American Studies Blogs

Here’s a list of American Studies Blogs I have collected through the discussion on this site, links others have sent me, and my own searching. Sometimes it is hard to identify the actual title of a blog so I’ve done the best I can. In every case, the sentence or two I give after the title is taken directly from the blog itself, usually from an “About” page. I don’t claim the list is exhaustive. Feel free to add more suggestions, as well as thoughts on the nature or utility of blogging, to the discussion, or email them to editorial-amstdy@mail.h-net.msu.edu and they can be added to this list.

Single Authored Blogs

AmericanStudies One interesting American thing (a technical term, meaning a moment or event, a text, a controversy, an idea, a figure, or whatevertheheckelse I think of) per day, from Ben Railton, a professor of American literature, culture, history, and, natch, Studies.

Andrew Joseph Pegoda In hopes of reaching broad audiences and to exchange ideas with diverse individuals, scholar and non-scholar, Andrew started this website in May 2013, where he mainly blogs about History, culture, academia, civil rights, and injustices.

Crossroads Crossroads offers readers a discussion of various topics, most related to history, historians, and the academic life, although here and there other subjects may be included.

Exploring the Past First, I would like to use it as an outlet for my writing and research endeavors, which focus mostly on 19th Century American History, although there are other topics of interest to me. More importantly, I want to discuss strategies for educating people of all ages about the importance of history in our lives today.

History, Culture, and Stories This blog primarily discusses stories I come across while doing research and visiting museums and historic sites, but also the actual process of analyzing, interpreting, digging up stories, be they American, German, transatlantic, or other.

MPG I care a great deal about higher education, the humanities, and public culture. And sometimes, when I don’t want to worry about editorial oversight, or when I’m writing for friends and colleagues, or doing something a little different, I put my thoughts here in the “Blog” section.

Of the Study of Race and Culture in America

Poetry and Popular Culture Further thoughts on the intersection of poetry and popular culture: this being a record of one man's journey into good bad poetry, not-so-good poetry, commercial poetries, ordinary readers, puns, newspaper poetries, and other instances of poetic language or linguistic insight across multiple media in American culture primarily but not solely since the Civil War

Pop South: Reflections on the South in Popular Culture Pop South is blog that examines how the
American South is, and has been, represented in popular culture. It covers topics that include, but are not limited to, advertising, cartoons, movies, music, television, sports, and various news media.

**Pub Classroom** I’d like to get academic learning out from under the bushel basket of scholarly expertise and complex jargon. Welcome to Pub Classroom, the public classroom for useable ideas linking public curiosity to academic thinking.

**State Sanctioned** State Sanctioned is dedicated to documenting and analyzing state sanctioned violence in the United States, particularly systemic violence that has targeted people of color, workers, women, sexual minorities, and other marginalized populations.

**The Americanist Diversion** The Americanist Diversion cannot promise to continue one idea during the existence of the project, but will entertain an assortment of questions, problems, interests, and topics. Everything is on the table.

**TheJohnPrice.com** I spend a lot of time thinking about America, American culture, and America’s place in history and the world. This website is my place where I can post these thoughts and hopefully contribute to larger discussions.

**The Lady Americanist (at Work)** Here you will find discussions about academia, the practical side of being a scholar, and my many research interests. My current research looks at the intersection of business & corporate culture with American popular culture and media.

**The Turtle Island Examiner**

**YDS: The Clare Spark Blog** Concerned with the individual life history, the case-study, the particular cultural artifact or genre, the particular social policy under consideration. Readers of this site will find sound and thorough research and very close readings of materials. Opinions and impressions will be labeled as such.

**Groups Blogs**

**Food, Fatness and Fitness** This blog addresses the power, politics, and practices of food and eating.

**Notches** Notches was established in order to get people inside and outside the academy thinking about sex and sexualities in the past and in the present.

**Nursing Clio** Nursing Clio is an open access, peer-reviewed, collaborative blog project that ties historical scholarship to present-day issues related to gender and medicine.

**Points: The Blog of the Alcohol and Drugs History Society** Points is an academic group blog that brings together scholars with wide-ranging expertise with the goal of producing original and thoughtful reflections on the history of alcohol and drugs, the web of policy surrounding them, and their place in popular culture.
The American Collections Blog at the British Library  This blog is written by the American Collections team at the British Library, with occasional guest contributions. It records some of the work we do, as well as events and collections related to the Americas (and beyond).

Tropics of Meta  Tropics of Meta is meant to offer a historical and theoretical perspective on current events, popular culture, and issues in the academic world. We hope it can serve as a sounding board for new ideas and new research, as well as a clearinghouse for innovative projects in digital arts and humanities.


U.S. Studies Online  Drawing upon the interdisciplinarity of the American Studies community, U.S. Studies Online publishes innovative research by postgraduate and early-career researchers covering a broad range of topics, incorporating history, literature, politics, cultural studies, film, art history, and gender studies.

We’re History  We’re History tells the story of how America became what it is today.