

History 424:  
History of the U.S., 1827-1877

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Office Hours: Monday, 2-4, 5-6:30, Wednesday, 2-4, and by appointment.

**Readings:**

Harry Watson, Liberty and Power: The Politics of Jacksonian America  
Peter Kolchin, American Slavery, 1619-1877  
Christine L. Heyrman, Southern Cross  
Lori Ginzberg, Women in Antebellum Reform  
Frederick Douglass, Narrative of the Life . . .  
James McPherson, Battle Cry of Freedom  
Eric Foner, A Short History of Reconstruction; OR, Reconstruction:  
America's Unfinished Revolution. Note: These are two different versions  
of the same book.

Plus, an occasional photocopied document or article, to be handed out in class.

Note: books are available for purchase in the bookstore, and copies have  
been placed on Reserve in the Leonard Library. Frederick Douglass's Narrative  
can also be read on-line, at several different websites; one such location is:  
<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/Literature/Douglass/Autobiography>.

**Requirements:**

1. Two medium-length (5-7 page) essays, based upon critical analysis of the readings for the class. Each essay is worth 15% of the total grade. They are due on Oct. 16 and Nov. 27.
2. Four brief (one-page) essays, answering specific questions about the readings.. (No late papers accepted.) The combined value of these essays is 15% of the total. Due dates: Sept. 22, Oct. 11, Nov. 15, Dec. 8.
3. A midterm quiz, worth 20% of the total, on Nov. 17.
4. A final take-home exam, worth 25% of the grade, due in my mailbox or under my office door by 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18. No papers after Monday!
5. Class participation will make up the remaining 10% of the grade; the class will be conducted on a lecture-discussion format. Please complete reading assignments and one-page essays before the appropriate class.

6. Graduate students enrolled in the course for credit MUST use the full, unabridged Foner work (the rest of you may use the short version).

7. **All** written assignments **must** be completed in order to pass the course.

**Lecture and Discussion Topics:**

**Reading Assignments:**

Aug. 30:	Introductions	
Sept. 1:	Why 1827-1877?	Watson, 3-15.
Sept. 6:	The Market Revolution.	Watson, 17-41.
Sept. 8:	Laboring Lives: Women Workers in the Early Factory System	Watson, 42-95.
Sept. 11:	Equality in Tocqueville's America	Watson, 96-131.
Sept. 13:	Cont.	Watson, 132-71.
Sept. 15:	The Issue of States' Rights	Watson, 172-97.
Sept. 18:	Jacksonian Political Culture	Watson, 198-230.
Sept. 20:	Cont.	Watson, 231-53.
Sept. 22:	Money and Politics: Discuss <u>Liberty and Power</u>	<b>One-page essay due</b>
Sept. 25:	Studying Slavery	Kolchin, ix-62.
Sept. 27:	Changing Nature of Racial Slavery	
Sept. 29:	Republicanism and Slavery	Kolchin, 63-92.
Oct. 2:	Slaves and Slavery in the Antebellum South, Pt. I	Kolchin, 93-168.
Oct. 4:	Pt. II.	Begin Douglass
Oct. 6:	The Slave Market	Complete Douglass
Oct. 9:	The Cotton Kingdom	Kolchin, 169-99.
Oct. 11:	Discuss <u>Am. Slavery</u> and <u>Narrative</u>	<b>One-page essay due</b>
Oct. 13:	Revolutionary Ideas, Evangelical Faith	Heyrman, 3-27.
Oct. 16:	FIRST LONGER ESSAY DUE. Religion and the Reform Impulse	
Oct. 18:	From Social Control to Self-Control	Heyrman, 28-76.
Oct. 20:	Cults, Come-Outers, and Conservatives	Heyrman, 77-160.
Oct. 23:	Slavery and Sectionalism	Heyrman, 161-205.
Oct. 25:	The Great Reaction	Heyrman, 206-60.
Oct. 27:	Women in the Nineteenth Century: Ideals and Realities	Ginzberg, ix-x, 1-14.

Oct. 30:	Expanding Women's Sphere	Ginzberg, 15-32.
Nov. 1:	Case Studies in Reform	Ginzberg, 33-56.
Nov. 3:	Video: "Rebel Hearts"	McPherson, 3-46.
Nov. 6:	The Transformation of Anti-Slavery	Ginzberg, 57-89.
Nov. 8:	Battle against Northern Racism	McPherson, 47-77.
Nov. 10:	Women in Abolition	
Nov. 13:	Women's Wrongs/ Women's Rights	Ginzberg, 90-121.
Nov. 15:	Political Culture of Women's Rights; Discuss <u>Women in Antebellum Reform</u>	<b>One-page essay due</b>
Nov. 17:	MIDTERM QUIZ TODAY.	
Nov. 20-24:	Thanksgiving holiday week: no classes	
Nov. 27:	SECOND LONG ESSAY DUE. From One Nation into Two: The Crises of The 1850s	McPherson, 77-144.
Nov. 29:	Cont.	McPherson, 145-233.
Dec. 1:	Secession and War.	
Dec. 4:	Lincoln, Slavery, and the Civil War	Foner, preface, chap. 1, 2 (i.e., pp. ix-34 in <u>Short</u> )
Dec. 6:	War and Society, North and South	Foner, chap. 3, 4.
Dec. 8:	The Failure of Land Reform	Foner, chap. 5, 6 <b>One-page paper due</b>
Dec. 11:	Politics of Reconstruction	Foner, chap. 7, 8.
Dec. 13:	Cont. / "Redemption"	Foner, chap. 9, 10
Dec. 15:	Assessing Fundamental Changes in American Society/ Discuss Foner	Foner, chap. 11, 12.