History 466  Professor Lindstrom
The American Economy Since the Civil War Era
Course Outline

Required Readings:

Brody, David, *Steelworkers in America: The Nonunion Era*
Brownlee, W. Elliot, *Dynamics of Ascent*
Porter, Glenn, *Rise of Big Business*
McGraw, Thomas, *Prophets of Regulation*
and articles on reserve at the State Historical Society or available at Kinkos.

Lecture Topics:

Jan. 20  Themes in American Economic History
22  The American Economy in 1865

Jan. 25  Agriculture: Late 19th Century Trends
27  Sharecropping and Debt Peonage
29  Farm Discontent
    Read: "The Long View of Southern Land and Labor," in
    Gavin Wright, *Old South, New South*, pp. 51-80.

Feb.  1  Railroads and Economic Growth
  3  Railroads and Institutional Development
  5  The Accelerating Industrial Revolution
    Read: Porter, *Rise of Big Business*, pp. 1-71; "The
    Union Pacific Railroad: The Questions of Public Policy," in
    Robert Fogel and Stanley Engerman, *The Reinterpretation of*
    American Economic History, pp. 417-425; and Brownlee, *Dynamics of*
    Ascent, pp. 293-307 and 338-47.

Feb.  8  The Spread of Big Business
 10  The Urge to Merge
 12  Oligopoly and Bureaucracy
    Read: Porter, *Rise of Big Business*, pp. 71-101; and
    "Carnegie and the American Steel Industry," in Jonathan Hughes,

Feb. 15  Population and the Labor Force
 17  The Worker in an Industrial Age
 19  Income Inequality and Discrimination
    Read: Brody, *Steelworkers in America*, pp. 1-179; and
    Brownlee, *Dynamics of Ascent*, pp. 319-49.

Feb. 22  The Money Question
 24  Fiscal Policy in the Gilded Age
 26  Regulation: The ICC and the SAT

Feb. 29 Trustbusting in the Progressive Era
Mar. 2 The Origins of Big Government
4 Exam

Mar. 7 World War I
9 The 1920s: The New Era
11 The 1920s: The Business of America is Business

Mar. 21 The Stock Market Crash
23 The Great Depression
25 Coping with the Financial Crisis

Mar. 28 The New Deal: I
30 The New Deal: II

Apr. 4 World War II
6 World War II
8 The International Economy in the Postwar Era

Apr. 11 The 1950s and the Military-Industrial Complex
13 Triumph of Keynesian Economics
15 LBJ and the Great Society
   Read: Lekachman, *Age of Keynes*, pp. 205-301.

Apr. 18 The Third Wave of Regulation
20 Nixon, Ford, and Inflation
22 Carter and the Conservative Tilt

Apr. 25 Big Business in the Postwar Era
27 Mergers and Conglomerates
29 Multinationals

May 2 Mopping Up
4 The Challenges from Abroad
6 Reaganomics and the 1980s Economy