

**HISTORY DEPARTMENT – FALL 2026**  
**COLLOQUIUM (392W) COURSE OFFERINGS**

**H. 392W (28200) AMERICA IN THE SIXTIES**

**Prof. C. Giardina Tuesdays 5:00-7:50pm - PH 231**

How did the socially conscious, uproarious, irreverent “Sixties” evolve from the quiet-ism of the 1950s? What has been the impact of this period of deep and rapid change? From the signature social movements to hallmark legislation, from the counterculture to the political murders and assassinations of leader after leader, the course will explore the highs and lows of this tumultuous decade. The course will include the role of Queens College activists on campus and nationally.

**H 392W (28728) Modern New York City: The City Since 1898**

**Prof. K. Schlichting Wednesdays 1:40-4:30pm - PH 231**

This class will be an exploration of "long" 20th century in New York City through the lens of social history, focusing on social structures and the interaction of different groups of New Yorkers rather than affairs of state, environment, or urban planning. This semester we will consider the century's trends from the perspective of regular people living, working, playing, and fighting in the city's boroughs. Through original research and a focus on primary sources, we will help add new stories of New Yorkers to the city's history.

**H. 392W (28171) Policing, Race, & the Rise of the Carceral State  
in U.S. Hist. 1900-Pres.**

**Prof. P. Vellon Thursdays 3:10-6:00pm - PH 231**

This seminar examines the historical development of policing and incarceration in the United States from the early 20th century to the present, with a focus on race, class, gender, and political economy. We explore how criminal justice institutions evolved, the social and political forces that shaped them, and the ways in which public discourse — including media narratives — served to legitimize punitive policies. Through historical scholarship, primary sources, and multimedia, students will engage critically with debates about reform, abolition, and the future of justice.