

Graduate Courses Offerings - Spring 2009

Hist 523-401 The Religious "Other" in the Lives and Cultures of Medieval Jews, Christians, and Muslims **T. Fishman M 2-5PM**

Course will explore attitudes toward monotheists of other faiths and claims made about these "religious Others" in real and imagined encounters between Jews, Christians and Muslims in the Middle Ages. Strategies of "othering" to be analyzed -- claims about the Other's body, habits and beliefs -- include those found in works of law, theology, literature, art and polemics. Attention will be paid to cases of cross-cultural influence, both conscious and unconscious. Primary sources will be provided in English, but student research papers should utilize primary sources in their original languages. Undergraduates require instructor's permission.

Hist 530-401 20th Cent African American History

B. Savage R 1:30-4:30PM

This course will study major historical works on African American history for the post-1890 period. Emphasis on intellectual, political, and cultural history, and special attention to current debates about the relevance of this history and race generally to studies and students of United States history.

Hist 550-301 Topics in Jewish History

D. Ruderman TBA

Reading and discussion course on selected topics in Jewish history.

INSTRUCTOR'S PERMISSION REQUIRED

Hist 608-401 Proseminar in Urban Studies

M. Katz T 6-9PM

This seminar is required for students in the Urban Studies Graduate Certificate Program. They will be given preference for enrollment, which is limited to 15. The course is designed for Ph.D. students who intend to do urban-related research. It is not open to undergraduates. Master's Degree students will be allowed to enroll only in special circumstances and with the permission of the instructor. To earn credit for the Graduate Certificate Program, students must enroll for both fall and spring semesters. Other students may take only the fall semester. Enrollment for the spring semester alone is not permitted. In the fall, the seminar will focus on inter-disciplinary readings concerned with the history of American cities in the twentieth-century. In the spring, students will write a major research paper and meet with scholars and practitioners who exemplify a variety of careers in urban research.

Hist 610-301 American Cultural History

P. Kropp W 2-5PM

This course explores recent interpretations and themes in American cultural history since the early nineteenth century. Although there will be some discussion of theoretical perspectives, the focus of the course will be to examine cultural history in relation to the narratives of American history and historiography and to explore how cultural history makes a difference in the study of politics, the economy, institutions, and social relations. From the Navajo rug to the King Tut exhibit, readings will highlight specific cultural practices, cultural forms, and cultural politics. Together, they (and we) will address questions of race and identity, the public and the popular, representation and place, sources and interpretation. Students will complete several pieces of writing, of varying length and character, throughout the semester.

Hist 610-302 Civil Rights in Modern America

T. Sugrue TBA

This course explores the history of the struggle for racial equality in the United States from the postbellum rural South to the "postracial" present.

Hist 610-640 In Their Own Words**R. Engs** **W 5:30-8:10PM**

THIS IS AN LPS COURSE

Hist 620-301 Law and Society**J. Rudolph** **W 1:30-3:30PM**

This is an intensive reading seminar designed to introduce students to selected topics in the study of law and society. As we consider scholarship in areas such as law and colonization, gender and crime, legal profession or penal systems, we will also debate the varied theoretical approaches scholars employ when they investigate the role of law in social, political, economic and cultural life. Our focus will be on legal historical methods, but we will also consider the benefits of an interdisciplinary approach and the value of methodological insights from fields such as sociology, anthropology, literature or economics. Students will also be encouraged to consider the ways in which they might use legal materials as part of their own historical research. Finally, while the course will mainly focus on the Anglo-American legal tradition, comparative perspectives will be offered through readings on Roman law, and civil law traditions.

Hist 620-302 Europe and the World**R. Granieri** **W 2-5PM**

Globalization has encouraged increasing interest in transcending traditional geographic, temporal, and conceptual limitations on historical study. This seminar intends to respond to that interest by examining the place of Europe within the larger global society from the medieval period to the present. Topics to be covered include: Europe's shifting geographical and cultural boundaries, European relations with the non-European world, the historiographical implications of "de-centering Europe," and the construction of European and non-European identities, as well the contemporary significance of these historical developments. Assignments will include texts from a variety of periods, perspectives, and subfields, and the seminar is aimed at graduate students of all geographic and temporal specialties.

Hist 620-303 Memory, Fiction and History**R. Chartier** **T 2-5PM****Hist 620-305 European Social History****L. Lees** **M 2-5PM**

This seminar will survey the major approaches used by social historians since the 1950s to analyze important topics relating to social change in Europe during the period 1800-1940. A second focus will be the categories used to describe societies -- class, gender, race, community, religious affiliation -- and their use by historians. The course will also examine major processes which have transformed societies over time -- migration, urbanization, production, and consumption -- and the ways in which historians have constructed these categories. Readings will be drawn from classics in the field as well as the most recent scholarship.

Hist 630-302 Comparative Economic History 1400-1800**T. Safley** **M 2-5PM****Hist 630-304 Atlantic History****K. Brown** **R 1:30-4:30 PM****Hist 630-401 Readings in Modern Japanese History****F. Dickinson** **W 2-5PM**

This graduate seminar will examine the principal debates after 1945 in the writing of modern Japanese history.

We will cover the Tokugawa era (1600-1868) through the allied occupation (1945-52) and pay special attention to the ways in which analyses of modern Japan have changed over time and across national boundaries (principally, in the United States and Japan). A reading knowledge of Japanese is helpful but not required.

Hist 630-402 Comparative Frontiers
F. Kashani-Sabet R 1:30-4:30PM

Hist 700-301 The Study of History
K. Peiss W 10AM-1PM

Continuation of HIST 700 which began in the Fall semester. No new admissions.

Hist 710-301 Southern History
S. Hackney/S. Hahn M 2-5PM

Hist 720-301 Enlightenment in the 18th Century
A. Kors W 3-6PM

This research seminar will focus on the intellectual and cultural transformation of Western thought and expression in the 'long' eighteenth century (late seventeenth to early nineteenth centuries). Students may pursue topics in the Continental, British, and American Enlightenments from a wide variety of perspectives. We shall meet both to discuss certain works read in common and to discuss, advise, criticize, and offer mutual support of ongoing formulation of research questions, research strategies, and execution of a research paper. The goal of the course is to provide an intellectually vital and collegial setting for the production of a publishable achievement of major research.