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Subject: EM: New courses: Modern U.S. HIST 70B (meets survey req) and HIST 155, WOMEN, GENDER & U.S. COLONIALISM

From: Kristen Fass

Dear students and faculty,

We write with the news that Dr. Aaron Aruck is a new member of the History Department at Scripps. We are excited to have him join the Claremont Colleges!

His class offerings for this fall semester are:



Stonewall Inn days after trans and gay bar goers rioted to protest police harassment (June 1969)

HIS 70B: MODERN US HISTORY REGULATION AND THE STATE

Abortion access. Background checks to purchase firearms. A “closed” border. As we move into the 2024 presidential election, debates about the nature and range of governmental regulation have taken over television screens and family dinner tables. We find ourselves asking: What does the government have the power to regulate, and who should be the targets of such regulation?

This survey covers major themes in U.S. history of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. To focus our efforts, we will trace the historical roots of contemporary debates surrounding regulation. From racial segregation and prostitution policing to labor laws and immigrant health inspections, we will bring seemingly incongruous regulatory projects together to consider how state efforts to control intimacy, movement, labor, health, and opportunity shaped how people imagined themselves and others in the long twentieth century.

Tu/Th 2:45-4PM, Humanities 104 • Dr. Aaron Aruck, Scripps College



Teaching of birth control methods in Puerto Rico, 1960

HIS 155 – WOMEN, GENDER, AND U.S. COLONIALISM

In this course, we will explore how American imperialists weaponized ideas about gender and sexuality to justify continuing interventions in various sites of U.S. empire, including the U.S. Southwest, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Guam, and the Philippines. To focus our efforts, we will concentrate on public health as a tool of gendered colonial domination. We will study how public health initiatives related to venereal disease, sex education, homosexuality, reproduction, domestic hygiene, and prostitution constructed colonial subjects as threats to traditional gender and sexual norms. How did public health initiatives related to sex and gender racialize colonial subjects and justify the continued need for American imperial oversight? How did public health efforts in US-occupied territories shape ideas about gender and sexuality domestically? How did women and sexual minorities resist and/or further the goals of American empire?

Wednesdays
2:45- 5:30PM
Humanities 104

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This course satisfies
Scripps College's Gender
and Women's Studies
requirement.

For further information on the courses, please contact Professor Aruck at aaruck@scrippscollege.edu, or the chair of History, cforster@scrippscollege.edu

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