

Syllabus Hist: 952 952 “Seminar in Comparative History”

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Office Hours: Monday 3:30-5, or by appointment

The primary goal of this class is for you to dramatically increase your understanding of a particular field of history through careful reading of list of books you have prepared in consultation with your advisor. Secondary, but significant, goals are for you a) to become comfortable talking about your specialty with historians of other fields, b) to learn about methodological trends in other fields, c) see how similar methodological trends are manifested differently in various fields.

Format & Assignments:

Read one of the books on your list for each class meeting. Come prepared to make a brief oral presentation on your book. We may not have time to hear all the presentations every week.

Presentations should follow the basic format of a book review in a professional journal, addressing content, method, contribution & success of the argument. The presentations will need to deal with these elements in an abbreviated form. Presentations will ideally last 5 minutes.

In addition to oral presentations you will write one 750-word book review and two 1200-word book reviews. You may choose which books to write your reviews on, and which weeks you will hand them in. You need to tell me when you will be doing your reviews by February 4th.

1. 1/28 Organization
2. **2/4 Identity, Race, Community**
 - a. Dzhambul Akkaziev: D. Peterson, “Civilizing the Race: Chaadaev and the Paradox of Eurocentric Nationalism,” *Russian Review*, October 1997, pp. 550-563; A. Drozdek, “Chaadaev and the Principle of Unity,” *Slavia Orientalis* no. 1, 2008; R. Aizlewood, “Revisiting Russian Identity,” *SEER*, January 2000 [78/1]: 20-43.
 - b. John Boonstra: Michael Burns, *Rural Society and French Politics: Boulangism and the Dreyfus Affair, 1886-1900* (1984); * Pierre Birnbaum, *The Anti-Semitic Moment: A Tour of France in 1898* (1998, 2003)
 - c. Daniel Cochran : Boyarin, Daniel. *Border Lines: the Partition of Judaeo-Christianity* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004).
 - d. Jeanne Essame: Stephanie E. Smallwood, *Saltwater Slavery: A Middle Passage from Africa to American Diaspora* (Cambridge, 2007)

- e. Anthony Medrano: Anderson, Clare. *Subaltern Lives: Biographies of Colonialism in the Indian Ocean World, 1790-1920*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012
- f. Alexander Olson: El-Hibri, Tayeb. *Parable and Politics in Early Islamic History : The Rashidun Caliphs*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2010.
- g. John Porco: Imagined Communities – Benedict Anderson
- h. Alexandra Rudnick: Shah, Nayan. *Contagious Divides: Epidemics and Race in San Francisco's Chinatown* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001).

3. 2/11 Gender, Community

- a. Dzhambul Akkaziev : (in Russian) Iu. Lotman, *Besedy o russkoi kul'ture : byt i traditsii russkogo dvorianstva : XVIII-nachalo XIX veka*
- b. John Boonstra: Geneviève Fraisse, *Reason's Muse: Sexual Difference and the Birth of Democracy* (1994); Carla Hesse, *The Other Enlightenment: How French Women Became Modern* (2001); * Jennifer Heuer, *The Family and the Nation: Gender and Citizenship in Revolutionary France, 1789-1830* (2005)
- c. Daniel Cochran: Burrus, Virginia. *The Sex Lives of Saints: An Erotics of Ancient Hagiography* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004).
- d. Jeanne Essame: Rebecca Scott and Jean Hébrard, *Freedom Papers: An Atlantic Odyssey in the Age of Emancipation* (Harvard, 2012)
- e. Anthony Medrano: Bose, Sugata. *A Hundred Horizons: The Indian Ocean in the Age of Global Empire*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2006.
- f. Alexander Olson: Brubaker, Leslie. *Inventing Byzantine Iconoclasm*. London: Bristol Classical Press, 2012.
- g. John Porco: The Emergence of Modern Turkey – Bernard Lewis
- h. Alexandra Rudnick: Stewart, Mart A. *"what Nature Suffers to Groe" : Life, Labor, and Landscape On the Georgia Coast, 1680-1920*. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1996

4. 2/18 Memory, community

- a. Dzhambul Akkaziev A. Martin, *Romantics, Reformers, Reactionaries*.
- b. John Boonstra: * Daniel Sherman, *The Construction of Memory in Interwar France* (1999); Jay Winter, *Sites of Memory, Sites of Mourning: The Great War in European Cultural History* (1998)
- c. Cochran: Sandwell, Isabella. *Religious Identity in Late Antiquity: Greeks, Jews, and Christians in Antioch* (Cambridge University Press, 2007).
- d. Essame: Lauren Derby and Andrew Apter, *Activating the past: History and Memory in the Black Atlantic World* (Cambridge, 2010)
- e. Anthony Medrano: Gabaccia, Donna R. and Dirk Hoerder, eds. *Connecting Seas and Connected Ocean Rims: Indian, Atlantic, and Pacific Oceans and China Seas Migrations from the 1830s to the 1930s*. Leiden: Brill, 2011.
- f. Alexander Olson: Crone, Patricia. *God's Rule : Government and Islam*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2004.
- g. John Porco: Cultures of Conflict – Bernard Lewis

- h. Rudnick: Downs, Jim *Sick from Freedom: African-American Illness and Suffering during the Civil War and Reconstruction* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012).
5. **2/25 Knowledge, memory, cultural construction, historiography**
- a. Dzhambul Akkaziev M. Hughes, "State and Society in the Political Thought of the Moscow Slavophiles," *Studies in East European Thought*, Sept. 2000.; P. Michelson, "Slavophile Religious Thought and the Dilemma of Modernity," *Modern Intellectual History*, vol. 2, no. 2 (2010); S. Horujy [sic], "Slavophiles, Westernizers, and the Birth of Russian Philosophical Humanism," in Poole and Hamburg, *A History of Russian Philosophy*. [hereafter, Poole and Hamburg].; C. H. Whittaker, *Russian Monarchy*.
 - b. John Boonstra: Henry Rousso, *The Vichy Syndrome: History and Memory in France since 1944* (1991); * Olivier Wieviorka, *Divided Memory: French Recollections of World War II from the Liberation to the Present* (2012); [+ Kristin Ross, *May '68 and Its Afterlives* (2004)]
 - c. Cochran: Krueger, Derek. *Writing and Holiness : the Practice of Authorship in the Early Christian East* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004).
 - d. Jeanne Essame: Ana Lucia Araujo, *Public Memory of Slavery, Victims and Perpetrators in the South Atlantic* (New York, 2010)
 - e. Anthony Medrano: Ho, Engseng. *The Graves of Tarim: Genealogy and Mobility across the Indian Ocean*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006.
 - f. Alexander Olson: Crone, Patricia, and M. A. Cook. *Hagarism : The Making of the Islamic World*. Cambridge ; New York: Cambridge University Press, 1977.
 - g. John Porco: Venture of Islam – Marshall Hodgson
 - h. Alexandra Rudnick: Nash, Linda. *Inescapable Ecologies: A History of Environment, Disease, and Knowledge*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006.
6. **3/4 Wealth, Charity, Community & Society**
- a. Dzhambul Akkaziev: R. Wortman, *The Crisis of Russian Populism*.
 - b. John Boonstra: Jacques Rancière, *Nights of Labor: The Workers' Dream in Nineteenth-Century France* (1981, 1989); * Tyler Stovall, *Paris and the Spirit of 1919: Consumer Struggles, Transnationalism, and Revolution* (Cambridge, 2012)
 - c. Cochran: Caner, Daniel. *Wandering, Begging Monks : Spiritual Authority and the Promotion of Monasticism in Late Antiquity* (University of California Press, 2002)
 - d. Essame: Saidiya Hartman, *Lose Your Mother: A Journey Along the Atlantic Slave Route* (New York, 2007)
 - e. Medrano: Lombard, Denys and Jean Aubin, eds. *Asian Merchants and Businessmen in the Indian Ocean and the China Sea*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2000.
 - f. Alexander Olson: Rubin, Uri. *The Eye of the Beholder: The Life of Muhammad as Viewed by the Early Muslims-a Textual Analysis*. Princeton, N.J.: Darwin Press, 1995.

- g. John Porco: Rule of Experts – Timothy Mitchell
 - h. Rudnick: O'Connor, Alice. *Poverty Knowledge : Social Science, Social Policy, and the Poor In Twentieth-century U.S. History*. Princeton N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2001.
- 7. 3/11 Wealth, Commerce & Labor**
- a. Dzhambul Akkaziev: M. Malia, *Alexander Herzen*
 - b. John Boonstra: * William Reddy, *Rise of Market Culture: The Textile Trade and French Society, 1750-1900* (1984); Lenard Berlanstein, *Rethinking Labor History* (1993)
 - c. Cochran: Brown, Peter. *Through the Eye of a Needle : Wealth, the Fall of Rome, and the Making of Christianity in the West, 350-550 AD* (Princeton University Press, 2012).
 - d. Essame: Lara Putnam, *Radical Moves: Caribbean Migrants and the Politics of Race in the Jazz Age*
 - e. Medrano: Fan, Fa-ti. *British Naturalists in Qing China: Science, Empire, and Cultural Encounter*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2004.
 - f. Alexander Olson: Whittow, Mark. *The Making of Byzantium, 600-1025*. Berkeley and Los Angeles, University of California Press, 1996.
 - g. John Porco: Islamic Roots of Capitalism – Peter Gran
 - h. Rudnick: Cronon, William. *Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West*. (New York: W.W. Norton and Co. 1991).
- 8. 3/18 Culture & Ideas**
- a. Dzhambul Akkaziev: V. Frede, Doubt, Atheism, and the 19th century Russian intelligentsia
 - b. John Boonstra: * Saba Mahmood, *Politics of Piety: The Islamic Revival and the Feminist Subject* (2005); Joan Scott, *The Fantasy of Feminist History* (2011)
 - c. Cochran: Smith, Julia M. H. *Europe After Rome : a New Cultural History 500-1000*. (Oxford University Press, 2005).
 - d. Essame: Dale Moore, *Nationalizing Blackness: Afrocubanismo and Artistic Revolution in Havana, 1920-1940*
 - e. Medrano: Metcalf, Thomas R. *Imperial Connections: India in the Indian Ocean Arena, 1860–1920*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2007
 - f. Alexander Olson: Humphreys, R. Stephen. *Islamic History : A Framework for Inquiry*. Rev. ed. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1991
 - g. John Porco: Islam and the Moral Economy – Charles Tripp
 - h. Conevery Bolton Valenčius, *The Health of the Country: How American Settlers Understood Themselves and Their Land* (New York: Basic Books, 2002).
- 9. 4/1 Environment**
- a. Dzhambul Akkaziev: Review essays by Hamburg and Remy in *Kritika*, Winter 2005.; A. V. Repnikov, “Russia's Future as Imagined by Russian Conservatives in the Early Twentieth Century,” *Russian Studies in History*, Spring 2004.; A.

- Renner, "Defining a Russian Nation: Mikhail Katkov and the 'Invention' of National Politics," *Slavonic and East European Review*, October 2003.;V. Grosul, *Russkii konservatizm XIX v.* (in Russian)
- b. John Boonstra: * Alice Conklin, *A Mission to Civilize: The Republican Idea of Empire in France and West Africa, 1805-1930* (1997); Julia Clancy-Smith, *Rebel and Saint: Muslim Notables, Populist Protest, Colonial Encounters (Algeria and Tunisia, 1800-1904)* (1997); Alice Conklin and Julia Clancy-Smith, ed.s, "Writing French Colonial Histories," *FHS* 27:3 (2004)
 - c. Cochran: Kaldellis, Anthony. *The Christian Parthenon: Classicism and Pilgrimage in Byzantine Athens* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).
 - d. Essame: Michael Gomez, *Exchanging Our Country Marks: The Transformation of Black identities in the Colonial and Antebellum South* (University of North Carolina Press, 1998)
 - e. Medrano: Reid, Anthony. *Southeast Asia in the Age of Commerce, 1450-1680, vol. I: Lands Below the Winds*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1988
 - f. Olson: Ellenblum, Ronnie. *The Collapse of the Eastern Mediterranean: Climate Change and Decline of the East, 950-1072*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012.
 - g. Porco: Desert Kingdom – Toby Jones
 - h. Rudnick: Kirby, Jack Temple. *Mockingbird Song : Ecological Landscapes of the South*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2006

10. 4/8 Empire, Power

- a. Akkaziev: Fediashin, Anton *Liberals under Autocracy*
- b. John Boonstra: Tony Chafer and Amanda Sackur, ed.s, *French Colonial Empire and the Popular Front: Hope and Disillusionment* (1999); * Eric Jennings, *Vichy in the Tropics: Pétain's National Revolution in Madagascar, Guadeloupe, and Indochina, 1940-1944* (2001)
- c. Cochran: Sessa, Kristina. *The Formation of Papal Authority in Late Antique Italy: Roman Bishops and the Domestic Sphere* (Cambridge University Press, 2011).
- d. Essame: Andrew Zimmerman, *Alabama in Africa: Booker T. Washington, the German Empire and the Globalization of the New Youth* (Princeton, 2010)
- e. Medrano: Reid, Anthony. *Southeast Asian in the Age of Commerce, 1450-1680, vol. II: Expansion and Crisis*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1993.
- f. Donner, Fred McGraw. *The Early Islamic Conquests*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1981.
- g. Porco: The Prize – Daniel Yergin
- h. Ekbladh, David. *The Great American Mission : Modernization and the Construction of an American World Order*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010.

11. 4/15 Colonialism

- a. Poole, Holquist, Lohr articles in *Kritika*, Spring 2006.;G. Hamburg, “Boris Chicherin and Human Dignity in History,” in Poole and Hamburg.;F. Nethercott, “Russian Liberalism and the Philosophy of Law,” in Poole and Hamburg.
- b. John Boonstra: * Paul Rabinow, *French Modern: Norms and Forms of the Social Environment* (1989); David Prochaska, *Making Algeria French: Colonialism in Bône, 1870-1920* (1990)
- c. Cochran: Salzman, Michele Renee. *The Making of a Christian Aristocracy: Social and Religious Change in the Western Roman Empire* (Harvard University Press, 2004).
- d. Essame: Gary Wilder, *The French Imperial Nation State: Négritude and Colonial Humanism between the Two World Wars*. (Chicago, 2005)
- e. Medrano: Tagliacozzo, Eric. *Secret Trades, Porous Borders: Smuggling and States Along a Southeast Asian Frontier, 1865-1915*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005.
- f. Olson: Angelov, Dimiter. *Imperial Ideology and Political Thought in Byzantium (1204-1330)*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007.
- g. Porco: Max Weber and Islam
- h. Anderson, Warwick. *Colonial Pathologies : American Tropical Medicine, Race, and Hygiene In the Philippines*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2006.

12. 4/22 Diaspora

- a. L. Haimson, *The Russian Marxists and the Origins of Bolshevism*.;Forum on “spontaneity-consciousness paradigm” in *Slavic Review*, Spring 2003.
- b. John Boonstra: Maxim Silverman, *Deconstructing the Nation: Immigration, Racism, and Citizenship in Modern France* (1992); * Gérard Noiriel, *The French Melting Pot* (1996); Neil MacMaster, *Colonial Migrants and Racism: Algerians in France, 1900-1962* (1997)
- c. Cochran: Ekonomou, Andrew J. *Byzantine Rome and the Greek Popes: Eastern Influences on Rome and the Papacy from Gregory the Great to Zacharias, A.D. 590-752* (Lexington Books, 2009).
- d. Essame: Nathalie Dessens, *From Saint Domingue to New Orleans: Migration and Influences* (Gainsville, 2007)
- e. Medrano: Warren, James Francis. *Iranun and Balangingi: Globalization, Maritime Raiding and the Birth of Ethnicity*. Quezon City: New Day Publishers, 2002.
- f. Olson: Ahrweiler, Hélène, and Angeliki E. Laiou. *Studies on the Internal Diaspora of the Byzantine Empire*. Washington, DC: Dumbarton Oaks, 1998.
- g. Porco: Orientalism—Edward Said
- h. Cullather, Nick. *The Hungry World : America's Cold War Battle Against Poverty In Asia*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2010.

13. 4/29 Belief, emotions

- a. J. Deutsch Kornblatt, ed., *Russian Religious Thought*.
- b. Jan Goldstein, *The Postrevolutionary Self: Politics and Psyche in France, 1750-1850* (2005);* William Reddy, *The Navigation of Feeling: A Framework for the History of Emotions* (2001)
- c. Cochran: Elm, Susanna. *Sons of Hellenism, Fathers of the Church: Emperor Julian, Gregory of Nazianzus, and the Vision of Rome* (University of California Press, 2013)
- d. Jeanne Essame: *The Spirits and the Law: Vodou and Power in Haiti* by Kate Ramsey
- e. Medrano: Scott, James C. *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2009
- f. Olson: Maguire, Henry. *Nectar and Illusion: Nature in Byzantine Art and Literature*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- g. Porco: Iran Islam and Democracy – Ali Ansari
- h. Hall, Jacquelyn Dowd. *Like a Family : the Making of a Southern Cotton Mill World*. [New pbk. ed.]. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2000.

14. 5/5 Violence

- a. J. Burbank, *Intelligentsia and Revolution*.
- b. Boonstra: Olivier Le Cour Grandmaison, *Coloniser, exterminer: sur la guerre et l'état colonial* (2005); Jürgen Zimmerer and Joachim Zeller, ed.s, *Genocide in German South-West Africa: The Colonial War (1904-1908) in Namibia and its Aftermath* (2008); * Benjamin Brower, *A Desert Named Peace: The Violence of France's Empire in the Algerian Sahara, 1844-1902* (2011)
- c. Cochran: Cooper, Catherine Fales, and Julia Hillner. *Religion, Dynasty and Patronage in Early Christian Rome, 300-900* (Cambridge University Press, 2007).
- d. Essame: Sara E. Johnson, *The Fear of French Negroes* (Berkeley, 2012)
- e. Medrano: Warren, James Francis. *The Sulu Zone, 1768-1898: The Dynamics of External Trade, Slavery, and Ethnicity in the Transformation of a Southeast Asian Maritime State*. Singapore: National University of Singapore Press, 2007
- f. Olson: Sizgorich, Thomas. *Violence and Belief in Late Antiquity : Militant Devotion in Christianity and Islam*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009.
- g. Porco: Power Faith and Fantasy – Michael Oren
- h. Andrews, Thomas, *Killing for Coal: America's Deadliest Labor War*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008.