George Mason University
HIST-810: PhD Colloquium, Spring 2022

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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 (particularly given Covid!) but all make-up work must include a written component and must be submitted before the last colloquium meeting of the semester.

- Email comments to me for each prospectus before they are presented to colloquium. Deadline for submission of comments will be the preceding Friday at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Course Schedule (All meetings are scheduled to be in Horizon Hall 2017.)

Monday 31 January: Group discussions—your choice! Topics TBD by response to email circulated prior to class.

Monday 21 February: Planning and doing HIST-803 and HIST-804 (likely not in that order): Laura Brannan, Gail Coleman, Caitie Gale, Caroline Greer, Dan Howlett, and John Legg.


Monday 21 March: "Full Circle or Patchwork Quilt? Sketching a Career in Academic and Public History": Dr. Rachel F. Seidman, Curator of Women’s Environmental History, Smithsonian Institution, Anacostia Community Museum.

Monday 4 April: What Some Alums are doing with their Mason PhDs: Lindsey Bestebreutje (Museum of African American History and Culture); Maureen Connors Santelli (Northern Virginia Community College); Rebecca Erbelding (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum); Eric Gonzaba (California State University, Fullerton); Anne Ladyem McDivitt (University of Alabama Libraries).

Monday 18 April: Prospectus Presentations

Monday 2 May: Prospectus Presentations