

**Interdisciplinary Protocols:
Identity and National Formation in Latin America:
Perspectives from Literature, Culture and History**

Spanish H590

**Honors and Scholars Building, Rm. 100
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Course Objectives: This course, to be cross-listed with History H598.02, examines the intersections between history and literature, and exposes students to core discussions in contemporary historical and cultural scholarship. While analyzing new directions in both history and literature, and emphasizing current methodologies and theoretical frameworks, this course will allow students to come into contact with and recognize the theoretical models organizing their disciplines. This course will further allow students to learn about the shifting conceptualization within their fields, focusing, among others things, on the theories behind history's move outside the archive, and literature's swing away from the canonical texts. Working with majors from other areas, students will be able to interact across their respective disciplines, while exploring important matters such as the relationship between identity and nation formation. The examination of such other issues as subaltern studies, gender studies, cultural studies, and post-colonial studies, will also allow the students the opportunity to learn about developments in their respective fields, while reading and working through complex questions as a group. Lastly, students will present their final work at a public colloquium, thus giving them the chance to learn how to write and present a formal paper.

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

All students must be officially enrolled in the course by the end of the second full week of the quarter. No requests to add the course will be approved by the department chair after that time. Enrolling officially and on time is solely the responsibility of each student.

Course Material is available in electronic reserve under the name of the professors and the course number.

Grading:

Attendance/Participation: 20%

Reaction Papers: 30%

Final Paper: 50%

Attendance/Participation: Attendance is required for every class, and will be taken down at the beginning of class. You are responsible for attending each and every class since your grade will be adversely affected by any absences. If you need to miss a class, please talk to one of the instructors beforehand, and present an official written excuse when you return.

This class requires active class participation by every student in each class, since part of the course grade is based on such participation. To be able to participate well, you will need to keep up with the reading material.

*** Please feel free to express your opinion in a constructive manner. Part of the objective of the class is for you to learn how to coherently express your positions on a number of topics. While you may not agree with everything said in class, you must show respect to fellow classmates.

Response Papers: A response paper (2-4 pages double-spaced) is due each class period over the weekly readings. These papers should present a brief summary of the main points and arguments of the readings, analyze the relevance of the scholar's points, and relate the readings to previous readings and discussions. The papers will be turned in **during class time only.**

Final Paper: Your paper should be 8-10 pages in length, and should address one important question or topic discussed in class. While you will use the books assigned from class, I expect that you will also utilize outside sources. I will **NOT** accept the final paper by email attachment. The final paper will be due during the final exam time period. Your oral presentation during Week 9 will be a short talk (length depends on final class size) about your project to the rest of the class. In your presentation you will talk about how you came to your project, the sources you used, and your conclusions. Your presentation is part of your final paper grade.

Make-up examinations and late work: Make-up examinations will be given only in the case of a REAL emergency, and only if this can be documented with an official written excuse. It is the student's responsibility to take the make-up exam at the time and the place as specified by the instructor. You are responsible for taking the final examination at the appointed time.

Do not ask for exceptional treatment.

Late work will be downgraded one half letter grade for each day it is late. Work that is four or more days late will not be accepted.

I will only assign an incomplete grade if you have suffered a debilitating injury or a life altering loss, which **must** be documented, and you have completed a significant portion of the course work. If this is not the case, you will be assigned the grade earned.

Academic Misconduct

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term academic misconduct includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct (http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/info_for_students/csc.asp).

Plagiarism is the representation of another's works or ideas as one's own: it includes the unacknowledged word for word use and/or paraphrasing of another person's work, and/or the inappropriate unacknowledged use of another person's ideas. All cases of suspected plagiarism, in accordance with university rules, will be reported to the Committee on Academic Misconduct.

See these web sites for information on plagiarism and writing handouts:

<http://cstw.osu.edu/>

http://cstw.osu.edu/writing_center/handouts/index.htm

http://cstw.osu.edu/writing_center/handouts/research_plagiarism.htm

Be forewarned that I will pursue cases of academic misconduct to the appropriate University committee.

Warning: Do not attempt to copy a paper off the Web and present it as your own work! This is plagiarism, and will result in an academic misconduct hearing.

Disability Services

Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated, and they should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/>.

All information and documentation of disabilities will be kept confidential.

Grading Notes

1) Since the University does not record D- grades, a student earning a course average below 62 will receive an E in this course.

2) Here are the grade breakdowns:

A: 92.6 and above; A-: 89.6-92.5; B+: 87.6-89.5; B: 82.6-87.5; B-: 79.6-82.5; C+: 77.6-79.5; C: 72.6-77.5; C-: 69.6-72.5; D+: 67.6-69.5; D: 62-67.5; E: below 62

When writing your presentation and paper, keep several things in mind.

1. Strive for good overall paper organization. Begin with an introduction, where you state your thesis and briefly tell the reader what you will be writing about. This is followed by the body of the paper, where you will present your evidence through the development of supporting arguments. Finally, your paper should have a conclusion, in which you once again explain the significance of your question and argument.
2. Strive for good paragraph organization. Begin with a clear topic sentence, which is usually short. Follow with material that either supports or elaborates upon the idea of the topic sentence.
3. Make sure that your paper has a clear progression of ideas from one paragraph to the next.
4. You should avoid lengthy quotes. These take up valuable space that is better spent on your own analysis.
5. Avoid contractions, such as don't and isn't, in your paper.
6. Minimize use of the passive voice. For example: "The war was begun by peasants" should be "Peasants began the war." Passive voice makes your writing weak.
7. Once again, avoid plagiarism of any kind.
8. Double-check to make sure that your paper is free of spelling errors, improper grammar, or incorrect punctuation.

Schedule of Class Meetings

Course Material is available in electronic reserve under the name of the professors and the course number.

Week 1.

Stephanie Smith and Ileana Rodriguez

March 30

What is the gaze that organizes the disciplines of history and literature?

Readings:

Terry Eagleton. "What is Literature?" In *Aesthetics : a reader in philosophy of the arts* / edited by David Goldblatt, Lee B. Brown Upper Saddle River, N.J. : Prentice Hall, 1997, 309-313.

Mary Fulbrook, "The Contested Nature of Historical Knowledge," *Historical Theory*. USA and Canada: Routledge, 2002.

Mary Fulbrook, "Historical Paradigms and Theoretical Traditions," *Historical Theory*. USA and Canada: Routledge, 2002.

Week 2.

Group meets together to hear speaker
Changes in the notion of fields

April 6

Readings:

Invited Guest: Barbara Weinstein

John Beverley. *Against Literature*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota P., 1993.

Gerald Graff. *Literature Against Itself*. Chicago: University of Chicago P, 1979.

Joyce Appleby, Lynn Hunt, Margaret Jacob "Postmodernism and the Crisis of Modernity," *Telling the Truth about History*, W. W. Norton & Company, 1994, pp. 198-237.

Week 3.

Stephanie Smith and Ileana Rodriguez
Cross-disciplinary Dialogues

April 13

Readings:

Linda Hutcheon. "Historiographic metafiction: 'the pastime of past time' and 'Intertextuality, parody, and the discourses of history'" In *A Poetics of Postmodernism. History, Theory, Fiction*. New York and London: Routledge, 1988: 105-140.

Constantin Fasolt, "Introduction, Chapter One," *The Limits of History*, The University of Chicago Press, 2004, pp xiii-45.

Joyce Appleby, Lynn Hunt, Margaret Jacob "Truth and Objectivity," *Telling the Truth about History*, W. W. Norton & Company, 1994, pp. 241-270.

Week 4.

Taught Separately
Reading novels as fiction and archive

April 20

Readings:

Hillis Miller. "Narrative and History," *ELH* 41: 455-73.

Ranjit Guha. *Chandra's Death. A Subaltern studies reader, 1986-1995* / Ranajit Guha, editor Minneapolis : University of Minnesota Press, c1997: 34-62.

Hayden White. "The Value of Narrativity in the Representation of Reality." *Critical Inquiry* 7, 1, 1980: 5-27.

Week 5.

April 27

Readings:

**Taught Separately
Cultural Studies**

Abril Trigo. "General Introduction." "Practices." *Latin American Cultural Studies Reader*. Ed. Ana del Sarto, Alicia Ríos, and Abril Trigo. Durham: Duke University Press, 2004: 1-14; 347-373.

Gilbert M. Joseph and Nugent, Daniel. "Popular Culture and State Formation in Revolutionary Mexico." In *Everyday Forms of State Formation*, Durham and London: Duke University Press, 1994: pp. 3-23.

Florencia A. Mallon, "Time on the Wheel: Cycles of Revisionism and the 'New Cultural History,'" *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 79:2, 1999, pp. 331-353.

Week 6.

May 4

Readings:

**Taught Separately
Post-Colonial Studies**

Gyan Prakash, "Introduction," *After Colonialism, Imperial Histories and Postcolonial Displacements*, 1995, pp. 3-17.

J. Jorge Klor de Alva, "The Postcolonialism of the (Latin) American Experience: A Reconsideration of 'Colonialism,' 'Postcolonialism,' and 'Mestizaje,'" in *After Colonialism: Imperial Histories and Displacements*, ed. Gyan Prakash, pp. 241-275.

Dipesh Chakravarty. *The Time of History and the Time of the Gods*. In *The Politics of Culture in the Shadow of Capital*. Ed. Lisa Lowe and David Lloyd. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 1997: 35-60.

Week 7.

**Group meets together to hear speaker
Subaltern Studies**

May 11

Readings:

Invited Guest: Alberto Moreiras

Florencia A. Mallon, "The Promise and Dilemma of Subaltern Studies: Perspectives from Latin American History," *American Historical Review*, 99:5, 1994: pp. 1491-1515.

Gayatri Spivak. *Can the Subaltern Speak?* Ed. Lawrence Grossberg and Cary Nelso. *Marxism and the Interpretation of Culture*. Urbana, Illinois, University of Illinois P, 1988.

Ileana Rodriguez. *Is there a need for Subaltern Studies? Dispositio/n* (forthcoming).

Week 8.

**Taught Separately
Gender Studies**

May 18

Readings:

Nira Yuval-Davis, "Theorizing Gender and Nation," *Gender and Nation*. Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications, 1997: 1-25.

Etienne Balibar, "The Nation Form: History and Ideology," in *Race, Nation, Class, Ambiguous Identities*, eds. Etienne Balibar & Immanuel Wallerstein, trans. Chris Turner (London and New York: Verso, 1991).

Ileana Rodriguez. *House, Garden, Nation. Space, Gender, and Ethnicity in Post-Colonial Latin American Literatures by Women*. Durham: Duke UP, pp. xv-55.

Week 9.

May 25

**Stephanie Smith and Ileana Rodriguez
Presentations of Work**

Week 10.

June 1

**Stephanie Smith and Ileana Rodriguez
Colloquia of participating students**

Final papers are due to instructors in their offices during the regularly scheduled Final Exam period.

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