

History 33
Asian American History since 1945
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MWF: 12:30-1:45pm
x-hour: Tuesday 1:00-1:50pm
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This course will cover the history of Asian Americans after World War II. In the aftermath of the Second World War, Asian American communities found themselves as vocal leaders of an emerging civil rights movement, demanding change from within the ethnic enclave and at the state and national level. They also faced the ongoing struggle against racism and segregation, emerging as both the “Yellow Peril” and the “Model Minority.” We will look at the remarkable diversity of Asian American communities, the beginning of a “Asian American” civil rights movement and its effect on immigration, media, racial identities.

Required books:

Kwong, Peter. The New Chinatown
Abelmann, Nancy and John Lie. Blue dreams : Korean Americans and the Los Angeles riots
Wei, William. The Asian American Movement
Irons, Peter. Justice at War
Zia, Helen. Asian American Dreams: Emergence of an American People
Assigned articles

Web page: www.dartmouth.edu/~hist32

Books can be purchased online and a few copies will be available through Wheelock books.

Class requirements:

Attendance and Participation:	10%
Midterm	25%
Paper	30%
Final	35%

Optional Web page assignment:

Students may create a short web page for extra credit. The web page consists of text on a subject within the timeframe of our course. It includes a brief summary of an event, topic or idea, and a longer reflection on the significance of the subject. There are examples on the website. It is entirely voluntary but will affect the final grade by redistributing the percentage of the final. The optional web page will count for 5% of your final grade and the final will count for 30%. If you are interested, the web page is due on the day of the midterm.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

Week I : From Hiroshima to the Model Minority

March 29, 31, April 2

Reading:

Kwong, The New Chinatown, Ch. 1, pp. 11-24.
Dower, War Without Mercy, Selected Chapters
Short articles by William Petersen, New York Times
US News and World Report,
Newsweek on Campus,
New York Magazine: "Soul of the New Koreans"

Week II New Frontiers and New Communities: The Immigration Act of 1965

April 5, 7, 9

Reading:

Kwong, The New Chinatown, chapters 2-3, pp. 25-56
Article "The Changing Face of Asian Immigration to the United States,"
Reed Ueda, Postwar Immigrant America: A Social History, chapters 1 and 2

Week III : The Asian American Movement

April 12, 14, 16

Wei, The Asian American Movement, chapters 1-2, pp. 11-71.
Short articles by Frank Chin and others: "Racist Love", I Wor Kuen Manifesto, etc.

Week IV : The Asian American Movement: Gender and Authenticity

April 19, 21, 23

Wei, The Asian American Movement, chapter 3
Zia, Asian American Dreams, Intro and Chapter 1
Shah, "Presenting the Blue Goddess: Toward a National, Pan-Asian Feminist Agenda", pp. 147-158
Lin & Tan, "Holding Up More than Half the Heavens: Domestic Violence in Our Communities, A Call for Justice," pp. 321-334
Gordon, Linda W. "Southeast Asian Refugee Migration to the United States", pp. 153-174.

Week V : The Asian American Agenda: Education, the Media and the Arts

April 26, 28, 30

Wei, chapters 4-5, pp. 101-168
Fung, "Seeing Yellow: Asian Identities in Film and Video", p. 161-171
Hagedorn, "The Exile Within/The Question of Identity", pp. 173-182
Mura, "A Shift in Power, A Sea Change in the Arts: Asian American Constructions," pp. 183-204.

Week VI : Points of Tension: Economic Inclusion and Interethnic relations

May 3, 5, 7

Abelman and Lie, Blue Dreams

Kwong, *The New Chinatown*, chapters 4-6, pp. 57-123
Zia, *Asian American Dreams*

Week VII : Addressing the "System": Politics

May 10, 12, 14

Irons, *Justice at War*

Wei, Chapters 6 - 8, and Conclusion, pp. 169-275

Castro, "Identity in Action: A Filipino American's Perspective", 295-320

San Juan, "The Predicament of Filipinos in the United States: Where are you from? When are you going back?" pp. 205-233

Week VIII : Redefining Asian American in the Reagan era: Post modernism, intermarriage and bi-racialism,

May 17, 19, 21

Southeast Asian immigration: 1980 Refugee act

Zia, *Asian American Dreams*, Vincent Chin to conclusion

Kwong, *The New Chinatown*, Chapters 7-9 & Conclusion. pp. 124-176

Week IX : Complexity, Post colonialism, Transnationalism

May 24, 26, 28

Shankar, *A Part and Yet Apart: South Asians in Asian America*, Selection

Minocha, "South Asian Immigrants Trends and Impacts on the Sending and Receiving societies", *Pacific Bridges*, pp. 347-370.

Radhakrishnan, "Is the Ethnic 'Authentic' in the Diaspora?", pp. 351-370

Francis Fukuyama, *Arguing Immigration*, "Immigrants and Family Values", pp. 151-168

Dinesh D'Souza, *Illiberal Education*, Chapter 2, pp. 24-48.

Week X: What is a majority?

May 31 = Memorial Day Holiday

June 1 (X-hour), 2

Fawcett, et. al, "The Future Asian Population of the US," pp. 285-300
1990 and 2000 Census

Final to be announced