



GENERAL HONORS COURSES SPRING 2002

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(321) HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE

HSSC 265.401. Environmental History.

Distribution II: History & Tradition

(Cross-listed: HIST 320)

W 2-5

723 Williams Hall

The focus of this discussion course will be the relation between humans and the environment, from prehistory to the present, and around the world from East Asia and the Pacific to Europe and North

America.

Robert Kohler (Ph.D., Harvard, 1965) is professor of the history and sociology of science. His interests include environmental history and the history of ecology and other sciences of the field.

HSSC 438.301. Who Owns the Past?.

Distribution II: History and Tradition

W 2-5

167-8 McNeil Bldg

The recent controversies over the Enola Gay exhibit and the teaching of U.S. history to school children have made exceptionally visible the degree to which history may be used to define national identity. Scientific achievements may play central roles in partisan accounts--both as testimonials to national virtue and as the means to resolve various sorts of disputes. This course will discuss the uses of history in contemporary and past situations, drawing examples from the U.S., Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Henrika Kuklick, the Chairman of the Department, has a B.A. in History from Brandeis University, an M.A. in African Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London, and a Ph.D. in sociology from Yale University. She studies the history of the human sciences, the sociology of knowledge, and colonial science. Her publications treat such subjects as the development of the human science disciplines in the American university and the justification of colonial settlement in North America, Southern Africa, and the Middle East.

(349) ITALIAN

ITAL 330.301. Dante and Boccaccio.

Distribution III: Arts & Letters

TR 10:30-12

516 Williams Hall

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This course will involve close study of the two major narrative works to emerge from the medieval Florentine world. The classes will be dedicated to in-depth interpretation of Dante's Divine Comedy and Boccaccio's Decameron, and the relationship between their vastly different, yet kindred views, of the human condition. We will undertake a double journey in this course, through Hell, Purgatory, and Paradise with Dante's pilgrim in 1300, and through the Tuscan countryside with Boccaccio's ten storytelling youths, seeking to escape the Black plague of 1348. Our study will attempt to embrace the encyclopedic range of both works, and to explore their multifaceted approaches to love, justice,

authority, gender, selfhood, artistic creation, and the redemptive power of the word. Where possible, visual material will be brought in to supplement our textual analysis. The course will be conducted as a seminar with great emphasis on student participation. There will be two short critical essays and a longer term paper, as well as a comprehensive final exam.

Texts: Dante, *Inferno*, Italian with facing English trans. Durling and Martinez (Oxford)
Dante, *Purgatory*, Italian with facing English trans. Mandelbaum
Dante, *Paradiso*, Italian with facing English trans. Mandelbaum
Boccaccio, *Decameron*, trans. McWilliam (Penguin)

(353) JEWISH STUDIES

JWST 151.401. Great Books of Judaism.
General Requirement III: Arts & Letters
WATU credit optional - see instructor
(Cross-listed: Ames 151, COML 057, RELS 027)
TR 10:30-12
723 Williams Hall

This course is devoted to the study of four classic works of Jewish literature: the Talmud, Biblical Commentary, the Siddur or prayerbook, and the Passover Haggadah. The course will introduce the student to these books through selected, and will study the history of their development and their place in Jewish tradition. We will also deal with the material history of these classics as physical objects, with special attention to their visual side. All readings are in translation, and no previous background is required.

David Stern (Ph.D. Harvard, Comparative Literature) is professor of post-biblical and medieval Hebrew literature in the depts. of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and Religious Studies. His primary field of research is classical Judaism and its literature, early Biblical commentary in particular, and he is generally interested in the history of the book and problems of textuality, and in literary interpretation and criticism, ancient and modern, and its relationship to imaginative and other types of literature.

JWST 255.401. Bible in Translation: Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.
Distribution III: Arts & Letters
(Cross-listed: AMES 255, COML 380)
TR 4-5:30
6 Williams Hall

Jeffrey H. Tigay, a 1995 winner of the Lindback Award for distinguished teaching, is A.M. Ellis

Professor of Hebrew and Semitic Languages and Literatures, in the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, and from 1995-1998 he was Chair of the Jewish Studies Program.

He received his B.A. in Ancient History from Columbia, Master of Hebrew Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. in Comparative Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies from Yale. His specialty is the Hebrew Bible and its interpretation, particularly in its original ancient Near Eastern context.

Dr. Tigay's published works include: *The Evolution of the Gilgamesh Epic*; *Empirical Models for Biblical Criticism*; *You Shall Have No Other Gods - Israelite Religion in the Light of Hebrew Inscriptions*; and *The Jewish Publication Society Torah Commentary on Deuteronomy*. His website is <http://www.sas.upenn.edu/~jtigay>.

(373) LEGAL STUDIES

***LGST 101.301.** Introduction to Law and the Legal Process.

MW 3-4:30

B3-4 Vance Hall

Legal Studies 101-301 provides an introduction to jurisprudence, the study of law, and the legal process. It critically explores the expansive role of law in society from the perspectives of the civil and criminal legal systems, the constitutional and administrative structure of law, and the law of contracts.

[Professor Edward Swaine](#) will teach this course.

LGST 210.301. Corporate Responsibility & Ethics.

MW 9-10:30

103 Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall

This course will explore theories of business responsibility from a multi-disciplinary and managerial perspective. Current theories of business ethics will be presented along with how they apply to a number of case studies. Topics include ethical and social responsibility issues with regard to advertising, affirmative action, employee rights, whistle-blowing, conflicts of interest, and financial management.

[Professor Thomas Donaldson](#) will teach this course.

(497) PHYSICS

PHYS 171.301. Honors Physics II.

Gen Req VI: Physical World

Fulfills college quantitative data analysis requirement

Freshman seminar

Registration required for lecture, lab

Section 301: Lecture MWF 10-11, 3C4 DRL

M 2-3, A6 DRL Section 302: Laboratory W 1-3

(505) POLITICAL SCIENCE

PSCI 498.301. The Political Novel.

W 3-6

B30 Stiteler Hall

Fictions occupy an important place in political discourse. Whether in the form of "founding myths," such as those associated with ancient Greek city states and Rome, or in metaphors of ruling and statecraft, politics often depends on such examples of persuasive discourse. This seminar focuses on political novels and short stories to reveal how much our political practices, expectations and institutions depend on the imaginary, even the fantastic. Students will be assessed on the basis of essays and seminar presentation.

Ellen Kennedy (Ph.D. in Government, London School of Economics, 1977; M.A. in Political Science, Indiana University, 1970) writes on a variety of subjects in political economy and the history of modern European political and legal theory. She has been a Research Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation as well as the British Academy and the Nuffield Foundation. Before joining the faculty at Penn, she taught in at the Universities of London, York, Manchester and at the University of Freiburg.

***PSCI 498. 302.** Political Theory of the Bible.

TR 3-5

Stiteler Hall conference room

Two strands of political theory lead to modern accounts of social compact and constitutional democracy. One of these - the classical tradition - is usually attended to. The other - the Biblical text - is not. But the biblical tradition may provide more of the consequential features of the modern account of well-composed good government based on the sovereignty of the people than the classical one. If this should be plausibly so, our understanding of the intellectual underpinnings and conceptual precursors of the

pivotal elements of modern political theory might be impoverished by not examining the other strand. This seminar will inquire into the political theory of the Bible - comprising the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. The primary focus will be on the King James Version as perhaps the most influential and comprehensive work of political theory ever set forth. This work embodies a competitive series of narrative, developmental, and justificatory accounts of the origins and nature of well-ordered community that encompasses founding, covenant, peoplehood, authority, law, history, and human relationships. The very prospect of ordering the life of a People in accord with a central text arises from the book's own internal account, as well as from the use made of the Bible by those who seek to use it as a model for themselves as a People. More deeply, our most primitive image of a "book" or of textuality itself (as the very symbol of publicness) may be founded in the biblical enterprise of laying out a verbally articulated world to be reflected upon by those who would live in its image. This seminar, however, is emphatically not about religion itself, or about specific religions - whose possessive attempts to subsume the Bible for their own have obscured the book as an account of political things.

Some portions of other politically important translations of the Bible will also be used, along with scholarship on biblical interpretation and sections of classical works of modern political theory and constitutionalism that are connected with this book.

Will Harris (Ph.D. Princeton University) is associate professor of political science. He joined the Penn faculty in 1986. Professor Harris is co-author/editor of the casebook *American Constitutional Interpretation* and is author of *The Interpretable Constitution*. He is working on *The Imaginable Constitution* and *The Constitutional University*. His teaching skills were recognized with a Lindback award, the highest honor Penn bestows on its faculty members.

(521) PSYCHOLOGY

***PSYC 001.301.** Introduction to Experimental Psychology.

General Requirement V: Living World

Fulfills college quantitative data analysis requirement

MW 3-5

A30 Psych Lab Bldg

An introduction to psychology as both a natural and social science. The text will provide broad coverage of the state of knowledge in psychology, while the lectures will focus on particular problems in some detail. The aim of the lectures will be to clarify the process of inquiry in natural and social sciences. In-class laboratories will engage students in formation of hypotheses, design of research, data gathering, and analysis and interpretation of results. Topics covered will include brain and behavior, dreams and psychoanalysis, behaviorism and phobias, sociobiology and sex differences, color vision, thinking, memory, person perception, appetites and addictions.

Marcia Pelchat will teach this course. Her e-mail address is pelchat@monell.org.

PSYC 441.401. Genetics, Evolution & Behavior.

(Cross-listed: [BIBB 441](#))

TR 1:30-3

A30 Psych Lab Bldg

(541) RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RELS 027.401. Great Books of Judaism.

General Requirement III: Arts & Letters

WATU credit optional - see instructor

(Cross-listed: AMES 151, COML 057, JWST 141)

TR 10:30-12

723 Williams Hall

(657) URBAN STUDIES

URBS 078.401 Urban University-Community Relationships.

(Cross-listed: AFAM 078.401, HIST 214.401)

W 2-5

514 Mellon Bldg

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