

## Syllabus

History 171-001-2010A  
The South Since the Civil War  
Spring 2010  
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This course will trace and analyze the history of the American South from the Civil War to the present. It will investigate Reconstruction, the New South of the late 19th century, Populism, racial disfranchisement and the rise of legal segregation, the politics of the one-party South, the South of the progressive Era, the role of the South in the New Deal and World War II, the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s, and the rise of the Republican South. While following the narrative of politics and economic development, we will pay particular attention to race relations, and we will have more than casual interest in gender roles. In addition, we will take frequent peeks at the evolving Southern identity as reflected in popular culture and literature, as well as in other corners of the public sphere. There will be two lectures and one recitation section each week, as well as a mid-term and a final exam.

January 13	The South and the Southern Identity
January 18 January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no class) The Civil War Read: Benjamin Schwartz, "The Idea of the South." (BB)
January 25 January 27	"Redemption" (film in class) The Results of Emancipation Read: Nicholas Lemann, <u>Redemption</u>
February 1 February 3	The New South and the Left Behind South Populism Read: Giles Vandal, "Rethinking Southern Violence." (BB) Steve Hahn, <u>A Nation Under Our Feet</u> , Ch. 5. (BB)
February 8 February 10	Lynching, Jim Crow, and Disfranchisement Polite Reform Read: Grantham, <u>The South in Modern America</u> , Chs. 2 & 3. Litwack, <u>Trouble in Mind</u> , Ch. 6. (BB)
February 15 February 17	"Huey Long" (film in class) Dixie Demagogues Read: Ray Arsenault, "Southern Political Tradition." (BB) Glenda Gilmore, <u>Gender and Jim Crow</u> , Ch. 8. (BB) Grantham, <u>The South in Modern America</u> , Ch. 4.
February 22 February 24	"Scottsboro" (film in class) Nashville vs. Chapel Hill Read: Grantham, <u>The South in Modern America</u> , Chs. 5 & 6. Agrarians, <u>I'll Take My Stand</u> , Introduction. (BB)
March 1 March 3	"The Rising of '34" (film in class) MID-TERM EXAM
March 8 March 10	Spring Break Spring Break
March 15 March 17	Black Plus White Equal Red: Politics, 1938-68 What War and the Cotton Picker Wrought Read: Grantham, <u>The South in Modern America</u> , Chs. 7 & 8. Appelbome, <u>Dixie Rising</u> , Ch. 7. (BB)

March 22	From Plessy to Brown
March 24	The Montgomery Bus Boycott Read: Mills Thornton, "Challenge and Response." (BB) View: "Eyes on the Prize," Series I, Episode 1.
March 29	Massive Resistance
March 31	Freedom High Read: Grantham, <u>The South in Modern America</u> , Ch. 9. View: "Eyes on the Prize," Series I, Episodes 2-5.
April 5	From Freedom High to Black Power
April 7	Black Power: Causes and Consequences Read: Olson, <u>Freedom's Daughters</u> , Ch. 22 (BB) Jeffrey O. G. Ogbar, <u>Black Power</u>
April 12	Turning Point: 1968
April 14	"Fields of Promise" (film in class) Read: Dan Carter, <u>From George Wallace to Newt Gingrich</u>
April 19	The Rise of the Republican South
April 21	NASCAR and Nashville Go National Read: Grantham, <u>The South in Modern America</u> , Chs. 10 & 11.
April 26	The Molting South Read: Grantham, <u>The South in Modern America</u> , Ch. 12
April 27	Classes End
April 28-30	Reading Days
May 3-11	Exams

Reading -- Where the notation (BB) occurs, the assignment is available on our Blackboard website. They are also available in a course pack that can be purchased at Campus Copy in the 3900 block of Walnut Street. Documentary films assigned to be viewed outside of class are available in the Reserve Reading Room of Van Pelt Library. Those films will also be shown for group viewing at times and places to be announced in class. Otherwise, the readings are taken from the following books, which are available for purchase at the Penn Book Center at 34th and Sansom:

Dewey Grantham, The South in Modern America: A Region at Odds (Harper Collins Publishers, 1994).  
 Dan Carter, From George Wallace to Newt Gingrich (LSU Press, 1996).  
 Nicholas Lemann, Redemption: The Last Battle of the Civil War (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006).  
 Jeffrey O. G. Ogbar, Black Power: Radical Politics and African American Identity (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004).

#### Examinations:

There will be a mid-term exam as well as a final exam.