

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
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History 404
Ethnicity and Immigration in the United States

NW 11-12:15
360 Science Hall

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History 404 offers an extensive examination of immigration and ethnicity in the twentieth century history of the United States. The lectures include a narrative of the events relevant to the topic, but they emphasize the analysis of evidence. Students in the course will be expected to go beyond the reporting of generalizations to the discussion of the processes by which conclusions are reached and defended.

History 404 is divided into three blocks. The first, from lectures 1 through 10, begins with an overview of immigration to the United States in the nineteenth century and then examines the phenomenon of the "New Immigration" of the first decades of the twentieth. The second, from lectures 11 through 20, concentrates on the successful movement to restrict immigration and on the adjustment through the middle of the century of foreign-stock Americans to the host society. The third, from lectures 21 through 30, focusses on the recent period and analyzes both the extent to which ethnicity remains a force in American life and the reappearance of immigration as a political issue.

Each of the three blocks also incorporates a methodological segment necessary for understanding the readings and participating in classroom discussions. The first discusses the kinds of data and the principal methods used by historians and other social scientists in the analysis of immigration and ethnicity. The second shows how computers help historians exploit those data and methods. Finally, the third will include some exercises in which the students supplement their readings with their own manipulation of available survey data.

Students taking the course for three credits will take two mid-term examinations and a final. The examinations will not be cumulative in their coverage, and each will, therefore, be of equal weight with the others. Because the students' prompt completion of the reading assignments is necessary to the smooth running of the course, I retain the right to give "pop quizzes."

Students taking the course for four credits will be subject to the same requirements as those enrolled for three. In addition, the former will attend a discussion session to be held each Friday at 11 AM in 4013 Vilas Hall. Those meetings will focus on recent issues in immigration and refugee policy and on current efforts to reshape American immigration law. Students participating in the meetings will prepare a series of brief, graded reports on assigned readings.

Schedule of Lectures and Assignments

- Lecture 1 January 21
Introduction to the Course
- Lecture 2 January 23
Immigration to America before 1890
Thomas Archdeacon, *Becoming American*,
chs.2-4
- Lecture 3 January 28
The "New Immigration"
Archdeacon, *BA*, ch. 5
- Lecture 4 January 30
Data and Historical Analysis
- Lecture 5 February 4
Correlation and Cause
- Lecture 6 February 6
The Analysis of Categorical Information
- Lecture 7 February 11
Migration and Remigration
J.D. Gould, "European Inter-Continental Migration,
The Road Home: Return Migration from the
United States"
- Lecture 8 February 13
Foreign-Stock Americans: Demography & Geography, 1910
David Ward, *Cities and Immigrants*, ch. 2
- Lecture 9 February 18
Foreign-Stock Americans: Socioeconomic Conditions, 1910
Robert Higgs, "Race, Skills, and Earnings:
American Immigrants in 1909"
- Lecture 10 February 20
Examination 1
- Lecture 11 February 25
Nativism and the Movement to Restrict Immigration
Archdeacon, *BA*, ch. 6
- Lecture 12 February 27
Scientific Racism and the Restriction of Immigration
Stephen Jay Gould, *The Mismeasure of Man*,
pp. 192-233

- Lecture 13 March 4
 American Immigration Policy in the 1920s and the 1930s
 Helen F. Eckerson, "Immigration and National Origins"
- Lecture 14 March 11
 The Emergence of Ethnic Politics
 John AlIswang, *A House for All Peoples*, ch. 4
- Lecture 15 March 11
 World War II and American Ethnic Groups
 Archdeacon, *BA*, ch. 7
- Lecture 16 March 13
 Communicating with the Sperry Univac 1100
- March 16-24 Spring Break
- Lecture 17 March 25
 SPSS: The Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
- Lecture 18 March 27
 SPSS -- Continued
- Lecture 19 April 1
 Survey Data and the Study of Ethnicity
- Lecture 20 April 3
 Examination 2
- Lecture 21 April 8
 Religion and the Melting Pot in the 1950s
 Philip E. Converse et al., "Stability and Change in 1960: A Reinstating Election"
- Lecture 22 April 10
 The Rediscovery of Ethnicity in the 1960s
 Archdeacon, *BA*, ch. 8
- Lecture 23 April 15
 Economic Mobility as a Criterion of Assimilation
 David L. Featherman, "The Socioeconomic Achievement of White Religio-Ethnic Subgroups"
- Lecture 24 April 17
 Residence as a Criterion of Assimilation
 Nathan Kantrowitz, "Ethnic and Racial Segregation in the New York Metropolis, 1960"
- Lecture 25 April 22
 Social Distance as a Criterion of Assimilation
 Emory Bogardus, "A Social Distance Scale"

- Lecture 26 April 24
 Ethnic Identity in the 1980s
 Archdeacon, BA, epilogue
- Lecture 27 April 27
 Ethnicity and the American
 Multiculturalism: A Critical Assessment
- Lecture 28 May 1
 Contemporary Immigration
 Alejandro Portes, "Toward a Structural Analysis of
 Illegal (Undocumented) Immigration"
- Lecture 29 May 6
 The Impacts of Contemporary Immigration
 Charles B. Keely & Ellen Percy Knaly, "Recent Net
 Alien Immigration to the United States"
- Lecture 30 May 8
 The Future of American Immigration Policy