



# Rothermere American Institute

## *Hilary Term 2020 Events*

Venue: Rothermere American Institute (unless otherwise indicated)

Term Dates: Sunday 19 January to Saturday 14 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**.

1 <sup>st</sup> Week	
Monday 20 January 12:00-13:30	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Sage Goodwin (Univ) <i>Title to be confirmed</i>  This seminar is convened by the graduate community in American History, meeting on Mondays in Seminar Room 1 at the RAI. Papers are normally pre-circulated on the Friday before the seminar, and the session itself takes the form of a Q&A. Please contact the convenor at <a href="mailto:ella.stgeorgecarey@history.ox.ac.uk">ella.stgeorgecarey@history.ox.ac.uk</a> for a copy of the relevant paper.
Tuesday 21 January 11:00-11:30	<b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering

<p>Thursday 23 January 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Raphaël Lambert (Kansai University; RAI Visiting Research Fellow) Book launch for <i>Narrating the Slave Trade, Theorizing Community</i> (Brill, 2019)</p> <p>Followed by a panel discussion featuring Tessa Roynon (RAI) and Kariann Yokota (University of Colorado Denver)</p> <p>The ALRS provides a friendly and engaged forum for invited speakers to present their research. The seminar is followed by a dinner hosted by the convenors – a number of free spots at dinner are always available. Please email Daniel Abdalla (<a href="mailto:daniel.abdalla@wadham.ox.ac.uk">daniel.abdalla@wadham.ox.ac.uk</a>) and/or Zachary Seager (<a href="mailto:zachary.seager@pmb.ox.ac.uk">zachary.seager@pmb.ox.ac.uk</a>) to find out more, and to sign up to the mailing list.</p>
<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b></p>	
<p>Monday 27 January 12:00-13:30</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Peter Mancall and Adam Smith <i>Workshop: Getting a job</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 28 January 11:00-11:30</p>	<p><b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>
<p>Tuesday 28 January 12:15-13:45</p>	<p><b>American History Research Seminar</b> Emma Hart (St Andrews), Peter Thompson (Oxford), and Grace Mallon (Univ)</p> <p><i>Response to the Harmsworth Lecture in American History</i> (Peter Mancall, ‘The origins of the American economy’, Michaelmas term 2019)</p> <p>This paper will be pre-circulated: please contact the convenors at <a href="mailto:stephen.tuck@history.ox.ac.uk">stephen.tuck@history.ox.ac.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:gareth.davies@history.ox.ac.uk">gareth.davies@history.ox.ac.uk</a>.</p> <p>A sandwich lunch will be provided.</p>

<p>Wednesday 29 January 15:00-16:00</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Christine Pelican (St Benet's Hall) <i>Punitive rationales for bombing in the Vietnam War: the salience of deontological and consequentialist motives</i></p> <p>The American Politics Graduate Seminar welcomes all to its regular meetings, which feature presentations and discussion led by postgraduate, junior, and senior researchers whose work relates to US politics. The seminar meets fortnightly on Wednesdays (Weeks 2, 4, 6, and 8) from 3-4 pm at the RAI. Coffee, tea, and biscuits are provided. Please contact the convenor at <a href="mailto:mitchell.robertson@univ.ox.ac.uk">mitchell.robertson@univ.ox.ac.uk</a> for more details.</p>
<p>Wednesday 29 January 16:15-17:15</p>	<p><b>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar</b> Benjamin Schneider (Merton) <i>Technological change and work: the transformation of American transport, 1750-1860</i></p> <p>The Oxford Early American Republic Seminar facilitates a network for UK-based graduate students and early career scholars who study the United States between the Revolution and Reconstruction. All are welcome to attend. Many papers are pre-circulated: for details please email <a href="mailto:grace.mallon@univ.ox.ac.uk">grace.mallon@univ.ox.ac.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:stephen.symchych@sant.ox.ac.uk">stephen.symchych@sant.ox.ac.uk</a>.</p> <p>This seminar series is supported by the RAI Academic Programme Fund.</p>
<p>Friday 31 January 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>RAI Open Friday</b> <i>The Great Debate: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley and the Civil Rights Revolution</i> Nicolas Buccola (Linfield College) Raphaël Lambert (Kansai University; RAI Visiting Research Fellow)</p> <p>On 18 February 1965, a packed Cambridge Union witnessed a televised debate between James Baldwin, the leading literary voice of the civil rights movement, and William F. Buckley Jr., a fierce critic of the movement and America's most influential conservative intellectual. The subject was "the American dream is at the expense of the American Negro". Nicolas Buccola and Raphaël Lambert will revisit this historic occasion and discuss its continuing relevance to the persistent racial divide in the US, accompanied by screenings from the original debate. The event will introduce Buccola's <i>The Fire Is upon Us: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the Debate over Race in America</i> (Princeton, 2019).</p> <p><u><a href="#">This event is open to the public.</a></u> To be followed by a wine reception.</p>

3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	
Tuesday 4 February 11:00-11:30	<b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.
Tuesday 4 February 12:15-13:45	<b>American History Research Seminar</b> Romain Huret (EHESS, Paris) <i>St Valentine's blues: never-married people, family values, and inequality in the 20<sup>th</sup> century United States</i>  A sandwich lunch will be provided.
Thursday 6 February 17:00-18:30	<b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Erin Forbes (Bristol) <i>"Because the world does not exist": Afrofuturism's radical past</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	
Monday 10 February 12:00-13:30	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Ella St George Carey (Pembroke) <i>Very unorganized and uncertain? Nurse training facilities for Black women in 1920s New York</i>
Tuesday 11 February 11:00-11:30	<b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.
Tuesday 11 February 17:00-18:30	<b>Winant Lecture in American Government</b> Margaret Weir (Brown University) <i>Race and the problem of the public in postwar America</i>  <u>This event is open to the public.</u> To be followed by a wine reception.
Wednesday 12 February 15:00-16:00	<b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Joshua Goldstein (St Hilda's) <i>Does U.S. public opinion follow the leader or follow the crowd? Evidence from experimental surveys involving cyber-attack vignettes</i>

<p>Wednesday 12 February 16:15-17:15</p>	<p><b>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar</b> Kariann Yokota (University of Colorado) <i>A “proper theatre for exertion”: US forays into the transpacific world in the Early American Republic</i></p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Week</b></p>	
<p>Monday 17 February 12:00-13:30</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Noah Remnick (Balliol) <i>The history of school policing and discipline</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 18 February 11:00-11:30</p>	<p><b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>
<p>Tuesday 18 February 12:15-13:45</p>	<p><b>American History Research Seminar</b> Heather Ann Thompson (Michigan) <i>Lore and logics: the liberal state, the carceral state, and the limits of justice and inequality in postwar America</i></p> <p>This paper will be pre-circulated: please contact the convenors at <a href="mailto:stephen.tuck@history.ox.ac.uk">stephen.tuck@history.ox.ac.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:gareth.davies@history.ox.ac.uk">gareth.davies@history.ox.ac.uk</a>.</p> <p>A sandwich lunch will be provided.</p>
<p>Thursday 20 February 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><del><b>American Literature Research Seminar</b></del> <del>Michael McCluskey (Boston)</del> <del><i>Melting-pot media: ‘Americanization’ in the early twentieth century</i></del></p> <p><b>Cancelled due to planned UCU strike action</b></p>
<p>Friday 21 February 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>RAI-Latin American Centre Joint Seminar</b> Arturo Santa-Cruz (Guadalajara) Book launch: <i>US Hegemony and the Americas: Power and Economic Statecraft in International Relations</i></p> <p><u>Please note that this event will take place at the Latin American Centre.</u></p>

**6<sup>th</sup> Week**

<p>Monday 24 February 12:00-13:30</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Katherine Paugh (Oxford) <i>Workshop: How to write a book proposal</i></p> <p><b>Cancelled due to planned UCU strike action</b></p>
<p>Tuesday 25 February 11:00-11:30</p>	<p><b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>
<p>Tuesday 25 February 12:15-13:45</p>	<p><b>American History Research Seminar</b> Margaret Weir (Brown University) <i>'Beyond the plant gates': postwar labor and the organizational substructure of liberalism</i></p> <p><del>This paper will be pre-circulated: please contact the convenors at <a href="mailto:stephen.tuck@history.ox.ac.uk">stephen.tuck@history.ox.ac.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:gareth.davies@history.ox.ac.uk">gareth.davies@history.ox.ac.uk</a>.</del></p> <p><del>A sandwich lunch will be provided.</del></p> <p><b>Cancelled due to planned UCU strike action</b></p>
<p>Wednesday 26 February 15:00-16:00</p>	<p><b>Special Seminar</b> Lawrence Jacobs (Minnesota; All Souls College) <i>The form of American democracy: Jefferson, Jackson, and political party nomination</i></p> <p><del>This event is open to the public.</del></p> <p><b>Cancelled due to planned UCU strike action</b></p>
<p>Wednesday 26 February 16:15-17:15</p>	<p><b>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar</b> Nicholas Cole (Oxford) <i>Impeachment at the founding</i></p> <p><b>Cancelled due to planned UCU strike action</b></p>

**7<sup>th</sup> Week**

<p>Monday 2 March 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Neil Suchak (Kellogg) <i>Transfer of Status presentation</i></p> <p><b>Cancelled due to planned UCU strike action</b></p>
<p>Tuesday 3 March 11:00-11:30</p>	<p><b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>
<p>Tuesday 3 March 12:15-13:45</p>	<p><b>American History Research Seminar</b> Sarah Pearsall (Cambridge) <i>A nameless woman in early America</i> A sandwich lunch will be provided.</p> <p><b>Cancelled due to planned UCU strike action</b></p>
<p>Wednesday 4 March 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>Book Club</b> Come along to the RAI American Fiction Book Club, where we will be discussing Edith Wharton's <i>The House of Mirth</i>. RAI Fellows from different disciplines will lead the discussion, and suggestions for future books will be encouraged. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.</p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p> <p><b>Due to planned UCU strike action, this event will now be held at the King's Arms, 40 Holywell Street.</b></p>
<p>Friday 6 March 10:30-11:45</p>	<p><b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Jeffrey Herlihy-Mera (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest; Puerto Rico) <i>The limits of transnational exceptionalism: the case of Ernest Hemingway in Cuba</i></p> <p><b>Please note changed date and time.</b></p>

<p>Friday 6 March 12:00-13:30</p>	<p><b>Book Launch</b> Mark Peterson (Yale) <i>The City-State of Boston: The Rise and Fall of an Atlantic Power, 1630-1865</i> With Peter Mancall (Southern California and RAI); chaired by Adam Smith</p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
<p>Friday 6 March 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>Book Launch</b> Peter Mancall (Southern California and RAI) <i>The Trials of Thomas Morton</i> Responses from Amy Morris (Cambridge), Sonia Tycko (Oxford), and Mark Peterson (Yale)</p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
<p><b>8<sup>th</sup> Week</b></p>	
<p>Monday 9 March 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><del><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b></del> <del>Grace Mallon (Univ)</del> <del><i>Forts, firearms, and federalism: Military preparedness in the United States from the Washington administration to the War of 1812</i></del></p> <p><b>Cancelled due to planned UCU strike action</b></p>
<p>Tuesday 10 March 09:30-14:00</p>	<p><b>Congress to Campus</b> Two former Members of Congress visit the RAI to share their experiences with sixth-form students. This is a pre-registered event for schools, and is now fully booked.</p>
<p>Wednesday 11 March 15:00-16:00</p>	<p><del><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b></del> <del>Alexis Ciambotti (Lady Margaret Hall)</del> <del><i>The role of umbrella organizations in cross-sector relations: ACVAFS and public-voluntary sector coordination in the Refugee Act of 1980</i></del></p> <p><b>Cancelled due to planned UCU strike action</b></p>
<p>Wednesday 11 March 16:15-17:15</p>	<p><del><b>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar</b></del> <del>Lawrence Hatter (Washington State)</del> <del><i>The past isn't past: an indigenous history of the US-Canadian border</i></del></p> <p><b>Cancelled due to planned UCU strike action</b></p>