

GRINNELL COLLEGE  
History Department Proseminar

The purpose of this proseminar is to provide a forum in which History Department faculty can present a sample of their scholarship to students and invite discussion of both the content of that scholarship and the process by which it was produced.

In order to assist faculty presenters in preparing for their discussion with students, and in order to ensure an engaged discussion at each meeting, students who enroll for the 1 credit offered with this proseminar are required to do the following:

1. Read the faculty member's article or book chapter before the Wednesday, 1:15 meeting. You will find the readings on the Proseminar Blackboard.
2. On SUNDAY, before each meeting, submit the following to Victoria Brown and to the week's faculty presenter:
  - a brief statement that completes this stem sentence: "As I understand it, this article/chapter is arguing that . . ."
  - one discussion question about the argument
  - one discussion question about the evidence or the methodology

Students are not expected to write a paper for this proseminar, only to fully participate in the reading and the discussions.

SCHEDULE OF PRESENTERS

Sept. 10: Prof. Rob Lewis  
Sept. 17: Prof. Ed Cohn  
\*Sept. 22: Robert Mitchell, an alum. More on this in our first meeting.  
Oct. 1: Prof. Dan Kaiser  
Oct. 8: Prof. John Wei  
Oct. 15: Prof. Victoria Brown  
Oct. 29: Prof. Elizabeth Prevost  
Nov. 5: Prof. Mike Guenther  
Nov. 12: Prof. George Drake  
Nov. 19: Prof. Albert Lacson (meeting time to be arranged)  
Nov. 26: Class cancelled  
Dec. 3: tba  
Dec. 10: Prof. Sarah Purcell