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**HISTORY 2C**

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HSS 2305A

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**UNITED STATES HISTORY**

**The Twentieth Century**

**Course Description:** This summer school course, lecture and discussion, introduces students to both the practice of history and the study of many of the important social, political and economic forces that have shaped life in the United States during the last 100 years.

**Course Readings:** One textbook is required for the course. It may be purchased in the University Bookstore:

Glen Jeansonne, **A Time of Paradox: America Since 1890**

In addition, several articles will be sent to you by email each week to be read with the chapters from the Jeansonne text.

**Course Requirements:**

A. Two class sessions per week.

B. Five films are required to be viewed for the course. They will be available for viewing during the five weeks in the playback center of the Geisel Library. Questions concerning the films will be part of the mid-term and the final exam.

C. **A one-hour mid-term exam**, worth forty percent (40%) of the final course grade, will be given in class on Thursday of the third week. This exam will consist of 20 short, objective questions and an essay.

E. **A three-hour final exam** will count sixty (60%) of the final course grade. The final exam will consist of 20 objective questions and two essays.

## **Topics and Reading Assignments**

### **WEEK I      The Rise and Fall of Progressivism**

Jeansonne, A Time of Paradox, vii, chapters 1-5

And two of the following articles:

Edward Glaeser, "The Rise of the Regulatory State" (email)

Seth Koven and Sonya Michel, "Womanly Duties" (email)

Alan Seltzer, "Woodrow Wilson as Corporate Liberal" (email)

William Leuchtenberg, "Progressivism and Imperialism" (email)

### **Film in Geisel Playback Center: "Birth of a Nation"**

#### **Internet Sites Worth Exploring:**

Theodore Roosevelt: Icon of the American Century

([www.npg.si.edu/exh/roosevelt/](http://www.npg.si.edu/exh/roosevelt/))

World War I: Trenches on the Web

[www.worldwar1.com](http://www.worldwar1.com)

Recordings from World War I and the 1920 Election

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/nfhtml>

The Evolution of the Conservation Movement

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amrvhtml/conshome.html>

American Imperialism and Anti-imperialism

<http://www.boondocksnet.com/>

### **WEEK II      From The Great War to the New Deal**

Jeansonne, A Time of Paradox, chapters 6-10

And two of the following articles:

Nancy MacLean, "The Leo Frank Case Reconsidered"

Kathleen Blee, "Women in the 1920s Ku Klux Klan"

Thomas Ferguson, "From Normalcy to New Deal"

Laura Kalman, "Law, Politics and the New Deal"

Roy Rosenzweig and Barbard Melosh, "Government and the Arts"

#### **Useful Internet Sites Worth Exploring:**

Library of Congress: American Memory (<http://rs6.loc.gov/amhome.html>)

National Archives and Records Service (<http://www.nara.gov/>)

Voices from the Dust Bowl

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/afctshtml/tshome.html>

A New Deal for the Arts

[http://www.archives.gov/exhibit\\_hall/new\\_deal\\_for\\_arts/site](http://www.archives.gov/exhibit_hall/new_deal_for_arts/site)

Flappers and the Jazz Age

<http://www.geocities.com/flapper culture>

**Film in Playback Center: “The Grapes of Wrath”**

**Week III    World War II and the Early Cold War**

Jeansonne, A Time of Paradox, chapters 11-16

And two of the following articles:

Ruth Milkman, “Redefining Women’s Work”

K. A. Cuordileone, “Politics in an Age of Anxiety”

Robert Griffith, “Eisenhower and the Corporate Commonwealth”

Martin Sherwin, “The Atomic Bomb and the Origins of the Cold War”

Barton Bernstein, “The Oppenheimer Loyalty-Security Case”

**Useful Internet Sites You May Wish to Explore:**

FDR Cartoon Archive ([www.nisk.k12.ny.us/fdr/](http://www.nisk.k12.ny.us/fdr/))

World War II Propaganda Posters

(<http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govpub/collections/wwii-posters>)

Hiroshima Archive ([www.lclark.edu/~history/HIROSHIMA](http://www.lclark.edu/~history/HIROSHIMA))

**Film in the Playback Center: “The Manchurian Candidate”**

**MID-TERM EXAM IN CLASS ON THURSDAY**

**Week IV    The Unraveling of Liberal America**

Jeansonne, A Time of Paradox, chapters 17-21

And two of the following:

Stanley Hoffman, et al., “Vietnam Reappraised”

Barbara Ryan, “Ideological Purity and Feminism”

Charles Eagles, “Toward New Histories of the Civil Rights Era”

Helen Horowitz, “The 1960s and the Transformation of Campus Cultures”

Phil Lacovava, “Watergate—Next Time, Will We Be So Lucky?”

**Film in Playback Center: “The Fog of War”**

**Internet Sites You May Wish to Explore:**

Digger Archives ([www.diggers.org](http://www.diggers.org))

Vietnam Stories Since the War ([www.pbs.org/pov/stories](http://www.pbs.org/pov/stories))

TheSixties Project

<http://lists.village.virginia.edu/sixties/>

Mississippi Civil Rights Oral History  
<http://www.usm.edu/crdp>

**Week V                    Retrenchment and Reaction**

Jeansonne, A Time of Paradox, chapters 22-Postlude

And two of the following:

Daniel Deudney, "Who Won the Cold War?"

Walter Lafeber, "Reagan and Revolutions in Central America"

Clyde Wilcox, "The Christian in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America"

Karen Popp, "The Impeachment of President Clinton"

Jack Balkin, "Bush v. Gore"

**Film in the Playback Center: "Wall Street"**

**Internet Sites Worth Exploring:**

Documents Related to the Iran-Contra Affair

<http://webcom.com/pinknoiz/covert/irancontra.html>

Clinton Impeachment:

<http://www.eagleton.rutgers.edu/e-gov/e-political archive>

2000 Election:

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/elec2000>

September 11:

<http://911digitalarchive.org>.

