

History 611 Research Practicum

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Description:

This course is a continuation of History 610 in which each student selected a research project, wrote a prospectus of research for it, and began preliminary research upon it. This semester the research will be continued and completed and a paper of 30-35 pages (including notes) will be written with the objective of publishing it as an article in an appropriate scholarly journal. This will count for 85% of the student's final grade. Prior to submitting the final paper, we will simulate a scholarly conference in class. Each student will offer to the class an oral presentation of 20 minutes (10-12 pages), based upon the final paper, suitable for delivery at a scholarly conference, followed by a formal 'commentary' (5 minutes, 2 pages) by one of the classmates. These two oral assignments will count for 15% of the student's final grade.

Class schedule and assignments:

Jan. 11: Introduction

Feb. 18: Bibliography due (e-mail attachment)

Feb. 24-25: in my office, individual consultations

March 4: Outline due (e-mail attachment)

April 4: Rough draft due (e-mail attachment); follow-up individual consultations if necessary

April 19 and 26: oral presentations

May 6: Final paper due (e-mail attachment)