



# Rothermere American Institute

## Hilary Term 2019 Events

Venue: Rothermere American Institute (unless otherwise indicated)

Term Dates: Sunday 13 January to Saturday 9 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 <sup>st</sup> Week	
Tuesday 15 January 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.
Tuesday 15 January 12:30-14:00	<b>American History Research Seminar</b> Diana Paton (Edinburgh) <i>The driveress and the nurse: childcare and other work under Caribbean slavery</i>  <u>This paper will be pre-circulated.</u>  The AHRS is a regular forum for the exchange of research, this term featuring a new time and some new formats, notably two sessions dedicated to pre-circulated papers. For further details on obtaining the pre-circulated papers, please contact the convenors: <a href="mailto:katherine.paugh@history.ox.ac.uk">katherine.paugh@history.ox.ac.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:stephen.tuffnell@history.ox.ac.uk">stephen.tuffnell@history.ox.ac.uk</a> .
Tuesday 15 January 17:00-18:30	<b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Jonathan Schroeder (Warwick) <i>The whiteness of the will: race and the matter of monomania</i>

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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.

<p>Wednesday 16 January 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Rivers Gambrell (Kellogg) <i>“All he wanted to talk about were the Redskins”</i>: Richard Nixon and the politicisation of American football</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	
<p>Monday 21 January 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Mitch Robertson (Univ) <i>Insatiable appetite: the growing power of bureaucratic and judicial decision-making</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 22 January 11:00-11:30</p>	<p><b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Join RAI Director Halbert Jones and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>
<p>Tuesday 22 January 12:30-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Research Seminar</b> Sarah Knott (Indiana; RAI Senior Visiting Research Fellow) <i>Mother Is A Verb: British and North American Histories Since the Seventeenth Century</i></p> <p><u>This paper will be pre-circulated.</u> To obtain the text, please contact <a href="mailto:katherine.paugh@history.ox.ac.uk">katherine.paugh@history.ox.ac.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:stephen.tuffnell@history.ox.ac.uk">stephen.tuffnell@history.ox.ac.uk</a>.</p>
<p>Wednesday 23 January 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Jeff Ding (Magdalen) <i>The real Smart Power: understanding U.S. policy to attract and retain highly-skilled immigrants</i></p>

<p>Wednesday 23 January 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar</b> Nicolas Bell-Romero (Cambridge) <i>Growing pains: epithets and the problem of American nationhood, 1776-82</i></p> <p>The Oxford Early American Republic Seminar (<a href="http://www.oxears.org">www.oxears.org</a>) facilitates a network for UK-based graduate students and early career scholars who study the United States between the Revolution and Reconstruction. Pre-circulated papers will be circulated via our mailing list a week in advance of the seminar: if you would like to be added to the list, please email <a href="mailto:grace.mallon@univ.ox.ac.uk">grace.mallon@univ.ox.ac.uk</a>.</p> <p>This seminar series is supported by the RAI Academic Programme Fund.</p>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	
<p>Monday 28 January 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Emma Day (Pembroke) <i>Of childbearing age: AIDS, reproduction, and the Reagan administration, 1981-1989</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 29 January 11:00-11:30</p>	<p><b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Join RAI Director Halbert Jones and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>
<p>Tuesday 29 January 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Lytle Shaw (New York University) <i>Third personism: the FBI's poetics of immediacy in the 1960s</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 30 January 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>Special Seminar</b> John Price (Special Assistant to President Richard Nixon for Urban Affairs) <i>The long-term implications of President Nixon's healthcare programme</i></p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
<p>Monday 4 February 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Noah Remnick (Balliol) <i>War on students: desegregation, massive resistance, and the history of the school-to-prison pipeline</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 5 February 11:00-11:30</p>	<p><b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Join RAI Director Halbert Jones and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>

<p>Tuesday 5 February 12:30-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Research Seminar</b> Konstantin Dierks (Indiana; RAI Senior Visiting Research Fellow) <i>Archiving globalization of the United States, 1815-1861: who was 'global' and who was not</i></p> <p>Held jointly with the Transnational and Global History Seminar.</p>
<p>Wednesday 6 February 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Aven Satre-Meloy (St John's) <i>New thinking on U.S. energy efficiency policy: why the timing of energy use matters</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 6 February 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar</b> Adam McNeil (Delaware) <i>Black patriotic masculinity: Black military and maritime performances as citizenship in the Age of Revolution</i></p>
<p>Thursday 7 February 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>Book launch and symposium</b> <i>Chromographia: American Literature and the Modernization of Color</i> Nicholas Gaskill (Oriel) Panellists: David Batchelor (artist and author of <i>Chromophobia</i>) Charlotte Ribeyrol (Trinity and Sorbonne) Elisa Tamarkin (UC Berkeley)</p> <p>Readings will be circulated in advance: please contact <a href="mailto:camilla.chen@seh.ox.ac.uk">camilla.chen@seh.ox.ac.uk</a>.</p>
<p>Friday 8 February 11:00-13:30</p>	<p><b>Colloquium</b> <i>Apropos of Nothing in the Nineteenth Century</i> Elisa Tamarkin (UC Berkeley)</p> <p>Readings will be circulated in advance: please contact <a href="mailto:camilla.chen@seh.ox.ac.uk">camilla.chen@seh.ox.ac.uk</a>.</p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>

<p>Friday 8 February 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>Open Friday at the RAI</b> <i>Making Oscar Wilde</i> Michèle Mendelssohn (Mansfield)</p> <p>A discussion of Michèle Mendelssohn's acclaimed recent work, <i>Making Oscar Wilde</i>. Panellists Natalia Cecire (Sussex), Elizabeth Kiss (Warden of Rhodes House), and Barbara Savage (Pennsylvania; Harmsworth Visiting Professor of American History), in conversation with the author. To be followed by a wine reception.</p> <p><i>Making Oscar Wilde</i> reveals the untold story of young Oscar's career in Victorian England and post-Civil War America. Set on two continents, it tracks a larger-than-life hero on an unforgettable adventure to make his name and gain international acclaim. With superb style and an instinct for story-telling, Mendelssohn brings to life the charming young Irishman who set out to captivate the United States and Britain with his words and ended up conquering the world.</p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Week</b></p>	
<p>Monday 11 February 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Sheng Peng (St Antony's) <i>Ideology and lost chances of peace: the Soviet Union's response to the US-China opening, 1976-1981</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 12 February 11:00-11:30</p>	<p><b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Join RAI Director Halbert Jones and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>
<p>Tuesday 12 February 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>Winant Lecture in American Government</b> <i>Has American democracy outstripped its institutional foundations? Principles without traction in 21<sup>st</sup> century governance</i> Stephen Skowronek (Yale; John G. Winant Visiting Professor of American Government)</p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
<p>Wednesday 13 February 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Andrew Wiseman (St Catherine's) <i>Towards a new understanding of the expansion of international society: settler colonialism and expansion in the long nineteenth century</i></p>

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 18 February 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Rivers Gambrell (Kellogg) <i>'That's the ball game': Nixon, sport, and Watergate</i>
Tuesday 19 February 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.
Tuesday 19 February 12:30-14:00	<b>American History Research Seminar</b> Karen Jones (Kent) <i>Lungs, bodies and green visions: healthy cities, park-making and the urban metabolic landscape in London and New York</i>  Held jointly with the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology Seminar.
Wednesday 20 February 13:00-14:30	<b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Ian O'Grady (Corpus Christi) <i>Thinning the glass ceiling? Public campaign financing in American state legislative elections, 2000-2018</i>
Wednesday 20 February 17:00-18:30	<b>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar</b> Jack Campbell Tracey (Kent) <i>Loyalism in motion: the cultural rituals of Georgia loyalists, 1779-1782</i>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 25 February 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Ella St George Carey (Pembroke) <i>'Red, white, and Black': the debate over the active service of Black nurses in the American Red Cross during the First World War</i>
Tuesday 26 February 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.
Tuesday 26 February 12:30-14:00	<b>American History Research Seminar</b> Damian Pargas (Leiden; Roosevelt Institute for American Studies) <i>Beacons of freedom: runaway slaves and spaces of freedom in North America</i>

Wednesday 27 February 13:00-14:30	<b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Jay Ruckelshaus (St John's) <i>What's wrong with polarization? Justice and the ethics of political disagreement</i>
Thursday 28 February 17:00-18:30	<b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Ed Sugden (King's College London) <i>New York, 1891: extract from Moby-Dick: a biography</i>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 4 March 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Chris Nitschke (Keble) <i>Ticket to bribe: the 'Gotham diplomacy' of American railroad financiers, 1869-73</i>
Tuesday 5 March 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.
Tuesday 5 March 12:30-14:00	<b>American History Research Seminar</b> Rachel Herrmann (Cardiff) <i>Maritime and riverine borders and the problem of settler colonialism</i>
Wednesday 6 March 13:00-14:30	<b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Karishma Shah (New) <i>Challenging U.S. sovereignty: Google and Facebook in counter terrorism and election interference</i>
Wednesday 6 March 17:00-18:30	<b>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar</b> Sveinn Jóhannesson (Institute of Historical Research, London) <i>Science, the War of 1812, and the hidden transformation of America's central state, 1812-1820</i>
Thursday 7 March 09:30-14:00	<b>Congress to Campus</b> Former Members of Congress Charles Boustany (R-LA) and Donna Edwards (D-MD) visit the RAI to share their experiences with sixth-form students.  This is a pre-registered event for schools, and is now fully booked.

Thursday  
7 March  
14:00-15:15

**Special Seminar**

*What political scientists need to understand about Congress*

A panel discusses the practice of American government with the former Members of Congress.

Open to undergraduates, postgraduates and faculty members.