This graduate seminar will examine important works of scholarship covering a wide range of historical topics with a major focus on 19th-20th century America. Students will become familiar with core STS readings showcasing diverse historical approaches. We will identify key themes and debates and analyze how authors use evidence, argument, and narrative strategies to make their arguments. Topics covered include systems theory and social construction of technology, cultural studies of technology, race and gender as analytical lenses, and the meaning of technological failure. Requirements include online and class discussion, short writing assignments, and an original research paper on a topic of your choice.