

About the Department...

The Charles E. Merrill Department of American Studies, founded in 1955, was one of the first American Studies departments in the world. Under the leadership of Gerald Critoph and John Hague for three decades, the department gained national recognition for their leadership in American culture studies and their dedication to teaching. John Hague earned the Bode-Pearson Prize of the American Studies Association for lifetime contributions to the field, and the Southern American Studies Association established the Gerald Critoph Prize for the best student papers at the association's conferences. In its undergraduate teaching and faculty scholarship, the department today continues this tradition of passionate commitment to learning about American culture.

Our Goals...

Using the insights of many academic fields, students in American Studies investigate the diverse experiences, values, and cultural traditions that have made the United States what it is today. Courses explore questions that have intrigued foreign visitors and Americans, past and present: What are the origins of American politics, morals, and business systems? What goals and beliefs unify the different peoples who call themselves "American"? How are individual American lives shaped by race, ethnicity, class, and gender? The activist tradition of American Studies lives in the active learning approaches of our courses with guest speakers, field trips, and learning from experience to help students gain a comprehensive understanding of the many facets of American life.

Financial Assistance Policy for Qualified Students

- **Discount:** \$7,000 per semester as part of this program
- **Tuition per semester:** \$6,550 after discount
- **Student Fees:** \$840 for student activities and general fees and technology fees
- **Housing:** \$2,274 to live on campus
- **Meals:** 21 meals plus \$100 anytime spending for a total of \$1,710 per semester

Students from Germany may apply for bafög. One semester per academic year can be applied.

- This special program is limited to five students per semester.
- Please have a professor or equivalent contact us to explore your qualifications.
- For more information and to apply, contact the chair of the department, Paul Jerome Croce at 001-386-822-7530; pcroce@stetson.edu; or visit the Web: www.stetson.edu/amstudies.



What's Happening at Stetson

- **Sports:** Intercollegiate Teams, Intramural Games
- **Cultural Events:** Concerts, Lectures, Gallery Shows, Theater
- **Community Involvement:** Student Groups on Campus, Outreach to the Community
- **Support Services:** Center for International Education, International Student Advisors, International Student Organizations



...and Around Central Florida

- Stetson is located between Daytona Beach and Orlando
- Theme Park Attractions:
- Disney World, EPCOT, and MGM Studios; Universal Studios; Seaworld; and more
- The Life of "Old Florida":
 - St. Augustine Historic Sites
 - Area Beaches and Rivers
 - Blue Spring and DeLeon Springs
 - Ocala National Forest
 - Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge

The Faculty



Paul Jerome Croce

*B.A., Georgetown University
Ph.D., Brown University*

Paul Croce's areas of expertise include cultural and intellectual history, the history of science and

religion, popular culture, race relations, journalism, and political history.

Emily Mieras

*B.A., Harvard College
Ph.D., College of William and Mary*



Emily Mieras' areas of expertise include American communities, social reform, history of education, gender and women's studies, and popular culture.

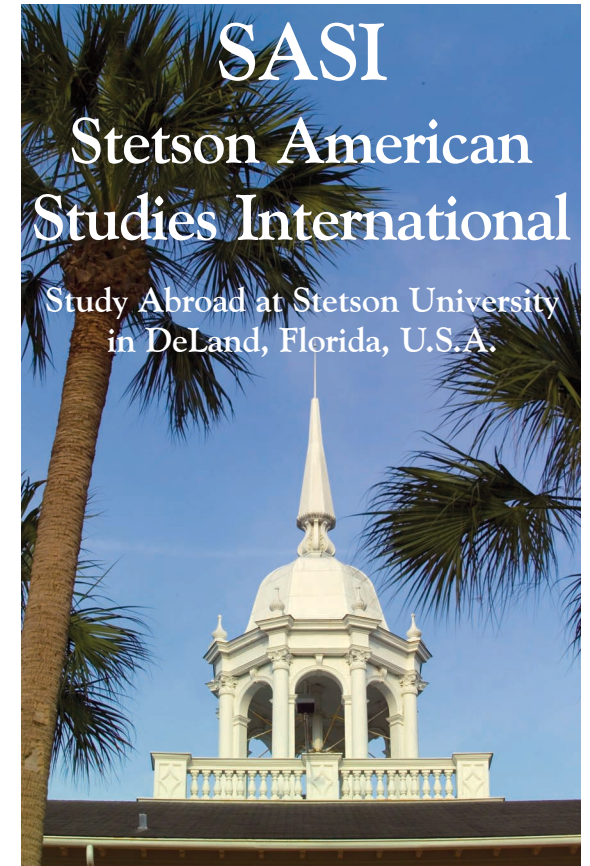
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Department faculty members participate in cross-disciplinary work on campus, including program in Africana Studies, Environmental Studies, Journalism, Honors, and Women and Gender Studies providing students with a multitude of resources for integrating their learning.

## A Variety of Courses

- AS 151 Popular Culture
- AS 152C The 1950's and 1960's
- AS 153 Gender in American Culture
- AS 154 American Environmental Issues
- AS 155C The Multicultural United States
- AS 190 Journalism & American Culture
- AS 210 American Art (AH 210)
- AS 290 American Artifacts (recent topics: consumer culture, material culture, and film and museum studies)
- AS 301 American Cultural Traditions
- AS 310 Topics in American Art (AH310)
- AS 320 Women in the United States
- AS 330C The Multicultural United States
- AS 340E Lives in Context
- AS 350E Darwin & the Divine in American Culture
- AS 360 Southern Culture(s)
- AS 370E War and Peace in American Culture
- AS 376 Campaign Watching
- AS 390 Special Topics in American Studies (Recent topics include: Definitions of Community, Natives and Newcomers, African-American Religious Experience, African-American Popular Culture, American Feminisms and American Ethnic Literature)
- AS 395 Internship: Career Exploring
- AS 452E Environmental History and Culture: Nature and the American Marketplace
- AS 454 Modern America, 1900-1940
- AS 485& 486 Independent Study
- AS 490 Advanced Topics in American Studies
- AS 495 Teaching Apprenticeship
- AS 496 Research Collaboration
- AS 497 Preparation for Senior Project
- AS 498 Senior Project

The C and E designations in the above course list indicate that these courses fulfill Stetson's Contemporary Cultural Diversity and Ethical Decision-Making requirements.



*For international students of the culture of the United States*

*...a chance to learn about the place of the United States in the world*

*...a chance to learn about the United States in the United States.*

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