

HISTORY DEPARTMENT – SPRING 2027

GRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS

H 718 (20045) MEMORY, MUSEUMS, MEMORIALS

Prof. P. Conolly-Smith Mondays 4:30-6:30pm – PH 156

How do Americans remember the past? What role does public history play in the nation's collective memory? This reading- and discussion-based seminar explores public history broadly defined, as it is presented in textbooks, documentary films, and especially in memorials, museums, and national monuments and parks. The course introduces students to approaches in public history and memory studies and helps prepare them for possible careers as public historians.

H. 756 (20700) VT: JEWISH LEGAL HISTORY

Prof. M. Segal Mondays 6:40-8:40pm - Online synchronous

A premise of this course is that the rules, principles and sources we call “Jewish law” develop in and through continual interpretation of legal and religious texts in different historical contexts from the ancient to medieval, and in some cases modern, periods. Our interest is historical in that our goals are both to identify evolution and to theorize and evaluate explanations for that variation and change. Topics selected from (what we would now categorize as) criminal, ritual and civil law, include: capital punishment, orality and literacy in the Talmud's legal approaches, the interpretive life of adultery laws, and evolving legal interpretation and practice of the Sabbath.

All readings in English. No knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic required.

H. 789 (20089) THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1945

Prof. C. Giardina – Wednesdays 6:40-8:40pm – PH 116

This course examines major developments in the history of the US from the end of World War II to the present. Major themes include the dynamics of economic growth and stagnation; the politics of liberalism and conservatism; the struggles for political and social equality by African Americans, women, and other groups; cultural change; the Cold War; the War in Vietnam; and the militarization of foreign policy.

H. 791 (20044) INTRODUCTION TO HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Prof. J. Sneeringer – Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm - PH 156

This course provides an introduction to historiography, the primary and secondary sources used in historical research, historical research methods, and the writing of history. Examples of primary sources to be covered include letters, diaries, documents, films, and historical newspapers. During the course students will assess primary sources, analyze secondary texts, and provide proper scholarly apparatus to their written work, including accurate and properly formatted citations and bibliography. Students will make use of the best secondary sources wherever they are available. Students will utilize primary sources located at QC or other libraries, including records and papers, published or unpublished, printed or online. The course goals include each student producing properly researched and documented historical papers.

H. 792 (20041) / 796 (20042)

MLS-MA CAPSTONE RESEARCH PROJECT (20041) / ADVANCED RESEARCH SEMINAR (20042)

Prof. K. Celello Wednesdays 4:30-6:30pm – PH 156

This workshop-style seminar is intended to provide support for MA candidates and MLS/MA students as they prepare to develop their final research projects. For History MA students, the course outcome is a finalized thesis prospectus that will be used to demonstrate the rationale and state of readiness to write the masters' thesis. For MLS/MA students, the course outcome is the completed history component of their interdisciplinary MLS/MA Capstone Research Project. The course is scaffolded to work students through each stage of their projects so that it may be presented for approval by your individual capstone and thesis advisors.

H. 799 (20038) VT: PROBLEMS IN HISTORY – Twelve Problems in Soviet History

Prof. K. Antonova Wednesdays 4:30-6:30pm - PH 157

This course examines 12 of the most controversial problems of historical interpretation in Soviet history, focusing on the latest literature and insights from post-1991 archives. No previous experience in Russian/Soviet history is expected.

HIST 799 (20040) VT: PROBLEMS IN HISTORY – Precolonial Africa: Sources, Methods, and Collective Memories

Prof. G. Davie Thursdays 6:40-8:40pm – PH 157

This course will explore the varied sources and methods historians use to research precolonial African kingdoms, cities, stateless societies, and trade networks. Readings will focus on historical research that engages with art, architecture, archeology, ethnography, and oral histories. We will also discuss examples of memorials,

national monuments, and repatriation efforts involving archives and museums.

H. 799 (20060) VT: PROBLEMS IN HISTORY – History of American Medicine

Prof. B. Wintermute Tuesdays 4:30-7:20 – PH 156

A graduate seminar co-taught with HIST 163. In addition to the lecture sections intended for the undergraduate audience, students will engage in weekly discussion sections related to the critical historiography associated with American medical history. Topics to be discussed will include the birth of therapeutics; the sectarian revolution of the 1820s; the influence of the American Civil War on medical practice; military medicine as a safeguard of scientific-oriented practice; the philanthropic roots of Public Health; the military medical foundation of Tropical Medicine; Sanitary Tactics after the Spanish American War; Spanish Influenza and the collapse of the military public health model; popular culture and medicine; how antibiotics transformed medicine; the rise of gynecology as a specialized practice; American medical culture and the principle of legitimate authority; the war on cancer; and other related issues.