Welcome Back! There is a mandatory meeting for all Social Studies juniors on the first day of classes, Wednesday, August 31st, in William James Hall B1. At this meeting, I will be discussing the junior year and reviewing the process for selecting junior tutorials. Please make every effort to attend, as I will not be able to repeat the information individually.

Following the junior meeting, we will be running informational meetings for fall junior tutorials in the William James Hall classrooms. Between 4 and 6 p.m., each junior tutor will be stationed in a William James Hall classroom for ½ hour (three tutorials will be running informational meetings at once). Students interested in a particular tutorial can go to the designated classroom, hear more about the class, and ask questions of the instructor. In between sessions, students can mingle with each other and with the Social Studies teaching staff in the William James Hall reception area.

Fall syllabi should also be available for viewing on the course websites, which you can access through the FAS online course catalogue. If the syllabus for a course you are interested in is not on the course website by early September, please email the instructor.

Your tutorial preference form is enclosed. You must indicate four choices on your form, (ranked 1-4) or I cannot guarantee placement into any tutorial.

You may designate either your fall or your spring tutorial as your “strong first choice” by marking the form. If you designate your fall tutorial as your strong first choice, you will get top priority for it, and lower priority for your spring tutorial. If you designate your spring tutorial as your strong first choice, you will get lower priority in the fall and top priority in the spring. Designating a strong first choice does not guarantee that you will get into the tutorial as we have a maximum of 10 spots in each one, but in the past the vast majority of students who designated a tutorial as their strong first choice got into it. If you designate your strong first choice in the fall and do not get it, you can use a strong first choice again in the spring.

Your preference form is due in the Social Studies office by 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 1st. The assignments will be posted on the Social Studies website by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2nd.

Tutorials begin the week of September 6th. Your tutor will email you over the weekend to let you know how to obtain the readings for the first week.