

# Re: History 3402: Topics in Modern World History, 1945-Present

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To: Ryan McMillen <RMcMillen@citytech.cuny.edu>;

Dear Professor McMillan,

Thank you for your invitation to guest lecture in your ID Topics in Modern World History course. Yes, I am interested in participating. I look forward to working with you in the Fall of 2019.

Best regards,  
Joe Smith

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**From:** Ryan McMillen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:02:24 PM  
**To:** Joseph Smith  
**Subject:** History 3402: Topics in Modern World History, 1945-Present

Hello Professor Smith,

I'm writing because I'm an adjunct history professor here at City Tech, and I'm developing a History 3402: Topics in Modern World History, 1945-Present interdisciplinary class for the Fall 2019 semester. The topic of the class will be Social Movements Since 1945, and will provide a chronological survey of various social movements around the world, including the environmental movement, the U.S. civil rights movement, indigenous people's movements, the women's rights movement, fundamentalist religious movements, etc.

I have not yet finalized the syllabus, but since the course is designed to fulfill the interdisciplinary requirement here at City Tech, I must locate at least three guest lecturers. I was planning on having one professor from the Sociology department lecture on the sociological theories about the formation of social movements in general; another professor from the sciences lecture on the scientific discoveries at the root of the modern environmental movement; and another lecture on decolonization movements in Africa. I may change these categories up as I proceed in plotting out the course before the Fall, but I was wondering if you would like to deliver a guest lecture on the sociology of social movements. It stands to be one of the most important classes, since it will provide students with a theoretical framework with which to analyze these movements across time.

My understanding is that guest lecturers who are also adjuncts are also paid via department funds for this. The class stands to be a once a week, 2-½ hour class, perhaps on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, but the exact schedule has not been finalized yet.

Since neither of us are sure of our schedules for the fall, all of this is preliminary, and no firm commitment is needed at this point, but I wanted to know if you would want to do this, and whether it would be OK if I put down your name on the proposal I am drafting as one of the possible lecturers.

Of course, if you think there is another professor who would be more suitable for this, I'm all ears. But from what I can tell from the classes you teach (in particular your class on Globalization) your interests seem like they would be a good fit for this topic.

All the best,

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