

Boston, 1919: A Tumultuous Year

Anarchist bombings, flu epidemics, police strikes, and political upheaval in Boston and across the nation.

Purpose: We will read the historical novel *The Given Day* by Dennis Lehane, comparing fact to fiction, as he details the fascinating array of events that occurred in Boston and nationwide during this extraordinary year.

Course #	19SBO
Moderator:	Rich Szlosek
Date and Time:	Monday, 2:00-4:00 8 weeks, starting February 25
Format:	Seminar
Location:	Lathrop Easthampton, Mt. Tom Room

Description: In each session of the seminar, one hour will be given over to a discussion of a portion of the novel (which does have some coarse language) and the second hour to an in depth look at one of the events mentioned in the narrative.

Role of participants: Members will either lead a discussion on a part of the novel they have chosen, or report on a relevant historical event.

Resources: Everyone will read *The Given Day* by Dennis Lehane which is widely available.

About the Moderator: I have moderated 14 seminars, most on American history and literature, and this novel affords a rare chance to combine both interests.

Maximum number of participants: 14

Auditors accepted: yes, up to 2