

Senior Seminar Topic Proposals

Fall 2016

Claire Cook: *America Runs on Coffee: Coffee as Fuel for Socialization, the Military, and the Workforce*

Dating back to the American Revolution, coffee drinking has been an essential mechanism for socialization and utility in the United States. While the patterns of its consumption have shifted

Justin Foote: *Party in*

Krista Lamoreaux: *Fighting for Playing Time*

Thanks to Title IX, women have been playing sports competitively for decades, and the number of women working in sports broadcasting has increased proportionally. Title IX supports women by making athletics more accessible in a male-dominated society, yet that society is still highly gendered. Many sports analysts are former players, yet even male commentators who were non-professional athletes are presented as more qualified than women athletes. While ESPN, Fox Sports, and other sports broadcasting companies have presented more opportunities for women, fans are not as accepting of a female presence in the booth or on the sidelines. Using interviews and testimonials from women in the sports entertainment business, I assess the current state of discrimination against women in the industry and seek to provide alternatives for those, like myself, who hope to have a greater presence in the field.

Gabriela Pérez: *The Value of Social Protest*

My seminar paper deals with the symbolic protest, particularly its effectiveness, limitations, and function in the larger scope of civil rights protest. Specifically, I