Course Description: This course will survey the historiography of France and its empire since the conquest of Algeria in 1830. Examining a mix of classic and more recent works, we will pay special attention to two central themes that have preoccupied historians of the past generation: (1) immigration, anti-Semitism, and Vichy, and (2) controversies over the French empire and its relationship to the Republican tradition.

Learning Objectives: By the end of the course, students should be able: to demonstrate a command of several of the recent historiographical themes in modern French history; to analyze individual works in terms of cogency of argument, the appropriateness of the sources, and clarity of organization; and to put together several works into larger arguments in preparation for passing exams.


Schedule of classes:

1. Introduction to the Course – Jan 29
   - Frederick Cooper and Ann Laura Stoler, “Between Metropole and Colony: Rethinking a Research Agenda,” in their *Tensions of Empire: Colonial Cultures in a Bourgeois World*, 1-56.*
2. The Conquest of Algeria – Feb 5

- Benjamin Brower, *A Desert Named Peace: The Violence of France’s Empire in the Algerian Sahara, 1844-1902*, parts 1-3 and concl. [on-line access available from the library]


No class on 2/12 – Lincoln’s birthday

3. Labor and the Revolutionary Tradition – Feb 19


4. Peasants into Frenchmen – Feb 26


• Maurice Agulhon, The Republic in the Village: The People of the Var from the French Revolution to the Second Republic, intro, chaps. 5, 7, 9-10; part II, section 2, entire; concl.

• Jean-François Chanet, L’école républicaine et les petites patries, parts 1 and 3 (concentrate on chaps. 6-7) ; OR Ed Berenson, Populist Religion and Left-Wing Politics in France, 1830-1850, intro., chaps. 1-2, 5-6.


**Report:** Anne-Marie Thiesse, Ils apprenaient la France : L’exaltation des régions dans le discours patriotique.

5. The Stalemate Society and its Critics – Mar 5

- Philip Nord, The Republican Moment: Struggles for Democracy in Nineteenth-Century France

**Reports**: Laurence Wylie, Village in the Vaucluse (1957)


6. Empires as Laboratories of Modernity – Mar 12

- Paul Rabinow, French Modern: Norms and Forms of the Social Environment, 1-57, 104-210, 251-358.*

**Reports**: Charles-Robert Ageron, Le parti colonial ou la France coloniale ?


7. Antisemitism and Fascism – Mar 19

- Ruth Harris, Dreyfus: Politics, Emotion, and the Scandal of the Century, intro, chaps, 1, 3, part II (chaps. 6-10), chap. 18, and epilogue.*
- Sophie Roberts, Citizenship and Anti-Semitism in French Colonial Algeria, 1870-1962, chap. 2.*
• Zeev Sternhell, *Neither Right Nor Left: Fascist Ideology in France*, intro, chaps. 1-2, concl.*


• René Rémond, *The Right Wing in France, From 1815 to de Gaulle*, 273-99 [ACLS ebook].


8. Immigration and Citizenship – Mar 26

- Rogers Brubaker, *Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany*, chaps. 1, 4-5.*


9. Empire and Immigration – Apr 2

- Gregory Mann, *Native Sons: West African Veterans and France in the Twentieth Century*.


**SPRING BREAK**

10. Vichy – Apr 16

- Robert O. Paxton, *Vichy France: Old Guard and New Order*
- Paxton and Marrus, *Vichy France and the Jews*, chap. 1.*
- Fabrice Virgili, *Shorn Women: Gender and Punishment in Liberation France*

**Reports:** Henry Rousso, *The Vichy Syndrome: History and Memory in France Since 1944*

**Recommended:** Jean-Pierre Bédarida et al, *Vichy et les français* (Paris: Fayard, 1992); Marc-Olivier Baruch, *Servir l’État français : L’administration en France de 1940 à 1944* (Paris: Fayard, 1997); Jean-

11. Reconstruction – Apr 23

- Philip Nord, *France’s New Deal: From the Thirties to the Postwar Era*, intro, part I (chaps. 1-3) and concl. [electronic resource]


12. Between Empire and Nation – Apr 30


**Reports:** Gregory Mann, *From Empires to NGO’s in the West African Sahel: The Road to Nongovernmentality*

13. Algeria and Decolonization – May 7

- Todd Shepard, *The Invention of Decolonization*
- Jeffrey James Byrne, *Mecca of Revolution: Algeria, Decolonization, and the Third World*


14. France in Crisis – May 14
