HIST 2112 / 17
America since 1890
Fall 2013
Social Science Room 1021
Tuesday / Thursday 8:00AM – 9:15AM

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“Be the change you want to see in the world.” – Gandhi

“Those who do not learn from history are condemned to repeat it.” – George Santayana

“Humankind is a slow – very slow – learner.” – Greg Brooking

It’s in the syllabus

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Course Description: This course offers an examination of the major themes of American history since 1890, the multicultural nature of contemporary U.S. civilization, and the nation's role in the global arena, with a special emphasis on race relations.

Learning Objectives: This course satisfies one of Kennesaw State University's general education program requirements. It addresses the US Perspectives learning outcome. The learning outcome states: Students identify the historical, political, social, or institutional developments of the United States. For more information about KSU's General Education program requirements and associated learning outcomes, please visit http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=10&poid=704

Required Reading:
The following three texts are bundled under one ISBN: 1457669560:
  Melvin Leffler, *For the Soul of Mankind: the United States, the Soviet Union, and the Cold War*.
  Chalmers Johnson, *Blowback: the Costs and Consequences of American Empire*

Attendance Policy:
There is no attendance policy. That said, missing class will have a negative impact on your grade. Information presented during lectures will be on quizzes. Simply reading the book will not ensure success in this class. On exams, you will be responsible for the content of lectures, in-class videos, handouts, and class discussions. Because many of the concepts, facts, and interpretations covered in class will be supplemental to the assigned text, success in this course requires both reading all assignments and attending class regularly.

Electronic Devices Policy:
Cell phones, pagers, etc. must be turned off before entering the classroom. Since non-class related use of laptops can create a distraction for other students, laptops are permitted only at my discretion.

Students are free to use laptop computers during class time provided usage is limited to course related activities. All students who wish to use their laptops MUST sit in the front few rows of available seats.
Course Assessments / Assignments:
There will be four exams (the last of which will be taken during the scheduled final exam slot). In addition to these exams, you will two additional assignment categories.

1. **Daily reading quizzes**: A daily 5-question reading quiz covering the reading assignment for each class will be posted Monday and Wednesday morning. Each quiz will be due at the beginning of the next class (Tuesday or Thursday).

2. **Documentary / film questionnaires**: We will view several documentaries (and/or films) throughout the semester. Each of these will be accompanied by a questionnaire, which will be due within seven days of the assignment.

**Make-up quizzes / questionnaires**: No make-ups will be given for quizzes / questionnaires. However, the two lowest quiz scores will be dropped.

**Make up exams**: The Department will host a day for makeup exams for students with excused absences to be held Friday, November 22 (location and time to be announced). If you miss a regularly scheduled exam, you will take the exam on this date – no exceptions. Note: you must bring a scantron and your KSU ID.

Grading:

**Grade Calculations**

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**Grading Scale**
Students are evaluated on the following scale:

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I—Indicates an incomplete grade for the course, and will be awarded only when the student has done satisfactory work up to the last two weeks of the semester, but for nonacademic reasons beyond his/her control is unable to meet the full requirements of the course. Incomplete grades are only valid after submission of the Incomplete Grade form (signed by both the instructor and student) to the Department Chair’s office.
Academic Honesty:
The high quality of education at Kennesaw State University is reflected in the credits and degrees its students earn. The protection of high standards of academic integrity is crucial since the validity and equity of the University's grades and degrees depend upon it. No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). Unless specifically authorized, the presence and/or use of electronic devices during an examination, quiz, or other class assignment is considered cheating. Engaging in any behavior which a professor prohibits as academic misconduct in the syllabus or in class discussion is cheating. When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged. No student may submit the same, or substantially the same, paper or other assignment for credit in more than one class without the prior permission of the current professor(s).

Students suspected of violating the KSU statement of Academic Honesty will meet with the instructor to discuss the violation AND will be reported to the Department of Student Conduct according to the process outlined at the following link.

Plagiarism Avoidance websites:
http://plagiarism.org/
http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml
http://www.library.arizona.edu/help/tutorials/plagiarism/index.html

ADA Compliance:
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Public Law 101-336, gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities. This statute guarantees equal opportunity for this protected group in the areas of public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services and telecommunications.

Should you require assistance or have further questions about the ADA, please contact: Nastassia Sanabria, ADA Compliance Officer for Students 770-423-6443.

Withdrawal Policy:
Students wishing to withdraw from this course must do so via Owl Express. Students who simply stop attending classes will be assigned a failing grade (F).

Writing Center:
Students may seek assistance on written assignments including grammar and proper citation of sources at the Writing Center.

The ESL Study and Tutorial Center:
ESL students may seek assistance from professionally trained staff in the ESL Study and Tutorial Center.
Horace W. Sturgis Library:
The Sturgis Library is a most useful resource when conducting research. GALILEO is an essential resource tool. Through GALILEO, students will have access to a number of databases and online journals, such as JSTOR, Project Muse, ProQuest, Lexus-Nexus, WorldCat, etc.

One of the easiest ways to locate a book is to click on “FIND A BOOK” from the library website, and choose “WORLDCAT.” If the KSU library owns the book, it will indicate as such. If not, students can open the citation, and click on “REQUEST INTERLIBRARY LOAN.” A new window or tab will open and ask you to logon to ILLiad. Students will be notified via e-mail once the book arrives, usually within a week or two.

If this is not soon enough, students can request to receive it via GIL Express. These books usually arrive within 24-72 hours.

You may also request journals, newspapers, magazines, etc. through ILLiad.

School Closings Due to Inclement Weather:
Students can check the University status by visiting the KSU website and clicking on “Campus Advisory” on the left side of the home page. Please note that if school has been officially closed, all assignments that were due on that date must be submitted at the beginning of the next scheduled class (this includes exams).

Waiver:
This syllabus is merely a guide to this course and is subject to change.

Communication / Updates / Changes:
All communications, especially those concerning class/syllabus updates or changes will be made via D2L. You are strongly encouraged to D2L daily.
Ron Swanson’s Guide to Life

1. “Under my tutelage, you will grow from boys to men; from men into gladiators; and from gladiators into Swansons.”

2. “Clear alcohols are for rich women on diets.”

3. “Never half-ass two things - whole-ass one thing.”

4. [On bowling] “Straight down the middle. No hook, no spin, no fuss. Anything more and this becomes figure skating.”

5. “I don’t want to paint with a broad brush here, but every single contractor in the world is a miserable, incompetent thief.”

6. “No home is complete without a proper toolbox. Here’s April and Andy’s: A hammer, a half-eaten pretzel, a baseball card, some cartridge that says Sonic and Hedgehog, a scissor half, a flashlight filled with jellybeans.”

7. “When people get a little too chummy with me I like to call them by the wrong name to let them know I don’t really care about them.”

8. “The government is a greedy piglet that suckles on a taxpayer’s teat until they have sore, chapped nipples.”

9. “My only official recommendations are US Army-issued mustache trimmers, Morton’s Salt, and the C.R. Lawrence Fein two inch axe-style scraper oscillating knife blade.”

10. “Turkey can never beat cow.”

11. “It’s always a good idea to demonstrate to your coworkers that you are capable of withstanding a tremendous amount of pain.”

12. “There are three acceptable haircuts: high and tight, crew cut, buzz cut.”

13. “Capitalism: God’s way of determining who is smart and who is poor.”


15. “Fish, for sport only, not for meat. Fish meat is practically a vegetable.”

16. “There is only one bad word: taxes.”

17. “Cultivating a manly musk puts opponent on notice.”

18. “Child labor laws are ruining this country.”

19. “America: The only country that matters. If you want to experience other ‘cultures,’ use an atlas or a ham radio.”

20. “The key to burning an ex-wife effigy is to dip it in paraffin wax and then toss the flaming bottle of isopropyl alcohol from a safe distance. Do not stand too close when you light an ex-wife effigy.”
21. “Shorts over six inches are Capri pants, shorts less than six inches are European.”

22. “Friends: one to three is sufficient.”

23. “Honor: if you need it defined, you don’t have it.”

24. “One rage every three months is permitted. Try not to hurt anyone who doesn’t deserve it.”

25. “Only women shave beneath the neck.”

**Course Schedule:**

**Important Dates:**
- August 20 – Class begins
- October 11 – Last day to withdraw without academic penalty
- November 28 – Fall break, no classes
- December 4 – Final day of class
- December 5 – Final exam (10:30 AM – 12:30 PM)

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American Creed  
Post-American World |       |
| 2    | 8-27 | T   | Jim Crow, 1890-1920  
Imperialism, 1895-1910 | Read, Foner, ch. 17 |
|      | 8-29 | R   | Progressivism, 1900-1917 | Read, Foner, ch. 18 |
| 4    | 9-10 | T   | World War I, 1910-1918 | Read, *wartime atrocities*, *Wilson’s Fourteen Points*, and *war reparations* |
|      | 9-12 | R   | Exam 1, chapters 17-19 |       |
| 5    | 9-17 | T   |                |       |
Khan Academy videos can provide a great supplement to the lectures and readings.