Guide to the Historical Seminary of Leland Stanford Junior University Records

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Overview

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Biographical/Historical note

The Historical Seminary was an upper level class offered by the Department of History to "afford a practical training in methods of historical research through the use of original materials" [from the Annual Register]. Weekly sessions included the presentation and discussion of papers, reports, book reviews and other independent research.

Scope and Contents note

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Access Terms

Barnes, Mary Sheldon, 1850-1898
Duniway, C. A., (Clyde Augustus), 1866-1944.
Howard, George Elliott, 1849-1928.
Show, Arley Barthlow, 1856-1920.
Spencer, David Ellsworth.
Stanford University. Department of History.
History--Study and teaching.

Box 1, Folder 1

Meetings 1891 Nov-Dec

Scope and Content Note

Founding minutes; outlines of reports on Arthur Young's travels in France, Bacon's Rebellion, the "Spoils System," feudal court in France, Seeley's expansion in England, and the manor in America.
Box 1, Folder 2  
**Meetings 1892 Jan-Feb**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes; outlines of reports on The Village Community in New England, Mirabeau in the Constituent Assembly, Fiderrmann's Unwritten Constitution of the US, the Puritan Commonwealth, Township Organization in Canada, Quaker Invasion of Massachusetts, and the Royal Family in the [French] Revolution.

Box 1, Folder 3  
**Meetings 1892 Mar-Apr**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes; outlines of reports on the New England Indian Policy, Rousseau's Educational Ideas, the Elections of 1789 in France, Phases of the French Revolution, the Women of the French Revolution, and the Character and Policy of Robespierre.

Box 1, Folder 4  
**Meetings 1892 May-June**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes; outlines of reports on the Character and Policy of Robespierre (cont.), the Place of Danton in the French Revolution, the French Constitution (several presenters), Jacobin Conquest, Relations between France and America and France and England during the French Revolution, Development of the Legislative Department of Massachusetts, Crime and Criminal Law in Massachusetts, and the Influence of France on the American Revolution.

Box 1, Folder 5  
**Meetings 1892 Sept-Nov**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes; outlines of reports on Anglo-Saxon Family Law, the Anglo-Saxon Woman, Anglo-Saxon Land Law, and the Merchant Guild in England.

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Meetings 1893 Jan-Feb**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes; outlines of reports on Trial by Combat in England, the Conquest of California and the Struggle for its Admission into the Union, the Old English Manor, Trial by Compurgation and Ordeal, Evolution of English Municipal Institutions, and Charter to the Citizens of London Granted by Henry I.

Box 1, Folder 7  
**Meetings 1893 Mar-May**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes; outlines of reports on English Trade and Commerce Regulations of the Middle Ages, History of Taxation to 1485, Evolution of English Municipal Institutions, the Struggle between President Johnson and Congress over Reconstruction, and Origin and Development of Political Parties in the United States.

Box 1, Folder 8  
**Meetings 1894 Sep-Oct**  
**Scope and Content Note**  

Box 1, Folder 9  
**Meetings 1894 Nov-Dec**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes; outlines of reports on Review of Recent Oriental Affairs, The Russian American Extradition Treaty, Recent European History, An Investigation of the Principles of Method, Tariff Act of 1894, A Study in Local History (Sources of Information), Notes on Land Holding in Russia, Agitation for Proportional Representation, and Direct Legislation by the Vote of the People: The Initiative and Referendum.
Box 1, Folder 10  **Meetings 1895 Jan-Feb**  
**Scope and Content Note**  

Box 1, Folder 11  **Meetings 1895 Mar-May**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes; outlines of reports on Social Experiments on the Pacific Slope, The English Social Revolt in 1381, Machiavelli as a Political Thinker, The Dartmouth College Case in the Light of Earlier and Later Decisions.

Box 1, Folder 12  **Meetings 1895 Sept-Oct**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes; outlines of reports on historical method, expansion of Europe, sources of history with special reference to the Pacific Slope, John C. Calhoun, the philosophy of history, work of Edward A. Freeman, and the relation of institutional history to kulturgeschichte.

Box 1, Folder 13  **Meetings 1895 Nov-Dec**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes; outlines of reports on the uses of history, the archives of England, annual output of historical literature, historical serials, and the expansion of Europe in America.

Box 1, Folder 14  **Meetings 1896 Jan-Feb**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes; outlines of reports on development of international law as to newly discovered territory, territorial divisions of Africa, Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the British in East Africa, German claims in Africa, the colony of Sierra Leone, history of Liberia, the Armenian question, and the self-government of India.

Box 1, Folder 15  **Meetings 1896 March-May**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes; outlines of reports on opium traffic, Indian competition in wheat production, railways of India, the great Siberian railway, the land systems of India, education in India, education in Japan, imperial federation [Great Britain], present indications of American imperialism, the Cuban revolution, Australian government and politics, Sir Henry Parkes, the social problem of Constantinople, Spanish expansion in America, and Massachusetts colonial legislature.

Box 1, Folder 16  **Meetings 1896 September**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes with list of topics for Sep-Dec 1896 and list of major theses; outlines of reports on Herodotus and his method and early mediaeval chroniclers.

Box 1, Folder 17  **Meetings 1896 Oct-Dec**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Minutes; outlines of reports on Francis Parkman, Niebuhr, Leopold von Ranke as a historian, Henrich von Sybel as a historian, Edward Augustus Freeman, George Bancroft, William Hickling Prescott, and Californian historians.
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<td>Minutes with list of programs on the topic of historical method as illustrated in the great historians for Sept-Dec., 1897; outlines of reports on Leopold Van Ranke, John Froissart, Gregory of Tours, Jared Sparks, and S. R. Gardiner.</td>
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<td>Minutes; outlines of reports on William H. Prescott, Juan de Mariana, Thomas B. Macauley, some writers of Virginia history, and criticism of medieval authorities.</td>
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<td>Minutes with list of topics for Jan-May 1898; outlines of reports on General Assembly of colonial Rhode Island, courtship and marriage customs in colonial New England, Bacon's Rebellion, early development of the treasury department, and toleration under James II.</td>
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<td>Minutes with list of topics for Jan-May; outlines of reports on public services of Thomas Paine, Hawaii's relations with U. S., history work in California high schools, vigilance committees of Santa Clara County, conquest of California, expansion policy, and international postal facilities in the U.S.</td>
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Meetings 1899 Mar-May
Scope and Content Note
Minutes; outlines of reports on More's Utopia, Hudson Bay Company, comparison of Puritan and Quaker treatment of Indians, French connection with American affairs 1763-1778, municipal reform in the U.S., influence of the U.S. on international law, fur seal industries, and San Francisco's municipal history.

Meetings 1899 Sep-Oct
Scope and Content Note
Minutes with list of topics for Sept-Dec; outlines of reports on seminary organization and aims, Thucydides and his method, history teaching in secondary schools and universities, and the inter-relations of history, economics and law.

Meetings 1899 Nov-Dec
Scope and Content Note
Minutes; outlines of reports on Carlyle and his method, James Ford Rhodes, John Bach McMaster, James Schouler, Richard Hildreth, Thomas Babington McCaulay, magazines of history and allied sciences, European historical magazines, Gibbon and his method, and Lingard and his work.

Meetings 1900 Jan-Feb
Scope and Content Note
Minutes with list of topics for Jan-May; outlines of reports on Henry VIII and the monasteries, income tax in American history, assimilation, grievances leading to secession, journalism in California, and historical method in the social sciences.

Meetings 1900 Mar-Apr
Scope and Content Note
Minutes; outlines of reports on the Monroe Doctrine, civil rights under the 14th Amendment, influence of the U.S. on international law, immigration and the feasibility of restrictions, the U.S. as seen by English travelers, and Jefferson's political theories. There is also a humorous outline for "Repast in the Historical Seminary."

Meetings 1900 May-Oct
Scope and Content Note
Minutes with list of topics for Sept-Dec; outlines of reports on Catholic education in California, presidential administration of John Tyler, English Parliamentary reform before 1832, study of history at the University of Leipzig, use of U.S. government publications in historical research, inter-relations of law, economics and history, Lamprecht's theory of history, and the value of historical methodology based on works of Bernheim and Lorenz.

Meetings [bound volume] 1900 Oct 24-1901 May
Scope and Content Note
Minutes with list of topics for Jan-May 1901; outlines of reports in 1900 on Thucydides and his method, Roosevelt as historian, Hume as historian, American historical societies, Froude as historian, American historical periodicals, Fur Seal conferences and diplomacy, Richard Hildreth, Catholic education in California, the Abolition Movement, constitutional questions in the history of American expansion, and political history of the U. S. courts. Records for the 1901 meetings are identified as "reports on theses" and include both students and faculty.