

HIS 695

Dissertation Prospectus Workshop

Tues, 6:30 pm - 9:20 pm

Professor Nancy Tomes

This workshop is for advanced Ph.D. students who have completed their Orals. Over the course of the semester, students will formulate the central questions motivating their dissertation research and write a 12-15 page prospectus that reflects their dissertation hypothesis, the historiographical fields their research engages, and the methodological strategy for pursuing answers to their thesis questions. Students will also produce a separate "thesis map" that encapsulates the central argument behind their dissertation proposal. The course will be broken up into smaller assignments, presentations, peer review of writing, and discussions through which students will hone separate components of the prospectus. Students will work closely with their advisors throughout this process. The class will culminate with a public presentation at the end of the semester in which they will present their prospectus to the department.

Prerequisite: Enrollment in History doctoral program, and HIS PhD students must be in their final year of coursework prior to advancing to candidacy.