



# Rothermere American Institute

## Michaelmas Term 2018 Events

Venue: Rothermere American Institute (unless otherwise indicated)

Term Dates: Sunday 7 October to Saturday 1 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 at **RAI Special Events**, **Special Seminars**, and **Book Launches**, which usually begin between 4pm and 6pm.

1 <sup>st</sup> Week	
Monday 8 October 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> <i>Graduate Skills Workshop: open Q&amp;A forum</i>
Tuesday 9 October 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 9 October 12:30-14:00	<b>American History Research Seminar</b> Zara Anishanslin (Delaware) <i>Domesticating revolution: patriotic women and the material culture of bringing battle home</i>  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 Peter Thompson at <a href="mailto:peter.thompson@history.ox.ac.uk">peter.thompson@history.ox.ac.uk</a> .)

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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 10 October 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Kaleem Hawa (Lincoln) <i>Preparing for the next outbreak: a disease-monitoring toolkit for health policymakers</i></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>
<p>Thursday 11 October 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Alix Beeston (Cardiff) <i>Frozen in the glassy, bluestreaked air: John Dos Passos's photographic metropolis</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, followed by a question period and wine, and then a dinner hosted by the seminar's co-convenors. Free dinners are available for the first few graduate students to sign up each week; please write to <a href="mailto:camilla.chen@seh.ox.ac.uk">camilla.chen@seh.ox.ac.uk</a> if you would like to join us. The seminar meets on Thursdays (Weeks 1, 3, 6, and 8) from 5-6.30pm at the RAI.</p>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	
<p>Monday 15 October 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Dominic Barker (LMH) <i>'Passing the Saliva Test': Reagan's relationship with Apartheid</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 16 October 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 16 October 12:30-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Research Seminar</b> Peter Thompson (St Cross) <i>Thomas Jefferson and William Short: confronting the gender frontier in Revolutionary Paris</i></p> <p>(Pre-circulated paper: please contact Peter Thompson at <a href="mailto:peter.thompson@history.ox.ac.uk">peter.thompson@history.ox.ac.uk</a>.)</p>
<p>Wednesday 17 October 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> William Henagan (Keble) <i>Social capital in the workplace: quantifying the value of low-skill work to democracy</i></p>

<p>Wednesday 17 October 17:30-18:30</p>	<p><b>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar</b> Andrew Edwards (Oxford) <i>Making revolutionary money; making money revolutionary: 1775-1776</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>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b></p>	
<p>Monday 22 October 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> <i>Graduate Skills Workshop: tips and tricks for archival research in the US</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 23 October 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 23 October 12:30-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Research Seminar</b> Nick Witham (UCL) <i>John Hope Franklin and the racial politics of popular history</i></p> <p>(Pre-circulated paper: please contact Peter Thompson at <a href="mailto:peter.thompson@history.ox.ac.uk">peter.thompson@history.ox.ac.uk</a>.)</p>
<p>Wednesday 24 October 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Maya Kornberg (Wolfson) <i>A mile wide and an inch deep: what are Congresspeople learning?</i></p>
<p>Thursday 25 October 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Bryan Cheyette (Reading) <i>Clive Sinclair is not Philip Roth</i></p>

<p>Friday 26 October 17:00-18:45</p>	<p><b>Open Friday at the RAI</b></p> <p>The RAI's Open Friday events bring audiences into conversation with authors and creators. They address unusual and sometimes controversial topics that push at disciplinary boundaries.</p> <p>Film screening and discussion: <i>In the Name of Peace: John Hume in America</i> with film director, Maurice Fitzpatrick Chair: Michael Parker</p> <p>Through the relationships he cultivated with the White House and US Congress, John Hume created the framework for peace in Northern Ireland. Narrated by Liam Neeson, this documentary includes wide-ranging interviews with US Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, UK Prime Ministers John Major and Tony Blair, as well as many US Senators, US Congressmen and Irish leaders.</p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u> <u>To be followed by a wine reception.</u></p>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b></p>	
<p>Monday 29 October 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Rivers Gambrell (Kellogg) <i>'Football is perhaps my second vocation': Richard Nixon's institutionalized sports fandom (1970-4)</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 30 October 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 30 October 12:30-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Research Seminar</b> Paul Lawrie (Winnipeg) <i>The color of hours: race, time and space in post-industrial urban America</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 31 October 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>RAI Special Seminar</b> Dale Turner (British Academy Visiting Fellow, attached to the Treated Spaces Research Cluster at the University of Hull) <i>Historical Indian treaties in American and Canadian constitutional contexts</i></p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>

<p>Wednesday 31 October 17:30-18:30</p>	<p><b>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar</b> Meg Roberts (Cambridge) <i>Work, manufacturing, and disability in the early republic</i></p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Week</b></p>	
<p>Monday 5 November 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> <i>Graduate Skills Workshop: journal articles</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 6 November 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>Wednesday 7 November 12:00-13:00</p>	<p><b>RAI Special Event</b> <i>U.S. midterm elections 2018: interpreting the results</i> Nigel Bowles (Corpus Christi) Trevor McCrisken (Warwick and RAI) Maya Kornberg (Wolfson)</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE CHANGED TIME.</b></p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u> <u>A sandwich lunch will be provided.</u></p>
<p>Wednesday 7 November 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>Book Presentation</b> <i>Meet You in Atlantic City: Travels in Springsteen's New Jersey</i> James Pettifer (Oxford) Chaired by Godfrey Hodgson</p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u> <u>To be followed by a wine reception.</u></p>
<p>Friday 9 November 12:30-14:00</p>	<p><b>RAI Special Seminar</b> Stephen Meili (Minnesota) <i>The U.S. midterm elections: implications for immigration law and policy</i></p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u> <u>A sandwich lunch will be provided.</u></p>

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 12 November 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Oenonie Kubie (Univ) <i>To be confirmed</i>
Tuesday 13 November 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 13 November 17:00-18:30	<b>Harmsworth Lecture in American History</b> Barbara Savage (Pennsylvania) <i>War, race, and anti-imperialism in Merze Tate's international thought</i>  <u>This lecture will be held in the Examination Schools.</u> <u>This event is open to the public.</u>
Wednesday 14 November 10:30-13:00	<b>American Literature Workshop: Willa Cather 'Outside the Box'</b>  A conversation that seeks to reassess this currently-neglected author, featuring a keynote presentation by Dr Catherine Morley (Leicester). Coffee and cake will be served. Open to paper presenters only: for more information and/or if you wish to take part, please contact <a href="mailto:tessa.roynon@ell.ox.ac.uk">tessa.roynon@ell.ox.ac.uk</a> by 22 October.
Wednesday 14 November 13:00-14:30	<b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Raluca Pahontu (Nuffield) <i>The Republican disaster: natural hazard exposure, risk aversion, and insurance demand</i>
Wednesday 14 November 17:30-18:30	<b>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar</b> Liz Barnes (Reading) <i>Navigating authorities in the Reconstruction South: freedwomen and community-based sexual violence</i>
Thursday 15 November 17:00-19:00	<b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Gayle Rogers (Pittsburgh) <i>The price of speculative futurity, from Verne to Schuyler</i>
Friday 16 November 12:00-13:30	<b>Book Presentation</b> John Lehman (US Secretary of the Navy, 1981-87) <i>Oceans Ventured: Winning the Cold War at Sea</i>  <u>This event is open to the public.</u>

Friday 16 November 17:00-18:30	<p><b>Open Friday at the RAI</b> Susan Schulten (Denver) <i>A history of America in 100 maps</i></p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u> <u>To be followed by a wine reception</u></p>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 19 November 12:00-14:00	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Stephen Symchych (St Antony's) <i>Channing, story and political identity: early 19<sup>th</sup> century</i></p>
Tuesday 20 November 11:00-11:30	<p><b>Red, White, and Brew</b> Join RAI Director Halbert Jones and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>
Tuesday 20 November 13:00-14:15	<p><b>Discussion of the Harmsworth Lecture in American History</b></p> <p><u>A sandwich lunch will be provided from 12:30.</u></p>
Wednesday 21 November 13:00-14:30	<p><b>RAI Special Seminar</b> David Leal (University of Texas) <i>America's midterm elections and the implications for the Trump presidency</i></p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 26 November 12:00-14:00	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Grace Mallon (Univ) <i>Governing the states in the new nation, 1789-1801</i></p>
Monday 26 November 17:00-18:30	<p><b>RAI Special Seminar</b> <i>"Du yu espik English?" Latino culture and identity in the United States</i> Ilan Stavans (Amherst)</p> <p>Co-sponsored by the Latin American Centre and the Sub-Faculty of Spanish, with María Del Pilar Blanco as discussant.</p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
Tuesday 27 November 11:00-11:30	<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>Wednesday 28 November 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Alex Coccia (St John's) <i>Structure and agency: contenders in America's poverty narrative</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 28 November 17:30-18:30</p>	<p><b>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar</b> Donald Ratcliffe (RAI) <i>Henry Storrs and new light on the Missouri Crisis</i></p>
<p>Thursday 29 November 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Emily Coit (Bristol and RAI) <i>Pure English: Edith Wharton's American elect</i></p>