History 958: American Military History

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1. OVERVIEW. War figures prominently in the self-affirming narratives of most societies, but this is perhaps especially true of the United States—a nation paradoxically conceived in opposition to military "tyranny" yet birthed in war and self-defined largely by its subsequent martial ventures. Fred Anderson and Andrew Cayton have likened the metanarrative of American history to a suspension bridge, anchored at one end by Plymouth and Jamestown and rising to three peaks-the Revolution, the Civil War, and World War II-before descending through the Cold War to the present day. This course will critically examine this arc and its important omissions, beginning with pre-contact Native American military practices. In keeping with the "new" military history, this course will study the ways in which North American societies organized and applied external violence to serve their collective ends. This includes the "traditional" study of armed conflicts but places them in a broader social and cultural context. Weekly readings will follow a familiar chronology yet reflect a range of approaches to military history privileging seminal and worthy new interpretations. Many of these will reflect the field's ongoing fascination with cultures or "ways of war." The course meets weekly for two-hour seminar discussions on the assigned readings. To facilitate these discussions, students will prepare 500-800-word critical reviews of the core readings for most weeks. Additionally, students will write and present two longer reviews (4-5 pages) and a seminar paper of 10-12 pages.

2. EXPECTATIONS / REQUIREMENTS.

- a. Students must attend all meetings of the seminar and participate actively in discussion. Participation will be evaluated for quality and consistency.
- b. Students will submit reviews of **eight** of the common, core texts (indicated on the schedule by an asterisk) no later than noon the day before each seminar meeting. These reviews will be 500-800 words and conform to the guidelines provided below. No common reviews are required for weeks 1 and 13, weeks in which students submit their two longer reviews (see below), and three additional weeks of the students' choosing.
- c. Students will submit two 4-5 page reviews of works listed as "additional readings" on the schedule. These reviews are due at noon the day prior to the respective class meeting, and students will present their review to their classmates at this session. No two students may review the same book; nor will students review books that they have already read. Students should prioritize their preferences prior to our first class meeting, at which I will reconcile your wishes with the needs of the course. These reviews should also conform to the guidelines below but more substantially engage the relevant historiography.

- d. Students will submit a 10-12 page seminar paper by the beginning of the week 13 class meeting. Students may elect to either write a historiographical essay on an issue of their choosing or an original piece of scholarship based on research in a primary document collection. In either case, students seeking to fulfill a U.S. field period requirement must select a topic in the appropriate period.
- 3. BOOK REVIEW GUIDELINES. All reviews should be critical, analytical, and thoughtful. Assess the book as a work of individual scholarship and locate it in the larger body of literature. Consider and address at least three published, scholarly reviews in your own. At a minimum, reviews should provide:
 - a. Information on the author and his or her qualifications.
 - b. A brief, general description of the organization and contents of the book.
 - c. A statement of the purpose of the book and its thesis.
 - d. Your critical evaluation of how successful the author is in achieving his or her goals and in persuading you of the thesis. The emphasis in each review should be on **critical** reading and evaluation. No book is perfect and none is worthless. The objective is to discern the strengths and weaknesses in the books you read and to place them in the context of the kinds of literature being done in the field and approaches to the various topics.

4. COURSE TEXTS.

- a. Required. See course schedule (below).
- b. General works. There are four general works that can be read along chronologically at the right time, in pieces. You are not required to read them, but I highly recommend each of these books—particularly if you lack the background familiarity necessary to contextualize our common readings.
- Chambers, John Whiteclay, and G. Kurt Piehler, eds. Major Problems in American Military History: Documents and Essays. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1999.
- Lookingbill, Brad D. American Military History: A Documentary Reader. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.
- Millett, Allan R., Peter Maslowski, and William B. Feis. For the Common Defense: A Military History of the United States of America. Completely revised and expanded ed. New York: Free Press, 2012.
- Millis, Walter. Arms and Men: A Study in American Military History. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1956.
 - c. References / bibliographic sources.

- Blewett, Daniel K. American Military History: A Guide to Reference and Information Sources. 2nd ed. Westport, Conn.: Libraries Unlimited, 2009.
- Chambers, John Whiteclay. *The Oxford Companion to American Military History*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.
- Higham, Robin D. S. A Guide to the Sources of United States Military History. Hamden, Conn.: Archon Books, 1975.
- Higham, Robin D. S., and Donald J. Mrozek. A Guide to the Sources of United States Military History, Supplement I. Hamden, Conn.: Archon Books, 1981.
- —. A Guide to the Sources of United States Military History, Supplement II. Hamden, Conn.: Archon Books, 1986.
- —. A Guide to the Sources of United States Military History, Supplement III. Hamden, Conn.: Archon Books, 1993.
- —. A Guide to the Sources of United States Military History, Supplement IV. North Haven, Conn.: Archon Books, 1998.

5. COURSE SCHEDULE.

Week 1, 3 September

American Ways of War

Common Readings:

- Lee, Wayne E. "Mind and Matter—Cultural Analysis in American Military History: A Look at the State of the Field." *Journal of American History* 93, no. 4 (March 2007): 1116-42.
- Linn, Brian M., and Russell F. Weigley. "The American Way of War Revisited." The Journal of Military History 66, no. 2 (2002): 501-33.

Additional Readings:

- Anderson, Fred and Andrew Cayton. The Dominion of War: Empire and Liberty in North America, 1500-2000. New York: Viking, 2005.
- Bonura, Michael A. Under the Shadow of Napoleon: French Influence on the American Way of Warfare from the War of 1812 to the Outbreak of WWII. New York: New York University Press, 2012.
- Grenier, John. *The First Way of War: American War Making on the Frontier*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- Linn, Brian M. *The Echo of Battle: The Army's Way of War*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2007.
- Weigley, Russell Frank. The American Way of War: A History of United States Military Strategy and Policy. New York: Macmillan, 1973.

Week 2, 10 September

Contact and Conflict

Common Readings:

- Abler, Thomas S. "Scalping, Torture, Cannibalism and Rape: An Ethnohistorical Analysis of Conflicting Cultural Values in War." *Anthropologica* 34, no. 1 (1992): 3-20.
- Anderson, Fred. "The Colonial Background to the American Victory." In *The World Turned Upside Down: The American Victory in the War of Independence*, edited by John E. Ferling, 1-17. New York: Greenwood Press, 1988.

- Hirsch, Adam J. "The Collision of Military Cultures in Seventeenth Century New England." Journal of American History 74, (1988): 1187-1212.
- Karr, Ronald Dale. ""Why Should You Be So Furious?": The Violence of the Pequot War." The Journal of American History 85, no. 3 (1998): 876-909
- * Malone, Patrick M. The Skulking Way of War: Technology and Tactics among the New England Indians. Lanham, MD: Madison Books, 1991.

- Chacon, Richard J., and Ruben G. Mendoza. North American Indigenous Warfare and Ritual Violence. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2007.
- Drake, James D. King Philip's War: Civil War in New England, 1675-1676. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1999.
- Jennings, Francis. The Invasion of America: Indians, Colonialism, and the Cant of Conquest. New York: Norton, 1976.
- Leach, Douglas Edward. Arms for Empire: A Military History of the British Colonies in North America, 1607-1763. New York: Macmillan, 1973.
- Lepore, Jill. King Philip's War and the Origins of American Identity. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1998.
- Zelner, Kyle F. A Rabble in Arms: Massachusetts Towns and Militiamen during King Philip's War. New York: New York University Press, 2009.

Week 3, 17 September

Early American Warfare

Common Readings:1

*Chet, Guy. Conquering the American Wilderness: The Triumph of European Warfare in the Colonial Northeast. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2003.

Hall, John W. "An Irregular Reconsideration of George Washington and the American Military Tradition." *The Journal of Military History* 78, no. 3 (July 2014).

¹ Each student will review only one of the books here indicated as a common reading.

- *Starkey, Armstrong. European and Native American Warfare, 1675-1815. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1998.
- *Wayne E. Barbarians & Brothers: Anglo-American Warfare, 1500-1865. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

- Anderson, Fred. A People's Army: Massachusetts Soldiers And Society in the Seven Years' War. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1984.
- ———. Crucible of War: The Seven Years' War and the Fate of Empire in British North America, 1754-1766. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2000.
- Brunsman, Denver Alexander. The Evil Necessity: British Naval Impressment in the Eighteenth-century Atlantic World. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2013.
- Dederer, John Morgan. War in America to 1775: Before Yankee Doodle. New York: New York University Press, 1990.
- Dowd, Gregory Evans. War under Heaven: Pontiac, the Indian Nations, & the British Empire. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002.
- Eames, Steven C. Rustic Warriors: Warfare and the Provincial Soldier on the New England Frontier, 1689-1748. New York: New York University Press, 2011.
- Selesky, Harold E. War and Society in Colonial Connecticut. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1990.
- Steele, Ian K. Betrayals: Fort William Henry & the "Massacre". New York: Oxford University Press, 1990.
- Titus, James. The Old Dominion at War: Society, Politics, and Warfare in Late Colonial Virginia. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1990.
- Ward, Matthew C. Breaking the Backcountry: The Seven Years' War in Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1754-1765. Pittsburgh, Pa.: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2003.

Week 4, 24 September

War for American Independence

Common Readings:

- * Martin, James Kirby, and Mark Edward Lender. A Respectable Army: The Military Origins of the Republic, 1763-1789. 2nd ed. Wheeling, Ill.: Harlan Davidson, Inc., 2006.
- Carp, E. Wayne. "The Problem of National Defense in the Early Republic." In *The American Revolution: Its Character and Limits*, edited by Jack P. Greene, 14-50. New York: New York University Press, 1987 (available at Learn@UW).

- Carp, E. Wayne. To Starve the Army at Pleasure: Continental Army Administration and American Political Culture, 1775-1783. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1984.
- Fischer, David Hackett. Washington's Crossing. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004.
- Fischer, Joseph R. A Well-Executed Failure: The Sullivan Campaign Against the Iroquois, July-September 1779. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1997.
- Griffin, Patrick. American Leviathan: Empire, Nation, and Revolutionary Frontier. New York: Hill and Wang, 2007.
- Higginbotham, Don. The War of American Independence: Military Attitudes, Policies, and Practice, 1763-1789. Boston: Northeastern University Press, 1983.
- Lengel, Edward G. General George Washington: A Military Life. New York: Random House, 2005.
- Lockhart, Paul. The Drillmaster of Valley Forge: The Baron de Steuben and the Making of the American Army. New York: Smithsonian Books, 2008.
- Mackesy, Piers. The War for America, 1775-1783. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1964.
- Mayer, Holly A. Belonging to the Army: Camp Followers and Community during the American Revolution. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1996.
- O'Shaughnessy, Andrew Jackson. The Men Who Lost America: British Leadership, the American Revolution, and the Fate of the Empire. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2013.
- Royster, Charles. A Revolutionary People at War: The Continental Army and American Character, 1775-1783. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1979.
- Shy, John W. A People Numerous and Armed: Reflections on the Military Struggle for American Independence. Rev. ed. Ann Arbor, Mich.: University of Michigan Press, 1990.

Spring, Matthew H. With Zeal and With Bayonets Only: The British Army on Campaign in North America, 1775-1783. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2008.

Week 5, 1 October

Young Republic

Common Readings:

- *Kohn, Richard H. Eagle and Sword: The Federalists and the Creation of the Military Establishment in America, 1783-1802. New York: Free Press, 1975.
- Crackel, Theodore J. "Jefferson, Politics, and the Army: An Examination of the Military Peace Establishment Act of 1802." *Journal of the Early Republic* 2, no. 1 (1982): 21-38.

- Bickham, Troy O. The Weight of Vengeance: The United States, the British Empire, and the War of 1812. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- Bergmann, William H. *The American National State and the Early West.* New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012.
- Calloway, Colin G. The Victory with No Name: The Native American Defeat of the First American Army. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- Crackel, Theodore J. Mr. Jefferson's Army: Political and Social Reform of the Military Establishment, 1801-1809. New York: New York University Press, 1987.
- Cress, Lawrence Delbert. Citizens in Arms: The Army and the Militia in American Society to the War of 1812. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1982.
- Daughan, George C. If by Sea: The Forging of the American Navy-from the American Revolution to the War of 1812. New York: Basic Books, 2008.
- Edling, Max M. A Revolution in Favor of Government: Origins of the U.S. Constitution and the Making of the American State. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.
- Gaff, Alan D. Bayonets in the Wilderness: Anthony Wayne's Legion in the Old Northwest. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2004.
- Leeman, William P. The Long Road to Annapolis: The Founding of the Naval Academy and the Emerging American Republic. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010.

- Stagg, J. C. A. Mr. Madison's War: Politics, Diplomacy, and Warfare in the Early American Republic, 1783-1830. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1983.
- Taylor, Alan. The Civil War of 1812: American Citizens, British Subjects, Irish Rebels, & Indian Allies. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2010.
- Watson, Samuel J. Jackson's Sword: The Army Officer Corps on the American Frontier, 1810-1821. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2012.

Week 6, 8 October

Antebellum Era

Common Readings:

- * Greenberg, Amy S. A Wicked War: Polk, Clay, Lincoln, and the 1846 U.S. Invasion of Mexico. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2012.
- Watson, Samuel J. "How the Army Became Accepted: West Point Socialization, Military Accountability, and the Nation-State During the Jacksonian Era." American Nineteenth Century History 7, no. 2 (June 2006): 219-251.

- Ball, Durwood. Army Regulars on the Western Frontier, 1848-1861. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2001.
- Cunliffe, Marcus. Soldiers and Civilians: The Martial Spirit in America, 1775-1865. Boston: Little, Brown, 1968.
- Hall, John W. Uncommon Defense: Indian Allies in the Black Hawk War. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2009.
- Leeman, William P. The Long Road to Annapolis: The Founding of the Naval Academy and the Emerging American Republic. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010.
- May, Robert E. Manifest Destiny's Underworld: Filibustering in Antebellum America. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004.
- McKee, Christopher. A Gentlemanly and Honorable Profession: The Creation of the U.S. Naval Officer Corps, 1794-1815. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 1991.
- Mahon, John K. History of the Second Seminole War, 1835-1842. Rev. ed. Gainesville: University Presses of Florida, 1991.

- Peskin, Allan. Winfield Scott and the Profession of Arms. Kent, Ohio: The Kent State University Press, 2003.
- Prucha, Francis Paul. The Sword of the Republic: The United States Army on the Frontier, 1783-1846. New York: Macmillan, 1968.
- Skelton, William B. An American Profession of Arms: The Army Officer Corps, 1784-1861. Lawrence, Kan.: University Press of Kansas, 1992.
- Watson, Samuel J. Peacekeepers and Conquerors: The Army Officer Corps on the American Frontier, 1821-1846. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2013.
- Winders, Richard Bruce. Mr. Polk's Army: The American Military Experience in the Mexican War. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1997.

Week 7, 15 October

Civil War

Common Readings:

- *Neely, Mark E. The Civil War and the Limits of Destruction. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2007.
- Glatthaar, Joseph T. "The "New" Civil War History: An Overview." *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 115, no. 3 (1991): 339-369.

- Foote, Lorien. The Gentlemen and the Roughs: Manhood, Honor, and Violence in the Union Army. New York: New York University Press, 2010.
- Glatthaar, Joseph T. General Lee's Army: From Victory to Collapse. New York: Free Press, 2008.
- Grimsley, Mark. The Hard Hand of War: Union Military Policy Toward Southern Civilians, 1861-1865. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.
- Hsieh, Wayne Wei-siang. West Pointers and the Civil War: The Old Army in War and Peace. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009.
- Manning, Chandra. What This Cruel War Was Over: Soldiers, Slavery, and the Civil War. New York: Vintage, 2007.

- McPherson, James M. Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era, The Oxford History of the United States. New York: Oxford University Press, 1988.
- McPherson, James M. For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.
- Mountcastle, Clay. Punitive War: Confederate Guerrillas and Union Reprisals. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2009.
- Reardon, Carol. With a Sword in One Hand & Jomini in the Other: The Problem of Military Thought in the Civil War North. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2012.
- Royster, Charles. The Destructive War: William Tecumseh Sherman, Stonewall Jackson, and the Americans. Vintage Civil War Library. New York: Vintage Books, 1993.
- Stoker, Donald J. The Grand Design: Strategy and the U.S. Civil War. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.
- Williams, T. Harry. Lincoln and His Generals. New York: Knopf, 1958.

Week 8, 22 October

Closing the Continental Frontier

Common Readings:

- * Adams, Kevin. Class and Race in the Frontier Army: Military Life in the West, 1870-1890. Norman, University of Oklahoma Press, 2009.
- Grimsley, Mark. "Rebels' and 'Redskins': U.S. Military Conduct toward White Southerners and Native Americans in Comparative Perspective." In *Civilians in the Path of War*, edited by Mark Grimsley and Clifford J. Rogers, 137-161. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2002 (available at Learn@UW).
- Janda, Lance. "Shutting the Gates of Mercy: The American Origins of Total War, 1860-1880." The *Journal of Military History* 59, no. 1 (1995): 7-26.
- Grandstaff, Mark R. "Preserving the `Habits and Usages of War': William Tecumseh Sherman, Professional Reform, and U.S. Army Officer Corps, 1865-1881, Revisited." *Journal of Military History* 62, no. 3 (July 1998): 521-545.

Additional Readings:

Bradley, Mark L. Bluecoats & Tar Heels: Soldiers and Civilians in Reconstruction North Carolina. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2009.

- Coffman, Edward M. The Old Army: A Portrait of the American Army in Peacetime, 1784-1898. New York: Oxford University Press, 1986.
- Cooper, Jerry M. The Rise of the National Guard: The Evolution of the American Militia, 1865-1920. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1997.
- Dunlay, Thomas W. Wolves for the Blue Soldiers: Indian Scouts and Auxiliaries with the United States Army, 1860-90. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1982.
- Kiser, William S. Dragoons in Apacheland: Conquest and Resistance in Southern New Mexico, 1846-1861. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2013.
- McGinnis, Anthony. Counting Coup and Cutting Horses: Intertribal Warfare on the Northern Plains, 1738-1889. Evergreen, Col.: Cordillera Press, 1990.
- Ostler, Jeffrey. *The Plains Sioux and U.S. Colonialism from Lewis and Clark to Wounded Knee*, Studies in North American Indian History. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.
- Smith, Sherry L. The View from Officers' Row: Army Perceptions of Western Indians. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 1990.
- Tate, Michael L. The Frontier Army in the Settlement of the West. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1999.
- Utley, Robert M. Frontier Regulars: The United States Army and the Indian, 1866-1891. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1973.
- West, Elliott. The Last Indian War: The Nez Perce Story. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- Wooster, Robert Allen. The Military and United States Indian Policy, 1865-1903. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1988.

Week 9, 29 October

Young Empire

Common Readings:

- Gates, John M. "Indians and Insurrectos: The US Army's Experience with Insurgency." *Parameters: US Army War College* 13, no. 1 (1983): 59-68 (available at Learn@UW).
- *Linn, Brian McAllister. *The Philippine War:* 1899-1902. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2000.

- Abrahamson, James L. America Arms for a New Century: The Making of a Great Military Power. New York: Free Press, 1981.
- Cosmas, Graham A. An Army for Empire: The United States Army in the Spanish-American War. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1998.
- Gates, John M. Schoolbooks and Krags: The United States Army in the Philippines, 1898-1902. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1973.
- Hagan, Kenneth J. American Gunboat Diplomacy and the Old Navy, 1877-1889. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1973.
- Karsten, Peter. The Naval Aristocracy: The Golden Age of Annapolis and the Emergence of Modern American Navalism. New York: Free Press, 1972.
- Linn, Brian McAllister. Guardians of Empire the U.S. Army and the Pacific, 1902-1940. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1997
- McCoy, Alfred W. Policing America's Empire: The United States, the Philippines, and the Rise of the Surveillance State. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2009.
- Schmidt, Hans. Maverick Marine: General Smedley D. Butler and the Contradictions of American Military History. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 1987.
- Shulman, Mark R. Navalism and the Emergence of American Sea Power, 1882-1893. Annapolis, Md.: Naval Institute Press, 1995.

Week 10, 5 November

The Great War

Common Readings:

- * Grotelueschen, Mark E. The AEF Way of War: The American Army and Combat in World War I. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007.
- Showalter, Dennis. "The Great War and Its Historiography." *The Historian* 68, no. 4 (2006): 713-721.

- Coffman, Edward M. The War to End All Wars: The American Military Experience in World War I. Lexington, Ky.: University Press of Kentucky, 1998.
- Coffman, Edward M. The Regulars: The American Army, 1898-1941. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2004.
- Jensen, Kimberly. Mobilizing Minerva: American Women in the First World War. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2008.
- Keene, Jennifer D. Doughboys, the Great War, and the Remaking of America. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001.
- Kennedy, David M. Over Here: The First World War and American Society. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1980.
- Ferguson, Niall. The Pity of War. New York: Basic Books, 1999.
- Fussell, Paul. The Great War and Modern Memory. New York: Oxford University Press, 1975.
- Morrow, John Howard. The Great War: An Imperial History. New York: Routledge, 2004.
- Slotkin, Richard. Lost Battalions: The Great War and the Crisis of American Nationality. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2005.

Week 11, 12 November

Interwar

- * Sherry, Michael S. The Rise of American Air Power: The Creation of Armageddon. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1987.
- Porch, Douglas. "Military "Culture" and the Fall of France in 1940: A Review Essay." *International Security* 24, no. 4 (2000): 157-180.

- Braisted, William Reynolds. *Diplomats in Blue: U.S. Naval Officers in China, 1922-1933.* Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2009.
- Johnson, David E. Fast Tanks and Heavy Bombers: Innovation In The U.S. Army, 1917-1945. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998.
- Linn, Brian McAllister. *Guardians of Empire: The U.S. Army and the Pacific*, 1902-1940. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1997.

- Mets, David R., and Harold R. Winton, eds. *The Challenge of Change: Military Institutions and New Realities*, 1918-1941. Lincoln: University of Nebraska, 2000.
- Millett, Allan Reed, and Williamson Murray. Military Innovation in the Interwar Period. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996.
- Millett, Allan Reed, and Williamson Murray. Military Effectiveness: Volume 2, the Interwar Period. New ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- Odom, William O. After the Trenches: The Transformation of U.S. Army Doctrine, 1918-1939. College Station: Texas A & M University Press, 1999.
- Pogue, Forrest C. George C. Marshall: Education of a General, 1880-1939. New York: Viking Press, 1963.
- Ulbrich, David J. Preparing for Victory: Thomas Holcomb and the Making of the Modern Marine Corps, 1936-1943. Annapolis, Md.: Naval Institute Press, 2011.

Week 12, 19 November

World War II

Common Readings:

*Dower, John W. War without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War. New York: Pantheon Books, 1993.

Additional Readings:

Atkinson, Rick. An Army At Dawn: The War in North Africa, 1942-1943 (2002).

Crane, Conrad C. Bombs, Cities, and Civilians: American Airpower Strategy in World War II. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1993.

Hastings, Max. Armageddon: The Battle for Germany, 1944-45. (2004).

Iriye, Akira. Power and Culture: The Japanese-American War, 1941-1945 (1981).

Isley, Jeter A. and Philip A. Crowl. The U.S. Marines and Amphibious War: Its Theory and Its Practice in the Pacific (1951).

Morison, Samuel Eliot. The Two-Ocean War (1963).

Murray, Williamson, and Allan Reed Millett. A War To Be Won: Fighting the Second World War. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2000.

Overy, Richard. Why the Allies Won. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 1995.

- Porch, Douglas. The Path To Victory: The Mediterranean Theater in World War II (2004).
- Spector, Ronald H. Eagle against the Sun: The American War with Japan. New York: Free Press, 1985.
- Weinberg, Gerhard L. A World at Arms: A Global History of World War II. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1994.
- Wohlstetter, Roberta. Pearl Harbor: Warning and Decision. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1962.

Week 13, 26 November

The Cold War

PAPERS DUE (no weekly review)

Common Readings:

- Lewis, Adrian R. The American Culture of War: The History of U.S. Military Force from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom. New York: Routledge, 2007 (through p. 227).
- Flint, Roy K. "The Truman MacArthur Conflict." In *The United States Military under the Constitution of the United States*, 1789-1989, edited by Richard H. Kohn. New York: New York University Press, 1991 (available at Learn@UW).

- Gaddis, John Lewis. We Now Know: Rethinking Cold War History. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997.
- Crane, Conrad C. American Airpower Strategy in Korea, 1950-1953. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2000.
- James, D. Clayton, and Anne Sharp Wells. Refighting the Last War: Command and Crisis in Korea, 1950-1953. New York: Free Press, 1992.
- Kaplan, Fred M. The Wizards of Armageddon. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1983.
- Leffler, Melvyn P. A Preponderance of Power: National Security, the Truman Administration, and the Cold War. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1992.
- Stueck, William Whitney. Rethinking the Korean War: A New Diplomatic and Strategic History.

- Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2002.
- Trauschweizer, Ingo. *The Cold War U.S. Army: Building Deterrence for Limited War.* Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2008.
- Westad, Odd Arne. The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- Nagai, Yonosuke, and Akira Iriye, eds. *The Origins of the Cold War in Asia*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1977.

Week 14, 3 December

Vietnam

Common Readings:

- Birtle, Andrew J. "PROVN, Westmoreland, and the Historians: A Reappraisal." *The Journal of Military History* 72, no. 4 (2008): 1213-1247.
- *Daddis, Gregory A. No Sure Victory: Measuring U.S. Army Effectiveness and Progress in the Vietnam War [in English]. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.
- Lewis, Adrian R. The American Culture of War: The History of U.S. Military Force from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom. New York: Routledge, 2007 (pp. 229-293).

- Herring, George C. America's Longest War: The United States and Vietnam, 1950-1975. 3rd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1996.
- Hunt, Richard A. Pacification: The American Struggle for Vietnam's Hearts and Minds. Boulder: Westview Press, 1995.
- Karnow, Stanley. Vietnam: A History. 2nd rev. and updated ed. New York: Penguin Books, 1997.
- Krepinevich, Andrew F. The Army and Vietnam. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1988.
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