History 80000, Literature of American History II
Spring 2016
Wednesdays at 4.15pm
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Required Books:

- Patrick Hagopian, The Vietnam War in American Memory: Veterans, Memorials, and the Politics of Healing (University of Massachusetts Press, 2009)
- David Kennedy, Freedom from Fear: The American People in Depression and War, 1929-1945 (Oxford History of the United States) (Oxford University Press, 1999)
- Fredrik Logevall, Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America’s Vietnam (Random House, 2012)

Requirements:

Each week we’ll read a common book; one student will prepare a 1000 word essay (due Tues. at 5, via e-mail) summarizing the review literature on the book and examining the book’s role in the historiography. In addition to the assigned reading, every other week, each student will read a supplementary book and prepare a bullet-point summary to be posted on the course website. (This material will remain available for preparation for the exam and, later, for orals.) There also will be a final examination at the end of the semester.

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Schedule:

Feb. 3: Reconstruction
Eric Foner, *Reconstruction: America’s Unfinished Revolution, 1863-1877*

Feb. 10: Late 19th Century
Richard Franklin Bensel, *The Political Economy of American Industrialization, 1877-1900*
Supplementary readings:

February 17: Progressive Era
Daniel Rodgers, *Atlantic Crossings: Social Politics in a Progressive Age*
Supplementary readings:

February 24: Peopling of America
Supplementary readings:

March 2: New Deal, World War II
David Kennedy, *Freedom from Fear: The American People in Depression and War, 1929-1945*
Supplementary readings:
• William Leuchtenburg, Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal (2009 or earlier editions)

March 9: Mid-Century Race & Gender
Michael Klarman, From Jim Crow to Civil Rights: The Supreme Court and the Struggle for Racial Equality

supplementary readings:
• George Chauncey, Gay New York: Gender, Urban Culture, and the Making of the Gay Male World, 1890-1940 (Basic, 1994)
• Elaine Tyler May, Homeward Bound: American Families in the Cold War Era (Basic Books, 1990)

March 16: Race, Liberalism & Urbanization
Thomas Sugrue, Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit

supplementary readings:
• David Freund, Colored Property: State Policy and White Racial Politics in Suburban America (University of Chicago Press, 2007)
• Robert Beauregard, When America Became Suburban (University of Minnesota Press, 2006)
• Owen Gutfrend, Twentieth-Century Sprawl: Highways and the Reshaping of the American Landscape (Oxford University Press, 2005)

March 23: Transition Day

March 30: United States & The World
Fredrik Logevall, Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America’s Vietnam

supplementary readings:
• John Lewis Gaddis, George F. Kennan: An American Life (Penguin, 2011)
• Kurkpatrick Dorsey, Whales and Nations: Environmental Diplomacy on the High Seas (University of Washington Press, 2014)

April 6: The 1970s
Judith Stein, Pivotal Decade: How the United States Traded Factories for Finance in the Seventies

supplementary readings:
April 13: Conservatism
Matthew Lassiter, The Silent Majority: Suburban Politics in the Sunbelt South
supplementary readings:
- Steven Miller, Billy Graham and the Rise of the Republican South (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009)

April 20: History & Biography
David Nasaw, The Patriarch: The Remarkable Life of and Turbulent Times of Joseph P. Kennedy
supplementary readings:
- Robert Caro, Master of the Senate: Years of Lyndon Johnson, Vol. 3 (Knopf, 2002)
- Jean Baker, Margaret Sanger: A Life of Passion (Hill and Wang, 2011)
- Taylor Branch, Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-1963 (Simon and Schuster, 1989)

April 27: spring break

May 4: History & Memory
Patrick Hagopian, The Vietnam War in American Memory: Veterans, Memorials, and the Politics of Healing (University of Massachusetts Press, 2009)
supplementary readings:
- Linenthal and Engelhardt, eds., History Wars: The Enola Gay and Other Battles for the American Past (Holt, 1996)
- Alessandro Portelli, They Say in Harlan County: An Oral History (Oxford University Press, 2010)

May 11: Civil Rights & Civil Liberties
Dale Carpenter, Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas
supplementary readings:

- Kristin Luker, *When Sex Goes to School: Warring Views on Sex—And Sex Education—Since the Sixties* (WW Norton, 2006)

**May 18: Recent History**


Supplementary readings: