



# Rothermere American Institute

## Trinity Term 2018 Events

Venue: Rothermere American Institute (unless otherwise indicated)

Term Dates: Sunday 22 April to Saturday 16 June

**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 23 April 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Mitchell Robertson (University) <i>"Howie Phillips and his wrecking crew": The conservatives (try to) take the bureaucracy</i>
Tuesday 24 April 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 24 April 16:00-17:30	<b>American History Research-Latin American Centre joint seminar</b> Victor Bulmer-Thomas (UCL) <i>Empire in retreat: past, present and future of the United States</i>
Wednesday 25 April 13:00-14:30	<b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Abdul N Rad (St Cross) <i>Police institutions and police abuse: evidence from the US</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.

<p>Wednesday 25 April 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>RAI Live</b> <b>Obama: 101 Best Covers</b> Ben Arogundade</p> <p>Writer and publisher Ben Arogundade will discuss a selection of covers featuring Barack Obama, published in his new illustrated book, <i>Obama: 101 Best Covers</i>.</p> <p>Copies of the book will be available for sale at a reduced price of £20 for students.</p> <p>This event is open to the public. To be followed by a wine reception.</p>
<p>Thursday 26 April 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Emilia Borowska (Royal Holloway and RAI) <i>Chris Kraus's journey to the end of history</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 5-6:30pm at the RAI.</p>
<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b></p>	
<p>Monday 30 April 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> <i>Skills session</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 1 May 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 2 May 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Helen Baxendale (Magdalen) <i>The contemporary politics of American education reform: Teach for America as a policy 'insurgent'</i></p>

<p>Thursday 3 May 16:00-17:30</p>	<p><b>American History Research-Latin American Centre joint seminar</b> Andrew Paxman (CIDE, Mexico) <i>A Southerner south of the border: how William Jenkins became Mexico's richest industrialist</i></p> <p><u>Please note that this event will be held at the Latin American Centre.</u></p>
<p>Friday 4 May 09:30-17:30</p> <p>Saturday 5 May 09:30-16:00</p>	<p><b>The American Century? International History and Diplomacy in the Twentieth Century Conference 2018</b></p> <p>For further information, please visit <a href="https://ihd20c.com/">https://ihd20c.com/</a>.</p> <p><u>Please note that registration is required:</u> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-american-century-international-history-and-diplomacy-in-the-twentieth-century-conference-2018-tickets-44925066082">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-american-century-international-history-and-diplomacy-in-the-twentieth-century-conference-2018-tickets-44925066082</a></p> <p>This conference is open to the public.</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b></p>	
<p>Monday 7 May 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Sheng Peng (St Antony's) <i>Jimmy Carter and the failed US-China secret talks on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 8 May 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 9 May 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Jay Ruckelshaus (St John's) <i>Partisanship, polarization, and the riddle of democratic identity: the case for putting politics in its place</i></p>
<p>Thursday 10 May 17:00-18:30</p>	<p><b>Esmond Harmsworth Lecture in American Arts and Letters</b> Claudia Rankine <i>The counter-narrative, the racial imaginary and visual art</i></p> <p><u>Please note that registration is required:</u> <a href="http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-counter-narrative-the-racial-imaginary-and-visual-art-tickets-44880805698">http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-counter-narrative-the-racial-imaginary-and-visual-art-tickets-44880805698</a></p> <p>This event is open to the public. To be followed by a wine reception.</p>

Friday 11 May 11:00-12:30	<p><b>Esmond Harmsworth Workshop: a masterclass with Claudia Rankine</b></p> <p>Please note that <u>registration is required</u>. Readings will be pre-circulated. This informal and participative seminar for undergraduates, graduates, and faculty is limited to 25. To sign up, please email <a href="mailto:enquiries@rai.ox.ac.uk">enquiries@rai.ox.ac.uk</a> with your name, course, and contact details.</p>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 14 May 12:00-14:00	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Natalie Hill (Balliol) <i>Life story of a rez horse: cultural roles and conflicting presence in the Northern Plains landscape, 1700 - present day</i></p>
Tuesday 15 May 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>
Wednesday 16 May 13:00-14:30	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Colin Higgins (St Hilda's) <i>Title to be confirmed</i></p>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 21 May 12:00-14:00	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Pete Millwood (RAI) <i>Title to be confirmed</i></p>
Tuesday 22 May 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>
Wednesday 23 May 13:00-14:30	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Kenneth 'Andy' Andrews (Astor Visiting Lecturer and UNC) <i>Grande resistance: protest and organizing during the trump presidency</i></p>
Thursday 24 May 17:00-18:30	<p><b>American Literature Research Seminar</b> Mark Steven (Exeter) <i>Class warfare in the long 20<sup>th</sup> century</i></p>

<p>Friday 25 May 19:00-22:30</p>	<p><b>RAI partners the Ashmolean Museum's LiveFriday event for the 'America's Cool Modernism' exhibition</b></p> <p><b>Immerse yourself in 1930s America at this evening event tracing America from the Roaring Twenties through to the end of the Great Depression.</b></p> <p>The <u>America's Cool Modernism</u> exhibition sets the glamour of 1930s Hollywood alongside the American rural farmstead, and explores The Machine Age, The Great Gatsby and the effects of Prohibition.</p> <p>Members of the RAI will be giving 15-minute talks throughout the evening.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> All-American vintage: could include cowboys, flapper girls, prairie farmers, Bugsy Malone and Hollywood starlets.</p> <p><u>Please note that this event will be held at the Ashmolean Museum.</u></p>
<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Week</b></p>	
<p>Monday 28 May 12:00-14:00</p>	<p><b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Lynne Foote (Harris Manchester) <i>Literature review: "A Lifted Voice" - Harry T. Burleigh in Jim Crow New York</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 29 May 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 May 12:00-13:30</p>	<p><b>Book Launch</b> <i>Essais sur Melville et l'Antiquité classique: "Etranger en son lieu" (Essays on Melville and Classical Antiquity)</i> Ronan Ludot-Vlasak (Lille)</p> <p>This event is open to the public. A sandwich lunch will be provided.</p>
<p>Wednesday 30 May 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Jure Jeric (University) <i>Political economy of finance: securities market regulation</i></p>
<p>Thursday 31 May 10:00-18:00</p>	<p><b>Harmsworth Conference: America and the Pacific World</b> Chair: Elliott West (Arkansas)</p>

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 4 June 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Daniel Rowe (Lincoln) <i>Free market disenchantment: the industrial policy and reindustrialization movement</i>
Tuesday 5 June 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.
Wednesday 6 June 13:00-14:30	<b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> <i>To be confirmed</i>
Thursday 7 June 17:30-19:00	<b>American Literature Research Seminar-Oxford Centre for Life-Writing joint event</b> Robert Crawford (St. Andrews) <i>Biography and T.S. Eliot</i>  <u>Please note that this event will be held at the Leonard Wolfson Auditorium, Wolfson College.</u>
Friday 8 June 12:00-13:30	<b>American Literature Workshop</b> Robert Crawford (St Andrews) <i>T.S. Eliot and national identities</i>  Please email <a href="mailto:barbara.gallegolarrarte@wolfson.ox.ac.uk">barbara.gallegolarrarte@wolfson.ox.ac.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:kristin.grogan@hertford.ox.ac.uk">kristin.grogan@hertford.ox.ac.uk</a> to register.  A sandwich lunch will be provided.
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	
Monday 11 June 12:00-14:00	<b>American History Graduate Seminar</b> Sage Goodwin (University) <i>Framing the Civil Rights story: prime-time television news documentaries and the Black freedom struggle, 1954-1965</i>
Tuesday 12 June 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.

<p>Wednesday 12 June 13:00-14:30</p>	<p><b>American Politics Graduate Seminar</b> Megan Musili Mays (St Catz) <i>Life-givers or life-takers: dilemmas of women in the U.S. military from an anthropological perspective</i></p>
<p>Friday 14 June 11:00-17:00</p>	<p><b>Symposium:</b> <b><i>Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria: Culture, Politics, Place</i></b></p> <p>Hurricane Maria, a category-5 storm, made landfall in Puerto Rico on 20 September 2017, just two weeks after Hurricane Irma scraped past the north of the island, leaving a great majority of the population without power. Puerto Rico's 3.5 million inhabitants are still struggling to come to terms with the humanitarian crisis created by this event. Aside from an overwhelmed infrastructure, a growing health crisis, and a continuing exodus to the US, the island's power grid, which was frail before the event, is still inoperative, and it is unlikely that Puerto Ricans will be able to have electricity in their homes before the new year. It has been declared the longest blackout in US history.</p> <p>This symposium brings together a number of voices from Puerto Rico, who will address the situation in the island from political, infrastructural and cultural angles. The guest speakers are Eduardo Lalo (University of Puerto Rico), one of the island's most important writers; Antonio Carmona Báez (University of St. Maarten), an expert in matters of community activism, and Melissa Fernández Arrigoitia (Lancaster University), a sociologist who is an expert in urban crisis.</p>