This course is intended to provide you with a general familiarity with the secondary literature on the antebellum period, with a particular emphasis on the social history of that era.

In addition to completing the core assigned readings, participating regularly in general class discussions, and submitting the short papers indicated below, you will be required to read, report on, and submit a 5-page paper on one "recommended secondary work" and a 3-page paper on one "recommended primary document." These papers are due on the day on which you give your report. Oral presentations should raise points of comparison and/or contrast with the assigned reading for that class and should be designed to stimulate and guide our class discussion. They should be about 15 minutes in length.

Introduction: Visions of the Early Republic

February 1: Drew McCoy, The Elusive Republic

Recommended Secondary Works:
Ruth Bloch, Visionary Republic: Millennial Themes in American Thought, 1756-1800
Linda Kerber, Women of the Republic: Intellect and Ideology in Revolutionary America
Edmund Morgan, Inventing The People
Mary Beth Norton, Liberty's Daughters: The Revolutionary Experience of American Women, 1750-1800
Howard B. Rock, Artisans of the New Republic: The Tradesmen of New York City in the Age of Jefferson
Robert Wiebe, The Opening of American Society
Gordon Wood, The Creation of the American Republic

Recommended Primary Documents:
Alexander Hamilton, Report on the Encouragement of Manufactures
Thomas Jefferson, Notes on the State of Virginia
Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America
Early Industrialization

February 8: Sean Wilentz, *Chants Democratic*

February 15: Christine Stansell, *City of Women*

5-page review essay due on Wilentz, Stansell, and Dublin

Recommended Secondary Documents:
- Stuart Bruchey, *The Roots of American Economic Growth, 1607-1861*
- Alan Dawley, *Class and Community: The Industrial Revolution in Lynn, Massachusetts*
- Robert Ernst, *Immigrant Life in New York City, 1825-1865*
- Leo Marx, *The Machine in the Garden: Technology and the Pastoral Ideal in America*
- Jonathan Prude, *The Coming of the Industrial Order: Town and Factory Life in Rural Massachusetts, 1810-1860*
- George Rogers Taylor, *The Transportation Revolution, 1815-1860*
- Norman Ware, *The Industrial Worker, 1840-1860*

Recommended Primary Documents:
- James Dawson Burn, *Three Years among the Working Classes* in the United States During the War

Westward Movement

March 1: John Faragher, *Men and Women on the Overland Trail*

Recommended Secondary Works:
- Julie Roy Jeffrey, *Frontier Women: The Trans-Mississippi West, 1840-1880*
- Annette Kolodny, *The Land Before Her: Fantasy and Experience of the American Frontiers, 1630-1860*
- Ronald Satz, *American Indian Policy in the Jacksonian Era*
Henry Nash Smith, *Virgin Land: The American West as Symbol and Myth*

Joanna L. Stratton, *Pioneer Women: Voices from the Kansas Frontier*

Anthony F.C. Wallace, *The Death and Rebirth of the Seneca*

**Recommended Primary Documents:**
- Polly W. Kaufman, *Women Teachers on the Frontier*
- Francis Parkman, *The Oregon Trail*

**Slavery**

March 8: Eugene Genovese, *Roll, Jordan, Roll*

March 15: Deborah Gray White, *Arn’t I a Woman?*

March 29: Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, *Within the Plantation Household*

5-page review essay due on Genovese, White, and Fox-Genovese

**Recommended Secondary Works:**
- John W. Blassingame, *The Slave Community*
- Stanley Elkins, *Slavery*
- Paul D. Escott, *Slavery Remembered: A Record of Twentieth Century Slave Narratives*
- Herbert Gutman, *The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom*
- Jacqueline Jones, *Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow*
- Lawrence Levine, *Black Culture and Black Consciousness*
- Edmund Morgan, *American Slavery, American Freedom*
- Ulrich Phillips, *Life and Labor in the Old South*
- Albert Raboteau, *Slave Religion: The "Invisible Institution" in the Antebellum South*
- Kenneth Stampp, *The Peculiar Institution: Slavery in the Antebellum South*
- Robert Starobin, *Industrial Slavery in the Old South*

**Recommended Primary Documents:**
- Linda Brent (Harriet Jacobs), *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*
- Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*
Free Blacks in the Antebellum Period

April 5: Leon Litwack, *North of Slavery*

Recommended Secondary Works:
Ira Berlin, *Slaves Without Masters: The Free Negro in the Antebellum South*
David W. Cohen and Jack P. Greene, eds., *Neither Slave Nor Free: The Freedman of African Descent in the Slave Societies of the New World*
Sharon Harley, "Northern Black Female Workers: Jacksonian Era" in Harley and Terborg-Penn, eds., *The Afro-American Woman*
Suzanna Lebsock, *The Free Women of Petersburg: Status and Culture in a Southern Town, 1784-1860*
Gary B. Nash, *Forging Freedom: The Formation of Philadelphia's Black Community, 1720-1840*
Benjamin Quarles, *Black Abolitionists*

Recommended Primary Documents:
Ray Allen Billington, ed., *The Journal of Charlotte L. Forten: A Young Black Woman's Reactions to the White World of the Civil War Era*
Harriet E. Wilson, *Our Nig; or Sketches from the Life of a Free Black*

Antebellum Reform

April 12: Paul Johnson, *A Shopkeeper's Millennium*
April 19: Mary Ryan, *Cradle of the Middle Class*
April 26: Nancy Hewitt, *Women's Activism and Social Change*
May 3: Lawrence Friedman, *Gregarious Saints*
5-page paper due on Johnson, Ryan, Hewitt and Friedman

Recommended Secondary Works:
Nancy F. Cott, *The Bonds of Womanhood: "Woman's Sphere" in New England, 1780-1835*
Ann Douglas, *The Feminization of American Culture*
Ellen Carol DuBois, *Feminism and Suffrage: The Emergence of an Independent Women's Movement in America, 1848-1869*


Blanche G. Hersh, *The Slavery of Sex*

David Rothman, *The Discovery of the Asylum: Social Order and Disorder in the New Republic*

Kathryn Kish Sklar, *Catharine Beecher: A Study in American Domesticity*

Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, "The Female World of Love and Ritual," *Signs* 1/1 (Autumn 1975)

Carroll Smith Rosenberg, *Religion and the Rise of the City*

Alice Felt Tyler, *Freedom's Ferment*

Ronald Walters, *American Reformers*

Recommended Primary Documents:

Charles Loring Brace, *The Dangerous Classes of New York*

Catharine Beecher, *An Essay on Slavery and Abolitionism*

Lyman Beecher, *A Plea for the West*

Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

**Politics in the Antebellum Period**

May 10: Eric Foner, *Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men*

Recommended Secondary Works:

Avery Craven, *The Repressive Conflict*

Martin Duberman, ed., *The Antislavery Vanguard*

George Frederickson, *The Inner Civil War*

William W. Freehling, *Prelude to Civil War: The Nullification Controversy in South Carolina*


David Montgomery, *Beyond Equality: Labor and the Radical Republicans, 1862-1872*