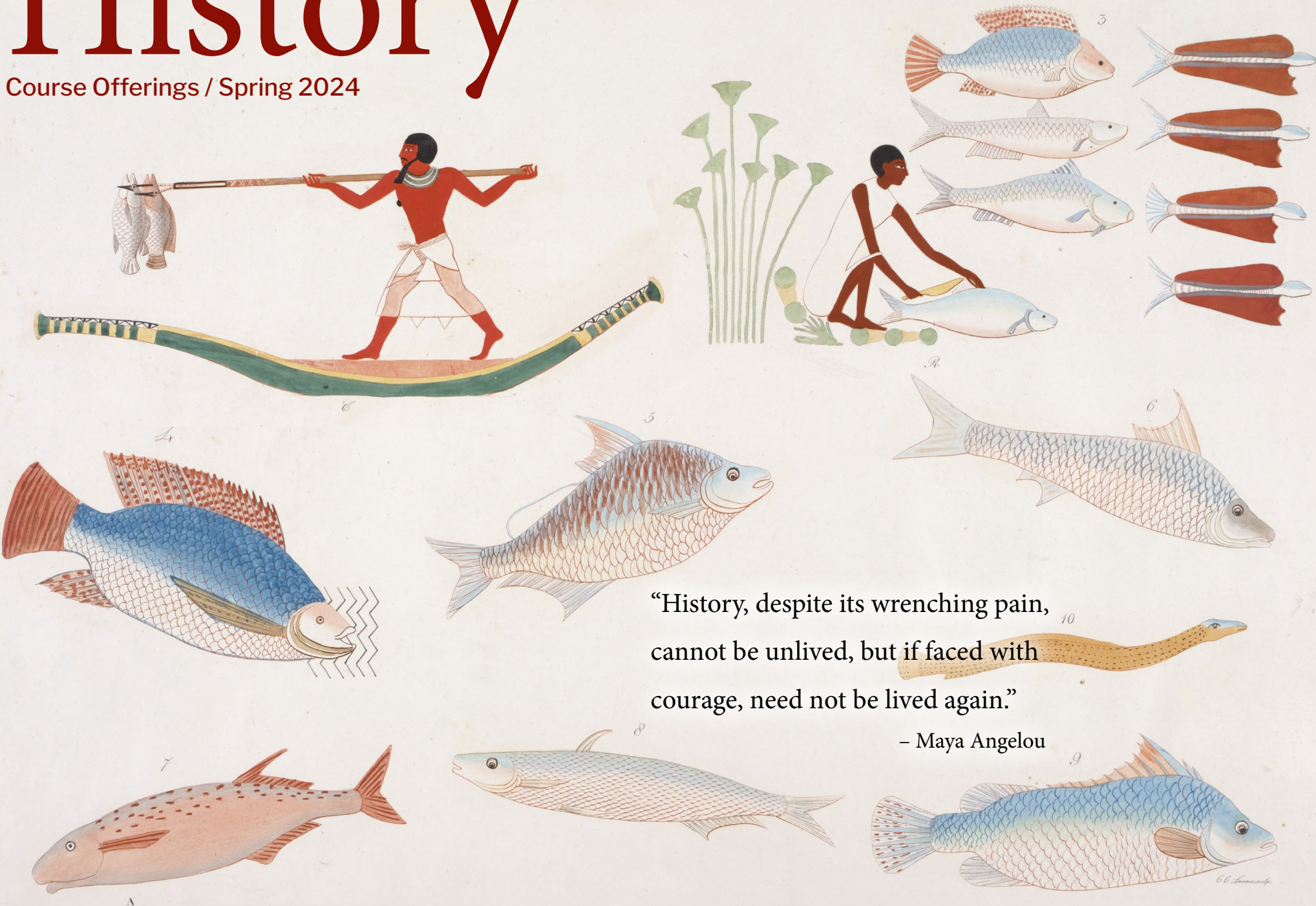


History

Course Offerings / Spring 2024



“History, despite its wrenching pain,
cannot be unlived, but if faced with
courage, need not be lived again.”

– Maya Angelou

HIST 101 and 102 World Civilizations (Multiple sections)

Examination of global progress in major civilizations from prehistoric times to the present emphasizing the economic, social, cultural, intellectual and political trends motivating human beings.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIA or IIB



HIST 103 First Year Seminar: World Wars in the 20th Century Dr. Dean Kotlowski

Survey of the major wars of the 20th Century, focusing on political, economic, social, cultural and military trends as well as representative events and people that are particularly important to today's world. Topics include the two world wars; Nazism and the Holocaust; the Cold War; decolonization; revolutionary change in Russia, China and Iran; and the emergence of the Global South, especially the Middle East, India and China.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIA or IIB



HIST 103 First Year Seminar: Early Modern Colliding Cultures Dr. Michael McCarty

Explore the Early Modern period when the world came together as never before: gunpowder empires expanded in Asia, Japan challenged China's regional power, Europeans conquered the civilizations of the Americas, and African empires first connected both ends of the Sahara. But the collisions and conflicts of this age were also cultural, as the Renaissance and Reformation questioned assumptions in the Christian world, Islam adapted to pre-existing cultures in India and Eastern Europe, and Jesuits and Chinese scholars debated ethics and salvation. In addition to training in reading and writing about history, learn to think about what made our world the way it is today.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIA or IIB

HIST 103 First Year Seminar: Race, Identity and Power in the Modern World Dr. Joseph Venosa

As the ongoing events across our country reveal, many of the major trends throughout the 20th and early 21st century – including social movements, wars and even shifts in popular-culture – have been impacted to a large extent by ideas of “race,” racially-based power systems and by governments classifying different groups of people by a particular “identity.” From the rise of colonialism to the Holocaust to the ongoing civil rights movement occurring right now across the United States, gain an introduction to key events in our modern world and more importantly, be challenged to reconsider everything you know – or think you know – about race, personal identity and the making of the modern world.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIA or IIB

HIST 103 First Year Seminar: World Religions Dr. Arnold Bienstock

Explore the basic beliefs and practices of the major religious traditions of the Western and the Eastern world – four eastern traditions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism – and the three Abrahamic traditions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Additionally, analyze some lesser known world religions and some other religious trends.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIA or IIB

HIST 201 and 202 History of the United States (Multiple Sections)

Survey of the political, economic, social and cultural factors that have shaped the pattern of life in the United States. Particular problems examined in the light of their sources and historical development. HIST 201 goes through 1865 and HIST 202 from 1865 to the present.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB



HIST 224 Hitler and the Third Reich Dr. Richard Bowler

Examines the major causes, personalities, policies, events and significance of the Third Reich. Focuses on Hitler and the rise of the Nazi Party, the instabilities and collapse of the Weimar Republic, the Nazi “seizure of power,” the Nazi “racial state,” World War II in Europe, the Holocaust and the destruction and legacy of the Third Reich.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB

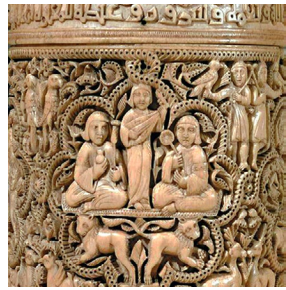
HIST 302 Colonial and Revolutionary America (1607-1783)

Dr. Céline Carayon

Explores the history of the North American continent, and more specifically of the areas that became the United States, from the first contacts between Native Americans and Europeans (ca-1500), through the early national period (ca. George Washington's inauguration as first President of the United States in 1789).

Examines the Revolutionary era and the birth of the Republic. Reflects on the construction and changing meanings of American origins in historiography and popular culture.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB



HIST 320 From Romans to Vikings

Dr. Belen Vicens

Survey of culture and institutions of Europe and the Mediterranean world from the origins of Rome to the 11th century. Emphasizes the formation of the Christian Church, the demise of the Western Roman Empire, the transformation from Roman provinces to barbarian kingdoms, the making of Carolingian Europe and the legacy of the Viking Age.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB

HIST 330 Proseminar in History (Multiple Sections)

Guides students in the production of a thesis-driven formal research paper. Conduct primary research; identify and obtain relevant, trustworthy sources; and analyze those materials. Learn and apply conventions of the historical discipline.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB

HIST 370 Greek History

Dr. Kevin Birch

Historical survey of classical Greek civilization, including political, socioeconomic and religious institutions. Particular emphasis on cultural and artistic aspects of Hellenic civilization.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB



HIST 392 Global Environmental History

Dr. Emily Story

Whether one is discussing the Chernobyl disaster, the crab fishery in Maryland or global warming, the problems, as well as the proposed solutions, of contemporary environmentalism are all couched in international terms. As such, environmentalism is at the center of 20th century debates about the limits of the nation-state. The emergence of this contemporary international environmentalism is closely linked to the history of the modern world. Topics ranging from the Industrial Revolution, European expansion and colonialism, to revolt, nationalism and the politics of the Cold War are examined. Although the roots of current environmental politics are discussed, focus is on the recent past, from the 1880s to the present, and on the challenges to modernity posed by environmental change.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB



HIST 424/524 Modern Russia

Dr. Greg Ference

Survey of the 20th century Russia and the Soviet Union, emphasizing the growth to global power, continuity and change, and the inherent problems that led to Soviet collapse and the rise of a new Russia.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB

HIST 430 Research Seminar Capstone: Apartheid in South Africa

Dr. Joe Venosa

The Apartheid System that developed in South Africa during the mid-20th century represented one of the most infamous examples of structural racism in human history. From education to labor, from land to gender issues, Apartheid effected every aspect of social, economic and even environmental life across South Africa. Explore the origins, expansion and official end of Apartheid in the mid-1990s. In the process, explore South Africa's unique and often complex racial and cultural diversity. Examine how Apartheid influenced political and cultural movements beyond South Africa, including the development of independence movements in other southern African countries and on the development of civil rights movements within the United States. Pose deeper and more challenging questions such as "How unique was Apartheid in global history" and "Has Apartheid truly ended?"

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB

** Non-U.S./non-European course*

HIST 430 Research Seminar Capstone: Drinking in America: A History Dr. Tom Goyens



Explore the social and cultural history of alcohol in the United States from the late 18th century to today. By studying the history of drinking, we can look at American history from a different angle. The so-called “liquor question” has historically been enmeshed with issues of ethnicity, gender, class, as well as economics, public policy, civil liberties and labor history. We especially consider the relationship between

changing drinking habits and various forms of control, most importantly temperance and prohibition. Did America have a drinking problem during the 19th century? Why did Americans, over many decades, shift from rum to whiskey to beer and cocktails? Why did the working-class saloon become such an American institution and why did it die out. Why did national prohibition succeed? What is role of immigrants in this alcoholic saga? Did popular culture such as advertising and film “normalize” drinking? Studying the cultural politics of drinking provides a window into modern American society and helps us understand today’s attitudes, customs and policies around alcohol.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB

HIST 438/538 America in the Great Depression Dr. Dean Kotlowski

The songs “Brother Can You Spare a Dime” and “Happy Days Are Here Again” caught the despair and hope of Americans during the 1930s. Consider American society, politics and culture during the 1930s. The first half explores the Crash of 1929, the social impact of the Depression, and the effectiveness of the Hoover and Roosevelt administrations in handling the national emergency. The second half explores aspects of the New Deal era: the experience of minorities, women and workers, the arts and popular culture.



(4 Hours Credit)

HIST 453/553 The Cold War: A Global History Dr. Maarten Pereboom

After 1945, the fierce rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union threatened the world with nuclear destruction and dominated global politics for almost 50 years. Examine the political and cultural impact of the Cold War on the United States, Europe and the developing world.

(4 Hours Undergraduate Credit/ 3 Hours Graduate Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB

HIST 460/560 History of China Since 1800 Dr. Michael McCarty



Despite a long history of economic, cultural and political resilience, China endured a tumultuous entry into the modern world. Examine the history of modern China from the 17th century to the present, paying particular attention to the trials and tribulations China faced in the 19th and 20th centuries. Late imperial China was fraught with tensions owing to its diverse territory and complex government that opened up into both

domestic and international conflicts in the 19th century. First as a troubled republic and then as a communist state, China attempted new solutions to its problems in the 20th century that have become the source of continuous debate and re-evaluation, despite emerging in the 21st century as a global military and economic power. Through lectures, readings, discussions and a research project, become familiar with major themes of modern Chinese history.

Open to undergraduate and graduate students.

(4 Hours Undergraduate Credit/ 3 Hours Graduate Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB

**Non-U.S./non-European course*

HIST 478/578 Ancient Military History Dr. Bart Talbert

Explores the history of the great battles and campaigns of antiquity. Emphasis is placed on developments in strategy and tactics, the lives of the men in the ranks, the careers of leaders, and the decisive nature of these conflicts on the course of history. Special attention is given to the interaction between military realities and the functioning of society as a whole.

(4 Hours Undergraduate Credit/ 3 Hours Graduate Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB

HIST 490/590/GSST 485 Gender and Sexuality Studies Capstone Seminar Dr. Kara French

Examine gender and sexuality from an interdisciplinary perspective including history. Read foundational feminist writings as well as newer scholarship in the field in multiple disciplines. History students have the opportunity to pursue an independent student-directed research project on a topic relevant to gender and sexuality. A further goal is to help students explore careers and graduate programs relevant to gender and sexuality studies.

(4 Hours Undergraduate Credit/ 3 Hours Graduate Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIB



HIST 614 Seminar in Asian History: Colonialism and Religion in Modern South Asia

Dr. Shruti Patel

In modern South Asia, British colonialism dramatically wrought changes to culture, society and identity, in addition to the economy and politics. Examine the ways in which religion – a category overlapping with many aspects of South Asian cultural and social life – became crucial for European authority. In doing so we will trace how the concept of “religion” itself was constructed in European thought and how this idea was then applied to non-Europeans in the 19th century, effectively reshaping colonizers and those they ruled. Puncture the notion that guns and forts alone built empire to highlight the terrific power of ideas and their role in creating European dominance globally. Explore and critique the extent and limits of European influence on Indic traditions and the making of modern Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism and Buddhism.

(3 Hours Graduate Credit)



Anthropology

The Anthropology Program offers a Bachelor of Arts in interdisciplinary studies with an anthropology track and an anthropology minor.

ANTH 100 Cultural Anthropology and Linguistics

Dr. Christine Vassallo-Oby

Introduction to the study of human culture and communication across a wide range of traditional and modern societies, with an emphasis on participant-observation ethnographic fieldwork.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIIB or IIIC

ANTH 102 Biological Anthropology and Archaeology

Dr. Elizabeth Ragan

Explore humanity's intertwined biological and cultural roots, showing how we became the people we are today. Origin stories are often contentious, with different groups passionately promoting different narratives. By introducing you to the techniques used to discover and understand our ancestors and their works, you will become better equipped to decide how your own particular past unfolded. Understanding our deep roots is vital, since knowing how humans have adapted to sometimes dramatic environmental and social changes – thriving, not merely surviving, over thousands of years – may help us cope with the increasingly disrupted world we live in today.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIIB or IIIC



ANTH 201 Cultural Anthropology Survey: Native North America

Dr. Elizabeth Ragan

An overview of traditional Native American and First Nations cultures in the United States and Canada, as well as consideration of how current indigenous communities are adapting to the 21st century. There were hundreds of distinct cultures in pre-contact North America, and few outside indigenous communities are aware of that rich diversity.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024 IIIB or IIIC



ANTH 215 Religion, Magic and Witchcraft

Dr. Elizabeth Ragan

Study of beliefs and rituals of people affected by the presence of gods or other supernatural beings. Topics include magic, witchcraft and shamanist practices among aboriginal and traditional societies throughout the world.

(4 Hours Credit) Met General Education Prior to Fall 2024: IIIB or IIIC

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