores the connections 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 in a society between the entitled and the marginalized, state and worker, disabled body and able-body, bread-earner and child-bearer, subject and researcher, patient and provider, the developing world and the established world, often through the lens of the self and the other. The seminar will draw from such fields as journalism, performance arts, law, public health, trauma studies, environmental 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. The seminar invites an intersectional approach that addresses and questions racial injustice, health inequity, discrimination, stigma, and disparities in resources and access. 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 or enablers of social injustice? How can we transform such stories into narratives of restorative justice, health, and change?

CO-CHAIRS: **Mario de la Cruz**; **Zahra Khan**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- December 21 *Soundscapes of Freedom: Creating Kinship, Resistance, and Collective Care Through Music*
Arshia Fatima Haq, Independent Artist and Filmmaker
Salman Ahmad, Queens College, City University of New York

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Mario de la Cruz**, md2998@columbia.edu; **Zahra Khan**, zhk2107@columbia.edu

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: **Professor Wallis Reid**; **Professor Nancy Stern** • RAPORTEUR: **Rebecca Stout**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 9 *English Word Order: The System of Degree of Control*
Nancy Stern, City College, City University of New York
- October 30 *Exploring the Value Relations for 'Must', 'May', and 'Could'*
Lauren Whitty, University of Victoria (New Zealand)
- December 11 *The Analytics of High Probability: A Refresher*
Alan Huffman, New York City College of Technology, City University of New York
- January 22 Open Discussion on Signal Identity
- February 5 *Statistics and Testing in Columbia School Analytics: Facts and Doubts*
Bob de Jonge, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (Netherlands)
- March 19 *Considering a Meaning Hypothesis for Spanish 'A'*
Roxana Risco, Universidad Nacional de La Plata and Universidad de Buenos Aires (Argentina)
- April 16 *Towards a Meaning Hypothesis for Spanish 'Él' and 'Ella'*
Berenice Darwich, Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Eduardo Ho-Fernández**, ehofernandez@csling.org;
Professor Nancy Stern, nstern.ccn@gmail.com

GLOBAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY CORE CURRICULA (741) • Founded: 2011

Purpose: To collectively explore the pedagogical purpose and best practice approaches to interdisciplinary and global humanities "core" at the level of higher education to meet the challenges of the emerging world.

A major challenge to teaching humanities today is how to rethink its pedagogy in such a way that students not only learn about different cultures of the world but learn from them to think critically about the way each of us understand, experience, and broaden our own culture. This Seminar welcomes the participation of faculty and administrators from Columbia and beyond, as well as select invested students, to 1) help frame the kinds of questions that most demand humanity's collective concern in this new age of interdependence; 2) to identify those classics—including seminal advances in contemporary sciences where advisable—from throughout the world's traditions that will help bring those concerns into sharpest focus; and 3) to rethink from a fresh perspective the institutional structures and resources by which this new generation of interdisciplinary "core" courses may be most effectively implemented.

CHAIR: **Professor Rachel E. Chung**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 25 *Symposium Orientation*
Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University
Gareth Williams, Columbia University
- October 23 *Reading Negative Space in Confucian Classics*
Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University
- November 15 *Teaching Plato's Symposium in India*
Gareth Williams, Columbia University
- December 6 *Teaching the Bhagavad Gita and Zhuangzi in India*
Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University
- December 13 *Designing Syllabi for Teaching Classics from Three Different Civilizations*
Amad Ross, Columbia University
Joshua Collier, Columbia University
- March 21 *Plagues and Pandemics: Philoctetes of Sophocles*
Gareth Williams, Columbia University
- March 28 *Plagues and Pandemics: Thucydides and Hōjiki*
Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University
Gareth Williams, Columbia University
- April 30 *From Plague to Politics: Tagore's Sacrifice*
Rachel E. Chung, Columbia University
Amad Ross, Columbia University
Joshua Collier, Columbia University

2021-2022 CHAIR: **Professor Rachel E. Chung**, ec61@columbia.edu

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: **Matthew Mazewski**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 23 *The Undead Consensus*
Matthew Schmitz, First Things Journal
- October 21 *Race in Flannery O'Connor*
Angela Alaimo O'Donnell, Fordham University
- November 18 *The Thought of Augusto Del Noce*
Carlo Lancellotti, College of Staten Island, City University of New York
- January 27 *The Joyful Mystery: Field Notes Toward a Green Thomism*
Christopher Thompson, University of St. Thomas
- February 17 *Interrupting Capitalism: Catholic Social Thought and the Economy*
Matthew Shadle, Marymount University
- March 23 *Jesus and Nonviolence: Should Christians Punch Nazis?*
Peter Mommsen, Plough Quarterly
- April 21 *The Good, the Bad, and the Airborne: Levitation and the History of the Impossible*
Carlos Eire, Yale University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Pierre Force**, pf3@columbia.edu; **Professor Lorenzo Polvani**, lmp@columbia.edu

STUDIES IN DANCE (749) • Founded: 2011

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

CHAIR: **Professor Lynn Garafola** • RAPPORTEURS: **Emily Hawk**; **Anna Waller**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 28 *Dunham's Data*
Harmony Bench, Ohio State University
Kate Elswit, University of London (England, UK)
- October 26 *Vertigo and the Revolutionary Body in Modern Europe*
Elizabeth Claire, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (France)
- November 23 *Queering Jewish Dance: Baruch Agadati*
Alexander H. Schwan, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
- December 14 *Final Bow for Yellowface: Dancing Between Intention and Impact*
Phil Chan, Final Bow for Yellowface
- February 1 *The Rat de l'Opéra and the Social Imaginary of Labour: Dance in July Monarchy Popular Culture*
Olivia Sabee, Swarthmore College
- March 1 *What Is Black Dance? What Can It Do?*
Thomas F. DeFrantz, Duke University
- April 12 *"The Boy from Kiev": Alexei Ratmansky and the Elusive Sense of Cultural Identity*
Marina Harss, Independent Scholar
- April 26 *A New Biography for Jack Cole*
Debra Levine, Independent Scholar

2021-2022 CHAIR: **Professor Lynn Garafola**, lg97@columbia.edu

RELIGION AND WRITING (751) • Founded: 2011

The seminar investigates the roles of literacy and writing in religious traditions. Its goal is to serve as a research group for the comparative study of literacy and the uses of writing as a form of communication technology in world religions. 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. Elizabeth Powers**; **Dr. Dagmar Riedel** • RAPPOREUR: **Anya Wilkening**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 1 *Creating a Sufi Hagiography in the Mughal World: 'Abd al-Rahmān Chishtī's Mir 'āt-i Madārī (1654)*
Ute Falasch, Independent Scholar (Germany)
- October 29 *A Late Manuscript, An Old Debate: A Juridical Question of Abū Ishāq al-Shātibī (d. 1388) About Economy, Society and Political Authority in the Premodern Islamic West*
Adday Hernández López, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (Spain)
- November 12 *"Words of a Desperate Man": Poetics and Cultural Identity in a Late Medieval Hebrew Rhyming Dictionary from the Crown of Aragon*
Jill Ross, University of Toronto (Canada)
- December 9 *Isaac of Corbeil's Pillars of Exile: A Thirteenth-Century Plan of Public Education Through Liturgy and Law*
Judah Galinsky, Bar-Ilan University (Israel)
- February 11 *Found in Translation: The "Makers" and Making of the Welles-Ros Bible*
Kathryn A. Smith, New York University
- March 17 *The Manuscript Tradition of the Islamic West: Maghribī Round Scripts and the Andalusī Identity*
Umberto Bongianino, University of Oxford (England, UK)
- April 21 *The Bible and the Banker's Box: Ornament and Meaning in the Carpet Pages of Sephardic Codices*
Julie A. Harris, Independent Scholar

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Susan Boynton**, slb184@columbia.edu; **Dr. Dagmar Riedel**, dar2111@columbia.edu

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**; **Ohemaa Poku** (Spring) • RAPPOREUR: **Zoe Siegel**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 16 *Mental Health Equity from Local Engagement to Global Dissemination*
Sydney Harker, Columbia University
- December 7 *Promoting Mental Health and Resilience in Children and Families Affected by Adversity: From Longitudinal Research to Implementation Science*
Theresa Betancourt, Boston College
Alethea Desrosier, Boston College
Pamela Scorza, Columbia University
- February 16 *The Importance of Representation in Mental Health Care for Adolescents Living with HIV*
Merrian Brooks, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Patrick Wilson, Columbia University
Kate Lovero, Columbia University
- April 28 *Effectiveness of the Common Elements Treatment Approach (CETA) in Treating Unhealthy Alcohol Use and Comorbid Mental Health Problems Among People Living with HIV in Zambia: The ZCAP Trial*
Anjali Sharma, Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia
Tukiya Kangyua, Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia
Chipo Chitambi, Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia
- May 10 *Advancing Identification and Treatment for Individuals with Early Psychosis in Chile*
Franco Mascayano, Columbia University
Cristian Montenegro, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Chile)
Ezra Susser, Columbia University
Lisa Dixon, Columbia University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Dr. Kathryn Lovero**, kll2153@columbia.edu; **Dr. Claire Greene**, mg4069@columbia.edu

DEFENSE AND SECURITY (759) • Founded: 2013

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

CHAIR: **Professor Nancy Walbridge Collins** • RAPPOREUR: **Kirill Buskirk**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 30 *War Reporting from the Arab Spring to the Fall of Baghouz*
Ned Parker, Reuters
- October 14 *Commercialization of Geospatial Intelligence and Counterterrorism Tradecraft*
Jennifer Robards, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency
- October 28 *Disinformation and Global Social Stability*
Dan Keyserling, Google
- November 11 *Intersections of U.S. Security Policy and National Intelligence*
Joseph Helman, Office of the Director of National Intelligence
- January 27 *Building Cross-Functional Teams in the Defense Arena*
Hise Gibson, U.S. Military Academy
- February 24 *Strategic Risk War Gaming and Operational Insights*
Michael O'Hara, U.S. Naval War College
- March 10 *Strategic Decision-Making in the U.S. Department of Defense*
Robert Bradford, U.S. Army War College
- April 7 *How to Challenge: Building Understanding with Red Teaming*
Micah Zenko, McChrystal Group

2021-2022 CHAIR: **Professor Nancy Walbridge Collins**, nwcollins@columbia.edu

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 Pamela Calla**; **Professor Elizabeth Hutchinson** • RAPPOREUR: **Romina Quezada Morales**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 6 *Alternative Models of Teacher Education for, with, and by Indigenous Communities in Higher Education*
Huia Tomlins Jahnke, Massey University (New Zealand)
Respondent: **Regina Cortina**, Teachers College, Columbia University
- November 10 *Indigenous LGBTI in Bolivia: Myths and Realities*
Edson Hurtado, Independent Journalist
- February 2 *Commemorating Indigenous History: A Media Exploration*
Anita Bakshi, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- March 9 *Space-Time Colonialism: Alaska's Indigenous and Asian Entanglements*
Juliana Hu Pegues, University of Minnesota
Respondent: **Manu Karuka**, Barnard College
- May 4 *Zapatista Indigenous Autonomy, the Politics of Life-Existence, and the Colonial Underpinnings of the 'Capataz Gobierno'*
Mariana Mora, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (Mexico)

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Pamela Calla**, pc1210@nyu.edu; **Professor Elizabeth Hutchinson**, eh499@columbia.edu

THE FUTURE OF AGING RESEARCH (775) • Founded: 2014

Initiated by the Robert N. Butler Columbia Aging Center, the University Seminar on the Future of Aging Research has as its mission to provide an interactive interdisciplinary forum for scientists to engage with one another, to generate new ideas and new methods, and to stimulate new approaches to the science of aging engaging over 50 principal investigators at across Columbia University's campuses. The format emphasizes dynamic exchanges and dialogue, catalyzed by brief presentations of new work by Columbia University researchers. Discussions are sparked by leaders in complimentary areas spanning context, individual, and organismal/biological perspectives.

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Jennifer J. Manly**; **Professor Martin Picard**; **Professor Kavita Sivaramakrishnan** •
RAPPORTEUR: **Autumn Clemons**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 6 *Tracing Health Trajectories During and After Disasters: How and Why We Study Older Adults*
Joan A. Casey, Columbia University
- December 1 *Postdoctoral Scientists' Current Research in Cognitive and Human Aging*
Kalpita R. Karan, Columbia University
Angeliki Tsapanou, Columbia University
Indira Turney, Columbia University
- February 9 *Care for Persons with Dementia in Nurse Practitioner Practices and Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*
Lusine Poghosyan, Columbia University
- March 30 *Targeting Healthspan: Functional Genetic Variation in Human Aging and Longevity*
Yousin Suh, Columbia University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Jennifer J. Manly**, jjm71@columbia.edu;
Professor Martin Picard, mp3484@cumc.columbia.edu; **Professor Kavita Sivaramakrishnan**, ks2890@columbia.edu

AFFECT STUDIES (777) • Founded: 2015

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

CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Patricia Dailey**; **Professor Thomas Dodman**; **Professor Lauren Mancía** • RAPPORTEUR: **Alec Joyner**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- February 22 *Collective Emotions*
Piroska Nagy, Université du Québec à Montréal (Canada)
- March 12 *On Emotion and Oral History*
Philip Napoli, Brooklyn College, City University of New York
Liz Strong, Columbia University

2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Professor Patricia Dailey**, pdailey@columbia.edu;
Professor Thomas Dodman, td2551@columbia.edu; **Professor Lauren Mancía**, laurenmancia@brooklyn.cuny.edu

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE (783) • Founded: 2016

The transition to a sustainable economic system looms as one of the key challenges of the present generation. This seminar brings together academically-minded practitioners and practically-oriented academics to explore how the financial sector can play an essential and constructive role in funding this transition. The seminar touches on a variety of topics including social impact investing, the integration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into analysis, the financing of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, and financial system integrity. It also explores the limits to sustainable development policies.

CO-CHAIRS: **Mark Cox**; **Dr. Bruce Kahn** • RAPPORTEUR: **Rebecca Stout**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 26 *Post Covid: Sustainable Finance 2021*
Peter Fusaro, AV Group Ltd. and Global Change Associates
- November 12 *Twenty-Five Years of ESG and Impact Investing: Breakdown or Breakthrough*
Robert Rubinstein, TBLI Group Holdings BV
- December 21 *Greenwashing, Sustainability Scams and Clean Cons: How to Spot 'em*
Michael Barnard, TFIE Strategy Inc.
- January 25 *Carbon Neutral Checkout*
Olivia J. Fussell, Carbon Credit Capital LLC
Pianpian Wang, Carbon Credit Capital LLC
- February 22 *The Rise of Natural Climate Solutions*
David Brand, New Forests Pty Ltd.
- March 22 *Agricultural Payment for Ecosystem Services Project in the New York City Watershed*
Jeffrey Potent, Columbia University
- May 24 *Can the Oil and Gas Industry Align with ESG Investing?*
Erin M. Blanton, Columbia University

MATERIAL TEXTS (787) • Founded: 2017

This seminar brings together from various disciplines scholars who work on the history of the book and the study of material texts in order to place the technical and bibliographical study of text objects in dialogue with cultural studies and both the textually- and the materially-oriented humanist disciplines more broadly. Over recent decades, book history has emerged as a necessarily and productively interdisciplinary field; with this in mind, this seminar focuses on the interpretation of material textual objects from an array of disciplinary perspectives. Our aim is to provide a clearinghouse for emerging methods and work, and a nexus for scholars from diverse disciplinary backgrounds to discuss and pursue shared interests in the study of the book and the material text.

CO-CHAIRS: **Alexis Hagadorn**; **Professor Hannah Weaver** • RAPPORTEUR: **Cat Lambert**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

- October 23 *Teaching Remotely with Distinctive and Special Collections: Strategies and Successes*
Kaoukab Chebaro, Columbia University
Ryan Cordell, Northeastern University
Megan Cook, Colby College
Emily Runde, Columbia University
Michelle Wilson, Columbia University
- November 12 *Hidden in Plain Sight: Identifying Evidence of Curtains in Medieval Manuscripts in the Morgan Library & Museum*
Morgan Adams, Columbia University
- March 23 *Wood, Ink, Paper: Production and Use of Fifteenth-Century European Blockbooks*
John McQuillen, Morgan Library & Museum

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2021-2022 CO-CHAIRS: **Alexis Hagadorn**, ah333@columbia.edu; **Professor Joseph Howley**, jah2220@columbia.edu

SCIENCE AND SUBJECTIVITY (791) • Founded: 2018

The Seminar on Science and Subjectivity was established in 2018 after a prior period of a few years as a class in the Hovde Seminar series at the Heyman center. The Seminar continues to follow the format that worked well in that earlier iteration: we all read a book in advance of the session; we all have something to say about it; then we all have dinner and continue the conversation. In future sessions we plan to invite scholars who are focused on the work we are discussing to join our discussions; otherwise we plan to remain a convivial group of interested and articulate readers willing to delve deeply into the intersection of science and individual subjective experience.

CO-CHAIRS: **Peter Gruenberger**; **Professor Robert Pollack** • RAPPORTEUR: **Nataly Shahaf**

2020-2021 MEETINGS

July 15	<i>Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind</i> by Shunryu Suzuki
August 12	<i>The Undiscovered Self</i> by Carl Jung
September 16	<i>I and Thou</i> by Martin Buber
October 14	<i>Gilead</i> by Marilynne Robinson
November 18	<i>An Alchemy of Mind: The Marvel and Mystery of the Brain</i> by Diane Ackerman
December 16	<i>The Evolution of Beauty</i> by Richard Prum
January 20	<i>Another Country</i> by James Baldwin
February 17	<i>Being Mortal</i> by Atul Gawande
March 18	<i>Order of Time</i> by Carlo Rovelli
April 15	<i>Strange Order of Things</i> by Antonio Damasio
May 20	<i>Brave New World</i> by Aldous Huxley

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY COLLABORATIVE OF PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND FAMILY

(793) • Founded: 2018

This seminar explores and examines the intersection of scholarship and practice around higher education institutions' (HEIs) civic engagement within the communities in which they are anchored with a specific focus on youth and families. The membership consists of researchers and practitioners from Columbia University as well as the community who share this common interest. As such, the seminar is uniquely positioned to cultivate an intersection of scholarship and practice through discussions focused on HEIs' approaches to defining, fulfilling, and assessing their roles as engaged anchor institutions within their communities; and the implications of their efforts to the community and the institutions.

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November 5	Monthly Check-In
December 3	Monthly Check-In
January 7	Monthly Check-In
February 4	Monthly Check-In
March 4	Monthly Check-In, with Special Guest Speaker Eric Adams , Brooklyn Borough President and New York City Mayoral Candidate
April 1	Monthly Check-In, with Special Guest Speakers Ayana Allen-Handy , Drexel University John Kirby , Drexel University
May 6	Monthly Check-In

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KOREAN STUDIES (797) • Founded: 2019

The Korean Studies Seminar is an interdisciplinary forum that brings together scholars, artists, and professionals working on Korea-related subjects from a wide variety of disciplines: history, literature, art history, visual and media studies, architecture, religion, sociology, anthropology, music, and performance studies. The seminar discusses current research and issues in the study of Korea drawn from the dynamic intellectual community in and around New York City.

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2020-2021 MEETINGS

- September 11 *Day in a Life of North Koreans: Understanding the Literary and Filmic Culture*
Immanuel Kim, George Washington University
- October 9 *Visceral Borders: Spatial Implications of Bordering Practices in the Korean Peninsula*
Dongsei Kim, New York Institute of Technology
- March 5 *Reimagining Democracy: The Minjung Art Movement and the Birth of Korean Contemporary Art*
Sohl Lee, State University of New York at Stony Brook
- March 19 *The Korean War Through the Prism of the Interrogation Room*
Monica Kim, New York University
- April 8 *Gangnam: Global/Polarization of South Korea's Dreamland*
Pil Ho Kim, The Ohio State University
- April 23 *The Power of the Brush: Epistolary Practices in Chosŏn Korea*
Hwisang Cho, Emory University

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MENSTRUATION AND SOCIETY (799) • Founded: 2021

The last years have brought a tremendous diversity of menstrual-positive expressions—from the artistic to the practical, the serious to the playful, the provocative to the educational, the local to the global. The Menstruation and Society Seminar was established as an interdisciplinary forum for advancing conversations and research around menstruation from a range of different angles. The seminar explores the current state of research, engages new audiences and fields of study, and discusses how collaboration across disciplines can advance the field of menstrual studies and translate to improved programs and policy.

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2020-2021 MEETINGS

- January 27 *The Intersection of Menstruation and Homelessness*
Marni Sommer, Columbia University
Kim J. Hopper, Columbia University
Anne S. Kuhlmann, Saint Louis University
- February 24 *Menstruation and Social Architecture*
Rachel Frumin, New York City Department of Transportation
Michelle Farrington, Oxfam International
Galia Solomonoff, Columbia University
- March 31 *Menstrual Products and Society*
Sharra Vostral, Purdue University
Christine Hagstrom, Columbia University
Nancy Reame, Columbia University

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