RACE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Race has always played a major part of Foreign Affairs in the United States just as race relations have dominated in the domestic sphere. This course covers the history of United States foreign affairs with attention paid to the origins of racialism and the impact of expansionism on various ethnic and racial groups. Topics include the case for interchangeability in Ireland and North America in the backcountry of the British Empire, the Trail of Tears and the Presidency of Andrew Jackson; Manifest Destiny and expansionism, 1848; the war with Mexico, 1845-1848; the creation of California and Texas, 1850; the civil war; the Dominion of the Pacific; the war with Spain, 1898; intervention in Mexico, 1916; and Panama, 1898-1914; colonialism in the Philippines, 1898-1947; tourism in Cuba and the Caribbean; racialism and Japan in World War II; racial constructs and foreign affairs during the Cold War; the Civil Rights Movement and the International community; interventions in Korea and Vietnam as interpreted through the lens of cold world geopolitics; Oil in the Middle East, Images of the Taliban and other visions of Terrorism. Ideology in foreign affairs serves as the general theme of the course.

This is an upper level designed for second, third and fourth year students; the course is open to first year students with Advanced Placement scores of 3 in American History; or an equivalent history background. Students who plan to enter into a career in some field of international affairs and are pursuing a concentration in International Relations may use this course to satisfy the requirements (see college catalogue for more information). Preparation for the Foreign Service exam may be enhanced by following the narrative of US Foreign Affairs in one of many textbooks. For this purpose I have placed Thomas G. Patterson, American Foreign Relations, vol 1 & 2 on reserve in the library. The course is designed to help understand the nature of historiographic debate; to develop the ability to discern differences in argument and evaluate the logical and evidential aspects of several articles and books.
The history department has implemented the following policy on attendance: “Students are required to attend all classes for the successful completion of the course. Unexcused absences will result in a lower grade.”

I do not except late papers in this class. The assignments are made well in advance of the due dates. I have paced the work so that you will have sufficient time to complete the assignments. If you believe that you need accommodations for a disability, please contact Leslie Hempling in the Office of Student Disability Services, located in Parrish 130, or e-mail lhempli1

**MAIN READINGS:**
Daniel Richter, *Before the Revolution*
Bruce Cummings, *Dominion from Sea to Sea: Pacific Ascendancy and American Power*
Mary A. Renda, *Taking Haiti: Military Occupation and the Culture of US Imperialism*
Mary Dudziak, *Cold War Civil Rights: Race and the Image of America*
Stephen Kinzer, *All the Shah's Men: An American Coup and the Roots of MiddleEast Terror*
Graham Greene, *Our Man in Havanna*
James Olson: Randy Roberts, *My Lai: A Brief History with Documents*

**Additional Readings:**
In most cases a couple of chapters from these monographs:
Reginald Horsemann, *Race and Manifest Destiny,*
Andrew Rottter, *Light At the End of the Tunnel: A Vietnam War Anthology.*
Amy Kaplan Donald Pease, *Cultures of US Imperialism*
Richard Immerman, *Empire for Liberty*
Also, you will have a few articles from various journals.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

This is a reading and discussion class, so be prepared to lead discussions and prepare for each discussion class. Your grade will be based on your preparation for discussion both as a discussion leader and as a participant. You will not get credit for comments that do not reflect a solid understanding of the reading. **10%.** The mid-term is 20% identification and 80% essay, **20%** the final exam is a take home exam and consists of a bibliographic essay based on all of the readings. **25%** The first paper on Indian Removal is **25%** The final paper is on the My Lai incident. **20%**
SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

**Week 1**  September 3-5

**Tuesday September 3rd**  The Mongrel Nation and its Legend


**Thursday September 5th**  THE Ordeal of the Longhouse

Read:  Daniel Richter, *Before the Revolution*, ch. 4-5, 6

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**Week 2.**  September 10-12

**Tuesday September 10**  French and Indian War

Read:
Daniel Richter, *Before the Revolution*, ch., 7-12

**Thursday: Before Destiny was Manifest: Continental Conquest**

**Washington, Jefferson and Anglo-Saxon Destiny**

*Perhaps, if the success of Anglo American expansion had been less dramatic, the racial politics of the backcountry might have evolved differently as well.*

Reginald Horsemann, *Race and Manifest Destiny*, ch. 4, 5
Tim Matthewson, “Jefferson and Haiti,” *Journal of Southern History LXI* No. 2 (May, 1995);
Daniel Richter, *Before the Revolution*, ch., finish

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**Week 3**  September 17-19
Tuesday, September 17

The War of 1812: National Identity and Indian Wars
Read:
Reginald Horseman, Race and Manifest Destiny, ch. 10-12.

September 19 From the Monroe Doctrine to the Mexican War

Week 4 September 24-26

September 24: Indian Removal And Andy Jackson
Rio Grand

September 26: John Wayne and Comanche Removal

Week 5 October 1-3

October 1: After The Civil War
Read: Bruce Cummings, Dominion From Sea to Sea: Pacific Ascendancy and American Power, pp. 92-126.
Rio Grande

OCTOBER 3 From Mexico to the Philippines: Expansionism.

Read
Bruce Cummings, Dominion From Sea to Sea: Pacific Ascendancy and American Power, ch. 6 &7.

**WEEK 6  October 8-10**

**OCTOBER 22  The Spanish American War**
**Read:** Bruce Cummings, Dominion From Sea to Sea: Pacific Ascendancy and American Power, ch. 8.

**OCTOBER 24  Intervention, Imperialism, Colonialism**
**Read:** Bruce Cummings, Dominion From Sea to Sea: Pacific Ascendancy and American Power, ch. 9., 10-11.
Mary A. Renda, Taking Haiti: Military Occupation and the Culture of United States Imperialism, prologue, ch. 1-3

**Week 7  OCTOBER BREAK 11-21**

**Week 8  October 22-24**

**Transnationalism, Leninism and George Padmore**

**October 22  Our Fragile, Civilized Selves**
Movie, Emperor Jones.
Mary A. Renda, Taking Haiti: Military Occupation and the Culture of United States Imperialism, prologue, ch. 4

**October 24**

**“Black Baghdad”**

Movie, *Emperor Jones.*

Mary A. Renda, *Taking Haiti: Military Occupation and the Culture of United States Imperialism* finish

**Week 9 October 29-31**

**October 17: World War I, Self Determination and the Colonial Question.**

Paul Gordon Lauren, “Human Rights in History: Diplomacy and Racial Equality at the Paris Peace Conference,” *Diplomatic History* (Summer, 1978);


**October 31**

Midterm Examination

**Week 10 November 5-7**

**November 5**

**Atlantic Charter, Japanese Imperialism and Pearl Harbor**


**November 7 The Decision to Drop the Bomb**

**Week 11 November 12-14**

**November 12 The Cold War Begins**
John W. Dower, *War Without Mercy*, finish

**November 14 COLONIALISM AFTER THE WAR**

**Read:** Bruce Cummings, *Dominion From Sea to Sea: Pacific Ascendancy and American Power*, ch. 12-14 Begin Reading the Graham Green article.
“Amercia's Chinese”: Anti-Communism, Citizenship, and Cultural Diplomacy during the Cold War by Ellen D. Wu *Pacific Historical Review* Vol. 77, No. 3 (August 2008) (pp. 391-422)

Movie, *Atomic Cafe*


**Week 12  November 19-21**

**November 19  Human Frailty in Colonialism: Vietnam, Haiti and Indians**

Graham Greene, *Our Man in Havanna*

Richard Immerman, *Empire for Liberty*, ch. 5, ‘John Foster Dulles and the Conflicted Empire.”

Movie: *The Quiet American* (finish)

“The CIA, Covert Actions and the Coup in Iraq.

Read: Mary Dudziak, *Cold War Civil Rights*, ch. 1-2

**November 21  Containment and Limited War**

Read:

Stephen Kinzer, *All the Shah's Men: An American Coup and the Roots of MiddleEast Terror*, ch. 1-9

Mary Dudziak, *Cold War Civil Rights*, ch. 3-conclusion

James Olson: Randy Roberts, *My Lai: A Brief History with Documents*

**WEEK 13**

**NOVEMBER 26**

**Vietnam: Colonialism and Dominoes**


And to finish.

Movie, *Vietnam, A Television History*

**Week 14  DECEMBER 3-5**

**DECEMBER 3  Ronald Reagan, Iran Contra and the Second Cold War**


Bruce Cummings, *Dominion  From Sea to Sea: Pacific Ascendancy and American Power*, ch., 15- end.
“A Prize from Fairyland beyond our Wildest Dreams.”
Winston Churchill IN IRAQ

DECEMBER 5  From Cold War to the War on Terrorism, 1992-2013

WEEK 15

DECEMBER 10  RACIAL POLITICS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS
My Lai papers Due.