READINGS

Books:

1. Kerr, K. Austin; Amos Loveday; and Mansel Blackford. *Local Businesses: Exploring Their History.*


4. Turabian, Kate. *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*


Articles and Pamphlets on Blackboard Learn (**=not available online via Blackboard Learn; must be obtained in hard-copy form at Meriam Library’s Limited Loan department, 1st floor of library, Main Circulation Desk):


4. Davis, W.N. “Research Uses of County Court Records, 1850-1879,” Parts I and II


**Additional Resources:**
1. California State Library *Information Index* (copy on microfiche at Special Collections)
2. Coy, Owen. *California County Boundaries.*
8. *The United States Government Manual* (Govt docs Ref AE 2.108/2)

**GRADING** will be based on class participation and successful completion of a biographical research paper assigned during the first week of class. The paper will be due on Thursday, December 13. Class participation (i.e. discussion of assigned readings and periodic informal progress reports on research projects) will comprise approximately 25% of the student’s course grade. The research paper will comprise approximately 75% of the course grade. The paper will actually receive three scores, each counting for 25% of the course grade. One score will be given for grammar, punctuation, and style; another for research; and a third for analysis. To help students improve their writing (and perhaps their overall grade!), a preliminary draft of the research paper may be turned in for stylistic review and comment by the instructor on Thursday, December 6. Such papers will be returned to the student within one week and will be due for final submission on Thursday, December 20. *All* students are required to provide *one extra copy* of their papers for inclusion in the “Archival Research Seminar Local History Collection” in Meriam Library’s Special Collections Department.
Course Readings and Schedule

Week I

August 28  Introduction and selection of research topics

August 30  Tour of Library Reference section with Instructor. Meet at Library Reference desk (2nd floor), Meriam Library.

Week II

September 4  Tour of Special Collections with Director George Thompson and Archivists Deborah Besnard and Pam Kruger. Meet at Special Collections, 3rd floor, Meriam Library

September 6  Discuss Tuchman, Part I, pp. 3-90.

Week III

September 11  Discuss E. H. Carr, pp. 3-35 (and reconsider Tuchman’s comments on Carr!)

September 13  Initial Progress Reports (and discussion of assignment on developing context: secondary source research on occupation).

Week IV

Sept. 18  Discuss Kyvig and Marty, pp. 1-78 and 91-111; and article by Spahn and Spahn.

Sept. 20  Discuss Chan, pp. 414-422; Davis, parts I and II; and Mazzini article on Shasta County, pp. 63-64 only. Also, carefully scan pamphlet by March Fong Eu, especially records of the County Clerk, Recorder, and courts.

Week V

Sept. 25  Meeting at Colusa County Courthouse with Colusa County Clerk-Recorder Kathleen Moran, downtown Colusa.

Sept. 27  Tour of Butte County Clerk-Recorder’s office with Clerk-Recorder Candace Grubbs. Meet at the Recorder’s office in the Butte County Courthouse, 25 County Center Drive, in Oroville.
Week VI
October 2  Discussion of occupational context research, and court house tours
October 4  No class meeting

Week VII
October 9  Discuss Kerr, et. al.; and Madison
October 11 Discuss Barrows; Harris; and Chan (just her section on census records, pp. 409-414); and review Kyvig and Marty, pp. 99-102.

Week VIII
October 16 Tour of Library Government Documents collection (meet on 4th floor) with George Thompson: introduction to state and federal government documents, and the U.S. Federal Census Manuscript Schedules and Soundex system
October 18 No Class Meeting. Begin Waller’s *Feud* if you haven’t already! Pay close attention to her research sources, writing style, and analysis/thesis.

Week IX
October 23 Tour of Chico Branch, Butte County Library with Reference Librarian Susan Rauen. Meet at library circulation desk, 1108 Sherman Avenue (Sherman and East First avenues).
October 25 Tour of Chico Family History Center, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), with Joyce Atkin. Meet at 2430 Mariposa Avenue (Mariposa and East avenues)

Week X
October 30

November 1 Discuss Lamb; Kyvig and Marty, pp. 78-85 only, and both articles by Mazzini

Week XI
November 6 Tour of Library map collection with Debbie Besnard (meet on 2nd floor)
November 8 Discuss Waller’s *Feud*. (Instructor to distribute genealogical web-sites list)
Week XII

November 13  Discuss Horowitz and Miller; and Magliari on using the Freedom of Information Act. Also discuss results of Web-site searches.

November 15  A Brief Return to English 101, Part 1: Some tips for Good Writing! Please bring your copy of Kate Turabian's manual to class, and your print-out of Turabian’s old 6th edition documentation guide.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Week XIII

November 27  A Brief Return to English 101, Part 2: Quotations, Footnotes, Endnotes, and Bibliographies. Please bring your copy of Kate Turabian's manual to class, and your print-out of Turabian’s old 6th edition documentation guide.

November 29  No class meeting: consulting office hours

Week XIV

December 4  No class meeting: consulting office hours

December 6  No class meeting: consulting office hours. Optional early due date for preliminary drafts.

Week XV

December 11 No class meeting: consulting office hours.

December 13 TERM PAPERS DUE. Brief class meeting for group assessment of course. Optional preliminary drafts returned by instructor.

FINALS WEEK

December 20 FINAL DUE DATE for papers turned in for stylistic review on December 6.

Student Learning Outcomes: Among other goals, this course is specifically designed to help students achieve Outcomes #1, 2, 3, and 6 of the History Department's Student Learning Outcomes for the History Major.