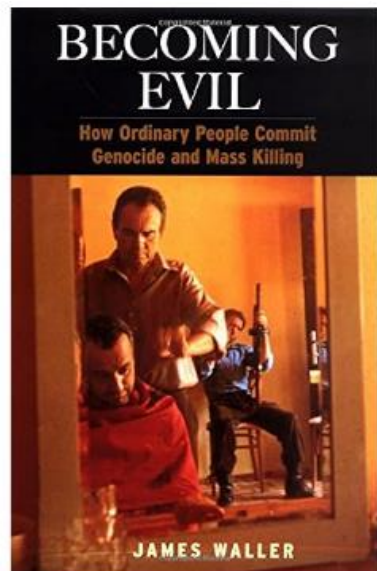


Single Classes

The Rise and Fall of the Second American Republic

The speaker's new book is a groundbreaking, expansive new account of Reconstruction that fundamentally alters our view of this formative period in American history, 1860-1920.

Wednesday, May 15, 1:15 to 2:45
Manisha Sinha, Draper Chair in American History, UConn



Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing

Who are the killers on the frontlines of genocide and how do they come to such extraordinary evil? Based on interviews with over 225 rank-and-file perpetrators, this talk focuses on the ordinary origins of these killers and the processes by which they become capable of such atrocities. Understanding these processes is vital to preventing the future occurrence of genocide.

Thursday, May 16, 1:15 to 2:45
James Waller, Director, Dodd Human Rights Impact Programs, UConn

Tales from the Sea: Labor Market Explanations for the Decline of New England Whaling

The New England whaling industry dominated global whaling for the first half of the 19th century and then saw sustained decline, coming to an end in the 1920s even as global demand for the products of whaling remained high. This research examines the history of New England whaling and the labor market factors that led to its death.

Tuesday, May 21, 1:15 to 2:45
Niti Pandey, Professional Studies, ECSU

Towards Plant-Based Plastics

This talk, tailored for general audiences, briefly introduces the chemistry behind plastics, discusses approaches for making protein-based plastics, and presents recent research on plant-derived proteins for making plastics.

Wednesday, May 22, 1:15 to 2:45
Chilalla Kumar, Chemistry Dept, UConn

An Indigenous Scientist's Journey to Studying Fish and Gut Microbes

An Inupiaq microbiologist, evolutionary biologist, and ecotoxicologist shares her journey from a small Alaskan Arctic town to a professorship at UConn. She also discusses how her research interests changed from bacterial toxins to parasites to how microbes in the gut stimulate growth and what happens when those microbes encounter ecotoxins like crude oil and plastics.

Thursday, May 30, 1:15 to 2:45
Kat Milligan-McClellan, Professor of Microbiology, UConn

2024 Spring Session Schedule

AM Classes 10:15 to 11:45

PM Classes 1:15 to 2:45

Tuesday PM	Making the World Better by Rethinking What Kindness Is - April 9 Tales from the Sea: - May 21
Wednesday PM	Ritual and Anxiety: Evidence from the Lab and the Field - April 3 "The Couriers" Usher in the Age of Enchantment - April 17 Documenting the 1974 Black Student Sit-In - April 24 Appreciating the Bones of Connecticut's Landscape - May 1 OK Boomer: Misconceptions about Generational Differences. - May 8 The Rise and Fall of the Second American Republic - May 15 Towards Plant-Based Plastics - May 22
Thursday AM PM	Memoir Group - April 4 to June 12 What Happens when Dollar Stores Come to Town? - April 4 Sinjar - April 11 Helping Injured Veterans to Succeed - April 18 Neo-Liberal School Choice Policies - April 25 The Baloney Detection in the Era of Misinformation - May 2 Becoming Evil - May 16 An Indigenous Scientist's Journey - May 30
Friday PM	The Question of Utopia - May 31, June 7 and June 14

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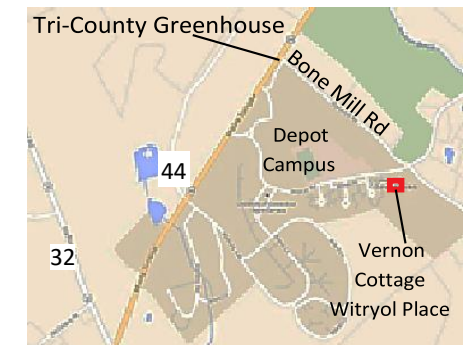
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Multi-Week Classes

Memoir Group

Write your memoirs to share in class. New members are welcome.
Thursday, April 4 to June 12, 10:15 to 11:45
Facilitator: Cathy Belanger

The Question of Utopia

Throughout the history of human thought artists, philosophers, and political theorists have envisioned Utopian societies. The concept of an ideal intentional society that represents the best in human possibility may be an aspirational goal but can also serve as a form of social criticism without having to be an achievable reality. A second meaning of utopia is the perfect society that nowhere exists and never could. This course traces the origins of the utopian concept and follows its career in seminal moments of human history, and also considers the prospects for utopia in our time, particularly in light of the prevailing notion that we may well have reached the end of history.

Fridays May 31, June 7 and June 14, 10:15 to 11:45
Jerry Phillips, Dept. of English, UConn

