

CSS Monday Lunch Dates 2025-2026

Fall Semester 2025 Monday Lunch			
	Date	Speaker	Talk Title
1	September 15	Emy Matesan , Associate Professor of Government and CSS Tutor	Restraining Violent Dissent from Exile
2	September 22	Zain Alam, CSS '13 , artist and composer of Hindustani origin	Ritual Life as Musical Score: Sounding Islamic Time through Contemporary Aesthetics in "Meter & Light"
3	September 29	Mary-Jane Rubenstein , Dean of Social Sciences, Dept of Religion; Philosophy; FGSS College of Science & Technology Studies	Fracking the Moon: Space Rocks, Religion, and the New Corporate Order
4	October 6	Monique Ulysses , Visiting Assistant Professor of History; interdisciplinary historian of race and immigration in the twentieth- and twenty-first-century United States, focusing on Mexican migration and	Mexican Migration and Bureaucratic Race-Making at Angel Island Immigration Station
5	October 13	Larisa Ortiz, CSS 97 - Managing Director of Streetsense Public Non-Profit Solutions and David Dixon, CSS 69 , Vice President-Stantec's Urban Places Fellow	Building the City: From the College of Social Studies to Urban Change
No lunch on October 20 – Fall Break			
6	October 27	Shea Peretz '21 , Consultant, Brattle Group and Coleman Bazelon '86 , Principal, Brattle Group	Economics for Social Justice: The Role of Experts in Public Interest Work.
7	November 3	Stephan Sonnenberg , Director, Human Rights Advocacy Minor, Associate Professor of Practice in Human Rights Advocacy	Certifying AI and AI-enhanced technologies? Towards a human rights-based approach to new & emerging digital technologies.
8	November 10 (Veteran's Day)	Dennis White, CSS '19 , Union Representative with United Food and Commercial Workers Local 2013 in Brooklyn,	Organize or Die: Labor, Democracy, and the American Political Crisis
9	November 17	Writing Center – Lauren Silber , Assistant Director of Academic Writing with Sarah Huang , Ford Fellow & Tasmiah Akter CSS '26 & Reston Kaufman CSS '26 Peer Tutor &	Meeting You Where You Are: Working with the Writers Room
No lunch on November 24 - Thanksgiving week			
10	December 1	Philip Decker , Sixth year PhD candidate in History at Princeton University, scholar of 20th century German & Soviet history,	A Different Kind of Doublethink: How George Orwell Influences the Way We Talk About Dictatorship and Ideology
11	December 8	CSS Senior Capstone Fall Essay Writers	Isabella Caro, Rena Chen, Honor O'Donnell, Eli Smirin

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Spring Semester 2026 CSS Monday Lunch			
	Date	Speaker	Talk
1	February 2	Megan Ridley-Kaye, CSS '05, and Peter Cohen-Millstein , Hogan Lovells US LLP	Advising Ukraine on the Minerals Deal
2	February 9	Fall Study Abroad Presentations by CSS Juniors	Eloise Anagnost-Paris, Oliver Buten-Cairo, Alexandra Burnett-Madrid, Miles Craven-Prague
3	February 16	Jonathan Rebold, CSS 00 , Asst US Attorney at US Attorney's Office, Southern District of NY	From CSS to SDNY: A Wes Grad's (Somewhat) Unlikely Pathway to Prosecution
4	February 23 Canceled due to SNOW	Jack Guenther, Wes '18 , Historian & Post-doctoral fellow in Jackson School of Global Affairs at Yale	Infrastructure, Information, and Swedish Punch: An Interwar Guide to Re-Building Globalization
5	March 2	CSS Student Town Hall Meeting with Co-Chairs	Discussion of Student Survey Results
No Talks March 10 or March 17 - Spring Break			
6	March 23	Katie Tyner, CSS '19 , Associate Vice President at The Cohen Group	From College of Social Studies Paper to Comparative Political Studies Publication: How to
7	March 30	Liana DeMarco , Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in African American Studies	The Meanings of Sick Time under Slavery
8	April 6	Justin Peck , Associate Professor of Government	No Kings? Empire and the American Presidency
9	April 13	Spring Essay Writer Presentations	Sonia Goyle, Claudia LeDuc, Adam Wilan
10	April 20	Danny Steinmetz-Jenkins , Assistant Professor in the College of Social Studies	"French Visions of Global Order After World War II: Kojève, Sartre and Aron."

CSS Monday Lunch Dates 2024-2025

Fall Semester 2024 Monday Lunch			
	Date	Speaker	Talk Title
1	September 9	Antonio Machado Allison , Professor in the College of the Environment	“Politics, Social Justice, Health, Research and the Environment in Venezuela” – An overview of Chaotic Life in a Failed Country
2	September 16	Kerry Wallach , Wes '02, Professor of German Studies and affiliate of Jewish Studies at	Economic Antisemitism: Stereotypes about Jews and Money
3	September 23	Joe Slaughter , Associate Director at the Center for the Study of Guns and Society, Assistant Professor of History	Capitalism and Christianity in America
4	September 30	Elizabeth McAlister , Professor of Religion	Fieldwork with extremist white Christian missionaries in Haiti
5	October 7	Leonid Volkov , Visiting Assistant Professor of Government, Political Directory of Anti-	Russia in 2024: Where It Goes and What To Expect From It?
6	October 14	Hasan Karatas, Visiting Assistant Professor of History	City, Empire and Tariqa: Spatial Agency in the Formation of Ottoman Sufism
No lunch on October 21 – Fall Break			
7	October 28	Liya Xie , PhD candidate in Russian and Eurasian History, Princeton University	Does the East Solve Modern Angst? Imperial Russia’s Malaise and Search for a Cure
8	November 4	Rudabeh Shahid , Visiting Assistant Professor of Government	Eroding Boundaries: The Mutual Attrition of Citizenship, Democracy, and Rule of Law in South and Southeast Asia
9	November 11 (Veteran’s Day)	Robin McDowell , Visiting Assistant Professor of History	Economies of the Dead: African American Cemeteries and the Politics of Memory in South Louisiana
10	November 18	Jennifer Tucker , Professor of History and Director, Center for the Study of Guns and Society & Maryam Gooyabadi , Assistant Professor of Practice in Quantitative Analysis	Gun Data Across Media, Innovation, Gun Violence, Incidents, and Advertisement: Methods and Research
No lunch on November 25 - Thanksgiving week			
11	December 2	John Bonin , Professor of Economics and CSS Tutor, Emeritus	Employee Ownership and Craft Beer: Drinking the Company Kool-Aid?

Spring Semester 2025 CSS Monday Lunch			
	Date	Speaker	Talk
1	January 27	Khalilah Brown-Dean , Rob Rosenthal Distinguished Professor of Civic Engagement & Executive Director of the Allbritton Center for Public Life	"The Price of Being Wrong"
2	February 3	Victoria Smolkin , Associate Professor of History and Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies at Wesleyan University	No Monument: Babyn Yar, the KGB, and the Silences of Soviet Memory
3	February 10	Fall Study Abroad Presentations	Leo Bader, Blake Klein, Maxwell Maveus, Honor O'Donnell, & Adam Wilan
4	February 17	César Castillo-García , Visiting Assistant Professor in the College of Social Studies and the Department of Economics	Waves of Neoliberalism: Revisiting the Authoritarian Patterns of Capitalism in South America (1930-60).
5	February 24	Anthony Hatch , Professor and Chair of the College of Science and Technology Studies	Automated Pharmacies in Global Technocorrections
6	March 3	CSS Student Town Hall Meeting with Co-Chairs	Discussion of Student Survey Results
No Talks March 10 or March 17 - Spring Break			
7	March 24	Cassie Finley (rescheduled for 4/21)	Conversation with co-chairs
8	March 31	Ben Sheriff , Class of 2025, CSS and History Major.	"The Battle of the History Books" Schoolbook Politics in the Former Confederacy
9	April 7	Sarah Wiliarty , CSS co-chair, CSS Sophomore Government Tutor, Associate Professor of Government	The 2025 German Elections: Analysis and Aftermath
10	April 14	Melanie Khamis , Professor of Economics, Chair of Latin American Studies	"The Labor Market Effects of Mobile Internet: Evidence from Mexico"
11	April 21	Cassie Finley , Dialogue & Civil Disagreement Fellow in the Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life	Virtuous Dialogues: Better Ways of Handling Disagreements
12	April 28	Spring Essay Writer Presentations	Katie Fletcher, Matt Nusbaum

CSS Monday Lunch Dates 2023-2024

Fall Semester 2023 Monday Lunch Speakers

	Date	Speaker	Talk Title
1	September 11	David Aaron , CSS '95, Senior Counsel at the law firm of Perkins Coie	The Espionage Act, Prosecuting Cases with Classified Evidence, and How I Ended Up Here
2	September 18	Phil Wallach , CSS '05, Senior Fellow at American Enterprise Institute	Is Congress Worth Saving?
3	September 25	Max Yurkofsky , CSS '11, Assistant Professor at Radford University in the Doctor of Education Program	From Ceremonial Rules to Technical Ceremonies: The Collision of Rationalization, Democracy, and
4	October 2	Nick Tabor , author of <i>Africatown: America's Last Slave Ship and the Community It Created</i>	"Buildings do not make history": The Birth of the Black Historic Preservation Movement
5	October 9	Hadel Jarada , Assistant Professor of Letters (COL)	Islam and Freedom
6	October 16	Mohamed Dhia Hammami , CSS '20, non-resident fellow at DAWN, currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Political Science at the Maxwell School at	Why do militaries attack young democracies? Case study of Tunisia's 2021 Autogolpe
No lunch on October 23 -- Fall Break			
7	October 30	Ruth Torres , author, public servant, academic, well-known for expertise regarding policy surrounding Native American tribal recognition	Not All Tribal Leaders Are Elected: The Schaghticoke Women's Traditional Council
8	November 6	Meiqing Zhang , Wesleyan Media Project	Exploring the Political Values through Computational Content and Analysis
9	November 13	Carlo Invernizzi Accetti , Professor of Political Theory at City College (CUNY)	The Politics of Anger
No lunch on November 20 - Thanksgiving week			
10	November 27	Casey Smith , CSS '17, Equal Justice Works Fellow at ACLU Voting Rights Project	Defending Voting and Voting in Long-term Care

Spring Semester 2024 CSS Monday Lunch Speakers

	Date	Speaker	Talk
1	January 29	Valeria López Fadul , Assistant Professor of History and Latin American Studies	Impetuous Waters: Histories of the Great River of the Magdalena in Seventeenth-Century Spanish
2	February 5	CSS Juniors: Chantal Dunn, Isabel Kapner, Della Levine, Kate Marriott, Ava Olson, Ben Shifrel, ,	Fall Study Abroad Presentations
3	February 12	Colonel Robert Cassidy , U.S. Army (retired), CSS tutor, and Assistant Professor of the Practice in Center	The Illusion of Strategy in the Post-9/11 Wars
4	February 19	Peter Rutland , CSS Tutor, Professor of Government	Alexei Navalny and the Logic of Political Martyrdom
5	February 26	Danny Steinmetz-Jenkins , Assistant Professor in the CSS	Did It Happen Here? Fascism and America
6	March 4	Co-Chairs and CSS House Committee Town Hall Conversation	Town Hall Conversation
No Talks March 11 or March 18 - Spring Break			
7	March 25	Amna Khalid & Jeffrey Aaron Snyder , Hugo Black Lecture guests	Conversations on the tensions between DEI, Inc. and academic
8	April 1	Amrita Sanyal , Wesleyan Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics	Impacts of the 2009 Race to the Top Program and Common K-12 Standards on Gender
9	April 8	Natália de Paula Moreira , Post-doc research fellow, Wes Media Project	Local News Coverage of Competitive Messaging on Race and Racism
10	April 15	Samantha Payne , Assistant Professor of History at the College of Charleston, Associate Research Scholar at the Yale Macmillan Center in Agrarian Studies	Reconstruction as the Last Atlantic Revolution
11	April 22	Spring Essay Writer Presentations: Hannah Docktor, Evan Eshel, Varia Voloshin	Reports on Capstone Essays

CSS Monday Lunch Dates 2022-2023

Fall Semester 2022 Monday Lunch Talks			
	Date	Speaker	Talk Title
1	September 12	Seniors – Sofia Aslan, Shaoxuan Tian, Alex Trufinescu, Robyn Wong Min Xuan	Summer research presentations
2	September 19	Erin Boggs, CSS '93, founding Executive Director of <i>Open Communities Alliance</i>	Can We Realize the Dream of the Fair Housing Act? Strategies for Unwinding the History of Housing Segregation
3	September 26	Caleb Zakarin, CSS '20, Assistant Editor of <i>New Books Network</i>	How to Use the Internet to Improve Your Senior Thesis
4	October 3	Avner Shavit, Center for Jewish Studies, Silverberg Scholar in Residence	The French National Soccer Team: How Trevor Noah Got Into a Feud with the French Ambassador to the States because of the World Cup?
5	October 10	Olena Lennon, Practitioner In Residence of National Security at the University of New Haven	Russia's War against Ukraine: What to Expect from a New Turning Point
6	October 17	Dan HoSang, Wes '93, Associate Professor, American Studies, Yale University	A Wider Type of Freedom: Race and the Crisis of Liberalism
7	October 31	Minami Tsubouchi, Maurice R Greenberg World Fellow, Yale University & Founder, <i>BEYOND Tomorrow</i>	Youth Leadership in the Face of Catastrophes - Adversity Makes Great Leaders
8	November 7	Kirsten Rulf – Maurice R Greenberg World Fellow, Yale University & Head of Division for General Digital Policy Issues, <i>Federal Chancellery of Germany</i>	Europe in Crisis - Is the EU an Effective Superpower?
9	November 14	Cliff Chanin, Wes '75, Deputy Director of the 9/11 Museum in NYC	Why 9/11?
10	November 28	Samuel Zeitlin, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Colgate University	"Enframing the Historical: On Stefan Ruzowitzky's <i>The Counterfeiters</i>, <i>Die Fälscher</i> (2007)"
11	December 5	Miriam Berger, CSS '12, Writer for the <i>Washington Post</i>	Lessons from Covering the Iran Uprising and Other International Stories

Spring Semester CSS Monday Lunch Talks 2023

	Date	Speaker	Talk
1	January 30	CSS Seniors: Haley Barr, Asa Sakornpant, and Natchanok (Pim) Wandee	Fall Senior Essay Presentations
2	February 6	Ka Ya Lee, CSS '13, PhD. Candidate at Harvard Graduate School of Education	The Capability Approach and Educational Measurement: New Direction for Research
3	February 13	CSS Juniors: Matan Ackelsberg, Evan Eshel, Margot Deguet Delury, Nika Marohnic, Reed Schwartz	Fall Study Abroad Presentations
4	February 20	Mihai Olteanu, CSS '18, PhD candidate in history at Johns Hopkins University	Labor Regimes, Enlightenment, and the Wealth of Nations in the French Revolution
5	February 27	Philip Decker, PhD Candidate in History, Princeton University	The Unthinkable Rise of Racial Stalinism: Converging Worldviews in Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union,
6	March 6	Fiona Coffee, Associate Director for Programming and Performing Arts & Adjunct Professor of Theatre	The "National Theater" Model: National and Cultural Identity in Performance
No Talks March 13 or March 20 - Spring Break			
7	March 27	Avner Shavit, Center for Jewish Studies, Silverberg Scholar in Residence	Think Swedish, sing English: The role of language in the European song contest
8	April 3	Lauren McCarthy, CSS '00, Associate Professor of Legal Studies and Political Science, U Mass Amherst	How Russia Uses Law to Suppress Anti-War Sentiment
9	April 10	Gregory Conti, Assistant Professor of Politics, Princeton University	The Structure of Anti-Democratic Thought in the Nineteenth Century
10	April 17	Alexander Furnas (Zander), CSS '11, Political Scientist at Northwestern University	Factional differences in the use, trust, and funding of science in the United States
11	April 24	CSS Seniors: Carlotta Gidal, Jake Neuffer, Max O'Hare, and Nate Schultz	Senior Thesis Writer Presentations

CSS Monday Lunch Talks 2021-2022
Talks start at 12:20 p.m. followed by Q &A in Woodhead Lounge

Fall Semester 2021 CSS Monday Lunch Talks		
Date	Speaker	Talk Title
September 13	Danny Steinmetz-Jenkins, CSS Tutor, Assistant Professor in the CSS & History	History and the Turn to the Present
September 20	Jennifer Tucker, CSS Tutor, Associate Professor of History, Environmental Studies, FGSS, & Science in Society	Home on the (Firing) Range: Guns, History, & the Supreme Court
September 27	Nina Hagel, CSS Tutor, Assistant Professor of Government and FGSS	Authenticity Claims as Democratic Claims
October 4	Steven Moore, Assistant Professor of Government	The Road to Hell: Race, Paternalism, and Political Behavior
October 11	James Cavallaro, Visiting Professor of Public Policy & Executive Director of the University Network for Human	Human Rights Advocacy Today: Current Challenges and the Role of the University
October 18	Hari Ramesh, Assistant Professor of Government	Race as Caste in American Thought
November 1	Claire Grace, Assistant Professor of Art History	Air and Danger
November 8	Justin Peck, Assistant Professor of Government	America Firstism from a Developmental Perspective
November 15	Sean McCann, Kenan Professor of the Humanities, Professor of English	The Contemporary American Novel and 'The Crisis of Democracy': Some Very Provisional Thoughts on the Limits of Aesthetic Pluralism
November 29	Sarah Wiliarty CSS Tutor, Associate Professor of Government	The 2021 German Elections: Analysis and Aftermath
December 6	Eirene Visvardi, Associate Professor of Classical Studies – CANCELLED due to illness	Before the Ticking Time Bomb Scenario: Torture, Necessity, and Truth in Athenian Democracy

Spring Semester 2022 CSS Monday Lunch Talks		
Date	Speaker	Talk Title
January 31 - Zoom	Laura Ann Twagira, CSS Tutor, Associate Professor of History, Chair of African Studies	Techno-Body Matters: Vaccinations, the Census, and Community Health in the French Soudan (West Africa)
February 14 - Zoom	Danny Steinmetz-Jenkins, CSS Tutor, Assistant Professor in the CSS and History	Legacies of Cold War Liberalism
February 21	Kristin Oberiano, Assistant Professor of History	Rethinking Where America's Day Begins: Guam and the United States Pacific Empire
February 28	Anu Sharma, Associate Professor of Anthropology	Good Governance: A Technomoral Assemblage
March 7	Afiya Shehribano Zia, Frank B Weeks Visiting Assistant Professor of Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	Feminism, the Academy and Activism – Partnership or Paradox? A 30 Year Perspective
March 21	George Bajalia, Assistant Professor of Anthropology	Betwixt and Between Migration and Immigration in Tangier, Morocco
March 28	Kaisha Esty, Assistant Professor of African American Studies and History and FGSS	"I Had Resolved that I Would be Virtuous, Though I was a Slave": Enslaved Women, Feminine Virtue, and the Sexual Economy of U.S. Slavery
April 4	Sonali Chakravarti, CSS Tutor and Professor of Government	"How Woke Can a Juror Be? The Chauvin Trial and a New Model of Impartiality"
April 11	Christiaan Hogendorn, Professor of Economics	"Across Dupuit's Bridge."

CSS Monday Lunch Dates 2019-2020 in Woodhead Lounge 12:00pm-1:00pm

Fall Semester Monday Lunch 2019			
1	September 9	Cecilia Miller, CSS Chair	Discussion of Summer
2	September 16	Joe Slaughter, Visiting Assistant Professor of History and Chamberlain Fellow in the Center for the Study of Public Life, Wesleyan	Harper's Illuminated Bible: Commoditizing a Gendered, Sentimental Christianity
3	September 23	Ivano del Prete, Lecturer of History and HSHM (History of Science and Medicine), Yale University	Enlightenment and the History of Deep Time: The Invention of a Historiographical Myth
4	September 30	Ben Florsheim, CSS 2014, Democratic Candidate for Mayor of Middletown	Fake It Till You Unmake It: A CSSer's Guide to Working in Politics and Running for Office
5	October 7	Lauren Rosewarne, Visiting Associate Professor of Public Policy, Wesleyan	Why We Remake: The Politics, Economics, and Emotions of Remaking
6	October 14	Serena Witzke, Visiting Assistant Professor of Classical Studies, Wesleyan	The Intersection of Reproductive Legislation and Nationalism in Ancient Rome and 21st-Century America
No lunch on October 21—Fall Break			
7	October 28	Lindsay Dolan, Assistant Professor of Government, Wesleyan	Did International Organizations Create Developing Countries?
8	November 4	Scott Aalgaard, Assistant Professor of East Asian Studies, Wesleyan	Playing Off the Beat: (Anti-) Folk as Musical Critique in Post-1970 Japan
9	November 11	Paola Bertucci, Associate Professor of History and History of Medicine, Yale University	Bodies of Work: Diseases of Artisans and Environmental Health in Early Modern Italy
10	November 18	Jennifer Raynor, Assistant Professor of Economics, Wesleyan	Quantifying Economic Benefits of Apex Predators: Effects of Wolves on Deer-Vehicle Collisions
No lunch on November 25-Thanksgiving week			
11	December 2	Ben Wurgaft, Visiting Assistant Professor in the CSS and History, Wesleyan	Meat Planet: Artificial Flesh and the Future of Food – Postponed due to weather

Spring Semester Monday Lunch 2020			
1	January 27	Zach Schonfeld, American Studies 2013, Music Critic	Poverty's Paradise: The Remarkable Afterlife of 24-Carat Black
2	February 3	Diego von Vacano, CSS 1993, CSS Spring Visitor, Associate Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University	The Rise and Fall of Evo Morales in Bolivia
3	February 10	Bill Fanaras, CSS 1997, U.S. Navy's Office of the General Counsel	40 Years After 444 Days: Why the Iran Hostage Crisis Still Matters
4	February 17	Joan Hedrick, Charles A. Dana Professor of History, Emerita, Trinity College	Marginality, Jack London and Harriet Beecher Stowe
5	February 24	Paul Vidich, CSS 1972, celebrated author and former entertainment executive	Fiction is the lie through which we tell the truth
6	March 2	William Johnston, CSS Junior History Tutor, Professor of History	Understanding Epidemics, Past and Present
		<i>Remainder of CSS Monday Lunch Talks Cancelled due to COVID-19</i>	
7	March 23*	Ben Wurgaft, CSS Sophomore History Tutor, Visiting Assistant Professor in the CSS & History	Meat Planet: Artificial Flesh and the Future of Food
8	March 30*		
9	April 6*	Ruhan Nagra and Jim Cavallaro with University Network for Human Rights	
10	April 13*	Gilbert Joseph, Farnam Professor of History and International Studies, Yale University	
11	April 20*	Miriam Berger, CSS 2012, Staff Writer for the Washington Post	
12	April 27*	CSS Senior Thesis & Essay Presentations	

***Talks that were scheduled for March 23 – April 27 were cancelled due to coronavirus pandemic.**

CSS Monday Lunch Talks 2018-2019 in Woodhead Lounge 12:00pm-1:00pm

Fall 2018 Monday Lunch Talks			
1	September 10	Cecilia Miller and Giulio Gallarotti	Discussion of Summer led by the CSS Co-Chairs
2	September 17	Joslyn Barnhart Trager, Assistant Professor of Government	The Suffragist Peace
3	September 24	Ellen Thomas, Harold T Stearns Professor of Integrative Sciences	Of Fossils, Forams and Feminism
4	October 1	Monte Frank, Lawyer, Pullman & Comley's Litigation practice – Candidate for Lieutenant Governor of CT	Get Off the Sidelines and Jump in the Arena
5	October 8	Bob Cassidy, Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired), Chamberlain Project Teaching Fellow	The Elusive War in Afghanistan
6	October 15	Evans Anyanwu, CSS 2000, Director, Community Development, City of Newark	Laboratories for Democracy: How progressive urban policy initiatives may serve as national models for social justice.
No lunch on October 22—Fall Break			
7	October 29	Thai Chhay	Family and War in America
8	November 5	Ioana Emy Matesan, Assistant Professor of Government and CSS Tutor	Renouncing the Revolution: Al- Gama'a al-Islamiyya and Disengagement from Violence in Egypt
9	November 12	Jeff Beals, Candidate for Congress in New York's 19 th District	The Hijacking of Flight NY-19: How Corporate Dollars Are Snuffing Out Progressives in the Trump Era and What We Can Do About It
No lunch on November 19-Thanksgiving week			
10	November 26	Jeff Rider, Professor of French	The Usefulness of the Middle Ages
11	December 3	Logan Dancey, Assistant Professor of Government	The 2018 Election: Lessons and Implications

Spring 2019 Monday Lunch Talks

1	January 28	Johanna DeBari, Director, Office of Survivor Advocacy and Community Education, Wesleyan & Rachele Merliss, Wes '19, Sexual Assault Response Team Student Intern	SACE Office: Introductions to Resources & Supporting Survivors
2	February 4	Michael Pernick, Wes 2010, Associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP	The Role of Political Science in Partisan Gerrymandering Litigation
3	February 11	Suzanne Goldberg, Herber and Doris Wechsler Professor of Law, Columbia University (Adam Ettelbrick's Mom)	#MeToo in Context - How we got here, where we're headed
4	February 18	Yu-ting Huang, Assistant Professor of East Asian Studies, Wesleyan	Settlers of Color, and How to Think Otherwise
5	February 25	Rey Koslowski, CSS 1983, Associate Professor of Political Science, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and	The Symbolic Politics of Border Control and Immigration Reform
6	March 4	***Peter Rupert Lighte – Rescheduled to March 25 th , due to SNOW***	***Rescheduled***
7	March 25	Peter Rupert Lighte, Founding Chairman of JP Morgan Chase Bank China, before studying Chinese Culture at Princeton	The Book That Changed My Life—The I Ching 易經
8	April 1	Rabbi David Leipziger Teva, Director of Wesleyan's Office of Religious &	Some Thoughts on Anti-Semitism
9	April 8	CSS Visitor: Paul Halliday, CSS 1983, Julian Bishko Professor of History and Professor of Law at the University of	The Stuff of Law
10	April 15	Ali Digby, Lecturer in economic and social history at the University of Cambridge	Rescuing Adam Smith from myth and misrepresentation: What Smith's contemporaries made of the Wealth of Nations

CSS Monday Lunch Dates 2017-2018 in Woodhead Lounge 12:00pm-1:00pm

Fall 2017 Monday Lunch Talks			
1	September 11	Peter Rutland, Professor of Government & CSS Tutor, Wesleyan University	Moral Dilemmas of Terrorism
2	September 18	Stu Woolman, Professor of Law, University of the Witwatersrand	On the Reciprocal Relationship between the Rule of Law and Civil Society
3	September 25	Matthew Warshauer, Professor of History at Central Connecticut University	Confederate Monuments and 21st Century Abolitionists
4	October 2	Diego von Vacano, CSS 1993, Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science at Yale University on a Presidential Visiting Fellowship, 2017-2018.	El Presidente Trump: Explaining US Populism with a Latin American Lens
5	October 9	Christine Stuart, Editor-in-Chief, Dig and Scoop LLC dba	Media Disruption
6	October 16	Justin Peck, Assistant Professor of Government, Wesleyan University	The Unitary Executive in Congress
No lunch on October 23—Fall break			
7	October 30	Valeria López Fadul, Assistant Professor of History and Latin American Studies, Wesleyan University	To Preserve and Unite: Knowledge Gathering in the Early Modern Iberian World.
8	November 6	Justin Moyer, CSS 1998, Reporter at the Washington Post, and President of Mud Memory Records with Thad Domina, CSS 1997, associate professor of education, sociology, and public policy at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	Surviving Trump’s Newsroom
9	November 13	Charles Salas, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Wesleyan University	A Dangerous Analogy
No lunch on November 20-Thanksgiving week			
10	November 27	Robert M. Cassidy, U.S. Army, Retired Officer Teaching Fellow, Wesleyan University	Team America versus Jihad
11	December 4	Tori Rowe, CSS 2013, M.Div. student, Yale University	Sourcing White Evangelical Resentments

Spring 2018 Monday Lunch Talks			
1	January 29	Benjamin Krupicka, CSS Social Theory Tutor & Visiting Instructor in Government at Wesleyan	"Post-truth" Politics: On Whether Something Means Anything Anymore
2	February 5	Rahul Singhvi, Chief Operating Officer, Takeda Vaccines, Inc	Vaccines: Opportunities and Challenges
3	February 12	Joseph Nucci, CSS 2016, Co-Founder & CEO, <i>Bubble</i>	How Can the Private Sector Address Political Polarization?
4	February 19	Steve Engel, CSS 1998, Associate Professor and Chair of Politics at Bates College	A Circuitous Path: Finding Self, Purpose, and Perpetual Discontentment in Rigid Academia
5	February 26	Study Abroad Reports from CSS Juniors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yong Kim - Copenhagen, Denmark (DIS Copenhagen) • Asa Mazor-Freedman - Beijing, China (Summer, Princeton in Beijing) & Hangzhou, China (Fall, Middlebury Hangzhou) • Katie Tyner - University of St Andrews in Scotland (IFSA-Butler)
6	March 5	Suzanne O'Connell, Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences	Cherish the Ice
No lunch on March 12 or March 19-Spring Break			
7	March 26	Mahama Samir Bandaogo, Assistant Professor of Economics	Informality and the Incentive to Peg a Currency
8	April 2	Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislator	Making a Difference with New-Economy Initiatives
9	April 9	Chris Wright, CSS 2003,	Updating Marx: Revolution in the Twenty-First Century
10	April 16	Rick Elphick, CSS History Tutor and Professor of History Emeritus	The Messy Reality of Social Engineering: How Extreme Racial Segregation Came to a South African Town
11	April 23	CSS Co-Chairs, Tutors, & Students	CSS Soph Comps Discussion
12	April 30	CSS Co-Chairs, Tutors, & Students	What Happened to the American Dream? Who is to Blame? What is to be Done?

CSS Monday Lunch Schedule 2016-2017 for CSS Students and Tutors

Fall 2016 Monday Lunch Talks			
	Date	Speaker	Talk Title
1	September 12	Michael Meere, Assistant Professor of French, Wesleyan University	Staging Religious Violence in Sixteenth-Century France
2	September 19	Andrew Szegedy-Maszak, Professor of Classical Studies, Wesleyan University	Photography, History, and Memory
3	September 26	Joseph Siry, Professor of Art History, Wesleyan University	Air Conditioning the United Nations Secretariat, New York City, 1947–1950
4	October 3	Leah Wright Rigueur, Associate Professor, JFK School of Government, Harvard University	Race and the Republican Party
5	October 10	Thurston Domina, Associate Professor of Educational Policy and Sociology, UNC Chapel Hill (CSS'97)	Categorical Inequality: Schools as sorting machines.
6	October 17	Damien Sheehan-Connor, Associate Professor of Economics, Wesleyan University	Unintended Consequences: Has Environmental Policy Led to the Recent Increase in Motor Vehicle Crash Fatalities?
<i>No lunch on October 24—Fall break</i>			
7	October 31	Emy Matesan, Assistant Professor of History, Wesleyan	Rebel Group Dynamics and the Prospects of Disarmament and Demobilization in Civil Wars
8	November 7	Seetal Sunga, Lawyer & Ph.D. student in the Ethics and Public Affairs Program at Carleton University	Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in Canada: How do we understand the harm?
9	November 14	Mary Mitchell, Postdoctoral Fellow in Sustainability, Cornell University	Making Micronesia Marginal: Law, Technology, and Race in the Creation of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
<i>No lunch on November 21-Thanksgiving week</i>			
10	November 28	Connor Larkin, Forus international business development team (CSS '12)	The CSS in International Business and Technology: Paradoxes and Parables
11	December 5	Corinna Zeltsman, Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Wesleyan University	Liberalism in the Printshop: Rethinking Politics in Nineteenth-Century Mexico City
12	December 12	John Driscoll, CSS '62, Alumni Director Emeritus, Wesleyan University	CSS: A Look at the First Years

Spring 2017 CSS Monday Lunch Talks

1	January 30	Tim Fisher, Dean and Professor of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law & John Mehm, Director, Graduate Institute of Professional Psychology, University of Hartford	Torture and Ethics: The Failures of the Legal and Psychological Professions after 9/11
2	February 6	Robert Jasek, Chief Information Security Officer and Vince Spiars, Administrative User Services Manager, Wesleyan University	S.A.F.E. Security Awareness For Everyone
3	February 13	Daniel Drew, Mayor of Middletown	Dissolution of the Social Compact Greed and Its Effect.
4	February 20	James Kubat, Associate Director of Job and Internship Development, Wesleyan University	What You Can DO with a CSS Major
5	February 27	Richard Grossman, Professor of Economics, Wesleyan	Playing Footsie: New indices of British equity prices, 1869-1929
6	March 6	CSS Juniors who studies abroad in Fall, 2016: Joel Michaels, James Reston, & Michael Smith	Study Abroad Experiences
<i>No lunch on March 13 or March 20-Spring Break</i>			
7	March 27	Peter Rutland, Professor of Government & CSS Tutor, Wesleyan	Trump and Putin: What Next?
8	April 3	Rabbi David Leipziger Teva, Director of Wesleyan's Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (ORSL)	What is the Role of Religion, Faith and Spirituality at Wesleyan?
9	April 10	Lunch Gathering	
10	April 17	Senior Essay Presentations	Dylan Kelley, Aidan Martinez, Rebecca Phillips, Sophie Salmore, Victor Zhao
11	April 24	Gil Skillman, Professor of Economics & CSS Tutor, Wesleyan	Donald Trump and the Economy
12	May 1	Senior Essay Presentations	Erica Arensman, Austin Lu, Max McGleughlin, Andrew Rock, Eric Zepeda

CSS Monday Lunch Speakers 2015-2016

Fall 2015	
Date and Speaker	Topic
9/14: Elizabeth McAllister, Professor of Religion	"The Militarization of Prayer in America,"
9/21: Tushar Irani, Assistant Professor of Philosophy	"The Art of Rhetoric" or "What is Rhetoric Good For?"
9/28: Joyce Jacobsen, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs	"Why are Women's and Men's Work Lives Converging? Demography, Human Capital Investments, and Lifetime Earnings".
10/5: Miranda Becker, CSS Alum 2011	An Alum's perspective on the post-CSS experience."
10/12: Lori Gruen, Professor of Philosophy	"Resistance Self-Respect: A Challenge for Liberalism"
10/19: Sonali Chakravarti, Assistant. Professor of Government and Ben Romero, CSS 2015	"Everything You Know About Juries is Wrong"
10/26: Fall Break No Lunch	
11/2: Stanley Scott, Private Lessons Teacher/Banjo/Mandolin/Guitar Music Department	"Rabindranath Tagore and the Roots of India's Musical Modernism"
11/9: Suzanne O'Connell, Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences	"Where is Climate Change in Our Priorities."
11/16: Tricia Hill, Professor of American Studies	"Social Justice in America's Past."
11/23: No Lunch Extra Social Theory Class – Thanksgiving Week	
11/30: Brian Stewart, Professor of Physics	"Privilege, Risk, and the Tragedy of the Commons"
12/7: Wendy Black-Nasta (Speaker), Founder of Artists for World Peace	"A Peace Keeper's Vision to help change the world: One Child, One Family, One Village at a time..."
12/14: Fall Senior Project Presenters Jeremy Crimm Li Zhong	Jeremy Crimm: "Stuck Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Using Rationality to Reexamine Argentina's Currency Board" Li Zhong: "From Contingency to Solidarity: Forming an Ideal Citizen in Postmodern Liberal Democracy"

Spring 2016	
1/25: Michael Nelson, Assistant Professor of Government, Wesleyan	"Africa's Regional Powers"
2/1: Justine Quijada, Assistant Professor of Religion, Wesleyan	"One Ritual, Three Histories: Commemorating Dashi-Dorzho Etigelov in Post-Soviet Buryatia"
2/8: Jill Morawski, Professor of Psychology, Wesleyan	"Does Psychology Make People Up?"
2/15: Richie Adelstein, Professor of Economics and CSS Tutor, Wesleyan	'The Last Autonomist.'
2/22: Peter Kilby, Professor of Economics and CSS Tutor, Emeritus, Wesleyan	"What Does the Entrepreneur Do: From Adam Smith to Schumpeter to the Third World."
2/29: Victoria Smolkin-Rothrock, Assistant Professor of Russian History and CSS Tutor, Wesleyan	"Not by Sputnik Alone: Soviet Atheism's Crisis of Reason"
3/7-3/14: Spring Break – No Lunches	
3/21: Dr. Matthew Specter, Associate Professor of History at Central Connecticut State University	"Transatlantic Origins of the German Geopolitical Imagination, 1890-1945."
3/28: Amrys Williams, Visiting Professor of History, Wesleyan	"Raising the Standard of Agriculture: Images of 4-H in the Early 20th Century"
4/4/: Senior Presentations	Ryden Nelson: "Student/Client/Fugitive: What is our role at the University?" Joseph Nucci: "Unringing the Bell: Reclaiming Homophobic Pejoratives as a Tool for Social Progress" Daniel Porter: "Allen Iverson, Mandatory Dress Codes and the NBA's Hip-Hop Generation"
4/11: Senior Presentations	Victor Goh: "Not Sustainable Enough: Strong Democracy for Strong Sustainability in Singapore" Qingyi Pan: "The End of One-Child Policy: China's Demographic Change and Public Pension System" Daniel Wittenberg: "Impact Investing: Can financial markets bring social returns?"
4/18: Steve Engel, CSS 1998, Associate Professor and Chair of Politics, Bates College	"Dignity: The Uplifting Yet Incredibly Problematic Judicial Doctrine of Gay Rights"
4/25: Senior Presentations	Purnima Kumar: "Lost in Measurement: Examining Health Equity Notions in Indian Healthcare Policy" Martin Malabanan: "ASEAN Persuasion: The Impact of the ASEAN Economic Community on the Trade and Development of ASEAN Member Countries" Ben Romero: "Your Fifteen Minutes: Marilyn Monroe, Donald Trump, and the Rise of Celebrity Politics"

CSS Monday Lunch Talks 2014-2015

Fall 2014	
Date and Speaker	Topic
9/8: Masami Imai, Professor Economics and East Asian Studies	"Taking the Lord's Name in Vain: The Impact of Connected Directors on 19th century British Banks"
9/15: Don Moon, CSS Tutor and Professor Government	"Is it OK to eat meat or drive an SUV? Moral Reasoning and Ethical Complexity"
9/22: Zach Blau, CSS '09	"Judicial Nominations and the Filibuster"
9/29: Davenport Recipients: Ariane Turley, CSS '15 Samira Siddique, CSS '15	"The Heart of Asia": Heritage Tourism, Cultural Sites, and National Identity Formation in Taiwan "Community Based Adaptation to Environmental Health Risks in Dhaka's Slums"
10/6: Jennifer Tucker, Associate Professor History, Environmental Studies and Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies	"Foul Injustice: Photographic Technologies, Pollution Reform and the Environmental Regulation of the British Alkali Industry, 1870-1910."
10/13: Gary Yohe, Professor of Economics and Environmental Studies	The History and Role of Large Literature Assessments in Framing Discussions about the Risks of Climate Change".
10/27: Melanie Khamis, Assistant Professor of Economics and Latin American Studies	"Convergences in Men's and Women's Life Patterns: Lifetime Work, Lifetime Earnings, and Human Capital Investment" (joint work with Joyce Jacobsen (Wesleyan University) and Mutlu Yuksel (Dalhousie University)
11/3: Ron Schatz, Professor of History	"When the Meek Began to Roar: Public Employee Unionism in the 1960s."
11/10: Abigail Hornstein, Associate Professor of Economics	"Giving across borders: Philanthropy or business as usual?"
11/17: Joslyn Barnhart Trager, Assistant Professor of Government	"Humiliation, Status and Territorial Conquest."
12/1: Karl Boulware, Assistant Professor of Economics	"The 2007-2009 Financial Crisis: A Brief Review"
12/8: David Ballantyne, Postdoctoral Researcher at Leiden University	"Ernest F. Hollings, the War on Hunger, and South Carolina politics, c. 1968-74."

Spring 2015	
1/26 James Smith, J.B. Fuqua Professor of Business Administration, Duke University	"An Introduction to Decision Sciences: Education, Exploration, and Expectations."
2/2: Indira Karamcheti, Associate Prof. American Studies	"Orienting the World." Speaker cancelled due to weather conditions but lunch was held.
2/9: Lois Brown, Professor of African American Studies	"Bodies and Souls: Recovering African American Life in New England". Speaker cancelled due to weather conditions. Lunch was held.
2/16: Su Zheng, Associate Professor of Music and East Asian Studies	"Through Erotized Lens: "Blackness" Encountering "Chineseness" in Popular Culture."
2/23: Peter Gottschalk, Professor of Religion	"Islam, Islamism, & Islamophobia: Charlie Hebdo, Islamic State, and the North Carolina Shootings."
3/2 Jen Rose, Director of Institutional Review Board and Research Professor of Psychology	"Quantitative solutions for problems in measuring addiction".
3/23: Emy Matesan, Assistant Professor of Government	"Repression and the Potential for Violent Escalation in Egypt."
3/30: Rick Elphick, Professor of History and Past CSS Co-chair	"The Messy Reality of Social Engineering: How Extreme Racial Segregation Came to a South African Town."
4/6: Marc Eisner, Professor of Government and Environmental Students	"Beyond Deregulation: Making Sense of Contemporary Regulatory Dynamics."
4/13: Victoria Pitts-Taylor, Professor of Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies	"Embodiment across the disciplines: the case of affective kinship"
4/20: : Indira Karamcheti, Associate Prof. American Studies	"Orienting the World." Check to see if same title will be used.
4/27: Student Town Meeting Held	

CSS Monday Lunch 2013-2014

Fall 2013

Date and Guest Speaker

Topic Title

9/9: Basak Kus	“Rethinking Inequality”
9/16: John Finn Professor of Government	“The First Amendment & the National Security Constitution.”
9/23: 2013 Davenport Recipients Renee Dunn, CSS ‘14 Julian Theseira, CSS ’14	"The Intricacies of Informal Entrepreneurship and Other 'Inefficiencies' in the Ugandan Job Market" "Learning to listen with the heart to write the story of a soul"
9/30: Bruce Masters John E. Andrus Professor of History	“Sectarianism and the Crisis in Syria”
10/07: Mitch Belkin, CSS ‘12	“Stalin worship, statues and nationalism: Attitudes toward Stalin in post-Soviet Georgia.”
10/14: Ellen Thomas Research Prof. of E&E Sciences	“Deep Time: lessons from the past for the future”
10/22: No Monday Lunch –Fall Break	
10/28: Sanford DeVoe Associate Professor, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto	"The Psychological Consequences of Thinking About Time in Terms of Monday”
11/04: Damien Sheehan-Connor Assistant Prof. of Economics	“Healthcare Reform in the US: Looking Back and Looking Forward”
11/11: Sarah Wiliarty Associate Professor of Government	"The German Election of 2013: Assoc. Observations from the Field"
Nov. 18: Joyce Jacobsen Dean of Social Sciences, Director of Global Initiatives, and Andrews Professor of Economics	“Economist Circumnavigates the Globe: Thoughts on the World Economy”
Dec. 2: Doug Foyle Associate Prof. Government	“Good Judgment in Foreign Policy Decision Making: The Good?, The Bad?, and the Ugly?”
Dec. 9: Mike Nelson Assistant Prof. of Government and Chair of the African Studies Cluster	“Ghana's New Partners”

Spring 2014

- Jan. 27: Jason Simms
Economy of Academic Support Manager
Wine for the Social Sciences
“Turning Water into Wine: Political the Environment in Southern California’s Country”
- Feb. 3: Sarah Croucher
Ass’t Prof. Anthropology
“Excavating Community: Archaeology at the Beman Triangle, Middletown”
- Feb. 10: Alex Dupuy
John E. Andrus Professor of Sociology
“Banking on Poverty: The World Bank and Haiti, 1971-2013.”
- Feb. 17: Gil Skillman
Professor of Economics
“Social tradeoffs and the perils of discipline: the case of Wesleyan’s need-blind policy.”
- Feb. 24: Magda Teter
Jeremy Zwelling Professor
of Jewish Studies
"Jewish-Christian Relations in Poland: How One Town Overcame Its Past"
- March 3: Joseph M. Schwartz
Professor of Political Science
Temple University
“A Peculiar Blind Spot: Why Did Radical Political Theory Ignore the Rampant Rise in Inequality over the Past Thirty Years”
- March 24: Juniors from study abroad programs
Nick Guthrie
"The Scottish Independence Referendum, The West-Lothian Question, and beyond: Constitutional Issues Facing the United Kingdom"
- Molly Steinfeld
"Qui décide ce que nous mangeons?: Who decides what we eat?"
- Michael Linden
"A Messenger like Me: The Effect of Average Spokespeople in Campaign Advertising."
- March 31: Erik Grimmer-Solem
Assoc. Professor of History
“Blind Spot on the Right: The Wehrmacht, the Holocaust and the Politics of Commemoration in Contemporary Germany.”
- April 7: Lauren Caldwell
Ass’t Prof. Classical Studies
"The *peculium*: the intersection of law and economics in the Roman Empire,"

Spring 2014 continued:

April 14: Zachary Kagan Guthrie
CSS '05 and Graduate Student
Princeton University

"Model Village, Model Shelter, Model
Prison: Development and Terror in Colonial
Mozambique."

April 21: CSS 2014 Senior Project Writers
Sung Min, CSS '14

"Henchman of the Unjust or the Vanguard
of Democracy? Understanding the Roman
Catholic Church of Republic of Korea and
what to Expect."

Chris Martinson, CSS '14

"The Great Game Revisited"

Sophia Park, CSS '14

"Undoing the Mao, Sustaining the
Communist Legitimacy: The Case of
Luxury Market in Post-Maoist China"

April 28: CSS 2014 Senior Project Writers
Rosy Capron

"Mining for Morals: Religion, Space, and
Time in the California Gold Rush."

Winston Soh

"Corporate innovation: What matters?"

Angela Hsu

"Gendered Nation, Gendered Television"

May 5: Erika Fowler
Assistant Professor of Government

"Dark Money, Disclosure and Deliberative
Democracy: An Assessment of Interest
Group Advertising and Its Influence in
Elections."

2012-2013 Monday Lunch Speakers

Fall 2012

Date	Speaker	Affiliation	Topic
September	10 Elvin Lim	Assoc. Prof. of Gov.	The Magical Transformation of Presidential Selection: An Analysis of the Pledge, the Turn, and the Prestige
	17 Chris Arndt	CSS '92	"The Political Economy of Pricing Carbon Pollution."
	24 Zain Alam and Jake Eichengreen	CSS '13 and 2012 CSS Davenport Recipients	"Dreams and Disappointment: India's Muslims, the Muhajir, and the Making of Pakistan" and "Cultural Barriers to Development? Exploring Sustainable Economic Aid in Uganda" respectively.
October	1 Sara Wiliarty	Assoc. Prof. of Gov.	"Angela Merkel and the European Financial Crisis."
	8 Peter Rutland	Prof. of Gov.	"TERRORISTS I HAVE KNOWN"
	22 Gary Shaw	Prof. of History and Medieval Studies and Dean of Social Sciences	"William Worcester, a fifteenth-century CSS sort of man".
November	5 Gil Skillman	Professor of Economics and CSS Tutor	"The Puzzle of Marx's Missing 'Results': A Tale of Two Theories".
	12 Bob Reutenauer	Professor of History, Middlesex Community College	Title Not Given
	26 Eric Mathis	Completing Masters in Economic History	"The importance of applied sustainability and service learning: A CASE study."
December	3 Phineas Baxandall, CSS '89	Senior Analyst for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group	"Activists and Academics: Balancing Social Change and Intellectual Pursuit in a World that Undervalues Both"
	10 Erika Fowler	Ass't Professor of Government	"Advertising and the 2012 Elections"

Spring 2013

January	28	David Bodznick	Professor of Biology/ Neuroscience & Behavior	"How the Brain Shapes Sensory Experience"
February	4	Robert J Dornfried	Student in the Wesleyan Graduate Liberal Studies Program and history teacher at East Catholic High School in Manchester, CT	"The Early Connecticut River Valley Firearms Industry & Simeon North"
	18	Martin de Jong	Associate Professor of public policy at Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands, and full professor of public management at Harbin Institute of Technology and Dalian University of Technology, China.	China's art of institutional bricolage; how it transforms the original eco-city concept'
	25	Rev. Dr. Kathryn Greene-McCreight, Wesleyan '83	Episcopal priest and theological writer	"How long, O LORD": The Reality of Suffering and the Problem of Theodicy
March	4	CSS Class of 2014 Study Abroad Presenters: Renee Dunn Julian Theseira Nicki Softness		Culture: The Dark Horse of Development". "An Asian in Paris: Un rencontre de deux mondes dans la patrie universelle de l'esprit" "Combatting Terrorism One Croissant at a Time."
	25	Rick Elphick	CSS Co-Chair and Sophomore History Tutor	"God and South Africa: How Christians Made a Racial Order and Christianity Unmade It."
April	1	Kent Freeze	Visiting Assistant Professor of Government	"Political Polarization and Attitudes Towards Inequality: A Cross-national Comparison".
	8	Jeffers Lennox	Assistant Professor of History	"Searching for Acadia: Competing Geographies in the early Atlantic Region"
	15	J. Donald Moon	CSS Co-Chair, Tutor and Professor of Government	"Democracy and Dirty Hands"
	22	Logan Dancey	Assistant Professor of Government	"Polarization in Congress: Causes, Consequences, and Future Prospects."
	29	Brian Stewart	Assoc. Professor of Physics and Environmental Studies	"A Physicist Discovers Economics"
May	6	Andy Curran	Professor of French and Dean of the Arts and Humanities	"Denis Diderot, Political Prisoner"

2011-2012 Monday Lunch Speakers and Topics

Fall 2011

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| 12-Sep Victoria Smolkin-Rothrock
Assistant Professor of History | "Atheism as a Vocation: The Spiritual Crisis of Late Soviet Communism" |
| 19-Sep Reports from Davenport Grant
Recipients | Class of 2012 - Nick Quah, Miriam Berger and
Kathlyn Pattillo |
| 26-Sep Namrata Kotwani, '06
NIH, Pre-Doctoral Fellow | Talked about her experiences after Wesleyan,
hoping to spark some discussion on post-college
life plans. |
| 3-Oct Jonathan Psotka, '05
National Labor Relations Board | "Employment Law and You: What You Can and
Can't be Fired For in the U.S. Labor Market" |
| 10-Oct Shatema Threadcraft
Presidential Fellow in the
Department of Political Science
Rutgers University | "Intimate Equality: Reconsidering Racial
Violence During Reconstruction and the Nadir" |
| 17-Oct Zach Shemtob, '06
Ass't Professor of Criminology
Central Connecticut University | "Democracy on Display: A Case for Publicly
Punishing Criminal Offenders" |
| 7-Nov William Johnston
Professor of History | "Cholera as Chimera in Nineteenth-Century
Japan" |
| 14-Nov Sonia Manjon
Vice President for Institutional
Partnerships and Chief Diversity Officer | "Making Excellence Inclusive" |
| 28-Nov Tony Day
Visiting Professor of History | "The Cold War and cultural expression in
Southeast Asia" |
| 5-Dec Greg Goldberg
Assistant Professor of Sociology | "How Does it Feel to Be Networked?" |
| 12-Dec Robert Conn
Associate Professor of
Romance Languages & Literatures | "Bolívar in the Americas" |

Spring 2012

- 30-Jan Neal Feigenson
Professor of Law
Quinnipiac University
"Let's go to the videotape: Visual common sense on trial"
- 6-Feb Richie Adelstein
Professor of Economics and
CSS Co-Chair
"Are Corporations People Too?"
- 13-Feb Junior Class Study Abroad
and Experiences
Victoria Rowe, Jake Eichengreen, Joonsuk Noh
Jacob Blumenthal
- 20-Feb David Harrington
Visiting Professor of Economics
Professor of Economics, Kenyon
College
"Casket Wars: How legislative and legal battles affect competition in funeral markets, and why numbers matter in the fight. "
- 27-Feb Dr. Max Kates, '06
School of Medicine presentations
"The social science of surgery: case Mount Sinai from the operating room"
- 5-Mar Rachel Seebacher, '06
Department of Conservation
"The Montreal Protocol and the Future of NYS International Cooperation on Environmental Issues."
- 26-Mar Michael Lewis, '03
Teach for America
"CSS: The Only Major for Me"
- 2-Apr Jamie Workman
Visiting Professor of Environmental
Studies, College of the Environment
"Finding Resilience in the Era of Water Scarcity and Climate Change"
- 9-Apr Erik Grimmer-Solem
Assoc. Professor of History and
CSS Co-Chair
"Rethinking Empires and Industry"
- 16-Apr Cecilia Miller
Associate Professor of History
"What is Intellectual History"
- 23-Apr Melanie Khamis
Assistant Professor of Economics
"Rubble Women: The Long-Term Effects of Postwar Reconstruction on Female Labor Market Outcomes" (joint work with Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel and Mutlu Yuksel)
- 30-Apr Kevin Hall, '05
School Administrator, NY
"Transforming Outcomes for Boys: Our Nation's Failure to Serve Low-income Boys and Lessons on What Works."
- 7-May Robert Weinstock
Federal Law Clerk, New York
"Adventures in Interdisciplinary Lawyering"

**CSS Monday Lunches
2010-2011**

Fall 2010

Sept. 13 -

Topic

Meet and Greet

Sept. 20 – Bill Craighead, Wesleyan
Professor of Economics

"Global Imbalances"

Sept. 27 – Zack Kagan-Guthrie CSS'05
Ph.D. student in History at Princeton

"The Everyday Life of the Mind:
Graduate School as a
Vocation"

Oct. 4 – Matthew Roe CSS '05
Planning & Research Mgr, NYC Dept.
Transportation

"Planning for Sustainable
Transportation *in New York
City: Past, Progress, Promise
Of Transportation*"

Oct. 11- Elaine Garven CSS '05
Sr. Program Assesment Analyst
Baltimore City Finance Dept.

"A Case Study in Public
Service Careers"

Oct. 25 – Courtney Fullilove
Wesleyan Professor of History

"For Amber Waves of Grain:
Putting Wheat Genes in the
American Breadbasket"

Nov. 1 – Phil Wallach CSS '05

"Policy Responses to the Financial
Crisis and the Rule of Law in America"

Nov. 8 – Karen Courtheaux CSS '05
Second Year Assoc Hogan Levelles

"Campaign Finance and the
Constitution: Inside the Fight for
Public Funding of NYC Elections"

Nov. 15—Jake Hudson, CSS '05
Principal at Atlas Holdings LLC
Greenwich, CT

"Deal Junkies: A glimpse into the
world of Private Equity Finance"

Nov. 29 - Megan Ridley CSS '05
Assoc. in Corporate Dept
Linklaters LLP

"A New Sheriff in Town? S.E.C.
Reforms in Wake of the Madoff
Scandal and Financial Crisis"

Dec. 6 – Alex Okrent – CSS '05
Benenson Strategy Group, NYC

"Sorry to Interrupt You During
Dinner – my life invading people's
privacy in the name of democracy"

Dec. 13 – Richard Grossman
Wesleyan Professor of Economics

"Financial history and why it matters?"

Spring 2011

Jan. 24 – Anne Martin, Chief Investment Officer for Wesleyan

“Investment Management in Practice: the Wesleyan Endowment”

Jan. 31 – Josh Kaye CSS '04
Law Clerk-US District Court,

“The Treaty of Ghent, 111 Hogsheads of Tobacco, and the Rule of Caveat Emptor: Why Lawyers Should Think About History”

Feb. 7 – Class of 2012 to Present

Ashley Garrett-Kathlyn Pattillo - Miriam Berger- Mac Schneider – Connor Larkin

Feb. 14 – Paromita Sanyal
Wesleyan Assistant Professor of Sociology

“Credit, Capital, or Coalition: Microcredit and Women's Agency”

Feb. 21 – Jim McGuire, Professor of Government, Wesleyan University

“Social Policies in Latin America: Characteristics, Causes, and Consequences”

Feb. 28 – Aaron Slavutin CSS '05
Robert L. Bernstein Fellow, Human Rights in China

“The Great Firewall and the Mouse: Digitally Confronting Chinese Freedom of Expression Violations”

March 21 - William Shaw – CSS '05
Foote, Cone and Belding Advertising

“Who Controls the Prescription Pad? A War for the Mind of the Modern Doctor”

March 28 - Colin Casey
CSS '05 Legislative Aid to Thomas K. Duane, NY

“The Politics of Same Sex Civil Marriage in New York State.”

April 4 - Ezra Zilkha, '47,
Zilkha & Sons, NY

“An Alumnus View on the Middle East: Perspective of an Adapting Pessimist”

April 11 – Evan Kraft, Director of the Research Department and Advisor to the Governor, Croatian National Bank

“Croatia's Accession to the EU: Close to the Finish Line”

April 18 - Attiya Ahmad,
Assistant Professor of Religion

“Migrant Domestic Workers Newfound Islamic Pieties in Kuwait:the Interrelation between Transnational Labour Migration and Globalizing Islamic Movements”

April 25 - Gary Loveman, '82, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Caesars (Harrah's) Entertainment Corp

“From Harvard to Sin City: What Do These Two Jobs Have in Common?”

May 2 – Leah Wright,
Assistant Professor of History

“Conservative “Soul Brothers?” Ed Brooke and Arthur Fletcher's Economic Civil Rights Agenda.”

**CSS Monday Lunches
2009-2010**

Speakers: Fall 2009	Topic
Sept. 14 - John Petchler '78	<i>"What are models good for?"</i>
Sept. 21 - Dr. Matthew Warshauer	<i>"Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War with New Directions in Research: The Hunt for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder among Civil War Soldiers"</i>
Sept. 28 - Christy Brown from Glastonbury schools	<i>"Language Education in the United States: Threat or Promise "</i>
Oct. 5 - Sonali Chakravarti— Government	<i>"Hannah Arendt and Victim Testimony"</i>
Oct. 12- Peter Rutland-Professor of Government and CSS Co-Chair	<i>"TERRORISTS I HAVE KNOWN"</i>
Oct. 19 - Barry R. Schaller Judge Trial Referee, on the Appellate Court, Chair of the Connecticut Committee on Judicial Ethics	<i>"Bioethics and the law"</i>
Nov. 2 - Oyeshiku Carr, Wes '92	<i>"Reading Fanon"</i>
Nov. 9 - Emil Frankel Wesleyan '61	<i>"TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR THE 21st CENTURY"</i>
Nov. 16 - Sarah Wiliarty Associate Professor of Gov. and CSS Tutor	<i>"Twenty Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall: The 2009 German Elections"</i>
Nov. 23—No speaker, video presentation	THE KREMLIN'S TOP 100 FUNNIEST VIDEOS or ALL I LEARNED ABOUT RUSSIA I LEARNED FROM YOUTUBE
Nov. 30 - Yves Winter Mellon postdoctoral fellow at Wesleyan University's Center for the Humanities	<i>"Is Violence Mute? Machiavelli, and the Instrumental Theory of Violence"</i>
Dec. 7 - Johnathan Cutler Associate professor and chair in the Department of Sociology	<i>"The Social Factory & the Universal Marketplace: Theories of Formal & Real Subsumption"</i>
Dec. 14 –Mike Sciola CRC and Peter Kilby, Economics Professor Emeritis	<i>How to get a job in Current economic conditions.</i>

Speakers: Spring 2010	
Jan. 25 - Josh Takano Chambers – Letson Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at Wesleyan's Center for the Humanities	<i>"No, I've Not Forgotten!: Music and Memory in Dengue Fever's Cambodian America"</i>
Feb. 1 - Peter Rutland CSS Co-Chair	<i>"How I was arrested by the FSB"</i>
Feb. 8 – Various CSS Juniors	Study Abroad Presentation
Feb. 15 - Vijay Prasad Trinity College	<i>"Writing the Third World"</i>
Feb. 22 - Erin Boggs - Deputy Director of the Connecticut Fair Housing Center	<i>"Housing and Creating Opportunity Connections in Connecticut: Where we are and where we are going."</i>
March 1 - Robert Pattillo, CSS Sophomore Kathlyn Pattillo's Father	<i>Impact Investment and social enterprise</i>
March 22 - House Committee Meeting Held for CSS Students	<i>"Instead of a speaker, the CSS House Committee is holding an open forum to talk about your experiences and answer any questions you might have about the CSS program. Specifically, we will be discussing the usefulness of the Economics prerequisite, a potential increase in dues, and the new 8 week structure."</i>
March 29 - Erika Franklin Fowler, Wesleyan Assistant Professor of Government	<i>"News Holes and Advertising Floods: The Content and Effect of Election Messages on Local Television"</i>
April 5 - Jay Bergman Professor of History at Central Connecticut State University	<i>"Meeting the Demands of Reason: The Life and Thought of Andrei Sakharov"</i>
April 12 - Orion A. Lewis Postdoctoral Research Associate, Program on Terrorism and Insurgency Research, Wesleyan University and Research Scholar, Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, Middlebury College	<i>"A Dictators Dilemma: The Internet, Google and Propaganda in the PRC"</i>
April 19 - Lincoln Frank, CSS class of 1979	<i>"For-Profit Education - the role of for-profit entrepreneurs in U.S. education."</i>
April 26 - Bruce Masters, John E. Andrus Professor of History, Wesleyan University	<i>"The rise of political Islam in the Middle East"</i>
May 3 - Anne Peters Wesleyan Assistant Professor of Government	<i>"Are Arab States Exceptional?"</i>