

George Mason University
HIST-810: Doctoral Colloquium, Fall 2012

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****Note that all meetings are at 5:30 in Meeting Room F in the Johnson Center, except 10 September and 5 November, which are in Mason Hall, D003.**

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 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.

Our schedule for the fall semester is as follows:

Monday 27 August: Introduction and Orientation (Department Chair Brian Platt, CHNM Director Dan Cohen, and History Library Liaison Jason Byrd; current Ph.D. students)

Monday 10 September: Prof. Janet Abbate (Science and Technology Studies, Virginia Tech-Northern Virginia Center): “Gender in the History of Computing: Questions and Opportunities”

Monday 24 September: Making Syllabi (Profs. Michael Chang, Mack Holt, and Cindy Kierner)

Monday 15 October: Prof. Allyson Poska (University of Mary Washington): “Experiencing Race: Indians, Slaves, and Peasants in the Rio de la Plata”

Monday 5 November: Preparing for Major Field Exams (Tracy Fisher, Dan Gifford, John Lemza, and Prof. Rosie Zagarri)

Monday 19 November: Presentation of Prospectus(es)

Monday 3 December: Presentation of Prospectus(es)