

HIS 295-01: The History of U.S.-Latin American Relations (2017)

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Class Meetings: MWF at 3

Course description

This class surveys the relations between the U.S. and Latin America from 1810 to the 1990s. The course provides an overview U.S. policy towards Latin America and how these relations shaped the region, but it also tries to demonstrate that Latin Americans also played a role in shaping hemispheric relations and that both sides were affected culturally and politically by this entangled history.

Class format:

Discussion

Course Objectives

Learning Related to the History of U.S.-Latin American Relations

By the end of the semester, you should be able to:

- Explain the basic periodization of U.S.-Latin American Relations
- Explain some of the ways U.S. government policies shaped Latin America
- Explain some of the non-governmental influences in U.S. Latin American relations

Skills Related to Historical Analysis

By the end of the semester, you should have refined your ability to:

- Examine primary sources critically and in context in order to use them to provide evidence for arguments
- Identify how historical arguments are framed within an existing historiography
- Analyze and comment on how historical arguments make use of evidence and make their case

Writing Skills

By the end of the semester, you should be able to:

- Create an argument in response to an historical debate
- Structure an introduction for a longer paper
- Assemble a longer paper out of shorter segments

Assessment

Attendance and Participation

1 Research Paper Completed in Stages (For the schedule, see:

<http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-01/ResPpr2017.html>

Midterm

Final

In Class Quizzes

Expect grading to break down approximately as follows: paper (25%), the midterm (12%), the final (25%), class participation (30%), and in-class quizzes (8%). **Note that class participation is the biggest component, so take it seriously.**

Extension Policy:

- Coming Soon

Plagiarism

- Coming Soon

Students with disabilities

- Coming Soon

Set Texts

Many of the readings for this class will be available for purchase

Cullather, *Secret History*.

Henderson, *Mexico and Its War with the United States*.

Holden and Zolov, *Latin America and the United States*.

McPherson, *The Invaded*.

Schoultz, *Beneath the United States*.

Sexton, *The Monroe Doctrine*.

Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*.

Course Schedule

Week 1 and Week 2: A Quick Overview of US and Latin American Relations

25 August: Schoultz, *Beneath the United States*, xi-38.

28 August: Schoultz, *Beneath the United States*, 39-106.

30 August: Schoultz, *Beneath the United States*, 107-151

1 September: Schoultz, *Beneath the United States*, 151-204.

4 September: Schoultz, *Beneath the United States*. 205-271.

6 September: Schoultz, *Beneath the United States*, 272-331.

8 September: Schoultz, *Beneath the United States*, 332-386.

Week 3 and Week 4: The US and Latin American Independence

11 September: Selections focusing on Mexico from Manning, *Diplomatic Correspondence of the United States Concerning the Independence of Latin America*.

Map Quiz!

13 September: Holden and Zolov, *Latin America and the United States*, Documents 1-6.

15 September: Gleijeses, "The Limits of Sympathy." <http://www.jstor.org/stable/156773>

18 September: Blaufarb, "The Geopolitics of Latin American Independence."

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/40006669>

20 September: Sexton, *The Monroe Doctrine*, Chap. 1.

Top Assignment Due! http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-01/Research_Paper/TopcAsgn.html

Week 5 and Week 6: Taking Mexico and Preserving Slavery

22 September: Holden and Zolov, *The 1840s*, Documents 7-12.

25 September: Sexton, *The Monroe Doctrine*, Chaps. 2-4.

27 September: Henderson, *Mexico and Its War with the United States*, Chaps. 1-2.

29 September: Henderson, *Mexico and Its War with the United States*, Chaps. 3-4.

2 October: Henderson, *Mexico and Its War with the United States*, Chaps. 5-7.

4 October: Karp, *The Vast Southern Empire*, excerpts.

6 October: Karp, *The Vast Southern Empire*, excerpts.

Holden and Zolov, Clayton-Bulwer to the Civil Wars of North America, Documents no. 13-16.

Bibliography: http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-01/Research_Paper/BiblAsgn.html

Week 7 and Week 8: From Influence to Empire

9 October: Sexton, *The Monroe Doctrine*, Chap. 5.

Holden and Zolov, *The US Seeks Influence*, Documents 17-21.

Martí, *Inside the Monster*.

11 October: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 42-66.

13 October: **Midterm**

FALL BREAK

23 October: Sexton, *The Monroe Doctrine*, Chap. 6.

25 October: Pérez, "On Context and Conditions," <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/grinnell-ebooks/reader.action?docID=880341&ppg=16>.

Holden and Zolov, *The Emergence of American Imperialism*, Documents 23-36.

Week 9 and Week 10: Dollar Diplomacy and the High Tide of Intervention

27 October: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 69-89.

Holden and Zolov, *The High Tide of US Intervention*, Documents 37-50.

http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-01/Research_Paper/SourcAsgn.html

30 October: McPherson, *The Invaded*, 1-72.

1 November: McPherson, *The Invaded*, 91-156.

3 November: McPherson, *The Invaded*, 194-237, 262-269.

6 November: Palmer, "Central American Encounters," on e-reserve.

Rosenberg and Rosenberg, "The Public-Private Dynamic in United States Financial Advising," <http://www.jstor.org/stable/1908505>.

8 November: Hess, "Carlos Chávez and Ur-Classicism," on e-reserve.

Week 11 and Week 12: Helping the Good Neighbor and Fighting the Cold War

10 November: Delpar, "The Mexican Vogue at Its Peak," <https://muse.jhu.edu/chapter/1484530>.

http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-01/Research_Paper/ArguAsgn.html

13 November: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 89-94.

Holden and Zolov, *The Good Neighbor Years*, Documents 50-63.

15 November: Karush, "Competing in the Transnational Marketplace," on e-reserve.

17 November: Bethell and Roxborough, "Latin America between the Second World War and the Cold War."

20 November: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 97-121.

Holden and Zolov, *From the World War to the Cold War*, Documents 64-75.

Cullather, *The CIA's Classified Account of Its Operations in Guatemala*, 7-37.

22 November: Cullather, *The CIA's Classified Account of Its Operations in Guatemala*, rest.

http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-01/Research_Paper/IntrAsgn.html

Week 13 and Week 14: Revolutionaries, Helpful Dictators, and Neoliberalism

27 November: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 124-145.

Holden and Zolov, *Fighting Revolution*, Documents 76-97.

29 November: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 148-162.

Holden and Zolov, *Fractures in the Cold War Consensus*, Documents 98-108.

1 December: Harmer, "Chile, the United States, and the Cold War, 1973-76."

Walker, "The Letelier Assassination, Human Rights, and Rethinking Intervention."

4 December: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 162-174.

Holden and Zolov, *Reagan's Cold War*, Documents 109-120.

Armony, "Transnationalizing the Dirty War," on e-reserve.

6 December: Weeks, *U.S. and Latin American Relations*, 177-203.

Williamson, "A Short History of the Washington Consensus."

8 December: Holden and Zolov, "After the Cold War," Documents 121-138.

15 December: Final Draft of Paper Due: [http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-](http://web.grinnell.edu/courses/his/f17/HIS-202-01/Research_Paper/FinalAsn.html)

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15 December: Final Exam from 2 to 5 p.m.