HIST 585-001: Special Topics in History:

Topic: Global History

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Semester Description:

This course is an introduction to global history, one of the fastest growing and most exciting fields in the discipline. Global history focuses on connections and comparisons between societies, starting from the premise that bringing disparate histories and historiographies into closer dialog sheds light not just on the history of humankind in the aggregate but also on the history of particular regions themselves. This course is designed primarily for Ph.D. students who wish to gain an in-depth understanding of global history’s innovative historiography. The main aim is to help students consider their own research – whether it be in American, Latin American, African, European, or Asian History – in the light of comparative and global approaches, with the goal of helping them engage global historical questions and historiographies. But the course also focuses on teaching and professional development and is intended explicitly to qualify students to obtain positions in a challenging academic job market. Formal training in global history provides a significant benefit because there is an intense and growing demand for instructors who can teach world history, a demand evident in job postings.

Assignments:
There are two main assignments for this course. The first is a large-scale (15-page) research proposal that conceives of a large-scale project (ideally a dissertation project) in global perspective. (Students may substitute a more standard research paper for this assignment if they wish.) The second assignment is a world history syllabus.

Required Textbooks, Articles, and Resources:


5. Additional texts TBA.
Grading:
- Class participation,
- World history syllabus, and
- Research project.