

Cambridge American History Seminar Michaelmas Term 2020

We are pleased to announce the schedule of seminars and events for Michaelmas Term 2020. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have made several changes to the seminar:

- We will meet bi-weekly, not weekly.
- All seminars **will be held online using Zoom**. As usual they will convene on **Mondays at 5:00pm**. Because Zoom can be fatiguing, we are shortening the seminars from 120 to 75 minutes. The Zoom login details for each seminar will be made available via email to the Cambridge Americanist email list a week before each event. If you wish to be added to the list please email a request to Jonathan Goodwin at jmg216@cam.ac.uk
- We are experimenting with a greater variety of formats than we normally deploy. We will gather feedback and develop best Zoom practices, which we will then use to guide our programming through Lent and Easter, should in-person seminars remain impossible.

We will certainly miss the regularity, intensity, and intimacy of our weekly, in-person, Knox-Shaw seminars. And the wine too. But we are excited about the schedule we have assembled, and the interchanges that the seminars will generate.

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

12 October:

David Minto, Assistant Professor of Modern British History, University of Durham

Alfred Kinsey's Kindred Systems: The Transnational Intimacies of US Sex Surveys and the Sexual Politics of Americanization

Commentator: Lucy Delap, University of Cambridge

Note that this is a pre-circulated paper.

26 October:

Historical Perspectives on the 2020 Election: A Panel Discussion

Peniel Joseph, Professor of Public Affairs; Barbara Jordan Chair in Ethics and Political Values; and Director of the Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, University of Texas at Austin

Michael Kazin, Professor of History, Georgetown University, and co-editor of *Dissent*

Julilly Kohler-Hausmann, Associate Professor of History, Cornell University

2 November:

Book Launch: Gary Gerstle and Joel Isaac, eds., *States of Exception in American History* (University of Chicago Press, 2020)

16 November:

Black Lives Matter: Past, Present, and Future: A Panel Discussion

Jamelle Bouie, Columnist for the *New York Times*

Elizabeth Hinton, Associate Professor of History & African American Studies and Professor of Law, Yale University

Christopher J. Lebron, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University

30 November:

Talking History with **Nancy Cott**, Jonathan Trumbull Research Professor of American History, Harvard University

This is the first instalment in a series of discussions with major figures in the field.