

**HISTORY 331**

**Fall 2014**

**Lectures: Tu/Th 10:30-12 in 200 College Hall Wed 10--12, 635 Williams, 898-0452**

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Aug. 28: *What's Bred in the Bone: The Four Spirits of English Expansion*

Reading: LaFeber, prefaces & chap. 1; McDougall, Introduction.

Sep. 2: *British Origins of American Civil Religion and Strategy*

Sep. 4: *Idealistic Rhetoric, Hard-ball Diplomacy: The Winning of Independence, 1763-89*

Reading: LaFeber, chap. 2; McDougall, chaps. 1-2.

Sep. 9: *Challenges to Unilateralism: The United States in a World At War, 1789-1815*

Sep. 11: *John Quincy Adams' American System: Origins of the Monroe Doctrine, 1815-30*

Reading: LaFeber, chap. 3; McDougall, chap. 3.

Sep. 16: *Manifest Destiny in Theory and Practice: Polk, Oregon, and the Mexican War, 1835-48*

Sep. 18: *Pacific Ambition, but a House Divided: Sectionalism and Foreign Policy, 1819-60*

Reading: LaFeber, chap. 4, McDougall, chap. 4.

Sep. 23: *William Henry Seward, Civil War Strategy, and the Alaska Purchase, 1861-68*

Sep. 25: *New Americans in a New America: Immigrants, Industry, Frontier, and State, 1869-95*

Reading: LaFeber, chaps. 5-6.

Sep. 30: *America's First Overseas Crusade: The Spanish-American-Filipino War, 1898-1902*

Oct. 2: *Progressive Imperialism and Dollar Diplomacy in the Caribbean and Asia, 1900-14*

Reading: LaFeber, chaps. 7-8; McDougall, chap. 5; Kennan, chaps. 1-2.

Oct. 7: *Too Proud to Fight: the Great War and the Roots of Wilsonianism, 1914-18*

Oct. 9: NO CLASS TODAY: FALL BREAK

Reading: LaFeber, chaps. 9-10; Kennan, chaps. 3-4.

Oct. 14: *American in Paris: the Failure of Wilsonian Peacemaking, 1919-20*

Oct. 16: *Enemy on the Left: Wilson, Lenin, and the Russian Civil War, 1918-21*

Reading: McDougall, chap. 6.

**FIRST ESSAY DUE TODAY, OCT. 16**

Oct. 21: *Republican Internationalism: Charles E. Hughes Fixes East Asia and Europe, 1921-29*

Oct. 23: *FDR the Isolationist: The Great Depression and Flight Into Neutralism, 1930-37*

Reading: LaFeber, chaps. 11-12.

Oct. 28: *FDR the Reluctant Belligerent: the United States Amidst a World At War, 1937-41*

Oct. 30: *FDR the Pragmatic Wilsonian: America in the Grand (or "Strange") Alliance, 1941-45*

Reading: LaFeber, chaps 13-14; Kennan, chap. 5.

Nov. 4: *Descent Into the Maelstrom: Truman, Stalin, and the Birth of Containment, 1946-50*  
Nov. 6: *The Pit and the Pendulum: How Historians Have Debated the Origins of the Cold War*  
Reading: LaFeber, chap. 15; Kennan, Part II (pp. 107-128).

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Nov. 11: *Masque of the Red Death: The Korean War and Eisenhower's "New Look" 1950-56*  
Nov. 13: NO CLASS TODAY: McD. OUT OF TOWN  
Reading: LaFeber, chap. 16; McDougall, chap. 7; Kennan, Part II (pp. 129-154).

Nov. 18: *Devil in the Belfry: Sputnik, the Third World, and Total Cold War, 1957-64*  
Nov. 20: *Imp of the Perverse: Kennedy's Best and Brightest Design the Vietnam War, 1965-68*  
Reading: LaFeber, chap. 17.

Nov. 25: *Premature Burial: The Achievements and Anguish of Richard M. Nixon, 1969-75*  
Nov. 27: NO CLASS TODAY: THANKSGIVING  
Reading: LaFeber, chap. 18; McDougall, chap. 8 & Conclusion

Dec 2: *The Power of Words: Carter, Reagan, and the Strange Death of Communism, 1976-91*  
Dec. 4: *Never Bet the Devil Your Head: Globalization and Blowback, 1991-2001*  
Reading: LaFeber, chaps. 19-20. **SECOND ESSAY DUE TODAY, DEC. 4**

Dec. 9: *Fall of the House of Usher: Bush, Obama, and the Apparent Decline of America*  
Reading: Herring, "America as Hyperpower" chapter on Canvas web site

Thursday, Dec. 18, 9:00-11:00 AM: **FINAL EXAMINATION**

**REQUIRED PURCHASES (Penn Book Center, 34<sup>th</sup> & Sansom)**

George F. Kennan, *American Diplomacy*, expanded edition (University of Chicago)

Walter LaFeber, *The American Age: U.S. Foreign Policy At Home and Abroad, 1750 to the Present*,  
2d edition (W. W. Norton)

Walter A. McDougall, *Promised Land, Crusader State: The American Encounter With the World  
Since 1776* (Houghton Mifflin)

**RECOMMENDED READINGS for use on essay questions (Canvas site)**

1. "The Great Debate of the 1790s" in Thomas G. Paterson, ed., *Major Problems in American Foreign Policy, volume I: To 1914*, 3 ed. (Heath, 1989), pp. 66-107.
2. "The Monroe Doctrine," in *Ibid.*, pp. 180-207.
3. "Manifest Destiny and the Mexican War," in *Ibid.*, pp. 254-304.
4. Arthur S. Link, "Wilson the Diplomatist" and "The Fight for the League of Nations," in *Woodrow*

- Wilson: Revolution, War, and Peace* (Harlan Davidson, 1979), pp. 1-20, 104-28.
5. Robert A. Divine, "Roosevelt the Isolationist," in *Roosevelt & World War II* (Penguin 1969), pp. 1-23.
  6. Ernest R. May, "NSC 68: The Theory and Politics of Strategy" and "McDougall's Commentary," in *American Cold War Strategy* (St. Martin's, 1993), pp. 1-19, 165-71.
  7. Henry Kissinger, "Vietnam on the Road to Despair," in *Diplomacy* (Simon & Schuster, 1994), pp. 643-73.
  8. George Herring, "America as Hyperpower 1992-2007," in *From Colony to Superpower* (Oxford University, 2008), pp. 917-64.
  9. Walter A. McDougall, "Can the United States Do Grand Strategy?" *Orbis* (2010): 165-84.
  10. Niall Ferguson, "Complexity and Collapse: Empires on the Edge of Chaos," *Foreign Affairs* (Mar.-Apr. 2010): 18-32.

Websites: <http://www.anb.org/articles/index.html> American National Biography  
<http://www.bartleby.com/124/> Presidential Inaugural Addresses  
<http://uselectionatlas.org/> Dave Leip's Atlas of Presidential Elections