



# Research Seminar Series 2016-2017

## OCTOBER 6

Lee Vinsel, Stevens Institute of Technology  
"The Rise and Fall of the First American Auto Safety Network, 1919–1940."

## NOVEMBER 3

Joe Malherek, Library of Congress  
"Does Motivation Matter? Ernest Dichter, Alfred Politz, and the Debate Over Consumer Psychology in Cold War America"

## DECEMBER 8

Amanda Casper, University of Delaware  
"New Business from Old Houses: Promoting Electricity through Home Alteration in Progressive Era Philadelphia."

## JANUARY 19

Amrys Williams, Wesleyan University  
"Reimagining the Modern Farm: Ecological Development and 4-H's New Deal for Agriculture"

## FEBRUARY 16

Tyler Anbinder, George Washington University and Simone Wegge, College of Staten Island  
"New York's Irish Famine Immigrants: Savings, Economic Mobility, and Networks"

## APRIL 20

Jenifer Van Vleck, Yale University  
"Constructing the World: Morrison-Knudsen and the Business of Modernization"

## MAY 18

Jeannette Estruth, New York University  
"Silicon Valley Conservation: Redefining Environmental and Labor Politics, 1970-1995"

For more than twenty years Hagley's research seminars have brought innovative work-in-progress essays for wide-ranging discussions on Thursday evenings during the academic year. Those planning to attend are encouraged to read the paper in advance as the author does not deliver a lecture. For papers, contact Carol Lockman, [clockman@hagley.org](mailto:clockman@hagley.org) or (302) 658-2400, ext. 243.

Seminars are free and held in the Library Copeland Room. Light reception at 6 p.m., formal discussion 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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