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H3930: Reform Movements in American History

In this course we will examine the history of the last four reform movements in American history: the Antebellum Reform, the Progressive Era, the New Deal, and 1960s. The course will address the following questions: why did these movements rise? What were their agendas? Who were the main actors in these movements? What were their motivations to join the movements? What did these movements achieve? What was the legacy of each movement, and how did that legacy influence the next generation of reformers? Our reading will give us an overview of the four reform eras, and in addition, we will focus on the history of social security, medical care, and mental health in the U.S.

Requirements:

- a. active participation in class discussions based on the reading materials (50%)
- b. a well-researched and well written 20-25 pages-long paper with appropriate citations (50%).

READING LIST

1. Ronald G. Walters, American Reformers
2. Allen Davis, Spearhead for Reform
3. Paul Starr, The Transformation of American Medicine
4. Daniel Beland, Social Security: History and Politics from the New Deal to the Privatization debate
5. Gerald Grob, The Mad Among Us
6. David Farber, The age of great Dreams

Schedule:

- Week 1, August 27-29: introduction to the course
Walters: American Reformers, chs. 1-4
- Week 2, September 3: Walters: American Reformers, ch. 4
- Week 3, September 8-12: Walters, American Reformers,
Ch.5- to the end.
Bibliography is due!!!
- Week 4, September 15-19: Grob, The Mad Among Us, chs. 1-5
Starr, The Social Transformation of American
Medicine, chs.1-3
- Week 5, September 22-26: Davis, Spearheads for Reform,
chs. 1-8
- Week 6, September 29- to October 3: Davis, Spearheads for
Reform, ch.8 to the end Literature review is
Literature review is due!!!
- Week 7, October 6-10: Grob, The Mad among Us, chs. 5-7
Starr, The Social Transformation of Medicine,
ch. 3 to the end of Book one.
- Week 8, October 13-17: Grob, The Mad Among Us, Chs. 6-9
Starr, The Social Transformation of Medicine,
Book 2, chs. 1-3
- Week 9, October 20-22: Beland, Social Security, pp. 1-
140.
Primary sources draft is due!!!
Mid-term Break
- Week 10, October 27-31: Farber, The Age of Great Dreams.
Chs. 1-6.
- Week 11, November 3-7: Farber, The Age of Great Dreams,

Chs. 6 to the end.

Week 12, November 10-14: Starr, The Social Transformation of Medicine, ch. 3 to the end.

First draft of the paper is due!!!

Week 13, November 17-21: Grob, The Mad Among Us, ch. 9 to the end. Beland, Social Security, pp. 140- to the end

Week 14, November 24-26: Presentation of papers.

Thanksgiving Break

Week 15, December 1-5: Presentation of papers

Week 16, Decemebr 8: summary of the class.

Seminar paper is due in class!!!