Cambridge American History Seminar 2018-2019

We are pleased to announce the schedule of seminars and events for the academic year 2018/19. Seminars will be held on Mondays at 5:00pm. Due to construction at Sidney Sussex College, the location of the seminar will move around more than usual. A majority of seminars will still be held in the Knox Shaw Room or the Old Library of Sidney Sussex College; a substantial minority will be held in the Boardroom, Faculty of History, West Road. Two seminars, jointly sponsored with Political Thought and Intellectual History, will be held at Trinity College venues. About half of the seminars will be based on pre-circulated papers, which 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

Michaelmas Term

8 October (Knox Shaw Room, Sidney Sussex College):

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

Soot, Palm Trees, and Zinc: Modernization, Sensation and Hybridity in the American Tropical Port System During the First Age of Globalisation

15 October (Boardroom, Faculty of History):

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

Secrets, Lies, and the 'Special Relationship' in the Early Cold War

This paper will be pre-circulated

22 October (Boardroom, Faculty of History):

Anthony Badger, Emeritus Paul Mellon Professor of American History, and Emeritus Fellow of Clare College, University of Cambridge and Professor of American History, Northumbria University

Writing the Biography of Albert Gore Sr: Confessions of an Unlikely Biographer
29 October (Knox Shaw Room, Sidney Sussex College):

Katherine Carté Engel, Associate Professor of History, Southern Methodist University

Rebuilding Religion after Revolution

This paper will be pre-circulated

5 November (Old Combination Room, Trinity College):

Corey Robin, Professor of Political Science, Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York

Race Man: The Jurisprudence of Clarence Thomas

This is a joint session with Political Thought and Intellectual History

This paper will be pre-circulated

12 November (Knox Shaw Room, Sidney Sussex College):

Sarah Knott, Associate Professor of History and Research Fellow, Kinsey Institute, Indiana University and Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford

Mother is a Verb: North American Histories Since the Seventeenth Century

19 November (Boardroom, Faculty of History):

Robert Lee, Lecturer in American History, University of Cambridge and Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows, Harvard University

Indigenous Geopolitics, Settler Populations, and the Demographic Origins of the Missouri Compromise

This paper will be pre-circulated

26 November (Boardroom, Faculty of History):

Jane Dinwoodie, Junior Research Fellow, Jesus College, University of Cambridge

Evading Indian Removal in the American South, 1812-1850

This paper will be pre-circulated
Lent Term

21 January (Knox Shaw Room, Sidney Sussex College):

Naomi Lamoreaux, 2018-19 Pitt Professor of American History and Institutions, University of Cambridge, and Stanley B. Resor Professor of Economics and History, Yale University

Voting Trusts and Antitrust: Rethinking the Role of State Corporation Law in Competition Policy in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century United States

This paper will be pre-circulated

28 January (Boardroom, Faculty of History):

Tom Arnold-Forster, Junior Research Fellow, Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge

Democracy and Culture at the Scopes Trial

4 February (Knox Shaw Room, Sidney Sussex College):

Barbara Savage, 2018-19 Harold Vyvyan Harmsworth Visiting Professor of American History, University of Oxford and Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought, University of Pennsylvania

Race, War, and Imperialism: Merze Tate's International Thought

11 February (Old Library, Sidney Sussex College):

Karine Walther, Associate Professor of History, Georgetown University, Qatar

Spreading the Faith: American Missionaries, ARAMCO and the Birth of the US-Saudi Special Relationship, 1889-1955

18 February (Old Combination Room, Trinity College):

Andrew Hartman, Professor of History, Illinois State University

Marxist Thought in America: A History

This is a joint session with Political Thought and Intellectual History
25 February (Old Library, Sidney Sussex College):

Kate Masur, Associate Professor of History, Northwestern University

Migration, Poor Laws, and Police Powers Before Reconstruction

4 March (Knox Shaw Room, Sidney Sussex College):

Susan L. Carruthers, Professor of American Studies, University of Warwick

“Dear John”: Love, Letters, and Loss in Wartime America

This paper will be pre-circulated

11 March (Knox Shaw Room, Sidney Sussex College):

David W. Blight, Class of 1954 Professor of American History, and Director of the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance and Abolition, Yale University


Easter Term

29 April (Boardroom, Faculty of History):

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

6 May (Boardroom, Faculty of History):

Michell Chresfield, Lecturer in United States History, University of Birmingham

13 May (Boardroom, Faculty of History):

**Ari Kelman**, Chancellor’s Leadership Professor of History, University of California, Davis

*For Liberty and Empire: How the Civil War Bled Into the Indian Wars*

This paper will be pre-circulated

20 May (Boardroom, Faculty of History):

**Brooke L. Blower**, Associate Professor of History, Boston University

*Gibraltar of the Pacific: The Road to Pearl Harbor Retold*

This paper will be pre-circulated