

HGSA Meeting Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Except upcoming end of the year grad party. Grant will send out an email later this week.

World Comparative Field Discussion.

Primary and General Fields.

All students would have world/comparative field. All PhD students would be required to take 9 credits in this, including 570 and 571 and one more field course.

Prelims just in primary and general.

Abolishing the outside minor requirement.

This will only affect incoming students.

What does this do to students who have world as their primary field?

Students are not benefitting from outside minor requirement.

If the outside requirement stays, it needs to be retooled significantly.

Other departments give their students priority for their courses.

How is this going to make them more marketable if there is no required exam?

Americanist's worried that this will not help their programs.

Need to offer a prelim to make it valuable. Testing will demonstrate this knowledge.

There are students in the department that people never have class together. Having classes that everyone has to take is good because it helps encourage camaraderie/expose one another to each others research.

Having a world history comparative doesn't do any good if you have no way to prove that you have learned the knowledge.