For Your Information

We are excited to announce our Fall 2014 schedule! AMS students have the valuable opportunity to focus on the study of race, ethnicity, class, gender, and sexuality through the lenses of history, literature, and ethnic studies.

In addition to opportunities to engage in independent study and internships, you may choose from the following courses:

**Fall 2014**
AMS 2043 Approaches to American Culture
AMS 3123 Applications of American Studies
AMS 3243 Studies in Transnationalism: Feminist Theories
AMS 3343 Studies in Race and Ethnicity: Latino/as in the US since 1890
AMS 3343 Studies in Race and Ethnicity: Mexican Americans in the Metropolitan West
AMS 3343 Studies in Race and Ethnicity: Native American Literature
AMS 3443 Studies in Gender and Sexuality: Intro to Queer Studies
AMS 3443 Studies in Gender & Sexuality: Women in the U.S. to 1890
AMS 4823: Topics in American Culture: Parks and Recreation in U.S. History
AMS 4823: Topics in American Culture: African American Literature
AMS 4973 Seminar: Chinese in America
Hello, AMS students! Hope you are on your way to successful completion of the Spring 2014 semester. I would like to use the newsletter and our soon-to-debut blog to showcase some of our fabulous students. For this issue, I would like you to “meet” Gabriella Saldana. Gabriella is a San Antonio native and a 2009 graduate of Incarnate Word High School. Initially, she planned to major in Art History, given her interest in interpreting history and culture through art, or Finance, following in the footsteps of other family members who have established an accounting business. But neither, according to Gabriella, “really struck a passion in me to make a career out of it.” She decided to pursue American Studies, eager to use her knowledge of culture and history in new ways. “I have come to really love and be passionate about American Studies because there is so much to understand about culture and the significant role it has played throughout history,” she explains. Gabriella plans to attend law school and hopes to work on reforming drug policies. When asked for any final insights, Gabriella offers, “It is not where you start, but where you end. It is easy to get overwhelmed and lose focus, but moving past the frustration will take you to a better place!”

GABRIELLA SALDANA

UTSA will hold three commencement ceremonies May 10 and 11. For details, please see http://www.utsa.edu/commencement/.

AMS is developing an online presence via a new blog. The URL is https://utsa-ams.blogspot.com. If you know of any blogworthy AMS-related news, events, or debates, please e-mail Dr. Gray at laguana.gray@utsa.edu.

If you would like to suggest a student to be highlighted in the newsletter/on the blog, please e-mail Dr. Gray.

Beginning Summer 2014, Ms. Sylvia Mansour will oversee AMS advising. Mr. Brian Contreras will be the main AMS advisor. Advisors empower students with knowledge, skills, and tools to help achieve academic goals. Students may call 210.458.4424 for appointments. Advisors are located in MB 3.214.

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