

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
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History 466

Professor Lindstrom

The American Economy Since the  
Civil War Era

Required Books

Brody, David, Steelworkers in America: The Non-Union Era  
Brownlee, W. Elliot, Dynamics of Ascent (2nd. edition)  
Porter, Glenn, The Rise of Big Business  
and readings available at the State Historical Society or Kinkos

Lecture Topics

- Jan. 21 Themes in American Economic History  
23 The American Economy in 1865  
Read: Brownlee, Dynamics of Ascent, pp. 267-92.
- Jan. 26 Agriculture: Late Nineteenth Century Trends  
28 The Origins of Southern Poverty  
30 Western Farm-Making  
Read: Gavin Wright, Old South, New South, pp. 84-123.
- Feb. 2 Farmer Discontent  
4 Railroads and Economic Growth  
6 Railroads and Institutional Development  
Read: Porter, Rise of Big Business, pp. 1-71; Brownlee, Dynamics of Ascent, pp. 338-47 and 293-307.
- Feb. 9 The Industrial Revolution  
11 The Rise of Big Business  
13 The Urge to Merge  
Read: Harold Livesay, American Made, pp. 87-125, Porter, The Rise of Big Business, pp. 71-101.
- Feb. 16 The Modern Corporation  
18 The American Worker  
20 Unionization Strategies  
Read: Brody, Steelworkers in America, pp. 1-79; Brownlee, Dynamics of Ascent, pp. 319-37.
- Feb. 23 Income Inequality and Discrimination  
25 Monetary Policy  
27 Fiscal Policy  
Read: Brownlee, Dynamics of Ascent, pp. 307-18; Brody, Steelworkers in America, pp. 80-179.

- Mar. 2 Regulation: ICC to Sherman Anti-Trust  
4 Exam  
6 The Origins of Big Government  
No discussion sections
- Mar. 9 World War I  
11 The 1920s  
13 The 1920s  
Read: Brody, Steelworkers in America, pp. 180-278; Brownlee, Dynamics of Ascent, pp. 363-408.
- Mar. 23 The Stock Market Crash  
25 Origins of the Great Depression  
27 Coping with the Financial Crisis  
Read: Lester Chandler, America's Greatest Depression, 1929-1941, pp. 111-26; and Brownlee, Dynamics of Ascent, pp. 409-44.
- Mar. 30 The First New Deal  
Apr. 1 The Origins of the Welfare State  
3 World War II  
Read: Robert Lekachman, The Age of Keynes, pp. 58-143.
- Apr. 6 World War II  
8 Exam  
10 The International Economy  
No Discussion sections.
- Apr. 13 1946-60  
15 The New Economics  
Read: Lekachman, The Age of Keynes, pp. 205-301.
- Apr. 20 War and Inflation  
22 Camelot Lost: The 1970s  
24 The Reagan Revolution  
Read: Brownlee, Dynamics of Ascent, pp. 445-77 and an article to be announced.
- Apr. 27 Mergers and Conglomerates  
29 Regulation and Deregulation
- May 1 Income Inequality  
Read: Robert Reich, "The Next American Frontier," Atlantic Monthly (March, 1983), pp. 43-108.
- May 4 Challenges in the 1980s  
6 No class  
8 The American Economy in Retrospect: A Review  
Read: Brownlee, Dynamics of Ascent, pp. 478-513.