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211 Keene-Flint Hall
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11:30; Thurs. 8:30-9:30,
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AMH 2010: AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1877

Required Texts:

Eric Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, Seagull 4th edition, volume 1
Anthony Marcus et al., *America Firsthand*, 10th edition, volume 1
Paul Boyer and Stephen Nissenbaum, *Salem Possessed*
Tyler Anbinder, *Five Points*
Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* (Dover edition)

Course Requirements:

A midterm examination, brief weekly assignments, a short paper, and a final examination will be required. The midterm examination, which will be worth 20 percent of your grade, will be given on October 11, and the required paper, which will be four pages in length and worth 20 percent of your grade, will be due on November 8 (at the start of class). Twenty percent of your grade will be based on attendance, participation in discussions, and weekly assignments. The weekly assignment, which will be due at the start of class on Thursdays (beginning on September 8), will consist of a two-to-three paragraph analysis of the major themes explored in the lecture and the reading assignment for the week. These brief essays should be well written and typed and will be required for weeks 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 15. A cumulative final examination, which will be worth 40 percent of your grade, will be given on December 14 (at 5:30 p.m. in 105 Keene-Flint Hall). This course will employ UF's grading scale (A=4.0; A-=3.67; B+=3.33; B=3.0; B-=2.67; C+=2.33; C=2.0; C-=1.67; D+=1.33; D=1.0; D-=0.67; E=0.0). Students cannot pass AMH 2010 unless they submit the required paper, submit (on time) at least seven of the weekly assignments, and take both the midterm and the final examinations. There will be no make-up examinations, except in cases of medical emergencies. Students should not use cell phones during class and should use laptop computers only for note taking. Anyone requiring special classroom accommodations must register with the Dean of Students Office and should discuss his or her particular needs with me during the first three weeks of the semester. Students must conform to UF's honesty policy regarding cheating, plagiarism, and the use of copyrighted materials, which can be reviewed at www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/.

Lectures and Reading Assignments:

1. Aug. 23, 25 Empire in the Age of Discovery
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 1
2. Aug. 30, Sept. 1 Early Settlement in British Colonies in North America
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 2; Marcus, *America Firsthand*, docs. 1-8
3. Sept. 6, 8 Race and Slavery in Colonial America
Reading Assignment: Marcus, *America Firsthand*, docs. 11-14

4. Sept. 13, 15 The Settlement of Seventeenth-Century New England
Reading Assignment: Marcus, *America Firsthand*, docs. 9-10
5. Sept. 20, 22 Poverty, Family Life, and Witchcraft in the Seventeenth Century
Reading Assignment: Boyer and Nissenbaum, *Salem Possessed*
6. Sept. 27, 29 Religion and Politics in the Eighteenth Century
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chaps. 3-4
7. Oct. 4, 6 Empire and Revolution
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chaps. 5-6; Marcus, *America Firsthand*, docs. 15-20
8. Oct. 11 Midterm Examination
No Reading Assignment
- Oct. 13 Creating a New Republic
9. Oct. 18, 20 Land and Politics in the New Nation
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chaps. 7-8; Marcus, *America Firsthand*, docs. 21-24
10. Oct. 24, 27 The Market Revolution
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chaps. 9-10; Anbinder, *Five Points*, chaps. 1-7; Marcus, *America Firsthand*, docs. 25-31, 34
11. Nov. 1, 3 Social Conflict and Moral Reform in the Early Nineteenth-Century City
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 12; Anbinder, *Five Points*, chaps. 8-14; Marcus, *America Firsthand*, docs. 32-33, 38-40
12. Nov. 8, 10 Slavery and Southern Society
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 11; Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*
13. Nov. 15, 17 The Old South
Reading Assignment: Marcus, *America Firsthand*, docs. 35-37
14. Nov. 22 The Sectional Crisis and the Coming of War
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 13; Marcus, *America Firsthand*, docs. 41-49
15. Nov. 29, Dec. 1 The Civil War
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 14; Marcus, *America Firsthand*, docs. 50-57
16. Dec. 6 Reconstruction and the Birth of Modern America
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 15