HIST 436
Recent American History from Hiroshima to Watergate          Professor Robert Cottrell
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Catalog Description: 1945 to 1974. The United States from Hiroshima to the 1970s, its social structure and economic dynamics as the dominant world power in an age of revolution that includes an atomic arms race and a threatened natural environment.

Melvyn Leffler, *The Specter of Communism*
William H. Chafe, *Civilties and Civil Rights*
Glenn Altschuler, *All Shook Up*
David Chalmers, *And the Crooked Places Made Straight*
Ruth Rosen, *The World Split Open*

Weekly Schedule:
1. Jan. 26, 28
   Introduction; Legacies of the Great Depression and World War II
   Documents:
   - [http://www.tourolaw.edu/patch/Korematsu/](http://www.tourolaw.edu/patch/Korematsu/) (Black)
   - [http://www.tourolaw.edu/patch/Korematsu/MURPHY.asp](http://www.tourolaw.edu/patch/Korematsu/MURPHY.asp) (Murphy)
   - [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/decade01.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/decade01.asp) (Four Freedoms)
   - [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/decade03.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/decade03.asp) (Declaration by UN)
   - [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/decade029.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/decade029.asp) (Proclamation of UN Charter and Statue of International Court of Justice)

2. Feb. 2, 4
   The International Cold War: Initial Stages (Leffler; Bios: Kennan & Wallace in MAL)
   Documents:
   - [http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/coldwar.htm](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/coldwar.htm) (Kennan’s Long Telegram)
   - [http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/coldwar/x.htm](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/coldwar/x.htm) (Mr. X)
   - [http://www.leader.org/workshops/primaysources/coldwar/docs/lippman.html](http://www.leader.org/workshops/primaysources/coldwar/docs/lippman.html) (Lippman)
   - [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/decade02.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/decade02.asp) (OAS)
   - [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/nato.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/nato.asp) (NATO)

3. Feb. 9, 11
   American Liberalism, the Domestic Cold War, and Korea (Bios: Stone & Hoover in MAL)
   Documents:
   - [http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/coldwar.htm](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/coldwar.htm) (Disney &HUAC)
   - [http://www.writing.upenn.edu/~afilreis/50s/hiss-chambers-nyt.html](http://www.writing.upenn.edu/~afilreis/50s/hiss-chambers-nyt.html) (Hiss & Chambers)
   - [http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/truman/pssources/ps_order.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/truman/pssources/ps_order.html) (EO 9981)
   - [http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/nsc-68/nsc68-1.htm](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/nsc-68/nsc68-1.htm) (NSC 68)
4. Feb. 16, 18

American Conservatism, McCarthyism, and Modern Republicanism
Documents:
- [http://www.historywiz.com/primarysources/josephmcarthy.html](http://www.historywiz.com/primarysources/josephmcarthy.html) (McCarthy)
- [http://www.writing.upenn.edu/~afilreis/50s/mccarran-act-intro.html](http://www.writing.upenn.edu/~afilreis/50s/mccarran-act-intro.html) (McCarran Act)
- [http://www.writing.upenn.edu/~afilreis/50s/morrison.html](http://www.writing.upenn.edu/~afilreis/50s/morrison.html) (Morrison)
- [http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB126/iran521120.pdf](http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB126/iran521120.pdf) (Iran)
- [http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB126/iran530320.pdf](http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB126/iran530320.pdf) (Iran)
- [http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB126/iran530300.pdf](http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB126/iran530300.pdf) (Iran)
- [http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/coldwar/guatemala4.htm](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/coldwar/guatemala4.htm) (on coup in Guatemala)
- [http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB4/cia-guatemala4_1.html](http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB4/cia-guatemala4_1.html) (Guatemala)
- [http://www.guardian.co.uk/theguardian/2007/apr/26/greatspeeches1](http://www.guardian.co.uk/theguardian/2007/apr/26/greatspeeches1) (Khrushchev)
- [http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=NDJhYTJjNWl0MWFiODBhMDc2MzQwY2JlM2RhZjk5ZjM=](http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=NDJhYTJjNWl0MWFiODBhMDc2MzQwY2JlM2RhZjk5ZjM=) (Buckley)
- [http://www.historywiz.com/primarysources/militaryindustrial.html](http://www.historywiz.com/primarysources/militaryindustrial.html) (Ike on military industrial complex)

5. Feb. 23, 25

Challenge to Jim Crow and the Budding of a Counter Culture (Chafe: Introduction, chs. 1-2; Altschuler: chs. 1-4; Bios: Monroe & Presley, Robinson & Ginsberg in MAL)

Feb. 23: Paper Topic Due
Documents:
- [http://www.strom.clemson.edu/strom/manifesto.html](http://www.strom.clemson.edu/strom/manifesto.html) (Southern Manifesto)
- [http://www.pangloss.com/seidel/Ramble/howl_text.html](http://www.pangloss.com/seidel/Ramble/howl_text.html) (Ginsberg)

6. March 2, 4

Critics of Eisenhower’s America (Bios: LeMay & Mills in MAL; Altschuler: chs. 5-6, epilogue); The Civil Rights Crusade (Chalmers: introduction, chs. 1-3; Chafe: chs. 3-5)
Documents:
- [http://www.fiu.edu/~yaf/sharon.html](http://www.fiu.edu/~yaf/sharon.html) (Sharon Statement)
- [http://www.crmvet.org/docs/sncc1.htm](http://www.crmvet.org/docs/sncc1.htm) (SNCC)
- [http://www.crmvet.org/docs/sncc2.htm](http://www.crmvet.org/docs/sncc2.htm) (Baker)
- [http://www.americancivilrightsreview.com/docs-birminghamjailletter.htm](http://www.americancivilrightsreview.com/docs-birminghamjailletter.htm) (Birmingham jail)
- [http://www.crmvet.org/info/mowmlk.htm](http://www.crmvet.org/info/mowmlk.htm) (I have a dream)
- [http://www.crmvet.org/info/mowjl.htm](http://www.crmvet.org/info/mowjl.htm) (Lewis)
- [http://www.crmvet.org/info/mowjl2.htm](http://www.crmvet.org/info/mowjl2.htm) (Lewis)

7. March 9, 11

The Warren Court and a Changing America

March 11: Exam 1/Mandatory Unpaid Furlough Day for Professor Cottrell
Documents:
8. March 23, 25

The New Frontier

**March 25: Mandatory Unpaid Furlough Day for Professor Cottrell**
Documents:
- [http://www3.niu.edu/~tdOrf1/1960s/Other%20America%20excerpt.htm](http://www3.niu.edu/~tdOrf1/1960s/Other%20America%20excerpt.htm) (Harrington)
- [http://www.historywiz.com/speeches/jfkamericanuniversityaddress.html](http://www.historywiz.com/speeches/jfkamericanuniversityaddress.html) (JFK & Cold War)
- [http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/programs/pauleyg/voices/fhamer.htm](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/programs/pauleyg/voices/fhamer.htm) (Hamer)
- [http://www.nationalcenter.org/Goldwater.html](http://www.nationalcenter.org/Goldwater.html) (Goldwater)
- [http://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/savioendofhistory.html](http://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/savioendofhistory.html) (Savio)

9. March 30

The Great Society and LBJ (Chalmers: ch. 4; Chafe: chs. 6-9, epilogue; Bios: Hamer & Chavez, Hayden & Goldwater in MAL)

**April 1: Mandatory Unpaid Furlough Day for CSUC**
Documents:
- [http://www.famousquotes.me.uk/speeches/Malcolm_x/1.htm](http://www.famousquotes.me.uk/speeches/Malcolm_x/1.htm) (Malcolm X)
- [http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/programs/pauleyg/voices/fhamer.htm](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/programs/pauleyg/voices/fhamer.htm) (Hamer)
- [http://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/savioendofhistory.html](http://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/savioendofhistory.html) (Savio)

10. April 6, 8

Pax Americana (Chalmers: ch. 7)
Documents:

11. April 13, 15

The Movement (Chalmers: chs. 5, 8; Rosen: Parts I & II)
Documents:
- [http://www.antiauthoritarian.net/sds_wuo/sds_documents/paul_potter.html](http://www.antiauthoritarian.net/sds_wuo/sds_documents/paul_potter.html) (Potter)
- [http://www.antiauthoritarian.net/sds_wuo/sds_documents/oglesby_future.html](http://www.antiauthoritarian.net/sds_wuo/sds_documents/oglesby_future.html) (Oglesby)
- [http://www.crmvet.org/docs/snccfem.htm](http://www.crmvet.org/docs/snccfem.htm) (Women in movement)
- [http://www.crmvet.org/docs/blackpwr.htm](http://www.crmvet.org/docs/blackpwr.htm) (black power)
- [http://www.mnsd.net/mnhs/apush/unitXIV/Black_Power.pdf](http://www.mnsd.net/mnhs/apush/unitXIV/Black_Power.pdf) (Carmichael)
- [http://history.hanover.edu/courses/excerpts/111bbppp.html](http://history.hanover.edu/courses/excerpts/111bbppp.html) (Black Panther Party)
- [http://www.crmvet.org/docs/snccviet.htm](http://www.crmvet.org/docs/snccviet.htm) (SNCC on V)
12. April 20, 22
The Counter Culture (Chalmers: ch. 6; Bios: Hendrix & Dohrn in MAL; Rosen: Part III)

**April 22: Mandatory Unpaid Furlough Day for Professor Cottrell**

Documents:
- [http://www.ep.tc/realist/76/15.html](http://www.ep.tc/realist/76/15.html) (Hoffman & Krassner)

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13. April 27, 29
1968 and Coming Apart (Bios: Kennedy & Wallace in MAL)

Documents:
- [http://www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/stc/Waysofthinking/append/chavezspeech2.htm](http://www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/stc/Waysofthinking/append/chavezspeech2.htm) (Chavez)
- [http://www.americancivilrightsreview.com/speeches/mlkivebeentothemountaintop.htm](http://www.americancivilrightsreview.com/speeches/mlkivebeentothemountaintop.htm) (MLK)
- [http://www.historyplace.com/speeches/rfk.htm](http://www.historyplace.com/speeches/rfk.htm) (RFK on MLK)
- [http://www.4president.org/speeches/nixon1968acceptance.htm](http://www.4president.org/speeches/nixon1968acceptance.htm) (Nixon)

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14. May 4, 6
The Backlash and Bringing the War Home (Chalmers: ch. 9)

**May 6: Term Paper Due**

Documents:
- [http://studentorgs.utexas.edu/mecha/archive/plan.html](http://studentorgs.utexas.edu/mecha/archive/plan.html) (Chicanos)
- [http://cwis.org/fwp/Americas/alcatraz.htm](http://cwis.org/fwp/Americas/alcatraz.htm) (Native Americans)
- [http://www.antiauthoritarian.net/sds_wuo/weather/weatherman_document.txt](http://www.antiauthoritarian.net/sds_wuo/weather/weatherman_document.txt) (Weatherman)
- [http://chnm.gmu.edu/hardhats/silent.html](http://chnm.gmu.edu/hardhats/silent.html) (Nixon)
- [http://faculty.smu.edu/dsimon/Change-Agnew.html](http://faculty.smu.edu/dsimon/Change-Agnew.html) (Agnew)
- [http://www.marxists.org/subject/women/authors/millett-kate/theory.htm](http://www.marxists.org/subject/women/authors/millett-kate/theory.htm) (Millett)
- [http://www.marxists.org/subject/women/authors/firestone-shulamith/dialectic-sex.htm](http://www.marxists.org/subject/women/authors/firestone-shulamith/dialectic-sex.htm) (Firestone)
- [http://gaytoday.com/viewpoint/011904vp.asp](http://gaytoday.com/viewpoint/011904vp.asp) (gay power)
- [http://www2.iath.virginia.edu/sixties/HTML_docs/Resources/Primary/Manifestos/VVAW_Kerry_Senate.html](http://www2.iath.virginia.edu/sixties/HTML_docs/Resources/Primary/Manifestos/VVAW_Kerry_Senate.html) (Kerry)

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15. May 11, 13
Heading to Watergate (Chalmers: chs. 10-11; Bios: Steinem & Schlafly in MAL; Rosen: Part IV)

Documents:
- [http://www.enemieslist.info/list1.php](http://www.enemieslist.info/list1.php) (enemies list)
- [http://www.enemieslist.info/list2.php](http://www.enemieslist.info/list2.php) (enemies list)
- [http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/pentagon/pent1.html](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/pentagon/pent1.html) (Pentagon Papers)
- [http://www.4president.org/speeches/mcGovern1972acceptance.htm](http://www.4president.org/speeches/mcGovern1972acceptance.htm) (McGovern)
- [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/warpower.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/warpower.asp) (War Powers Resolution)

**May 13: Mandatory Unpaid Furlough Day for Professor Cottrell**

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16. May 18
Exam 2: 2:00-3:50 p.m. Do not be late.

**Grading:**

Attendance & Participation 20%
Exams: Each exam will include the following: an essay and short-answer questions.

Paper: You will submit a 1500-word term paper, along with a two-page bibliographical essay, focusing on some aspect of American history that spans the 1945-1974 era. Professor Cottrell must approve the topic, which will be selected by February 23. No topic changes are allowed.

Your paper will be graded for both content and style. Content involves the body of your paper and must demonstrate considerable care. Style, of course, is still more subjective. However, it includes matters that are generally not such as grammar and sentence construction. And it is associated with readability, which requires extensive proofing and editing. Do not turn in a paper that you have thrown together at the last minute. It will be readily apparent that you have done so and your grade will suffer accordingly.

Plagiarism is unacceptable and will result in the grade of 0 for your paper. Do your own work.

Your paper must be typewritten and double-spaced, using 12-point script.

The paper is due at 12:00 p.m. on May 6. A grade will be subtracted for each day it is late.

Attendance: This is an advanced undergraduate history course. Students are expected to attend each class and to remain for the duration.

Classroom Etiquette: Arriving to class on time is essential. Leaving the classroom before Professor Cottrell indicates that it is time to do so is unacceptable. So too are engaging in conversation, other than for purposes of class discussion, reading outside materials (this includes the assigned works) while the class is in session, texting, e-mailing, or surfing the internet. In other words, retain your focus on the class at hand.