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The University of Texas at Austin

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Guest Lecturers

Madeline Hsu, *Associate Professor of History, The University of Texas at Austin*

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Required Readings

Jeremi Suri, ed., *American Foreign Relations since 1898: A Documentary Reader*. Chichester, West Sussex, UK, and Malden, MA: John Wiley and Sons, 2010.

Jeremi Suri, *Liberty's Surest Guardian: American Nation-Building from the Founders to Obama*. New York: Free Press, 2011.

Description

This seminar will examine the historical development of American foreign policy from the nation's emergence as a world power in the late nineteenth century through the contemporary war on terror. Lectures, readings, discussions, and other activities will cover all of the major moments in American foreign policy since 1898: the Spanish-American War, the First World War, the Second World War, the origins of the Cold War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the end of the Cold War, and recent conflicts in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya. The workshop will focus on a number of major conceptual issues, including national security, imperialism, decolonization, nation-building, democratization, and fiscal (in)solvency.

Schedule

All classes will take place in Sid Richardson Hall, Room 3.122 (SRH 3.122), unless otherwise noted. SRH is located in the LBJ School at 2315 Red River Street. Breakfast will take place in Kinsolving Residence Hall (KIN) Dining Room, and dinner will take place in Jester Hall, unless otherwise noted. Lunch will take place in Sid Richardson Hall, Room 3.124. A small café serving coffee, drinks, and refreshments near the SRH classroom will be open daily from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Sunday, June 19

2:00pm – 4:30pm Registration/Check-in at Almetris Duren Residence Hall (**ADH**),
2624 Whitis Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78705, corner of 27th St. and Whitis Ave., on UT
Campus

5:30pm – 8:30pm Bus picks up at ADH (corner of 27th St. and Whitis Ave) to bring participants to Prof.
Jeremi Suri’s home for Introductions, housekeeping, and dinner.
“Introduction to GLI/Overview of programs”

Monday, June 20

8:00am Breakfast

8:45am – 10:15am Prof. Suri lecture: *1898 & the New World of the 20th Century*

10:15am – 10:30am Break

10:30am – Noon Prof. Suri lecture: *The Era of the Great War*

Noon – 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm – 3:00pm Tour & Overview of Briscoe Center for American History, followed by Dr. Suri lecture on
“Public Archives and Public History”
The Briscoe Center is next door to the LBJ School.

3:00pm – 4:15pm “Using the Archives” – Teachers will split into groups for “back of the stacks” tour &
spend time in Briscoe archives with guided instructions for research

4:15pm – 5:45pm Pedagogy Session #1 (Briscoe Center Reading Room)

6:00pm – 7:00pm Dinner

Tuesday, June 21

8:00am Breakfast

8:45am – 10:15am Guest Lecturer, Prof. Mark Lawrence: *The Long Origins of the Vietnam War*

10:15am – 10:30am Break

10:30am – Noon Prof. Suri lecture: *The Great Depression & the Rise of Fascism*

Noon – 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm – 2:55pm Overview of the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library by Archivist John Wilson

3:00pm – 4:30pm Tour of Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library

4:30pm – 5:45pm Pedagogy Session #2

6:00pm – 7:00pm Dinner

7:15pm – 9:15pm Film: *Dr. Strangelove* (NOA 1.126)

Wednesday, June 22

8:00am Breakfast

8:45am – 10:15am Guest Lecturer, Prof. Madeline Hsu: *Immigration and International Relations*

10:15am – 10:30am Break

10:30am – Noon Prof. Suri lecture: *The Second World War*

Noon – 1:00pm Lunch (including 30-minute demo of *Not Even Past* by Edward Shore, Ph.D. Candidate in
History, and *NEP* Public History Editor, UT Austin)

1:00pm – 2:30pm Prof. Suri lecture: *The Origins of the Cold War*

2:45pm – 3:15pm Presentation and Overview by Humanities Texas

3:15pm – 3:30pm Shuttle bus picks up from the LBJ School for trip to Humanities Texas, at the Byrne-Reed
House (BRH), 1410 Rio Grande Street, Austin, TX 78701

3:30pm – 5:00pm Tour & Reception at BRH
Location: Humanities Texas Byrne-Reed House (BRH)

5:00pm – 5:30pm Shuttle bus picks up from Humanities Texas, delivers at Duren Residence Hall, UT
campus

5:30pm – 6:30pm Dinner

Thursday, June 23

8:00am Breakfast
8:45am – 10:15am Prof. Suri lecture: *Détente. Human Rights, and the 1970s; Ronald Reagan and the End of the Cold War*
10:15am – 10:30am Break
10:30am – Noon Pedagogy Session #3
Noon – 1:00pm Lunch
1:00pm – 5:00pm Free time in the archives - Briscoe Center for American History
5:15pm Bus picks up at ADH for trip to Salt Lick Barbeque
Location: The Salt Lick, 18300 FM 1826, Driftwood, TX 78619
5:45pm – 8:00pm **Participants will pay for their own dinner** at the Salt Lick Barbeque, \$24.95 cash only (ATM available for a fee), followed by Prof. Suri lecture:
Lyndon B. Johnson's Home Town and Personal History
8:30pm Bus returns to ADH, UT campus

Friday, June 24

8:00am Breakfast
8:45am – 10:15am Prof. Suri lecture: *9/11 and the Global War on Terrorism*
10:15am – 10:30am Break
10:30am – Noon Prof. Suri lecture: *The Arab Uprisings and New Crises*
Noon – 1:00pm Lunch
1:00pm – 2:45pm Pedagogy Session #4: "Final Presentations and discussion of projects"
3:00pm – 3:30pm Farewell Reception with the Institute for Historical Studies in the Department of History
Wrap-up lecture by Prof. Suri: *Looking Forward: How Does History Inform Our Understanding of the Present and the Future?*
Location: Sid Richardson Hall, Room 3.124
6:00pm – 7:00pm Dinner

Saturday, June 25

9:00am – 11:00am Breakfast and Check-out of ADH