HISTORY 141:401 THE FAMILY AND SEX ROLES IN THE PAST

Syllabus, Spring 2018

The course is a world history survey which describes and compares sex roles, family structures and family dynamics across time and place. It counts for General Education (GER) credit in the Social Sciences. The chief requirements of the course consist of attending lectures and discussion sections, and reading and analyzing the course materials. You will have a midterm examination, three short assignments, a comprehensive final, and a grade for attendance and participation in your lecture and discussion section. They will be weighted as 20%, 30%, 25% and 25% respectively. Pluses and minuses will be used in awarding final grades. Make-up exams are only given in emergency situations such as severe illness. The instructor or teaching assistant must be notified prior to the exam.

If you are a student with a disability, please feel free to contact us early in the semester for any help or accommodation you may need. For relevant campus instructional policies on grading, appeals, holidays, etc. click here.

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Texts: Required books are available from ecampus. They are also on reserve in the Library.

Class website address: margoanderson.org/141/141Syllabus2018.htm

Students interested in a major or a minor in history can see me or visit the History Department website, http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci/history/undergrad/ and click on the academic advising link.

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| 1    | Jan 22 | Introduction: Human Origins and Prehistory; Theories of the Family and Patriarchy.  
Read: Maynes and Waltner, chs. 1-2, pp. 1-29. |
Read: Maynes and Waltner, ch. 3. Read; Code of Hammurabi, Genesis. |
| 3    | Feb 5  | Emergence of Christianity and Other World Religions. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians; St. Augustine, City of God (excerpt) . Roman, Gothic and Canon Law on kinship and marriage, Barbarian World; Feudalism. Read Documents on Roman and Barbarian Life.  
Read Maynes and Waltner, ch. 4. |
<p>| 4    | Feb 16 | The World of a Family in France in the 16th Century. Watch: The |</p>
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| 12/20 | Return of Martin Guerre. [DVD6792]  
Read: Davis, pp. 1-50.  
FIRST SHORT ASSIGNMENT DUE FEBRUARY 14 |
| 2/5 | The Family, Courts and Gender. Watch: The Return of Martin Guerre (cont.)  
Read: Davis, pp. 51-125. |
| 2/19 | The World Expands. Reformation, Renaissance, Exploration.  
Read: Review Maynes and Waltner, ch. 5; review ch. 4; read Spence, Preface and ch. 1, pp. xi-32. |
| 3/5 | EASTERN SOCIETIES AND TRADITIONAL CHINA |
| 3/2 | Eastern Religions and gender roles. The Chinese family and kinship; Problems of Widows and Family Feuds.  
Read: Spence, chs. 2-4, pp. 33-98. |
| 3/12 | Female Status in China.  
Read: Spence, ch. 5-epilog, pp. 99-139.  
MIDTERM, MARCH 14. |
| 3/26 | THE FAMILY AND THE TRANSITION TO MODERN SOCIETY |
Video: Small Happiness  
Read: White, Intro, pp. 13-25. |
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| **10 Apr 2** | **Demographic transition and political and sexual revolution.** *Correspondence between Abigail and John Adams; Declaration of Independence.*  
Read White, chs. 1-2, pp. 27-91.  
SECOND SHORT ASSIGNMENT DUE, APRIL 4. |
| **11 Apr 9** | **American demographic trends; the Revolution, republicanism and family and sex roles.**  
Read: White, 91-160. |
| **12 Apr 16** | **Slavery and family and sex roles; Suffrage and women's rights. Fordism, The Five Dollar Day and American Working Class Manhood.**  
Read: Declaration of Sentiments; White, 161-190, |
| **13 Apr 23** | **The Family in Modern America.**  
Read Coates, 1-71; Vance, 1-80.  
THIRD SHORT ASSIGNMENT DUE APRIL 25. |
| **14 Apr 30** | **Sexual Revolution. Video: *Burning Desire.***  
Read: Coates, 73-132; Vance, 81-207. |
| **15 May 7** | **The Family, Social Policy and Globalization. Conclusions.**  
Read Vance, 209-257. |
| **May 18** | **FINAL EXAMINATION: Friday, 12:30-2:30PM** |