

**HIST 810**  
**Doctoral Colloquium**  
**Fall 2022**

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**Course Time and Place:**

Mondays, 5:20-7:10 pm, Horizon Hall, Room 4008

**Office Hours:**

Wednesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm and by appointment via Zoom.

**Course Description:**

This course is designed to enhance professional development and to provide a focal point of community-building for students in the Ph.D. program. Colloquium meets in alternating weeks and is scheduled so as not to conflict with other graduate classes. Events may include presentation of faculty and student research, workshops on various topics, and visiting speakers.

**Grading:**

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 of the semester.
  
- Written comments for each prospectus before they are presented to colloquium (details to follow).

**Course Schedule:**

**Aug. 22:** Welcome Reception and Orientation with Dr. Matt Karush, Chair of the Department of History and Art History; Dr. Mills Kelly, Director of RRCHNM; Dr. George Oberle, History Librarian; and Austin Deray, Assistant Director of Graduate Student Life.

**Sept. 12:** History Graduate Student Takeover

**Topic:** HGSO Orientation

**Sept. 26:** Meeting with Kelley Fincher, Pearl Harris-Scott, and Dr. Steve

Anthony Scott

**Topic:** Crafting a Survey Course

**Oct. 11: Prospectus Presentations** (NOTE: Class is held on **Tuesday on Zoom**)

**Oct. 24:** Meeting with Dr. George Oberle and Anne Dobberteen

**Topic:** The Center for Mason Legacies

**Nov. 7:** Meeting with Dr. Sam Huneke

**Topic:** Publishing Your First Book

**Nov. 21: Prospectus Presentations**

**Nov. 28: Prospectus Presentations**