

History 80010  
Lit. of American History, II  
Weds. at 4.15pm

Requirements:

- Weekly reading
- Designated 1000 word essays (due Tues. at 5, via e-mail, as assigned below) summarizing the review literature on the common assignment and examining the book's role in the historiography
- 5-6 supplementary book assignments, with bullet-point summary to be posted on the course website
- Final examination at the end of the semester

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Required Books:

- Dale Carpenter, *Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas* (W.W. Norton, 2013)
- Eric Foner, *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863-1877* (Harper Paperback, 2002)
- Meg Jacobs, *Panic at the Pump: The Energy Crisis and the Transformation of American Politics in the 1970s* (Hill and Wang, 2016)
- Ira Katznelson, *Fear Itself: The New Deal and the Origins of Our Time* (Liveright, 2013)
- Michael Klarman, *From Jim Crow to Civil Rights: The Supreme Court and the Struggle for Racial Equality* (Oxford University Press, 2004)
- Matthew Lassiter, *The Silent Majority: Suburban Politics in the Sunbelt South* (Princeton University Press, 2007)
- Fredrik Logevall, *Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America's Vietnam* (Random House, 2012)
- Philip Napoli, *Bringing It All Back Home: An Oral History of New York City's Vietnam Veterans* (Hill and Wang, 2013)
- David Nasaw, *The Patriarch: The Remarkable Life of and Turbulent Times of Joseph P. Kennedy* (Penguin Press, 2012)
- Charles Postel, *The Populist Vision* (Oxford University Press, 2007)
- Daniel Rodgers, *Atlantic Crossings: Social Politics in a Progressive Age* (Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2000)
- Thomas Sugrue, *Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit* (Princeton University Press, 1998)
- Lawrence Wright, *The Looming Tower: Al Qaeda and the Road to 9/11* (Random House, 2006)

Schedule:

**Feb. 1: Reconstruction**

Eric Foner, *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863-1877* (Evan Turiano)

## **Feb. 8: Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century**

Charles Postel, *The Populist Vision* (Maayan Brodsky)

Supplementary readings:

- Morton Keller, *Affairs of State: Public Life in Late Nineteenth Century America* (Harvard University Press, 1977) (Madeline DeDe-Panken)
- Sven Beckert, *The Monied Metropolis: New York City and the Consolidation of the American Bourgeoisie, 1850-1896* (Cambridge University Press, 2001) (Sean Enos-Robertson)
- Richard Franklin Bense, *The Political Economy of American Industrialization, 1877-1900* (Cambridge University Press, 2000) (Mark Soriano)

**Feb. 15:** No class (transition day)

## **Feb. 22: Progressive Era**

Daniel Rodgers, *Atlantic Crossings: Social Politics in a Progressive Age* (Madeline DeDe-Panken)

supplementary readings:

- Michael McGerr, *The Decline of Popular Politics: The American North, 1865-1928* (Oxford University Press, 1986) (Evan Turiano)
- Robert Wiebe, *The Search for Order, 1877-1920* (Hill and Wang, 1966) (Richard Naclerio)
- Moshik Temkin, *The Sacco-Vanzetti Affair: America on Trial* (Yale University Press, 2011) (Adam Kocurek)

## **March 1: New Deal, World War II**

Ira Katznelson, *Fear Itself: The New Deal and the Origins of Our Time* (Richard Naclerio)

Supplementary readings:

- Alan Brinkley, *End of Reform: New Deal Liberalism in Recession and War* (Vintage, 1996) (Madeline DeDe-Panken)
- Colin Gordon, *New Deals: Business, Labor, and Politics in America, 1920-1935* (Cambridge University Press, 1994) (Sean Enos-Robertson)
- Elizabeth Cohen, *Making a New Deal: Industrial Workers in Chicago* (Cambridge University Press, 1990) (Mark Soriano)

## **March 8: Mid-Century Race & Gender**

Michael Klarman, *From Jim Crow to Civil Rights: The Supreme Court and the Struggle for Racial Equality* (Sean Enos-Robertson)

supplementary readings:

- George Chauncey, *Gay New York: Gender, Urban Culture, and the Making of the Gay Male World, 1890-1940* (Basic, 1994) (Maayan Brodsky)
- Michael Pfeifer, *Rough Justice: Lynching and American Society, 1874-1947* (2004) (Evan Turiano)
- Elaine Tyler May, *Homeward Bound: American Families in the Cold War Era* (Basic Books, 1990) (Adam Kocurek)

## **March 15: Race, Liberalism & Urbanization**

Thomas Sugrue, *Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit* (Adam Kocurek)

supplementary readings:

- David Freund, *Colored Property: State Policy and White Racial Politics in Suburban America* (University of Chicago Press, 2007) (Madeline DeDe-Panken)
- Joshua Freeman, *In Transit: The Transport Workers Union in New York City, 1933-1966* (Oxford University Press, 1989) (Sean Enos-Robertson)
- Owen Gutfreund, *Twentieth-Century Sprawl: Highways and the Reshaping of the American Landscape* (Oxford University Press, 2005) (Mark Soriano)

### **March 22: United States & The World**

Fredrik Logevall, *Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America's Vietnam* (Mark Soriano)

supplementary readings:

- Tim Naftali and Alexandr Fursenko, *"One Hell of a Gamble": Khrushchev, Castro, and Kennedy, 1958-1964* (WW Norton, 1997) (Maayan Brodsky)
- John Lewis Gaddis, *George F. Kennan: An American Life* (Penguin, 2011) (Richard Naclerio)
- Kurkpatrick Dorsey, *Whales and Nations: Environmental Diplomacy on the High Seas* (University of Washington Press, 2014) (Evan Turiano)

### **March 29: The 1970s**

Meg Jacobs, *Panic at the Pump* (Maayan Brodsky)

supplementary readings:

- Jefferson Cowie, *Stayin' Alive: The 1970s and the Last Days of the Working Class* (New Press, 2010) (Evan Turiano)
- Judith Stein, *Pivotal Decade: How the United States Traded Factories for Finance in the Seventies* (Yale University Press, 2010) (Sean Enos-Robertson)
- William Graebner, *Patty's Got a Gun: Patricia Hearst in 1970s America* (University of Chicago Press, 2008) (Mark Soriano)

### **April 5: Conservatism**

Alan Brinkley, "The Problem of American Conservatism," *American Historical Review*, Volume 99, Issue 2 (Apr. 1994), 409-429; Matthew Lassiter, *The Silent Majority: Suburban Politics in the Sunbelt South* (Madeline DeDe-Panken)

supplementary readings:

- Joseph Crespino, *In Search of Another Country: Mississippi and the Conservative Counterrevolution* (Princeton University Press, 2007) (Maayan Brodsky)
- Kevin McMahon, *Nixon's Court: His Challenge to Judicial Liberalism and Its Political Consequences* (University Press of Chicago, 2011) (Richard Naclerio)
- Steven Miller, *Billy Graham and the Rise of the Republican South* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009) (Adam Kocurek)

### **April 19: History & Memory**

Philip Napoli, *Bringing It All Back Home: An Oral History of New York City's Vietnam Veterans* (Richard Naclerio)

supplementary readings:

- Patrick Hagopian, *The Vietnam War in American Memory: Veterans, Memorials, and the Politics of Healing* (University of Massachusetts Press, 2009) (Madeline DeDe-Panken)
- Linethal and Engelhardt, eds., *History Wars: The Enola Gay and Other Battles for the American Past* (Holt, 1996) (Evan Turiano)
- Alessandro Portelli, *They Say in Harlan County: An Oral History* (Oxford University Press, 2010) (Mark Soriano)

#### **April 26: Recent History**

Lawrence Wright, *The Looming Tower* (Sean Enos-Robertson)

Supplementary readings:

- Louis Hyman, *Debtor Nation: The History of America in Red Ink* (Princeton University Press, 2010) (Maayan Brodsky)
- Colin Gordon, *Dead on Arrival: The Politics of Health Care in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America* (Princeton University Press, 2004) (Richard Naclerio)
- Susan Levine, *School Lunch Politics: The Surprising History of America's Favorite Welfare Program* (Princeton University Press, 2008) (Adam Kocurek)

#### **May 3: Civil Rights & Civil Liberties**

Dale Carpenter, *Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas* (Adam Kocurek)

supplementary readings:

- Lauri Lebo, *The Devil in Dover: An Insider Story of Dogma v. Darwin in Small-Town America* (New Press, 2009) (Madeline DeDe-Panken)
- David Garrow, *Liberty and Sexuality: The Right to Privacy and the Making of Roe v. Wade* (Berkeley: University of California Press, rev. ed.) (Sean Enos-Robertson)
- Kristin Luker, *When Sex Goes to School: Warring Views on Sex—And Sex Education—Since the Sixties* (WW Norton, 2006) (Evan Turiano)

#### **May 10: History & Biography**

David Nasaw, *The Patriarch: The Remarkable Life of and Turbulent Times of Joseph P. Kennedy* (Mark Soriano)

supplementary readings:

- Robert Caro, *Master of the Senate: Years of Lyndon Johnson, Vol. 3* (Knopf, 2002) (Maayan Brodsky)
- Jean Baker, *Margaret Sanger: A Life of Passion* (Hill and Wang, 2011) (Richard Naclerio)
- Taylor Branch, *Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-1963* (Simon and Schuster, 1989) (Adam Kocurek)

#### **May 17: Review**