

History 3303-01

Disease, Health, and Medicine in American History

Fall 2026

Professor James A. Schafer, Jr.

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Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Science Building, Room 102 (S 102)

In this course, we examine the social, political, and economic history of disease, health and medicine in the United States, from the colonial period to the present. We cover a variety of topics, including: demography (or patterns of health, disease, and death); medical theory and practice (or ideas about etiology, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment); the medical marketplace (or the system of exchange between healers and patients); public health (or the control and prevention of disease); medical institutions (such as hospitals and medical schools); medical technology (and the factors that shape development and adoption); professionalization (or the growing power and influence of the physicians); the social construction of disease (or the broader social context and cultural representation of health and illness); and health care policy (or the set of laws and regulations that govern the medical marketplace). This course therefore emphasizes broad developments in American medicine over time. Specific examples will be used to demonstrate and explain these developments.

[Pictured: Pennsylvania Hospital, the first British colonial hospital in the Americas, established in 1751]

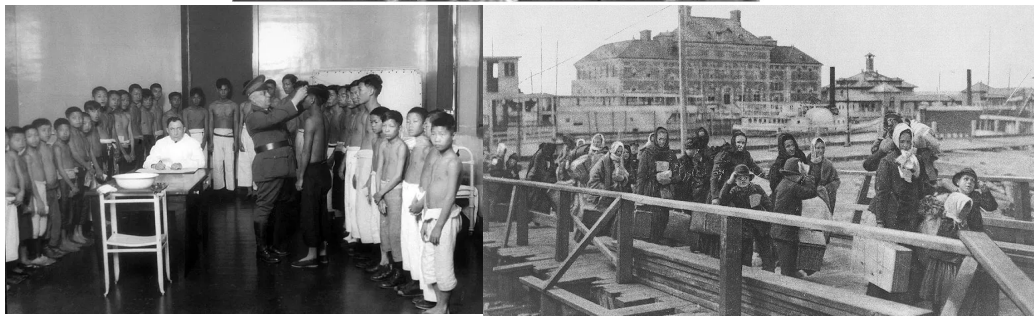
HIST 3317: Immigrants and Immigration in U.S. History

Dr. Mark A. Goldberg

Section 19029

Tuesday/Thursday, 10-11:30

Fall 2026



This course will explore the history of immigration in the United States from a comparative perspective. We will follow multiple migration streams and track how various Latin American, Asian, and Jewish immigrants built new lives in the 19th- and 20th-century United States. Migrants often found themselves amidst a rapidly changing legal, political, and social landscape, which shaped ideas about belonging and citizenship. We will analyze how newcomers navigated American society and the social and political responses to immigrants. Finally, we will examine the evolution of U.S. immigration law and policy over the course of U.S. history.

Oral History Methods: Talking to the history makers

HIST 3324-01 (15537)

Fall 2026

MW 1:00-2:30

Face-to-face

Oral history captures human memories of people, places, and events. This class will conduct interviews with UH alumni and community members to document the UH centennial.



IN THIS CLASS YOU WILL:

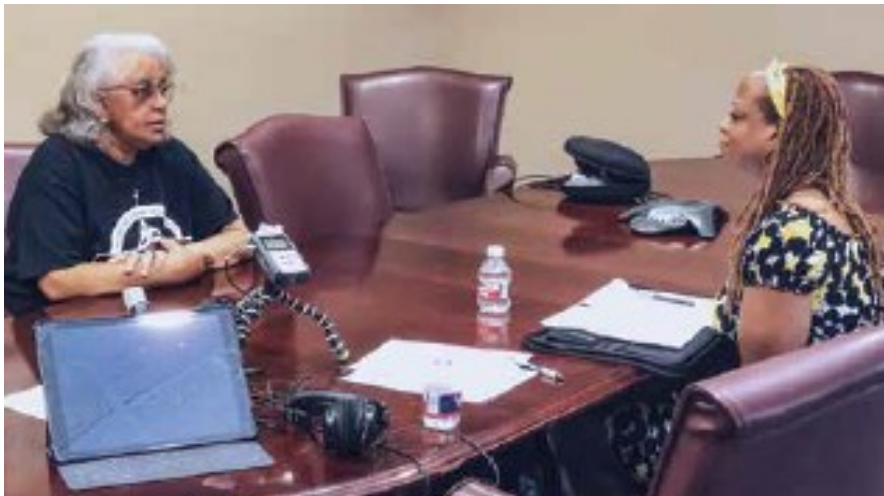
- Study oral history methods central to historical research and public history
- Conduct oral histories with community members
- Hone your personal interviewing skills for your future career in any discipline
- Contribute to the historical record creating interviews used in the archives and *Houston History* magazine

THIS CLASS COUNTS TOWARD:

Professional Track in Public History

Advanced Hours in History

Honors Creative Work Minor



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History 3326

African American Women in Slavery in Freedom

Professor L. Reed

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T TH 1: 00 – 2: 30 PM

M1022—Section 25243

African American women--like their black male counterparts, white males, white females, Indians, and immigrants--played key roles in every phase of America's growth. Like white women, black women struggled for "freedom," suffrage, economic equality, and social acceptance. Although politics and economics factor strongly in the course content, students will also learn about other concerns and activities of black women. Just as African American history and American history are indispensably intertwined, the same holds true for women's history, black and white. What are stories of Black women in the U.S.?

From enslaved international performers to 21st century world-renown entertainers!



Contrast no representation in the judicial system to a seat on the highest court!



HIST 3333

Health is a Human Right: Global Quest for Universal Healthcare

Pratik Chakrabarti

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Mon /Wed 11:30 AM- 1 PM, S 101



This course is based on the idea that healthcare is a human right. It introduces students to the global movements to achieve universal healthcare in the twentieth century. It explores the successes and failures of various health projects launched in Europe, Latin America, and Asia to tackle problems of poverty, sanitation, and medical infrastructure and their connections with labor, gender, and other social movements. It will introduce students to the roles played by the state, society, and communities in establishing and delivering accessible healthcare for the people.

HIST 3344-1

Drug History in Latin America

Fall 2025

Dr. Adela Cedillo

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Tuesday-Thursday 4:00 pm-5:30 pm

Location: Graduate College of Social Work (SW) 229

This course uses a multi-disciplinary and comparative approach to examine the evolution of drug trafficking in Latin America and the Caribbean from the early twentieth century to the present day. Students will analyze all stages of the drug industry from production to consumption, the formation of illicit markets and criminal organizations, the violent competition among drug cartels, and national and international counternarcotic policies. In addition, students will look at how the expansion of drug trafficking and prohibitionist policies have had a major impact on the socio-economic development of drug-producing countries and the increase in political corruption, arms trafficking, human trafficking, paramilitary violence, counterinsurgency warfare, social movements, migration, and the formation of drug subcultures.



Antebellum America: The US Before the Civil War

HIST3346-1 (25245)

Fall 2026

MW 1:-2:30 CV N115

Dr. Matt Clavin



The course examines the United States in the three decades (1831-1861) before the Civil War, focusing on reform movements including abolition, alcohol, anti-imperialism, and women's rights. It will also examine the social conflict over slavery and Native American dispossession, as well as broader patterns in politics, economics, and territorial expansion during these critical years that resulted in war.

The Modern Middle East

History 3378 - 01

Professor Hanan Hammad

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T& Th 10:0AM - 11:30AM

⊠ This course is an introduction to the history, politics, culture and societies of the modern Middle East during the last two centuries. To understand how and why the Middle East changed from a relatively peaceful region into a radicalized environment, we will study the region's experience with European imperialism, authoritarian rule, the challenges of economic development, the feminist movements, the rise of political Islam, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, oil, Iran and the role of the United States in the region.



History 3385 (19035)

OTTOMAN EMPIRE I

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Course time and location:

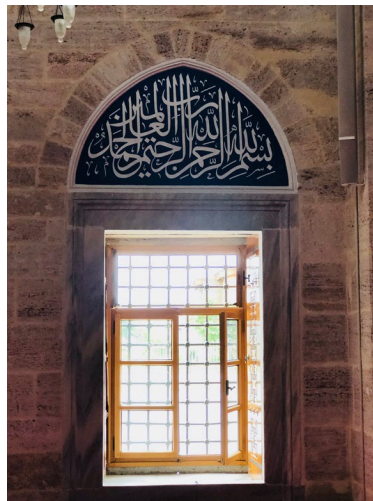
Tu-Th, 11:30-1:00
SW 229

Course Description

This course studies the history of the Ottoman Empire from its rise in the late thirteenth century to the mid-sixteenth century. The course analyses the transformation of the Ottoman principality into a leading world empire and Mediterranean power. Institutions which were pillars of the Islamic societies for centuries (i.e. *vakif* or pious endowments) are discussed, as well as the impact of the steppe tradition and Byzantine legacy. The recurrent dynamics of Ottoman history such as centralization and decentralization are treated. Institutions that contributed to the longevity of the empire are treated. The empire's role in the larger context of world history is particularly emphasized, in addition to the dynamics of empire-building process.



Dome of Kariye Mosque
(Chora Church, Istanbul)
Goes back to 4th century



Mihrimah Mosque, Istanbul
Late 16th Century



Dome of Mihrimah Mosque



HIST 4316

History of Racism in Film

MONDAYS: 5:30 – 8:30pm

FALL 2026

A survey of racist depictions in film focusing on e.g. African-Americans; Jewish-Americans; Asian-Americans; Native Americans; Mexican-Americans and Latinos more generally.

Readings will focus on both film history and struggles of the aforementioned groupings.

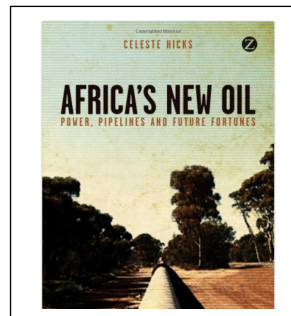
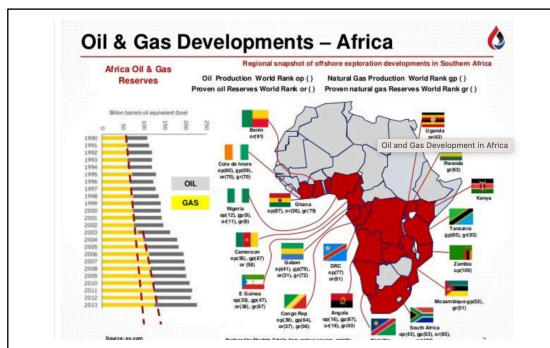
Contact: Gerald Horne

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Interested in the History of Global Oil?

How about learning it from the perspective of non-Western oil producers?

Learn the history of Africa through an economic lens – and about American business interactions with the continent from 1910 to present.



Join

History 4318: Africa and the Oil Industry

Fall 2026

T/Th 1:00-2:30,

CV room N115

Dr. Kairn Klieman

This course qualifies for credit in the following programs:

- Energy and Sustainability Minor (Honor's College)
- National Security Studies Minor (Political Studies)
- Professional Studies Track (Energy/Environment)