



Rothermere American Institute

Hilary Term 2018 Events

Venue: Rothermere American Institute (unless otherwise indicated)

Term Dates: Sunday 14 January to Saturday 10 March

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 at **RAI Special Events**, **Special Seminars**, and **Book Launches**, which usually begin between 4pm and 6pm.

1 st Week	
Monday 15 January 12:00-14:00	American History Graduate Seminar Stephen Symchych (St Antony's) <i>John Gallison's journals: self-portrait of a third-generation Federalist in Boston</i>
Tuesday 16 January 11:00-11:30	Red, White, and Brew Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.
Tuesday 16 January 16:00-17:30	American History Research Seminar Mara Keire (Oxford) <i>"Coax me": sexual coercion and popular culture in New York, 1900-1929</i>
Wednesday 17 January 13:00-14:30	American Politics Graduate Seminar Mason Ji (St Antony's) <i>Taking steps forward: addressing North Korea through multilateralism</i> 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.

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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 18 January 17:00-18:30	<p>American Literature Research Seminar Karen Benavente (Texas – Rio Grande Valley) <i>Literature and borders</i></p> <p>The ALRS provides a friendly and engaged forum for invited speakers to present their research-in-progress in the form of a paper of approximately 40-45 minutes in length, after which there will be a question period and wine, then followed by a dinner hosted by the seminar's co-conveners. Free dinners are available for the first few graduate students to sign up each week; please do get in touch if you would like to join us. The seminar meets fortnightly on Thursdays from 5-7pm at the RAI.</p>
2nd Week	
Monday 22 January 12:00-14:00	<p>American History Graduate Seminar Mara Keire (RAI) Skills session: <i>The historical interpretation of visual imagery</i></p>
Tuesday 23 January 11:00-11:30	<p>Red, White, and Brew Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.</p>
Tuesday 23 January 16:00-17:30	<p>American History Research Seminar Jonathan Levy (Chicago) <i>Instability and inequality: American capitalism after the Volcker Shock of 1980</i></p>
Wednesday 24 January 13:00-14:30	<p>American Politics Graduate Seminar David Sehat (Winant Visiting Professor of American Government) <i>The American political tradition: ideas, interests, and institutions</i></p>
Friday 26 January 12:00-13:30	<p>Special Seminar William Blazek (Liverpool Hope) <i>The Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps: writing America's First World War</i></p> <p>A sandwich lunch will be provided <u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
Friday 26 January 17:00-18:30	<p>RAI Live Antony Penrose (photographer and co-director of the Lee Miller Archive) <i>Lee Miller: witnessing women at war</i></p> <p>To be followed by a wine reception. <u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>

3 rd Week	
Monday 29 January 12:00-14:00	American History Graduate Seminar Daniel Green (Wadham) <i>The religious system of northeastern North America</i>
Tuesday 30 January 11:00-11:30	Red, White, and Brew Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.
Tuesday 30 January 16:00-17:30	American History Research Seminar Gretchen Long (Williams College & Exeter) <i>Fullness, fatness, and memories of mammy</i>
Wednesday 31 January 13:00-14:30	American Politics Graduate Seminar Kristin Collins (Boston; RAI Senior Visiting Research Fellow) <i>Administrative constitutionalism and the development of American citizenship law</i>
Wednesday 31 January 17:00-18:30	Book Launch Sara Hirschhorn (Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies) <i>City on a Hilltop: American Jews and the Israeli Settler Movement</i> To be followed by a wine reception. <u>This event is open to the public.</u>
Thursday 1 February 17:00-18:30	American Literature Research Seminar Olivia Laing (author of <i>The Lonely City</i>) in conversation with Kristin Grogan (Hertford)
4 th Week	
Monday 5 February 12:00-14:00	American History Graduate Seminar Benjamin Madley (UCLA) <i>Skills Session: An American genocide: the United States and the California Indian catastrophe</i>
Tuesday 6 February 11:00-11:30	Red, White, and Brew Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.

<p>Tuesday 6 February 16:00-17:30</p>	<p>The Sir John Elliott Lecture in Atlantic History Emma Rothschild (Harvard) <i>The Atlantic in the interior</i></p> <p>To be followed by a wine reception. <u>This lecture is open to the public.</u></p>
<p>Wednesday 7 February 13:00-14:30</p>	<p>American Politics Graduate Seminar Russell Bogue (Balliol) <i>Understanding privacy</i></p>
<p>5th Week</p>	
<p>Monday 12 February 12:00-14:00</p>	<p>American History Graduate Seminar Grace Mallon (University) <i>Literature review: Congress and the states, 1781-1800</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 13 February 11:00-11:30</p>	<p>Red, White, and Brew Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.</p>
<p>Tuesday 13 February 17:00-18:30</p>	<p>Winant Lecture in American Government David Sehat (Georgia State; Winant Visiting Professor of American Government) <i>Politics after God</i></p> <p>To be followed by a wine reception. <u>This lecture is open to the public.</u></p>
<p>Wednesday 14 February 13:00-14:30</p>	<p>American Politics Graduate Seminar Helen Baxendale (Magdalen) <i>The contemporary politics of American education reform: Teach for America as policy ‘insurgent’</i></p> <p><u>Please note that this talk has been rescheduled to Trinity term.</u></p>
<p>Friday 16 February 12:00-13:30</p>	<p>Special Seminar Byron Shafer (Wisconsin-Madison)</p> <p><i>The Trump Presidency and the structure of modern American politics</i></p> <p>A sandwich lunch will be provided. <u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>

Friday 16 February 17:00-18:30	<p>OxWIP special event An evening with Alyssa Mastromonaco Deputy Chief of Staff to President Barack Obama</p> <p>Registration required: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/oxford-women-in-politics-16611016836</p>
6th Week	
Monday 19 February 12:00-14:00	<p>American History Graduate Seminar Rivers Gambrell (Kellogg) <i>'The President thinks football is a way of life': Richard Nixon's appropriation of sport (1970-1974)</i></p>
Tuesday 20 February 11:00-11:30	<p>Red, White, and Brew Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.</p>
Tuesday 20 February 16:00-17:30	<p>American History Research Seminar Julia Guarneri (Cambridge) <i>Womanly chit-chat? Women's pages in U.S. Newspapers, 1870-1930</i></p>
Wednesday 21 February 13:00-14:30	<p>American Politics Graduate Seminar Sarah Bufkin (All Souls) <i>Social recognition and racialized imaginaries</i></p>
Thursday 22 February 17:00-18:30	<p>American History Research-Latin American Centre joint seminar William Booth (St Catherine's) <i>A 'brown man's country'? Langston Hughes in Mexico</i></p>
7th Week	
Monday 26 February 12:00-14:00	<p>American History Graduate Seminar Sage Goodwin (University) <i>Framing the Civil Rights story: prime-time television news documentaries and the Black Freedom Struggle, 1954-1965</i></p>
Monday 26 February 17:00-18:30	<p>Special Seminar Linda Kerber (Iowa) and Kristin Collins (Boston; RAI Senior Visiting Fellow) <i>Midcentury modernisms: reinventing American nationality law in the 20th century</i></p> <p>To be followed by a wine reception. <u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>

Tuesday 27 February 11:00-11:30	Red, White, and Brew Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.
Tuesday 27 February 16:00-17:30	American History Research Seminar Simon Baatz (CUNY) <i>Murder in Manhattan: Stanford White and the 'unwritten law' in New York at the fin-de-siècle</i>
Wednesday 28 February 13:00-14:30	American Politics Graduate Seminar Jay Ruckelshaus (St John's) <i>Partisanship, polarization, and the riddle of Democratic identity: the case for putting politics in its place</i>
Thursday 1 March 12:30-14:30	M.St. U.S. History core seminar <i>New Directions in New Deal Scholarship: Meet the Authors</i> Harvey G. Cohen (King's), <i>Who's In the Money?: The Great Depression Musicals and Hollywood's New Deal</i> (2017), and Jason Scott Smith (Univ. of New Mexico and UCD), <i>A Concise History of the New Deal</i> (2014) This is part of the weekly M.St. seminar, but limited space is available for other graduate students who have read the two core books. The session will open with brief introductory remarks by the authors, followed by a general discussion of the historical and historiographical issues raised by each book. If you would like to participate, please contact enquiries@rai.ox.ac.uk by Friday 23 February. Lunch will be provided.
Thursday 1 March 17:00-18:30	American Literature Research Seminar Emilia Borowska (Royal Holloway; RAI Postdoctoral Visiting Research Fellow) <i>Chris Kraus's journey to the end of history</i>
8th Week	
Monday 5 March 12:00-14:00	American History Graduate Seminar Chris Nitschke (Keble) <i>The brokers of foreign relations, 1870-73</i>
Tuesday 6 March 11:00-11:30	Red, White, and Brew Informal weekly coffee session for postgraduates, fellows, and RAI researchers.

<p>Tuesday 6 March 16:00-17:30</p>	<p>American History Research Seminar Regina Lee Blaszczyk (Leeds) <i>The synthetics revolution and the senses, 1939-1970</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 7 March 13:00-14:30</p>	<p>American Politics Graduate Seminar James Cameron (Fundação Getulio Vargas) <i>The Double Game: The Demise of America's First Missile Defense System and the Rise of Strategic Arms Limitation</i> (OUP, 2017)</p>
<p>Thursday 8 March 09:30-14:00</p>	<p>Congress to Campus Former Congressmen Jim McDermott (D-WA) and Tim Murphy (R-PA) visit the RAI to share their experiences with sixth-form students.</p> <p>This is a pre-registered event and is now fully subscribed.</p>
<p>Thursday 8 March 14:00-15:15</p>	<p>Special Seminar <i>What political scientists need to understand about Congress</i> Aimed at undergraduate and graduate students, Dr Halbert Jones and Professor Philip Davies (Eccles Centre, British Library) discuss the practice of American government with the two former Members of Congress.</p> <p>Open to politics undergraduates, postgraduates and faculty members.</p> <p>To register, please email enquiries@rai.ox.ac.uk.</p>

Weekly Events:

<p>Tuesdays 11:00-11:30</p>	<p>Red, White, and Brew Join RAI Director Halbert Jones and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>
<p>Thursdays 11:00-13:00</p>	<p>M.St. in U.S. History core seminar</p> <p><u>Please note that this seminar is open to enrolled students only.</u></p>