Cambridge American History Seminar 2017-2018

We are pleased to announce the schedule of seminars and events for the academic year 2017/18. Seminars will be held on **Mondays at 5:00 PM 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.

All inquiries should be directed to Jonathan Goodwin, jmg216@cam.ac.uk, 01223 335317.

We look forward to seeing you once term begins.

Gary Gerstle

**Michaelmas Term**

**9 October:**

**Gareth Davies**, Associate Professor of American History and Fellow of St Anne’s College, University of Oxford

*How Black Suffering Became Visible: The Racial Politics of Gulf Hurricanes Since 1945*

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

**16 October:**

**Max Edling**, Reader in Early American History, King’s College, London

*Peace Pact and Nation: The U.S. Constitution as a Federal Treaty*

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

**21 October (Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge), 8:55am to 7:00pm:**

**Historians of the Twentieth Century United States (HOTCUS) Post-Graduate Conference: Contesting Power: Rights, Justice, and Dissent in America and Beyond**

Keynote lecture by Kerry Pimblott, Lecturer in International History, University of Manchester

For further details see the website: [http://hotcus.org.uk/2017-postgraduate-conference/](http://hotcus.org.uk/2017-postgraduate-conference/)

Or contact the conference organiser, Katherine Ballantyne: (hotcuspostgrads@gmail.com)
23 October:

Mae Ngai, Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies and Professor of History, Columbia University

*The Chinese Question and Global Politics 1850-1910*

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

(This will be a joint seminar with World History)

30 October (Bateman Auditorium, Gonville and Caius College), 5:00pm:

Ira Katznelson, 2017-18 Pitt Professor of American History and Institutions, University of Cambridge, and Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History, Columbia University

**Pitt Professor Inaugural Lecture:**

'As God Rules the Universe': Tocquevillean Reflections on the People and the State in Early America

(This will be a joint event with Political Thought and Intellectual History)

There will be a wine reception after the lecture in the Bateman Room, Gonville and Caius College

6 November:

Glenda Gilmore, Peter V & C Vann Woodward Professor of History, Yale University

*The Mystery That Is Left Out of History:* Romare Bearden’s Art and the Search for an African American Past

13 November (British Academy, London), 9:00am– 8:00pm:

**British Academy Symposium:** *The United States and World War One: Exploring Political, Economic and Cultural Entanglements*

Gary Gerstle is the symposium co-organiser. CAHS participants are encouraged to attend.

This symposium will be held at the British Academy, 10-11 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AH

For further details please visit the website: http://www.britac.ac.uk/events/united-states-america-and-world-war-one-exploring-political-economic-and-cultural
20 November:

Carl Nightingale, Professor of Transnational Studies and American Studies, University of Buffalo

From a Global History of Divided Cities to a Global Urban History

27 November:

Julia Guarneri, Lecturer in American History and Fellow of Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge


Lent Term

22 January:

Jonathan Levy, Professor of History, Fundamentals and the College, University of Chicago

The Golden Years? US Capitalism and the Politics of Income after WWII

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

29 January:

Elliott West, Harold Vyvyan Harmsworth Professor of American History, University of Oxford, and Distinguished Professor of History, University of Arkansas

Coincidence and Empire: The United States and the Pacific

5 February:

Emma Hart, Senior Lecturer in History, St Andrews University

Remaking the Public Good in the American Marketplace during the Early Republic

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper
12 February:

**Molly Geidel**, Lecturer in American Cultural History, University of Manchester

*Mid-Century Liberalism and the Development Film*

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

19 February:

**Rhys Jones**, Junior Research Fellow, Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge

*Temporal Claustrophobia at the Continental Congress, 1774-1776*

26 February:

**Jennifer Luff**, Associate Professor of Modern American History, University of Durham

*Secrets, Lies, and the ‘Special Relationship’ in the Early Cold War*

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

5 March:

**Alex Goodall**, Senior Lecturer in History, University College London

*The US Marine Empire in the Caribbean and Central America, c.1870-1920*

12 March:

**Beverly Gage**, Professor of History and American Studies, and Brady-Johnson Professor of Grand Strategy, Yale University

*G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the American Century*

**Easter Term**

30 April:
Lizabeth Cohen, Howard Mumford Jones Professor of American Studies, Harvard University

*Biography as History: How Far Can a Life Take You?*

**7 May:**

**Nathan D.B. Connolly**, Herbert Baxter Adams Associate Professor of History, John Hopkins University

*What’s Yours is Mine: Family and Property in an Age of Landgrabbing*

**14 May:**

**Ira Katznelson**, 2017-18 Pitt Professor of American History and Institutions, University of Cambridge, and Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History, Columbia University

*Fear and Democracy: Responding to Carl Schmidt*

**21 May:**

**American History Graduate Student Conference**

*Details to come*

**Summer Event**

**13-14 July:**

**Work and Politics in the Twenty-First Century**

International Conference at the University of Cambridge

*Details to come*