

Three Rivers Community College

Fall, 2009 (A31169 Hist K211)

Syllabus: History of Connecticut

August 29 – December 12, 2007

Saturday 9:00 – 11:45

Room D212

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Overview:

This course will explore the history of the land known as Connecticut beginning with the geological and natural process that shaped the land and the first people to inhabit the area, to the years following Native American – European contact, followed by an ongoing discussion of the events and people that impacted the land, Colony, and State of Connecticut from the 18th century to modern times.

Utilizing an inter-disciplinary approach this course will incorporate examples of literature, art, music, film, archaeology, and material culture to examine American identity and memory. Since the history of the Connecticut is diverse by nature this course will consider the many facets of the area's past such as gender, race, ethnicity, social class, agriculture, politics, and culture. Readings and discussions are designed to develop self-confidence, critical thinking, and oral and written communication skills.

The purpose of the course is two-fold. First, to become intensely aware of the people, thinking, inventions, towns, and events which shaped both Connecticut and United States history. Secondly, to understand that many of the critical events of the past are still accessible today at historical sites, museums, historical houses, cultural events, and people in you own communities.

Textbooks & Fees: Required Texts:

Thomas R. Beardsley, *Willimantic Industry and Community: The Rise and Decline of a Connecticut Textile City*

David E. Phillips, *Legendary Connecticut: Traditional Tales From the Nutmeg State*

David P. Shuldiner, *Connecticut Speaks for Itself: Firsthand Accounts of Life in the Nutmeg State from Colonial Times to the Present Day*

Davis-Stanton Museum Tour Fee: \$5.00 per person.

Old Lighthouse Museum / Capt. Nathaniel Palmer House Tour Fee: \$5.00 per person.

Attendance: Class will usually begin a few minutes after 9:00am.

Attendance will be considered when evaluating class participation.

Auditing:

If you wish to audit this course, notify the registrar's office immediately. Students who wish to change from credit to audit must notify the registrar's office within the first four weeks of the course.

Withdrawal:

Consult the student handbook or registrar's office for guidelines for withdrawing.

Any "No Show's" must withdraw or they will be given an F for a grade.

Incompletes:

Incompletes may be assigned in extenuating circumstances that prevent a student from completing the coursework on time. Incompletes may be requested but faculty is not required to accept the request.

Learning Disabilities:

Students with diagnosed learning disabilities on file at the college should notify the instructor immediately if any special arrangements are needed. Special arrangements for exams cannot be made unless the instructor has been notified as specified above.

Academic Integrity & Plagiarism: Is not tolerated in this course and will result in a grade of an F. Plagiarism in any written assignments will drop your score by a full letter grade.

Evaluations and Grading:

Grading will be based on the average of two examinations, one historical research assignment, and class participation. Improvements on exams and class participation can and will improve your final grade.

There are no make-up exams. A missed exam will earn a 0%.

Midterm Examination	25%	Final Examination	25%
Oral History Assignment	25%	Class Participation	25%

Midterm & Final Exams:

Midterm: Classes 1 – 7

Final Exam: Classes 8 – 14

Exams will consist of short answer, short paragraph section, as well as a short essay section.

Students are allowed a one-page aide during the exams. A review will be given prior to each exam.

Oral History Assignment: This is a two part assignment consisting of a paper and presentation based on an oral interview conducted by you!

- You must conduct **at least one interview** with an individual who has recollections of aspects of one of the following events:
 - The Great Depression [1929-1938]
 - Hurricane of 1938
 - Industrial CT [1935-1985]
 - World War II or the Korean War [1939-1945 / 1950-1954]
 - The Cold War [1946-1992]
 - The Civil Rights Movement [1950-1980]
 - The Space Race [1947-1980]
 - Vietnam [1962-1975]

- Based upon the results of your interview, **conduct additional research** to elaborate on some experiences of the individual you interviewed and the greater historical events of the time.

[Eg: Your subject recalls feeling excited watching a man walking on the moon. Use those recollections to discuss how that event was part of a larger push during the Cold War to beat the USSR to the moon, discuss how it was a matter of national pride, etc.]

- This interview will serve as the basis of a paper
 - The paper should be between 5 to 10 pages long....no less than 5...no more than 10! [Cover Pages, Index, Bibliography, Appendix...do not count as pages!]
 - You must use a minimum of 2 sources - NO internet sources. Use the Internet to your advantage to direct your research & to locate sources.
 - Carefully check the sources used in the material you find on the net to ensure accuracy!
 - Use the college library and your local libraries!

The paper will be double-spaced, in a standard 12 point Times New Roman font, using standard 1-inch margins. The final copy will be simply stapled together with page numbers.

Note: Oral History Assignment should be written with MLA documentation, which includes footnotes and a bibliography. If you have not written a college level research paper before and you are unsure about MLA consult: <http://library.osu.edu/sites/guides/mlagd.php> and the [TRCC Librarians](#).¹

¹ Naumec, David, *Three Rivers Community College History I Syllabus*. Scotland, CT: Naumec Press, 2007. Page 2.

Class Schedule Note: The exam and research paper dates are final.

Date / Class / Assignments

1. **August 29** Syllabus & Course Introduction
 - Legendary CT readings assigned
 -What is History?
 -Con-nect-icut, Qui Transulit Sustinet, & New England

2. **September 5** The First Settlers – Southern New England from the Paleo-lithic to Contact
 -Modern CT Geography, counties, towns, & communities [Map Quiz material]
Field Research: Mashantucket Pequot Museum, Mashantucket, CT
Guest Speaker: Dr. Kevin McBride – Professor of Anthropology, UConn
 Director of Research, Pequot Museum

Bell: The Face of Connecticut Pgs.166-174

Dincauze: Pequots of Southern New England,
 Ch 2 – A Capsule Prehistory of Southern New England
 Ch 3 – The Pequots in the Early Seventeenth Century Pgs.19-47

Legendary CT: The Moodus Noises / East Haddam Pgs.199-203
 The Black Fox of Salmon River / East Haddam Pgs.256-258
 The Nipmuck Fishing Fires / Thompson Pgs.273-275
 Legends of Lake Alexander / Killingly Pgs.276-278
 Lillinonah’s Leap / New Milford Pgs.279-282

Shuldiner: Preface Pgs.XI-XIV
 The First Immigrants Pgs.25-28
 Gladys Tantaquidgeon Pgs.231-234

3. **September 12** The Pequot War Era 1630 – 1639 / Puritan Connecticut : 1640 - 1720
Map Quiz

Bushman: Preface Pgs.IX-X
 Part One: Society in 1690 / II The Town and the Economy Pgs.22-38

Cave: The Pequot War, Pequots and Puritans Pgs.69-72, 98-103, 117-120

Underhill: Newes From America Pgs. 36-44

Legendary CT: Uncas / Norwich Pgs.98-102
 Sachem’s Head / Guilford P.133
 “First Lady of Connecticut” / Wethersfield Pgs.102-103
 Brides Brook / East Lyme Pgs.119-120
 The Charter Oak / Hartford Pgs.136-141
 The Phantom Ship of New Haven / New Haven Pgs.172-174

4. **September 19** The Connecticut African, Indian, and Yankee: 1640 - 1940
Field Research: Davis – Stanton Homestead Museum, Stonington, CT
 [\$5 Donation]
Guest Speaker: Mr. Fred Burdick – Director, Davis – Stanton Farm
- African to Yankee: Life and Adventures of Venture A Native of Africa Pgs.1-32
- Shuldiner: The Diary of Joshua Hempsted Pgs.95-105
 George Bartholomew Pgs.107-110
- Legendary CT: Barkhamsted Lighthouse / Barkhamsted Pgs.179-181
 Norwich’s Barrel Burning / Norwich Pgs.210-211
 “The Old Darn Man” / New London Pgs.90-94
 Rufus Malbone / Putnam Pgs.95-97
 The Windham Frog Fight / Windham Pgs.215-218
5. **September 26** **Class Canceled** – Continue work on Oral History paper.
 [Eg: Schedule interview, conduct interview, gather sources, etc.]
- Beardsley: PII Chapter 1: The 1979/1980 Millworkers
6. **October 3** Revolutionary Connecticut & the Constitutional Convention: 1763 – 1798
Mid-Term Review
- Allyn: Battle of Groton Heights, September 6, 1781 / Rufus Avery Pgs.29-44
- America: Ch 7 New Political Order / The Constitution of 1787 Pgs.200-208
- CT SAR The Stamp Act and Connecticut Pg.1
 The Scarlet Standard #1 CT’s Response to the Lexington Alarm Pgs.1-3
 The Scarlet Standard #6: Norwichtown’s Forgotten Hero. Pgs.1-3
- Legendary CT: Israel Putnam / Pomfret Pgs.30-38
 George Washington’s Horse / Bridgeport Pgs.106-108
 Silver Lane / East Hartford P.132
 “Swamp Yankee” / Thompson Pgs.150-154
 Yankee Doodle Dandies / Norwalk Pgs.165-166
 The Headless Horseman of Canton / Canton Pgs.262-263
- Shuldiner: Journal of Simeon Lymon of Sharon, Aug. 10–Dec. 28, 1775 Pgs.101-105
 Nathan & Lois Peters, Preston (1775-1777) Pgs.181-184

7. **October 10** The Attack on Stonington 1814 & The Hartford Convention
Connecticut and Slavery in Antebellum America: 1820 – 1860
Field Research: Old Lighthouse Museum, Stonington Borough
Capt. Nathaniel Palmer House, Stonington Borough
Guest Speaker: Mary E. Baker, Director Stonington Historical Society
- Larned: History of Windham County Vol.II Pgs.490-502
- Legendary CT: Devils Den / Sterling Pgs.123-124
Devil's Hopyard (and other Diabolical Places) / East Haddam / Pgs.125-131
Legends of Pirate Gold / Milford Pgs.167-171
The Church of Bacchus / Eastford Pgs.219-220
The Jewett City Vampires / Griswold Pgs.245-246
- Shuldiner: William Grimes, African-American, Connecticut (1824) Pgs.29-36
8. **October 17** Southern New England Cultural History & Maritime CT
Field Research: Mashantucket Pequot Museum, Mashantucket, CT
Guest Speaker: Dr. Jason Mancini – Senior Researcher, Pequot Museum
Note: Class begins at 10:00am.
- Beardsley: PI Chapter 5: Silk City 1860-1900 Pgs.62-77
Legendary CT: Jemima Wilkinson / Ledyard Pgs.84-89
"Mother" Bailey / Groton Pgs.56-58
Lantern Hill / North Stonington Pgs.121-122
9. **October 24** Connecticut for the Union: 1861 – 1866
- Beardsley: PI Chapter 3: William Eliot Barrows Pgs.29-34
- Boys from Rockville Chapter 1: The Context Pgs.5-9
Chapter 2: The Letters and Journal Pgs.10-24
Chapter 3: The Narratives & World View Pgs.55-59
- Legendary CT: Capt. S. L. Gray / Lebanon Pgs.81-83
- CT For the Union: Chapter 13: Mousetraps to Muskets Pgs.349-368
Two Tales of the Insurance City / Hartford Pgs.221-226
10. **October 31** The Growth of Connecticut Industry: 1790 – 1890
Field Trip: Willimantic Thread Mills – Willimantic, CT
Guest Speaker: Dr. Thomas R. Beardsley – Author / Windham Historian
- Beardsley: PI Chapter 1: Cotton City 1822-1926 Pgs.4-14
PI Chapter 2: Thread City 1857-1985 Pgs.15-28
- Legendary CT: Rhodes' Folly / Stonington Pgs.117-118

Abel Buell / Killingworth Pgs.52-55
Two Tales of the Insurance City / Hartford Pgs.221-226

11. **November 07**
[Tentative] Life in an increasingly modern & industrialized Connecticut: 1870–1900
Field Trip: BJ Clyde’s Cider Mill 1889, Old Mystic/Stonington, CT.

Beardsley: PI Chapter 4: Electric Lighting Pioneers Pgs.52-61

Legendary CT: “The Old Leatherman” / Harwington Pgs.23-29
The Winsted Wild Man / Winchester Pgs.175-177
XYZ / Deep River Pgs.192-194
The Sunken House of Gardner Lake / Salem Pgs.208-209

CT for the Union: Chapter 17: Readjustment Pgs.429-448

Shuldiner: Introduction: Immigrants, Migrant and Ethnics Pgs.17-23
Catherine Bond, England and Milford (1870-1872) Pgs.37-40
Albert John Roth, Harwinton (1988) Pgs.127-130

12. **November 14** **Class Canceled** [Work on Paper]

[Optional Extra Credit] ASCH Conference 2009
Association for the Study of CT History – Connecticut at War
Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT

13. **November 21** World War I & The Great Depression: 1910 – 1938

Beardsley: PI Chapter 5: Silk City 1900 – 1940 Pgs. 62-77
PII Chapter 6: Every village around us in Poland.... Pgs.143-151
PII Chapter 12: The 1925 Strike Ruined Willimantic... Pgs.191-197

Fraser: Land of Steady Habits / Chapters X-XII Pgs.48-56

Legendary CT: Perry Boney / Sherman Pgs.39-42
Elmer Bitgood / Voluntown Pgs.59-70
The Green Lady of Burlington / Burlington Pgs:253-255

Shuldiner: Teresa Sokolowski, Poland and New Britian (1939) Pgs.45-50
Raymond Blair, Connecticut Yankee (1940) Pgs.87-88
The Conditions of Wage-Earning Women & Girls (1914) Pgs.199-202

14. **November 28** **Thanksgiving Recess** – College Closed
[Work on your Oral History Project!!]

15. **December 5** Connecticut in the Second World War and Cold War: 1939 – 1989
Field Trip: USS Nautilus Submarine Force Museum, Groton, CT.
- Beardsley: PII Chapter 4: I was the First Woman President... Pgs.126-135
 PII Chapter 13: I would not dare walk down main street...Pgs.198-203
- Janick: CT 1914 to the Present / Chapter IV: The Reluctant War Pgs.55-72
- Legendary CT: The Black Dog of West Peak / Meriden Pgs.237-240
 The Vanishing Hitchhiker / Chester Pg.264
- Shuldiner: Corrine Hughes, African-American, Connecticut (1987) Pgs.41-50
 Alex Lopez, Puerto Rico and Waterbury (1981) Pgs.82-86

Final Exam Review

16. **December 12** Connecticut Today
Final Exam

December Final Grades Due