

Department of History

Semester II Year 1979-80

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
397	The United States, 1917 to the present	Barbara Melosh

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to social, cultural, economic, political and diplomatic history from 1917 to the present, with an emphasis on social and cultural history. Main themes are the transformation from rural to urban society, the rise of corporate capitalism, shifts in the organization and character of work, the expanding role of government, the United States' growing activity in international economy and politics, and the impact of these changes on daily life. Course readings include autobiography, journalistic accounts, and fiction in addition to historical interpretations.

LECTURES

M, W, F, 12:05-12:55; will emphasize social and cultural history and supplement assigned reading.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

Mid-term examination, identification and essay
Short paper (5 pages)
Final examination, identification and essays

GRADING SYSTEM

Class participation	25%
mid-term	20%
short paper	25%
final	30%

REQUIRED READINGS

see next page

- Blum, John Morton. V Was For Victory: Politics and American Culture During World War II.
- Herr, Michael. Dispatches. (Journalism about American troops and press corps in Vietnam)
- Leuchtenburg, William. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal, 1932-40.
- Leuchtenburg, William. The Perils of Prosperity.
- Miller, Arthur. Death of a Salesman. (play)
- Moody, Anne. Coming of Age in Mississippi. (Black woman's autobiography of growing up in the south and participating in southern civil rights movement)
- Wittner, Lawrence. Cold War America.