Trinity Term 2017 Events

Venue: Rothermere American Institute (unless otherwise indicated)
Term Dates: Sunday 23 April to Saturday 17 June

Daytime events are for Oxford academics, undergraduates, and graduate students unless otherwise indicated. Colleagues from other institutions, as well as members of the public, are welcome to the RAI Special Events, Special Seminars, and Book Launches, which usually begin between 4pm and 6pm.

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The American Politics Graduate Seminar welcomes attendees to its weekly meetings, which feature presentations and discussions led by postgraduate, junior, and senior researchers whose work relates to U.S. politics. The seminar meets on Wednesdays from 1-2.30pm at the RAI; a sandwich lunch is provided. If you would like to get involved, please email the convenors, Rose de Geus and Nina Yancy, at politics.rai@gmail.com.
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| Thursday 27 April 17:00-18:30 | **American Literature Research Seminar**  
Hazel Hutchison (Aberdeen)  
‘Truth has no Place in War’: WWI Writing and Censorship in America |
| 2nd Week         |                                                                      |
| Monday 1 May 12:00-14:00 | **American History Graduate Seminar**  
*To be confirmed* |
| Monday 1 May 17:00-20:00 | **The RAI Goes to the Movies - World War One**  
*Wings* (1927 dir. William Wellman)  
Introduced by Jack Doyle |
| Tuesday 2 May 11:00-11:30 | **Red, White, and Brew**  
Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers. |
| Tuesday 2 May 16:00-17:30 | **American History Research Seminar**  
Michael Heale (Lancaster)  
*Legitimizing American History in Britain: Roads Taken and Not Taken* |
| Wednesday 3 May 13:00-14:30 | **American Politics Graduate Seminar**  
Paul Kerry (Brigham Young and RAI)  
*Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict: What U.S. Policymakers Can Learn from the U.K. (and Germany)* |
| Wednesday 3 May 17:00-18:00 | **Intersectional Feminisms Reading Group**  
This reading group welcomes all those interested in exploring literary, artistic and intellectual works that centre the experiences of American women of colour. We meet weekly to discuss a small selection of texts by Black and brown women, encompassing range of textual, visual and auditory genres. Please contact nina.yancy@univ.ox.ac.uk to be added to the mailing list and receive the materials for each week. |
| Thursday 4 May 17:00-18:30 | **Esmond Harmsworth Lecture in American Arts and Letters**  
Hilton Als  
The Birth of Tragedy |

**Please note that registration is required:**  
[http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hilton-als-the-birth-of-tragedy-tickets-32694904339](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hilton-als-the-birth-of-tragedy-tickets-32694904339)
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<td>Please note that registration is required. Readings will be pre-circulated. This informal and participative seminar for undergraduates and faculty is limited to 25. To sign up, email <a href="mailto:enquiries@rai.ox.ac.uk">enquiries@rai.ox.ac.uk</a> with your name, course, and contact details.</td>
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<td>Richard Harknett (Cincinnati)</td>
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<td>Sarah Bufkin (All Souls)</td>
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| Wednesday  | 10 May      | **RAI-Miller Center Symposium**  
**100 Days Down, 265 To Go: First Milestone on President Trump’s First Year**  
This symposium will focus on two key policy areas that were central to the campaign and agenda of President Trump and the Republican Congress: national security and the economy. By pairing scholars with practitioners, panels will provide a retrospective of the first 100 days of the Trump administration, as well as offering insights for the remaining 265 days of the first year.  
This event is co-sponsored by the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia and the Rothermere American Institute. |
| Thursday   | 11 May      | **American Literature Research Seminar**  
Tara Stubbs (Oxford) and Doug Haynes (Sussex)  
Panel discussion to launch Douglas Haynes and Tara Stubbs’s co-edited collection, *Navigating the Transnational in Modern American Literature and Culture* (Routledge, 2017) |
| Monday     | 15 May      | **American History Graduate Seminar**  
*To be confirmed* |
| Monday     | 15 May      | **The RAI Goes to the Movies - World War One**  
*Sergeant York* (1941 dir. Howard Hawks)  
Introduced by Adrian Gregory |
| Tuesday    | 16 May      | **Red, White, and Brew**  
Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers. |
| Wednesday  | 17 May      | **American Politics Graduate Seminar**  
Matthew Holland (Utah Valley)  
*Utah’s Answer to PM Theresa May’s ‘Credible Alternative’ to the Traditional University* |
| Wednesday  | 17 May      | **American History Research Seminar**  
Frank Cogliano (Edinburgh)  
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<td><em>Special Relationships: Poetry Across the Atlantic Since 2000</em></td>
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<td>A one-day symposium exploring poetics of the Atlantic World since 2000</td>
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<td><strong>2 June</strong>&lt;br&gt;09:00-17:00&lt;br&gt;<strong>Voices of Dissent: Social Movements and Political Protests in Post-war America</strong>&lt;br&gt;2017 marks the fiftieth anniversary of Martin Luther King’s speech denouncing the Vietnam War at Manhattan’s Riverside Church. This interdisciplinary conference explores social movements and political protest in post-war America and the influential role that grassroots political activists have played in shaping America’s modern political culture. This event has been supported by the RAI Academic Programme Fund.</td>
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### RAI Conference

**Social Movements and the American State** [continued]

Sessions will be devoted to presidents and social movements, the American state and public policy, the American state and immigration, and the American carceral state.

*Please note: the second part of this conference will be held at the Rothermere American Institute.*

### Weekly events

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