



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Faculty of History

Cambridge American History Seminar 2016-2017

We are pleased to announce the schedule of seminars and events for Michaelmas Term 2016. 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.

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We look forward to seeing you once term begins.

Gary Gerstle

Michaelmas Term

Tuesday 4 October (Room G.04, English Faculty West Road), 4:30pm:

Mark Greif, Associate Professor of Literary Studies, The New School, New York City

Book Launch: *Against Everything: Essays* (Penguin Random House, 2016)

Hosted by the Cambridge American Literature Research Seminar

10 October:

Thomas A. Foster, Professor of History, DePaul University

Queering Enslaved Men's Experiences: Same-Gender Intimacy and Sexual Vulnerability

17 October:

Pekka Hämäläinen, Rhodes Professor of American History, University of Oxford

Iktómi's Children: The Rise and Fall of the Lakota Empire

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

Thursday 20 October (Trinity Hall, Room TBC), 6:00pm:

Manisha Sinha, Draper Chair in American History, University of Connecticut

Book Launch: *The Slave's Cause: A History of Abolition* (Yale University Press, 2016)

Hosted by the Trinity Hall History Society

24 October:

Nick Witham, Lecturer in US Political History, University College London

Remembering 1968: Life Writing, Politics and Protest

31 October:

Bronwen Everill, Lecturer in History, Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge

Free Produce, Free Labour, and the Africa Question

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

7 November (Room TBC):

Eric Foner, DeWitt Clinton Professor of History, Columbia University, and Michael O'Brien Distinguished Historian, University of Cambridge

Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad

Tuesday 8 November (Knox Shaw Room), 5pm:

Workshop with **Professor Foner** to discuss his work and career (further details forthcoming)

14 November:

Darren Dochuk, Professor of History, University of Notre Dame

Blood on the Earth: Wildcat Religion and Oil in America's Age of Civil War

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

Thursday 17 November (Room TBC):

Seth Fein, Historian and Filmmaker, Seven Local Film

Film Screening: *Between Neighborhoods*

Seth Fein's new film is a history of Queens (New York City) as a transnational hub for people and commerce from the 1964 New York World's Fair until today.

21 November:

Seth Archer, Mellon Fellow in American History, University of Cambridge

Throwing Away the Gods: Hawai'i, 1818-1825

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

28 November:

Loïc Wacquant, Professor of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, and 2016-17 Pitt Professor, University of Cambridge

Peculiar Institutions: Four Centuries of Race-Making in the United States

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper