

WINTER 2018 SEMESTER SEMINARS

In our **WINTER 2018 SEMESTER (January-February)**, we are offering **THREE (3)** stimulating and thought-provoking topics.

ISSUES IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

Robert David “KC” Johnson, Moderator

UNDERSTANDING MODERN TECHNOLOGY

Noam Bonkowski, Moderator

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY – JANE AUSTEN

Susan Barile, Moderator

*** NOTE: SPRING 2018 SEMESTER beginning in March will provide you with a variety of compelling Seminars from which to choose.**

For detailed Seminar descriptions with dates and times,

PLEASE REVIEW THIS 5-PAGE PDF.

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YOUR SEMINAR CONFIRMATION

MAY TAKE UP TO 7 BUSINESS DAYS.

UPON RECEIPT, SEND YOUR CHECK (\$250 PER SEMINAR) TO:

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New York, NY 10075

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Please note our Cancellation Policy:

No refund for cancellations after **December 20, 2017.**

★ Important: Your membership is “non-transferable.” If you are unable to attend a session, please do not send anyone by “proxy.”

ISSUES IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

Professor Robert David “KC” Johnson, Moderator



As we reach the end of Donald Trump's tumultuous first year in office, this Seminar will discuss domestic controversies and foreign policy crises. Topics will include both domestic and international questions. **Video will be used.**

- Session 1** Domestic Politics
- Session 2** International Affairs
- Session 3** Legal Issues and the Supreme Court

★ **Please Note: There are FOUR (4) Sections of this Seminar.**
Specify your first choice of TIME and DATE.

WEDNESDAYS, 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **OR** **WEDNESDAYS, 2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

JAN 10
JAN 24
FEB 7

OR

WEDNESDAYS, 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **OR** **WEDNESDAYS, 2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

JAN 17
JAN 31
FEB 14

Cost \$250 (3 sessions)

* tax deductible portion is \$125

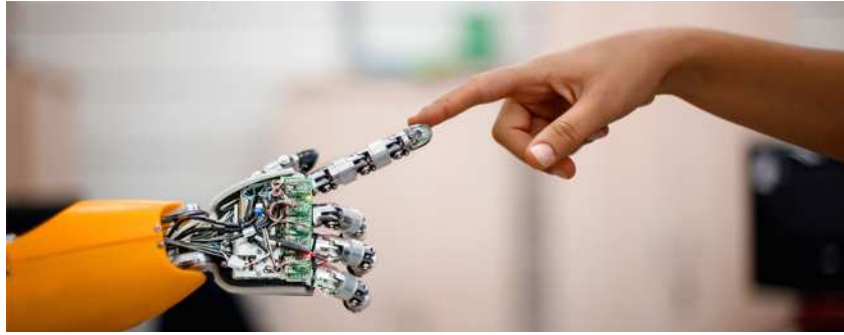


ROBERT DAVID “KC” JOHNSON - History Professor at Brooklyn College and the City University of New York Graduate Center. In 2007-2008, he taught at Tel Aviv University as Fulbright Distinguished Chair in the Humanities.

Professor Johnson received his B.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard and his M.A. from the University of Chicago. He has written and edited numerous books about American history, and appears frequently as a pundit on the History Channel. His most recent publication is the edited *Asia Pacific in the Age of Globalization*, published by Palgrave/MacMillan; and he has been selected by Oxford University Press to edit its forthcoming *Oxford History Handbook of American Foreign Relations*.

UNDERSTANDING MODERN TECHNOLOGY

Noam Bonkowski, Moderator



This Seminar will offer an understanding and practical knowledge for the concepts and devices that can modify and improve our lives. In addition to reviewing terms and new innovations, we will reveal how one can employ different skills in order to understand a seemingly-complex technology. **Video will be used.**

Session 1 Lifestyle and Communication

- The Cloud – backup and restoring our devices
- Touch Screens (mobile devices) & Voice Control (Alexa, Siri)
- Social Media and “fake news” (Facebook, Twitter)
- Virtual Reality

Session 2 Navigating with New Technology

- Smart Homes
- Wearable Technology and Augmented Reality (Fitbit, Apple Watch, Google Glass)
- Self Driving Vehicles
- Medical Breakthroughs
- Resources to follow and learn about new technology

Session 3 Risks and Security

- Synthesizing of Faces and Voices
- Artificial Intelligence
- Wireless “radiation”

TUESDAYS, 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

JAN 16

JAN 30

FEB 13

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NOAM BONKOWSKI - Project Manager, Programmer, and Smart Home guide for Insight Onsite, a prominent home automation company, which specializes in custom technologies and design. With a background in engineering, Noam oversees high-end residential projects in the greater New York City area.

As a TV, film, and video production contractor, Noam has worked for networks such as ABC, NFL, Fox, MTV, VH1, and others.

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY – JANE AUSTEN

Professor Susan Barile, Moderator



Only Jane Austen can enter a drawing room and enable the reader to feel as if they have stepped into the larger world.

On the 200th Anniversary of Jane Austen's death, we will be reading and discussing her first published work, *SENSE AND SENSIBILITY*, which is astonishing in its modern understanding of ambiguity.

The novel portrays the lives of the Dashwood sisters who are dispossessed of a home and reduced in their position in the social order. The claims of society and personal integrity are at the heart of the novel. In the sisters' struggle for romance, they experience heartache and ultimately must come to terms with the dichotomies of thought, feeling, prudence and passion.

Reading: *Sense and Sensibility*, Jane Austen (Penguin Classic Edition)

(Video and images will be used.)

Reading of the novel is suggested, but not necessary.

Session 1 Volume I

Session 2 Volume II

Session 3 Volume III

MONDAYS, 2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

JAN 8

JAN 22

FEB 5

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