



# Rothermere American Institute

## Michaelmas Term 2017 Events

Venue: Rothermere American Institute (unless otherwise indicated)

Term Dates: Sunday 8 October to Saturday 2 December.

**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.

1 <sup>st</sup> Week	
Monday 9 October 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Todd Carter (University College) <i>A penchant for personal diplomacy: Callaghan, Ford, and Carter</i>
Tuesday 10 October 11:00-11:30	<b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.
Wednesday 11 October 13:00-14:30	<b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Evan Soltas (St John's) <i>Effect of military casualties on local elections in America</i>  The American Politics Graduate Seminar welcomes all 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.
Thursday 12 October 17:00-18:30	<b>American History Research-Latin American Centre joint seminar</b> Ivan Jaksic (Stanford) <i>Lessons from empire: the first hispanists in the United States, 1820-1880</i>  <u>Please note: this seminar will be held at the Latin American Centre.</u>

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THE RAI IS THE SEAT OF OXFORD'S CONVERSATION WITH AMERICA. IT IS THE FOREMOST ACADEMIC INSTITUTION FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH IN US HISTORY, CULTURE AND POLITICS BEYOND AMERICA'S SHORES.

Thursday 12 October 17:00-18:30	<b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Eldrid Herrington (RAI and Queen Mary) <i>Civil war and one's-self: representation and revision in Whitman's Leaves of Grass</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 16 October 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Study Skills Session <i>Work habits and practices</i>
Tuesday 17 October 11:00-11:30	<b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.
Tuesday 17 October 16:00-17:30	<b>American History Research Seminar</b> Anthony Pinn (Rice) <i>How does it feel to be a problem? Du Bois, the problem soul and the nature of religion</i>
Wednesday 18 October 13:00-14:30	<b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> James Ranger (St Hugh's) <i>Understanding social media as an ideological apparatus</i>
Friday 20 October 17:30-19:00	<b>RAI Book Launch</b> —Nadia Hilliard, <i>The Accountability State: US Federal Inspectors General and the Pursuit of Democratic Integrity</i> (Kansas UP, 2017) —Tom Cutterham, <i>Gentlemen Revolutionaries: Power and Justice in the New American Republic</i> (Princeton UP, 2017)  To be followed by a wine reception  <u>This event is open to the public.</u>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 23 October 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Nonie Kubie (St Cross) <i>Better surroundings: child-savers, delinquency, and spaces for children in Chicago, 1890-1920</i>
Tuesday 24 October 11:00-11:30	<b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.

<p>Tuesday 24 October 16:00-17:30</p>	<p><b>American History Research Seminar</b> Charlotte Jeffries (Keble College) <i>Feminist sources, punk methods: U.S. Riot Grrrls in the history of teenage female sexuality</i></p> <p><u>To be followed by a reception to welcome new members of the American history and RAI communities.</u></p>
<p>Wednesday 25 October 11:30-13:00</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Rebecca Peters (Green Templeton) <i>Title to be confirmed</i></p>
<p>Thursday 26 October 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Natalia Cecire (Sussex) <i>Quartz contentment, or, passing for dead: celibacy, repellent surfaces, and the vesicle in Freud's Beyond the Pleasure Principle</i></p>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b></p>	
<p>Monday 30 October 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Dominic Barker (Lady Margaret Hall) <i>From Rumford to riots: the rising of Reagan, 1963-66</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 31 October 11:00-11:30</p>	<p><b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.</p>
<p>Tuesday 31 October 16:00-17:30</p>	<p><b>American History Research and British 18<sup>th</sup> Century History joint seminar</b> George Van Cleve (Seattle) <i>The birth of the American Empire: the Articles of Confederation and the road to the Constitution</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 1 November 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Nadia Hilliard (Balliol) <i>The Fed's role in the Great Recession in comparative perspective</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 1 November 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>Inaugural Lecture:</b> <b>The Drue Heinz Professorship of American Literature</b> Lloyd Pratt</p> <p><u>This lecture will be held at the English Faculty.</u></p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>

<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
<p>Monday 6 November 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Mitchell Robertson (University College) <i>'Some pretty amazing political clout': the surprising survival of volunteers in Service to America</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 7 November 11:00-11:30</p>	<p><b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.</p>
<p>Tuesday 7 November 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>Harmsworth Lecture in American History</b> Elliott West (Arkansas) <i>Things come together: science and the American West</i></p> <p><u>This lecture will be held in the Examination Schools.</u></p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
<p>Thursday 9 November 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>RAI Live and History of Art joint seminar</b> Deborah Treisman (Fiction Editor, <i>The New Yorker</i>) <i>The dream colony: the life in art of Walter Hopps</i></p> <p>Discussion led by Miguel de Baca, Terra Visiting Professor of American Art.</p> <p>To be followed by a wine reception.</p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
<p>Friday 10 November 10:00-17:00</p>	<p><b>Cultures and Commemorations of War: An Interdisciplinary Workshop Series</b> <i>Why Remember? War and Memory Today</i></p> <p>A one-day interdisciplinary workshop considering the practices and politics of war memory across time, including a morning seminar for graduate students and early-career researchers.</p> <p>Keynote: David Rieff</p> <p>Participants: Alice Kelly, James Wallis, Kevin Waite, Layla Renshaw, Elleke Boehmer, Adrian Gregory, Sara Haslam</p> <p><u>Free and open to all: please register at <a href="http://www.cultcommwar.com">www.cultcommwar.com</a></u></p> <p>Funded by a British Academy Rising Stars Award</p>

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 13 November 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Emma Day (Pembroke) <i>'Women strategising in the '90s': women, AIDS, and a new generation of feminism in 1990s New York</i>
Tuesday 14 November 11:00-11:30	<b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.
Tuesday 14 November 16:00-17:30	<b>American History Research Seminar</b> Discussion of the Harmsworth Lecture, led by Professor Pekka Hämäläinen.
Wednesday 15 November 13:00-14:30	<b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Carrie Ryan (Oriel) <i>The risk of death: aging and care in America</i>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 20 November 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Chris Nitschke (Keble) <i>National 'credit': U.S. foreign relations and the national debt after the Civil War, 1865-1869</i>
Tuesday 21 November 11:00-11:30	<b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.
Tuesday 21 November 16:00-17:30	<b>American History Research Seminar</b> Jennifer Luff (Durham) <i>'The re-conquest of America': American munitions and British governance during the Great War</i>
Wednesday 22 November 13:00-14:30	<b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Alex Coccia (St John's) <i>Creeping stringency: understanding state policy choices in cash assistance programs</i>
Thursday 23 November 17:00-18:30	<b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Ina Bergmann (RAI and Würzburg, Germany) <i>A cultural history of solitude in the USA</i>

<b>8<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 27 November 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Rivers Gambrell (Kellogg) <i>Changing the game: Richard Nixon and the politicisation of American Football</i>
Tuesday 28 November 11:00-11:30	<b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.
Wednesday 29 November 13:00-14:30	<b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Rachel Mullin (Green Templeton) <i>Who does aid aid? U.S. funding for refugee food aid</i>
<b>Weekly events</b>	
Mondays 17:00-18:30	<b>Slavery and the Crisis of the Union</b>  <u>Please note that this class is open to enrolled students only.</u>
Tuesdays 11:00-11:30	<b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Join RAI Director Halbert Jones and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.
Thursdays 11:00-13:00	<b>M.St. in U.S. History core seminar</b>  <u>Please note that this seminar is open to enrolled students only.</u>