

Sawyer Seminar Schedule

Fall 2014

Case Study 1: Jewish Ghettos in Early Modern Europe

Friday, September 5, 2014

“Early Modern Urbanization and the Ghettoization of Jews”

Bernard D. Cooperman

(University of Maryland, Louis L. Kaplan Associate Professor of Jewish Studies)

Thursday, September 11, 2014

“The Original Italian Ghetto: Myth and Reality”

Benjamin Ravid

(Brandeis University, Professor Emeritus)

Friday, October 10, 2014

“The End of Confessionalism: The Roman Ghetto as a Hothouse for Legal Debate”

Kenneth Stow

(University of Haifa, Professor of Jewish History Emeritus)

Friday, October 17, 2014

“The Italian Jewish Ghetto in Context: A Culture of Enclosure and Control”

Samuel Gruber

(Syracuse University, Lecturer in Judaic/Jewish Studies)

Case Study 2: Ghettos and the Colonial Project in South Africa

Friday, October 24, 2014

“Their World is a Ghetto: Squatters, Space, and Power in 1940s Alexandra, South Africa”

Dawne Y. Curry

(University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Associate Professor of History and Ethnic Studies)

Friday, October 31, 2014

“‘Skokiaan’: Criminalized Leisure, Underclass Defiance & Self-Narration”

Mhoze Chikowero

(University of California – Santa Barbara, Assistant Professor of African History)

Thursday, November 13, 2014

“Citizens, not Subjects: Spatial Segregation and the Making of Durban’s African Working Class (Notes Towards a Critique of Mamdani)”

Alex Lichtenstein

(Indiana University, Associate Professor of History)

Friday, November 21, 2014

“Practices of Immobility: Popular Music Production and Sensory Perception in Soweto”

Gavin Steingo

(University of Pittsburgh, Assistant Professor of Music)

Spring 2015

Case Study 3: Nazi Ghettos and the Holocaust

Friday, January 23, 2015

“There was no work, we worked only for the Germans: Ghetto Labor and Alienation in the German-Occupied Soviet Territories”

Anika Walke

(Washington University in St. Louis, Assistant Professor of History)

Thursday, January 29, 2015

“Jewish Resistance in Ghettos in the Former Soviet Union during the Holocaust”

Zvi Gitelman

(University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, Professor of Political Science and Preston R. Tisch Professor of Judaic Studies)

Lenore J. Weitzman

(George Mason University, Robinson Professor of Sociology and Law, Emeritus)

Friday, February 6, 2015

“Theresienstadt 1941-1945: A Model Ghetto Misunderstood”

Martin Modlinger

(Scientific Director at the Renewable Freedom Foundation)

Friday, February 20, 2015

“Hunger and Its Effects on Ghetto Inmates”

Helene J. Sinnreich

(Youngstown State University, Director of Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies. Editor in Chief for Journal of Jewish Identities)

Special Session - Monday, March 2, 2015

“Am I My Brother’s Keeper?”

Gali Tibon

(Carnegie Mellon University, A. W. Mellon Sawyer Seminar Postdoctoral Fellow)

Case Study 4:

The African American Ghetto in the United States

Friday, March 20, 2015

“Shifting ‘Ghettos’: Established Jews, Immigrant Jews and African-Americans in Chicago 1880-1960”

Tobias Brinkmann

(Penn State University, Malvin and Lea Bank Associate Professor of Jewish Studies and History)

Monday, March 30, 2015

“The American Ghetto as an International Human Rights Crisis, 1945-1948”

Jeffrey D. Gonda

(Syracuse University, Assistant Professor of History)

Friday, April 10, 2015

“Unmaking the Ghetto: Community Organizing, Economic Development, Neighborhood Revitalization and Persistent Social Inequality in Bedford-Stuyvesant since the 1960s”

Brian Purnell

(Bowdoin College, Assistant Professor in Africana Studies Program)

Friday, April 24, 2015

“What Was Life Like in 1920s Harlem?”

Stephen Robertson

(George Mason University, Director for Roy Rosenzweig Center for History & New Media)

“Reshaping the City: The Ghetto and Jewish and non-Jewish space”

Tim Cole

(University of Bristol, Professor of Social History)