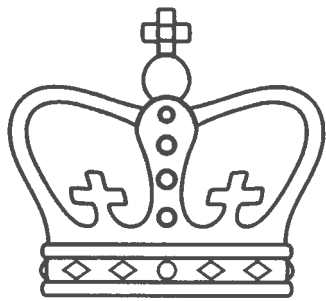


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# INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



*Faculty House, 1923*

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# HISTORY OF THE SEMINARS

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

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

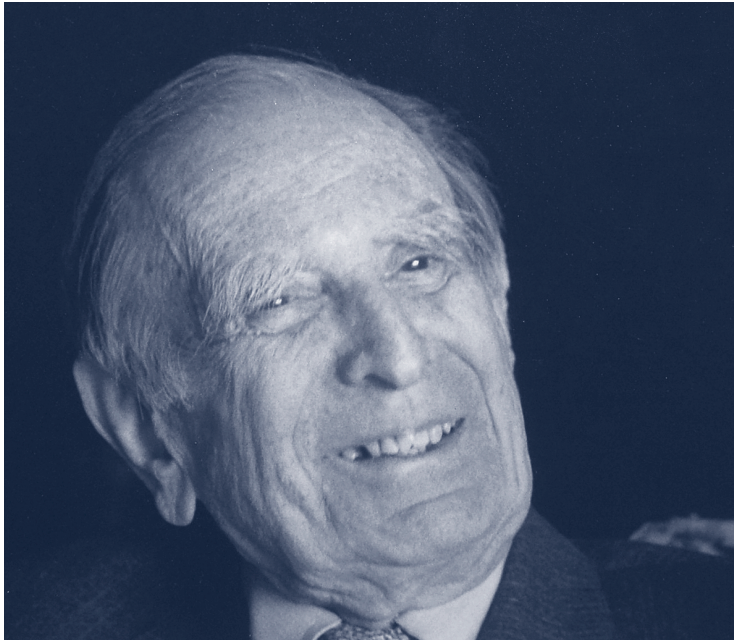
Most of this education takes place within the academic departments, but Tannenbaum was continuing a tradition of General Education in a Core Curriculum that Columbia had been developing for thirty years. The Contemporary Civilization and the Humanities courses are famous for the breadth they give Columbia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

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

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



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



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

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

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



## 2009–2010 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2009–2010 the eighty active Seminars held about 450 meetings, 311 of them in the newly appointed rooms on the second floor of the Faculty House. At lunch time this floor served as a Graduate Student cafeteria, and after 4:00, the movable walls were moved to divide it into three or four Seminar rooms plus a space for the Dutch treat dinners that are an integral part of each meeting. It was a pleasure to work with Scott Wright, David Martin, and the Faculty House staff to solve the new-building problems. The movable walls worked pretty well to filter out the noise from an adjacent Seminar, but not from a Seminar that is having dinner together, even though we tend to carouse in moderation. We learned to use flowers to brighten the spaces and to handle overprogrammed days for the Seminars or the Faculty House, which rarely coincided, so we could usually help each other out.

Our office also moved back to the Faculty House. The staff, Alice Newton, Pamela Guardia, and Gessy Alvarez have adapted brilliantly to our reduced space, and scanning sixty years of Seminar minutes onto two disks has enabled us to fit our remaining records into a small storage space in the basement. The Columbia Library is well on the way to make these documents, now searchable, a resource for serious scholars without being publicly available.

It is a tremendous improvement to have our office adjacent to the meeting rooms. When power point does not work, or photocopies are needed at the last moment, or light or heating controls are hard to find, etc., one of our staff has usually seen exactly that problem many times. Proximity fosters informality and efficiency.

Seminars last as long as their leadership and the need for the Seminar warrant. C. T. Wang founded and ran our China Business Seminar, beginning when there were few businesses based in China. He died three years ago; his devoted friends tried to keep it going, but have now reported that business in and with China is now being studied in so many other places that the Seminar should be dissolved. A Seminar on the Sites of Cinema was founded to complement the richly eclectic approach of our existing Seminar on Cinema and the broad theoretical approach of our Seminar on Media.

The Seminars have responded with good cheer to the challenges of being without a habitat for a year and then moving into a new one. The economic situation will offer new challenges, and each Seminar



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

will find its way to cope with them. At the end of the 2009–2010 year, Robert Belknap announced his retirement as Director at the end of 2010. The Advisory Committee consulted with the General Committee about his successor and named Professor Robert Pollack, who has been appointed by President Lee Bollinger.

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



THE SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL  
DINNER MEETING

TANNENBAUM-WARNER AWARD

*for Distinguished Service to the University Seminars*

*to*

GARY SICK

*followed by*

THE TANNENBAUM LECTURE

*Kurosawa at 100:*

*Rashomon's Shadow*

*by*

PAUL ANDERER

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



*ANNUAL DINNER: SUPPLY CAPTION*

**Gary Sick** served on the National Security Council staff under Presidents Ford, Carter and Reagan. He was the principal White House aide for Iran during the Iranian Revolution and the hostage crisis and is the author of two books on U.S.-Iran relations, in addition to several other edited books and articles dealing with U.S. Middle East policy. Mr. Sick is a captain (ret.) in the U.S. Navy, with service in the Persian Gulf, North Africa and the Mediterranean. He was the deputy director for International Affairs at the Ford Foundation from 1982 to 1987. Mr. Sick has a Ph.D. in political science from Columbia University, where he is Senior Research Scholar, adjunct professor of international affairs, and former director of the Middle East Institute (2000–2003). He teaches in the School of International and Public Affairs, where he was voted one of the top five teachers in 2009. He is a member (emeritus) of the board of Human Rights Watch in New York and founding chair of its advisory committee on the Middle East and North Africa. He is the executive director of Gulf/2000, an international online research project on political, economic and security developments in the Persian Gulf, being conducted at Columbia University since 1993.



*Gary Sick?*

**Paul Anderer** is the Mack Professor of Humanities at Columbia. Educated at Michigan (BA '71), Chicago (MA '72), and Yale (Ph.D. '79), he joined the Columbia faculty in 1980. From 1989 until 1997, he was the chair of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. He has also served the University as Vice Provost for International Relations, as Associate Vice-President for Academic Planning and Global Initiatives in the Arts and Sciences, as Acting Dean of the Graduate School, and as the Director of the Keene Center of Japanese Culture. His writings include *Other Worlds: Arishima Takeo and the Bounds of Modern Japanese Fiction* (Columbia, 1984); and *Literature of the Lost Home: Kobayashi Hideo—Literary Criticism, 1924–1939* (Stanford, 1995), along with numerous articles exploring the culture of the city (Tokyo) and Japanese modernity. His work has been awarded support from the NEH, the SSRC, and the Fulbright Commission. Professor Anderer's teaching spans undergraduate and graduate courses on Japanese fiction, film, and cultural criticism. He regularly teaches a section of Asian Humanities in service to core education. Graduate students in modern Japanese literature whom Professor Anderer has mentored hold key positions at leading institutions throughout the U.S., Europe and East Asia. He is currently writing a book on the black and white films of Kurosawa Akira, in their relationship to the Japanese post-war and to the era of silent film-making.



*Paul Anderer is the Mack Professor of Humanities at Columbia?*

From “Kurosawa at 100: Rashomon’s Shadow,” the 2010 Tannenbaum lecture given by Paul Anderer:

*2010 marks the 100th anniversary of Akira Kurosawa’s birth (1910–1998). For his achievements over a long career, he has been justly recognized as one of the greatest filmmakers of the twentieth century. At times obscured amid the awards and international acclaim, however, is a career marked by highs and lows—the strain of gathering and sustaining narrative force and vision amid the horrors and silences of the century. This lecture will focus on how Kurosawa summoned artistic energy in the aftermath of war, amid the ruins of a fallen empire in an occupied country. It will account for his stubborn fidelity to the medium of black*

*and white, as well as to other markers of his abiding connection to the era of silent film. The world Kurosawa projects seldom settles into one time and place. Whether in modern or in period dress, we encounter memories of earlier trauma (say, the destruction of Tokyo in the earthquake of 1923), a recounting of losses that possess both personal and public dimensions. Rashomon is the hinge here. Within and beyond the shadow of its gate, we can trace lines of cinematic storytelling that structure Kurosawa’s strongest films and his most resonant heroes—all fallen before any meaningful recovery or ascent. Far from being a film of timeless artistry or of abstract meditation on the relativity of truth in our age, Rashomon reveals the striations of several histories, and a world we share with absent presences all the time.*

## TANNENBAUM-WARNER AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

## TANNENBAUM LECTURERS

1971 Gilbert Highet	1990 Fritz Stern
1972 Philip C. Jessup	1991 J. C. Hurewitz
1973 Harvey Picker	1992 William S. Vickrey
1974 Paul Henry Lang	1993 M. Elaine Combs-Schilling
1975 Theodosius Dobzhansky	1994 Eli Ginzberg
1976 Eric Louis McKittrick	1995 [50th Anniversary Celebration]
1977 Daniel Yankelovich	1996 Alan Brinkley
1978 Harrison E. Salisbury	1997 Eric Foner
1979 Barbara W. Tuchman	1998 Martin Meisel
1980 Charles Gati, John N. Hazard, R. Randle Edwards, Seweryn Bialer	1999 Cynthia H. Whittaker
1981 Marshall D. Shulman	2000 Richard W. Bulliet
1982 Richard N. Gardner	2001 Robert O’Meally
1983 Richard W. Lyman	2002 Andrew J. Nathan
1984 Gerda Lerner	2003 John Stratton Hawley
1985 Joan M. Ferrante	2004 Alice Kessler-Harris
1986 Robert L. Payton	2005 James G. Neal
1987 Henry F. Graff	2006 Herbert S. Terrace
1988 Arthur A. Hartman	2007 Ester Fuchs
1989 Robert L. Belknap	2008 Lisa Anderson
	2009 Andrew S. Dolkart

THE SEVENTEENTH SERIES OF THE  
LEONARD HASTINGS SCHOFF  
MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

*given by*

PROFESSOR JEAN HOWARD

George Delacorte Professor in the Humanities  
Columbia University

STAGING HISTORY;  
IMAGINING THE NATION

I.

Bosworth Field and Agincourt:  
The Making of Shakespeare's England  
8:00 pm, Monday, February 8, 2010

II.

Tony Kushner's America and Its Angels  
8:00 pm, Monday, February 15, 2010

III.

Protestant Radicals and Jewish  
Children:  
Caryl Churchill's National Histories  
8:00 pm, Monday, February 22, 2010



*Professor Jean Howard, John Dewey George Delacorte Professor in the  
Humanities, Columbia University*

In the 1590s, William Shakespeare wrote nine plays that dramatize events from earlier moments of English history, turning first to the mid-fifteenth-century civil strife that came to be known as The War of the Roses, and then pushing back to focus on events that led up to that war. The resulting two sets of English history plays became one of the signature achievements of the first half of Shakespeare's career. Immensely popular when written, these narratives of England's past continue to influence conceptions of what it means to be "English."

Using Shakespeare's English histories as a starting point, in these lectures I will examine several different ways in which dramatists use the historical past to stage questions about national belonging, national destiny, and the role of theater in the construction of cultural memory.

If Shakespeare's plays both participated in the construction of national histories in the late Elizabethan period and also subjected that process to critical scrutiny, the work of Tony Kushner and Caryl Churchill brings the conjunction of history, nation, and theater into

the present moment. Kushner's *Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes*, dramatizes the AIDS crisis of the late 1980s by placing that crisis in conversation with such events as the Mormon trek west, the execution of Ethel Rosenberg, and the history of Jewish immigration to New York's lower East side and other past events.

Rewriting, interrupting, and co-mingling received histories, Kushner uses the American past to address current questions about national belonging, citizenship, and the belief in America's destined perfectibility.

The contemporary British playwright, Caryl Churchill, has likewise written plays that dramatize historical events in order to think about what is at stake, politically, in how one tells the story of the nation and from whose perspective. My final lecture will juxtapose her early play, *Light Shining in Buckinghamshire*, which dramatizes the English Civil War of the mid-seventeenth century, with *Seven Jewish Children*, her controversial new play about Jewish history.

**Jean E. Howard** is George Delacorte Professor in the Humanities at Columbia University where she teaches Renaissance Literature, Feminist Studies, and Literary Theory. Her books include *Shakespeare's Art of Orchestration: Stage Technique and Audience Response* (1984); *The Stage and Social Struggle in Early Modern England* (1994); *Engendering a Nation: A Feminist Account of Shakespeare's English Histories* (1997), co-written with Phyllis Rackin; and *Theater of a City: The Places of London Comedy 1598–1642* (2007).

The latter recently won the Barnard Hewitt Prize for the outstanding book of theater history for 2008. In addition, Professor Howard is one of the co-editors of *The Norton Shakespeare* and has edited seven collections of essays. The recipient of Guggenheim, ACLS, NEH, and Huntington, Folger, and Newberry Library Fellowships, she has also been President of the Shakespeare Association of America and an active member of many committees of the Modern Language Association. As an administrator, Howard has served as a Trustee of Brown University, has chaired Columbia's Institute for Research on Women and Gender, served as Columbia's first Vice



*Professor Jean Howard DELIVERING THE LEONARD HASTING SCHOFF MEMORIAL LECTURE [REAL CAPTION NEEDED]*

Provost for Diversity Initiatives, and currently is Chair of the Department of English and Comparative Literature. She is working on two books, one on Renaissance tragedy, the other on the contemporary feminist dramatist, Caryl Churchill.

## PREVIOUS LEONARD HASTINGS SCHOFF MEMORIAL LECTURES

- 1993: DAVID N. CANNADINE  
Moore Collegiate Professor of History  
*The Rise and Fall of Class in Britain, 1700–2000*
- 1994: CHARLES E. LARMORE  
Professor of Philosophy  
*The Romantic Legacy*
- 1995: SASKIA SASSEN  
Professor of Urban Planning  
*Governing the Global Economy*
- 1996: KENNETH T. JACKSON  
Jacques Barzun Professor of History  
and the Social Sciences  
*Gentleman's Agreement: Political Balkanization  
and Social Inequality in America*
- 1997: IRA KATZNELSON  
Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History  
Desolation and Enlightenment:  
*Political Knowledge After the Holocaust,  
Totalitarianism, and Total War*
- 1998: CAROL GLUCK  
George Sansom Professor of History  
*Past Obsessions: War and Memory  
in the Twentieth Century*
- 1999: ROBERT POLLACK  
Professor of Biological Sciences  
*The Faith of Biology and the Biology of Faith*
- 2000: LISA ANDERSON  
Dean of the School of International and Public Affairs  
Professor of Political Science  
*The Scholar and the Practitioner: Perspectives  
on Social Science and Public Policy*
- 2001: PARTHA CHATTERJEE  
Professor of Anthropology  
*The Politics of the Governed*
- 2002: DAVID ROSAND  
Meyer Schapiro Professor of Art History  
*The Invention of Painting in America*
- 2003: GEORGE RUPP  
President, International Rescue Committee  
*Globalization Challenged:  
Conviction, Conflict, Community*
- 2004: LESLEY A. SHARP  
Associate Professor of Anthropology  
and Sociomedical Sciences  
*Bodies, Commodities, Biotechnologies*
- 2005: ROBERT W. HANNING  
Professor of English and Comparative Literature  
*Serious Play: Crises of Desire and Authority  
in the Poetry of Ovid, Chaucer, and Ariosto*
- 2006: BORIS GASPAROV  
Professor of Slavic Languages and Literature  
*The Early Romantic Roots of Theoretical Linguistics:  
Friedrich Schlegel, Novalis, and  
Ferdinand De Saussure on Sign and Meaning*
- 2007: DOUGLAS CHALMERS  
Professor Emeritus of Political Science  
*Representative Government Without Representatives:  
Seven Reasons to Think Beyond Electing  
Executives and Lawmakers*
- 2009: PHILIP KITCHER  
John Dewey Professor of Philosophy  
*Deaths in Venice:  
The Case(s) of Gustav (von) Aschenbach*

# THE SCHOFF AND WARNER PUBLICATION AWARDS

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

In 2009–2010, one book was published with assistance from both the Schoff and Warner funds; five books were published with assistance from the Schoff fund; and eight books were published with aid from the Warner fund:

## *Schoff/Warner [confirm heading]*

Katherine Goodland, *A Directory of Shakespeare in Performance 1970–1990: Volumes 2 and 3, USA and Canada*

## *Schoff Fund*

Courtney Bender, *The New Metaphysicals: Spirituality and the American Religious Imagination*

Kenneth Jackson, *The Encyclopedia of New York City: Second Edition*

Joanna Stalnaker, *The Unfinished Enlightenment: Description in the Age of Encyclopedia*

Christina Staudt, *The Many Ways We Talk About Death in Contemporary Society: Interdisciplinary Studies in Portrayal and Classification*



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

Cynthia Whittaker (editor), *Visualizing Russia: Fedor Solnsteu and  
Crafting a National Past*

**Warner Fund**

Irene Dash, *Shakespeare and the American Musical*

Bernice Kliman, *hamletworks.org*

Olga Maiorova, *From the Shadow of Empire: Defining the Russian  
Nation through Cultural Mythology, 1855–1870*

Molly Murray, *The Poetics of Conversion in Early Modern English  
Literature: Verse and Change from Donne to Dryden*

Martha Nochimson, *World on Film: An Introduction*

Catherine Raissiguier, *Reinventing the Republic, Gender, Migration,  
and Citizenship in France*

Ludmilla Trigos, *The Decembrist Myth in Russian Culture*

Michael Wachtel, *Viacheslav Ivanov, Lidiia Zinov'eva-Annibal,  
Perepiska 1894–1903*



## 2009–2010 SEMINAR CONFERENCES

For the University Seminars in ongoing companies monthly discussions discover or transmit important understandings. Occasionally, however, a Seminar's central concerns involve scholars too distant for regular participation, or a Seminar wants to engage a broader audience in its concerns. On such occasions, the Seminar arranges a conference. Seminar-sponsored conferences may last half a day, or more than a week, may have a dozen invited experts working privately on a problem, or may be open to the public. Conferences often have co-sponsors and do not have to meet at Columbia. Seminars may receive funds for travel, accommodations, meeting rooms, audio-visual rental, translators, food, but not for honoraria, even from a co-sponsor.

In 2009–2010, Seminars sponsored or co-sponsored fourteen Conferences:

### 40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION & CONFERENCE



Of veterans from the late 1960's New York high school struggles against the war in Vietnam and the Draft, and for Student Rights and Community Control of the Schools

Saturday, June 20, 2009

Union Theological Seminary Social Hall

#### PANEL PARTICIPANTS

Former high school activists from the 1960's

Ira Glasser, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union\* (ACLU) from 1978 to 2001. As NYCLU attorney, represented high school student activists against the New York City Board of Education, and was involved in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville struggle for community control.

Susan Schnall, Lieutenant, U.S. Navy\*. Nurse court-martialed for dropping anti-war leaflets from a plane over San Francisco-area Naval stations during Vietnam War, and for participating in full uniform in G.I. March for Peace. Among the veterans featured in the film "Sir, No Sir!"

Clarence Taylor, Chair of the History Department, Baruch College\*. Has done extensive research on the modern civil rights and black power movements, African-American religion, and the modern history of New York City.

Gilda Zwerman, Chair of the Sociology Department, SUNY Old Westbury\*. Has written extensively on the Ocean Hill-Brownsville struggle, as well as 1960s and '70s New Left activism.

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# SHAKESPEARE AND PHILOSOPHY: A DAY LONG COLLOQUIUM

17th in this series of annual Shakespeare gatherings  
at Fairleigh Dickinson University

**Saturday, October 24, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

**Day long Colloquium**

**Free and Open to the Public**

This year's colloquium has us thinking about Shakespeare in relation to ideas. Topics include how Yorick's skull makes us rethink mortality, how Shakespeare helps us understand the art and necessity of deception, what Shakespeare meant to 18th century philosophers and why and how Shakespearean tragedy works. Special attention will be paid to *Hamlet* and *As You Like It*.

## OBSCURE DESIRE OF OBJECTS: SUBJECT AND OBJECT IN *HAMLET*

**Eric Johnson-DeBaufre**

Yorick's skull plays a powerful role in shaping Hamlet's changing cognition about death and subjectivity. Through this example, Eric Johnson-DeBaufre argues that material objects and physical contact with them actually enable new and/or previously unavailable forms of thinking in Shakespeare.

**Eric Johnson-DeBaufre** completed his doctorate in English at Boston University this year. His dissertation was "A Globe of Countries: Carto-Geographic Consciousness and the Production of Early Modern English Literature, 1516–1616." He has written for the online journal *CounterPunch* and for *Medieval and Renaissance Drama in England*, and has taught at Luther College and Fairleigh Dickinson University.



## LITERATURE, LAW AND THE ART OF LYING

**Andrew Majeske**

As Shakespeare shows in *Measure for Measure*, a profound practical knowledge of deceit is necessary to the art of ruling. In *As You Like It*, the playwright deals directly with the education of future rulers in the art of deception—both committing it and learning to see through it. This education is especially evident in the exchange between Rosalind and Orlando in Act 3, Scene 2. We will discuss whether training students in the art of deception (at least the art of recognizing when they are being deceived by others) needs to be a fundamental objec-

tive of a literary education in general and a literature and law education in particular.

**Andrew Majeske** is an associate professor of English at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, where he teaches literature and law, Shakespeare and medieval and renaissance literature in the English department. In addition to his PhD in literature, with an emphasis in classics, from the University of California, Davis, Majeske has a JD from Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Before returning to academe, he practiced law for 11 years. He is the author of *Equity in English Renaissance Literature* (2006) and editor of *Justice, Women and Power in English Renaissance Drama* (2009).

## TRAGIC CONDITIONS IN SHAKESPEARE

**Paul A. Kottman**

Are we still moved by Shakespeare? If so, why? And how? If our typical responses to tragic events—grief or fear and pity—shed light on the collective stakes of those events, then what do Shakespeare’s tragedies say about what we mean to one another? In what ways might Shakespeare force us to move beyond the classical (Aristotelian, Sophoclean) ways of thinking about tragedy and social life?

**Paul A. Kottman** is assistant professor of comparative literature at The New School, where he teaches at Eugene Lang College, The New School for Liberal Arts, and in liberal studies at The New School for Social Research. He is the author of *Tragic Conditions in Shakespeare* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009) and *A Politics of the Scene* (Stanford University Press, 2008) and the editor of *Philosophers on Shakespeare* (Stanford University Press, 2009). He has also translated two books by the Italian philosopher Adriana Cavarero, *Relating Narratives* (Routledge, 2000) and *For More Than One Voice* (Stanford University Press, 2005). He is currently working on a book project, tentatively titled “On Love and the Social.” The recipient of a Solmsen postdoctoral fellowship and a grant

from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, his writing has appeared in *The Oxford Literary Review*, *Shakespeare Studies*, *Theatre Journal*, the *Journal of Cultural and Religious Studies* and the *Revue Internationale de Philosophie*.

## AESTHETICS AND SUBJECTIVITY IN *HAMLET*: FROM CLASSICAL AESTHETICS TO POSTMODERNISM

**Hugh Grady**

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, German discourse on Shakespeare’s *Hamlet* was complexly interconnected with the great literary and philosophical revolutions that produced German idealist philosophy and German romanticism—and much of the content of aesthetic theory. The changes resulted in *Hamlet*’s rise to world stature—it was transformed from the great, if flawed, masterpiece of the English national poet to perhaps the greatest masterpiece of world literature. Central to this movement were two crucial concepts—aesthetics and subjectivity. These issues have suddenly become relevant as *Hamlet* has regained some of its former cultural centrality in recent postmodernist interpretations from Benjamin, Lacan, Derrida and many others as the importance of subjectivity and aesthetics in a late capitalist society are redefined today.

**Hugh Grady** is professor of English at Arcadia University. He has published extensively in the field of Shakespeare studies, with some 35 journal and anthology articles, four monographs and two critical anthologies. His newest book, *Shakespeare and Impure Aesthetics*, has just been published by Cambridge University Press. His previous books include *Shakespeare, Machiavelli and Montaigne: Power and Subjectivity from Richard II to Hamlet* (2002), *Shakespeare’s Universal Wolf: Studies in Early Modern Reification* (1996) and *The Modernist Shakespeare: Critical Texts in a Material World* (1991). He has edited and contributed to the critical anthologies *Presentist Shakespeares* (2006, coedited with Terence Hawkes) and *Shakespeare and Modernity: Early Modern to Millennium* (2000).



# CITIES IN REVOLT: THE DUTCH-AMERICAN ATLANTIC, CA. 1650–1815

Deutsches Haus, Columbia University

November 13–14, 2009

**C**ities in Revolt,” a two-day conference at Columbia University, is a forum for new scholarship on the intersections between the Dutch and Anglo-American Atlantic worlds in the long eighteenth century. The main conference goals are 1) to create a scholarly discussion about Dutch-American interconnections in the eighteenth century and 2) help the general public gain a fuller picture of an understudied period in Dutch-American relations. Most of the conference will consist of panels of three presenters each, a comment, and time for discussion at the end.

## PROGRAM

### **Seventeenth-Century Histories,**

### **Eighteenth-Century Memories**

**November 13, 9:30–11:30**

Chair: Karen Kupperman (NYU)

Virginie Adane (EHES): The Evolution of a New  
Netherland Narrative: The Penelope Stout Story,  
17th–19th Centuries

Paul Finkelman (Albany Law): Jews and Other  
Minorities in New Netherland and Early New  
York: The Beginning of Religious Freedom in  
America

Martine van Ittersum (U. Dundee): Filial Piety  
versus Republican Liberty? The Cornets de  
Groot Family in Rotterdam and the Legacy  
of Hugo Grotius, 1748–1798

Comment: Jaap Jacobs

### **American Political Events in Dutch Atlantic Perspective**

**November 13, 1:30–3:30**

Chair: Hans Krabbendam (Roosevelt Study Ctr.)

Michiel van Groesen (U. A'dam): New Netherland  
vs. New York: Contested Representations of a  
Colony, 1664–1673

Megan Lindsay (Yale): Leislerian and Anti-  
Leislerian Political Ideologies in an Atlantic  
Context

Benjamin L. Carp (Tufts): Did Dutch Smugglers  
Provoke the Boston Tea Party?

Comment: Ned Landsman (Stony Brook)

### **Keynote address: The Dutch Cities, Radical Enlightenment and the ‘General Revolution,’ 1776–1790**

**November 13, 4:00–5:30**

Chair: Hon. H. Gajus Scheltema, Consul-General of  
the Netherlands in New York

Jonathan Israel (Institute for Advanced Study)  
Reception to follow in honor of the Publication  
of *Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations*  
(SUNY Press)

### **War, Trade and Politics in the Dutch-American Atlantic**

**November 14, 10:00–12:00**

Chair: Herb Sloan (Barnard)

Christian Koot (Towson): Looking Beyond Sugar:  
Dutch Trade, Barbados, and the Making of the  
English Empire

Thomas Truxes (NYU): Dutch-Irish Cooperation in the Mid-Eighteenth-Century Wartime Atlantic  
Victor Enthoven (Netherlands Defense Academy / Free U. A'dam): St. Eustatius: The Rise and Fall of an Emporium

Comment: Peter Silver (Rutgers-New Brunswick)

**Dutch and American Republicanisms**

**November 14, 1:30–3:30**

Chair: Evan Haefeli (Columbia)

Wyger Velema (U. A'dam): Conversations with the Classics: Ancient Political Virtue and Two Modern Revolutions

Arthur Weststeijn (European U. Inst.): The American Fortunes of the Dutch Republican Model: De la Court, Oglethorpe and Madison

Joris Oddens (U. A'dam): No Extended Sphere: Gerhard Dumbar and the Batavian Understanding of the American Constitution

Comment: Andrew Shankman (Rutgers-Camden)

**Travelers and Friends in the Age of Revolution**

**November 14, 4:00–6:00**

Annie Jourdan (U. A'dam): Théophile Cazenove, Jacques-Pierre Brissot, and Joel Barlow: Three Transatlantic Actors in a Revolutionary Era

Nathan Perl-Rosenthal (Columbia): Revolutionary Epistolarity: J.D. van der Capellen and Samuel Adams

Joost Rosendaal (Nijmegen): A Dutch Revolutionary Refugee in the United States: Francis Adrien van der Kemp and his Circle

Comment: Cathy Matson (U. Delaware / PEAES)

# OTTOMAN LEGACIES IN TEXT AND LANDSCAPE

February 2, 2010

The Ottoman legacy in the Middle East and Balkans has been a frequent subject of debate over the past several years, ever more so after the publication of Carl Brown's edited volume, *Imperial Legacy: The Ottoman Imprint on the Balkans and the Middle East*, in 1996.

While common treatments of this question include studies of politics, language, and architecture, this conference focused on two specific and very different types of legacies: the way the Ottoman past is remembered in modern/confessional Lebanese historiography, and the ways it is remembered and forgotten in a neighborhood, or mahalle, of Istanbul today.

**Professor James Reilly** of the University of Toronto spoke on  
"Ottoman Beirut: History, Legacy, and Sectarian Memory"

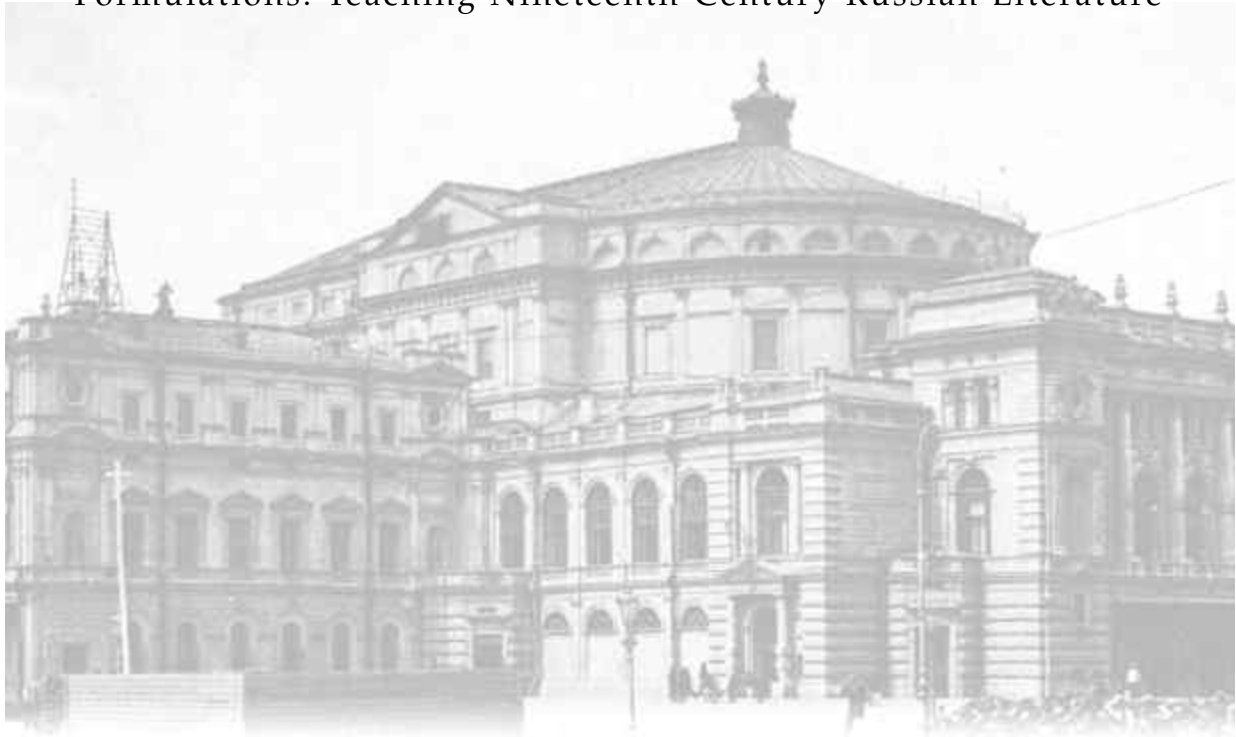
**Professor Amy Mills** of the University of South Carolina spoke on  
"The Ottoman Legacy in the Urban Landscape: A Way of Seeing"

**Christine Philiou** moderated the discussion

Sponsored by the Columbia University  
Seminar on Ottoman and Turkish Studies

# A CONFERENCE IN HONOR OF ROBERT L. BELKNAP

Formulations: Teaching Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature



Friday, February 12, 2010  
Saturday, February 13, 2010  
Hamilton Hall

Robert L. Belknap, award-winning teacher and renowned scholar of Russian literature, has challenged generations of students to make sense of the material at hand by posing provocative questions and formulating insightful, productive approaches. This conference draws together former students, colleagues, and others to celebrate Professor Belknap's teaching legacy. Papers are on classics of 19th-century Russian literature from the perspective of those who teach them.

**Participants:** Elizabeth Beaujour, Ellen Chances, Andrew Durkin, Boris Gasparov, Jefferson Gatrall, Svetlana Grenier, Richard Gustafson, Hilde Hoogenboom, Valentina Izmirlieva, Robert L. Jackson, Liza Knapp, Gina Kovarsky, Marina Ledkovsky, Deborah A. Martinsen, Olga Meerson, Maude Meisel, Robin Feuer Miller, Gary Saul Morson, Marcia A. Morris, Catharine Theimer Nepomnyashchy, Cathy Popkin, Irina Reyfman, Tatiana Smoliarova, Rebecca Stanton, William Mills Todd III, Nancy Workman

Sponsored by The Harriman Institute, Columbia College, the University Seminar on Slavic History and Culture, and the Department of Slavic Languages at Columbia

# HISTORICAL COMMISSIONS: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES

March 12–13, 2010



**International Affairs Building  
420 West 118th Street, New York**

*Hosted by the University Seminar on History, Redress,  
and Reconciliation, the Center for the Study of  
Human Rights, and the East Central European Center,  
Columbia University*



FRIDAY, MARCH 12

## **Welcoming Remarks**

**10:00–10:30**

Elazar Barkan—Director, Center for the Study of Human Rights; Professor of International Affairs and Public Affairs, Columbia University

## **Ukrainian and Polish Historical Commissions**

**10:30–12:30**

Chaired by John Micgiel—Director, East Central European Center; Executive Director, European Institute; Associate Director, Harriman Institute, Columbia University

### *Polish-Ukrainian Reconciliation: Traditional Views and the Roots of Reconciliation from World War II to the Late 1980s*

Frank E. Sysyn—Professor and Director of the Peter Jacyk Centre for Ukrainian Research, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta; Jacyk Visiting Scholar to the Columbia Ukrainian Studies Program, Harriman Institute, Columbia University

### *The Longest Reconciliation: Polish and Ukrainian Memories on Polish-Ukrainian Military Conflicts in the 20th Century*

Yaroslav Hrytsak—Director, Petro Jacyk Program for the Study of Modern Ukrainian History and Society, University of Alberta; Director, Institute for

Historical Research, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv; Chair of Modern World History, Ukrainian Catholic University

### *Institute of National Remembrance: Polish Model of Dealing with the Totalitarian Past*

Krzysztof Persak – Senior Expert, Institute of National Remembrance; Research Fellow, Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Science

## **Present and Absent Victims:**

### **The Baltic States and Romania**

**1:45–3:45**

Chaired by Paige Arthur—Deputy Director of Institutional Development, International Center for Transitional Justice

### *The Baltic States and Russia: Bilateral Lessons from Unilateral Commissions*

Vello Pettai—Senior Researcher, Institute of Government and Politics, University of Tartu; Guest Professor of Political Science, Center for the Study of Democracy, Leuphana University Lüneburg

### *Aufarbeitung of the Holocaust in the Baltic States: Comparing Baltic History Commissions' Impact on Jewish-Baltic Reconciliation*

Eva-Clarita Pettai—Academic Coordinator and Researcher, Center for the Study of Democracy, Leuphana University Lüneburg



*The Wiesel and Tismaneanu Commission: Lessons for Turkish-Armenian Historical Commissions*

Lavinia Stan—Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Francis Xavier University

**Germany: After Guilt**

4:00–6:00

Chaired by Daniel Levy – Associate Professor of Sociology, Stony Brook University

*Germans, Poles, and the Controversy about the “Museum Against ‘Vertreibung’”*

Norman M. Naimark—Robert and Florence McDonnell Professor of East European Studies, Department of History, Stanford University

*Money, Memory, and Bureaucracy: The Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility, and Future”*

Constantin Goshler—Professor of Modern History, Ruhr University Bochum

*Crimes of the Wehrmacht and the Galician Mystery: Commissions and Obfuscations*

Omer Bartov—John P. Birkelund Distinguished Professor of European History; Chair, Department of History, Brown University

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

**North East Asia: Varieties of Denial and Recognition**

9:15–11:15

*Truth and Reconciliation within Korea: “Collaboration” and Colonialism*

Charles Armstrong—The Korea Foundation Associate Professor of Korean Studies in the Social Sciences, Columbia University

*A History That Opens to the Future: The First Common China-Japan-Korean History Teaching Guide*

Soon-Won Park—Adjunct Professor, Department of History and Art History, George Mason University

*Remembrance, Reconciliation and Reconstruction – China-Japan Joint History Research Project: Problems and Prospect*

Q. Edward Wang—Professor of History; Coordinator of the Asian Studies Program, Rowan University

*Why Commissions Fail: China and Japan, 2010*

Carol Gluck—George Sansom Professor of History; Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University

**Lessons Learned: Perspectives on the Proposed Armenia-Turkey Commission**

11:30–1:15

Chaired by Elazar Barkan—Director, Center for the Study of Human Rights; Professor of International Affairs and Public Affairs, Columbia University

*Armenian-Turkish Protocol and Dispute on an Historians Commission*

Taner Akçam—Associate Professor; Robert Aram and Marianne Kaloosdian and Stephen and Marion Mugar Chair in Armenian Genocide Studies, Clark University

*Lessons from the Turkish-Armenian Reconciliation Commission and Their Applicability to the Protocols on Normalization and Recognition*

David L. Phillips—Director, Program on Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding, American University

**Concluding Remarks**

1:15–1:30

# TRANS-NATIONALISING WOMEN'S FILM HISTORY: PROBLEMS AND ISSUES

M.A. in Film Studies Graduate Conference, Columbia University

Saturday, March 13  
Maison Française, Columbia University

WORKING IN ASIAN, SPANISH,  
PORTUGUESE AND RUSSIAN  
ARCHIVES

2 pm–6:15 pm

Moderator: Linnéa Hussein  
of Columbia University



“Les ombres qui passent”

Alexandre Volkoff

“Baby rjazanskie”

Olga Preobrazhenskaya

“The curse of Qoun Gwon”

Marion Wong

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Columbia University

“ALICE GUY BLACHÉ:  
AFTER THE  
EXHIBITION”



Screenings and Panel Discussion, 7:30 pm

Overview of Whitney Exhibition

Joan Simon, Curator Alice Guy Blaché Exhibition,  
Whitney Museum

### Family Melodrama

La Marâtre/The Stepmother (Gaumont, 1906)

Falling Leaves (Solax, 1912)

### Panel

Moderator: Antonia Lant, NYU

Alan Williams, Rutgers University

Kim Tomadjogiou, Preservation Director,

Co-Curator, Alice Guy Blaché Exhibition

Charles Musser, Yale University

### Cross-Dressing Comedy

La Femme collante/The Sticky Woman

(Gaumont, 1906)

La Matelas alcoolique/The Drunken Mattress

(Gaumont, 1906)

### Alice Guy's Ambiguous Politics

Le Résultats du féminisme/The Results of

Feminism (Gaumont, 1906)

The Strike (Solax, 1911)

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# UNEQUAL BEFORE DEATH

A Conference Organized by  
The Columbia University Seminar on Death

Saturday, March 20, 2010  
Columbia University Faculty House

Left: "The Escutcheon of Death" from  
*The Dance of Death* by Hans Holbein, 1538

More than twenty speakers presented original papers, highlighting current ideas and recent findings on inequalities in death, dying and bereavement.

## Introductory Session—Christina Staudt

### I. Fundamentals of Death and Inequality

**Siamak Movahedi/Glenn Jacobs**—*Death as a Metaphor in the Cultural Unconscious*

**Michael Bartalos**—*Inequality, Exploitation and Entitlement*

**Margaret Yard**—*Grievability: The Social Marker for a Life that Counts*

**Betty Levin**—*From Local to Global: Social Origins of Disparities in Mortality*

### II. Socio-Culturally Constructed Inequities

**Marcelline Block**—*Poor Little Rich Dead: Michael Jackson's Moonwalk through the Pharmaco-Narco Netherworld and Other Tales of Celebrity Death and Inequality: Anna Nicole Smith, Brittany Murphy, and Casey Johnson*

**David Balk**—*Adolescents: The Ignored Bereaved*

**Sarah Kaufman**—*Performing Inequality: Findings from Inside American Death Penalty Trials*

**Jerry Nessel**—*Some False Beliefs Or Unhealthy Thinking, Concerning Old Age that May Result In An Early Death*

**Facilitator: Tom Caffrey**

### III. Inequality and Death in a Global Perspective

**Ida Susser**—*The Politics of Inequality: AIDS, Culture and Power in Southern Africa*

**Christina Staudt**—*Unequal and Invisible: Maternal Death in the Developing World*

**Rudy von Bernuth**—*Natural Disasters: The Burden on the Poor, and What We Can Do*

**Lloyd Steffen**—*Stop the Killing: The Protections of "Just War" on Non-Combatants*

**Facilitator: Lesley Sharp**

### IV. Inequities in End-of-Life Care Settings

**Margaret Souza**—*When Those Who Have Less Receive More*

**James Maurino**—*Addressing the Current and Future Needs of Racial, Ethnic, and Sexual Minorities and Care In Hospice Settings*

**Rhonda Sternberg**—*Alone & Dying . . . Coming of Old Age in America*

**Julie Buyon/Marsha Hurst**—*The Patient Advocate in Palliative Care: Bridging the structural divide at the end of life*

**Facilitator: Sherry Schachter**

### V. War and Terrorism: Justifications for Inequalities in Death

**Harold Ellens**—*The Inequality or Singularity of Institutionalized Death: Soldiers' Deaths*

**William Hon/Michael Kim**—*A Disparity of Casualties: An investigation of the US Military's culture towards its sacrifices in the Global War on Terror*

**Talat Halman**—*Death Is Its Own Conquest: The Prestige of Martyrdom in Palestine*

**Jerry Piven**—*Ontological Dread and the Envy of Life: Why Ideologies Justify Who Deserves to Live and Who is Worthy of Death*

**Facilitator: Kevin Keith**

**Conference coordinator: Pamela Guardia**

NEO-LIBERALISM, SECULARISM,  
AND THE FUTURE OF THE LEFT IN INDIA:  
A DAY-LONG CONFERENCE

Thursday, 1 April 2010 10:00am–7:30pm  
Heyman Center for the Humanities

**Keynote Speaker:** Sitaram Yechury  
**Additional Speakers:** Prabhat Patnaik, Jayati  
Ghosh, C.P. Chandrahekar, Javeed Alam  
**Discussants:** Sanjay Reddy, Arjun Jayadev, Anush  
Kapadia, Akeel Bilgrami

SAROD MAESTRO  
USTAD AMJAD ALI KHAN

Friday, 2 April, 2010

**Lecture:** 6:00pm, Lerner Hall  
**Concert:** 8:00pm Miller Theater

Co-sponsored by  
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Committee on Global Thought



# THE CHALLENGE OF INTEGRATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Muslim Immigrants in the United States and France:  
A Day-long Conference

Friday, April 2, 2010

8:30 am–7:30 pm

International Affairs Building

Almost thirty million Muslims now live in Western nations, a presence unparalleled in history. Focusing on the U.S. and France, this conference brings together scholars from various disciplines of the social sciences and humanities with those who study different Muslim populations to comparatively address the main challenges faced by Muslims in integrating Western societies today.

**Featuring:**

Hishaam Aidi (Columbia University)  
Samin Akgonul (Université Marc Bloch Strasbourg 2, France)  
Mücahit Bilici (CUNY)  
Amel Boubakeur (EHSS, École Normale Supérieure de Paris)  
Louise Cainkar (Marquette University)  
Elizabeth Castelli (Barnard)  
Souleymane Bachir Diagne (Columbia University)  
Mamadou Diouf (Columbia University)  
Rosemary Hicks (Columbia University)  
Solenne Jounaueu (Université Paris)

Nathalie Kakpo (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)  
Ousmane Kane (Columbia University)  
Ahmet Kuru (San Diego State University)  
Robert Lieberman (Columbia University)  
Debra Majeed (Beloit College)  
Aminah Mohammad-Arif (National Centre for Scientific Research, France)  
Mohamed Nimer (American University, Cairo)  
Mahamet Timera (Université Paris, France)  
Simona Tersigni (University of Rennes 2, France) and Malika Zeghal (University of Chicago).

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April 9–10, 2010  
Columbia University

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

**Session 1**

**Chair: Alan Dye**

9:30–9:45

Opening comments

9:45–10:30

John Coatsworth, Columbia University, “The New Economic History of Latin America: Evolution and Recent Contributions,” co-authored with William Summerhill.

**Session 2**

**Chair: Andrés Gallo**

10:45–11:30

William Summerhill, UCLA, “Colonial Institutions, Slavery, Inequality, and Development: Evidence from São Paulo, Brazil”

11:35–12:20

Victor Bulmer-Thomas, University of London, “When and Why did Haiti Fall Behind? From Independence to U.S. Occupation.”

**Session 3**

**Chair: TBA** [can the name be supplied?]

2:00–2:45

Francisco Gallego, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, “Good, Bad, and Ugly Colonial Activities: Do They Matter for Economic Development?” co-authored with Miriam Bruhn.

2:50–3:35

Melissa Dell, MIT, “The Persistent Effects of Peru’s Mining Mita.”

**Session 4**

**Chair: TBA** [can the name be supplied?]

4:05–4:50

Kris James Mitchener, Santa Clara University, Hoover Institution, and NBER, “Latin American bond performance in the first era of globalization,” co-authored with Marc Weidenmier.

4:55–5:40

Sergio Silva, Harvard, “Determinants of Fertility in Mexico and Spain, Historical Development and Regional Patterns”

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

**Session 5**

**Chair: Aldo Musacchio**

9:15-10:00

Felipe T, mega Fernandes, Harvard Business School,  
"Taxation, Lobbies and Welfare in an Enclave  
Economy: Rubber in the Brazilian Amazon  
1870-1910"

10:05-10:50

Blanca S-nchez [Sanchez?] Alonso, Univ San Pablo-  
CEU, Madrid, "The Rationality of Argentine  
Immigration Policy During the Age of Mass  
Migration."

**Session 6**

**Chair: TBA [can the name be supplied?]**

11:05-11:50

Rafael Dobado, Universidad Complutense de  
Madrid, Spain nor so short!"Neither so low nor so  
short! Wages and heights in eighteenth and early  
nineteenth centuries Hispanic America," co-  
authored with Hèctor Garcia.

11:55-12:40

Ricardo Salvatore, Universidad Torcuato di Tella,  
Argentina, and Columbia University, "After the  
Conquest of the Desert: Heights, Inequality and  
Agrarian Growth in Buenos Aires Provence,  
1875-1916"

**Session 7**

**Chair: TBA [can the name be supplied?]**

2:30-3:15

Gail Triner, Rutgers University, "Privatizing and Re-  
nationalizing Subsoil Rights in Brazil: 1880-1940"

3:20-4:05

Noel Maurer, HBS, "The Mexican Oil Expropriation  
of 1938 Reconsidered"

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# NEW YORK CITY IN AMERICAN STUDIES/ AMERICAN STUDIES IN NEW YORK CITY

*An afternoon workshop and discussion*  
*Organized by the Columbia Seminar in American Studies*  
*Glenn Hendler and Elizabeth Hutchinson, co-chairs*

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010, 1–6 PM  
BARNARD COLLEGE

New York City is one of the most vibrant and challenging places to work in American Studies. As the capstone to our year-long series of presentations of American Studies work on New York City topics, this afternoon workshop will explore how the field plays out here and how being here shapes the field.

The first of our two roundtable discussions will center on the pleasures and challenges of doing American Studies research about New York City; the second will bring together scholars from various American Studies institutions in New York City to discuss their programs and the potential for developing a stronger local American Studies community.

**Panel 1**  
**1:15–3:00**

“New York City in American Studies”

Pamela Cobrin (English, Barnard) Ellen Gruber Garvey (English, New Jersey City University) Oneka LaBennett (African and African American Studies, Fordham) John Matteson (English, John Jay College, CUNY) Thuy Linh Tu (Asian Pacific American Studies, Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, NYU) Moderator: Elizabeth Hutchinson (Art History, Barnard/Columbia)

**Panel 2**  
**3:15–5:00**

“American Studies in New York City”

Rachel Adams (English, Columbia) Sarah Chinn (Hunter College, CUNY, and New York Metro American Studies Association) Arlene Davila (Anthropology and Social and Cultural Analysis, NYU) Robert Fanuzzi, (English, St. John’s University) Jennie Kassanoff (Director of American Studies, Barnard) Moderator: Glenn Hendler (Director of American Studies, Fordham)





# MAGIC IN CLARITY TEACHING ARABIC LITERATURE

The Second Annual Teaching Arabic Literature Conference  
Columbia University  
May 7–8, 2010

This conference aims to provide viable approaches to teaching Arabic literature, taking into account not only the demand of Arabic in North American universities, but also the shifts in methodology and scholarship. The papers will be collected for a proposed volume for the Modern Language Association's series *Options for Teaching*.

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010

9:30–9:45

Welcome remarks by Professor Muhsin al-Musawi  
(Columbia University)

9:45–10:00

Opening Speech by Professor Jaroslav Stetkevych

10:00–12:00

## Panel I: Addressing the Nahdah

**Moderator:** Roger Allen

**Discussant:** Samer Ali

Tarek El-Ariss (University of Texas at Austin)  
"Teaching Humor in Contemporary Arabic Literature"

miriam cooke (Duke University)

"Teaching Arab Women Writers 1980–2010"

Shaden Tageldin (University of Minnesota)

"Teaching Modern Arab Renaissance"

2:00–4:00

## Panel II: Language Through Literature

**Moderator:** miriam cooke

**Discussants:** Dimitri Gutas

Hossein Kamaly

Roy P. Mottahedeh

Roger Allen (University of Pennsylvania)

"Teaching the *Maqamat* in Translation"

Nader Uthman (New York University)

"Introductions and Surveys: Canonicity and Pedagogies of Modern Arabic Literatures"

Taoufiq Ben Amor (Columbia University)

"Language Through Literature"

4:00–6:30

## Panel III: Thresholds and Battling Grounds

**Moderator and Discussant:** Suzanne Stetkevych

Samer Ali (University of Texas at Austin)

"Teaching the Qasida Genre as World Literature"

Nargis Virani (The New School University)

"Teaching the Qur'an"

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010

9:30–12:00

**Panel IV: Thematic Axes**

**Moderator and Discussant:** Tarek El-Ariss  
Suzanne Stetkevych (Indiana University)  
“Contemporary Approaches to the Classical Qasida”

Mohammad Bennis (University of Morocco)  
“Love in Arabic Poetry”

Elizabeth Holt (Bard College)  
“Orientalism in the Arabic Literature Classroom”

1:00–3:30

**Panel V: Conceptualizations of Otherness**

**Moderator and Discussant:** Stathis Gourgouris  
Muhsin al-Musawi (Columbia University)  
“Teaching the Arabian Nights”

Gregory J. Bell (Princeton University)  
“Familiar Yet Different: Introducing Arab Romanticism to a Western Audience”

Boutheina Khaldi (University of Sharjah)  
“Teaching the Imperatives of Love in Arabic”

3:00–5:30

**Panel VI: Voices from the Classroom: Students Reflect Back on Arabic Literature Pedagogy**

**Moderator and Discussant:** Yasmine Khayyat  
(Columbia University)

Student presenters: Tom Nimmen, Destiny Christine Sullens, Lakshmi Gopal, Alison Whitelaw, Angela Giordani, Danielle Haque

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# JUSTICE IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

A symposium in memory of Brian Barry

Wednesday, 19 May 2010

8:30am–7:00pm

Heyman Center for the Humanities

BRIAN MICHAEL BARRY

1936–2009

Brian Barry was the leading political theorist of his generation. He established himself as a major voice with the publication of *Political Argument* when he was under thirty years old and went on to publish six additional sole-authored books, including the highly influential *Sociologists, Economists, and Democracy* in 1970; the first book-length critique of John Rawls's theory of justice, *The Liberal Theory of Justice*; two volumes under the title *Treatise on Social Justice: Culture and Equality*; and *Why Social Justice Matters*. He also published scores of articles and reviews. Many of the latter were wickedly funny, including celebrated (and notorious) reviews of works by Robert Nozick and Ronald Dworkin. He was the founding editor of the *British Journal of Political Science* and was the editor of *Ethics*, which he restored to great distinction in the 1980s. He taught at twelve different universities during his career, most



notably Oxford, the University of Chicago, the European University Institute, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and, for the final eight years of his career before retirement, Columbia University. He was a Fellow of the British Academy, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and winner of the Johann Skytte Prize for distinguished achievement in the study of political science. Throughout his life he worked tirelessly to bring rigor to the study of politics. A famously caustic critic, he was also a generous and enthusiastic supporter of his students. He loved travel, good food, wine, reading, and the theater, all of which he enjoyed immensely in his last two decades of life with his beloved second wife, Anni Parker, who helped to plan this symposium in honor of Brian and his work. Less than nine months after Brian's sudden death in March 2009, Anni unexpectedly joined him.



**9:15–11:00**

**Panel 1**

Vittorio Bufacchi, University College Cork, Ireland  
 Claudio Lopez-Guerra, Centro de Investigación y  
 Docencia Económicas  
 Robert Goodin, Chair

**11:15–1:00**

**Panel 2**

Charles Cameron, Princeton University  
 John Roemer, Yale University  
 David C. Johnston, Chair, Columbia University

**2:00–3:45**

**Panel 3**

Akeel Bilgrami, Columbia University  
 Jon Elster, Columbia University  
 Alan Ryan, Chair

**4:00–5:45**

**Panel 4**

David C. Johnston, Columbia University  
 Julia Maskivker, Rollins College  
 Charles Beitz, Chair

**MUSICAL PROGRAM**

J.S. Bach, *Suite No.1 in G Major, BWV 1007*

Prelude  
 Allemande  
 Courante  
 Sarabande  
 Minuet I & II  
 Gigue

Max Reger, *Suite No.2 in d minor, Opus 131c*

Prelude  
 Gavotte  
 Largo  
 Gigue

*A set of “middle movements”*

J.S. Bach, Bourree I & II from Suite No.3

J.S. Bach, Minuet I & II from Suite No.2

J.S. Bach, Gavotte I & II from Suite No.6

**Daniel Delaney, Cello**



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 David Johnston, Columbia University  
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## 2009–2010 SEMINARS

Below is a listing of the 2009–2010 University Seminars, with their topics and speakers. The seminars are listed in order of their Seminar Number, which roughly follows their chronological founding. Some of our seminars are still going strong after more than 60 years; new ones continue to be formed. One seminar was inaugurated last year. Seminars sometimes stop meeting, temporarily or permanently, for practical or intellectual reasons. Those that did not meet this past year are listed at the end of this section. Our seminars span a wide range of interests, from contemporary and historical topics in religion, literature, and law, to technical and administrative issues in contemporary society, to area studies, Shakespeare and the sciences.

### THE PROBLEM OF PEACE (403)

*Founded: 1945*

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

Chair: Dr. Roy S. Lee

Rapporteur: Ms. Jennifer Poh

#### MEETINGS 2009–2010

- December 1      *What is Justice Rapid Response and How Does It Work?*  
Andras Vamos-Goldman, Coordinator and Senior Policy Adviser
- December 14      JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON RELIGION AND SEMINAR ON HISTORY AND MEMORY  
*What's at Stake in Torture? Ritual, Imagination, and the Role of Media in the Construction of State Power*  
Tom F. Driver, The Paul Tillich Professor of Theology and Culture Emeritus  
at Union Theological Seminary
- January 19      *Problems With Preventing Genocide*  
Francis Madin Deng, Special Adviser, Office of the Special Adviser  
of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide
- February 23      *How Effective Is Our Counter-Terrorism System?*  
Ahmed Essmat Seif El-Dawla, Section Chief,  
UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate
- April 28      *Recent Events Around the Malvinas: Is a Peaceful Solution Feasible?*  
Jorge Argüello, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations

Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:

Professor Roy Lee, [royslee@optonline.net](mailto:royslee@optonline.net)

# STUDIES IN RELIGION (405)

*Founded: 1945*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor Raymond F. Bulman and Dr. Sidney Greenfield

Rapporteur: Mr. Ivan Lupic

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- November 16     *Hope in a Democratic Age*  
Alan Mittleman, Professor of Jewish Thought, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America
- December 14     JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON PEACE AND SEMINAR ON HISTORY AND MEMORY  
*What's at Stake in Torture? Ritual, Imagination, and the Role of Media in the Construction of State Power*  
Tom F. Driver, The Paul Tillich Professor of Theology and Culture Emeritus at Union Theological Seminary
- February 8     *The Faith Instinct: How Religion Evolved and Why It Endures*  
Nicholas Wade, Author, Science Reporter for the *New York Times*
- March 15     *Wisdom of the Aged: What the Bible Teaches Us About Old Age*  
Christopher Bellitto, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Assistant Chair, History Department, Kean University, NJ
- April 12     *Brazilian Immigrants and Pentecostalism in New York City*  
Donizette Rodrigues, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Beira Interior (Portugal) and the Portuguese Center for Research in Anthropology
- May 10     *Healing and Trance: Interpreting the Bible with Anthropology*  
John J. Pilch, Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Academic year 2010–2011 Chairs:

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Dr. Sydney Greenfield, sgreenfield222@aol.com

Dr. Christopher D. Denny, dennyc@stjohns.edu

# THE RENAISSANCE (407)

*Founded: 1945*

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

Chair: Professor Elizabeth K. Hill

Rapporteur: Mr. Ivan Lupic

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 8 *Shakespeare Among His Contemporaries: Tragic Practice on the Early Modern Stage*  
Jean E. Howard, Columbia University
- October 13 *Michelangelo's Open Secrets: Tommaso de' Cavalieri and Networks of Exchange*  
Maria Ruvoldt, Fordham University
- November 10 *From Marriage to Massacre: The Louvre in 1572*  
Phillip Usher, Barnard College
- December 8 *Meat Matters: Bovine Disease and the Origins of Veterinary Medicine in Renaissance Italy*  
Karl Appuhn, New York University
- February 9 *Di qua, di là, di su, di giù: The Diffusion of Intellectual and Cultural Themes  
(Including Literary, Artistic, and Scientific Themes) Between Fifteenth-Century  
Northern Italy and Other Parts of Europe*  
Cynthia M. Pyle
- March 9 *Meddling with Allegory: Spenser, Wordsworth, and Coleridge*  
Lin Kelsey, Yale University
- The Influence of Anxiety: Spenser and Wordsworth*  
Richard Peterson, University of Connecticut, Storrs
- April 13 *Human Life Span, Length of Life, and the Powers of Medicine:  
Some Fourteenth- to Early-Seventeenth-Century Discussions.*  
Nancy Siraisi
- May 11 *Temporal Proportions in Guillaume Du Fay's Nuper rosarum flores (1436):  
Symbolism vs. Performance Practice*  
Ruth DeFord, Hunter College, CUNY

Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:

Professor Elizabeth Hill, hillchas3@aol.com

# CONTENT AND METHODS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (411)

*Founded: 1947*

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

Chair: Mr. Tony Carnes

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Letchworth

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| September 9 | <i>Family, Education, Sexuality, and Religion Among Washington Heights Adolescents</i><br>Tony Carnes, Values Research Institute   |
| October 14  | <i>The Soft City: On Voyeurism and Engagement</i><br>Terry Williams  |
| November 11 | <i>The Porcupine's Tale: Indigenous Youth and the Struggle For Tomorrow</i><br>Gerald Sider, CUNY  |
| December 9  | <i>Why Must Iago Remain Silent?</i><br>Laurent Stern, Rutgers University   |
| March 10    | <i>Ancient Greek Philosophical Roots of Qualitative Analysis</i><br>Ruth Rubinstein, SUNY–FIT  |
| April 19    | <i>Transcending the Particular in Postsecular Cities</i><br>Justin Beaumont, University of Groningen   |
| May 12      | <i>Theoretical, Ethical, and Methodological Issues in the Anthropological Study of Sexuality:<br/>A Historical Analysis</i><br>Andrew Lyons, Wilfrid Laurier University<br>Harriet Lyons, University of Waterloo |

Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:

Mr. Tony Carnes, [contentssem@aol.com](mailto:contentssem@aol.com)



# EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPEAN CULTURE (417)

*Founded: 1962*

Scholars from a variety of disciplines—history, literature, philosophy, political science, music, and art—present papers from work in progress treating some aspect of eighteenth-century European culture. Special topics of the Seminar in recent years have included a symposium on the 18th-century reception of Classical, Hellenistic, and Late Antique texts (2003) and the intellectual origins of freedom of speech (2007–2008).

Co-Chairs: Dr. Elizabeth Powers and Professor Al Coppola  
Rapporteur: Ms. Adela Ramos

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 17 *Queering Oliver Goldsmith: Sentimental Irony and The Vicar of Wakefield*  
James Kim, Department of English, Fordham University
- October 15 *Meaning and Authority in the Thought of J.G. Herder*  
Katie Terezakis, Department of Philosophy, Rochester Institute of Technology
- November 19 *Tricks and Talk: Popular Science in Newtonian England*  
Al Coppola, Department of English, John Jay College
- December 10 *Editing James Boswell, 1924–2009: Pasts, Presents, Futures*  
James Caudle, Associate Editor, Yale Editions of the Private Papers of James Boswell
- January 28 *This Is Enlightenment*  
Clifford Siskin, Department of English, New York University
- March 4 *Literary Property, Authors' Copy Money, and the Myth of 1774*  
Richard B. Sher, Federated Department of History, Rutgers University–Newark  
and New Jersey Institute of Technology (Rutgers, Newark)
- March 25 *Dreaming Is Believing: Agency and the Unconscious in the Enlightenment England*  
Phyllis Mack, Department of History, Rutgers University
- April 29 *Scientific Experiment, Drama, and the Origins of the British Novel, 1600–1800*  
Michael McKeon, Department of English, Rutgers University

Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:  
Prof. Al Coppola, [acoppola@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:acoppola@jjay.cuny.edu)

# ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT (423)

*Founded: 1951*

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

Chair: Professor Peter V. Norden

Rapporteurs: Ms. Monica Landrove and Ms. Laralyn Mowers

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| September 14 | <i>I.O.U.S.A.</i><br>Howard Finkelberg, Management Consulting, Greater NYC Area  |
| November 3   | <i>United States and European Capital Requirements Standards Under the Basel II Accord</i><br>Margaret Trench, Senior Director of Portfolio Risk Management for Barclays Bank. |
| February 8   | PLANNING MEETING   |
| March 8      | PLANNING MEETING   |
| April 12     | <i>Downsizing in Big Corporations: Documentary by Michael Moore</i>  |

Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:

Professor Peter V. Norden, pvn1@columbia.edu; nordenchildworks@aol.com

# STUDIES IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THOUGHT (427)

*Founded: 1968*

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

**Co-Chairs: Professors David Johnston and Melissa Schwartzberg**

**Rapporteur: Mr. Pablo Kalmanovitz**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| October 2   | <i>Claiming Rights Across Borders: International Human Rights and Democratic Sovereignty</i><br>Seyla Benhabib, Yale University |
| November 13 | <i>Modern Social Imaginaries</i><br>Charles Taylor, McGill University   |
| December 4  | <i>The Theory of Justice as Fairness</i><br>David Johnston, Columbia University   |
| February 12 | <i>Hobbes and the Jury</i><br>Richard Tuck, Harvard University  |
| March 5     | <i>Settling</i><br>Robert Goodin, Australian National University  |
| April 30    | <i>Eco-Republic: Elements of a Platonic Republicanism of Initiative</i><br>Melissa Lane, Princeton University                   |

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**Professor Melissa Schwartzberg, [ms3125@columbia.edu](mailto:ms3125@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: Professors Glenn Hendler and Elizabeth Hutchinson

Rapporteur: Ms. Christina Charuhas

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 17 *Is there a Queens Urbanism? American Studies Asks the Question*  
Joseph Heathcott, Department of Urban Studies, The New School for Liberal Arts
- October 15 *Politics, Aesthetics, and First Wave Feminism: The Emergence of Women on the New York Stage, 1880–1927*  
Pamela Cobrin, Department of History,  
Direct of the Writing Program & Senior Lecturer, Barnard College
- November 19 *"In Preparation for the New Fire": The New-York Tribune and the Politicization of Margaret Fuller*  
John Matteson, Department of English, John Jay College
- January 28 *New York Scissors: Abolitionists, Suffragists, and African American Activists Repurpose the City's Media*  
Ellen Gruber Garvey, Department of English, New Jersey City University
- February 18 *All in the Family? Asian American Designers and the Boundaries of Creative Labor*  
Thuy Linh Tu, Department of Asian-Pacific Studies,  
Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University
- March 11 *Consuming Identities: Race, Gender and Transnationalism amongst West Indian Girls in Brooklyn*  
Oneka LaBennett, Department of African & African American Studies,  
Fordham University

Academic year 2010–2011 Chairs:

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Professor Elizabeth Hutchinson, [ehutchin@barnard.edu](mailto:ehutchin@barnard.edu)

# MEDIEVAL STUDIES (431)

*Founded: 1954*

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

**Chair: Professor Susan Boynton**

**Rapporteur: Mr. Liam Moore**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 12     *Benedictine Monks at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge in the Later Middle Ages*  
Joan Greatrex, Cambridge University
- October 28     *Terribilis est locus iste: the Pantheon in 609*  
Susan Rankin, Cambridge University
- December 3     *From Mozarabic to Romanesque in the South Transept Portal of Silos*  
Elizabeth Valdez del Alamo, Montclair State University
- January 26     *Organic Metaphors and Manuscript Relations: Stemma—Cladogram—Rhizome*  
Michael Sargent, CUNY Graduate Center
- March 2         *The Arnhem Mystical Sermons and the Sixteenth-Century  
Mystical Renaissance in the Low Countries*  
Kees Schepers, University of Antwerp

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

# STUDIES IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICA (435)

*Founded: 1956*

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

**Co-Chairs: Professor Ousmane Kane and Dr. Yuusuf S. Caruso**

**Rapporteur: Ms. Leanne Tyler**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 10     *From Global Apartheid to Global Village: Africa and the U.N.*  
Dr. Adekeye Adebajo, Centre for Global Resolution,  
University of Cape Town, South Africa
- October 1         *Morocco Under Mohammed VI: "Democratization" and the Islamist-Secular Divide*  
Dr. Maati Monjib, Universite Mohammed V—Souissi, Rabat, Morocco
- February 4        *The People's Business: Citizen's Engagement in Politics in Postwar Liberia*  
Eric Mvukiyeh, Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, Columbia University
- February 24       *Amilcar Cabral: Life, Cultural Resistance, and the Pitfalls of Armed Struggle*  
Antonio Tomas, Ph.D. Candidate, Anthropology, Columbia University
- March 31          *Debating Marriage in the Ladies? Corner of the 1930s:  
The Formation of a Civic Community and Culture in Accra, Ghana*  
Dr. Jinny Prais, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University

**Academic year 2010–2011 Chairs:**

**Dr. Yusuf Caruso, jc93@columbia.edu**

**Prof. Ousmane Kane, ok2009@columbia.edu**

# CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION (441)

*Founded: 1958*

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

**Co-Chairs: Professors Joel Lidov and Gareth Williams**

**Rapporteur: Mr. Caleb Dance**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| September 17 | <i>Art History in the Temple: the Aesthetics of the Sacred in Hellenistic Greece</i><br>Verity Platt, University of Chicago |
| October 15   | <i>In Plato's Garden: Cicero and Dionysius of Halicarnassus on Pastoral Styles</i><br>Nancy Worman, Barnard College         |
| November 19  | <i>Animal Sacrifice and its Discontents</i><br>James Rives, UNC Chapel Hill   |
| January 21   | <i>Frame Tales' in Ancient Greek Science Writing</i><br>Markus Asper, New York University                                   |
| February 18  | <i>The Wonder of Freedom: Xenophon on Slavery</i><br>Emily Baragwanath, UNC Chapel Hill                                     |
| March 25     | <i>A Covering Note: Catullus 65</i><br>Tony Woodman, University of Virginia   |
| April 22     | <i>Space and Hellenism in the Argonautika of Apollonius of Rhodes"</i><br>William Thalmann—USC                              |

**Academic year 2010–2011 Chairs:**

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**Professor Katharina Volk, [kv2018@columbia.edu](mailto:kv2018@columbia.edu)**

# MODERN EAST ASIA: CHINA (443)

*Founded: 1958*

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Eugenia Lean and Adam McKeown

Rapporteur: Ms. Elizabeth Lawrence

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 10     *Comparing Rulership and Identity Ascription, Qing and Ottoman*  
Pamela Crossley, Dartmouth College  
Discussant: Karen Barkey, Columbia University
- October 8         *Qingxiang: The Transnational Repercussions of Rural Pacification*  
*in Southeast Coastal China, 1869–1891*  
Melissa Macauley, Northwestern University  
Discussant: Helen Siu, Yale University
- November 12     *The Social Life of Chinese Labor*  
Adam McKeown, Columbia University  
Discussant: Janaki Bakhle, Columbia University



- December 10     *Mao's China and the "Singapore Story"*  
 Yinghong Cheng, Delaware State University  
 Discussant: Guobin Yang, Columbia University
- February 11     *Piracy and the State: The Politics of Intellectual Property Rights in China*  
 Martin Dimitrov, Dartmouth College  
 Discussant: Andrew Nathan, Columbia University
- March 11         *Getting Away With Manslaughter: The Vagaries of Justice in Maritime Courts  
 in Late Nineteenth Century China and Japan*  
 Pär Cassel, University of Michigan  
 Discussant: Madeleine Zelin, Columbia University
- April 8            *Chinese Uhuru: A Maoist Reading of the Congo Crisis*  
 Alexander Cook, University of California, Berkeley  
 Discussant: Mamadou Diouf, Columbia University
- May 6              *Of Poetry and Pottery: Gendered Utopias in Transcultural Context*  
 David Porter, University of Michigan  
 Discussant: Dorothy Ko, Barnard College

Academic year 2010–2011 Chairs:

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Professor Adam McKeown, amm2009@columbia.edu

Dr. William Charles Wooldridge, william.wooldridge@lehman.cuny.edu

# MODERN EAST ASIA: JAPAN (445)

*Founded: 1960*

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

Chair: Professor Laura Neitzel

Rapporteur: Mr. Chad Diehl

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 24     *Criminal Violence in Modern Japanese Politics*  
Eiko Maruko Siniawer, Associate Professor of History, Williams College  
Discussant: Gregory Pflugfelder, Associate Professor of Japanese History,  
Columbia University
- October 29     *The Social Meanings of the Allied War Crimes Program in Post-Occupation Japan*  
Franziska Seraphim, Associate Professor of History, Boston College  
Discussant: Darryl Flaherty, Assistant Professor of History, University of Delaware
- November 19     *Fecal Matters: Prolegomenon to a History of Shit in Japan*  
David Howell, Professor of East Asian Studies and History, Princeton University  
Discussant: Bernard Faure, Kao Professor of Japanese Religion, Columbia University
- March 4     *In Memoriam: Doi Takeo: The Problem of Communalism in Postwar Japan*  
Amy Borovoy, Associate Professor of East Asian Studies, Princeton University  
Discussant: Marilyn Ivy, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Columbia University
- April 15     *The Self-Made Woman and the Superior Student: Transgressive Femininity,  
Educational Achievement, and Meritocratic Modernity in Taisho Japan*  
Mark Jones, Associate Professor of History, Central Connecticut State University  
Discussant: Yuki Terazawa, Assistant Professor of History, Hofstra University

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Professor Carol Gluck, cg9@columbia.edu

# NEW TESTAMENT (451)

*Founded: 2006*

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

**Co-Chairs: Professors Claudia Setzer and Colleen Conway**

**Rapporteur: Ms. Kimberlee Auletta**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 23     *Paul's Caricature of his Rival as Pompous Parasite*  
Larry Welborn, Fordham University
- October 21        *Possibilities for Parables from a Postcolonial Perspective*  
Colleen Conway, Seton Hall
- February 11      *What Isseos Saw: Imagining Texts in the Earliest Christian Baptistery*  
Michael Peppard, Fordham University
- March 10          *Pasolini and Political Theology: The Unmade San Paolo*  
Elizabeth Castelli, Barnard College
- April 22           *Zechariah and the Bubbling Blood: An Ancient Tradition in Jewish,  
Christian, and Muslim Tradition*  
Richard Kalmin

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**Professor Claudia Setzer, [claudiasetzer@verizon.net](mailto:claudiasetzer@verizon.net)**

# THE CITY (459A)

*Founded: 1962*

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

Chair: Professor Lisa Keller  
Rapporteur: Ms. Abigail Joseph

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 23     *Bigger Than a Haircut: Desegregation, Race, and the Barber Shop*  
Quincy Mills, Vassar College
- October 27        *Cities as Islands and Suburbs as Archipelagos: A Revision of Contemporary Metropolitan History*  
Michael H. Ebner, Lake Forest College
- November 9       *Narratives of Failure? Histories of Federal Urban Policy*  
Michael Katz, University of Pennsylvania
- December 8       *Urban Improvisations: Movies and "The Method" in the 1950's and 60's New York*  
Maura Spiegel, Columbia University
- January 27        *New Perspectives on the Flushing Remonstrance*  
Evan Haefeli, Columbia University
- February 23      *A Just City: Only in Oz?"*  
Peter Marcuse, James Connolly, Justin Steele, and Cuz Potter, Columbia University
- March 31          *Look for the Women: Latina Narratives in New York's History*  
Virginia Sanchez Korrol, Brooklyn College
- April 28           *Dying in the City: Homicide in Postwar Philadelphia*  
Eric Schneider, University of Pennsylvania

Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:  
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# LAW AND POLITICS (465)

*Founded: 1963*

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

Co-Chairs: Drs. Ann Fagan and Ted Kovaleff

Rapporteur: Ms. Diyana Ishak

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| October 21  | <i>The Roots of Nationalism in Eleventh-Century Spain</i><br>Dr. Margaret Cullinan   |
| November 16 | <i>Tools to Expose a Ponsi Scheme: Lessons of the Equity Funding Fraud Case in the Supreme Court</i><br>Raymond Dirks  |
| January 27  | <i>What Price Home Ownership? The American Dream's Detour</i><br>Alyssa Katz, New York University School of Journalism   |
| February 23 | <i>Faith and Fatherland: the Dublin Lockout of 1913, "The Kiddie Scheme" and "Three Letters to the Press"</i><br>George Bretherton, Montclair State University |
| March 9     | <i>Donor Intent: Is There a Normative Basis for it in Civil Society?</i><br>Iris Goodwin, College of Law, University of Tennessee, Knoxville                   |
| April 21    | <i>From 'Slum' to 'Luxury:' The Case of Morningside Gardens</i><br>Beatrice Gottlieb   |

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# ECOLOGY AND CULTURE (471)

*Founded: 1964*

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

Chair: Dr. Miguel Pinedo-Vasquez

Rapporteur: Ms. Ashley DuVal

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- February 4      *Amazonian Dark Earth: Historical Ecology and Implications for the Region*  
Dr. Antoinette WinklerPrins, Professor and Graduate Program Coordinator,  
Department of Geography, Michigan State University
- March 25      *Environmental Histories: The Past and the Future and the Structure of Tropical Forests*  
Dr. Susanna Hecht, Professor of Urban Planning, School of Public Affairs,  
University of California Los Angeles
- April 19      *Global Markets and Sustainable Development: Commodity Change,  
Land Use Change and Rural Development in Indonesia*  
Dr. Nancy Peluso, Professor at the Berkeley Institute of the Environment,  
University of California, Berkeley
- April 28      *A Reading from Insectopedia*  
Dr. Hugh Raffles, Chair and Professor of Anthropology,  
New School, New York City, New York

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# THE STUDY OF THE HEBREW BIBLE (473)

*Founded: 1968*

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

**Chair: Dr. Sharon Keller**

**Rapporteur: Mr. Todd Kennedy**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| September 16 | <i>Personalities and Trends in Jewish Biblical Scholarship in the Twentieth Century</i><br>David S. Sperling, Hebrew Union College           |
| October 21   | <i>Female Prophets and Types of Marginality in Mari and the Hebrew Bible</i><br>Esther J. Hamori, Union Theological Seminary                 |
| November 16  | <i>Israel's Faith in the Persian Period</i><br>Erhard S. Gerstenberger, Philipps-Universität Marburg   |
| December 16  | <i>Scribal Processes of Coordination/Harmonization and the Formation of the First Hexateuch(s)</i><br>David Carr, Union Theological Seminary |
| January 27   | <i>Babylonian Influences Evident in the Masorah of Tiberian Manuscripts</i><br>Judy Weiss  |
| February 17  | <i>Jeremiah's Psalter</i><br>Kent Reynolds, Union Theological Seminary   |
| March 17     | <i>The Fightin' Mushites</i><br>Mark Leuchter, Temple University   |
| April 21     | <i>Social Status and the Sacrifice of the Firstborn</i><br>Nicole Ruane  |

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# SOUTH ASIA (477)

*Founded: 1964*

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

Chair: Dr. David S. Magier  
Rapporteur: Mr. James P. Hare

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 12     *Reflections on an Illiberal Peace: Stories from Eastern Sri Lanka, November 2008*  
Jonathan Spencer, Professor of the Anthropology of South Asia,  
Department of Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh
- November 23     *A New History of Untouchability: The Making of a Dalit Movement in North India*  
Ramnarayan S. Rawat, Postdoctoral Fellow in South Asian History,  
Department of South Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- February 8     *New Galleries for Islamic and Later South Asian Art*  
*at the Metropolitan Museum of Art: A Preview*  
Navina Najat Haidar, Associate Curator, Department of Islamic Art, Metropolitan Museum
- March 8     *Moving Forward with the Legal Empowerment of Women in Pakistan?*  
Anita M. Weiss, Professor of International Studies, University of Oregon
- March 22     *"All that is Present and Moving": Reading Sri Lankan Working-Class Periodicals*  
Sonali Perera, Assistant Professor of English, Rutgers University
- April 5     *Creole Glossary: A Fictive Counterhistory of the Bengali "Novel"*  
Benjamin Conisbee Baer, Assistant Professor,  
Department of Comparative Literature, Princeton University

Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:  
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# THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST (479)

*Founded: 1966*

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

Co-Chairs: Dr. Sally Dunham, Professor Allan Gilbert, and Dr. Oscar Muscarella  
Rapporteur: Ms. Türkan Pilvacı

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 23     *Music Theory in Ancient Mesopotamia*  
Dr. Sam Mirelman, School of Oriental and African Studies, London
- October 13     *Maritime Trade, Coastal Settlement, and Urbanization in the Southern Levantine*  
*Middle Bronze Age IIA: The Evidence from Tel Ifshar, Israel*  
Dr. Ezra Marcus, Haifa University
- October 26     *Past, Present and Future of the Landscape in the Realm of King Midas: Gordion, Turkey*  
Dr. Naomi Miller, University of Pennsylvania and ISAW
- November 17     *New Studies on the Kura-Araxes Connection at Beth Yerah (Khirbet Kerak)*  
Dr. Rafi Greenberg, Tel Aviv University
- December 8     *What and Who Were Artists in Ancient Egypt*  
Dr. John Baines, Oxford University
- January 20     *The View from Above: Site Damage in Southern Iraq and Prospects for*  
*Understanding Mesopotamian Settlement Patterning*  
Prof. Elizabeth Stone, SUNY Stony Brook
- February 17     *Architecture, Place, Performance: Rock Reliefs and Spring Monuments in Anatolia*  
Dr. mürr Harman ah, Brown University
- March 24     *Imperial Interactions: Recent Excavations at Oğlanqala, Azerbaijan*  
Dr. Lauren Ristvet, University of Pennsylvania
- May 6     *A Tale of One City. Susa at the Dawn of the 2nd Millennium BCE:*  
*From Mesopotamian Colony to Independent State*  
Dr. Katrien De Graef, University of Gent

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Professor Allan Gilbert, [gilbert@fordham.edu](mailto:gilbert@fordham.edu)  
Dr. Oscar Muscarella, [OscarBey@aol.com](mailto:OscarBey@aol.com)

# STUDIES IN MODERN ITALY (483)

*Founded: 1966*

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

Chair: Professor Michael Blim  
Rapporteur: Ms. Rebecca Bauman

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| September 11 | <i>Families on Their Own: Surviving an Inefficient Welfare System</i><br>Daniela Del Boca, Università di Torino  |
| October 9    | <i>Eclipsis/Mirror-Images: Italian Art in the 1960s</i><br>Romy Golan, CUNY Graduate Center  |
| November 13  | <i>A Forgotten Generation: The Exile of Italian Intellectuals to United States during the Interwar Years</i><br>Renato Camurri, Università di Verona   |
| December 4   | <i>Exporting Fascism</i><br>Federico Finchelstein, New School for Social Research  |
| February 12  | <i>Between Two Worlds: Negotiating Italian Identity in Argentina during the Interwar Years</i><br>David Aliano, College of Mount Saint Vincent   |
| March 12     | <i>Inventing the Mediterranean in 19th Century Italy: From Gioberti to Crispi, a Transnational Approach to the National Italian Agenda</i><br>Gilles Pécout of the École normale supérieure de Paris |
| April 9      | <i>Filippo Tommaso Marinetti: The Futurist as Fascist</i><br>Ernest Ialongo, Hostos Community College  |

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Professor Marta Petrusiewicz, [marta.petrusiewicz@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:marta.petrusiewicz@hunter.cuny.edu)

# EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE (491)

*Founded: 1966*

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

Chair: Professor Evan Haefeli

Rapporteurs: Ms. Carolyn Arena and Mr. Sam Biagetti

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| September 8 | <i>Punic Bargains and Native Histories</i><br>Andrew Newman, SUNY–Stonybrook   |
| October 13  | <i>Mary Musgrove, Gifts, and the Clash Between British and Creek Sovereignty</i><br>Claire Levenson, NYU   |
| November 10 | <i>Regulating Difference: Religion and Race in the Early Modern English Caribbean</i><br>Jenny Shaw, University of Alabama                                 |
| December 8  | <i>Hunting, Herding, and Adopting: Humans and Other Animals in the Caribbean and Tierra Firme, 1492–1550</i><br>Marcy Norton, George Washington University |
| February 9  | <i>The Migration of James Robert Lee: 1789–1875</i><br>Faren Siminoff, Nassau Community College, Long Island   |
| March 9     | <i>The Newbury Prayer Bill Hoax: Devotion &amp; Deception in New England's Era of Great Awakenings</i><br>Douglas Winiarski, University of Richmond        |
| April 13    | <i>2000 Slaves</i><br>Richard S. Dunn, University of Pennsylvania, emeritus  |
| May 11      | <i>The Dollar Divided: Monetary Sovereignty in the Early Republic</i><br>Stephen Mihm, University of Georgia   |

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

*Founded: 1968*

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

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

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 10     *Afghanistan Water Resources*  
Vincent Uhl, Uhl, Baron, Rana & Associates, Inc. Lambertville, NJ
- November 5     *Water & Natural Resources Themes in Bluegrass: Instruments and Song*  
Paul Alton, A.R. Phoenix Resources  
Rob Meador, Wiley Pub  
Doug Pierson, The Louis Berger Group, Inc.  
Eric Nehrbaur, East River Boys  
Ian Stell, East River Boys
- February 18     *Gowanus Canal—A History of Environmental Issues*  
Doug Pierson, Senior Planner, The Louis Berger Group, Inc.
- April 15     *New Jersey 2009 Site Remediation Reform Act (SRRA):  
Legislative Overview and Implications for Stakeholders*  
Steve Posten, Vice President AMEC Earth & Environmental

Academic year 2010–2011 Chairs:  
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Dr. Richard W. Lo Pinto, lopintor@fdu.edu

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

*Founded: 1990*

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

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

Rapporteurs: Ms. Joyce Rosenthal and Ms. Jessie Carr

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 7      *High Performance Green Infrastructure*  
Kathleen Bakewell, Brook Farm Group
- December 9    *Planning for the 21st Century—Implementing the Sustainability Agenda*  
Thomas Jost
- April 7        *Preservation, People, and Politics: Saving Nature and People in the NYC Region*  
David Burg, Wild Metro, President and Founder
- May 5         *The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: A Case Study of  
a Landfill Gas-to-Energy Facility in Northern New Jersey*  
Thomas Prol  
Scarinci Hollenbeck

Academic year 2010–2011 Chairs:

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Kenneth Hollenbeck, [ken@njlegalink.com](mailto:ken@njlegalink.com)

# SLAVIC HISTORY AND CULTURE (497)

*Founded: 1968*

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

Chair: Professor Henryk Baran  
Rapporteur: Ms. Katharine Holt

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 2      *The Construction of a Jewish Gershuni*  
Karen Rosenberg, Independent Scholar
- November 6    *Creating Citizens for Russian America: The Russian American Company  
and the Origin of the Creole Estate, 1816–1835*  
Susan Smith-Peter, College of Staten Island/CUNY
- December 4    *King, Queen, Sui-mate: Nabokov's Defense Against Freud's 'Uncanny'*  
Cathy Nepomnyashchy, Columbia University, Harriman Institute
- February 5    *V.V. Vereschchagin: His Career in America and His Paintings in Brooklyn*  
Francis B. Randall, Sarah Lawrence, retired
- March 5        *De-Romanticizing the Romanovs: Pictorial Political Pornography in Pre-Reform Russia*  
Ernest (Erik) Zitser, Duke University
- April 9         *Vitebsk—A Center of Innovative Post-Revolutionary Culture:  
Marc Chagall, Kazimir Malevich, El Lissitzky, Mikhail Bakhtin*  
Aleksandra Shatskikh, independent scholar, former editor "Sovetskii khudozhnik,"  
senior research fellow at the State Institute for Art Studies (Moscow).
- May 7          *Soviet Jewish Officers' Encounter with Germany, 1945*  
Oleg Budnitskii, Ina Levine Invitational Scholar at the Holocaust Museum (2009–2010),  
Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Russian History of the Russian Academy  
of Sciences, and Professor of History in the Department of Jewish Studies  
at the Institute of Asian and African Studies at Moscow University.

Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:  
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# ISRAEL AND JEWISH STUDIES (501)

*Founded: 1968*

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

Chair: Professor Jeremy Dauber

Rapporteurs: Mr. Daniel Mahla and Ms. Debra Glasberg

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- February 10     *It's Good to See the King: The Nature & Function of Kabbalistic Divinity Maps*  
Professor Yossi Chajes, Senior Lecturer at the University of Haifa
- March 10        *Contemplating Contemplation: Reflections on the Study of Jewish Mysticism*  
Moshe Idel, Max Cooper Professor in Jewish Thought, Department of Jewish Thought,  
Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and Senior Researcher at the Shalom Hartman Institute

Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:

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# ECONOMIC HISTORY (503)

*Founded: 1964*

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Alan Dye and Michael Edelstein

Rapporteur: Ms. Rachel T. Van

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| October 1  | <i>Lessons from the Great American Real Estate Boom and Bust of the 1920's</i><br>Eugene White, Rutgers University                         |
| November 4 | <i>The Emergence of Wage Discrimination in US Manufacturing</i><br>Joyce Burnette, Wabash University                                       |
| December 3 | <i>The Origins of Modern Growth: Fertility and Human Capital in England, 1500–1914</i><br>Neil Cummins, Queens College                     |
| February 4 | <i>Was There ever a Ruling Class? Surnames and Social Mobility in England over the Very Long Run, 1200–1914</i><br>Gregory Clark, UC Davis |
| March 4    | <i>Bedrock Depth and the Formation of the Manhattan Skyline, 1890–1915</i><br>Jason Barr, Rutgers University, Newark                       |
| May 6      | <i>A Pre-History of the Airplane Industry</i><br>Peter Meyer, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics  |

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# DEATH (507)

*Founded: 1970*

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

**Co-Chairs: Dr. Michael K. Bartalos and Dr. Christina Staudt**

**Rapporteur: Ms. Pamela Guardia**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 10      OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING AND DISCUSSION
- November 11    *Pain and Suffering in the Frail Elderly: A Palliative Ethic of Care and Relational End-of-Life Decision Making*  
Mary Beth Morrissey, Esq., Ravazzin Center on Aging and the Fordham Graduate School of Social Service
- December 9     *Death, Liminality, and Becoming*  
John Baugher, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Southern Maine
- March 10        *Mausolea—The Desire for Entombment Featuring the Extraordinary Private Mausolea of the Woodlawn Cemetery*  
Susan Olsen, Ph.D., Director of Historical Services, The Woodlawn Cemetery  
Respondent: Dennis Woolard, Directory of Family Services, The Woodlawn Cemetery
- April 14         *“Dying at Home” An Open Discussion*  
Eugenia L. Siegler, MD, Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology, Weill Cornell Medical College
- May 12          *Failed Organs, New Relationships: Whose Kidney is it, Anyway?*  
Maureen O’Reilly-Landry, Ph.D., Assistant Clinical Professor of Medical Psychology (in Psychiatry) Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons New York, New York

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**Dr. Michael Bartalos**

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

*Founded: 1970*

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

Chair: Mr. Francesco Pellizzi  
Rapporteur: Mr. William Gassaway

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 1 *Rapid Gazes: Relays of Artistic Theorization in the Iberian Worlds*  
Alessandra Russo, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Spanish & Portuguese, Columbia University
- October 28 *Archaic Geometrical Patterns and Modes of Thought in Malaita, Solomon Islands, and Eastern Melanesia*  
Prof. Remo Guidieri, University of Paris—Nanterre (retired)
- December 3 *Empathy, Compassion, and Pain: Colonial Imagery of Corporal Punishment ca. 1900*  
John Peffer, Asst. Professor of Art History, Ramapo College
- February 4 *Alive with Movement: The Pulse of Aztec Picture-Writing*  
Janice Robertson, Fashion Institute of Technology (SUNY) and the History of Art & Design Department, Pratt Institute (Brooklyn, New York)
- March 4 *Ja Ta: The Power of Photography in Mali*  
Candace M. Keller, Professor of Art History, Michigan State University
- April 8 *The Nahua Painting Tradition in Colonial Times: A Multifaceted Strategy of Survival and Creation*  
Dr. Diana Magaloni Kerpel, Director of the Museo Nacional de Antropología, Mexico City, Mexico

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# INNOVATION IN EDUCATION (511)

*Founded: 1970*

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

**Co-Chairs: Mr. Ronald Gross and Professor Robert McClintock**

**Rapporteur: Ms. Eleni Kanellopoulou**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 5      JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY  
*Wounded by School*  
Kirsten Olson
- November 9    JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY  
*The Genesis of Ethics: How the Dysfunctional Family of the Biblical Book of Genesis Leads Us to Moral Development*  
Rabbi Burton Visotzky, the Nathan and Janet Appleman Professor of Midrash and Interreligious Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary
- December 7    JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY  
*Meeting the Challenge of Educating the Gifted Child*  
Connie Williams Coulianos, Head of School, The Speyer Legacy School
- January 25    JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY  
*The Worth of a Child: Reflections on Ethics, Justice and the Meaning of Parenthood*  
Thomas H. Murray, PH.D., President, The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY;  
Author: *The Worth of a Child*
- March 1        JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY  
*Phoenixes and Dragons: Why Are Chinese Immigrant Students So Successful Academically*  
Uwe P. Gielen, Institute for International and Cross-Cultural Psychology,  
St. Francis College  
Ting Lei, Teachers College, Columbia University & Borough of Manhattan  
Community College, CUNY
- April 5        *“Performing” for Learning, Development, and Changing the World*  
Lois Holzman, Ph.D. author, *Vygotsky at Work and Play* and 9 other books;  
Co-founder and Director, East Side Institute for Group and Short Term Psychotherapy  
(www.eastsideinstitute.org); Co-Convenor, Performing the World
- May 3         JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY  
*The Passionate Mind*  
Michael Schulman, Psychologist, Biondi Education Center, Yonkers, NY.

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# LATIN AMERICA (515)

*Founded: 1971*

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Eugenio Chang-Rodríguez and Thomas Trebat

Rapporteur: Ms. Marie Metz

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| September 17 | PLANNING MEETING  |
| October 1    | <i>The Hacendado in the Mexican Revolution</i><br>Friedrich Katz  |
| November 5   | <i>Preservation of Folk Music in Colonial Columbia University</i><br>Ana Maria Ochoa, Associate Professor of Musicology, Columbia University  |
| December 3   | <i>Dominican Emigration to the United States: A Composite</i><br>Antonio A. Mendez, MA., MSW  |
| February 4   | <i>The Tyranny of Opinion: Honor in the Construction of the Mexican Public Sphere</i><br>Pablo Piccato, Director, Institute of Latin American Studies;<br>Department of History, Columbia University            |
| March 4      | <i>Informal Empire: U.S.–Latin American Relations in Historical Perspective</i><br>Ricardo Salvatore, Professor of History, Universidad Torcuato di Tella,<br>Argentina and Tinker Visiting Professor, Columbia |
| April 1      | <i>Cuban Civil Society: Realities vs. Possibilities</i><br>Margaret E. Crahan, Senior Research Scholar,<br>Institute of Latin American Studies, Columbia  |
| May 6        | <i>Reconstruction in Haiti and Chile: Striking Differences, Similar Challenges, Important Lessons</i><br>Graciana del Castillo  |

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# POPULATION BIOLOGY (521)

*Founded: 1971*

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

Co-Chairs: Dr. Kathleen A. Nolan and Dr. Michael Levandowsky  
Rapporteur: Nolan Bett

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 28      *The Evolution and Impact of Retrotransposons in Vertebrate Genomes*  
Dr. Stephane Boissinot, Department of Biology, Queens College, CUNY, Queens, New York
- November 18    *The “Million Murdering Death” and its Many Mates:  
The Systematics of Malaria Parasites and other Haemosporidia*  
Dr. Susan Perkins, Sackler Institute for Comparative Genomics,  
American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY
- February 24    *Assessing the Factors That Structure Soil Fungal Communities in a Tropical Rain Forest*  
Dr. Krista McGuire, Barnard College, New York, NY
- March 24        *Human Population Differences in Selenium Status and Blood Glutathione Concentration*  
Dr. Irina Ellison, St. Francis College, Brooklyn, NY
- April 21         *Causes and Consequences of Complex Avian Behavior*  
Dr. Dustin Rubenstein, Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology,  
Columbia University, New York, NY

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Professor Dustin Rubenstein, [dr2497@columbia.edu](mailto:dr2497@columbia.edu)

# POLITICAL ECONOMY AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES (523)

*Founded: 1964*

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

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

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- November 19     *Rethinking the International Monetary Framework*  
Joseph Potvin, Economist, Treasure Board Secretariat, Government of Canada  
Leanne Ussher, Assistant Professor of Economics, Queens College, CUNY
- January 28     *Crimes against Humanity and the Limits of International Criminal Law*  
Massimo Renzo, Postdoctoral Researcher,  
Department of Philosophy, University of Sterling
- February 25     *Power, Conflict, Legitimacy and Democracy*  
Mark Haugaard, University of Galway
- March 25     *The Iraq Papers: Case Study of a Preemptive War*  
John Ehrenberg, Professor and Chair of the Political Science Department,  
Brooklyn Campus of Long Island University  
J. Patrice McSherry, Professor of Political Science, Long Island University
- April 29     *From Immigration and Race to Sex and Faith: Rethinking the Politics of Opposition*  
Victoria Hattam, New School  
Carlos Yescas, New School

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Professor Gary Mongiovi, [mongiovg@stjohns.edu](mailto:mongiovg@stjohns.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 four-hour discussion at each meeting, assuring ample time for serious dialogue on focused issues. The seminar provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences by Middle East experts in various spheres—business, banking and investment, federal service, the foundations, the media, and the liberal professions as well as academia. The seminar has become a medium for carefully defined and informed evaluation of stubborn problems in a region that symbolizes mounting instability and proliferating crises. Detailed minutes are circulated to participating members for use without attribution to uphold the confidentiality of the discussion.

**Founding Chair: Professor J.C. Hurewitz**

**Chair: Professor Gary Sick; Associate Chair: Professor Lawrence G. Potter**

**Rapporteur: Ms. Jessica Barnes**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 16 *Iran After the June Elections*  
Ervand Abrahamian, Professor of Middle East History at Baruch College  
& the Graduate Center, City University of New York
- October 14 *U.S. Middle East Policy: How is the Obama Administration Doing?*  
Ambassador Robert Pelletreau, American Academy of Diplomacy
- November 18 *Iraq Today: The Prospects for Elections and U.S. Troop Withdrawal*  
Joost Hiltermann, Deputy Middle East and North Africa Program Director,  
International Crisis Group
- December 9 *Middle East Peace: Is Anyone Still Interested?*  
Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer, currently Woodrow Wilson School of Public  
and International Affairs, Princeton University
- January 20 *Dubai Today: Beginning of the End or End of the Beginning?*  
Jean-François Seznec, Visiting Associate Professor, Center for  
Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University
- February 17 *The Saudi–Yemeni Conflict: Political and Religious Dimensions*  
Bernard Haykel, Professor of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University
- March 31 *The State of Human Rights in the Middle East*  
Sarah Leah Whitson, Executive Director, Middle East and  
North Africa division, Human Rights Watch
- April 28 *Eclipse of the Sunnis*  
Deborah Amos, Middle East correspondent, NPR News

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**Professor Lawrence G. Potter, [lgp5@columbia.edu](mailto:lgp5@columbia.edu)**

# APPETITIVE BEHAVIOR (529)

*Founded: 1971*

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

Chair: Dr. Harry R. Kissileff  
Rapporteur: Dr. Kathleen L. Keller

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 17 *Addictive-like Properties of Sugar and Fat Bingeing in Rodents*  
Nicole Avena, Rockefeller University
- October 1 *Gustatory Reward in Rat Models of Obesity and Gastric Bypass Surgery*  
Andras Hajnal, The Penn State University Hershey College of Medicine
- November 5 *The Role of Insulin in the Regulation of Body Weight*  
Joseph R. Vasselli, New York Obesity Research Center, St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital
- December 3 *Fatty-acid Induced CNS Leptin and Insulin Resistance: A Role for PKCs*  
Deborah Clegg, Touchstone Diabetes Center
- January 21 *Peripheral GLP-1 and Satiety*  
Wolfgang Langhans, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich
- February 4 *Representation in the Brain of Stress Induced Food Choice in the Absence of Hunger*  
Margriet Westerterp, Maastricht University Medical Centre
- March 4 *Hindbrain Control of GLP-1 Receptor-Mediated Effects on Energy Balance*  
Matthew Hayes, Psychology and Neuroscience, University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia
- April 8 *Hypothalamic Glucose Sensing Neurons: From Turning a Blind Eye to Crying Wolf*  
Vanessa Routh, UMDNJ–New Jersey Medical School
- May 6 *Neurobiology of Learned Food Preferences*  
Khalid Touzani, Brooklyn College, CUNY

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# CULTURE, POWER, BOUNDARIES (531)

*Founded: 1971*

The purpose of this seminar is to critically examine race, class, and ethnicity in a variety of national and international settings. Topics include: immigration policy and the immigrant experience; assimilation and cultural pluralism; racial discrimination and civil rights policy; and racial and ethnic political mobilization, and the activist tradition in social science. Topics are considered historically as well as through the analysis of current trends and issues in social policy, with a focus on political economy, particularly the international and domestic division of labor. For 2008–2009 we begin a multi-year focus on terminal inequalities—inequalities that often have fatal consequences. In 2008–2009 we addressed issues that emerge primarily in the context of famines. In 2009–2010 we primarily looked at the production of inequalities in urban contexts. In 2010–2011 our theme is *Anthropology's role in the production of knowledge*.

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

**Rapporteur: Ms. Vesna Bogojevic**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 7      *The Spectre of Wageless Life*  
Michael Denning, Working Group on Globalization and Culture, Yale University  
*Critical Comments on Marginality: Relative Surplus Population and Capital/Labour Relations*  
Carlos Johnson, Center for Developing Area Studies, McGill University  
Discussion Moderator: Sharryn Kasmir
- November 16      *Making Connections: The Politics of Solidarity and Intellectual Labor of Columbia*  
Lesley Gill, American University
- February 1      *The Three Eras of Drugs Markets in New York City in the Second Half of the 20th Century*  
Ric Curtis, John Jay College
- March 1      *"If Staten Island's the Bottom of the Food Chain, then We're Way Down Low":  
Environmental Justice and the Green Recovery on the North Shore of NYC's 'Forgotten Borough'*  
Melissa Checker, Queens College
- April 12      *Norman Street Revisited: Memory and Power in New York City, 1975–2010*  
Ida Susser, Hunter College and CUNY Graduate Center
- May 10      *Gray Panthers*  
Roger Sanjek, Queens College 1972–2008, author of  
*The Gray Panthers* and *The Future of Us All*

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# THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE (533)

*Founded: 1972*

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

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

Rapporteur: Mr. Gregory Ferguson-Cradler

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 28     *Is Chinese Science an Exotic Subject?*  
Nathan Sivin, University of Pennsylvania
- December 3     *Religious Mysticism and the Birth of the Moscow School of Mathematics*  
Loren Graham, MIT  
Roger Cooke, University of Vermont
- February 24     *The Subversive Science Reconsidered: Reflections on the History of Ecology*  
Gene Cittadino, Gallatin School, NYU

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# IRISH STUDIES (535)

*Founded: 1973*

This seminar serves as an interdisciplinary forum on all aspects and periods of Irish culture. Seminar participants come from a wide variety of fields: history, literature, art history, 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: Prof. Mary McGlynn and Prof. Martin Burke  
Rapporteur: Mr. Darragh Martin

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| September 11 | <i>Joyce's Finnegans Wake: Punctuating a Musical Narrative</i><br>Elizabeth Bonapfel, PhD Candidate, NYU                             |
| October 2    | <i>The Memory of Hunger: Terence McSwiney's 1920 Hunger Strike</i><br>Joseph Lennon, Manhattan College                               |
| November 6   | <i>Potatoes, Population and Rural Poverty: Demystifying Irish Famine</i><br>Eric Ross, George Washington University                  |
| December 4   | <i>Renegades and Reactionaries: Irish Nationalists and the British Empire, 1840–1901</i><br>Niamh Lynch, Boston College              |
| February 5   | <i>The Nasty and the Dead: Jennifer Johnston's Problematic Mothers</i><br>Rachael Lynch, University of Connecticut                   |
| March 5      | <i>An Impartial Referee?: Policing Communal Riots in Victorian India and Ireland</i><br>Mark Doyle, Tennessee State                  |
| April 9      | <i>Tracing the Trans-Atlantic Color Line: Race and Irish Writing in later 19th Century</i><br>John Waters, NYU                       |
| May 7        | <i>The Haitian Revolution and the United Irishmen Uprising: A Comparative Approach</i><br>Patrick McDevitt, Buffalo State University |

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# CINEMA AND INTERDISCIPLINARY INTERPRETATION (539)

*Founded: 1964*

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

Co-Chairs: Professors William Luhr, Krin Gabbard and Jane Gaines  
Rapporteur: Ms. Diana Wade

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 17     *Going to the Movies, 1945–1946*  
Charles Affron, Professor Emeritus of French, New York University
- October 8        *Blithe Spirit and the Lure of Technicolor in Wartime Britain*  
Sarah Street, Professor of Film, University of Bristol  
Respondent: John Belton, Professor of English and Film,  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- November 5      *An Endless Game of Hide and Seek: Targeting Out-of-Home Media Users*  
William Boddy, Professor, Department of Communication Studies, Baruch College,  
and the Certificate Program in Film Studies, CUNY Graduate Center.  
Respondent: Lynn Spigel, Francis E. Willard Professor of Screen Cultures,  
School of Communication, Northwestern University
- January 28      *In Search of Lost Space: Stan Douglas's Archaeology of Mediated Darkness*  
Noam Elcott, Assistant Professor, Art History & Architecture, Columbia University  
Respondent: Malcolm Turvey, Professor, Film History, Sarah Lawrence College

- February 11     *A Mischievous Little Boy Revolution: Ken Jacobs*  
 Branden Joseph, Frank Gallipoli Professor of Modern and Contemporary Art,  
 Department of Art History and Archaeology, Columbia University  
 Respondent: Ken Eisenstein, PhD. Candidate, Cinema and Media Studies,  
 University of Chicago
- March 11        *Setting the Scene: Women and Film History around the World,*  
*Current Projects, Questions and Research Goals*  
 Moderator: Drake Stutesman, Editor of *Framework*; Co-Chair of  
 Women's Film Preservation Fund, NY/Women in Film and Television  
 Speakers:  
 Christine Gledhill, Visiting Professor, Principle Investigator  
 Women's Film History Network, Cinema Studies, University of Sunderland  
 Bryony Dixon, Curator, Silent Cinema, NFTVA (BFI National Archive)  
 Mark Cooper, Associate Professor of Film & Media, University of South Carolina,  
 Executive Secretary, Women's Film History International  
 Jane Gaines, Professor of Film; Director, Women's Film Pioneers Project,  
 Columbia University
- April 15        *Moving Pictures and Thinking Images in Barthes and Rancière*  
 Philip Watts, Assoc. Professor of French and Romance Philology, Columbia University  
 Respondent: Nico Baumbach, Visiting Asst. Professor, School of the Arts,  
 Columbia University

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 Professor William Luhr, luhrrwg@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: Professors Emily Sohmer Tai and Susan Alice Fischer  
Rapporteur: Ms. Crystal Baik

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 21     *Interrogating Gender in Basaá Epic Tradition*  
Bertrade Ngo-Ngijol Banoum, Lehman College–CUNY
- October 19     *Women and HIV/AIDS: the Gender of Structural Violence*  
Mark Schuller, Assistant Professor of African American Studies and Anthropology,  
Department of Social Sciences, York College (CUNY)  
Respondent: Maria Louise Ruiz, Assistant Professor of Romance Languages,  
Medgar Evers College (CUNY)
- January 25     *The Power and Production of Silence: the Invisibility of African American Women  
in Federal Level HIV/AIDS Policies*  
Dr. Karen Baird, Associate Professor of Political Science and Women's Study  
at SUNY Purchase. Gender, Race, HIV/AIDS  
Commentator: Dr. Dana-ain Davis, Associate Professor of Urban Anthropology,  
Queens College, CUNY

- February 15      *The Hart Sisters of Antigua: Evangelical Activism and “Respectable” Public Politics in the Era of Black Atlantic Slavery*  
 Dr. Natasha Lightfoot, Assistant Professor of History with focus on the Caribbean, Atlantic World and African Diaspora at Columbia University  
 Commentator: Dr. Amy Chatzel, Assistant Professor of Modern and Latin American History at Queens College (CUNY), focus on 19th/20th Century Brazil.
- March 15        *The Yale Non Faculty Action Committee: an Early Effort to Organize Clerical and Technical Workers at Yale University, 1968–71*  
 Amy Kesselman, SUNY, New Paltz
- April 19         *Where Does the Substantive Representation of Women Occur? The Influence of the European Union on Women Friendly Policy Making in French Regional Councils*  
 Dr. Katherine A.R. Opello, Assistant Professor of Political Science at CUNY–Kingsborough Community College  
 Commentator: Dr. Laure Bereni, Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow at the Institute of French Studies, NYU
- May 17          *Gender and Nation in Contemporary British Literature*  
 Susan Alice Fischer, Professor of English at Medgar Evers College of The City University of New York  
 Graham MacPhee, Assistant Professor of English at West Chester University

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# OTTOMAN AND TURKISH STUDIES (551)

*Founded: 1974*

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

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

Rapporteur: Mr. Cenk Palaz

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- January 22      *Coffee Futures*  
Zeynep Devrim Gürsel, University of Michigan
- February 26     *Ottoman Legacies in Text and Landscape*  
James Reilly, Professor of History at University of Toronto  
Amy Mills, Professor of Geography at University of South Carolina
- March 26        *Ahis, Futuwva and the City: Reconsidering Urban Culture  
and Inter-faith Interaction in Late Medieval Anatolia*  
Rachel Goshgarian, Zohrab Institute
- April 19         *Whose War? Whose Holy War? The Ottomans in 1914*  
Mustafa Aksakal, American University, Washington D.C.

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Professor Nader Sohrabi, ns605@columbia.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. Jerome F.X. Carroll**

**Rapporteurs: Ms. Susan L. Buchanan and Ms. Pamela Guardia**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 20      *Meeting Patients Where They Are: Offering Substance Abuse Care in Primary Care, Jails, Dental Practices, and Other Non-Traditional Settings*  
Marc N. Gourevitch, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Medicine and Director of the Division of General Internal Medicine, NYU School of Medicine  
Joshua Lee, M.D., M.S., Asst. Professor, Div. of General Internal Medicine and Dept. of Psychiatry, NYU  
Jennifer McNeely, M.D., M.S. Instructor in Medicine, NYU
- November 17      *Child Welfare and the Substance Abuse Connection*  
Monette R. Sachs, Ph.D., Director Substance Abuse Policy and Planning, Administration for Children's Services, Office of Child & Family Health
- December 8      *Implementation of Adolescent-Focused Evidence Based Practices in The Real World*  
Randolph D. Muck, M. Ed., Chief, Targeted Populations Branch, Division of Services Improvement, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, SAMHSA
- January 19      *How Wounded the Healers: The Prevalence of Relapse among Counselors in Recovery?*  
Tristram Jones, Ph.D., Psychology Dept. University of Phoenix and Kaplan University, College of Arts & Science

- February 23      *Transforming the Outpatient System: An Emerging Model of Care*  
Frank McCorry, Ph.D. OASAS Director of NYC Operations
- April 20          *Evaluation of the NYC Frequent User Service Enhancement (FUSE) Initiative*  
Angela Aidala, Ph.D., Mailman School of Public Health,  
Dept. of Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University  
Ryan Moser, M.Ed., Associate Director, Corporation for Supportive Housing  
Anne Bozack, MPH, Mailman School of Public Health,  
Dept. of Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University
- May 11            *Drugs and The Criminal Justice System: A Perfect Storm*  
Ernest Drucker, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Family & Social Medicine,  
Montefiore Medical Center, AECOM; Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at  
Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health; Scholar in Residence,  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY

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# TWENTIETH-CENTURY POLITICS AND SOCIETY (555)

*Founded: 1992*

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

**Chair: Professor Joanne Cho**  
**Rapporteur: Mr. Stephen Wertheim**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 15     *Alien Neighbors, Foreign Friends: Asian Americans, Housing, and the Transformation of Urban California*  
Charlotte Brooks, Assistant Professor of History and Co-Chair of the Program in Asian and Asian American Studies at Baruch College, CUNY
- November 17     *Fear Itself: American Democracy from New Deal to Cold War*  
Ira Katznelson, Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History, Columbia University
- December 3     *Democratic Renewal and the Rule of Experts in France After World War II*  
Herrick Chapman, Associate Professor of History and French Studies at New York University
- February 25     *Communism's Collapse: Geopolitics, Internal Institutions, History*  
Stephen Kotkin, Rosengarten Professor of Modern and Contemporary History, Princeton University
- March 11     *Factories v. Finance: Jimmy Carter, Paul Volcker, and the 1970s Inflation*  
Judith Stein, Professor of History at the City College and Graduate Center of the City University of New York
- April 22     *Debating the Future of Industrial Society: American and European Social Scientists During the Cold War, 1945–1965*  
Volker Berghahn, Seth Low Professor of History at Columbia University

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**Professor Joanne Cho, [choj@wpunj.edu](mailto:choj@wpunj.edu)**

# BRAZIL (557)

*Founded: 1976*

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

Co-Chairs: Dr. Sidney Greenfield, Prof. Diana Brown, and Prof. Vania Penha-Lopes

Rapporteurs: Ms. Erin Kang and Mr. Ivan Lupic

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 17     *Agents' Bank: a Program to Prevent STD/AIDS in Two Rio Favelas*  
Fernando Salis, Associate Professor at The School of Communications  
at The Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
- October 15        *Discrimination by Color, Economic Structure, and Income in Brazil, 1980, 1991, and 2000*  
Emeritus Laura Randall, Hunter College, CUNY
- November 17      *The Spiritual Experience of Undergraduates in Brazil*  
Jorge Claudio Ribeiro, PUC Sao Paulo
- December 17      BRAZIL SEMINAR CONFERENCE PLANNING MEETING
- February 18      *Hunger in the Backlands and the Obstacles to Participation in a Brazilian Anti-Hunger Program*  
Aaron Ansell, Monmouth University
- May 13            *National and Regional Identities in Brazil: Rio Grande do Sul and Its Particularities*  
Ruben G. Oliven, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul Cogut  
Visiting Professor of Latin American Studies in Brown University
- May 20            *Hate in Brazilian Politics (and Elections)*  
Renato Janine Ribeiro, University of Sao Paolo

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# ARABIC STUDIES (559)

*Founded: 1977*

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

**Chair: Professor Muhsin Al-Musawi**

**Rapporteur: Ms. Yasmine Ramadan**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 25     *Palestinian Road Narratives: From Ghassan Kanafani to Hani Abu Assad*  
Professor Nadia Yaqub, University of North Carolina
- October 29     *The Structure of Sentiments in an Arab Novel, Short Story Anthology, Folktale, Folk Ballad and Folk Romantic Epic: The Brother-Sister Syndrome*  
Professor Hasan El-Shamy, Indiana University
- December 3     *Two Pairs of Eyes*  
Professor Michael Beard, University of North Dakota
- February 25     *Marcel Khalife's "Oh Father, I'm Yusuf" and the Struggle for Political Freedom and Religious Sensitivity*  
Professor Nasser Al-Tae, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- March 25     *Memories of the Past? Classical Revival in Syria Between the Mediterranean and Iran in the 12th and 13th century*  
Professor Stephan Heidemann, Bard Graduate Center
- April 29     *Early Arabic Folk Poetry*  
Professor Wolfhart Heinrich

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# HUMAN RIGHTS (561)

*Founded: 1978*

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

Co-Chairs: Professors George Andreopoulos, Zehra Arat, and Peter Juviler  
Rapporteurs: Ms. Heidi Rosbe and Mr. Serdar Yalcin

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

THEME: USES AND MISUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- November 9      *The Stories We Tell About Slavery Today: Constitutive Silences in Human Rights Narratives*  
Samuel Martinez, University of Connecticut
- December 7      *The Moral Risks of International Criminal Prosecution,  
Law, Arbitrariness and the Rights of the Accused*  
Cindy Holder, University of Victoria
- February 8      *How Rare Are Black Diamonds? Reexamining Conventional Wisdom  
About Women During the Liberian Civil War*  
Dara Cohen, University of Minnesota  
Amelia Hoover, Yale University
- Violence and Troubling Truth: Responding the Use and Misuse of Human Rights  
Within the Highly Contested Political Context of Post-Invasion Iraq*  
Daniel Rothenberg, DePaul University College of Law
- March 8          *Culture Industry and the Marketing of Human Rights*  
Joel R. Pruce, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver
- April 5           *Humanity at a Distance: Witnessing After Remote Sensing*  
Andrew Herscher, University of Michigan
- May 3            *The State in Training: Human Rights and State Officials in Turkey*  
Elif Babul, Stanford University

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# NEO-CONFUCIAN STUDIES (567)

*Founded: 1979*

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

Co-Chairs: Professors On-Cho Ng, Deborah Sommer, and Yong Huang  
Rapporteur: Mr. Neil McGee

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 2      *“Sacrifice to Spirits as Living”: A Confucian Theory of Gods and the Rites to Venerate Them*  
Thomas Wilson, Hamilton College
- November 13    *Conceptions of Spiritual Freedom in Classical Chinese Thought*  
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University
- December 4    *Mencian Individualism*  
Dan Robins, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
- February 5    *Li as Coherence*  
Stephen Angle, Wesleyan University
- March 5        *The Virtue of Hatred in the Analects*  
Hagop Sarkissian, Department of Philosophy, CUNY
- April 2         *Tasan’s Philosophy as Learning of Principle*  
Hongkyung Kim, SUNY at Stony Brook
- Coexistence as Care: Comparing Buddhism, Confucianism and Postmodern Phenomenology*  
Dongsoo Lee, Hyung Hee University

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# GENETIC EPIDEMIOLOGY (577)

*Founded: 1982*

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

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

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 8      *A Novel Nonparametric Approach to Genetics, Genomics, and Phenomics*  
Knut Wittkowski, PhD DSc, Senior Research Associate,  
Department of Epidemiology, The Rockefeller University
- November 12    *KELVIN: Computer Program or Way of Life?*  
*A Brief History of a Piece of Statistical Genetics Software*  
Veronica J. Vieland, PhD, Director, Battelle Center for Mathematical Medicine,  
The Ohio State University
- December 10    *Roundtable Discussion on Methods in CNV analyses*  
Prakash Gorroochurn, PhD, Division of Statistical Genetics,  
Department of Biostatistics, Columbia University  
Martina Durner, PhD, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine



- January 14     *Heterogeneity and Misclassification: Two Forms of Mixtures  
for Family-Based Tests of Genetic Association*  
Derek Gordon, PhD, Department of Genetics, Rutgers University
- February 11     *Rare Variant Genetics and Neuropsychiatric Disorders: Trying to Use Exceptions to Find the Rule*  
Matthew W. State, MD, PhD, Harris Associate Professor of Child Psychiatry and Genetics,  
Director of Program on Neurogenetics, Yale University
- March 11     *Genetics of Human Autoimmunity: an Emerging Tapestry*  
Peter K. Gregersen, MD, Director of Robert S. Boas Center for Genomics and Human  
Genetics, Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, North Shore LIJ Health System
- April 8     *Multipoint Linkage Analysis: Some Surprises*  
Susan E. Hodge, DSc, Professor, Department of Psychiatry & Division of  
Statistical Genetics in Department of Biostatistics, Columbia University
- May 13     *The Molecular Genetics of Body Weight Regulation*  
Rudolph L. Leibel, MD, Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine,  
Co-Director of Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center, Columbia University
- June 10     *Functional Genome-Wide Association Studies of Longitudinal Traits*  
Rongling Wu, PhD, Professor, Division of Biostatistics, Director of  
Center for Statistical Genetics, Penn State Hersey College of Medicine

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# SHAKESPEARE (581)

*Founded: 1982*

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

**Co-Chairs: Professor June Schlueter and Dr. Corinne Abate**

**Rapporteur: Ms. Rebecca Calcagno**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 11     *Timon of Athens, Forms of Payback, and the Genre of Debt*  
Amanda Bailey, University of Connecticut  
Steve Mentz: Introducer
- October 9         BERNARD BECKERMAN LECTURE:  
Opening Comments by Maurice Charney  
*Reading Othello's Skin: Contexts and Pre-texts*  
Meredith Skura, Rice University  
Respondent: Tom Catelli  
Introducer: Bernice Kliman
- November 14     *The Return from the Dead in The Merchant of Venice*  
Kent Cartwright, University of Maryland  
Respondent: Pamela Allen Brown, University of Connecticut  
Introducer: Bernice Kliman

- December 11     *Diminishing Juliet*  
Denise Walen, Vassar College  
Respondent: Cristina Leon Alfar, Hunter College  
Introducer: June Schlueter
- February 12     *Shakespeare's Keyboard*  
Speaker: John Archer, New York University  
Introducer: June Schlueter
- March 12         BERNARD BECKERMAN LECTURE  
Opening Comments by June Schlueter  
*At Sea About Hamlet at Sea: a Literary Detective Story*  
Bernice W. Kilman, Professor Emeritus of English at Nassau Community College  
Introducer: Harry Keyishian
- April 16         *Shakespeare Now?: Experimental Criticism in the Present Tense*  
Steven Mentz and Henry Turner, Rutgers and St. John's  
Introducer: Corey Abate
- May 14           *Navigating Space on the Boards: Backgammon, Masculinity, and Theater Spectatorship*  
Gina Bloom, University of California, Davis  
Respondent: Jean Howard, George Delacorte Professor in the Humanities and  
Chair of the Department of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University  
Introducer: Tanya Pollard

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# SOUTHEAST ASIA IN WORLD AFFAIRS (583)

*Founded: 1982*

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

Co-Chairs: Dr. Ann Marie Murphy, Prof. David Denoon, and Prof. Hugh T. Patrick  
Rapporteur: Wei-lun Soong

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- November 5      *The Economics of the ASEAN Economic Community*  
Michael Plummer, Professor of International Studies,  
School of Advanced Studies, John Hopkins University
- December 3      *Asian Financial Cooperations and Integrations*  
Takatoshi Ito, Professor, Graduate School of Economics and  
Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo
- March 11      *Indonesian Update 2010: Trends in Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy*  
Michael Buehler, Postdoctoral Fellow in Modern Southeast Asian Studies,  
Columbia University  
Ann Marie Murphy, Assistant Professor, Whitehead School of Diplomacy  
and International Relations, Seton Hall University
- April 8      *Professional Soldiers, or Dirty Old Men? SBY, Prem, Ramos, and  
the Limitations of the "Reformist Officer" Myth in Southeast Asia*  
John Sidel, Sir Patrick Gillam Professor of International and Comparative Politics  
at the London School of Economics

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# ETHICS, MORAL EDUCATION, AND SOCIETY (585)

*Founded: 1983*

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

**Co-Chairs: Dr. Michael Schulman and Professor Kathleen Wallace**  
**Rapporteur: Ms. Eleni Kanellopoulou**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 5      JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION  
*Wounded by School*  
Kirsten Olson, Author: *Wounded By School: Recapturing the Joy in Learning and Standing Up To Old School Culture*
- November 9    JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION  
*The Genesis of Ethics: How the Dysfunctional Family of the Biblical Book of Genesis Leads Us to Moral Development*  
Rabbi Burton Visotzky, the Nathan and Janet Appleman Professor of Midrash and Interreligious Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary
- December 7    JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION  
*Meeting the Challenge of Educating the Gifted Child*  
Connie Williams Coulianos, Head of School, The Speyer Legacy School
- January 25    JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION  
*The Worth of a Child: Reflections on Ethics, Justice and the Meaning of Parenthood*  
Thomas H. Murray, Ph.D., President, The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY;  
Author: *The Worth of a Child*
- March 1        JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION  
*Phoenixes and Dragons: Why Are Chinese Immigrant Students So Successful Academically?*  
Uwe P. Gielen, Institute for International and Cross-Cultural Psychology, St. Francis College  
Ting Lei, Teachers College, Columbia University & Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY
- May 3          JOINT MEETING WITH THE SEMINAR ON INNOVATION IN EDUCATION  
*The Passionate Mind*  
Michael Schulman, Ph.D., Author: *The Passionate Mind*

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# COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE (603)

*Founded: 1986*

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

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

Rapporteur: Greg Jensen

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| September 10 | <i>Physiology of Value: Roles of Amygdala and Orbital Frontal Cortex</i><br>Daniel Salzman, New York State Psychiatric Institute                          |
| November 19  | <i>The Cognitive Structure of Value, Fairness, and Reciprocity</i><br>Ray Jackendoff, Tufts University  |
| February 18  | <i>Imitation in Non-Human Primates: Beyond Social Learning</i><br>Annika Paukner, NIH   |
| March 25     | <i>Convergence of Faces and Vocalizations in Primate Prefrontal Cortex</i><br>Lizabeth Romanski, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry |
| April 22     | <i>The Representation of Object Information in the Primate Brain</i><br>Sabine Kastner, Princeton University  |

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# SCIENTIFIC LITERACY/SCIENTIFIC FRONTIERS (611)

*Founded: 1986*

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

**Chair: Ms. Jean Delfiner**

**Rapporteurs: Ms. Natalie Bonjoc and Ms. Melinda Marshall**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 23 *Teaching Organic Chemistry Backwards: A Story Telling Historical Approach*  
Prof. Mark M. Green, Polytechnic Institute of NYU,  
Dept. of Biological and Chemical Science Joe Sencen
- November 20 *Magic to Grab Your Students' Attention*  
Jay Rogoff, Hebrew Academy of Nassau County, Uniondale, NY;  
Magic Coordinator, The Chemistry Teacher's Club of New York  
Chris Ward, The School of the Sacred Heart, Yonkers, NY;  
Vice-President, The Chemistry Teachers' Club of New York
- December 18 *The Mettle of Metals*  
Julie Nucci, Ph.D., Director of Education Programs, Center for Nanoscale Systems
- January 29 *How to Move Toward Sustainable Energy*  
John Roeder, Ph.D. (Physics; Princeton University); Science teacher, The Calhoun School of  
New York; Resource Agent, American Association of Physics Teachers; Secretary-Treasurer,  
The Physics Club of New York; Member, National Science Teachers Association,  
Association of Teachers in Independent Schools; Editor, Teachers Clearinghouse  
for Science and Society Education
- March 19 *Making and Taking a (Simulated) Nuclear Power Plant*  
Joe Sencen, Ph.D., Chemistry teacher, Norwalk High School, Norwalk, CT;  
30-year member of the Chemistry and Physics Teachers Club of NY;  
member of AlCheme, the Alliance for chemistry teachers based at SUNY  
Purchase;  
member of NSTA; Chairman of the Westchester Chemical Society.
- April 16 *Demo Derby: Five-Minute Teaching Demos*  
John Roeder, Fred Spalding, Mike Spalding, Myra Hauben, Steve Gould, Steven Kaye, Jack  
DePalma, Erin Katz, Bob Drake, Terrie Cea, Peter Martens, Erika Allison, Janka Cvorovic

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# FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND EQUITY (613)

*Founded: 1987*

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

**Co-Chairs: Professor Helen Lachs Ginsburg, Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg, and Sheila Collins**  
**Rapporteur: Ms. Rebecca Fitle**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 4      *Health Care Reform Showdown: The Economics and Politics of Congressional Proposals*  
Robb Burlage, Professor and Director, Brooklyn Community Health Planning Program,  
SUNY Downstate Medical Center/Brooklyn Health Science Center  
Robert Padgug, Professor and Chair, Masters and Doctoral Program in Public Health,  
Brooklyn College—CUNY  
Len Rodberg, Professor and Chair, Urban Studies Department, Queens College—CUNY
- November 14      JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES  
*A Job Should Keep You Out of Poverty, Not Keep You in It*  
Holly Sklar, Policy Director, Let Justice Roll, Living Wage Campaign
- December 14      *New York City: A Tale of Two Recessions: While Wall Street Recovers, New York City's  
Main Street Economy Remains Mired in the "Great Recession"*  
James Parrott, Deputy Director and Chief Economist of the Fiscal Policy Institute (FPI)
- February 1      *More than Green Jobs: Why an Aggressive Climate Policy is Necessary  
to Drive Employment Growth and Economic Recovery*  
Sean Sweeny, Director, Cornell University Global Labor Institute
- March 8      *The Fight for Health Care for All: Lessons and Experiences from the Long Haul*  
Mark Hannay, Director, Metro New York Healthcare for All Campaign
- April 19      JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES  
*Globalization and National Identity: French Universalism Versus Cultural Diversity*  
Mark Kesselman, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Columbia University
- May 10      *Mass Unemployment: Can Government Create the Jobs?*  
Charles Bell, Programs Manager, Consumers' Union and Vice-Chair,  
National Jobs for All Coalition  
Phillip Harvey, Professor of Law and Social Policy, Rutgers University School of Law

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# IRANIAN STUDIES (615)

*Founded: 1987*

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

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

**Rapporteur: Ms. Elham Seyedsayamdost**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| September 17 | <i>The Face in the Mirror: Zoroastrians and Jews View Each Other in Fifth Century Iran</i><br>Dr. Yaakov Elman, Yeshiva University             |
| October 15   | <i>Has the Islamic Revolution in Iran Ended?</i><br>Dr. Said Amir Arjomand, CUNY at Stonybrook   |
| November 12  | <i>Iran's 2009 Presidential Election: Revolution, Transformation, and Coup?</i><br>Dr. Arang Keshavarzian, NYU                                 |
| December 10  | <i>Dāstān (Turkish Narratives) in the Repertoire of Khorasani Bards</i><br>Dr. Ameneh Youssefzadeh, Columbia University                        |
| March 4      | <i>Reflections on Prospects of Iran's Green Movement</i><br>Dr. Ahmad Ashraf, Columbia University  |
| April 15     | <i>Words Not Swords: Iranian Women Writers and the Freedom of Movement</i><br>Prof. Farzaneh Milani, University of Virginia at Charlottesville |
| May 7        | <i>Cultural Engineering in Contemporary Iran</i><br>Prof. Mohamad Tavakoli, University of Toronto  |
| May 13       | <i>The Earliest Dated Shahnameh Illustrated by Mu`in Musavvir</i><br>Dr. Sheila Canby, Metropolitan Museum of Art                              |

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# BUDDHIST STUDIES (629)

*Founded: 1990*

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Michael Como and D. Max Moerman

Rapporteur: Mr. Gregory Scott

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 22      *The Tao of Tea: Macrobiotic Hygiene in the 'Kissa yōjō ki' of the Zen Master Eisai*  
Dominic Steavu, Stanford University, McGill University Centre for Asian Studies
- November 19    *The Intimate Religious Life of the Nation: Visions of Buddhism in Colonial Missions to China*  
Michael Walsh, Vassar College
- December 3     *Global or Local or Both? On the Establishment of a Tibetan Nuns' Order*  
Ute Hüsken, University of Oslo (Norway)
- March 2        *Buddhism and the Boundaries of "Religion" as a Category of Modern Chinese Governance*  
Rebecca Nedostup, Boston College
- March 29       *Changing Views of Women's Salvation: Tracing the Transformation  
of Gender Discourse in Premodern Japan*  
Lori Meeks, University of Southern California

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

# NATIONAL HEALTH AND SCIENCE POLICY (645)

*Founded: 1993*

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

Chair: Dr. Louis Gary

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

September 23 *How to Achieve Real Health Care Reform: Better Care, Better Health, and Lower Costs*  
Elliott Fisher, Professor of Medicine and Community and Family Medicine at Dartmouth Medical School, Director for Population Health and Policy at the Dartmouth Institute for Health Care Policy and Clinical Practice

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# RELIGION IN AMERICA (661)

*Founded: 1997*

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

**Chair: Professor Randall Balmer**

**Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Vaca**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| September 28 | <i>The Church and the Negro Spirit</i><br>Josef Sorett, Columbia University   |
| October 26   | <i>When You See Blood, It Brings Truth: Ritual and Resistance in a Time of War</i><br>Elizabeth Castelli, Barnard College |
| January 25   | <i>Imagining the Doomed City of the East</i><br>Jin Han, New York Theological Seminary                                    |
| February 22  | <i>“Catholic Means Universal”: An Essay on Other Catholics</i><br>Julie Byrne, Hofstra University                         |
| March 29     | <i>Religious Liberalism and the Liberal Geopolitics of Religion</i><br>Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University          |
| April 26     | <i>“Unrest Territory”: Boston’s Parish Shutdowns and the Meanings of Modernity</i><br>John Seitz, Fordham University      |

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# THE HISTORY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (667)

*Founded: 1998*

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

**Chair: Mr. Chauncey G. Olinger, Jr.**

**Rapporteur: Ivan Lupic**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

February 24      *Seeing Stars! The Recent History of Columbia's Astronomy Department*  
David Hefland, Columbia University

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# GLOBALIZATION, LABOR, AND POPULAR STRUGGLES (671)

*Founded: 1998*

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

**Co-Chairs: Professors David Bensman and Henry J. Frundt**  
**Rapporteur: Ms. Vesna Bogojevic**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 19      *The Clean Air/Clean Trucks Campaign: A Blue-Green Alliance to Clear the Air and Create Decent Work*  
David Bensman, Rutgers University, and Representatives of Environmental Justice, Environmental, Labor, and Community Organizations
- November 16      JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND EQUITY  
*A Job Should Keep You Out of Poverty, Not Keep You in It*  
Holly Sklar, Let Justice Roll Living Wage Campaign
- January 25      *Iran’s Green Movement and the Future of the Struggle for Rights*  
Behzad Yaghmaian, Professor of Political Economy, Ramapo College
- April 19      JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON FULL EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND EQUITY  
*Globalization and National Identity: French Universalism Versus Cultural Diversity*  
Dr. Mark Kesselman, Professor Emeritus of Government, Columbia University

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**Prof. Henry J. Frundt, [hfrundt@ramapo.edu](mailto:hfrundt@ramapo.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 E. Remez**  
**Rapporteur: Ms. Sara Maria Hasbun**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- January 28      *Vocal Communication Through Coupled Oscillations: Substrates for the Evolution of Speech*  
Asif. A Ghazanfar, Department of Psychology, Princeton University
- March 25      *Speech Recognition by Machine and Psycholinguist*  
William F. Ganong, III, Dragon Research & Development, Nuance Communications
- April 29      *The Relation(s) Between Linguistics and Neurobiology*  
David Poeppel, Department of Psychology and Neural Science, New York University

**Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:**  
**Prof. Robert Remez, [remez@columbia.edu](mailto:remez@columbia.edu)**

# NEW MEDIA TEACHING AND LEARNING (683)

*Founded: 2000*

For many years, computing and education has been a robust and challenging field, but esoteric to many. From the time of the first browser that expanded the demographic base of users exponentially, the use of digital technologies and new media has become part of an explosive reconsideration of educational practice. The breadth of this reconsideration has touched on the content of education, its pedagogy, its place and, by inference, its range of possible participants. In response to this phenomenon, most major universities, including Columbia University, have reacted over the past 15 years with a diversity of initiatives. Some represent the need for attending to generic infrastructure, represented at Columbia by Columbia University Information Technology. Many are content-specific initiatives that grow out of the intrinsic needs of specific fields, represented at Columbia by organizations such as the Institute for Learning Technologies at Teachers College, the Columbia Center for New Media Teaching and Learning, and the Center for Digital Research and Scholarship. What is lacking across the range of initiatives is a unifying conversation that would focus upon the essential questions at this moment of accelerated change in the educational universe. Since the field in its many expressions and through its many entities is engaged primarily in active invention, it is all the more necessary that the time scale of sharing not be driven by the glacial movement of knowledge through scholarly journals, but by the immediate possibilities provided by face to face discourse as well as mediated asynchronous communications, in order to provide benchmarks for good practice.

Co-Chairs: Professor Frank A. Moretti and Dr. Ryan Kelsey  
Rapporteur: Ms. Ruth Palmer

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- March 26      *Achieving International Health Objectives with New Media and Technology at Columbia's Earth Institute*  
Dr. Prabhjot Singh Dhadialla, Director of the Program for Health Systems Development and Research at Columbia University's Earth Institute  
Dr. Patricia Mechael, Director of Strategic Application of Mobile Technology for Public Health and Development at the Center for Global Health and Economic Development at Columbia University's Earth Institute
- May 13      *Crisis Mapping with Crowdsourcing: Ushahidi and SwiftRiver*  
Patrick Meier, Director of Crisis Mapping and Strategic Partnerships at Ushahidi, Graduate of the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs

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Dr. Ryan Kelsey, [ryan@columbia.edu](mailto:ryan@columbia.edu)



# MEMORY AND SLAVERY (689)

*Founded: 2001*

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

**Co-Chairs: Professors Robert Pollack and Patricia Williams**

**Rapporteur: Ms. Pilar Jennings**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 23     ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING  
Professor Robert Pollack, Director of the Study for Center of Science and Religion,  
Professor of Biology, Columbia University
- October 21     *Transgenerational Transmission of Trauma*  
Dr. Neil Altman, Psychoanalyst and Professor,  
NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychoanalysis
- November 18    *Modern-Day Slavery in the United States*  
Ron Soodalter, New York State Historical Association
- December 14    JOINT MEETING WITH SEMINAR ON PEACE AND SEMINAR ON RELIGION  
*What's at Stake in Torture? Ritual, Imagination, and the Role of Media  
in the Construction of State Power*  
Tom F. Driver, The Paul Tillich Professor of Theology and Culture Emeritus  
at Union Theological Seminary
- February 3     *God-traumas*  
Dr. Serene Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary
- March 3        *Revisiting the Voices of Witnesses: An Evaluation of Prosecuting Child Abuse Cases*  
Marcia Sells, Associate Vice President of the Office of Government and Community Affairs  
at Columbia University
- April 7         *Searching for Whitopia: An Improbable Journey to the Heart of White America—Imagined Pasts,  
Nostalgic Futures, and the Geography of Race*  
Dr. Rich Benjamin, Senior Fellow at Demos, NYC
- May 12         *Clinical Work, Prejudice & Institutional Resistance to the Psyche*  
Ms. Pilar Jennings, Researcher, Center for Study of Science & Religion

**Academic year 2010–2011 Chairs:**

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**Dr. Pilar Jennings, [pj38@columbia.edu](mailto:pj38@columbia.edu)**

# EARLY CHINA (691)

*Founded: 2002*

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

Co-Chairs: Professors David Branner and Feng Li  
Rapporteurs: Mr. Nick Vogt and Mr. Brian Lander

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 25      *The Beginning of Writing in China: A Comparison with Other Original Writings*  
Kuang Yu Chen, Rutgers University
- Inscriptions and Writings in Early China*  
Oliver Venture, École Pratique des Hautes Études
- Important Clues to Pre-Shang and Zhou Cultures in Northern Hebei:*  
*The Excavation and Discoveries at Nanfangshui Site (2006)*  
Duan Tianjing, Jilin University, visiting Columbia
- December 5      *Reuniting Shen-Self with Its Lost Word Family with a Comment on the Daoist Term for Self (Zi)*  
Moss Roberts, New York University
- Persistent Misconceptions about Chinese “Legalism”*  
Paul Goldin, University of Pennsylvania
- January 30      *Women in the Book of Odes*  
Anne B. Kinney, University of Virginia
- The Issue of Hermeneutics in the Study of the Shijing*  
Chang Pao-San, National Taiwan University
- February 27      *Life in the Early Farming Communities of Northern China: A Bioarchaeological Account*  
Kate Pechenkina, Queens College, CUNY
- Narratives of Lineage History in the Shi Qiang pan and Qiu pan*  
David Sena, University of Texas at Austin
- April 10          *Life in the Farming Communities of Northern China: A Bioarchaeological Account*  
Kate Petchenkina

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Prof. Feng Li, [fl123@columbia.edu](mailto:fl123@columbia.edu)

# AGING AND HEALTH (695)

*Founded: 2003*

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

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

Rapporteur: Ms. Yessica M. Diaz

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- March 11      *Beyond the Olympics: An International Perspective on Aging Athletics*  
Robert Jerome
- March 31      *Productive Aging in China*  
Dr. Nancy Morrow-Howell, Washington University  
Ada Mui
- April 22      *Understanding Aging with Disability: Implications for Scholarship & Practice*  
Dr. Michelle Putnam, PhD, Associate Professor at Simmons College School of Social Work

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# DISABILITY STUDIES (697)

*Founded: 2003*

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

Co-Chairs: Ms. Colleen Lewis and Professor Michelle Ballan  
Rapporteurs: Meredith Guberman, Carrie Marks, Ani Sargsyan

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 13      *Hidden Thorns: Subtle Rhetorical Challenges to the Disability Rights Movement*  
Ronald Amundson, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy, University of Hawaii  
Discussant: Elizabeth Emens, JD, Professor of Law, Columbia University
- November 10    *The Ethics of Choice, Revisited*  
Rachel Adams, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature,  
Columbia University  
Discussant: Marsha Hurst, Narrative Medicine, Columbia University
- February 24    *A Film Screening of Voices From El-Sayed & Discussion*  
Ann Senghas, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology, Barnard College
- March 7        *Disability Rights in Mexico: The Real Gaby Brimmer and the People She Moved to Action*  
Trudy Balch, Elizabeth C. Gorski, and Lauri Umansky  
Discussant: Jorge Pineda
- April 22        *Understanding Aging with Disability: Implications for Scholarship & Practice*  
Michelle Putnam, Ph.D., Associate Professor at Simmons College School of Social Work

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Ms. Colleen Lewis, [cl2328@columbia.edu](mailto:cl2328@columbia.edu)

# MODERN BRITISH HISTORY (701)

*Founded: 2004*

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

**Co-Chairs: Professors Susan Pedersen and Carl Wennerlind**

**Rapporteur: Mr. Toby Harper**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 5      *The Typicalities of the English: W.W. Rostow, Modernization Theory and the Model of English History*  
Guy Ortolano, New York University
- November 9    *Class, Affluence and the Politics of Everyday Life in Britain, c.1930–1964*  
Jon Lawrence, University of Cambridge
- February 11    *Peak Coal in 1789: The Politics of Environmental Limits in Britain*  
Fredrik Albritton Jonsson, The University of Chicago
- March 10      *Looking for the Last Word: Text, Image, and the Reputation of Robert Devereux, 2nd Earl of Essex*  
Lisa Ford, Yale University
- April 19      *"I was Born in the East but My Heart is in the West":  
Chinese Immigrant Identity in Britain and the Empire*  
Sascha Auerbach, Virginia Commonwealth University/University  
of Northern British Columbia

**Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:  
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# MODERN GREEK (703)

*Founded: 2005*

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

Chair: Professor Vangelis Calotychos

Rapporteur: Ms. Karen Emmerich

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 7      *Entering through the Golden Door: Cinematic Representations of a Mythical Moment*  
Yiorgos Kalogeras, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- October 26     *Photini Tsalicoglou speaks about Margarita Karapanou, madness, creativity,*  
*and a mother's personal letters to her daughter*  
Fotini Tsalicoglou, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens

- November 5 *Dead or Alive? The Resurrection of Cappadocian, Asia Minor Greek*  
Co-sponsored by The Department of Slavic Languages & Literature  
& The Linguistics Society  
Mark Janse, Ghent University, Belgium
- November 12 *The Greek Utopia: Aris Alexandrou's The Mission Box*  
Dimitris Vardoulakis, University of Western Sydney, Australia
- December 16 *Cinematism Against Visual Regimes: Undoing Gender in Contemporary Art in Greece*  
Co-organized with The School of the Arts, Columbia University  
Sotirios Bahtsetzis, Fulbright Art Scholar, Columbia University
- February 18 *The Last Ottomans: Passivity And Resistance Within The Muslim Community Of Western Thrace  
During The Second World War And The Greek Civil War*  
Dimitris Papadimitriou, University Of Manchester, U.K. &  
Argyris Mamarelis, London School Of Economics
- March 25 *National Allegiance and Imperial Loyalty: Greeks Under European Colonial Rule*  
Alexis Rappas, Ted and Elaine Athanassiades Post-Doctoral Fellow,  
Program in Hellenic Studies, Princeton University  
Respondent: Lidia Santarelli, Center for European and Mediterranean Studies, NYU
- April 1 *A discussion with film director Yorgos Lanthimos*  
Director of the film "DOGTOOTH" in cooperation with  
The Film Division, Columbia University

Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:  
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# EARLY MODERN FRANCE (707)

*Founded: 2005*

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

Chair: Professor Pierre Force  
Rapporteur: Mr. Benjamin Young

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 27      *"Moralia revisitée: modernité"* (Extrait de: *Les Moralistes: une apologie*, Folio Essais)  
Louis Van Delft, Paris X, emeritus
- November 17    *"Comment a Nom": Knowledge of Body; Knowledge of Form in Rabelais*  
Timothy Hampton, Berkeley
- November 23    *La Conversation*  
Marc Fumaroli, Académie Française
- December 1     *Skepticism and Self in Montaigne*  
Mark Cohen, St. John's University
- March 12       *Noble Selfhood and the Nature Poetry of Saint-Amant*  
Michael Taormina, Hunter College
- April 9         *The Roles of Latin in Asterix*  
Ann Blair, Harvard University
- April 23        *Buffon on Death and Fossils*  
Joanna Stalnaker, Columbia University

Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:  
Prof. Pierre Force, pf3@columbia.edu



# THEORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF LITERATURE (489/711)

*Founded: 2005*

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Jonathan Arac and Bruce Robbins

Rapporteur: Mr. Bryan Lowrance

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 12      *Once in a Lifetime*  
Richard Dienst, Rutgers University  
Respondent: Doug Henwood, *Left Business Observer*
- November 16    *Secularism and Democracy*  
Rajeswari Sunder Rajan, New York University  
Respondent: Bruce Robbins, Columbia University
- February 1      *Network Theory, Plot Analysis*  
Franco Moretti, Stanford University  
Respondent: Nicholas Dames, Columbia University
- March 8         *Toward a New History of Human Rights*  
Samuel Moyn, Columbia University  
Ian Balfour, York University, Toronto
- April 19         *Dissenting Textualism: The Work of Method*  
Frances Ferguson, Johns Hopkins University

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Prof. Bruce Robbins, bwr2001@columbia.edu

# RELIGION IN NEW YORK (715)

*Founded: 2007*

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

**Chair: Professor Courtney Bender**

**Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Vaca**

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 16      *Translating Culture, Transcending Difference? Cosmopolitan Consciousness and Sufi Sensibilities in New York City after 2001*  
Rosemary Hicks, Columbia University
- November 13    *Brazilian Immigrants and Religion in New York: Pentecostal Missionary Church of the Portuguese Language*  
Donizete Rodrigues, University of Beira Interior and  
Centre for Research in Anthropology (Portugal)
- January 22      *"That Spirit is Black": The Religious Aesthetic of the Black Arts Movement*  
Josef Sorrett, Columbia University
- February 18    *Max Eastman, The Masses, and Religion in Modern American Radicalism*  
Geoff Pollick, Drew University
- April 16        *Public/Private Urban Space and the Social Limits of Religious Pluralism*  
R. Scott Hanson, Temple University

**Academic year 2010–2011 Chair:**

**Prof. Courtney Bender, [cb337@columbia.edu](mailto:cb337@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: Professors Marianne Hirsch, Sarah Cole, and Andreas Huyssen

Rapporteur: Ms. Kate Stanley

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 14     *Mapping Multidirectional Memory: Politics Between Past and Present*  
Michael Rothberg, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- November 23     *Performances of Spiral Time*  
Leda Martins, Pitzer College
- February 2        *Rites of Return*  
Marianne Hirsch, Columbia University  
Nancy K. Miller, The Graduate Center, CUNY
- April 15           *Depression and Public Feelings*  
Ann Cvetkovich, University of Texas, Austin

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Prof. Andreas Huyssen, [ah26@columbia.edu](mailto:ah26@columbia.edu)

# OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND INJURY PREVENTION (719)

*Founded: 2007*

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Robyn R.M. Gershon, Victoria H. Raveis, and Charles J. DiMaggio

Rapporteur: Ms. Julie Marie Pearson

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 10      BRIEF PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS ON CURRENT WORK
- October 8          BRIEF PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS ON CURRENT WORK  
*Multi-Drug Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus Skin Infections Among Athletes*  
Ms. Kathleen Crowley, Associate Vice President of Environmental Health and Safety  
and Doctoral Candidate in the Department of Environmental Health  
*Are We Prepared for a Dirty Bomb?*  
Dr. David Brenner, Director of the Center for Radiological Research
- November 5        BRIEF PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS ON CURRENT WORK  
*The Flu and You: The Current State of the Swine Flu Pandemic*  
Dr. Stephen Morse, Department of Epidemiology, Columbia University  
Mailman School of Public Health
- December 16      BRIEF PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS ON CURRENT WORK  
*Essential Workforce Willingness and Ability to Report to Duty During a Pandemic Influenza*  
Dr. Robyn Gershon, Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University  
Mailman School of Public Health  
*Mitigating Hospital Worker Absenteeism During a Pandemic*  
Dr. Andrew Garrett, National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Columbia University  
Mailman School of Public Health

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# COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY (721)

*Founded: 2007*

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

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

Chair: Professor Jonathan Gold  
Rapporteur: Mr. Christopher Kelley

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

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| October 19  | <i>Buddhist Well-Being</i><br>Christopher Gowans, Fordham University<br>Respondent: Owen Flanagan, Duke University   |
| November 18 | <i>Philosophy of Language, or Philosophy of Mind? Thoughts on What Apohavadins and their Critics are Arguing About</i><br>Dan Arnold, University of Chicago<br>Respondent: Akeel Bilgrami, Columbia University |
| December 7  | <i>Repraising the Reliances</i><br>Richard Nance, Indiana University<br>Respondent: Jonathan Gold, Princeton University  |
| March 12    | <i>The Satisfaction of No Analysis: A Madhyamaka View of Conventional Reality</i><br>Malcolm David Eckel, Boston University<br>Respondent: Paul Hackett, American Institute of Buddhist Studies                |
| March 25    | <i>Testimonial Knowledge &amp; Word Meaning in Indo-Tibetan Epistemology</i><br>Jonathan Stoltz, University of St. Thomas  |
| April 9     | <i>Buddhist Fictionalism</i><br>Mario D’Amato, Rollins College<br>Respondent: Jay Garfield, Smith College  |

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# MODERN EUROPE (723)

*Founded: 2007*

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

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

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 22      *One Nation Under Contract: The Outsourcing of American Power and the Future of Foreign Policy*  
Allison Stanger, Middlebury College  
Discussant: Robert Jervis, Columbia University
- November 5      *The Narcissism of Minor Differences: How America and Europe are Alike*  
Peter Baldwin, University of California at Los Angeles  
Discussant: Victoria DeGrazia, Columbia University
- December 3      *Party Competition Between Unequals: Strategies and Electoral Fortunes in Western Europe*  
Bonnie Meguid, University of Rochester
- February 4      *Follies of Power: America's Unipolar Fantasy*  
David Calleo, John Hopkins University  
Discussant: Jamie Rubin, Columbia University
- March 4      *1989: The Struggle to Create Post-Cold War Europe*  
Mary Sarotte, University of Southern California  
Discussant: Csaba Békés, Columbia University
- April 8      *Moscow: The 4th Rome*  
Katerina Clark, Yale University  
Discussant: Richard Wortman, Columbia University

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# K-12 SCIENCE EDUCATION (725)

*Founded: 2008*

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

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

**Rapporteur: Ms. Alissa Berg**

## MEETINGS 2009-2010

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| November 18 | OPEN DISCUSSION   |
| February 9  | <i>Study in New York City Schools</i><br>Chris Emdin, Teachers College, Columbia University                               |
| March 10    | <i>Double Discovery Center</i><br>Kevin Matthews, Columbia University, Double Discovery Center                            |
| April 28    | <i>Sharpening Earth Science Students' Reasoning</i><br>Kim Kastens, Columbia University, Lamont Doherty Earth Observation |

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# THEORY AND HISTORY OF MEDIA (727)

*Founded: 2009*

The seminar examines the ways in which shifts in media technologies engender, and emerge from, wider changes in cultural and discursive practices, aesthetic and literary forms, and social sensibilities. The theme for 2010–2011 is Medium Histories, and it examines differing epistemological and disciplinary approaches to the question of what constitutes the materiality of a medium and how we might study that materiality.

Co-Chairs: Professors Stefan Andriopoulos and Brian Larkin

Rapporteur: Mr. Tyler Whitney

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 5 *Film, Aesthetics, Science: Hugo Münsterberg's Laboratory of Moving Images*  
Giuliana Bruno, Visual and Environmental Studies, Harvard University
- November 16 *Three Middles*  
Alex Galloway, Culture and Communication, New York University
- December 7 *Kant's Magic Lantern: Historical Epistemology and Media Archeology*  
Stefan Andriopoulos, German, Columbia University  
Respondent: Rosalind Morris, Anthropology, Columbia University
- January 25 *Cinematic History: The Moving Image Writes its Past*  
Lorenz Engell, Bauhaus University Weimar
- February 15 *Withdrawal Slips: Paperwork and Parapraxis*  
Ben Kafka (NYU)
- March 29 *Categories as Movable Types: Traveling Aesthetics and Literatures of Art in the Iberian Worlds (1400–1600)*  
Alessandra Russo, Columbia University
- April 19 *The Secular Machine: Radio and the Materiality of Qur'anic Recitation*  
Prof. Brian Larkin, Barnard College

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# HISTORY, REDRESS, AND RECONCILIATION (729)

*Founded: 2009*

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Elazar Barkan and Daniel Levy

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Mahla

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 24     *Human Rights as Practice and Ideology*  
David Rieff, author and journalist
- October 22        *Recovering from Genocide, or Not? Revisiting Rwanda*  
Philip Gourevitch, author and journalist
- November 19      *Sites of Conscience: Museums take on Redress and Reconciliation*  
Liz Sevckenko, Director, Secretariat of International Coalition  
of Historic Site Museums of Conscience
- February 22      *The Land of Pale Hands ~ Femicide and Impunity in Guatemala*  
Victoria Sanford, Associate Professor of Anthropology,  
Lehman College & The Graduate Center City University of New York
- April 16           *Memories of Conflict and the Politics of Redress: Across Time, Place and Discipline*  
Atina Grossmann, Cooper Union  
Anna di Lellio, New School University  
Alex Hinton, Rutgers University

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# MEDICAL ECONOMICS (731)

*Founded: 2009*

Co-Chairs: Dr. Michael McGarvey, Richard Pierson, and Len Rodberg

Rapporteur: Ms. Natalie Levy

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- September 14     *Medicine's Social Contract with Society: Implications for Teaching Professionalism*  
Drs. Richard and Sylvia Gruess, McGill University, Montreal
- October 19        *Economics in the Current Health Care Reform Debate*  
Dr. Stan Brezenoff, President and CEO of Continuum Health Partners
- November 9        *A History of Health Insurance in the United States*  
Dr. Michael McGarvey, Retired Chief Medical Officer,  
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# JAPANESE CULTURE (733)

*Founded: 2009*

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Matthew McKelway and Haruo Shirane  
Rapporteur: Mr. Aaron Rio

## MEETINGS 2009–2010

- October 2 *Japan and the Culture of the Four Seasons: Secondary Nature, Social Difference, and Trans-Seasonality*  
Haruo Shirane, Shincho Professor of Japanese Literature,  
Department of Art History and Archaeology, Columbia University  
Discussant: Matthew P. McKelway, Atsumi Associate Professor of Japanese Art,  
Department of Art History and Archaeology, Columbia University
- October 29 *Digesting Antiquity: The Emergence of Poetic Philology in the Late Heian Period*  
David B. Lurie, Associate Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures,  
Columbia University  
Discussant: Lewis Cook, Queens College, City University of New York
- December 4 *Locating the Warrior Landscape: New Initiatives in Landscape Painting in Kamakura During the Later Muromachi Period*  
Eva Havlicova, Ph.D. Candidate, Princeton University  
Discussant: D. Max Moerman, Associate Professor,  
Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Culture, Barnard College
- April 16 *Geographies of the Imagination: Buddhism and the Japanese World Map*  
D. Max Moerman, Associate Professor, Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures,  
Barnard College, and Associate Director, Donald Keene Center for Japanese Culture,  
Columbia University  
Discussant: Matthew P. McKelway, Atsumi Associate Professor of Japanese Art,  
Department of Art History and Archaeology, Columbia University
- May 7 *The Mystery of Hayashi Razan's Translations*  
Peter Kornicki, Professor of East Asian Studies, Cambridge University  
Discussant: Peter Flueckiger, Associate Professor of Japanese Literature, Pomona College

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## COMPUTERS, MAN, AND SOCIETY (467)

*Founded: 1966*

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

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

MEETINGS 2009–2010

No Meetings in 2009–2010

## TRADITIONAL CHINA (487)

*Founded: 1967*

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

Chair: Professor Murray A. Rubinstein

Rapporteur: Ms. Marion Dumas

MEETINGS 2009–2010

No Meetings in 2009–2010

## CANCER (617)

*Founded: 1989*

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

Chair: Dr. Louis Gary

MEETINGS 2009–2010

No Meetings in 2009–2010

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## CONFLICT RESOLUTION (663)

*Founded: 1997*

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

Chair: Professor Aldo Civico

MEETINGS 2009–2010

No Meetings in 2009–2010

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

*Founded: 1999*

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

Chair: Professor Carole S. Vance

Rapporteur: Ms. Alicia Peters

MEETINGS 2009–2010

No Meetings in 2009–2010

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## PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES (685)

*Founded: 2000*

Chair: Dr. Joel Whitebook

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Viehoff

MEETINGS 2009–2010

No Meetings in 2009–2010

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## ROMANTICISM AND ITS AFTERMATH (699)

*Founded: 2004*

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

Co-Chairs: Professors Boris Gasparov and Lydia Goehr

### MEETINGS 2009–2010

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## RELIGION AND WORLD COMMUNITY (709)

*Founded: 2005*

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

Co-Chairs: Professor J. Paul Martin, Dr. Tony Kireopoulos, and Professor Neguin Yavari

### MEETINGS 2009–2010

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