

# History Department Advisement Newsletter

## Spring 2021

### Spring 2021 Elective Courses:

- HIS 251: Intro to American Society (Balcerski)
- HIS 267: Race for the White House (Balcerski)
- HIS 275: Intro to East Asian History (Davis)
- HIS 338: The Holocaust (Moore)
- HIS 340: Hist of the American South (Balcerski)
- HIS 357: French Revolution&Napoleon (Ostwald)
- HIS 367: Inner Asian Nomads to 1500 (Kamola)
- HIS 373: Mao's China (Davis)
- HIS 378: Early Northern Europe (Frye)
- HIS 379: US in the Middle East (Carenen)
- HIS 384: Immigration & Am Society Since 1924 (Kirchmann)
- HIS 386: Intro to Digital History (Ostwald)

### REGISTER ON-TIME!

Class	Advisement	Registration
Senior (90+ CR)	12 Oct	19 Oct
Junior (60-89 CR)	19 Oct	26 Oct
Soph (30-59 CR)	26 Oct	2 Nov
Fresh (<30 CR)	9 Nov	16 Nov

Make an appointment with your advisor **before** your registration date. Only faculty give codes.

### Important Dates:

Due to COVID, the Spring schedule is changing. Be sure to check the *updated* Spring schedule on the Registrar's website.

As of 9 October 2020:

**26 Jan:** Spring 2021 classes begin

There will be no Spring Break

**7 May:** Last day of Spring 2021 classes

### Department News

- Tune in to **Dr. Moore's** book talk on his *Teaching the Empire: Education and State Loyalty in Late Habsburg Austria* on Tuesday, 10 November, at 12:30. See the History blog for more details.
- If you are interested in an **internship**, check out the History Department website under internships for details. Internship opportunities are often advertised in blog posts. Contact the History internship coordinator Dr. Kirchmann if you have questions.
- If you have any **news or history-related experience** (travel abroad, visits to historical sites, interesting historical readings, etc.) that you would like to share, please send pertinent information to Dr. Kamola for posting on the **History Department Blog**.
- **History Club!** Given the COVID pandemic, the History Club will resume its activities in the spring. Contact Dr. Kamola for details about joining.
- Keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities to meet and network with the **Alumni Collaboration**.

## New Upper-Level Courses

**HIS 267: Race for the White House** (Balcerski)  
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." *1-credit course.*

**HIS 340: Hist of the American South** (Balcerski)  
A history of the American South from the colonial period to the present emphasizing the evolution of the distinctive characteristics and values of southern society.

See online course catalog for descriptions of all History courses.

## Fall 2021 Seminars

HIS 400: Americans and Terrorism (Carenen)

HIS 406: The Caesars (Frye)

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

## Spring 2021 Seminars

**HIS 400: We Are What We Eat: Social and Cultural Role of Ethnic Food in American History** (Kirchmann)

In this class we will examine the relationship between American ethnic groups and food in historical context. We will look at issues of food production and distribution, food-related businesses, cookbooks as expressions of cultural identity, transmission of ethnicity through food within families and ethnic groups, as well as the role of food in stereotyping and creating symbolic ethnicity. Students will write original senior papers based on individual research in secondary and primary sources. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we will not be able to sample ethnic cuisines in local restaurants :(

**HIS 406: Nationalism and Identity in Europe** (Moore)

This seminar examines the complex issue of identity in Europe during the 19th and 20th centuries. It will look at how the development of nationalism challenged and transformed existing forms of identity, how non-national forms of identity persisted in an age of nationalism, and how national identities themselves changed over time. It will also explore how the emergence of radical, ethnocentric nationalism contributed to the development of radical political movements in the first half of the twentieth century.



Dr. Kirchmann and Ostwald's HIS388 Digital Windham students explore Willimantic, masked and distanced!