

Post-Bacc Staple Archive

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Preface

I think of my post-bacc phase as this: one day, I realized I missed writing papers, and regretted not engaging with paper-writing in a more meaningful way during my undergraduate years. I graduated from the English department! How did I fail to feel satisfied with my paper-writing? (the answer probably lies buried under the stale beer-sweat of post-adolescent angst)

Here is an archive of my rampage through Carnegie Mellon University's history department, courtesy of my staff tuition benefits. I'm writing this now as part of my transition into what I think will become my pre-doc phase: the period in which I have not yet applied to a graduate program, but am taking much more serious steps in that direction. Also, now I'll have to pay tax on my tuition benefits.

It always felt a little unfair to the other undergraduates when I was doing my post-bacc coursework; not only had I already finished a bachelor's degree, but I finished it from the same university as they were attending. I was hitting far below my weight class, and I knew it. What I'm looking forward to as a pre-doc is that my classmates will have achieved things I haven't yet reached: they've taken their GREs, they've applied to a graduate program, and, more to the point, are actual doctoral candidates. Me? I'm just a non-degree staffer filling up my free time with busywork.

Major themes:

- American Cultural History
- Chinese Power History
- Visual Culture History

Chapter 1

79-xxx American Political Humor: From Mark Twain to the Daily Show

Fall 2012

Professor: Dr. Scott Sandage

Chapter 2

79-xxx Trajectories in Photography

Fall 2013 Professor: Dr. Leo Hsu

Chapter 3

79-212 China and its Neighbors

Spring 2014 Professor: Dr. Donald Sutton

Chapter 4

79-245 Capitalism and Individualism

Fall 2014 Professor: Dr. Scott Sandage

Chapter 5

79-212 Modern China

Spring 2015 Professor: Dr. Donald Sutton

Chapter 6

79-375 China's Environmental Crisis

Spring 2015 Professor: Dr. Donald Sutton

Chapter 7

79-xxx Art, Anthropology, and Empire

Fall 2016 Professor: Dr. Paul Eiss