History Department

Spring 2021 Courses

100 level-courses

No pre-requisites: open to all

All History ICC courses are HU.

History 101: Before Europe: Cultures of the Premodern West

Prof. Klemm
TR 8:00-9:15 or
TR 1:10-2:25

This course examines a selection of cultures from the beginnings of Western civilization in ancient Greece into the sixteenth century.

This course also has two ICC designations: Power and Justice and Identities.

History 106: History in the News: Global Identities & the Search for Justice

Prof. Wasyliw
MWF 10 or 12

Introduces the field of contemporary history through an examination of current events and issues. Students follow international developments and offer historical contexts and evaluations within themes of global identities and the search for justice through the paradigm of globalization and human rights.

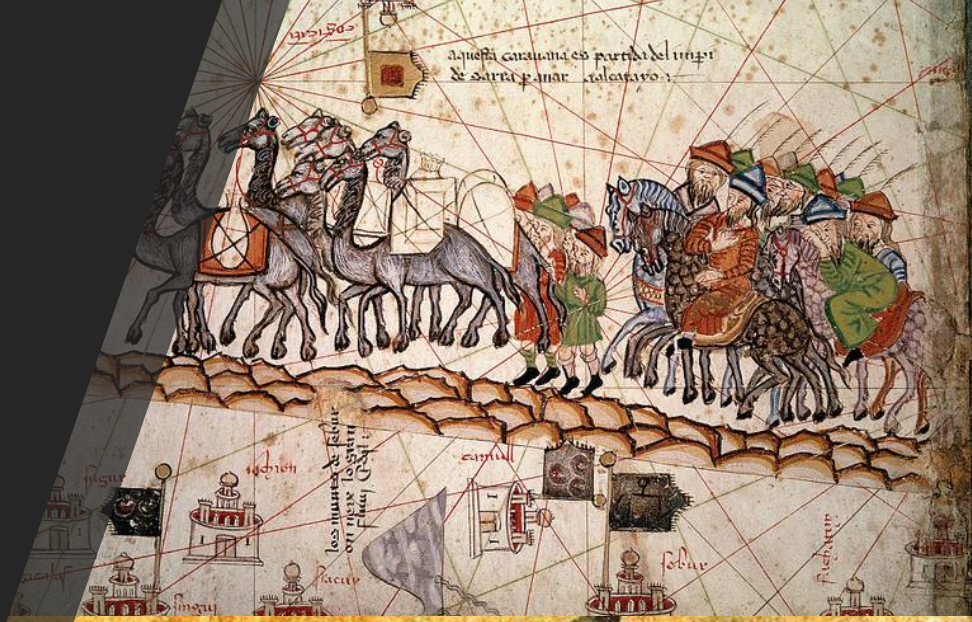
History 168: 1968, a U.S. Revolution MWF 9-9:50

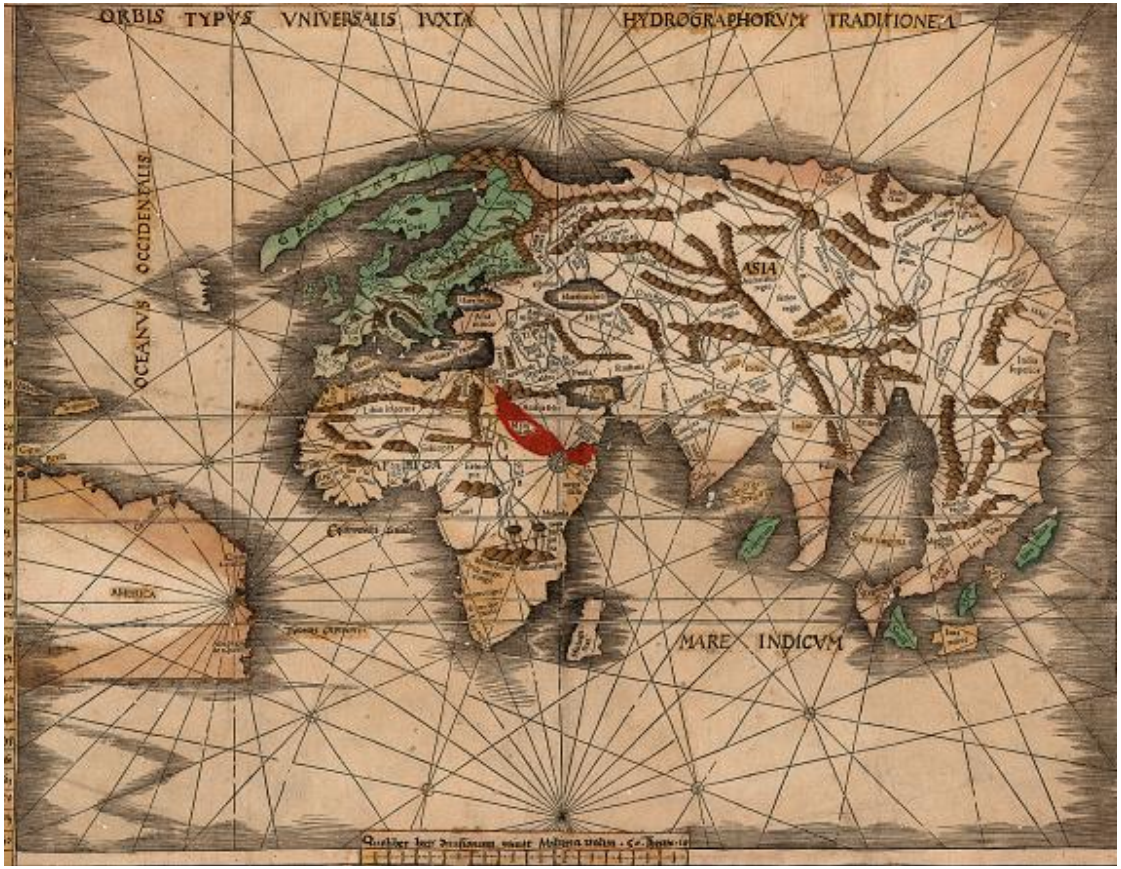
- Prof. Michael Trotti
- A tour of the most tumultuous year of a transformative era:
- turning points in Vietnam and in Civil Rights,
- the heyday of the counterculture,
- plus a race to the moon!

- Explore the year when "Law and Order" shared the stage with "Yippies" putting a pig forward for the Presidency.

History 181: World Civ I
Prof. Lin
TR 9:25-10:40 Identities and Power & Justice

This course will cover the emergence and development of world civilizations from prehistoric times to approximately the year 1500 CE (Common Era). We will examine the development of, and interactions between, peoples, states, civilizations, and empires. The course will proceed chronologically but emphasize a few themes, including evolution of different socio-political organizations, cultural encounter in various forms, gender and family, and the development of intellectual thoughts and world religions. We will get to see how the pre-modern the world was connected.





History 182
World Civ II
TR 10:50-12:05
Prof. Freitag

This class starts roughly at 1500 and moves through to the present day. We will examine the rise of great empires in the Middle East and Asia (Ottoman, Mughal) and their relationship to the emerging European global powers. We will then examine the rise of European empires, beginning with the Spanish and Portuguese, and continuing through the Dutch, English and French imperial formations. Special consideration will be given to the encounters with indigenous populations in the Americas, Africa, and Asia, and the rise of independence and nationalist movements across the globe. Finally, we will consider the post-colonial world, the Cold War, the process of "globalization" and the conflicts and relationships that shape our world today.

200-level History Courses

Pre-requisites: sophomore standing.

Advanced students can request an override.

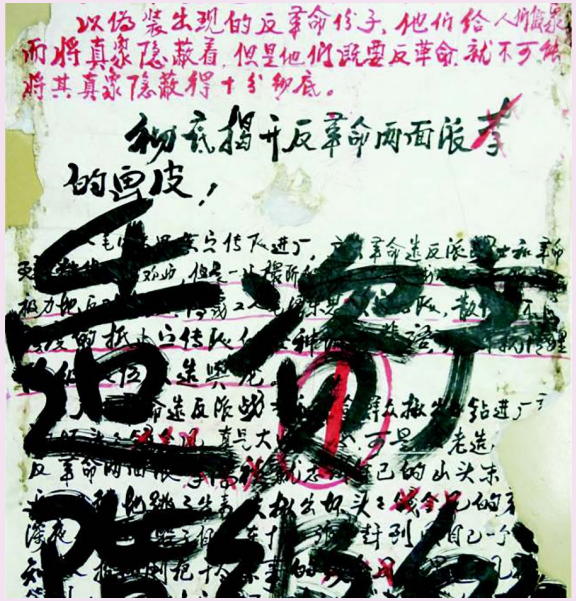
History 209:
Ethnic U.S. Since the Civil War
MWF 1-1:50
Prof. Michael Trotti

- This course explores:
- Waves of immigration and migration;
- America's evolving history of race and diversity as seen from multiple perspectives;
- A family history paper, linking the story of students' own family histories and ethnic experiences with our historical themes.
- Image: Ellis Island

History 215: Introduction to Chinese Culture

Prof. Zoe Shan Lin

TR 2:25-3:50 pm



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This course provides an overview of Chinese history from earliest times until the present day. Following a chronological order, we will discuss traditional Chinese civilization and its modern transformation. We will cover themes including religious and philosophical traditions, material culture, the evolution and transition of government, social structure, gender relations, ethnicity identities, and foreign relations.

HIST 218
Cholera to Covid: A History of Public Health

Dr. Ablard

co-taught with Dr. Auyash, HSHP

MW 4pm-5:15pm

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HIST 22600
The USSR Part 2

From the Death of Stalin to the Rise of Putin

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 2:00-2:50

HIST 230: Science and Medicine from the Ancient Near East to the Scientific Revolution

Prof. Klemm. TR 4:00-5:15 pm

This course will examine scientific and medical traditions from their roots in the ancient Near East and Greece, through the shifting institutional and religious contexts of Alexandria, Rome, Baghdad, and western Europe, until the breakdown of these systems in the scientific revolution of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

HIST 233: Colonial Latin America
Prof. Ablard TR 9:25-10:40

History of the Future
HIST 272—T/H, 10:50 AM

Premise: How past societies imagined their future can reveal a great deal about who they *were.*

Major Course Topics:

- The Climate Crisis &Environmental Futures
- Apocalyptic Visions of the Future
- Utopian Visions of the Future
- History of the Idea of Progress
- Technology and the Future
- Media Depictions of the Future
- The Future Human

NIGHT view of the Perisphere at the New York World's Fair of 1939, as conceived by an artist. Moving patterns of colored light on the ball will cause it to appear to turn.

History 283: Society and Sovereignty in France, 1550-1815

Prof. Breuer, MWF 10:00-10:50

This course examines the interrelationship of politics and society from the Wars of Religion through the French Revolutionary/ Napoleonic era. It carries writing intensive designation for the ICC.

300-level History Courses

Pre-requisites: sophomore standing and a HIST 200-level course.

If you are thinking of declaring a History major or minor, be aware that you should take History Lab (HIST 30000) with your first 300-level course.

History 300: History Lab

01: W 11:00a
02: W 2:00p

This 1-credit course is required of both majors and minors and should be taken with your first 300-level course. It is dedicated to honing your research and writing skills.

Prof. Freitag

HIST 346: Religion and Society in Imperial China, 200 BCE-1800 CE

Professor Lin
Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:10-2:25

This course examines the social history of Buddhism, Daoism, and worship of local gods across China's imperial period, from roughly 200 BCE to the early twentieth century. The focus of readings and discussion is on exploring how religion intersects with everyday life, social norms, state power, commerce, gender, and family, and includes some consideration of doctrines and religious practices. For department majors, this course counts toward the global history distribution requirements.

Prerequisites: One 200-level HIST course; sophomore standing or above

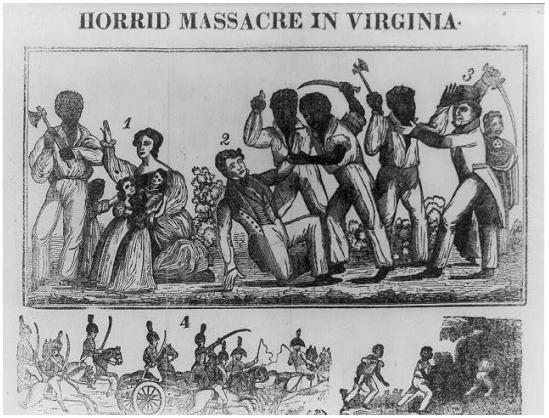
For questions or overrides, please email me: zslin@ithaca.edu

History 354: Imperial and Weimar Germany
Dr. Breuer MWF 1

One of the key questions of German history is whether the nation took a "special path" resulting inevitably in Nazism. This course is organized around this theme. It will examine Germany from the Wars of Unification through the end of the Weimar Republic, focusing particularly on social, political, and economic trends.

History 365: The Sectional Conflict, 1820-1861

Prof. Ponce MWF 12



North v. South: Race, Politics, Ideology & the Coming of the American Civil War, 1820-1861.

This course investigates the growing sectionalism in the United States during the four decades preceding the American Civil War. Topics include the Missouri crisis; nullification; westward expansion; race, slavery, and abolition; the Mexican-American War; the Compromise of 1850; Bleeding Kansas; the rise of a sectional anti-slavery party; and secession, among others.

400-level History Courses

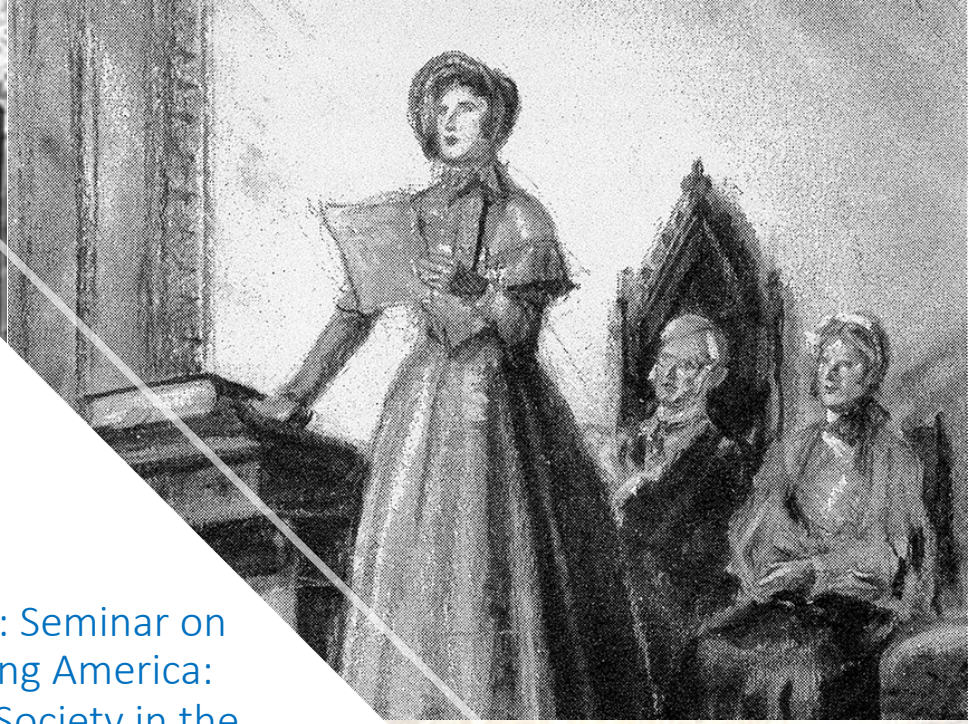
Pre-requisites:

Instructor permission required (this will not be granted without students having taken at least one 300-level course).

Americans in Latin America during the Cold War

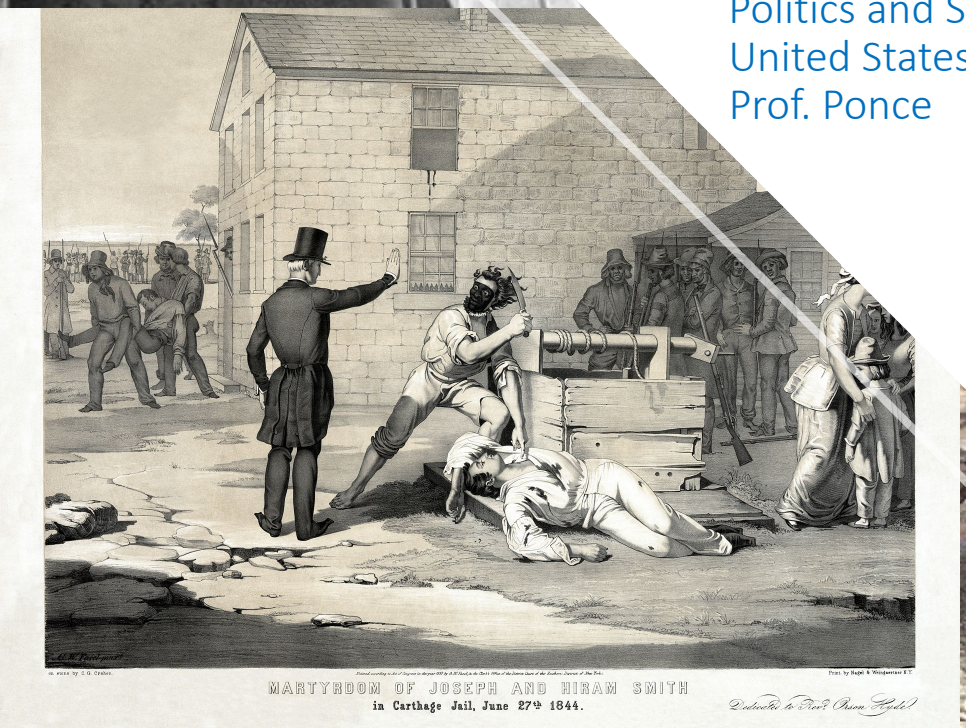
HIST 482 Professor Ablard

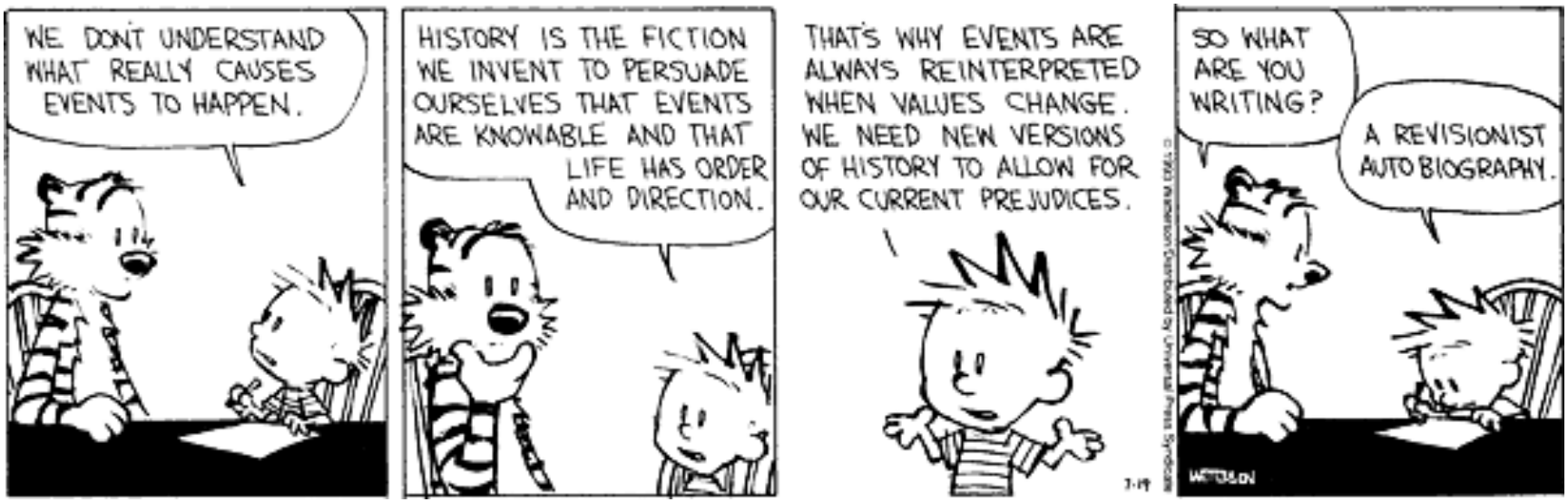
2:35-3:50 pm



History 483: Seminar on Transforming America: Politics and Society in the United States, 1800-1861

Prof. Ponce MW 4-5:15





HIST 494: History Capstone
Fridays 11-11:50 AM

Prof. Zoe Shan Lin

A final (and perhaps first) opportunity to reflect on how you have made meaning from both your history and ICC education at IC.

We will also be exploring the transition from being a history major to being someone with a history degree.

Required for senior history majors.