

University of Connecticut, Spring 2017  
**HIST3530 Asian American Experience Since-1850**

Class Times: T/TH 12:30-1:45

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Office Hours: by appointment

## **Course Description**

This course introduces students to Asian American history through a history of transnational migrations, social movements, and political economic change in the U.S. Student will learn fundamental historical narratives of Asian Americans in U.S. history, covering the experiences of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, South Asian, Filipino, and Southeast Asian immigrants as well as those of other Pacific Islanders. The majority of the course will be devoted to the diverse histories of migration, integration, and struggle within Asian American communities from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present. This course pays particular attention to the transformational moment of WWII through the history of Asian American lives and the shifting meaning of race. Through these histories students will recover the history of Asian Americans and their relation to other racial and ethnic groups. We will also learn about the culture and politics of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century through discussions on the “model minority” stereotype, Asian refugees, Asian Americans in popular culture, and contemporary social movements. In these stories students will find that Asian American history is not merely a narrative of immigrants establishing a home and building community; they also recount the lives of people displaced through war, the expansion of the U.S. imperial state, oppressed by racism, and used as a political and economic wedge against other non-whites. The goal of the course is to use historical inquiry about Asian Americans to develop an awareness of the evolving conditions of racism and the role of racialized Asian-ness in U.S. culture.

## **Class Policies**

**Class Conduct:** Respectful behavior is expected from everyone in the classroom. This includes raising your hand and waiting when you want to speak, turning *off* cell phones and other electronic devices and showing up to class on time. Texting in class and surfing the web is not allowed.

**Email:** All communication regarding the course will be conducted via email.

**Participation / Attendance:** Daily attendance will be taken. Attendance is mandatory and is included in your participation grade; if you are absent, you cannot participate. Medical and Athletic absences will be excused with the appropriate paperwork from the health services or coach. Outside of these exceptions, I do not accept late assignments or missed exams. In order to participate in class you must come to class prepared, having completed the assigned readings by the day they are listed on the schedule below.

**Academic Integrity and Assistance:** There is a zero-tolerance policy for any form of cheating and plagiarism on this campus and in this class. You must familiarize yourself with the definitions and consequences of plagiarism at UConn by working through the Plagiarism Module linked below.

[http://irc.uconn.edu/PlagiarismModule/intro\\_m.htm](http://irc.uconn.edu/PlagiarismModule/intro_m.htm)

There are many resources on campus to help you avoid plagiarism and strive for academic excellence. Please consult with the Writing Center should you need additional help with writing assignments in this course.

<http://www.writingcenter.uconn.edu/index.php>

**Students with Disabilities:** I will do all in my power to make the appropriate accommodations for students enrolled in the course. This requires clear communication so I urge you to consult with The Center for Students with Disabilities to acquire the necessary paperwork. Please see the following website for more information. <http://www.csd.uconn.edu/>

## Grading

1. [40%] Internet Essays
2. [30%] In-Class Discussion
3. [30%] Digital Projects

Internet Essay @ Tumblr

<https://asianamericanhistoryuconn.tumblr.com/>

## Required Texts

The Making of Asian America [LINK](#)

Asian America: A Primary Source Reader [LINK](#)