HIST 82500- Advanced Research Seminar

Mondays, 2 PM - 4 PM, 5 credits, Prof. Michael Pfeifer (mpfeifer@jjay.cuny.edu),

Fully in-person

Office Hours: 4-4:30 PM Monday in-person, or by appointment on Zoom

“Research Seminars,” according to the Ph.D. Program in History’s Student Handbook “are courses in which students produce a substantial paper based on primary sources, and also demonstrate familiarity with the historiography of the field. Every student must produce three research papers as part of their required coursework. Two of the three research papers must be on different subjects.” The Spring 2023 Advanced Research Seminar is designed for students writing either their second or third research paper. The second paper replicates the form, but not the content, of the first-year project; it should be research-based and engaged with the relevant historiographies. The third, and finally paper requirement, which the Student Handbook denotes as “a preliminary investigation into the student’s dissertation” should “result in an extended dissertation proposal that is already based on some primary research.” Your work in this course is to compose a seminar paper of thirty pages or so based on primary sources which also demonstrates familiarity with the relevant historiographies and conceptual literatures. You should identify some notion of a paper topic before the first meeting. The seminar will discuss approaches to research and writing and workshop drafts of research papers.

*The course is only open to students in the PhD Program in History who have completed the first year seminar.*

January 30 Introduction

February 6 Research paper proposals presentations I (5-10 minute presentation then workshopped by the seminar)
February 13 No classes

February 20 No classes

February 21 Classes follow a Monday schedule

Research paper proposals presentations II (5-10 minute presentation then workshopped by the seminar)

February 27 Guest Historian: Prof. Hyunhee Park, John Jay College & the Graduate Center, “Cross-cultural Approaches to the Origins of the Distilled Liquors”


March 6 Guest Historian: Prof. Michael Pfeifer, John Jay College & the Graduate Center


March 13 Methodological issues you are facing as you research your paper (5-10 minute presentation then workshopped by the seminar)

March 20 Guest Historian: Prof. David Munns, John Jay College & the Graduate Center

Reading:

March 27 Guest Historian: Prof. Sara McDougall, John Jay College & the Graduate Center

Reading:

April 3 Guest Historian: Prof. Michael Pfeifer, John Jay College & the Graduate Center


April 5-13 Spring recess
April 10 No classes

April 17 Issues you are facing as you write your draft Research Paper I (5-10 minute presentation then workedshopped by the seminar)

April 24 Issues you are facing as you write your draft Research Paper II (5-10 minute presentation then workedshopped by the seminar). **Draft of Research Papers due; Please e-mail to Prof. Pfeifer.**

May 1 Workshopping of Research Paper drafts I (5-10 minute presentation then workedshopped by the seminar)

May 8 Workshopping of Research Paper drafts II (5-10 minute presentation then workedshopped by the seminar)

May 12-13 Reading day

May 22 Research paper due