HIST 1302.1HE (#20963)
United States History from 1865
Course Syllabus: Spring 2018

Location and Time: T/R 12:30 pm–1:45 pm, Ferguson SS 312
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Required Materials
The course textbook is the American Yawp, a free and open online textbook available at [http://www.americanyawp.com/](http://www.americanyawp.com/) You are expected to keep up with the textbook reading throughout the semester.

Primary source readings will be made available on the course website and through the course syllabus. PowerPoint slides are available on the course website.

Course Description
A broad interdisciplinary course in the historical development of the United States and North America from 1865. Note: Assignments will focus on reading, writing, and analysis.
Prerequisites: ENG 1301 or concurrent enrollment or ENG 1302 or concurrent enrollment.

Throughout the course we will especially focus on the following central themes of Post-Civil War American History.
- Urbanization, Immigration, and the State
- Race and Empire
- Consumerism
- Evangelicalism
- Suburban Sprawl, White Flight, and Desegregation

Student Learning Outcomes
1. Students will be able to analyze, evaluate, or solve problems when given a set of circumstances, data, texts, or art.
2. In written, oral, and/or visual communication, A&M-Commerce students will communicate in a manner appropriate to audience and occasion, with an evident message and organizational structure.
3. Students will understand and practice academic honesty.
4. Students will demonstrate an understanding of societal and/or civic issues.
Grading
Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

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Assessment

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Student Responsibilities

Classroom Participation
All students enrolled at the university shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. Students are expected to contribute to classroom discussions. Thoughtful participation means more than talking frequently, although this is encouraged. It means demonstrating both a knowledge of and a willingness to think critically about the assigned readings. Students are encouraged to engage not only with the professor and the material, but also with each other where appropriate. Students must maintain a respect for their colleagues at all times.

Technology
All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See current Student Guidebook). Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: Netiquette

Some course materials will be posted to the course website, managed through Pearson eCollege. To get started with the course, go to myLeo. http://www.tamuc.edu/myleo.aspx

Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism
Do not engage in any of the following:

- Plagiarism: The adoption or reproduction of ideas, words, statements, images, or works of another person as one’s own without proper attribution. This includes self-plagiarism, which occurs when an author submits material or research from a previous academic exercise to satisfy the requirements of another exercise and uses it without proper citation of its reuse.
- Cheating: Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise. This includes unapproved collaboration, which occurs when a student works with others on an academic exercise without the express permission of the professor. The term academic exercise includes all forms of work submitted for credit or hours.
- Fabrication: Unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise.

Going online and taking information without proper citations, copying parts of other student’s work, creating information for the purposes of making your paper seem more official, or anything involving taking someone else’s thoughts or ideas without proper attribution is academic misconduct. If you have a question about an assignment, please come see me to clarify. Any cases of academic misconduct may be reported to university administration for violating the academic honesty requirements in the student handbook. They will also result in failure of the assignment in question and possibly for the course.
Collaboration
Do not let the fear of committing plagiarism scare you away from genuine intellectual engagement and discussion with your colleagues. The best ideas will come out of such collaborative engagement, both during and outside of class. This type of collaboration should lead you to produce superior individually written papers.

Position Papers
Over the course of the semester, each student will write five, 4-5 page position papers related to the five course units. While each paper will have a distinct prompt and source requirements, all will require students to draw on and appropriately cite course readings to form historically grounded arguments. See the course writing guide for more details on formatting and style. Specific instructions for each unit paper will be provided on the unit overview on eCollege. You must submit a digital copy to the eCollege dropbox in addition to bringing a paper copy to class. These papers will be evaluated for insight, argument, use of evidence, and clarity of presentation—in that order of importance. After receiving their graded paper, students are strongly encouraged to resubmit a digital copy (with word’s track changes feature) within a week after receiving their initial grade for regrading.

Presentations
Over the course of the semester, students will have be required to present their arguments and the results of their research to the class. The format of these presentations will vary depending on the unit, but all must demonstrate a depth of research and a commitment to communicating clearly and concisely. Above all, these presentations should not waste the time of your colleagues and professor. The single course grade for presentations will reflect a student’s success in all such activities over the course of the semester.

Procedures and Policies
Drop/Withdrawal
If you decide that you need to drop or withdrawal from this course, it is your responsibility to complete the necessary paperwork. I will not drop you from the course if you stop attending.

Electronic Devices
Students are permitted to bring laptop computers to class for the purpose of note taking. Students are NOT permitted, however, to check e-mail, use the internet, complete other assignments, update facebook profiles, or use their computer or cell phone for any purpose other than taking notes unless expressly instructed to by the professor. Please silence your phones when you arrive each day.

Email Communication
All course communications will come through your university email account. Be sure to check it regularly. You should contact me through my TAMU-C email address (Andrew.Baker@tamuc.edu). I check my email regularly between 8 am and 5 pm Monday – Saturday. I do not check my campus email on Sunday. A failure of planning on your part does not constitute a crisis on my part.

Attendance
Regular attendance is vital so success in the course. Each unexcused absence after the third will result in a loss of 30 points from a student’s participation grade. Only medical and family emergencies and university approved absences will be excused. Normal sickness does not qualify as an emergency and will only be excused with a doctor’s note. Students are expected to obtain class notes from fellow students when absent. Students who show up more than ten minutes late to class will be considered absent for that day. A student who
misses a day in which they are to present will have to arrange an alternate assignment with the professor, in advance if possible. Failure to do so will significantly hurt your participation and presentation grades.

Make-up Work
Position papers will be penalized one letter grade per day late, including weekends, to a maximum penalty of half the points available for the assignment. Students who anticipate university-approved absences must make arrangements to complete the work at an alternate time.

Syllabus Changes
The syllabus is a plan, not a contract. Circumstances and events, including student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced as far in advance as is practicable.

ADA Statement
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services, Gee Library, Room 162
(903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835 phone
(903) 468-8148 fax
Email: Rebecca.Tuerk@tamuc.edu
Website: Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Nondiscrimination Notice
Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry
Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to (http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf)and/or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.
Course Schedule

January 16  Course Introduction

Unit 1: 1912
January 18: Industrialization
  Read: Carnegie, Gospel of Wealth (online) and Lloyd (online)
  Yawp: Chapter 16
January 23: Progressivism
  Read: Thomas O'Donnell (online) and Riordon, Plunkitt of Tammany Hall,
      Page 3-10, 167-183 (Google Books)
  Yawp: Chapter 18
January 25: In-Class Planning Day
  Read: Flehinger, Part 1
January 30: Debate 1: The Trust Problem
  Read: Flehinger, Part 2
February 1: Debate 2: Business, Politics, and Corruption
  Read: Flehinger, Part 2
February 6: Vote and debriefing
  Paper 1 Due

Unit 2: Empire
February 8: The 1890s
February 13: Civilization and Savagery
  Read: Richard Pratt (online) and Ida B. Wells on Lynching (online)
February 15: The US in a World of Empires
  Read: Yawp: Chapter 19
February 20: Debate: Annexing the Philippines
February 22: Debate: Annexing the Philippines
February 27: Vote and Debriefing
  Paper 2 Due

Unit 3: Containment and Consumerism
  Yawp: Chapter 26
March 1 Cold War Intro
  Yawp: Chapter 25
  Watch: Dr. Strangelove
March 6: Kitchen Debate
  Read: H&P 1-11, Document Section 1
March 8: Consumers and Consensus
  Read: H&P 11-17, Document Section 2
March 13: Spring Break
March 15: Spring Break
March 20: An Easier Life for our Housewives
  Read: H&P 17-24, Document Section 3
March 22: Down on the Farm
  Read: H&P 24-32, Document Section 4

Unit 4: Race in Dallas
March 27: Desegregating Dallas
  Read: Brian D. Behnken, “The 'Dallas Way': Protest, Response, and the Civil
        Rights Experience in Big D and Beyond,” Southwestern Historical
        Quarterly 111 (July, 2007), 1-29.
  Paper 3 Due
March 29: Desegregating Dallas  
Read: Student Primary Sources  
Watch: Dallas at the Crossroads (youtube)

April 3: Integrating Dallas  
Read: Gerald McCorkle, “Busing Comes to Dallas Schools,” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 111 (January 2008), 305-33

April 5: Integrating Dallas  
Read: Student Primary Sources

April 10: Dallas and Dallas ISD since 1980  
Read: Student Primary Sources

April 12: Dallas Postscript  
Paper 4 Due

Unit 5: Evangelicals

April 17: 1960s+70s cultural politics  
Yawp: Chapter 28 and Chapter 29

April 19: Race and Religion  
Read: Sutton, Part 1 and Document Sections 1-2

April 24: God in the Schools and Family  
Read: Sutton, Document Sections 3-4

April 26: Jimmy Carter and Evangelicals  
Read: Carter at NYC (here) and at Salt Lake (here)  
Read: Sutton, Documents 22-24

May 1: Ronald Reagan and Evangelicals  
Read: Sutton, Documents 25-26

May 3: Decision Day – Carter or Reagan  
Paper 5 Due

Final Exam: See the Registrar’s Webpage for Date and Time  
Q&A about modern politics and US history