

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 in either the Knox Shaw Room, Sidney Sussex College, The Old Library, Sidney Sussex College or The Conference Room, Trinity Hall College**. 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

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

Alex Goodall, Senior Lecturer in Intellectual 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

Commentator: John Thompson, University of Cambridge

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

Religion Transformed

This paper will be pre-circulated

Commentator: Sarah Pearsall, University of Cambridge

5 November (Old Combination Room, Trinity College):

Corey Robin, Associate Professor of Political Science, Brooklyn College, CUNY

Invisible Man: The Black Nationalism of Clarence Thomas

This is a joint session with Political Thought and Intellectual History

This paper will be pre-circulated

Commentator: Gary Gerstle, University of Cambridge

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: British and North American Histories Since the Seventeenth Century

This paper will be pre-circulated

Commentator: Julia Guarneri, University of Cambridge

19 November (Boardroom, Faculty of History):

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

Indian Boundaries, Settler Populations, and Demographic Origins of the Missouri Crisis

This paper will be pre-circulated

Commentator: Pekka Hämäläinen, University of Oxford

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

Commentator: Nicholas Guyatt, University of Cambridge

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 Professor of History, Yale University

Monopolies in U.S. History: From Standard Oil to Google

This paper will be pre-circulated

Commentator: Noam Maggor, Queen Mary, University of London

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 (Boardroom, Faculty of History):

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

Marx in America

This is a joint session with Political Thought and Intellectual History

25 February (Boardroom, Faculty of History):

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 Carruthers, Professor of History, 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 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

Book Launch: *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom* (New York; Simon and Schuster: 2018)

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

It's in the Blood: Physical Anthropology, Genetics, and the Making of America's Triracial Isolates, 1950-1960

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

Gibraltars of the Pacific: The Road to Pearl Harbour

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