Department of History  
University of Wisconsin -- Madison  
Semester II, AY 2005-2006

History 600  
Advanced Seminar in History: The Korean War

Meetings:  
W: 11 AM to 1 PM  
5245 Humanities

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General Description

Section 1 of History 600, “Advanced Seminar in History,” will examine the Korean War. That conflict, fought between the summers of 1950 and 1953, pitted the forces of the United States, other members of the United Nations, and South Korea directly against those of North Korea and the People’s Republic of China and less obviously against those of the Soviet Union.

History 600 provides students with a framework for producing the substantial undergraduate research paper that is the capstone requirement for the major. The weekly meetings of the seminar will help students to develop a multi-dimensional view of the Korean War through discussions of readings on a variety of topics related to the conflict and its era. The seminar will include a visit to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, instruction in the use of library resource materials, and the analysis of one critical battle. It will also include discussion of research and writing techniques, although students in an advanced course should already have the skills needed.

Assignments

The seminar will have fifteen members. I shall divide it into three groups. At five meeting during the weeks between 22 February and 29 March, each group will report on a separate reading. In addition, in turn, one member of each of three groups will be re-
sponsible for summarizing that reading in a 1000-word printed report. I shall closely review that submission with the intention of providing an effective critique of the person's writing skills that will allow him or her to address any problems before submitting the major paper.

The final essay, which must be based on primary as well as secondary sources, should be approximately twenty-five pages long. Students should identify a topic and submit a bibliography for it before Spring Break. The first draft of the paper will be due on 19 April. Students, however, will have an opportunity to revise and to resubmit their papers within two weeks after receiving feedback from me.

**Grading**

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**Office Hours and Beyond**

On weekdays, especially in the afternoons, I am usually in 4135 Humanities. My scheduled office hours are on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 PM and on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. I am often available at other times as well, and you are free to stop by whenever I am present. I shall be ready to talk with you at those other times if pressing business is not pending.

To make appointments for times other than the scheduled office hours, see me at class, or call me at 263-1778 (4135 Humanities) or at 251-7264 (home). Both phones have answering machines; leave a message if necessary. Alternatively, electronic mail is probably the most reliable medium for reaching me on short notice. My email address is tjarchde@wisc.edu. I monitor it throughout the day and usually in the evening as well.

**Schedule**

18 January  
Introduction  
Discussion of course and syllabus  
Discussion of Learn@UW
25 January Overview

“Brief Narrative of Korean Combat Operations” (online)

1 February Visit to Memorial Library
Discussion of Bibliographic Databases and of RefWorks
436 Memorial Library

8 February The Battle of Chipyong-ni
Document Set for Chipyong-ni (online)

15 February Visit to Wisconsin Veterans Museum

22 February Combat Operations
Scott Sigmund Gartner and Marissa Edson Myers, “Body
Kelly C. Jordan, “Right for the Wrong Reasons: S. L. A. Mar-
Faris R. Kirkland, “Soldiers and Marines at Chosin Reservoir:
Criteria for Assignment to Combat Command,” Armed Forces & Society, 22, no. 2: 1995-96

1 March Controversies
Crane, Conrad C. "To Avert Impending Disaster: American
Military Plans to Use Atomic Weapons during the Korean
Cowdrey, Albert E. "'Germ Warfare' and Public Health in the
Korean Conflict." Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied
Judith Greer, “What Really Happened at No Gun Ri,” Salon,
3/06/02 (online source)

8 March Soldiers and Society
Shuji Otsuka and Peter N. Stearns, “Perceptions of Death and
the Korean War,” War in History, 6, no. 1 (1999): 72-87
W. Ruger, S.E. Wilson, and S.L. Waddoups, “Warfare and
Welfare: Military Service, Combat, and Marital Dissolution,”
M. Stanley, “College Education and the Midcentury GI Bills,”

15 March Spring Break
Topic and Bibliography Due

22 March  Prisoners of War

29 March  Politics

5 April  McCarthyism
John Earl Haynes and Harvey Klehr, *In Denial: Historians, Communism and Espionage*, chapter 1: “Revising History”

12 April  Common Writing Errors/Footnotes, Endnotes, and Bibliographies

19 April  First Drafts Due

26 April  Individual Meetings

3 May  Individual Meetings