

Department of History and Political Science



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Please note: Our Portland office has moved to 1 Chamberlain Ave.

Fall 2016 Registration Newsletter

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Adam Tuchinsky, Dean, CAHS, 228 Deering (P)
Jie Zhao, 1 Chamberlain (P)

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Robert Klotz, 1 Chamberlain (P)
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Registration Info:

- ◆ Matriculated students registration begins April 4th
- ◆ Reminder: Check Mainstreet for registration appointments and don't forget to meet with your advisor!

Robert Klotz, Professor of Political Science, and Law Professor Dmitry Bam, gave a lecture at Portland Public Library on March 8th on the historical perspective on the politics of judicial nominations.



Spread a Powerful Message, Fast: Social Media Activism Minor

New Race and Ethnic Studies Minor Available to Students in the Fall 2016

The Race and Ethnic Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program drawn from the humanities, social sciences, and the arts



that is designed to familiarize students with the historical, social, intellectual, and cultural production of race and ethnicity. Students will learn how constructions of ethnicity, race, and racism have changed over time, often in response to changes in the nature of work, family, gender, and sexuality, and patterns of migration. Students in the program will develop skills in critical thinking and analysis, social theory, and writing. This academic pathway will help to prepare students for effective citizenship and work in an increasingly diverse world. Interested students are welcome to contact Professor Leroy Rowe for more info: Leroy.rowe@maine.edu

Check out Professor Schmidt's bi-weekly column at: maine.beacon.com

Social Media Activism is a minor for students interested in combining their interest for engagement

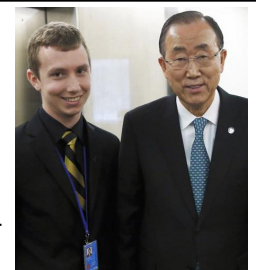
and activism in different environments through online media communication. Courses in this minor will allow students to learn and understand of political action in its multiple forms as well as new types of interactive social and political engagement opportunities. Students with diverse interests in social causes will learn to apply their passion to action, while learning of the theories behind a successful online presence for different types of communities.



POS Prof. Ron Schmidt has been very busy so far this spring with three appearances on MPBN's Maine Calling; Channel 8 coverage of the Maine Caucus; Channel 13 coverage of Nancy Reagan's funeral; and a USM lecture on the Maine Caucus on Feb 25th.

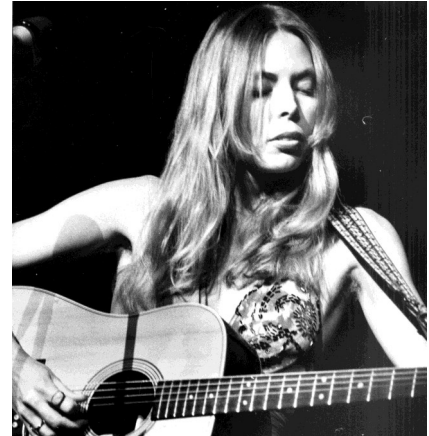
Maine Model United Nations Conference in 18th Year!

The ME Model UN Program hosts an annual conference where college and high school students participate in a simulation of UN procedures and enables students to practice organization, debate, conflict resolution and negotiation skills. This year marks the 18th year USM has hosted this conference, which gets bigger and better every year. By the way, pictured right is Joshua Dodge, Secretary General of MeMUNC this year, and yes, that's him posing with Ban Ki-Moon, the Secretary General of the UN. Anyone interested in volunteering for this year's conference should contact timothy.ruback@maine.edu



History Courses Offered in Portland Fall 2016

HTY 122 US History 1800-1900, F, 11:45-2:15 Libby Bischof
 HTY 141 African-American History to 1865, TR 11:45-1:00, Leroy Rowe
 HTY 171 Traditional East Asia, MW 8:45-10:00, Jie Zhao
 HTY 200 Ref, Research, & Report Writing MW 10:15-11:30 Jie Zhao
 HTY 345 African Amer & Amer Justice W 5:35-8:05 Leroy Rowe
 HTY 377 Chinese Thought, MW 1:15-2:30, Jie Zhao
 HTY 380 The 1960's, TR 1:15-2:30, Eileen Eagan
 HTY 394 Topics: American Immigration, W 4:10-6:40 Eileen Eagan
 HTY 394 Topics: Europe in the 20th Century, TR 11:45-1:00, Abe Peck
 HTY 400 Sen Seminar: Race, Gender, & Justice in Amer, Th 4:10-6:40, Leroy Rowe



History Courses Offered in Gorham Fall 2016

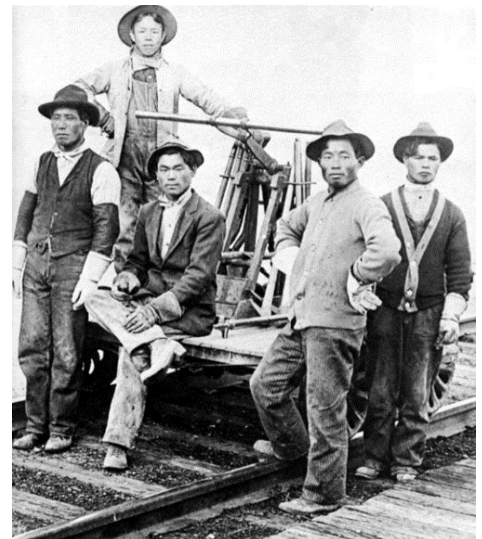
HTY 101 Western Civ I, MW 11:00-12:15, Gary Johnson
 HTY 123 US History Since 1900, TR 9:30-10:45, Eileen Eagan
 HTY 374 Photographing American History, M 5:35-8:05, Libby Bischof

History Courses Offered Online Fall 2016

HTY 101 Western Civilization I, Gary Johnson
 HTY 102 Western Civilization II, Seth Rogoff
 HTY 121 US History 1800-1900, Chris Beam
 HTY 181 Latin America II, John Paton
 HTY 304 History of Rome, Gary Johnson
 HTY 334 The Holocaust: Policy, Practice, Response

History Internships Fall 2016

HTY 300 History Internship, Libby Bischof



Summer 2016 Courses

HTY 101 Western Civ I Online, 5/16-7/01, Gary Johnson
 HTY123 US History Since 1900, MW 7:00-9:45, 5/16-7/01, Portland, Allan Whitmore
 HTY 142 African American History from 1865, TR 9:00-11:45, 5/17-6/30, Portland, Leroy Rowe
 HTY 181 Latin America I, Online, 5/16-7/01, John Paton
 HTY 308 Polytheists, Jews, and Christians in the Roman Empire, MW 9:00-11:45, 5/16-6/29, Portland, Gary Johnson
 HTY 335 Genocide in Our Time, Online, 7/5-8/19, Abe Peck
 HTY 394 Topic: Vietnam War, Online, 5/16-7/01, Chris Beam
 HTY 394 Topic: From WWII to War on Terror, Online, 7/5-8/19, Seth Rogoff
 HTY 394 Topic: Anti-Semitism & History, Online, 5/16-7/01, Abe Peck
 HTY 394 Topic: Teaching Maine History, MTWRF, 7/11-7/15, Portland, Elizabeth Bischof

Political Science Courses Offered in Portland Fall 2016

- POS 101 Intro to American Government, MW 1:15-2:30, Robert Klotz
- POS 101 Intro to American Government, T 4:10-6:40, Ron Schmidt
- POS 104 Intro to International Relations, MW 2:45-4:00, Mahmud Faksh
- POS 205 Intro to Comparative Politics, TR 10:15-11:30, Francesca Vassallo
- POS 234 Race and Ethnicity in US Politics, TR 1:15-2:30, Manuel Avalos
- POS 261 Congress, M 4:10-6:40, Robert Klotz
- POS 290 Intro to Political Theory, TR 2:45-4:00, Ron Schmidt
- POS 299 Global Politics of Soccer, MW 11:45-1:00, Tim Ruback
- POS 354 African Amer & Amer Justice W 5:35-8:05 Leroy Rowe
- POS 380 Latino Politics, R 4:10-6:40, Manuel Avalos
- POS 392 American Political Thought I, TR 11:45-1:00, Ron Schmidt
- POS 405 The European Union, T 4:10-6:40, Francesca Vassallo
- POS 463 Supreme Court and Constitutional Law, MW 10:15-11:30, Robert Klotz



Political Science Courses Offered in Gorham Fall 2016

- POS 101 Intro to American Government, TR 9:30-10:45, Manuel Avalos
- POS 104 Intro to International Relations, TR 11:00-12:15, Tim Ruback
- POS 280 Issues Before the United Nations, TR 2:00-3:15, Tim Ruback



Political Science Courses Offered Online Fall 2016

- POS 104 Intro to International Relations, Steven Shirley
- POS 203 Intro to Political Science Research, Vanessa Perez
- POS 380 The 2016 Presidential Election, Vanessa Perez

Political Science Internship Fall 2016

- POS 470 Electoral Politics Internship, W 7:00-9:30, Portland, Robert Klotz
- POS 476 Out of State Internship, TBA, Robert Klotz

Summer 2016 Courses

- POS 102 People and Politics, Online, 7/5-8/19, Francesca Vassallo
- POS 104 Introduction to International Relations, MW 4:00-6:45, Portland, 7/6-8/17, Mahmud Faksh
- POS 299 Topic: American Politics at the Movies, MTW 12:30-3:45, Portland, 7/5-7/27, Ron Schmidt
- POS 349 The Middle East in International Politics, MW 4:00-6:45, Portland, 5/17-6/30, Mahmud Faksh
- POS 380 Topic: Asian Politics and Society, Online, 5/16-7/01, Steven Shirley
- POS 380 Topic: The 2016 Presidential Election, Online, 7/5-8/19, Vanessa Perez

Congratulations to HTY students: Devon Colella, Jason Field, Matthew Raymond, Brie Roche, Anju Roy, and Jessica Vogel— all of whom will be receiving various scholarships for the 2016-17 academic year. Scholarships awardees will be recognized in the CAHS ceremony on April 21st in Gorham.

Congratulations to HTY majors Darien Brahms, Henry Caiazzo, Anna Powers, Bradley Fleury, and Tracey Berube— all of whom have been recently accepted to graduate school to pursue further study in History and Education. Congratulations to Political Science major and History minor Meg Bourgeois (class of 2015), who was recently accepted to Brown University to pursue a Ph.D. in Political Theory. If you've been accepted to graduate school, or been offered a job for next year, we'd love to know about it! Send an email to Professor Libby Bischof: Elizabeth.bischof@maine.edu

On Saturday, April 2nd, History Professor Libby Bischof will present at the Third Annual Historians forum at the Maine Historical Society. The topic of the forum is the upcoming Maine Bicentennial (2020).

History Professor Eileen Eagan recently returned from the annual national Council on Public History conference in Baltimore, Maryland, where she presented on the panel: "Digital History in the City: Apps, Websites, and Trails." Her talk featured the Portland Women's History Trail mobile application that she developed as part of the Digital Maine initiative.

This winter, the department sponsored History and Political Science Double Major Elizabeth Wilson's participation in the internationally-renowned Camden Conference. This year's topic was "The New Africa." Here's what she had to say about the conference and the experience: *In the most unlikely of places and times-Maine in February-seven African leaders, along with others, gathered at the Camden Conference to discuss the progress and challenges of their great continent. These insightful and accomplished speakers represented a range of fields, including business, politics, education, finance, technology, journalism, and the environment. Their presentations of Africa's recent growth and development, in addition to their proposed solutions to its remaining obstacles, represented a diversity of ideas which reflected their unique passions, areas of expertise, and various cultures and backgrounds. Their enthusiasm highlighted their repeated emphasis that Africans have great hopes and dreams, along with the capability of rising to even higher levels of achievement.*

If you missed this amazing weekend event, check out camdenconference.org to view the recorded sessions.

Topic Offerings Fall 2016

POS 299 The Global Politics of Soccer Tim Ruback

Known throughout the world as football, soccer (as we call it) is a global force that can be emblematic of all the best of global politics: international organization, understanding, and development. But it can also highlight the worst of global politics: racism, corruption, and violence. In this course, we will explore the connections between soccer and international politics, considering soccer's relationship to issues like nationalism, colonialism, international organization, transnational crime, and globalization.

POS 380 Latino Politics Manuel Avalos

This course examines Latino political history and the scope of Latino political participation in the United States. The purpose of the course is to learn both the history and scope of Latino political participation in the United States, but it will also probe deeper theoretical questions of ethnicity. For example what is a Latino pan-ethnic identity? How do different national origin groups vary in terms of culture, history and political engagement? The class will primarily focus on the three largest Latino national-origin groups, Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, and Cuban Americans, but other Latino national-origin subgroups will be discussed.

POS 380 The 2016 Presidential Election Vanessa Perez

HTY 394 Europe in the 20th Century Abraham Peck

This course investigates the political, economic, and cultural developments of twentieth-century Europe. The First World War, the peace order of the inter-war period, the rise of fascism, the Second World War, the Cold War divisions of the continent, the dissolution of the bloc confrontation, and the further expansion European Union and identity will form the periodical demarcations of this class. However, at the same time we will transcend these boundaries by examining long term historical developments with regard to the European idea, concepts of citizenship, class structures, gender roles, generational and national identities or transnational allegiances. Particular attention will be paid to the shaping of contemporary Europe, its problems and challenges after the Cold War as well as its future. Readings are composed of a variety of primary and secondary sources, and will allow multi-faceted insights into the path of Europe in the 20th century. Lectures will outline the state of current research and discuss how historians have conceptualized the processes and events under discussion.

HTY 394 American Immigration Eileen Eagan

HTY 400 Race, Gender, and Justice in America Leroy Rowe

Race, Gender, and Justice in America examines recent scholarship on the history of black women and girls, covering topics such as freedom suits filed by slaves, legal challenges to Jim Crow, mass incarceration, and urban violence in Chicago, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and New York in the 20th century.