Social and Economic History of the Southwest I (1500-1848)
Ethnic Studies 130/History 158
Winter 2005
Tuesday-Thursday 2:00-3:20PM

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Course Organization: Course evaluation will be based on a midterm exam (20%), paper (35%), final exam (35%), and class participation during discussion (10%)

Course Requirements: Attending class and reading the assigned course materials are considered among the normal requirements needed to successfully complete this course. The reading materials generally present first-hand descriptions of the historical events and movements that are studied in this course. Lectures will touch on some of the themes covered in the readings, but will not summarize them.

The writing assignment for this course is a 10 page research paper on a theme or topic of your choice. Guidelines for this assignment will be discussed in class. Paper topics are due on Tuesday, February 1, 2005. This paper may be turned in as early as Thursday, February 17, but no later than the end of our class period on March 3, 2005.

Required Reading (All on reserve at Geisel Library):


Magoffin, Susan Shelby, *Down The Santa Fe Trail and into Mexico* (University of Nebraska Press, 1982) ISBN 0-8032-8116-1
Syllabus and Class Lectures:

Week 1 January 4 Course Introduction
   January 6 Indigenous Civilizations on the Eve Contact
      Reading: Basso, entire

Week 2 January 11 Indigenous Cultures of the Southwest
   January 13 Spanish Colonization and Northern Exploration
      Reading: Gutiérrez, Intro to page 36

Week 3 January 18 Establishing Settlements in the Southwest
   January 20 The Spanish Program of Acculturation
      Reading: Gutiérrez, 39-140, Cabeza de Vaca, entire

Week 4 January 25 The Frontier in Revolt
   January 27 Pueblo Indian Memory

Week 5 February 1 MIDTERM EXAM
   February 3 The Spanish Reconquest and Fortification of the Frontier
      Reading: Gutiérrez, 140-297, La Pérouse, entire

Week 6 February 8 Foreign Threats and Frontier Expansion
   February 10 The Bourbon Reforms and Economic Development
      Reading: Gutierrez, 298-340

Week 7 February 15 No class
   February 17 The Mexican Provinces in 1800
      Reading: Tijerina, entire

Week 8 February 22 The Texas Revolution
   February 24 West of the Imagination

Week 9 March 1 Manifest Destiny and Mission in American History
   March 3 The Anglo Movement Westward
      Reading: Magoffin, entire
      ASSIGNMENT: Research paper due

Week 10 March 8 The Mexican War
   March 10 The Mexican War and its Aftermath

March 17, 2005 FINAL EXAM 3:00-6:00pm
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Research Paper Assignment

You are required to write a 10 page research paper. The paper must be on a Southwestern (Texas west to California; U.S.-Mexico border to the northern Colorado border and west to northern California) theme or topic of your choice. You may write, for example, on any ethnic group in the area, be they of Native, Spanish, Mexican or Anglo-American origin. You may write on historical events, on myths, on cultural practices, or material culture in the Southwest.

This paper may be turned in as early as Thursday, February 17th but no later than Thursday, March 3rd.

Your paper topic must be chosen by Tuesday, February 1st. In a one or two pages you must describe your topic, the research question you will explore, the primary documentary sources you have identified for your project, and a tentative bibliography.

Paper Components.

1. The paper must make use of at least 2 primary historical sources.
2. The paper must pose a research question or hypothesis, which is then addressed in the body of the paper, using primary and secondary sources as fonts of information.
3. The paper must contain a bibliography of sources used and or consulted, which do not count as part of the ten pages.
4. The paper must be original, the product of your own work.