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 Research Seminar in Public History  
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## Research Seminar in Public History Course Syllabus

This two-quarter graduate research seminar provides graduate students an opportunity to conduct primary and secondary research on a topic in 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> century German history, ultimately producing an article-length paper on that topic. Emphasis is on techniques of researching, writing, editing and presentation. A research seminar paper should be conceived so that it can become a published article or a chapter in a Ph.D. thesis.

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Mary Lynn Rampolla, *A Pocket Guide to Writing in History* (Boston: Bedford, 5th ed. 2006), \$16. Short and sweet--if you don't have time for long guides, this is the one for you.
- Kate Turabian, Wayne Booth, Gregory Colomb, and Joseph Williams, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, Seventh Edition: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers (Chicago: Univ. of Chicago, 2007), 436 pages, \$17. The "Chicago Manual" for historians.
- Jacques Barzun and Henry Graff, *The Modern Researcher* (Harcourt, Brace, 5th ed. 1985; 6th 2003), \$25. For questions of research procedure, methodology and organization.
- Wayne Booth, Joseph Williams, Gregory Colomb, *The Craft of Research* (Chicago: Univ. Chicago, 1995, 2003), 336 pages, \$10.
- William Strunk, E.B. White and Maira Kalman, *The Elements of Style, Illustrated Edition* (Penguin, 2005), 176 pages, \$25/17
- Joseph Williams, *Style: Toward Clarity and Grace* (Univ. of Chicago, 1990), \$10. Beyond "Strunk & White;" writing clearly and "elegantly."

### SCHEDULE OF CLASS MEETINGS

1.	5 Apr.	Introduction: topics, questions & sources, preliminary searching
2.	12 Apr.	Descriptive list of potential topics (1-3) & sources due; library databases [Ellsion 2626]
3.	19 Apr.	Library resources (rm 1414c, library); start bibliographic work
4.	26 Apr.	Preliminary bibliography due; selection of sample articles
5.	3 May	Draft prospectus and preliminary bibliography due; citation/note-taking software
6.	10 May	Discussion of sample articles; group discussion of problems
7.	17 May	Individual consultations
8.	24 May	Revised prospectus with bibliographic essay due: exchange for peer critique
9.	31 May	Final prospectuses with bibliographic essay/annotated bibliography
10.	7 June	Oral presentations
1.	27 Sept.	Administrative meeting; progress reports
2.	4 Oct.	Outline and thesis paper due, suggest & select articles
3.	11 Oct.	Discussion of sample articles
4.	18 Oct.	1st installment due (10pp)
5.	25 Oct.	More sample articles (?); individual consultations (re: 1st installment)
6.	1 Nov.	2nd installment due (+10pp); Williams chaps. 1-5
7.	8 Nov.	3rd installment due (+10pp); Williams chaps. 6-10
8.	15 Nov.	exchange for peer critiques
9.	29 Nov.	oral presentations; Barzun 14,15
10.	6 Dec.	oral presentations
	10 Dec.	(Monday) final draft due