Requirements: 1 page single-space response to one of the readings each week
10 page double-space paper on one of four possible projects detailed separately.
Students may work as a two person team or write the paper individually.

Week 1 Feb 1 The Footnote in Historical Scholarship
1997).

Week 2 Feb 8 Historiography: An Overview of Historical Trends
Georg Iggers, Historiography in the Twentieth Century: From Scientific Objectivity to
the Postmodern Challenge (Wesleyan University Press, 1997).

Week 3 Feb 15 History of the US Historical Profession
Peter Novick, That Noble Dream: The “Objectivity Question” and the American
Hexter, Gordon, Hollinger, Novick and Ross, AHR Forum on Novick, The

Week 4 Feb 22 History and Social Theory
Peter Burke, History and Social Theory (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1992).

Week 5 Feb 29 One Historian Reacts to Current Trends

Week 6 March 7 The Classics: Intellectual History and History of Ideas
1. Jorge Luis Borges, “Tlon, Uqbar, Orbis Tertius,” “The Library of Babel,” and
“Pierre Menard, Author of Don Quixote,” in Labyrinths, pp. 3-18, 36-44, 51-58.
2.EITHER 1) Isaiah Berlin, The Hedgehog and the Fox (1953),


**Week 7 March 14 History and Social Theory I: The Annales School**

*Seminar Readings on Annales Conceptions of Time & Space:*


NOTE: Spring Vacation March 18-22
Week 8 March 28 Sociology of Knowledge

Seminar Readings

Week 9 April 4 Marxist Traditions

And read #1, #2 (Hessen, Zilsel) and any two others:


**Week 10, April 9 Social History**

**Seminar reading:**


**Week 11 April 18 Cultural History**

**Seminar readings on Microhistory or “The Social Microscope”:**

Clifford Geertz, “Thick Description: Toward an Interpretive Theory of Culture,” 1-30, and “Deep Play: Notes on the Balinese Cockfight,” 412-453,


Carolyn Steedman, Dust: The Archives and Cultural History (New Brunswick: Rutgers, 2002). Read as much as you can.


For History of Science: Read Jacob article and compare any other two books. Mario Biagoli, Galileo, Courtier: The Practice of Science in the Culture of Absolutism (Chicago, 1993).


John Pickstone, Ways of Knowing: A New History of Science, Technology and Medicine (Univ. of Chicago Press, 2000)

Week 12 April 25 Foucault and Responses to Foucault

Seminar readings:

Week 13 May 2 Historical Imagination, the Linguistic Turn, and Postmodernism

Seminar readings:

For history of science and technology: Read intro and any chapter in each text below.

Week 14 May 9 Roundtable on Research Projects

POSSIBLE PROJECTS
1. Analysis of a debate in History journals:
Since the 1980s four journals have been important forums for the critiques of historical practice from perspectives of postmodernism and linguistic theory:
History and Theory, The American Historical Review, The Journal of Modern History, and Past and Present. Take one of these journals and evaluate how this debate has been carried out within its pages. Has the history of science, medicine, and technology had a role to play? Compile a bibliography of what you think are the representative articles, forums, etc., within each journal. You may use the bibliographies in the six texts we have read so far as guides.

2. Critical analysis of Textbooks on the history of medicine or history of science
Please consult us for a bibliography of possible textbooks.

3. Write a prosopography of range of scholarship and trends among members of AAHM, HHS, SHOT, ISHEASTM. Use the journals, society memberships, newsletters as primary sources to answer the question of the range of historical approaches and theories members have been deploying in past decade or so.

4. Review of trends in historical scholarship as represented by the work of representative historians of science, technology, and/or medicine or in a subject of special interest to you, perhaps even for your own dissertation work. You may discuss how the scholarship of one scholar changed over time methodologically or compare how the scholarship of several scholars represents a particular trend in history.