H701-01 Colloquim in US History to 1865 Fall 2005

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Description:

This graduate seminar will examine major works in U.S. history with a special emphasis on those writings informed by comparative, transatlantic, and international perspectives. The focus is upon comparative revolution, global capitalism, comparative slavery, transatlantic reform movements, the historicity of nation-building, and comparative emancipation. It has three aims: to provide students with broader conceptions of American history; to encourage graduate student interest in another region, nation, or theme; to help prepare future teachers and scholars of history for the changing demands of the academic job market.

Requirements:

Students are expected to critique common readings and present points of discussion on a weekly basis. This should help graduates to manage sizable reading loads and facilitate preparation for oral examinations.

Depending on the size of the course, students are responsible for 3 to 5 book reviews of 500 words each. <u>These reviews are to be submitted in writing with copies for the</u> instructor and each class member and presented orally in class. They are intended to develop review skills, broaden class discussion, and stimulate intellectual curiosity.

At the course end, students are required to write a historiography paper on some period or topic covered by the course that is of particular interest. <u>It must demonstrate</u> <u>knowledge of broader conceptions of American history</u>. This should improve writing skills, and encourage exploration of research and teaching interests beyond national borders.

Readings:

The common readings for each week are marked READ, and are available in the University bookstore. Those marked with an asterisk* are available on-line. The books for review are marked REVIEW, and should be either in the library or available through inter-library loan. The review sections of the *American Historical Review* (*AHR*) and the *Journal of American History* provide useful critiques of many of the readings as well as model book reviews.

Meetings:

Aug. 17: Introduction

Aug. 24:American History Globally
READ: NYU-OAH, La Pietra Reporti*

REVIEW: Robert Gregg, *Inside Out, Outside In* (1999)
C. J. Guarneri, "Internationalizing the U.S. Survey..." *The History Teacher* 36:1 (Nov. 2002): 37-62
I. Tyrrell, "American Exceptionalism..." *AHR* 96 (Oct. 1991): 1031-1055

Aug. 31: American Revolution in Atlantic World READ: Jack P. Greene, "The American Revolution," AHR 105:1 (2000): 93-102* REVIEWS: P. Linebaugh & M. Rediker, Many Headed Hydra (2000) Susan Dunn, Sister Revolutions (1999) Phyllis W. Hunter, Purchasing Identity in the Atlantic World (2001) Eliga H. Gould and Peter S. Onuf, eds. Empire and Nation (2005)

Sep. 7: Haitian Revolution in Atlantic World READ: F. Knight, "The Haitian Revolution," AHR 105:1 (2000):103-115* REVIEWS: C.L.R. James, Black Jacobins (1938) Laurent Dubois, A Colony of Citizens (2004) Alfred Hunt, Haiti's Influence on Antebellum America (1988) David B. Gaspar and David P. Geggus, eds. A Turbulent Time (1997)

Sep. 14: Spanish American Revolutions READ: J. E. Rodriguez, "The Emancipation of America," AHR 105:1 (2000):131-152* REVIEWS: Robin Blackburn, Overthrow of Colonial Slavery (1988) M. C. Meyer, W. L. Sherman, S. M. Deeds, The Course of Mexican History 6th edition (1999) J. E. Rodriguez, Independence of Spanish America (1998)

- Sep. 21: Origins of American Capitalism I: Individual Enterprise READ: Joyce Appleby, *Inheriting the Revolution* (2000) REVIEWS: E. S. Morgan, *Inventing the People* (1988) D. R. Egerton, *Gabriel's Rebellion* (1993)
- Sep. 28: Origins of American Capitalism II: The Market Revolution READ: Charles Sellers, *The Market Revolution* (1991) REVIEWS: C. Clarke, *The Roots of Rural Capitalism* (1990) S. Hahn & J. Prude, eds. *The Countryside in the Age of Capitalist Transformation* (1985) T. H. Ashton & C. H. E. Philpin, eds. *The Brenner Debate* (1989) D. J. Jeremy, *Transatlantic Industrial Revolution* (1981)

Oct. 5: Comparative Slavery

READ: Michal Mullin, *Africa in America* (1992) Ira Berlin & Philip Morgan, eds., *Cultivation & Culture* (1993) David Gaspar & Darlene C. Hine, eds., *More than Chattel* (1996) Peter Kolchin, *Unfree Labor* (1987)

Oct. 12:	Transatlantic Reform READ: Bonnie S. Anderson, <i>Joyous Greetings</i> (2000) REVIEWS: R. J. M. Blackett, <i>Building an Antislavery Wall</i> (1983) J. R. Kerr-Ritchie, <i>Rites of August First</i> (2006) Daniel T. Rodgers, <i>Atlantic Crossings</i> (1998)
Oct. 19: 3.	Conquest of the West READ: Richard White, <i>A History of the American West</i> (1991): prts 2 &
	REVIEWS: David J. Weber, <i>The Mexican Frontier</i> , 1821-1846 (1982) Julie Roy Jeffrey, <i>Converting the West</i> (1991) Michael Morrison, <i>Slavery and the American West</i> (1997)
Oct. 26:	War for Southern Independence READ: Armstead L. Robinson, <i>Bitter Fruits of Bondage</i> (2005) REVIEWS: Eugene Genovese, <i>The Slaveholders' Dilemma</i> (1992) William A. Freehling, <i>The Road to DisUnion</i> (1990) Ransom, CSA
Nov. 2: website	Slaves' War for Liberty READ: Steven Hahn, <i>Nation Under our Feet</i> (2003) REVIEW: Freedmen Southern Society Project, Univ. of Maryland,
	J. R. Kerr-Ritchie, "Rehearsal for War" <i>Slavery and Abolition</i> 26:1 (Apr. 2005): 1-33
Nov. 9:	Republican Reconstruction READ: Eric Foner, <i>Reconstruction, 1863-1877</i> (1988) REVIEWS: Julie Saville, <i>Work of Reconstruction</i> (1994) Laura F. Edwards, <i>Gendered Strife and Confusion</i> (1997) J. R. Kerr-Ritchie, <i>Freedpeople in the Tobacco South</i> (1999)
Nov. 16:	Comparing Emancipation READ: F. Cooper, T. C. Holt, R. J. Scott, <i>Beyond Slavery</i> (2000) REVIEWS: Eric Foner, <i>Nothing But Freedom</i> (1983) Steven Hahn, "Class and State in Postemancipation Societies" <i>AHR</i> 95:1 (Feb. 1990): 75-98 Peter Kolchin, "Emancipation in Comparative Perspective" <i>Slavery and</i> <i>Abolition</i> 11:3 (Dec. 1990): 351-367
Nov. 30:	U.S. History Globally