



Rothermere American Institute

Michaelmas Term 2019 Events

Venue: Rothermere American Institute (unless otherwise indicated)

Term Dates: Sunday 13 October to Saturday 7 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**.

1 st Week	
Tuesday 15 October 17:00-18:00	RAI welcome drinks Join us for an informal gathering to welcome new students and post-holders from all disciplines of American studies to Oxford and the RAI. Wine and light refreshments will be provided.
Wednesday 16 October 12:30-14:00	Special Seminar Ronald White (best-selling author of <i>A. Lincoln</i> and <i>American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant</i>) <i>Abraham Lincoln's greatest speech: the second inaugural</i> A sandwich lunch will be provided.
Wednesday 16 October 17:00-18:30	Oxford Early American Republic Seminar Stephanie Lawton (Virginia) <i>Praises to the dead: classical influences in eulogies for George Washington</i> 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 grace.mallon@univ.ox.ac.uk or stephen.symchych@sant.ox.ac.uk . This seminar series is supported by the RAI Academic Programme Fund.

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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>Thursday 17 October 12:30-14:00</p>	<p>RAI-Latin American Centre joint seminar Pamela Starr (University of Southern California) <i>Face-to-face with Trump: dependent Mexico and the hegemon</i></p> <p>A sandwich lunch will be provided.</p>
<p>Thursday 17 October 17:00-18:30</p>	<p>American Literature Research Seminar Bridget Bennett (Leeds) <i>The dissenting Atlantic: the transatlantic journey of The Experience of Thomas Jones (1850)</i></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 (daniel.abdalla@wadham.ox.ac.uk) and/or Zachary Seager (zachary.seager@pmb.ox.ac.uk) to find out more, and to sign up to the mailing list.</p>
<p>Friday 18 October 09:00-17:00</p>	<p>HOTCUS Postgraduate and Early Career Conference <i>The Regulated Body</i> Keynote Address: Professor Douglas Charles (Penn State University) <i>Researching Hoover's War on Gays: uncovering hidden history</i></p> <p>This one-day conference brings together researchers at various career stages from around the UK to share their research and exchange ideas about the history of the United States in the twentieth century. The programme features a broad range of papers exploring how the regulation of race, gender and sexual norms have intersected with movements for rights and justice from the early twentieth century to the present day.</p> <p>The conference will also include a developmental roundtable on publishing that will offer practical advice for the postgraduates and ECRs.</p> <p>To register, please visit https://hotcus.org.uk/2019-postgraduate-conference/conference-registration/.</p> <p>This event is supported by the RAI Academic Programme Fund.</p>

2nd Week	
<p>Monday 21 October 12:00-14:00</p>	<p>American History Graduate Seminar <i>Timeline of a DPhil: commencement to completion/What am I doing now?</i> Rivers Gambrell, Dominic Barker, Christoph Nitschke</p> <p>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 ella.stgeorgecarey@history.ox.ac.uk for a copy of the relevant paper.</p>
<p>Tuesday 22 October 11:00-11:30</p>	<p>Red, White, and Brew Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>
<p>Tuesday 22 October 12:15-13:45</p>	<p>American History Research Seminar Matthew Griffin (UCL) <i>The environmental imagination and mid-nineteenth-century American politics</i></p> <p>A sandwich lunch will be provided.</p>
<p>Wednesday 23 October 15:00-16:00</p>	<p>American Politics Graduate Seminar Miles Kellerman (University College) <i>Market structure and disempowering regulatory intermediaries: insights from U.S. trade surveillance</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 mitchell.robertson@univ.ox.ac.uk for more details.</p>
<p>Wednesday 23 October 16:00-17:00</p>	<p>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar Jane Dinwoodie (Cambridge) <i>Camouflage tactics and Indian non-removal in the American South</i></p> <p><u>Please note that this week's seminar starts at 4pm.</u></p>

<p>Wednesday 23 October 17:00-18:30</p>	<p>Book Launch <i>Primordial Modernism: Animals, Ideas, Transition (1927–38)</i> (Edinburgh University Press, 2019) Cathryn Setz (RAI Associate Visiting Research Fellow) Introduced by Rebecca Beasley (Oxford)</p> <p>Light refreshments and a vegan buffet will be provided.</p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
3rd Week	
<p>Tuesday 29 October 11:00-11:30</p>	<p>Red, White, and Brew Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>
<p>Tuesday 29 October 12:15-13:45</p>	<p>American History Research Seminar Karen Jones (Kent) <i>The many lives of Calamity Jane: gender and celebrity on the American frontier</i></p> <p>A sandwich lunch will be provided.</p>
<p>Thursday 31 October 17:00-18:30</p>	<p>Book Launch and Conversation American Literature Research Seminar Yahia Lababidi, in conversation with Ben Grant <i>“In the deep end, every stroke counts”: aphorisms in troubled times</i></p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
4th Week	
<p>Monday 4 November 12:00-14:00</p>	<p>American History Graduate Seminar Sheng Peng (St Antony’s) <i>A gentleman’s understanding: British, French, and German dual-use technology transfer to China and America’s dilemma: 1978-1981</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 5 November 11:00-11:30</p>	<p>Red, White, and Brew Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>

<p>Tuesday 5 November 12:15-13:45</p>	<p>American History Research Seminar Sonia Tycko (Oxford) <i>The identification of Huntington Library HM 1365 and the study of transatlantic service indentures</i></p> <p>This paper will be pre-circulated. Please contact the convenors at katherine.paugh@history.ox.ac.uk or stephen.tuffnell@history.ox.ac.uk to obtain a copy.</p> <p>A sandwich lunch will be provided.</p>
<p>Wednesday 6 November 15:00-16:00</p>	<p>American Politics Graduate Seminar Paola Solimena (University College) <i>The end of detente</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 6 November 17:00-18:30</p>	<p>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar Jessica Parr (Simmons University) <i>To drink Samaria's flood: tracing the development of African-American thought, 1760-1860</i></p>
<p>5th Week</p>	
<p>Monday 11 November 12:00-14:00</p>	<p>American History Graduate Seminar Mitchell Robertson (University College) <i>Was 'VISTA in ACTION' VISTA inaction?</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 12 November 11:00-11:30</p>	<p>Red, White, and Brew Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>
<p>Tuesday 12 November 12:15-13:45</p>	<p>American History Research Seminar Jenny Woodley (Nottingham Trent) <i>Mourning spaces: remembering and grieving for victims of lynching</i></p>
<p>Thursday 14 November 17:00-18:30</p>	<p>American Literature Research Seminar Diarmuid Hester (Cambridge) <i>'The garbage of our lives': toward a minoritarian theory of waste</i></p>

Friday 15 November 17:00-18:30	<p>Open Friday at the RAI</p> <p>Come along to the launch of the RAI American Fiction Book Club, where we will be discussing Mark Twain's time-travelling classic <i>A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court</i> (1889). RAI Fellows from different disciplines will lead the discussion, and suggestions for future books will be encouraged. Drinks and American-themed nibbles will be provided. All welcome.</p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
6th Week	
Tuesday 19 November 11:00-11:30	<p>Red, White, and Brew</p> <p>Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>
Tuesday 19 November 17:00-18:30	<p>Harmsworth Lecture in American History Peter Mancall (University of Southern California)</p> <p><i>The origins of the American economy</i></p> <p><u>This lecture will be held in the Examination Schools.</u> <u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
Wednesday 20 November 15:00-16:00	<p>American Politics Graduate Seminar Jeffrey Weinberg (Washington Campus) <i>Insights into the U.S. legislative presidency</i></p>
Wednesday 20 November 17:00-18:30	<p>Oxford Early American Republic Seminar James Mackay (Edinburgh) <i>'Refuge to our slaves': sites of sanctuary for refugees from slavery in Revolutionary America</i></p>
7th Week	
Monday 25 November 12:00-14:00	<p>American History Graduate Seminar Grace Mallon (University) <i>Trade and finance in a federal system from the Hamiltonian programme to Jefferson's embargo</i></p>
Tuesday 26 November 11:00-11:30	<p>Red, White, and Brew</p> <p>Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for coffee and conversation at this informal weekly gathering.</p>

<p>Tuesday 26 November 12:15-13:45</p>	<p>American History Research Seminar Peter Thompson (Oxford) <i>Response to the Harmsworth Lecture</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 26 November 15:30-17:00</p>	<p>Special Seminar Jeffrey Weinberg in conversation with Nigel Bowles <i>Challenges of Washington</i></p> <p>Please join us for this special event where Jeffrey Weinberg will discuss his five-decade career as a legislative attorney in the Office of Management and Budget. Jeffrey has worked on legislation under the last nine U.S. Presidents and will share these reflections on the contemporary U.S. presidency with former RAI Director Nigel Bowles. There will be time for audience questions.</p> <p><u>This event is open to the public.</u></p>
<p>Thursday 28 November 17:30-18:30</p>	<p>American Literature Research Seminar Katie McGettigan (Royal Holloway) <i>The Whale, or Moby Dick, international copyright and the transatlantic fashioning of American authorship</i></p>
<p>8th Week</p>	
<p>Monday 2 December 12:00-14:00</p>	<p>American History Graduate Seminar Stephen Symchych (St Antony's) <i>Massachusetts Jeffersonians?</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 3 December 11:00-11:30</p>	<p>Red, White, and Brew The Great RAI Bake Off Join RAI Director Adam Smith and colleagues for the fourth annual RAI Bake Off. If you would like to take part, please bring in something you have baked and present your entry by 10:45am. If you can't bake, then please come and sample the entries.</p>
<p>Tuesday 3 December 12:15-13:45</p>	<p>American History Research Seminar Rosie Knight (Sheffield) <i>White mamas and White devils: White women and enslaved children in the antebellum US South</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 4 December 15:00-16:00</p>	<p>American Politics Graduate Seminar 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>

9th Week

Tuesday
10 December
09:00-18:00

Workshop

Crashing out of Politics: Inequality and Representation 90 Years On
Keynote address: David Broockman (Stanford)

90 years after the 1929 Stock Market Crash, and over ten years on from the 2008 financial crisis, America is once again struggling with issues of inequality, representation, and responsiveness. How should we understand this situation? Is wealth inequality driving political inequality, or vice versa? And how do we answer these questions? This workshop aims to bring together scholars from politics, history and economics to discuss contemporary issues related to American political economy.

To view the call for papers, please visit
<http://ralucapahontu.com/raiworkshop-cfp/>.

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