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,

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

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.
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| 6 | The Origins of Big Government  
No discussion sections |
| Mar. 9 | World War I |
| 11 | The 1920s |
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| Mar. 23 | The Stock Market Crash |
| 25 | Origins of the Great Depression |
| 27 | Coping with the Financial Crisis  
| Mar. 30 | The First New Deal |
| Apr. 1 | The Origins of the Welfare State |
| 3 | World War II  
| Apr. 6 | World War II |
| 8 | Exam |
| 10 | The International Economy  
No Discussion sections. |
| Apr. 13 | 1946-60 |
| 15 | The New Economics  
| 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  
| May 4 | Challenges in the 1980s |
| 6 | No class |
| 8 | The American Economy in Retrospect: A Review  