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Faculty of History

Cambridge American History Seminar 2015-2016

We are pleased to announce the schedule of seminars and events for the academic year 2015/16. 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

12 October, 5:00 PM (Winstanley Auditorium, Trinity College):

Gary Gerstle, Paul Mellon Professor of American History and Fellow, Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge

The American States and Their Police Power, 1789-1931

(This will be a joint seminar with PTIH (Political Thought and Intellectual History) and will be held under the auspices of PTIH.

Thursday 15 October, 5:00 PM (Old Library, Sidney Sussex College):

David Hollinger, Emeritus Preston Hotchkis Professor in the History of the United States, University of California, Berkeley

Paul Blanshard and The Transformation of American Catholicism

19 October:

Andrew Preston, Professor of History, and Fellow, Clare College, University of Cambridge

The Blessings of Free Security

Friday 23 October, 2:00 PM (Main Lecture Theatre, Old Divinity School, St John's College):

Sven Beckert, Laird Bell Professor of History, Harvard University

Space Matters, Eurafica, the American Empire and the Territorialization of Industrial Capitalism 1870-1950

Held in conjunction with the Cambridge History Workshop

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper available from the General Enquiries Office, 4th Floor, History Faculty

26 October:

Faculty and Graduate Student Reception

2 November:

Brian Ward, Professor in American Studies, Northumbria University, Newcastle

The Beatles' White (Photograph) Album: Race, Class and Gender in Miami Beach, 1964

9 November:

Jonathan Bell, Professor of United States History and Director of Institute of the Americas, University College London

Rethinking the "Straight State": Welfare Politics, Health Care and Public Policy in the Shadow of AIDS

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

Commentator: Emily J. Charnock, Keasbey Research Fellow in American Studies, and Fellow of Selwyn College, University of Cambridge

Thursday 12 November, 5:00 PM (Cripps Court Auditorium, Magdalene College):

Gary Gerstle, Paul Mellon Professor of American History, and Fellow of Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge

Inaugural Lecture:

Liberty and Coercion: The Paradox of American Government from the Founding to the Present

16 November:

Robin L. Einhorn, Preston Hotchkis Professor in the History of the United States, University of California, Berkeley and Fellow, The American Academy in Berlin

The Long View of American Tax Politics

Thursday 19 November, 5:00 PM (Old Library, Sidney Sussex College):

Reading and Remembering Michael O'Brien

Richard King, Emeritus Professor in American and Canadian Studies, University of Nottingham

Joel Isaac, Senior Lecturer in the History of Modern Political Thought and Fellow of Christ's College, University of Cambridge

Samuel James, J.H. Plumb College Lecturer and Fellow of Christ's College, University of Cambridge

This is a memorial event for our late colleague, Michael O'Brien, who died earlier this year. The gathering is intended to offer thoughts about Michael's work and to provide an opportunity for his friends, colleagues, and students to share memories of him. Richard King, Joel Isaac, and Sam James will lead off with remarks about Michael's writings and their impact on the field; the floor will then be open for comments, reflections, and questions.

Readings:

Michael O'Brien, 'Introduction: The Endeavour of Southern Intellectual History', in *Rethinking the South: Essays in Intellectual History*, (Baltimore, MD, Johns Hopkins University Press, 1988/Athens: GA: University of Georgia Press, 1993)

Michael O'Brien, 'A Retrospective on the Southern Intellectual History Circle, 1988-2013', *U.S. Intellectual History Blog*, 29 January 2014

23 November:

Andrew R. Graybill, Professor of History and Co-Director of Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University

For the Sake of the Common Happiness: The Taos Revolt of 1847 and the Limits of U.S. Conquest

30 November:

Charlie Laderman, Research Fellow, Peterhouse College, University of Cambridge

Theodore Roosevelt and the Humanitarian Tradition in U.S. Diplomacy

Lent Term

18 January:

Margaret Jacobs, Chancellor's Professor of History, University of Nebraska-Lincoln;
2015-16 Pitt Professor of American History and Institutions, University of Cambridge

Reconciling Native American and Twentieth Century American History

25 January:

Stephen Tuck, Professor of Modern History and Fellow of Pembroke College,
University of Oxford

*The Doubts of Their Fathers: The God Debate, and the Conflict Between African
American Churches and Civil Rights Organisations During the Jim Crow Era*

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

Commentator: Daniel Matlin, King's College London

1 February:

John A. Thompson, Emeritus Reader in American History and Emeritus Fellow of St
Catherine's College, University of Cambridge

Why Did the United States Assume a Global Role?

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

Commentator: David Milne, University of East Anglia

8 February:

Marie-Jeanne Rossignol, Professor of History, Université Paris Diderot

The Atlantic World of Anthony Benezet

15 February:

Michael Kazin, Professor of History, Georgetown University

A War Against War: The American Fight for Peace, 1914-1918

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

Commentator: Andrew Preston, University of Cambridge

22 February:

Sarah Miller-Davenport, Lecturer in 20th Century United States History, University of Sheffield

The Power of Mutual Understanding: Teaching 'New Modes of Life' in Post-Statehood Hawai'i

Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper

Commentator: Seth Archer, University of Cambridge

29 February:

Gareth Stedman-Jones, Professor of the History of Ideas, Queen Mary, University of London; Professor of Political Science, Director of Centre for History and Economics and Fellow of King's College, University of Cambridge

Karl Marx and American Politics - the New York Daily Tribune Years

Thursday 3 March, 5:00 PM (Staircase 1, Room 4, Corpus Christi College):

Sarah M.S. Pearsall, Senior Lecturer in the History of Early America and the Atlantic World, and Fellow of Robinson College, University of Cambridge

Enlightenment, Polygamy, Vampires

This will be a joint seminar with World History

7 March:

Kristin L. Hoganson, Professor of History, University of Illinois; 2015-16 Harold Vyvyan Harmsworth Professor of American History, University of Oxford

Isolationism as an Urban Legend