



VANDERBILTHISTORYSEMINAR

presents

The Historical Life of Things

FALL 2009

September 14, 2009

Leor Halevi, Vanderbilt University
Imperial Commodities and the Search for a Modern Islam: The Fatwas of Rashid Rida, 1903–1935

October 19, 2009

Daryle Williams, University of Maryland
The Paradox of People and Things in Nineteenth-Century Brazilian Slave Society

November 2, 2009

Judy Kertész, North Carolina State University
Skeletons in the American Attic: Curiosity, Science and the Appropriation of the American Indian Past

Daniel H. Usner, Vanderbilt University
Crafting a Traditional Community in Progressive America: The Production and Consumption of Chitimacha Indian Baskets

November 16, 2009

Jane Landers, Vanderbilt University
The Material Culture of Maroons: Case Studies From 17th-Century Ecuador, Colombia & Mexico

December 7, 2009

Samuel Kline Cohn Jr., University of Glasgow
The Renaissance Attachment to Things: Material Culture in Last Wills and Testaments

All seminars, except the one on January 22, 2010, will be held at 4:10 pm in the Sarratt Student Center.

Receptions will follow in the second-floor foyer of Benson Hall.

Discussion will be based on pre-circulated papers available at the Department of History, Benson 227. For more information, or to be put on the email distribution list, please contact Monte Holman at 322-6323, or monte.holman@vanderbilt.edu.

SPRING 2010

January 22, 2010

Lynn Festa, Rutgers University
The Eighteenth Century's Necessitous Things

Jonathan Lamb, Vanderbilt University
Persons and Things

Dror Wahrman, Indiana University
The Collier Code: A Tale of Art and Obsession at the Threshold of the Modern Information Age

February 8, 2010

Sven Beckert, Harvard University
The Empire of Cotton: A Global History

March 15, 2010

Shigehisa Kuriyama, Harvard University
The Resonance of Strings, and the History of Being

April 5, 2010

Leora Auslander, University of Chicago
What Made a Home Jewish? Ruminations on Material Culture and Embodiment in Interwar Paris and Berlin

Julia Phillips Cohen, Vanderbilt University
The Stuff of Empire: Ottomanism, Orientalism, and the Jews of the Levant

April 19, 2010

Lorraine Daston, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science; University of Chicago
All Things to All People: A Short History of Projection

Gary Gerstle, Director

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