

HIS 104
U.S. History Since 1877

Satisfies: DIV, SBS, USA

M/W, 2:00pm - 2:55pm

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This course surveys American history from the end of Reconstruction in 1877 through the end of the Trump presidency. Topics covered include the rise of Jim Crow; varied 19th and 20th century immigration flows and legislation; economic booms and depressions; World Wars I and II and the Cold War era; civil rights, peace, labor, feminist, and LGBTQ movements; heightened border militarization and restrictions; and the social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Crossing race, region, and class, this survey offers a multi-perspectival look at the enduring darkness and dreams held within the nation. Readings will be drawn from a textbook and supplementary historical documents and essays, amounting to roughly 75 pages of reading per week. Participation and writing in recitation section discussions, along with a final examination, serve as the basis for evaluation and final grade.