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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Ben Lowe, Chair  
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**FROM:** Susan Love Brown, Interim Director  
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**DATE:** March 26, 2008

**RE:** New Course Proposal: CST 7950 – Ph.D. Colloquium

Please find attached copies of the new course proposal form and sample syllabus for CST 7950, Ph.D. Colloquium.

This course is being proposed so that students in the Ph.D. in Comparative Studies can receive credit for attending the weekly colloquium designed to acquaint them with the research of college faculty, advanced graduate students, and visiting lecturers. In addition, the colloquium serves as an occasional venue for special workshops (for example, on getting through the planning and writing of the dissertation and surviving the comprehensive examinations), of which there are no more than two a semester. The student can take the course up to three times for credit. This course is an important way in which students become acquainted with our program and the faculty within the college, as well as being exposed to interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research.