

The University of Western Ontario
Department of History
2015-2016
History 4303E: Liberty in America, 1607-2001

Class Time: Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in STVH- 3166 (Stevenson Hall)

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Course Description: Throughout U.S. history, liberty has been a rallying cry, an individual and collective ambition, a central political ingredient, a religious and a judicial principle, a hope realized and frequently a dream deferred. It has both transcended and reinforced lines of race, class, gender, and region. This course examines liberty's multi-dimensional roots, its often highly contested meanings, its pursuits and its limitations, from early English settlement (Jamestown, 1607) to the Patriot Act (2001).

Course Goals: This course attempts to understand liberty in American history, in a manner that is open to its political, constitutional, judicial, economic, social and cultural meanings, as well as its evolution over time. The course also aims to spark students' historical imaginations, to nurture both creativity and historical understanding in written assignments, to explore connections between American history and popular views of liberty, and to promote an understanding of how the theme of liberty has contributed to American history and to the creation and reformulation of American national character, memory and icons.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students will:

- be able to identify and explain the significance of key events, people, ideas and movements in U.S. history related to the course's theme of liberty.
- understand select historiographical debates in U.S. history.
- solve research problems by identifying and refining a topic, determining the essential components of the argument, organizing the parts of the essay, and drawing conclusions.
- demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills.
- analyze short and long primary source texts, utilizing them in writing a research essay
- analyze secondary sources, including their sources, methods, arguments, strengths, and potential limitations.
- connect an historical understanding of liberty to present political and social issues.

Required Course Texts:

David Hackett Fischer, Liberty and Freedom: A Visual History of America's Founding Ideas (Oxford U. Press, 2005).

Eric Foner, The Story of American Freedom (New York: W. W. Norton, 1998).

Gary B. Nash, The Liberty Bell (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010).
Michal Jan Rozbicki, Culture and Liberty in the Age of the American Revolution
(University of Virginia Press, 2011).
Harvard Sitkoff, The Struggle for Black Equality, 1954-1992 (Hill & Wang, revised
edition 1993).

These 5 texts (listed above) are available at Western's Bookstore. When possible, they have been placed on reserve at Weldon Library. Other required course readings will be available through Weldon Library online course reserves or 2-hour reserves, library catalog, or (where available) through other stable urls.

Course Requirements & Course Evaluation:

Seminar Participation (throughout the full year): 20 percent

Oral Reports on Research in Progress (Two, 5% each): 10 percent

First Research Paper (due Nov 25, 2015): 25 percent

Two Book Reviews, each worth 10%, (due at beginning of class in which the books are scheduled to be discussed – see exact schedule below—2 reviews to be selected from 3 possible titles): 20 percent

Second Research Paper (due April 6, 2016): 25 percent

Seminar Participation should be effective, relevant and frequent. Students should come to class having read all the readings each week and prepared to offer comments, ask questions, describe authors' arguments, and make connections between readings. Informed, weekly participation is vital to the success of the seminar. In addition to their seminar participation, students will give brief Oral Reports on Research. These are 'work-in-progress' reports on their research papers. (The length of the oral report will be determined by how many students are in the class). The purpose is to inform the rest of the class about the topic you are studying to encourage cooperative learning and so that the research question, approach and methodology can be discussed and suggestions offered by peers.

Two Book Reviews: Students will complete two (2) book reviews from this list of 3 required titles: Rozbicki, Nash, or Sitkoff. They are due at the beginning of class on the day those readings are to be discussed. Each book review will be 5-7 pages. No late book reviews will be accepted (i.e none unless there is a recommendation from academic counselling).

Research Papers: Students will complete two research papers (first one due in **Nov 25, 2015 and second one due April 6, 2016**). Each research paper will be 15-20 pages. Students will complete a research paper that is based on a primary source analysis of a film, selection of literature/fiction, iconic American historical site, famous image (e.g. flag, photograph), or piece of music that prominently features the theme of

liberty/freedom. Because it is a research paper, students should engage with the relevant secondary literature on the topic, and they should formulate an original and significant research question that the essay attempts to answer. All topics must be approved by the instructor. Students should email a “research paper topic proposal” of 2-3 paragraphs to the professor outlining their topic and listing the major sources consulted.

COURSE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT: NO STUDENT WILL PASS THE COURSE WHO HAS MORE THAN SIX UNEXCUSED ABSENCES. AN ABSENCE MAY ONLY BE EXCUSED BY A RECOMMENDATION FROM ACADEMIC COUNSELLING.

Essay Course Requirement: The UWO Academic Handbook indicates that an essay course “...must be so structured that the student is required to demonstrate competence in essay writing to pass the course.” In this class, that means that 70% of the final grade comes from essays and it means that all students must submit BOTH major research papers to pass the course. FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONE OR BOTH OF THE MAJOR RESEARCH PAPERS WILL RESULT IN A FAILURE IN THIS COURSE.

Submitting Essay Assignments: To get credit for an assignment, you must submit it twice. You send an electronic copy to the Turnitin plagiarism detection service AND you give ONE identical printed copy to the professor at the beginning of the class on the due date. Instructions on how to submit your essay to Turnitin will be on the course website.

“All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).” [Academic Handbook, Exam, Course Outlines. Issued: 2013 04, p.2.]

Late Papers/Extensions:

Under normal circumstances, late papers will be accepted no later than 10 days after the deadline, and late papers will be graded with a deduction of 3% per day that it is late (including Saturday and Sunday). Late papers only should be submitted to the History Department drop-box (located in the main hall outside Lawson 2201), so that they can be properly date stamped. Do not put papers under the professor’s office door.

Extensions are rare. Pressures of work (e.g. having too many assignments/tests in a short period) or computer/printer problems do not constitute acceptable grounds for an extension. In the event of other special circumstances that a student feels may warrant an extension, the student should immediately contact the professor and Academic Counselling in the student’s home faculty. Students are reminded that they do NOT need to disclose any personal or private information to the professor. If Academic Counselling recommends academic accommodation, then the professor will grant an extension or equivalent.

Other Important Notes and Websites:

Students should read carefully and thoroughly the Faculty of Social Science “Instructions for Students Registered in Social Science Who Are Unable to Write Tests or Examinations or Submit Assignments as Scheduled” and “Plagiarism” statements. See attached.

Students should also be aware of the Registrar’s deadlines. Websites for Registrarial Services: <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

The Student Development Centre (SDC) services: SDC’s Learning Skills Services, Room 4100 WSS, www.sdc.uwo.ca/learning
LS counselors are ready to help you improve your learning skills. They offer presentations on strategies for improving time management, multiple-choice exam preparation/writing, textbook reading, and more. Individual support is offered throughout the Fall/Winter terms in the drop-in Learning Help Centre, and year-round through individual counseling.

For services provided by the USC: <http://westernusc.ca/services>

For information related to accessibility, including accessible routes, temporary service disruptions, and university policies related to accessibility issues, see Western’s Accessibility Website: www.accessibility.uwo.ca/students.index.htm

Services for Students with Disabilities in the Student Development Centre: <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd> or ssd@uwo.ca 519 661 2111 x82147

History Department website: <http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/history>

Weekly Schedule of Topics & Readings:

Overview: Few ideas have guided and inspired Americans throughout their history as much as liberty. In colonial times, early settlers sought religious liberty, as well as other kinds of economic, political and judicial freedoms. By the era of the American Revolution, political liberty from tyranny became a proto-national objective, one supported in the early republic with constitutional changes. In the nineteenth century, liberty was the pursuit of the mainstream, minorities, and various fringe groups. It was a quintessentially American value, while it also pointed to persistent and even deepening inequities. Liberty inspired the oppressed and social and political reformers, including those promoting the freedom of African Americans and those seeking women’s reforms, including suffrage. In the twentieth century, immigration policies, foreign relations, and domestic concerns all intertwined with contemporary concerns about freedom, including civil liberties, in a manner that showed how liberty remained a central but highly contested value. These are some of the topics we will cover in the weeks described below.

“When the people fear the government there is tyranny, when the government fears the people there is liberty.” -- Thomas Jefferson

“Disobedience is the true foundation of liberty. The obedient must be slaves.”
– Henry David Thoreau

“A right delayed is a right denied.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

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Note: In the weekly readings below, note that [ECR] means the reading is available on electronic course reserves. Go to lib.uwo.ca and click on course reserves, or go to our owl.uwo.ca course webpage, look under 'resources' and click on link to course reserves. [2-hr] means that reading is available in hardcopy on 2-hour reserve at the D.B. Weldon circulation desk. The course reserve list is arranged alphabetically by title.

Week 1, Sept. 16 : Introductions & Early Modern English and European Views of Liberty

Readings:

Eric Foner, The Story of American Freedom, xiii-xxii, 3-12.

Week 2, Sept. 23:

Seventeenth-Century Freeman, Indentured Servants, Slaves, and Native Americans: How Permeable Were Categories of Race and Class in the Chesapeake?

Readings:

Lois Green Carr, "Daniel Clocker's Adventure: From Servant to Freeholder," in The Human Tradition in Colonial America, edited by Ian K. Steele and Nancy L. Rhoden (1999), 97- 118. [2-hr]

Lois Carr and Lorena S. Walsh, "The Planter's Wife: The Experience of White Women in Seventeenth-Century Maryland," The William and Mary Quarterly 3rd Ser. 34 (1977), 542-571. [ECR]

James H. Merrell, "The Indians' New World: The Catawba Experience," WMQ 41 (1984), 537-565. [ECR]

Edmund S. Morgan, "Slavery and Freedom: The American Paradox," Journal of American History 59 (June 1972), 5-29. [ECR]

Week 3, Sept. 30: *Puritan Views of Collective & Individual Freedom: Separatism, Restraint and Early American Community*

Readings:

Edmund S. Morgan, Visible Saints: The History of a Puritan Idea (orig. publ. 1963), chapter 3 "The New England System." [ECR]

John M. Murrin, "Coming to Terms with the Salem Witch Trials," Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, (October 2000), Vol. 110, Issue 2, pp.309-374. [ECR]

Marilyn J. Westerkamp, "Anne Hutchinson, Sectarian Mysticism, and the Puritan Order," Church History 59 (1990), 482-96.[ECR]

Bruce C. Daniels, "Sober Mirth and Pleasant Poisons: Puritan Ambivalence Toward Leisure and Recreation in Colonial New England," *American Studies* Vol. 34 Issue 1 (Spring 1993), pp.121-137. [ECR]

Optional Readings:

Helena M. Wall, Fierce Communion: Family and Community in Early America (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1990), intro and ch1, pp. 1-29. [2-hr]

Sacvan Bercovitch, "Colonial Puritan Rhetoric and the Discovery of an American Identity," Canadian Review of American Studies 1975 Vol. 6 Issue 2, pp.131-150. [ECR]

Week 4, Oct 7: *Pluralism in Eighteenth-Century British North America: Liberty in Contrasting Societies, 1680-1760*

Readings:

Foner, The Story of American Freedom, chapter 1, pp.12-28.

Rosalind J. Beiler, "Caspar Wistar: German-American Entrepreneur and Cultural Broker," in The Human Tradition in Colonial America, pp.161-180. [2-hr]

OR

Margaret Connell Szasz, "Samson Occom: Mohegan Leader and Cultural Broker," in The Human Tradition in Colonial America, Ian K. Steele and Nancy L. Rhoden, eds., (1999), 237-255. [2-hr]

Barry Levy, "Tender Plants: Quaker Farms and Children in the Delaware Valley, 1681-1735," Journal of Family History April 1978 Vol. 3 Issue 2, pp.116-135. [ECR]

Kenneth A. Lockridge, "Overcoming Nausea: The Brothers Hesselius and the American Mystery," Common-Place: The Interactive Journal of Early American Life (January 2004), Vol. 4 Issue 2. [ECR]

Week 5, Oct. 14: *Religious, Political and Judicial Rights in Eighteenth-Century British America*

Readings:

Linda Grant DePauw, "Land of the Unfree: Legal Limitations on Liberty in Pre-Revolutionary America," Maryland Historical Magazine (Winter 1973), Vol. 68 Issue 4, 355-368. [ECR]

Brendan McConville, The King's Three Faces: The Rise & Fall of Royal America, 1688-1776 (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2006), chapter 4 "The Passions of Empire: Affection, Desire, and the Bonds of Nation in the British Atlantic." [2-hr]

Alison Olson, "The Zenger Case Revisited," Early American Literature Dec 2000 Vol. 35 Issue 3, pp.223-23 pp. [ECR]

Richard W. Pointer, "Native Freedom? Indians and Religious Tolerance in Early America," in The First Prejudice: Religious Tolerance and Intolerance in Early America, Chris Beneke and Christopher S. Grenda, eds., (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011), 169-194. [2-hr]

OR

Owen Stanwood, "Catholics, Protestants, and the Clash of Civilizations in Early America," in The First Prejudice: Religious Tolerance and Intolerance in Early America, Chris Beneke and Christopher S. Grenda, eds., (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011), 218-240. [2-hr]

Optional Readings:

Jon Sensbach, "Slaves to Intolerance: African American Christianity and Religious Freedom in Early America," in The First Prejudice, 195-217. [2-hr]

Week 6, Oct 21: *Symbols & Rhetoric of Liberty in the Coming of the American Revolution: "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death"*

Readings:

David Hackett Fischer, Liberty and Freedom, 1-118.

Gordon S. Wood, "Rhetoric and Reality in the American Revolution," WMQ, 3rd Ser. 23 (January 1966), 3-32. [ECR]

Judy Hample, "The Textual and Cultural Authenticity of Patrick Henry's 'Liberty or Death' Speech," Quarterly Journal of Speech Oct 1977 V. 63 No. 3, p.298. 13 pp. [ECR]

Week 7, Oct 28: *Liberty & Culture: Historicizing Liberty as a Revolutionary Concept*

Readings:

Michal Rozbicki, Culture and Liberty in the Age of the American Revolution (University of Virginia Press, 2011).

DUE: Book Review on Rozbicki Due at beginning of class on Oct 28 if you have elected to write a book review on Rozbicki as one of your 2 required book reviews.

Note: Oct 29-30 is Fall Study Break.

Week 8, Nov 4: *The Sons and Daughters of Liberty: Whose Liberty? or How to Organize a Revolution Beyond the Political Elite*

Readings:

Benjamin H. Irvin, "Tar, Feathers, and the Enemies of American Liberties, 1768-1776," New England Quarterly June 2003 Vol 76 Issue 2, pp.197. 42 pp. [ECR]

Alfred F. Young, "George Robert Twelves Hewes (1742-1840): A Boston Shoemaker and the Memory of the American Revolution," WMQ 3rd Ser., 38 (Oct 1981), 561-623. [ECR]

Woody Holton, "'Rebel Against Rebel': Enslaved Virginians and the Coming of the American Revolution," The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography Vol. 105 No. 2 (Spring 1997), 157-192. [ECR]

Joan R. Gundersen, To Be Useful To the World: Women in Revolutionary America, 1740-1790 (1996), 173-217. [2-hr]

DUE: Research Paper Proposal.

Week 9, Nov 11: *Revolutionary and Early National Symbols of Liberty: Uniting the Republic*

Readings:

David Hackett Fischer, Liberty and Freedom, 119-246.

Oral Presentations on Work-in-Progress for Research Paper #1

Week 10, Nov 18: *The Federal Constitution & Liberties Civil and Religious*

Readings:

Foner, The Story of American Freedom, chapter 2, 29-45.

E. James Ferguson, "Political Economy, Public Liberty, and the Formation of the Constitution," WMQ 3rd Ser. July 1983 vol. 40 Issue 3, 389-412. [ECR]

Herman Belz, "Liberty and Equality for Whom? How to Think Inclusively about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights," History Teacher May 1992 Vol 25 Issue 3 pp.263-277. [ECR]

Daniel L. Dreisbach, "Mr. Jefferson, a Mammoth Cheese, and the 'Wall of Separation between Church and State': A Bicentennial Commemoration," Journal of Church & State Autumn 2001 Vol. 43 Issue 4, p.725. 21 pp. [ECR]

Oral Presentations on Work-in-Progress for Research Paper #1

Week 11, Nov 25: *The Politics of Land and Liberty in the New Republic*

Readings:

Thomas J. Humphrey, "Conflicting Independence: Land Tenancy and the American Revolution," Journal of the Early Republic Summer 2008 Vol 28 Issue 2, pp.160-182. [ECR]

Luigi Marco Bassani, Liberty, State & Union: The Political Theory of Thomas Jefferson (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2010), chapter 3 "Jefferson on Property Rights" pp.45-85. [2-hr]

Harry L. Watson, Liberty and Power: Politics of Jacksonian America (1990), ch.4. [2-hr]

Theda Perdue, "Domesticating the Natives: Southern Indians and the Cult of True Womanhood," in Women, Families and Communities: Readings in American History Volume 1 to 1877, Nancy A. Hewitt, ed., (1990), 159-169. [2-hr]

John Mack Faragher, "The Midwestern Farm Family at Midcentury," in Women, Families and Communities, 181-195. [2-hr]

DUE: Research Paper #1 is due on Nov. 25, 2015.

Week 12, Dec 2: *The Market Revolution in the Early Republic*

Readings:

Foner, The Story of American Freedom, chapter 3, 47-68.

Thomas Dublin, "Women, Work, and Protest in the Early Lowell Mills: 'The Oppressing Hand of Avarice Would Enslave Us,'" Labor History Vol. 27 No. 2 (1986). [ECR]

John Lauritz Larson, The Market Revolution in America: Liberty, Ambition and the Eclipse of the Common Good (Cambridge University Press, 2009), pp.1-38 (intro, ch1). [2-hr]

Paul E. Johnson, "The Modernization of Greenleaf and Abigail Patch: Land, Family, and Marginality in New England, 1766-1818," The New England Quarterly 55 No. 4 (December 1982). [ECR]

Week 13, Dec. 9: *Liberty's Image in the Nineteenth-Century Republic*:

Readings:

David Hackett Fischer, Liberty and Freedom, [Section 'A Nation Divided: Freedom Against Liberty, 1840-1912'] 247-418.

Simon P. Newman, "Reading the Bodies of Early American Seafarers," WMQ 3rd. Ser., Jan 1998 Vol. 55 Issue 1, p.59. 24 pp. [ECR]

Optional Readings:

Sylvia Neely, "The Politics of Liberty in the Old World and the New: Lafayette's Return to America in 1824," Journal of the Early Republic (Summer 1986), Vol. 6, Issue 2, pp.150-171. [ECR]

James W. Hall, "Concepts of Liberty in American Broadside Ballads, 1850-1870: A Study of the Mind of American Mass Culture," Journal of Popular Culture Sept 1968 Vol 2 Issue 2, pp. 252-277. [ECR]

Classes end Dec 9. Dec 10 is a Study Day.

Dec 11-22, 2015 is Mid-Year Examination Period. This class does not have a mid-year examination.

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Week 14, Jan 6: *Republican Religion & Reform: Religious & Social Freedoms Extended?*

Readings:

Foner, The Story of American Freedom, chapter 4, pp. 69-94.

David Brown, "William Lloyd Garrison, Transatlantic Abolitionism and Colonisation in the Mid Nineteenth Century: The Revival of the Peculiar Solution?" Slavery & Abolition June 2012 Vol. 33 Issue 2, 233-250. [ECR]

Nathan O. Hatch, The Democratization of American Christianity (1991), 3-66. [2-hr]

Julie Roy Jeffrey, "The Liberty Women of Boston: Evangelicalism and Antislavery Politics," New England Quarterly March 2012 Vol 85 Issue 1, pp.38-77. [ECR]

Jean Matthews, "Race, Sex, and the Dimensions of Liberty in Antebellum America," Journal of the Early Republic (Fall 1986), Vol. 6 Issue 3, 275-291. [ECR]

Week 15, Jan 13: *The Utopians: Liberty & Social-Communal Experiments*

Readings:

Maren Lockwood, "The Experimental Utopia in America," *Daedalus* Vol. 94 No. 2, Utopia (Spring 1965), pp. 401-418. [ECR]

Adam Jortner, "The Political Threat of a Female Christ: Anne Lee, Morality, and Religious Freedom in the United States, 1780-1819," *Early American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* Vol 7 Issue 1 (Spring 2009), pp. 179-204. [ECR]

Lawrence Foster, "Sex and Prophetic Power: A Comparison of John Humphrey Noyes, Founder of the Oneida Community, with Joseph Smith, Jr., the Mormon Prophet," *Dialogue* Vol. 31 No.4 (Winter 1998), pp.65-83. [ECR]

Gail Bederman, "Revisiting Nashoba: Slavery, Utopia, and Frances Wright in America, 1818-1826," *American Literary History* Vol. 17 Issue 3 (Fall 2005), pp. 438-459. [ECR]

Week 16, Jan 20: *Landmarks of Liberty*

Readings:

Gary B. Nash, *The Liberty Bell* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010).

DUE: Book Reviews on Nash Due at the beginning of class on January 20 if you have elected to write a book review on Nash as one of your 2 required book reviews.

Week 17, Jan 27: *Civil War*

Readings:

Foner, *The Story of American Freedom*, chapter 5, pp. 95-114.

Roy W. Copeland, "In the Beginning: Origins of African American Real Property Ownership in the United States," *Journal of Black Studies* Sept 2013 Vol. 44 Issue 6, 646-664. [ECR]

M. Keith Harris, "Slavery, Emancipation, and Veterans of the Union Cause: Commemorating Freedom in the Era of Reconciliation, 1885-1915," *Civil War History* Sept 2007 Vol 53 Issue 3, 264-290. [ECR]

Lucas E. Morel, "Lincoln and the Constitution: A Unionist for the Sake of Liberty," *Journal of Supreme Court History* 2010 Vol. 35 Issue 3, pp.213-224. [ECR]

Optional Readings:

Eric Foner, "Rights and the Constitution in Black Life during the Civil War and Reconstruction," *The Journal of American History* Vol. 74 No. 3 (Dec 1987), 863-883. [ECR]

Week 18, Feb 3: *The Industrial Age, Immigration Policies & Constructions of Liberty*

Readings:

Foner, *The Story of American Freedom*, chapter 6, pp. 115-138.

Rosanne Currarino, "The Politics of 'More': The Labor Question and the Idea of Economic Liberty in Industrial America," Journal of American History (June 2006), Vol 93 Issue 1, pp.17-36. [ECR]

Yasmin Sabine Khan, "Creating Lady Liberty: Bartholdi's Exploratory Visit to America," Early America Review, Winter/Spring 2012 Vol. 10 Issue 6, (8 pp.) [ECR]
Statue of Liberty: National Monument, New York website:

<http://www.nps.gov/stli/index.htm>

Nancy F. Koehn, "Henry Heinz and Brand Creation in the Late Nineteenth Century: Making Markets for Processed Food," The Business History Review Vol. 73 No. 3 (Autumn 1999), pp. 349-393. [ECR]

Optional: Roger Daniels, Coming to America: A History of Immigration and Ethnicity in American Life Second Edition (New York, 2002), chapter 10 "The Triumph of Nativism," pp.265-284. [2-hr]

Week 19, Feb 10: *World War I, The 1920s and the Depression*

Readings:

Eric Foner, The Story of American Freedom, ch.7-9, pp 139-218.

Stella Ress, "Finding the Flapper: A Historiographical Look at Image and Attitude," History Compass Jan 2010 Vol 8 Issue 1, 118-128. [ECR]

Bill Lynskey, "Reinventing the First Amendment in Wartime Philadelphia," Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography Vol 131 No 1 (Jan 2007), 33-80. [ECR]

Roger Daniels, Coming to America: A History of Immigration and Ethnicity, 287-302. [2-hr]

February 15-19, 2016 Reading Week. No Class on Feb 19.

Week 20, Feb 24: *World War II & The Fight for Freedom Abroad and At Home*

Readings:

David Hackett Fischer, Liberty and Freedom, 419-558. [Section titled "A World at War: A Free Society and Its Enemies"]

Foner, The Story of American Freedom, ch.10, pp.219-248.

Stephanie D. Bangarth, "Religious Organizations and the 'Relocation' of Persons of Japanese Ancestry in North America: Evaluating Advocacy," American Review of Canadian Studies Autumn 2004 Vol. 34 Issue 3, 511-540. [ECR]

Optional Readings:

Donna B. Knaff, Beyond Rosie the Riveter: Women of World War II in American Popular Graphic Art (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2012), 48-80. [2-hr]

DUE: Paper Topic Proposal Due for Research Paper #2.

Week 21, March 2: *Cold War*

Readings:

Foner, The Story of American Freedom, ch. 11, pp 249-274.

Kathleen G. Donohue, "Accessed Denied: Anticommunism and the Public's Right to Know," in Kathleen Donohue, ed. Liberty and Justice for All?: Rethinking Politics in Cold War America (University of Massachusetts Press, 2012), pp. 21-50. [2-hr]

Jessica Weiss, "'Fraud of Femininity,' Domesticity, Selflessness and Individualism in Responses to Betty Friedan," in Donohue, Liberty and Justice for All?, 124-156. [2-hr]

Student Oral Reports on Work-in-Progress on Research Paper #2

Week 22, March 9: *Global Views of Liberty, 1945 to the End of the Century*

Readings:

David Hackett Fischer, Liberty and Freedom, 559-713.

An additional article TBA.

Student Oral Reports on Work-in-Progress on Research Paper #2

Week 23, March 16: *Civil Rights for African Americans, 1954 forward*

Readings:

Harvard Sitkoff, The Struggle for Black Equality, 1954 to 1992.

DUE: Book Reviews on Sitkoff due at the beginning of class on March 16 if you have elected to write a book review on Sitkoff as one of your 2 required book reviews.

Week 24, Mar 23: *The Sixties and Beyond: The Women's Movement and Minority Rights*

Readings:

Foner, The Story of American Freedom, chapter 12, pp.275-305.

John D'Emilio "Placing Gays in the Sixties" in Alexander Bloom, ed. Long Time Gone: Sixties America Then and Now (Oxford, 2001), 209-229. [2-hr]

Gregory L. Schneider, Cadres for Conservatism: Young Americans for Freedom and the Rise of the Contemporary Right (New York: New York University Press, 1999), 31-71. [2-hr]

Week 25, Mar 30: *Conservative Counter-Revolution of 1980s, the 1990s, and Social Issues of Abortion, AIDS, Drugs, Gun Control*

Readings:

Foner, The Story of American Freedom, chapter 13, pp. 307-332.

Maldwyn A. Jones, The Limits of Liberty, Second Edition (Oxford University Press, 1995), 596-632. [2-hr]

Mel Van Elteren, "Conceptualizing the Impact of U.S. Popular Culture Globally," *Journal of Popular Culture* Vol. 30 Issue 1 (Summer 1996), 47-89. [ECR]

Week 26, April 6: *The Patriot Act & Liberty Post-9/11*

Readings:

"The USA Patriot Act: Preserving Life and Liberty" (2001)

<http://www.justice.gov/archive/ll/highlights.htm>

Joshua Zeitz, "Are Our Liberties in Peril?" American Heritage (Dec 2001) Vol. 52 Issue 8, p.32 4 pp. [ECR]

Additional reading TBA.

DUE: Research Paper #2 is due April 6, 2016. **

April 6 is the last day of classes. April 7-8 are Study Days.

Final Examination Period, April 9-30, 2016: There is no final examination for this course.

** Important Note: Under normal circumstances, all papers, including late papers subject to the stated late penalty, must be received no later than the last day of classes. The university requires that final grades be submitted very soon after the end of classes. If special circumstances arise and/or an emergency occurs and you are unable to submit your paper on the due date, follow the procedures described on the attached statement and immediately contact the professor and Academic Counselling. You may also choose to email me, simply to inform me that your special circumstances are being considered by Academic Counselling.

This Syllabus was Last Revised on Sept 4, 2015.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

Prerequisites and Antirequisites:

Unless you have either the requisites for this course, as described in the Academic Calendar description of the course, or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites. The Academic Calendar description of each course also indicates which classes are considered antirequisites, i.e., to cover such similar material that students are not permitted to receive academic credit for both courses.

Academic Offences:

Scholastic Offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitute a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

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The following rules pertain to the acknowledgements necessary in academic papers.

A. In using another writer's words, you must both place the words in quotation marks and acknowledge that the words are those of another writer.

You are plagiarizing if you use a sequence of words, a sentence or a paragraph taken from other writers without acknowledging them to be theirs. Acknowledgement is indicated either by (1) mentioning the author and work from which the words are borrowed in the text of your paper; or by (2) placing a footnote number at the end of the quotation in your text, and including a correspondingly numbered footnote at the bottom of the page (or in a separate reference section at the end of your essay). This footnote should indicate author, title of the work, place and date of Publication and page number. Method (2) given above is usually preferable for academic essays because it provides the reader with more information about your sources and leaves your text uncluttered with parenthetical and tangential references. In either case words taken from another author must be enclosed in quotation marks or set off from your text by single spacing and

indentation in such a way that they cannot be mistaken for your own words. Note that you cannot avoid indicating quotation simply by changing a word or phrase in a sentence or paragraph which is not your own.

B. In adopting other writer's ideas, you must acknowledge that they are theirs.

You are plagiarizing if you adopt, summarize, or paraphrase other writers' trains of argument, ideas or sequences of ideas without acknowledging their authorship according to the method of acknowledgement given in 'A' above. Since the words are your own, they need not be enclosed in quotation marks. Be certain, however, that the words you use are entirely your own; where you must use words or phrases from your source; these should be enclosed in quotation marks, as in 'A' above.

Clearly, it is possible for you to formulate arguments or ideas independently of another writer who has expounded the same ideas, and whom you have not read. Where you got your ideas is the important consideration here. Do not be afraid to present an argument or idea without acknowledgement to another writer, if you have arrived at it entirely independently. Acknowledge it if you have derived it from a source outside your own thinking on the subject.

In short, use of acknowledgements and, when necessary, quotation marks is necessary to distinguish clearly between what is yours and what is not. Since the rules have been explained to you, if you fail to make this distinction, your instructor very likely will do so for you, and they will be forced to regard your omission as intentional literary theft. Plagiarism is a serious offence which may result in a student's receiving an 'F' in a course or, in extreme cases, in their suspension from the University.

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