Cambridge American History Seminar Lent Term 2017

We are pleased to announce the schedule of seminars and events for Lent Term 2017. Seminars will be held on Mondays at 5:00pm in the Knox Shaw Room, Sidney Sussex College, unless otherwise indicated. Several of the seminars will be based on pre-circulated papers that will be made available two weeks prior to the seminar date.

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We look forward to seeing you once term begins.

Gary Gerstle

Lent Term

16 January:

Thomas Sugrue, Professor of Social and Cultural Analysis, and History, New York University

Obama’s Urban Policy: A First Appraisal

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

Friday 20 January (ROOM TBA), 4:00pm:

Jill Lepore, David Woods Kemper ’41 Professor of American History, Harvard University and staff writer for The New Yorker

The Rise and Fall of the Fact

Friday 20 January (Knox Shaw Room), 7:00pm:

Tentative: Pizza and viewing of Trump Inaugural

Saturday 21 January (Stanley Library, Girton College), 10:00am

Societies and Social Movements: A conference in Honour of Betty Wood and Alastair Reid
23 January:

Simon Newman, Professor of History, University of Glasgow

*Hidden in Plain Sight: Escaped Slaves in Jamaica*

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

30 January:

First Thoughts on the Trump Presidency: A Panel Discussion

(Panellists TBA)

6 February:

Alan Taylor, Thomas Jefferson Foundation Chair, University of Virginia and 2016-17 Harold Vyvyan Harmsworth Professor, University of Oxford

*Premature Independence: College Violence in Virginia, 1750-1826*

13 February:

Emily Charnock, Lecturer in History and Keasbey Research Fellow in American Studies, University of Cambridge

*More Than A Score: Interest Group Ratings and Polarized Politics*

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

20 February:

Kate Dossett, Senior Lecturer in US History, University of Leeds

“I Fear I Have No Papers of Historical Interest”: Women’s History and Feminist Archives Since the New Deal

27 February:

David Lubin, Charlotte C. Weber Professor of Art, Wake Forest University, and Visiting Professor, Terra Foundation for American Art, University of Oxford

*Behind the Mask: WWI, Plastic Surgery, and the Modern Beauty Revolution*
6 March:

George Chauncey, Samuel Knight Professor of History and American Studies, Yale University

Rethinking the Post-war History of Gay Life and Politics in the US