

**January 2022**

**TO: Social Studies Juniors**  
**FROM: Anya Bassett, Director of Studies**  
**RE: Junior Tutorial and Thesis Information**

**Welcome Back!**

### **Tutorials**

Junior tutorial canvas sites will be published by Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Please look on each canvas site for a syllabus, other information about the tutorial including an informational video if the instructor has made one, and a Zoom link for a synchronous informational event on January 14<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> if the instructor is doing one. We will send a list of Zoom links to juniors by Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

**Lottery forms are available on our website, and are due by Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. You must turn in your preference form on time in order to receive full consideration in the lottery.** Tutorial lists will be emailed to you by Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Tutorials start meeting the week of January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Thesis**

You should be devoting a considerable amount of time this term to starting your senior thesis. In particular, **you should be looking for a thesis topic and a thesis supervisor. You will need to let the Social Studies office know who will be supervising your thesis by Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and your supervisor will need to submit a form to us confirming that they are working with you.**

If you are having difficulty choosing a topic or finding a supervisor, please consult with your academic advisor, with Dr. Nicole Newendorp, the Associate Director of Studies for Juniors and Seniors ([newendor@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:newendor@fas.harvard.edu)) or me ([anya\\_bassett@harvard.edu](mailto:anya_bassett@harvard.edu))

You are required to complete a two-session thesis workshop during your junior year. Many of you have already done this in November. If you have not taken the workshop already, you must take it this term. The workshop is designed to provide you with basic information on writing a senior thesis and to help you get started finding a topic, choosing a supervisor, and applying for grants.

If you have not already completed the workshop, you will receive an email from me the week of January 18<sup>th</sup>, giving you information on registering for the February thesis workshop. Workshops will be held on Wednesdays, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8:30 p.m. and Fridays, February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, from 3-4:30 p.m. You must attend one session each week (unless you completed the first session in November) and turn in a short memo the second week.

**ALL Social Studies Juniors must complete and upload a copy of their thesis journal by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Those of you who have already taken the workshop know about this assignment; those of you who will take the workshop in February will learn about it then.**