HIST 5530, US in the Age of Reform, 1877-1921
Fall 2015

Schedule Revised Sept. 3

Week Two (Sept. 10): The Mind of “Modernity"

- "AHR Roundtable: Historians and the Question of ‘Modernity,’” *American Historical Review* 116, no. 3 (June 2011)
- Dorothy Ross, "American Modernities, Past and Present," *American Historical Review* 116, no. 3 (June 2011)

Primary Source:
- William Graham Sumner, “The Absurd Effort to Make the World Over” (1894)

Supplemental Readings:

Week Three (Sept. 17): Fear and Loathing in Industrial America

- Jackson Lears, *Rebirth of a Nation*, chap. 2

Supplemental Reading:

Primary Sources:
- The Reign of Terror," Prairie Farmer, July 28, 1877
- Andrew Carnegie, "Wealth" (1889)

Week Four (Sept. 24): Farmers’ Alliances in Industrial America


Supplemental Reading:
Primary Sources:

- People's Party Platform (1892)
- Frederick Jackson Turner, "The Significance of the Frontier in American History" (1893)
- Bryan, Cross of Gold Speech (1896)

Week Five (Oct. 1): Patriarchy, Pigment and Populism in the South

- Jackson Lears, *Rebirth of a Nation*, chap. 3

Supplemental Readings:

- SUPPLEMENTAL PRIMARY: Benjamin Tillman, speech in the U.S. Senate, 21 Jan. 1907

Primary Source:

- Ida B. Wells, excerpt from *A Red Record* (1895)

Week Six (Oct. 8): Race Men and Women


Primary Sources:

- Booker T. Washington, "Atlanta Exposition Address" (1895)
- Booker T. Washington, "Industrial Education for the Negro," (1903)

Supplemental Readings:

- Adam Fairclough, "Being in the Field of Education and Also Being a Negro... Seems... Tragic": Black Teachers in the Jim Crow South," *Journal of American History* 87, no.1 (June 2000)
- Cheryl D. Hicks, "‘Bright and Good Looking Colored Girl’: Black Women’s Sexuality and ‘Harmful Intimacy’ in Early-Twentieth-Century New York," *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 18, no. 3 (Sept. 2009)
Week Seven (Oct. 15): No class

Individual meetings to discuss the prospectus submitted on Oct. 12.

Week Eight (Oct. 22): The Instability of Race


Primary Sources:

- Randolph Bourne, "Transnational America" (1916)
- *United States v. Bhagat Singh Thind* (1923)

Supplemental Readings:

- Alecia P. Long, "‘It’s Because You are a Colored Woman’: Sex, Race, and Concubinage after the Civil War," chap. 1 in *The Great Southern Babylon: Sex, Race, and Respectability in New Orleans* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2004)

Week Nine (Oct. 29): Citizens and the State


Supplemental Readings:


Week Ten (Nov. 5): Nature and the Social Structure


Supplemental Readings:

Week Eleven (Nov. 12): The Uses of the State


Primary Sources:

- Jane Addams, “Why the Ward Boss Rules” (1898)
- Randolph S. Bourne, “The State” (1918)
- Walter Lippmann, excerpts from *Drift and Mastery* (1914)

Supplemental Readings:


Week Twelve (Nov. 19): Manliness and Modernity

- Jackson Lears, *Rebirth of a Nation*, chaps. 5 & 6

Supplemental Reading:

- Carrie Tirado Bramen, “The Urban Picturesque and the Spectacle of Americanization,” *American Quarterly* 52, no. 3 (Sept. 2000)

Primary Source:

- Theodore Roosevelt, “The Strenuous Life” (1898)

Week Thirteen (Dec. 3: The Great War and the 1920s)

- Jackson Lears, *Rebirth of a Nation*, chaps. 7 & conclusion
- Bourne, “War and the Intellectuals”
- Bourne “A War Diary”
- Wilson, “War Message”
Week Fourteen (Dec. 10): Depression and New Deal

- Richard Hofstadter, *The Age of Reform*, chap. 7