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HSTR 200.01: Introduction: Historical Methods

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HISTORY 200

Historical Methods
Spring 2019
Professor Michael Mayer

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Office Hours: M 3-4, W 11-12, F 11-12

Required Reading:
William Kelleher Storey, Writing History
Paul Boyer and Stephen Nissenbaum, Salem Possessed
Robert Darnton, The Great Cat Massacre
Faculty Pack

Assignments:
Take-home midterm (due at the beginning of class on March 6)
Exam (due April 29 at 4:00 PM)

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with historical methods. Students will be expected to do the assigned reading and to come to class prepared to discuss that reading. In addition, students will be expected to apply methods of historical research and to present their ideas in clear and grammatically correct prose.

CLASS SCHEDULE

January 16   Organization

January 23   Kelleher Storey

January 30   Writing
Twain, Fenimore Cooper’s Literary Offenses
Twain, Fenimore Cooper’s Prose Style

February 6   Objective History:
Ranke
February 13 Marxist History:
Engels

February 20 The Annals School:
Braudel

February 27 Gramscian Marxism:
Genovese

March 6 MIDTERM DUE

March 13 Social Science:
Boyer and Nissenbaum, pp. 1-109

March 20 Social Science:
Boyer and Nissenbaum, pp. 110-221

March 27 SPRING BREAK

April 3 Historical Demography:
Walsh and Carr

April 10 Legal History:
Merritt v. Parker
Palmer v. Mulligan

April 17 Legal History:
Platt v. Johnson and Root
Pitts v. Lancaster Mills

April 24 Cultural Anthropology:
Darnton, pp. 3-104