

Penn State University – Department of History

Graduate Program Areas of Emphasis and Seminar Rotation

Primary Areas:

- Nineteenth-century US
- Latin America
- China
- Early Modern Global

Secondary Areas:

- Twentieth-century US
- Modern Europe
- Medieval
- Transnational/Global
- Gender

Seminar Rotation (Fall 2016 to Spring 2020)

FALL 2016

500 – Theory, Method, and the Practice of History
512 – Church & State in Medieval Europe
530 – History of Science in the Early Modern World
545 – United States History, 1877 to Present
551 – African-American Freedom Struggle - 20th Cent
570 – Modern Latin America Seminar
580 – Premodern China

FALL 2017

500 – Theory, Method, and the Practice of History
543 – United States History to 1877
556 – Social Movements in 20th Century
537 – Early Modern Britain
569 – Colonial Latin America Seminar
566 – Islamic Studies
581 – Late Imperial and Modern China

FALL 2018

500 – Theory, Method, and the Practice of History
511 – Medieval British Isles
534 – Catholic World, 1540-1770
545 – United States History, 1877 to Present
546 – Rise and Fall of Modern America, 1919-present
569 – Colonial Latin America Seminar
580 – Premodern China

FALL 2019

500 – Theory, Method, and the Practice of History
511 – Medieval British Isles
531 – Religion and State-making in the EM World
546 – Rise and Fall of Modern America, 1919-present
543 – United States History to 1877
569 – Colonial Latin America Seminar
581 – Late Imperial and Modern China

SPRING 2017

515 – Early Modern Europe
~~524 – Crime and Deviance in Modern Europe~~
541 – War in the Early Modern and Modern World
544 – Civil War & Reconstruction
597 – Special Topic: Animal Histories in Latin America
582 – Gender in Modern Chinese History *

SPRING 2018

514 – Early Modern World: Empires, Trade and Religion
527 – Societies, Citizens & Violence in Modern Europe
548 – US South
572 – Race & Nation
588 – Ethnicity and Borderlands in Late Imperial China
589 – World History: Themes and Approaches

SPRING 2019

515 – Early Modern Europe
525 – Imperial Borderlands in Modern Europe
547 – Slavery in the Americas
567 – Latin American Social History, 1500-1900
586 – Modern Japan
587 – Modern South Asia

SPRING 2020

514 – Early Modern World: Empires, Trade and Religion
516 – US Women's and Gender History*
525 – Imperial Borderlands in Modern Europe
572 – {Latin American History}
585 – Culture and Society in Late Imp. China
587 – Modern South Asia

PRIMARY AREAS

(Core seminars in bold)

19th Century US:

HIST 516 – US Women's and Gender History*

HIST 543 – United States History to 1877

HIST 544 – Civil War and Reconstruction

HIST 545 – United States History, 1877 to Present

HIST 547 – Slavery in the Americas

HIST 548 – US South

Latin America :

HIST 567 – Latin American Social History, 1500–1900

HIST 568 – Spain and the Americas

HIST 569 – Colonial Latin America Seminar

HIST 570 – Modern Latin America Seminar

HIST 571 – History of the US–Mexico Borderlands

HIST 572 – Race & Nation

Modern China:

HIST 580 – Premodern China

HIST 581 – Late Imperial and Modern China

HIST 582 – Gender in Modern Chinese History*

HIST 585 – Culture and Society in Late Imperial China

HIST 586 – Modern Japan

HIST 588 – Ethnicity & Borderlands in Late Imperial China

Early Modern Global:

HIST 514 – Early Modern World: Empires, Trade & Religior

HIST 515 – Early Modern Europe

HIST 531 – Religion and State-making in the EM World

HIST 534 – Catholic World, 1540–1770

HIST 530 – History of Science in the Early Modern World

HIST 537 – Early Modern Britain

HIST 587 – Early Modern South Asia*

SECONDARY AREAS

20th Century US:

HIST 546 – Rise and Fall of Modern America, 1919-present

HIST 551 – African American Freedom Struggle in the 20th Century

HIST 556 – Social Movements in 20th Century US

Modern Europe:

HIST 524 – Crime and Deviance in Modern Europe

HIST 525 – Imperial Borderlands in Modern Europe

HIST 527 – Societies, Citizens and Violence in Modern Europe

Medieval:

HIST 511 – Medieval British Isles

HIST 512 – Church & State in Medieval Europe

HIST 566 – Islamic Studies

Transnational/Global:

HIST 541 – War in the Early Modern and Modern World

HIST 587 – Early Modern South Asia*

HIST 589 – World History: Themes and Approaches

Women's and Gender:

HIST 516 – US Women's and Gender History*

~~HIST 535 – History of the Body*~~

HIST 582 – Gender in Modern Chinese History*

* Seminars with asterisks appear in two areas, but can only be counted towards one are for degree requirements.