ARH 5816 Methods of Research
University of Florida, School of Art + Art History, Fall Semester 2015

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Seminar, Tuesdays, 3rd - 5th periods, 9:35 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.

Course Description:

This course provides beginning graduate students with a foundational overview of the history of theories of art and of research in the visual arts through a balanced focus on historiography and on contemporary scholarship.

Course Objectives:

Students will learn philosophical and theoretical approaches to writing about the visual arts from antiquity to the twenty-first century. Students will gain experience in preparing and leading seminar discussion.

Requirements:

- Attendance and active participation in discussion 10%
- Preparation, presentation, and discussion-leading of assigned topics 20% each = 60%
- Three short papers, 10% each = 30%

Required Books:

Hans Belting, *Florence and Baghdad*, trans. by Deborah Lucas Schneider
Erwin Panofsky, *Perspective as Symbolic Form*, trans. by Christopher Wood
Donald Preziosi, ed., *The Art of Art History*
Richard Shone and John-Paul Stonard, eds., *The Books that Shaped Art History*
Christopher S. Wood, ed., *The Vienna School Reader*

Recommended Books:

Moshe Barasch, *Theories of Art 1: From Plato to Winckelmann*
Moshe Barasch, *Theories of Art 2: From Winckelmann to Baudelaire* (Also available as *Modern Theories of Art 1: From Winckelmann to Baudelaire*)

Suggested Books:

Alfred Gell, *Art and Agency*
George Kubler, *The Shape of Time*
David Summers, *Real Spaces*
Aby Warburg, *The Renewal of Pagan Antiquity*
**Important Dates:**

August 26: First Day of Class

August 28: Drop/Add Deadline

October 20: Harn Museum Paper Due

November 23: Drop with College Petition (without failing grade) Deadline

December 8: Last Day of Class, Op-Ed Due

**Email Policy**

You are requested to use your UFL email as your primary email. Important information, including readings, assignments, etc., will be disseminated via the E-learning site and the class list-serve. You are subscribed to the list-serve with your UFL email. Emails sent to the professor will usually be returned within 48 hours.

**Class Attendance/Demeanor Policy**

Your attendance is mandatory. Two unexcused absences will result in an automatic reduction in your participation grade, for instance from A- to B+. Your active participation in the class is expected and constitutes part of your grade.

Please also see the UF attendance policy:

[https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx#absences](https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx#absences)

**Deadlines and Making-Up Missed Materials**

Extensions to deadlines will not be given except under exceptional circumstances. Each day late for any assignment will result in a lowered 1/3 letter grade for that assignment (A to A- for example). If you anticipate difficulty handing in an assignment on time, please contact Dr. Jones before the deadline.

**Grading Scale**

Grades are tabulated on a 100-point scale and a letter grade is assigned as follows:


If you have questions about how grade points are assigned by the University, go to:

[https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx](https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx)

**Academic Honesty**

The university’s policies regarding academic honesty, the honor code, and student conduct related to the honor code will be strictly enforced. Full information regarding these policies is available at the following links: Academic Honesty:

[http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/students.html#honesty](http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/students.html#honesty)

**Students with Disabilities**

Every effort will be made to accommodate students with disabilities. Anyone requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide you with the necessary documentation, which you must then provide to me when requesting accommodation. Please make your request at least one week before the needed accommodation.

**University Counseling & Wellness Center**

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Web: http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/
Provisional Course Outline:

Week 1 Introduction: Dr. Jones  
Tuesday August 26

Week 2 Ancient and Medieval Theories of Art  
Tuesday September 1

Week 3 Vasari and the Foundations of Renaissance Art History  
Tuesday September 8

Week 4 Connoisseurship  
Tues September 15

Week 5 Aesthetics from the Enlightenment to Romanticism  
Tues September 22

Week 6 The Vienna School Part 1  
Tues September 29

Week 7 The Vienna School Part 2  
Tues October 6

Week 8 The Legacy of Aby Warburg  
Tues October 13

Week 9 Perspective as Symbolic Form  
Tues October 20

Week 10 Spaces and Places  
Tues October 27

Week 11 Writers on and of Modernity  
Tues November 3

Week 12 Post-Modernity  
Tues November 10

Week 13 Visual Studies and Histories of Things  
Tues November 17

Week 14 Globalization  
Tues November 24

Week 15 TBA  
Tues December 1

Week 16 Conclusion: The Historical Method and Writing the History of Art  
Tues December 8