

20TH-CENTURY UNITED STATES – ORALS READING LIST

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Martin J. Sklar, *The Corporate Reconstruction of American Capitalism, 1890-1916: The Market, the Law, and Politics* (Cambridge, 1988)
Elizabeth Clemens, *The People's Lobby: Organizational Innovation and the Rise of Interest Group Politics in the United States, 1890-1925* (Chicago, 1997)
Elizabeth Sanders, *Roots of Reform: Farmers, Workers, and the American State, 1877-1917* (Chicago, 1999)
Alan Dawley, *Changing the World: American Progressives in War and Revolution*
(Princeton, 2003)
Robert D. Johnston, *The Radical Middle Class: Populist Democracy and the Question of Capitalism in Progressive Era Portland, Oregon* (Princeton, 2003)
Michael Willrich, *City of Courts: Socializing Justice in Progressive Era Chicago*
(Cambridge, 2003)

THE NEW DEAL

- William Leuchtenberg, *Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal* (Harper and Row, 1963)
Alan Brinkley, *Voices of Protest: Huey Long, Father Coughlin, and the Great Depression* (Knopf, 1982)
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Suzanne Mettler, *Dividing Citizens: Gender and Federalism in New Deal Public Policy*
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Gareth Davies, *From Opportunity to Entitlement: The Transformation and Decline of Great Society Liberalism* (University Press of Kansas, 1996)

Judith Stein, *Running Steel, Running America: Race, Economic Policy, and the Decline of Liberalism* (North Carolina, 1998)
John Skrentny, *The Minority Rights Revolution* (Belknap/Harvard, 2002)

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Elizabeth Fones-Wolf, *Selling Free Enterprise: The Business Assault on Labor and Liberalism, 1945-60* (Illinois, 1994)
Lisa McGirr, *Suburban Warriors: The Origins of the New American Right* (Princeton, 2001)
Garry Wills, *Reagan's America* (revised ed.; Penguin, 2000)
Bruce J. Schulman, *From Cotton Belt to Sunbelt: Federal Policy, Economic Development, and the Transformation of the South, 1938-1980* (Oxford, 1991)
Geoffrey Hodgson, *More Equal than Others: America from Nixon to the New Century* (Princeton, 2004)

WAR AND SOCIETY

Michael S. Sherry, *In the Shadow of War: The United States since the 1930s* (Yale, 1995)
John Morton Blum, *V Was for Victory: Politics and American Culture During World War II* (Harcourt Brace, 1976)
Elaine Tyler May, *Homeward Bound: American Families in the Cold War Era* (Basic, 1988)
Mary L. Dudziak, *Cold War Civil Rights: Race and the Image of American Democracy* (Princeton, 2000)
Ellen Schrecker, *Many are the Crimes: McCarthyism in America* (Princeton, 1999)
David K. Johnson, *The Lavender Scare: The Cold War Persecution of Gays and Lesbians in the Federal Government* (Chicago, 2004)
Salim Yaqub, *Containing Arab Nationalism: The Eisenhower Doctrine and the Middle East* (North Carolina, 2004)
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MASS CULTURE AND CONSUMPTION

William Leach, *Land Of Desire: Merchants, Power, And The Rise Of A New American Culture* (Knopf, 1993)
Kenneth T. Jackson, *Crabgrass Frontier: The Suburbanization of the United States* (Oxford, 1985)
David E. Nye, *Electrifying America: The Social Meanings of a New Technology, 1880-1940* (MIT, 1990)
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- Michael Denning, *The Cultural Front: The Laboring of American Culture in the Twentieth Century* (Verso, 1996)
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- Lary May, *The Big Tomorrow: Hollywood and the Politics of the American Way* (Chicago, 2000)
- Lizabeth Cohen, *A Consumers' Republic: The Politics of Mass Consumption in Postwar America* (New York: Knopf, 2003)
- David Serlin, *Replaceable You: Engineering the Body in Postwar America* (Chicago, 2004)
- Bill Osgerby, *Playboys in Paradise: Masculinity, Youth, and Leisure-Style in Modern America* (Berg, 2001)
- Thomas Frank, *The Conquest of Cool: Business Culture, Counterculture, and the Rise of Hip Consumerism* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1997)

MOVEMENT CULTURES

- John Dittmer, *Local People: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi* (Illinois, 1994)
- Doug Rossinow, *The Politics of Authenticity: Liberalism, Christianity, and the New Left in America* (Columbia, 1998)
- Rebecca E. Klatch, *A Generation Divided: The New Left, the New Right, and the 1960s* (California, 1999)
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- Matthew Frye Jacobson, *Whiteness of a Different Color: European Immigrants and the Alchemy of Race* (Harvard, 1998)
- Henry Yu, *Thinking Orientals: Migration, Contact, and Exoticism in Modern America* (Oxford, 2001)
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- Peggy Pascoe, "Miscegenation Law, Court Cases, and Ideologies of 'Race' in Twentieth-Century America," *Journal of American History* 83:1 (1996)
- James R. Grossman, *Land of Hope: Chicago, Black Southerners, and the Great Migration* (Chicago, 1989)
- Robin Kelley, *Race Rebels: Culture, Politics, and the Black Working Class* (1994)

- Arnold Hirsch, *Making the Second Ghetto: Race and Housing in Chicago, 1940-1960* (Chicago, 1983)
- Martha Biondi, *To Stand and Fight: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Postwar New York City* (Harvard, 2003)
- Thomas J. Sugrue, *The Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit* (Princeton, 1996)
- Ronald Formisano, *Boston Against Busing: Race, Class, and Ethnicity in the 1960s and 1970s* (North Carolina Press, 1991).
- John T. McGreevy, *Parish Boundaries: The Catholic Encounter with Race in the Twentieth-Century Urban North* (Chicago, 1996)
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- Robert O. Self, *American Babylon: Race and the Struggle for Postwar Oakland* (Princeton, 2003)
- Neil Smith, *The New Urban Frontier: Gentrification and the Revanchist City* (Routledge, 1996)

LABOR AND WORKING-CLASS LIFE

- Roy Rosenzweig, *Eight Hours for What We Will: Workers and Leisure in an Industrial City, 1870-1920* (New York: Cambridge, 1983)
- Kathy Peiss, *Cheap Amusements: Working Women and Leisure in Turn-of-the-Century New York* (Temple, 1986)
- David Montgomery, *Workers' Control in America: Studies in the History of Work, Technology, and Labor Struggles* (Cambridge, 1979)
- Dana Frank, *Purchasing Power: Consumer Organizing, Gender, and the Seattle Labor Movement, 1919-1929* (Harvard, 1994)
- Lizabeth Cohen, *Making a New Deal: Industrial Workers in Chicago, 1919-1939* (Cambridge, 1990)
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- Nelson Lichtenstein, *State of the Union: A Century of American Labor* (Princeton, 2002)

GENDER

- Gail Bederman, *Manliness and Civilization: A Cultural History of Gender and Race in the United States, 1880-1917* (Chicago, 1995)
- Glenda Gilmore, *Gender and Jim Crow: Women and the Politics of White Supremacy in North Carolina, 1896-1920* (North Carolina, 1996)
- Nancy F. Cott, *The Grounding of Modern Feminism* (Yale, 1987)
- Ruth Feldstein, *Motherhood in Black and White: Race and Sex in American Liberalism, 1930-1965* (Cornell, 2000)
- Alice Kessler-Harris, *In Pursuit of Equity: Women, Men, and the Quest for Economic Citizenship in 20th-Century America* (Oxford, 2001)

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Stephen Norwood, *Strikebreaking and Intimidation: Mercenaries and Masculinity in Twentieth-Century America* (North Carolina, 2002)