

## Fall 2009 Honors Seminar Descriptions

INT 184DH: Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics

**Day:** Tuesdays

**Time:** 5:00-6:20pm

**Location:** PHELPS 1445

**Enrollment Code:** 60210

**Description:**

The seminar examines how published studies presenting statistical evidence often contain intentional and unintentional errors. Through the seminar, students will develop a set of guidelines to help make sense of statistics and statistical studies as they commonly appear in popular media.

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INT 184HG: Communicating in an Intergroup World: Personal Skills, Theory & Social Practice

**Day:** Mondays

**Time:** 3:00-4:30pm

**Location:** WEBB 1100

**Enrollment code:** 72777

**Description:**

G20 demonstrations, gang violence, gender disputes, gay pride, Tibetan rights, etc., ect: we are constantly seeing groups demanding their civil liberties, marching for causes, creating disturbances with (and even murdering) those they disdain. Many of these incidents involve well-established groups and identities that have been around for ages, while others are constantly forming and changing. But beyond the media attention given to such visible intergroup events, each of us belongs to many social categories. In fact, some scholars claim a really significant proportion of our time is not interacting with other people based on their individual merits and personal qualities but, rather, on the kinds of groups we perceive them to belong to. This seminar explores these issues, and how we ourselves live our intergroup lives. We will study different kinds of data, their methodological strengths and limitations, and introduce new concepts, theories, and applications. Once familiar with these dynamics, we will focus on two intergroup settings which can be fraught with problems: (and globally so) intergenerational communication across the lifespan; and police-civilian encounters.

*Professor Howard Giles, Communication*

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INT 184JH: Research Methods in Film Music Cognition

**Day:** Tuesdays

**Time:** 12:00-1:50pm

**Location:** HSSB 1206

**Enrollment Code:** 61903

**Description:**

This seminar examines the intersection of film studies, musicology, and psychology by looking at the role that music plays in communicating narrative, mood, structure, and other types of meaning in film. Students will participate in human-subject experiments on topics related to film music cognition.

*Professor John Hajda, Music*

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INT 184JP: Law and Disobedience

**Day:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 3:00-4:50pm

**Location:** PHELPS 3505

**Enrollment Code:** 60251

**Description:**

This seminar examines wide-spread instances of law-breaking, especially among people of color, during various periods in American history. We examine fugitive slave rules, immigration rules, and other laws that large numbers resisted through disobedience, and we consider what this means in a society dedicated to the rule of law.

*Professor John S.W. Park, Asian American Studies*

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INT 184SM: Natural Selection in the Wild

**Day:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 2:00-3:50pm

**Location:** PSYCH 1924

**Enrollment Code:** 61705

**Description:**

In this seminar, students will learn how evolutionary biologists detect and measure evolution by natural selection in wild species. Concepts and methods learned will be applied to an on-going research project in the Mazer Lab on the evolution of various characteristics in a group of California wildflowers.

*Professor Susan Mazer*, Ecology, Evolution & Marine Biology

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INT 184SP: Unusual Behavior Strategies of Animals

**Day:** Mondays

**Time:** 3:00-4:50pm

**Location:** LSCF – PSYCH EAST 1806

**Enrollment Code:** 60244

**Description:**

Animals often behave in counter-intuitive ways, but these unusual behaviors are often the result of evolutionary processes that scientists can explain and test. Through readings and computer exercises, students will attempt to understand the evolutionary principles that produce some of the more bizarre behaviors observed in the animal kingdom.

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