



PROVIDENCE
COLLEGE

Each course fulfills one (1)
Graduate History Program
degree requirement

Providence College Graduate Program in History

FALL SEMESTER 2019

HIS 523-001 The American West

Tuesday, 4:30-6:50pm CRN-2672- Dr. Jeff Johnson

The history of the U.S. West spans much of our national experience. For some, notably Frederick Jackson Turner, expansion into the West defined the American character. This course examines the mythology of the West, its historiographical traditions as well as the “New” Western History, the region’s “sense of place” and the role in popular culture, the idea(s) of conquest, and the West’s important environmental, ethnic, gendered, and working class past.

HIS 770-001 Seminar in American History: Age of Democratic Revolutions, 1760-1840

Thursday, 4:30-6:50pm CRN-2673- Dr. Steven Carl Smith

This special topics course introduces graduate students to the age of democratic revolutions that shook and unmade empires in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth-centuries. We will focus on revolutions in North America, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa. We will focus on the ideologies and political motivations of the revolutionaries and how these ideas criss-crossed the Atlantic Ocean, all while considering the long-term consequences and outcomes that overturned generations of autocratic rule around the globe.

HIS 770-002 Seminar in European History: Post-Communist Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union

Tuesday, 7:00-9:30pm CRN-2674- Dr. Paul D. Quinlan

This course will examine Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union from the collapse of communism to the present. The complex and at times turbulent transition from communism and socialism to democracy and a market economy have characterized the histories of these countries since the collapse of communism, made worse by the power vacuum left by the collapse of the Soviet Union. The focus of the course will center around the eastward expansion of the European Union since the 1990s into this volatile region, along with the growing interest of the United States and other powers, especially the revival of Russia’s historical role and interest in this part of the world. By the end of this course students should have a deeper understanding of modern Eastern Europe and Russia. This will enable students not only to better understand the complicated events of today’s world, but also become more critical thinkers in analyzing what they read and hear.

HIS 770-003 Special Topics: Early and Medieval Islam

Thursday 7–9:30pm CRN- 2841- Dr. Vefa Erginbas

This course, covering the history of Muslim societies roughly between 600 and 1453, is designed to familiarize students with the main discussions and problems in the field of early and medieval Islamic history, with particular attention paid to historiographical and methodological issues. Students will not only accumulate a good knowledge of the period but will also develop skills to evaluate successfully the merits and flaws of the key works in the Islamic history field.