



## Rachel Heise Bolten

Lecturer  
American Studies

### Bio

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#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, American Studies

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, Stanford University , English (2022)
- MPhil, University of Cambridge , Criticism & Culture (2013)
- AB, Princeton University , English with Certificate in American Studies (2010)

### Research & Scholarship

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#### CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Rachel Heise Bolten specializes in nineteenth and twentieth century American culture. Her research and teaching interests include California and the West, the history of science and technology, photography, material culture, and environmental humanities. Her current book project explores a long history of literary and visual description.

### Teaching

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#### COURSES

##### 2025-26

- American Families: AMSTUD 152, ENGLISH 152A, FILMEDIA 152B (Spr)
- American Studies Senior Colloquium: AMSTUD 99 (Win)
- California Dreaming: AMSTUD 126Q (Win)
- Scams, Hoaxes, and Cons: AMSTUD 149 (Aut)

##### 2024-25

- American Studies Senior Colloquium: AMSTUD 99 (Win)
- California Dreaming: AMSTUD 126Q (Win)
- Scams, Hoaxes, and Cons: AMSTUD 149 (Spr)
- Working: AMSTUD 146 (Aut)

##### 2023-24

- American Studies Senior Colloquium: AMSTUD 99 (Aut, Win)

- California Dreaming: AMSTUD 126Q (Aut)
- Scams, Hoaxes, and Cons: AMSTUD 149 (Win)
- Working: AMSTUD 146 (Spr)

**2022-23**

- Citizenship in the 21st Century: COLLEGE 102 (Win)
- Scams, Hoaxes, and Cons: AMSTUD 149 (Spr)
- Structured Liberal Education: SLE 91 (Aut)