

Production and Consumption in World History, 1450-1914

2011 NEH Summer Seminar for School Teachers
June 27 – July 22, 2011 at UC Santa Cruz
Directed by Edmund Burke III



The summer seminar on “Production and Consumption in World History” provides new ways for teachers and students to grasp how the world was made and remade, and the role of producers and consumers in this process of construction. It calls upon them to look at the past from unfamiliar angles, and to think through the logic of how connections developed, changed and were sustained over time.

Using a variety of different materials – art history, material objects, histories of production and work, as well as of consumption and fashion, micro-histories and global histories - our seminar will explore the making of the modern world from the bottom up. By linking the biographies of commodities, what Arjun Appadurai has called “the social life of things”, with the “social biographies” of ordinary, and sometimes not so ordinary, people, we can capture the sweep of the world economy, while also putting people in the center of the lens.

About the Director: Edmund (“Terry”) Burke III is Research Professor of History at UCSC, where he directs the Center for World History: <http://cwh.ucsc.edu>. He has worked with classroom teachers for a decade, and was co-director of “World History for Us All,” an NEH-funded initiative for world history in middle and high schools. In 2009 he directed a highly successful NEH seminar on this topic. Other faculty include Steven Topik (History/UC Irvine) and Pedro Machado (History/ University of Indiana, Bloomington).

Participants in the four-week seminar are awarded a \$3,300 stipend, which is meant to cover travel to and from the project location, housing and food costs during the seminar. For further information about the seminar and the application process, see: <http://worldhistory.ihr.ucsc.edu/>.

Completed applications are required to be submitted electronically as a .pdf file by 5 pm March 1, 2011 to nehseminar@ucsc.edu. Please direct any and all questions to nehseminar@ucsc.edu.

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