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SYLLABUS
HISTORY 400
RESEARCH SEMINAR: POST-WAR AMERICA
PROFESSOR MICHAEL MAYER
FALL 2021

Office: 253 Liberal Arts Building

Office Hours: Monday 3:30-4:30, Wednesday 3:30-4:30, Friday 2:00-3:00
and by appointment

Required texts: Christopher Lasch, Plain Style
Steven Gillon, American Paradox (3rd ed.)

The purpose of this course is for students to produce an article-length (20-25 pages) research paper. Students will develop their topics in the seminar and in consultation with the instructor. They will ultimately present their papers to the seminar and revise that draft to incorporate the suggestions and criticisms that emerge from the seminar. The paper must be based largely on primary sources (although it must also demonstrate mastery of relevant secondary sources), contain a clearly stated and adequately supported thesis, and be written in clear and grammatical English.

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COURSE SCHEDULE

August 30	Organization
September 1	Discussion: Writing
September 6	NO CLASS
September 8	Discussion: Writing History Reading: Lasch
September 13	Discussion Reading: Gillon, pp. 1-66

September 15	Discussion Reading: Gillon, pp. 67-90
September 20	Discussion Reading: Gillon, pp. 92-108
September 22	Discussion Reading: Gillon, pp. 109-131
September 27	Presentation of topics and sources
September 29	Presentation of topics and sources
October 4	Presentation of topics and sources
October 6	Presentation of topics and sources
October 11	Presentation of topics and sources
October 13	Presentation of outlines and thesis statements
October 18	Presentation of outlines and thesis statements
October 20	Presentation of outlines and thesis statements
October 25	Presentation of outlines and thesis statements
October 27	Presentation of outlines and thesis statements
November 1	NO CLASS
November 3	NO CLASS
November 8	Presentation of papers
November 10	Presentation of papers
November 15	Presentation of papers
November 17	Presentation of papers
November 22	Presentation of papers
November 29	Presentation of papers
December 1	NO CLASS

December 6

NO CLASS

December 8

Final paper due