

Spring 2021 – Graduate Courses in History

- **HIS 8026** *The U.S. Civil War* (Dr. Judith Giesberg): Selected research projects and readings on the era of the Civil War and Reconstruction, covering the origins of the conflict, the events of the war and its consequences.
- **HIS 8704** *Material Culture* (Dr. Whitney Martinko): Artifacts as sources for understanding past cultures, with emphasis on both academic scholarship and the field of public history. Development of material culture studies, methods of material culture analysis; artifacts as sources for historians; and the role of artifacts in museum exhibitions.
- **HIS 8402** *China and 20th Century Global Economy* (Dr. Andrew Liu): This course is interested in two burgeoning fields of study: 1) the history of capitalism in the second half of the 20th century, as experienced in the US and Europe, known as “late capitalism,” “globalization,” or “neoliberalism.” 2) how these transformations coincided with political and economic liberalization elsewhere in the world, in particular in China? Topics include the classic accounts of Euro-US history, the experience in China and the global south, market reforms and gender/sex and ethnicity/race dynamics, and other topics that students may be interested in.
- **HIS 8274** *Twentieth Century Europe* (Dr. Paul Steege): This course will introduce graduate students to a variety of issues in and methodological approaches to the study of twentieth-century Europe. It is not meant to provide a comprehensive survey of the century's history but rather to offer an investigation of the diverse experiences of Europe's contradictory versions of modernity.
- **HIS 8433** *Imperialism and Nationalism in the Modern Middle East* (Dr. Hibba Abugideiri): In plotting specific points in modern Middle Eastern history, this seminar is based on unearthing and problematizing particular theoretical constructs that historians (and other scholars) have used over the past half century to interpret and therefore write their historical narratives of the Middle East.
- **HIS 8441** *Africa Emergence from Colonialism* (Dr. Maghan Keita): An examination of the key issues of the pre-colonial and colonial eras and a study of the impact of these issues on the formation of modern African society.
- **HIS 8402** *Human Rights in World History* (Dr. Elizabeth Kolsky): This course examines the past and present history of human rights from a global, interdisciplinary perspective. Challenging assumptions about human rights being a problem “over there,” the course places emphasis on human rights issues and struggles “right here” as we engage key debates and questions in the modern history of human rights.