

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

Fall 2015

Schedule Revised Sept. 3

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

- Louis Menand, *The Metaphysical Club: A Story of Ideas in America* (New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2001)
- “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:

- Daniel T. Rodgers, “The Twilight of Laissez Faire,” chap. 3 in *Atlantic Crossings: Social Politics in a Progressive Age* (Cambridge: Belknap Press, Harvard, 1998)
- Steve J. Shone, “Cultural Relativism and the Savage,” *American Journal of Economics & Sociology* 63, no. 3 (July 2004): 697-715.
- Jeff Sklansky, “Pauperism and Poverty: Henry George, William Graham Sumner, and the Ideological Origins and Modern American Social Science,” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 35, no. 2 (Spring 1999): 111–138.

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

- Carl Smith, *Urban Disorder and the Shape of Belief: The Great Chicago Fire, the Haymarket Bomb, and the Model Town of Pullman* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1995).
- Michael Kazin, chapter 3 in *American Dreamers: How the Left Changed a Nation* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2011)
- Jackson Lears, *Rebirth of a Nation*, chap. 2

Supplemental Reading:

- Herbert Gutman, “Class, Status and Community Power in Nineteenth-Century American Industrial Cities,” in *Work, Culture and Society in Industrializing America* (New York: Vintage, 1977), 234-260.
- Priscilla Murolo, “Wars of Civilization: The US Army Contemplates Wounded Knee, the Pullman Strike, and the Philippine Insurrection,” *International Labor & Working-Class History* 80, no. 1 (fall 2011): 77-102
- Andrew Urban, “Irish Domestic Servants, ‘Biddy’ and Rebellion in the American Home, 1850–1900,” *Gender & History* 21, no.2 (Aug. 2009).

Primary Sources:

- “The Reign of Terror,” *Prairie Farmer*, July 28, 1877
 - Andrew Carnegie, “Wealth” (1889)
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Week Four (Sept. 24): Farmers’ Alliances in Industrial America

- Charles Postel, *The Populist Vision* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007).
- Worth Robert Miller, ed., “*The Populist Vision: A Roundtable Discussion*,” *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* 32 (Spring 2009): 18–45

Supplemental Reading:

- Richard Hofstadter, “Chapter II: The Folklore of Populism,” in *The Age of Reform: From Bryan to F.D.R.* (New York: Vintage Books, Random House, 1955)
- Richard White, “Spatial Politics,” Chap. 4 in *Railroaded: The Transcontinentals the Making of Modern America* (New York: W.W. Norton, 2011)

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

- Stephen Kantrowitz, *Ben Tillman and the Reconstruction of White Supremacy* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2000)
- Jackson Lears, *Rebirth of a Nation*, chap. 3
- Jill Lepore, "Historians Who Love Too Much: Reflections on Microhistory and Biography," *Journal of American History* 88, no.1 (June 2001)
- Cecelia Tichi, "Ida B. Wells-Barnett: Lynching in all its Phases," chap. 7 in *Civic Passions: Seven Who Launched Progressive America (and What they Teach us)* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2009)

Supplemental Readings:

- Michael J. Pfeifer, "At the Hands of Parties Unknown? The State of the Field of Lynching Scholarship," *Journal of American History* 101, no. 3 (Dec. 2014): 832-846
- Michael Ayers Trotti, "What Counts: Trends in Racial Violence in the Postbellum South" *Journal of American History* 100, no. 2 (Sept.. 2013): 375-400
- SUPPLEMENTAL PRIMARY: Benjamin Tillman, speech in the U.S. Senate, 21 Jan. 1907

Primary Source:

- Ida B. Wells, excerpt from *A Red Record* (1895)
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Week Six (Oct. 8): Race Men and Women

- Michele Mitchell, *Righteous Propagation: African Americans and the Politics of Racial Destiny after Reconstruction* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004)
- George Lipsitz, "The Struggle for Hegemony," *Journal of American History* 75 no. 1 (June 1988).

Primary Sources:

- W.E.B. DuBois, *The Souls of Black Folk*, chaps. 1, 3, and 6.
- 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)
 - Axel R. Schäfer, "W. E. B. Du Bois, German Social Thought, and the Racial Divide in American Progressivism, 1892–1909," *The Journal of American History* 88, no. 3 (December 2001)
 - David Sehat, "The Civilizing Mission of Booker T. Washington," *Journal of Southern History* 73, no. 2 (May, 2007)
 - Gunja Sengupta, "Elites, Subalterns, and American Identities: A Case Study of African-American Benevolence," *American Historical Review* 109, no. 4 (Oct. 2004)
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Week Seven (Oct. 15): No class

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

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

- Martha A. Sandweiss, *Passing Strange: A Gilded Age Tale of Love and Deception Across the Color Line* (New York: Penguin, 2009)
- Peter Kolchin, "Whiteness Studies: The New History of Race in America," *Journal of American History* 89, no. 1 (June 2002)

Primary Sources:

- Randolph Bourne, "Transnational America" (1916)
- Madison Grant, "The Competition of Races," from *The Passing of the Great Race* (1916)
- *United States v. Bhagat Singh Thind* (1923)

Supplemental Readings:

- Gary Gerstle, "Theodore Roosevelt and the Divided Character of American Nationalism," *The Journal of American History* 86, no. 3 (Dec. 1999)
 - 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)
 - Micki McElya, "The Line Between Mother and Mammy," chap. 3 in *Clinging to Mammy: The Faithful Slave in Twentieth-Century America* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2007)
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Week Nine (Oct. 29): Citizens and the State

- Elliott Young, *Alien Nation: Chinese Migration in the Americas from the Coolie Era Through World War II* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2014)
- Linda K. Kerber, "The Meanings of Citizenship," *The Journal of American History*, Vol. 84, No. 3 (Dec., 1997)
- Paula Baker, "The Domestication of Politics: Women and American Political Society, 1780-1920," *American Historical Review* 89, no. 3 (June 1984).

Supplemental Readings:

- Margot Canaday, *The Straight State: Sexuality and Citizenship in Twentieth Century America* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009), Chapter 1.
 - Kornel Chang, "Circulating Race and Empire: Transnational Labor Activism and the Politics of Anti-Asian Agitation in the Anglo-American Pacific World, 1880-1910," *Journal of American History* (Dec. 2009)
 - Seth Koven and Sonya Michel, "Womanly Duties: Maternalist Politics and the Origins of Welfare States in France, German, Great Britain, and the United States, 1880-1920," *American Historical Review* 95, no. 4 (Oct. 1990)
 - Mae M. Ngai, "The Architecture of Race in American Immigration Law: A Reexamination of the Immigration Act of 1924," *The Journal of American History* 86, no.1 (June 1999)
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Week Ten (Nov. 5): Nature and the Social Structure

- Karl Jacoby, *Crimes against Nature: Squatters, Poachers, Thieves, and the Hidden History of American Conservation* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003)

Supplemental Readings:

- Garland Allen, "'Culling the Herd': Eugenics and the Conservation Movement in the United States, 1900-1940," *Journal of the History of Biology* 46, no. 1 (Feb. 2013): 31-72.

- Jane Carey, "The Racial Imperatives of Sex: Birth Control and Eugenics in Britain, the United States and Australia in the Interwar Years," *Women's History Review* 21, no. 5 (Nov. 2012): 733–752
 - Ben Jordan, "Conservation of Boyhood": Boy Scouting's Modest Manliness and Natural Resource Conservation, 1910–1930," *Environmental History* 15, no. 4 (Oct. 2010): 612-642
 - Ian Tyrell, "America's National Parks: The Transnational Creation of National Space in the Progressive Era," *Journal of American Studies* 46 (2012): 1-21.
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Week Eleven (Nov. 12): The Uses of the State

- Cecelia Tichi, *Civic Passions: Seven who Launched Progressive America (and What they Teach Us)* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009)
- William J. Novak, "The Myth of the Weak American State," *American Historical Review* (June, 2008)

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:

- Eileen Boris, "On the Importance of Naming: Gender, Race, and the Writing of Policy History," *Journal of Policy History* 17, no. 1 (2005)
 - Andrew Wender Cohen, "Smuggling, Globalization and America's Outward State," *Journal of American History* 97, no. 2 (Sept. 2010)
 - Michael Kazin, chapter 4 in *American Dreamers: How the Left Changed a Nation* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2011)
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Week Twelve (Nov. 19): Manliness and Modernity

- Kevin P. Murphy, *Political Manhood: Red Bloods, Mollycoddles, and the Politics of Progressive Era Reform* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2008)
- Daniel Wickberg, "Heterosexual White Male: Some Recent Inversions in American Cultural History," *The Journal of American History* 92, no. 1 (June 2005)
- 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)
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Week Thirteen (Dec. 3: The Great War and the 1920s

- John Fairfield, chapter 8 in *The Public and its Possibilities: Triumphs and Tragedies in the American City* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2011)
- 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

- Lizabeth Cohen, *Making a New Deal: Industrial Workers in Chicago, 1919-1939* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990)
- Daniel Rodgers, "New Deal: The Intellectual History of Catastrophe," Chap. 10 in *Atlantic Crossings: Social Politics in a Progressive Age* (Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press, 1998)
- Richard Hofstadter, *The Age of Reform*, chap. 7