

## #ImmigrationSyllabus

### Essential topics, readings, and multimedia that provide historical context to current debates over immigration reform, integration, and citizenship

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The 2016 presidential election brought a great deal of attention to immigration and immigrants in American society. Much of this debate perpetuated harmful stereotypes, dangerously stoked fears about outsiders, and echoed a nativist rhetoric that many believed had disappeared from public discourse. The debate also ignored how current discussions are deeply rooted in century-long conversations about who is allowed into the country and what it means to be an American. Indeed, anti-immigrant rhetoric and immigrant surveillance, detention, and deportation have been a defining feature of American politics and state and federal policy since the 19th century.


This syllabus seeks to provide historical context to current debates over immigration reform, integration, and citizenship. Many Americans have a romanticized idea of the nation's immigrant past. In fact, America's immigration history is more contested, more nuanced, and more complicated than many assume. Then, like now, many politicians, public commentators, critics, and media organizations have greatly influenced Americans' understanding of immigration and the role that immigrants play in U.S. society.

The syllabus follows a chronological overview of U.S. immigration history, but it also includes thematic weeks that cover salient issues in political discourse today such as xenophobia, deportation policy, and border policing. As there are many ways of teaching immigration history, the topics included here are not intended to be exhaustive. Rather, we have selected readings that directly offer historical context for understanding contemporary immigration politics and have proven useful in our teaching. We also include a short list of primary sources and multimedia to assist in teaching and learning. When available, we link to readings, documents, and teaching resources available online.

We hope that this syllabus will help educators, activists, and citizens in their teaching, advocacy, and public discussions about immigration in the United States historically and today. We also hope that it will assist policymakers who seek to avoid the mistakes of the past.

#### A Note on Accessing Readings

Follow these instructions on [how to set up Google Scholar](#) to access restricted readings through your college/university/other library.

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 : Some preview pages available.

## WEEK 1

### Why study immigration?

*What does the study of immigration reveal about U.S. history and which stories we tell about ourselves as a people?*

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- David Gerber, [American Immigration: A Very Short Introduction](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011) 
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## WEEK 2

### Settlers, Servants, and Slaves in British, French, and Spanish Colonial America

*How does inequality, the freedom to move, and access to citizenship have its roots in the colonial period?*

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- Roger Daniels, "[Part One—Colonial America](#)," in *Coming to America: A History of Immigration and Ethnicity in American Life*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (New York: Harper Collins, 2002), 3-120 
- Gunlög Fur, "[Indians and Immigrants: Entangled Histories](#)" *Journal of American Ethnic History*, Vol. 33, No. 3 (Spring 2014): 55-76 
- Gary Gerstle, "[Liberty, Coercion, and the Making of Americans](#)," *Journal of American History*, Vol. 84, No. 2 (September 1997): 524-558 
- Andrés Reséndez, [The Other Slavery: The Uncovered Story of Indian Enslavement In America](#) (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016) 
- David J. Weber, [Myth and the History of the Hispanic Southwest: Essays](#) (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1988) and [The Spanish Frontier In North America](#) (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992) 
- Michael Witgen, [An Infinity of Nations: How the Native New World Shaped Early North America](#) (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013) 

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- [1790 Naturalization Act](#), Densho Encyclopedia
- [Alien and Sedition Acts](#), Library of Congress

- [The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database](#), Emory University






### Multimedia












- ["In Motion: The African-American Migration Experience,"](#) The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture
- [Africans in America: "America's Journey Through Slavery,"](#) PBS
- ["The Atlantic Slave Trade and Slave Life in the Americas: A Visual Record,"](#) Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and University of Virginia
- ["Slavery - The Peculiar Institution,"](#) in the "African American Odyssey: A Quest for Full Citizenship," Library of Congress
- Evan Taparata, ["The U.S. Has Come a Long Way Since Its First, Highly Restrictive Naturalization Law,"](#) Public Radio International, July 4, 2016

### Week 3

#### Global Migrations, 1830-1930

*How did dramatic political, economic, and social changes during the 19th century transform and encourage migration to and within the United States? What were the consequences of U.S. military, territorial, and economic expansion for indigenous peoples, slaves, immigrants, colonized peoples, and native-born and naturalized Americans?*

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- Mark I. Choate, [Emigrant Nation: The Making of Italy Abroad](#) (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008) 
- Hasia R. Diner, [Roads Taken: The Great Jewish Migrations to the New World and the Peddlers Who Forged the Way](#) (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2015) 
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- Sarah Gualtieri, ["From Internal to International Migration,"](#) in *Between Arab and White: Race and Ethnicity in the Early Syrian American Diaspora* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2009)
- David Gutierrez, "Economic Development and Immigration, 1890-1920," in [Walls and Mirrors: Mexican Americans, Mexican Immigrants, and the Politics of Ethnicity](#) (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1995): 39-68 

- Karen V. Hansen, [\*Encounter on the Great Plains: Scandinavian Settlers and the Dispossession of Dakota Indians, 1890-1930\*](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014) 
- Madeline Hsu, [\*Dreaming of Gold, Dreaming of Home: Transnationalism and Migration between the United States and South China, 1882-1943\*](#) (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2000) 
- Matthew Frye Jacobson, [\*Barbarian Virtues: The United States Encounters Foreign Peoples at Home and Abroad\*](#) (New York: Hill and Wang, 2001) 
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- Adam McKeown, [“Conceptualizing Chinese Diasporas, 1842 to 1949,”](#) *Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 58, No. 2 (1999): 306-337 
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- Walter D. Kamphoefner,, Wolfgang Johannes Helbich, and Ulrike Sommer, *News From the Land of Freedom: German Immigrants Write Home* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1991)
- [Ellis Island Photographs](#), New York Public Library

### Multimedia

- [“Dakota Conflict,”](#) PBS (documentary film)
- “Foreigners in their Own Land,” Episode 1, [The Latino Americans](#), PBS (documentary film)
- [Germans in America](#), Library of Congress
- [Global Boston: A Portal to the Region’s Immigrant Past and Present](#), Boston College
- “Empire of Dreams,” Episode 2, [The Latino Americans](#), PBS (documentary film)
- [Immigration and the California Gold Rush](#), Harvard University Library
- [Immigration, Railroads, and the West](#), Harvard University Library
- Kerby Miller and Paul Wagner, [“Out of Ireland: The Story of Irish Emigration to America,”](#) directed by Paul Wagner (documentary film)
- [Scandinavian Immigration](#), Harvard University Library
- [The U.S. Dakota War of 1862](#), Minnesota Historical Society

#### WEEK 4

##### Historical Origins of Contemporary Nativism and Xenophobia

*Why has immigration been a topic of perennial debate in the U.S.? How has the fear of foreigners and the desire to define and protect an “American” identity evolved over time?*

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- Moustafa Bayoumi, excerpt from [How Does it Feel to Be a Problem?: Being Young and Arab In America](#), *NY Magazine*, 2008
- David H. Bennett, [The Party of Fear: The American Far Right from Nativism to the Militia Movement](#) (New York: Vintage, 1990)
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- John Higham, [Strangers in the Land: Patterns of American Nativism, 1860-1925](#) (2nd ed., New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1988)
- Hidetaka Hirota, [Expelling the Poor: Atlantic Seaboard States and the Nineteenth Century Origins of American Immigration Policy](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017)
- Arsalan Iftikhar, excerpt from [Scapegoats: How Islamophobia Helps Our Enemies and Threatens Our Freedoms](#), Truthout, 2016
- Kevin R. Johnson, [The Huddled Masses Myth: Immigration And Civil Rights](#) (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2003)

- Dale T. Knobel, *America for the Americans: The Nativist Movement in the United States* (New York: Twayne Publishers, 1996)
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- David Reimers, [\*Unwelcome Strangers: American Identity and the Turn Against Immigration. The New Nativism\*](#) (New York: Columbia University Press, 1998)
- Peter Schrag, [\*Not Fit for Our Society: Immigration and Nativism\*](#) (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2011)

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- Patrick J. Buchanan, [\*The Death of the West: How Dying Populations and Immigrant Invasions Imperil Our Country and Civilization\*](#) (New York: Thomas Dunne Books/StMartin's Griffin, 2002)
- Ann Coulter, [excerpt](#) from *Adios America: The Left's Plan to Turn Our Country into a Third World Hellhole* (Ragnery, 2016), published in the *New York Post*, May 31, 2015
- Benjamin Franklin, [\*Observations Concerning the Increase of Mankind, Peopling of Countries, etc.\*](#) (Tarrytown, NY: William Abbatt, reprinted 1918)
- [Immigration Restriction League Records, 1893-1921](#), Harvard University Library
- U.S. Immigration Commission, [Dillingham Commission, 1907-1911](#)
- Madison Grant, [\*The Passing of the Great Race; Or, The Racial Basis of European History\*](#) (New York: Scribner's Sons, 1918) and Noel Hartman, "[The Passing of the Great Race at 100](#)," *Public Books*, July 1, 2016
- Political Cartoons about [Irish immigration from Harper's Weekly](#)
- Samuel P. Huntington, "[The Hispanic Challenge](#)," *Foreign Policy*, October 28, 2009

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- [Woodrow Wilson's Veto Message on the 1915 Immigration Bill](#), The American Presidency Project











## WEEK 5

### Mass Migration and the Rise of Federal Immigration Law

*How did policy makers increasingly use race, class, political ideology, health and ability, gender, and sexuality to favor the entry of particular groups and restrict others? How did immigrants and their American-born children persevere during an age of restriction?*

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- Vivek Bald, [\*Bengali Harlem and the Lost Histories of South Asian America\*](#) (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2014) 
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- Roger Daniels, "[The Beginnings of Immigration Restriction, 1882-1917](#)," in [\*Guarding the Golden Door: American Immigration Policy and Immigrants Since 1882\*](#) (New York: Hill and Wang, 2004) 
- Grace Peña Delgado, "[Border Control and Sexual Policing: White Slavery and Prostitution along the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, 1903–1910](#)," *Western Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 43, No. 2 (2012): 157-178 
- Jennifer Guglielmo and Salvatore Salerno, [\*Are Italians White?: How Race Is Made In America\*](#) (New York: Routledge, 2003) 
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- Lucy Salyer, [\*Laws Harsh as Tigers: Chinese Immigrants and the Shaping of Modern Immigration Law\*](#) (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1995) 
- Seema Sohi, [\*Echoes of Mutiny: Race, Surveillance, and Indian Anticolonialism in North America\*](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014) 
- Kenyon Zimmer, "Positively Stateless: Marcus Graham, the Ferrero-Sallito Case, and Anarchist Challenges to Race and Deportation," in Moon-Ho Jung, ed., [\*The Rising Tide of Color: Race, State Violence, and Radical Movements Across the Pacific\*](#) (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2014): 128-158 
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- [Chae Chan Ping v. United States \(The Chinese Exclusion Case\), 1889](#)
- [Chinese Exclusion Act](#), 1882
- Frederick Douglass "[Our Composite Nationality](#)," 1869, Teaching American History
- Madison Grant, [\*The Passing of the Great Race: A Racial History of Europe\*](#) (Charles Scribner & Sons, 4th ed., 1922)
- [Political Cartoons about the "Chinese Question," Harper's Weekly](#)
- Jacob Riis, [\*How the Other Half Lives\*](#) (Dover Publications reprint, 1901)
- Theodore Roosevelt, "[True Americanism](#)," 1894, Teaching American History

- [United States v. Wong Kim Ark, 1897](#), Densho Encyclopedia

### Multimedia


- [Interviews and Other Primary Sources from the Ellis Island Collection](#), National Park Service
- Ellis Island (documentary film)
- Carved in Silence (documentary film)

## WEEK 6

### The Closed Gate (1924-1965)? Migration, Immigration, and Citizenship

*Who settled in the United States during the 'era of exclusion'? How did the 'era of exclusion' change Americans' ideas about belonging, citizenship, and labor?*

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- ["Shut the Door:" A Senator Speaks for Immigration Restriction](#), History Matters
- ["The Senate's Declaration of War:" Japan Responds to Japanese Exclusion](#), History Matters
- [U.S. v. Bhagat Singh Thind \(1923\)](#), History Matters
- [Repatriation and Deportation of Mexicans 1932-1936](#), Boulder County Latino History













### Multimedia

- ["14: Dred Scott, Wong Kim Ark, and Vanessa Lopez,"](#) Graham Street Productions (documentary film)
- "A Class Apart," PBS (documentary film)
- "Chicano!" (documentary film)
- "Dollar a Day, Ten Cents a Dance" (documentary film)
- "Race: The Power of an Illusion," episode 3 (documentary film)
- "The Jazz Singer" (film)
- "The New Latinos," Episode 4, [The Latino Americans](#) (documentary film)

## WEEK 7


### World War II and the Cold War: The Geopolitics of Immigration Reforms

*How did international conflicts lead the United States to diminish the rights of individuals categorized as "enemy aliens"? How did foreign relations influence the reform of immigration and naturalization laws for groups who had faced near exclusion from the U.S. and had been denied access to citizenship?*

- Roger Daniels, [\*Prisoners Without Trial: Japanese Americans in World War II\*](#) (New York: Hill and Wang, 2004) 
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- Jeremy Suri, "[Henry Kissinger, the American Dream, and the Jewish Immigrant Experience in the Cold War](#)," *Diplomatic History*, 32, no. 5 (2008): 719-747 
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- [Korematsu v. United States, 323 U.S. 214 \(1944\)](#), U.S. Supreme Court
- Julie Otsuka, [When the Emperor Was Divine](#) (New York: Anchor Books, 2003) 
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- [Minoru Yasui v. United States \(320 US 115, June 21, 1943\)](#), Cornell University Law Library
- ["Universal Declaration of Human Rights,"](#) United Nations

### Multimedia












- "A Family Gathering" (documentary film)
- "America and the Holocaust: Deceit and Indifference" (documentary film)
- "Carlos Eire: A Cuban-American Searches For Roots" (podcast)
- [Densho](#): The Japanese Experience during WWII (multimedia website)
- ["How to Spot a Jap"](#) (digitized book)
- "War and Peace," Episode 3, [The Latino Americans](#) (documentary film)
- "The Legacy of Heart Mountain" (documentary film)
- "The Zoot Suit Riots" (documentary film)

## WEEK 8

### Family, Gender, and Sexuality

*How does immigration impact gender and family relations?*

*How has immigration policy, gender inequality, and discrimination against LGBT immigrants affected the freedom to move and the immigrant experience?*

- Leisy Abrego, [\*Sacrificing Families: Navigating Laws, Labor, and Love Across Borders\*](#) (Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2014) 
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