Introduction to Global History: Settler Colonialism, 17th c-present

This course examines the impacts of settler colonialism experienced by Native Americans and native South Africans. Settler colonialism differs from imperialism and “mere” colonialism in a variety of ways, and has profoundly different effects in the long run. This course will examine how it operated in the United States and South Africa, and analyze its impact over the course of three centuries.

Required Texts:

The following texts are available at the CU Bookstore:

Tommy Orange, *There There* (2018)

Selected essays available on Canvas

Assignments and Grading:

Maps (2)--5% each

Questions and Discussions--20%

Mid-Term Exam--35%

Final Exam--35%

Each week will generally follow a regular format: I will lecture for about 50 minutes on Monday; most Wednesdays we will see film clips that bear directly on that week’s topic (there will be some exceptions). The remaining time on Monday and Wednesday will be devoted to discussion: every Monday, you must turn in two questions about that week’s reading, on the basis of which we will have discussion about the readings and the lectures.

Your final grade will be based on your performance on map assignments, in-class discussions (and the questions you’ve posed), a take-home mid-term exam, and a take-home final exam. You MUST hand in assignments on time, otherwise I will not accept them. The only possible exception is in a documented case of illness or some other extraordinary circumstance. In this situation, you must speak with me BEFORE the assignment is due. Students must complete all assignments in order to pass the course.*
Attendance is mandatory. Students missing THREE classes will have their grade reduced by one whole letter (i.e. B+ to C+).

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES WILL BE ALLOWED IN CLASS

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https://www.colorado.edu/academicaffairs/policies-customs-guidelines/required-syllabus-statements
Aug. 26-28  Introduction to Course
Definitions: imperialism, colonialism, settler colonialism
Hixson, Intro: pp. 1-2, 3-7, 9-15
Film: “500 Nations: The First Americans; Clash of Cultures”

Sept. 4  Pre-Contact North America and the Arrival of Europeans
Film: “500 Nations: Invasion of the Coast”

Sept. 9-11  The Expansion of Europeans in the “New World”
Hixson, Chs. 2, 3
Film: “500 Nations: Cauldron of War
Map Assignment 1 due

Sept. 16-18  Land Grabs and Indian Removal
Hixson, Ch. 4
John Mack Faragher, “More Motley Than Mackinaw: From Ethnic Mixing to Ethnic Cleansing on the Frontier of the Lower Missouri, 1783-1833” (Canvas)
Film: “500 Nations: Removal”

Sept. 23-25  Wars, Extermination, and “Pacification”
Hixson, Chs. 5, 6
Film: “500 Nations: Struggle for the West”

Sept. 30-Oct. 2  Indians in Unexpected Places
Deloria, “Introduction,” “Violence,” “Athletics,” “Technology”
Film: “500 Nations: Wounded Knee; Attack on Culture”

Oct. 7-9  Assimilation and Termination
Deloria, “Conclusion”
Tommy Orange, entire

Oct. 14  Midterm Exam due in class

Oct. 14-15  Pre-Contact South Africa
Thompson, Ch. 1
Oct. 21-23 Europeans in Southern Africa

Thompson, Ch. 2, 3
Film: “Building a Nation,” excerpts
Map Assignment 2 due

Oct. 28-30 The Mineral Revolution

Thompson, Ch. 4, pp. 110-141

Nov. 4-6 The South African War, 1899-1902

Thompson, Ch. 4, pp. 141-153
Film: “Scorched Earth”

Nov. 11-13 Segregation

Thompson, Ch. 5

Nov. 18-20 Apartheid

Thompson, Chs. 6, 7
Film: “Sharpsville Massacre”

Nov. 25-27 Fall Break

Dec. 2-4 Ending Apartheid

Thompson, Ch. 8
Film: “Mandela and de Klerk”

Dec. 9-11 Review for Final

Trevor Noah, entire

Dec. 18 FINAL EXAM Due in class, 7:30 PM