

Opening the Door to the Past: Practice in Historical Analysis

HITO 87 Freshman Seminar

Winter 2015

H&SS 6008

Wednesdays, 3-3:50

This course introduces students to the wide variety of historical topics and approaches offered by the History department. The focus is on discussion, so attendance is required. Please come to class ready to discuss the reading for that week, which you will have been given the previous week. If you must miss a class, contact Jennifer Dieli (jdieli@ucsd.edu) to get the reading for the next week. If you must miss a class, you can make it up with a short paper, emailed to Ms. Dieli. You may also contact Professor Jeremy Prestholdt (jprestholdt@ucsd.edu).

GRADING: You are required to attend the weekly sessions, read the assignments, and contribute to discussions. There are no papers or exams. However, three or more absences without make up papers will result in a failing grade.

SCHEDULE

Week 2: 1/14 Dana Murillo “Spanish and Indigenous Views of the Conquest”

Week 3: 1/21 Mark Hanna “Pirates in the Archives: Rare Books from the Golden Age of Piracy”

NOTE: THE CLASS WILL MEET AT THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARY, GEISEL

Week 4: 1/28 Hasan Kayali “The Hundred-Year Legacy of World War I in the Middle East”

Week 5: 2/04 Sarah Schneewind “Reading Fiction for Chinese History”

Week 6: 2/11 Patrick Patterson “The History of Everyday Life”

Week 7: 2/18 Ed Watts “Doing History with Ancient Artifacts”

Week 8: 2/25 Frank Biess “Understanding Evil: Nazi Perpetrators and the Holocaust”

Week 9: 3/04 Nancy Kwak “Cities and Suburbs”

Week 10: 3/11 Christine Hunefeldt “Colonialisms”