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SPRING,
COURSE: HIST.306 AMERICAN BUSINESS AND URBAN HISTORY

DESCRIPTION:

An analysis of the major economic and urban forces in American history, including the Industrial Revolution, the labor movement, the close of the American Frontier, the rise of big business, the historical role government and the major historiographical themes of the Gilded Age.

OBJECTIVES:

- To develop an historiographical understanding of the period.
- To increase the student's familiarity with primary and secondary source materials in the field.
- To acquaint the student with the historian's craft.
- To assist the student in gaining a broad understanding of the principal historical forces which shaped the period.
- To increase the student's skills and ability in synthesizing abstract data and concepts.
- To make students aware of the most current scholarship in the field through abstracts of Journals, dissertations and theses, conference proceedings and other recently published secondary monographs.
- To introduce and familiarize the student with the major historical repositories in the area such as the Library of Congress, the National Archives of the United States, the Federal Records Center at Suitland, and State and Local Archive Repositories along with special libraries such as the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center (Howard University) and the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington.

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

1. Historiographical themes of the Period: State of the Art
 - a. The Progressives: Turner, Beard and Parrington
 - b. Hofstadter, See The American Political Tradition, chap. VIII, "William Jennings Bryan: the Democrat as Revivalist; Chap. IX, "Theodore Roosevelt: the Conservative as Progressive," see also Hofstadter, THE AGE OF REFORM Chaps. 1 through 6, pp. 1-272., 1/20-1/25
 - c. The Frontier as History, See Frederick Jackson, "The Frontier Hypothesis"
 1. R.B. Dykstra, The Cattle Towns.
 2. Shannon's The Farmer's Last Frontier.
 3. Bonanza Farming 1/27-2/1
 - d. The Politics of Populism
 - C. Vann Woodward. Tom Watson: The Agrarian Rebel.
Origins of the New South.
 - J.D. Hicks. The Populist Revolt.
 - Albert D. Kirwan. Revolt of the Rednecks.
Mississippi Politics, 1876-1925.
 - V.O. Key. Southern Politics.
 - W.J. Cash. The Mind of the South.
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 - e. The City as a theme in History.
 - Arthur Schlesinger. The Rise of the City.
Journal of Urban History.
 - Whither a Black Urban Historiography?
 - The Immigrant experience lauded! 2/5-2/10
2. U.S. CONSTITUTION: THE 200 YEAR EXPERIMENT
See, Smith & Murphy, Liberty and Justice Vol.2

MUNN v. ILLINOIS (1877) & SLAUGHTERHOUSE CASES
WABASH CASE (1886)
CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RAILROAD v. MINN. (1890)
REAGAN v. FARMER'S LOAN
U.S. v. E.C. KNIGHT (1895)
RICHTIE v. PEOPLE (1898)
LOCHNER v. NEW YORK (1905)
HOLDEN v. HARDY (1898)
POLLOCK v. FARMER'S LOAN TRUST COMPANY
SPRINGER v. U.S. (1881)
MULLER v. OREGON (1908)
PLESSY v. FERGUSON (1896)

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LEGAL REFERENCES.

Loren Miller, The Petitioners
Commager, Documents of American History.
Laurence Tribe, The Constitutional Protection
of Individual Rights.
Edward S. Corin, American Constitutional History.
Rossum & Tarr, American Constitutional Law:
Cases & Interpretation.
Barrett & Cohen, Constitutional Law.
Burns & Peltason, Government by the People.
Shriah, H. C. ed., Judicial Opinions of Oliver
Wendell Holmes.
Black, Henry Campbell, Black's Law Dictionary
Definitions of Terms and Phrases of American
& English Jurisprudence, Ancient & Modern.

3. BUSINESS AS AGENT OF PROGRESS?

The Age of the Robber Baron: Myth or Reality?
See Matthew Josephson. The Robber Barons: The Great
American Capitalists, 1861-1901.
The First Investigative Reporters: The Muckrakers, see Ida
M. Tarbell, The Nationalizing of Business, 1878-1898 &
The History of Standard Oil Company.
Bryant & Dethoff. History of American Business. see
chaps. 6-15, pp.93-267
The Woes of American Labor, 2/22-3/4

MID-SEMESTER EVALUATION WEEK
MARCH 7-MARCH 11 (EXAMINATION)
FIRST BOOK REVIEW IS ALSO DUE THIS WEEK.
MARCH 11-MARCH 20, SPRING BREAK

4. RACIAL IDEOLOGIES

- a. Social Darwinism in American thought
- b. Teutonic & Celtic Philosophies
- c. Extermination as National Policy: The Story of the Native American, See Helen Hunt Jackson, A Century of Dishonor; Dee Brown, Bury Heart At Wounded Knee.
- d. The Immigrant from Asia and Europe
- e. Missionary Diplomacy: The World of Teddy Roosevelt
- f. Post Reconstruction for Black America
Booker T. and W.E.B. 3/21-4/13

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5. A NEW PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPT

William James and the world of Pragmatism
A new challenge in education, JOHN DEWEY
THE EDUCATION OF HENRY ADAMS 4/16-5/2
GRADUATING SENIOR EXAMINATIONS-MAY 2-4 (EXAMINATION DATE)
SECOND BOOK REVIEW DATE-5/4...Term Thesis Paper as well.
M-W-F 11:00 a.m. classes, final examination, Thursday,
10:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m., May 12, 1988.

REQUIRED TEXT. Bryant & Dethloff History of American Business.
Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1983.

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXT.

Mansel, G. Blackford & K. Austin Kerr. Business Enterprise in American History. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1986.

Handlin, Oscar. Boston's Immigrants: A Study in Acculturation. New York: Atheneum, 1974.

Taylor, Federick Winslow. The Principles of Scientific Management. New York: Norton Library, 1947.

Beale, Howard K. Theodore Roosevelt and the Rise of America to World Power. New York: Collier Books, 1970.

Hofstadter, Richard. Anti-Intellectualism in American Life. New York: Vintage Books, 1963.

Yellen, Samuel. American Labor Struggles: 1877-1934. New York: Modern Press, 1974.

Gossett, Thomas. Race: The History of an Idea in America. New York: Schocken, 1968.

Hofstadter, Richard. Social Darwinism in American Thought.
_____. The Progressive Historians: Turner, Beard, Parrington. New York: Vintage Books, 1970.

Turner, Frederick Jackson. "The Significance of the Frontier in American History."

Mowry, George E. The Era of Theodore Roosevelt and the Birth of Modern American, 1900-1912. New York: Harper & Row, 1962.

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Tarbell, Ida M. The History of Standard Oil Company (briefer version ed., David M. Chalmers). New York: Norton Library, Inc., 1969 (reprint).

Warner, Sam Bass. Streetcar Suburbs: The Process of Growth in Boston, 1870-1900. New York: Atheneum, 1973.

Beard, Charles A. An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States. New York: Free Press, 1941.

Schlesinger, Arthur M. The Rise of the City.
_____. The Colonial Merchants and the American Revolution, 1763-1776. New York: Atheneum, 1968.

Thayer, H. S. ed., Pragmatism: The Classic Writings.
New York: New American Library, 1970.

Woodward, C. Vann. The Strange Career of Jim Crow. New
York: Oxford University Press, 1966.

_____. Origins of The New South, 1877-1913,
Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1971.

Durham, Philip & Everett L. Jones. The Adventures of Negro
Cowboys. New York: Bantam, 1969.

Brown, Dee. Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian
History of the American West. New York: Bantam Books, 1972.

Robert H. Weibe. The Search for Order: 1877-1920. New
York: Hill and Wang, 1967.

Dykstra, Robert R. The Cattletowns: A Social History of the
Kansas Cattle Trading Centers, Abilene, Ellsworth, Wichita,
Dodge City and Caldwell, 1867 to 1885. New York: Atheneum,
1973.

Faulkner, Harold U. Politics, Reform and Expansion. 1890-
1900. New York: Harper & Row, 1959 (New American Nations
Series).

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OFFICE HOURS:

MLK BUILDING, OFFICE, 230, DR. M. SAMMYE MILLER
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M-W, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
F, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

GRADING SCALE:

1/3 examinations (all upper division examinations are thesis directed; therefore, they will most likely but not exclusively be essay examinations).

1/3 oral and class participation based upon the assigned readings.

1/3 all outside written assignments including but not limited to the periodic abstracts, essays, book reviews (assigned format only), and term thesis papers that been approved by the instructor.

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

S.F. Horn, The Invisible Empire
Woodward, Reunion and Reaction
Warner and Twain, The Gilded Age
Radin, The Story of the American Indian
Drache, The Day of the Bonanza
Atherton, The Cattle Kings
Dale, Cow Country and Cattle Kingdom
Frantz and Choate, The American Cowboy: The Myth and the Reality
Stover, American Railroads
Adams, Railroads: Their Origin and Problem
Bridge, The Inside History of the Carnegie Steel Company
Prout, Life of George Westinghouse
Kolko, Railroads and Regulation
Corey, The House of Morgan
Ripley, Trusts, Pools and Corporation
Buck, Granger Movement
Commons, History of Labor in the States
Lindsay, The Pullman Strike
Jones, American Immigration
Hanson, The Immigrant in American History
Cubberley, Public Education in the U.S.
Taussig, The Tariff History of the U.S.
Dewey, Financial History of the U.S.

Meier, Negro Thought in America, 1880-1915
Washington, Up From Slavery
DuBois, Souls of Black Folk
Filler, Crusaders for American Liberalism
McCloskey, American Conservatism in the Age of Enterprise
Hartz, The Liberal Tradition in America
Kolko, Triumph of Conservatism
Link, Woodrow Wilson and The Progressive Era
Rossiter, Conservatism in America: The Thankless Persuasion
Kennan, American Diplomacy
May, American Imperialism
Williams, The Tragedy of American Diplomacy
Reiger, The Era of the Muckraker
Curti, Growth of American Thought
Handlin, The Uprooted