

George Mason University
HIST-810: Doctoral Colloquium, Spring 2016

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In order to receive a "Satisfactory" grade for this course, students must do the following:

- Attend colloquium. Each student may have one absence without penalty per semester. Additional absences require make-up work, typically in the form of a written report (minimum 2 pages) on a visit to a historical site or museum exhibit or attendance at a scholarly lecture. I am open to other suggestions, but all make-up work must include a written component and must be submitted before the last colloquium meeting in December.
- Contribute comments to the blog for *all* prospectuses by the time they are presented to colloquium.

Course Schedule (All meetings are in Merten Hall. For specific rooms, see below.)

Monday 29 August: Orientation/Introductions. Prof. Brian Platt (department chair), Prof. Stephen Robertson (director, RRCHNM), Ms. Nicole Roth (Graduate Coordinator), Dr. George Oberle (History library liaison), and Prof. Laura Lukes (Provost's Office) **Merten 1201**

Monday 12 September: Writing the Dissertation. ABDs Erin Bush, Sasha Hoffman, and Ben Hurwitz; and Dr. Tracy Fisher (Ph.D., 2016). **Merten 1201**

Monday 3 October: Prof. Adam Rothman, Georgetown University. "Facing Slavery's Legacy at Georgetown." **Merten 1203**

Monday 17 October: Tips for Navigating the Job Market. Profs. Joe Genetin-Pilawa, Lincoln Mullen, and Sun-Young Park. **Merten 1203**

Monday 7 November: Small-Group Discussions. (Details TBD) **Merten 1203**

Monday 21 November: Presentation of prospectuses. **Merten 1203**

Monday 5 December: Presentation of prospectuses. **Merten 1203**