

History Department Advisement Newsletter

For Spring 2024



Eastern History Students Saving Windham History from Destruction!



While also checking out the cool and creepy clock tower in the Town Hall!



Spring 2024 Elective Courses:

- HIS 267: Race to the White House (Balcerski) - 1 CR course
- HIS 275: Intro to East Asia (Davis)
- HIS 329: History of Central Europe (Moore)
- HIS 333: Roman History (Frye)
- HIS 340: History of the American South (Close)
- HIS 363: American Women's History (Balcerski)
- HIS 365: 1910 Willimantic: Newspapers (Ostwald)
- HIS 365: History & Film (Frye)
- HIS 365: Drugs in Asian History (Davis)
- HIS 386: Intro to Digital History (Ostwald)

REGISTER ON-TIME ! Seriously.

Class	Advisement	Registration
Senior: 90+ CR	Oct. 9-13	Oct. 16th
Junior: 60-89 CR	Oct. 16-20	Oct. 23rd
Soph.: 30-59 CR	Oct. 23-27	Oct. 30th
1st-year: < 30 CR	Nov. 6-10	Nov. 13th

Make an appointment with your advisor before your registration date. Don't try to "Meet me at Midnight." Only faculty give codes.



Interesting Department Stuff!

- Do a **history internship** for major credit! This looks great on a resume and provides excellent pre-professional experience. Contact the History Internship Coordinator Dr. Carenen if you have questions. carenenc@easternct.edu
- We also have **research assistantship** courses in which you work one-on-one with a faculty member on their research projects. This looks great for graduate school applications! Reach out to the faculty member you might want to work with.
- Did you do anything **fun and interesting** over the summer (that is history related)? Did you travel overseas or do any volunteer work? Let us know! Send a blurb and an "action shot" to Dr. Carenen so we can put it online on our department's website or post on Instagram.
- Speaking of which . . . we're on **Instagram!** Dr. Balcerski is our PR czar and you can follow us at @ecsuhistory. Check us out!

History Club is (nearly) up and running again, thanks to the tireless work of club president Danny Silvester. If you are interested in joining, contact silvesterd@myeasternct.edu. Dr. Scott Moore has also taken over as club advisor. Rumor has it that some cool trips and fun movie nights are on the agenda. . .

- The **Office of Career Success** has a wide variety of resources for all students, regardless of class and major. They offer everything from resume help to mock interviews to Linke-dIn assistance to professional wardrobe help. <https://www.easternct.edu/career/index.html>

Spring 2024 Seminar

HIS 406: Age of European Enlightenment (Ostwald)

As 17th and 18th century Europe slowly became 'modern', political, social, economic and cultural contradictions grew increasingly stark. War raged across the continent as diplomats floated idealistic peace plans; modern science gradually emerged from entrenched magical beliefs; women and religious and ethnic minorities publicly lobbied for basic equality; philosophers argued across a political spectrum ranging from the divine right of kings to enlightened despotism to egalitarian republicanism; the penniless begged outside royal palaces as a growing middle class consumed products from around the globe; religious persecutors faced demands for toleration while spiritual revivalists struggled with increasing irreligion and a growing underground literature emphasizing the utility of pleasure. Students will write a research paper on one of these, or other, aspects of early modern Europe as it transitioned from medieval to modern.



Fall 2024 Seminar

HIS 400: The White House (Balcerski) Who will be living at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue next year?

HIS 200 and 18 credits in History (including three 3xx-level or higher courses) are required to register for a History seminar.



The Age of Genius', by AC Grayling | Financial Times & photo of the White House, National Parks Service photo.

New Courses

HIS 267: Race to the White House (Balcerski) - 1 credit Why do presidential elections matter? Why do certain elections stand out in American history as turning points? Topics will include critical elections in American history, from the 1700s to the present. Class meetings will include viewing episodes of the CNN series "Race for the White House."

HIS 363: American Women's History (Balcerski) This is a special topics course that focuses on thematic issues relating to gender and sexuality in history. The overall focus will be on development of gender roles in past societies and the involvement of men, women, and gender non-binary individuals in economic, political, and social institutions. Specifically, the course will focus on women in American history, from the colonial period to the present. Whenever possible, opportunity will be given for discussion of topics pertaining to gender, sex, and sexuality in contemporary American society.

HIS 365: 1910 Willimantic: Newspapers (Ostwald) What was it like to live in Willimantic in 1910? This course will explore the everyday life of Willimantic's residents with particular reliance on local newspapers. We will explore newspapers as a primary source as well as the wide variety of stories described in the period's papers: local, regional and national news; politics; business and consumer culture; health and medicine; crime and emergencies; sports; social events and entertainment; personals and want ads and more. We will also contextualize accounts from the papers using other archival sources in the Center for Connecticut Studies. Each student will chose a particular topic to research and the results will be added to the Digital Windham project (http://easternct-digitalhistory.com/1910_willimantic_home).