

Hist 912—Historical Methods in Security Studies

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This course is intended to be quite different from most courses you take in graduate school. It is intended as a hands-on course in historical methods for doing primary source research and producing a publishable article in the general field of Security Studies. This will, I hope, prepare for doing historical research for a dissertation or masters thesis. It will focus in on issues of American foreign policy during the Cold War, based on the idea that our collective work will go better when we are dealing with common questions and issues. I presume that almost any question of interest in the broad field of Security Studies can be related to historical issues in the Cold War. If you have trouble thinking of ways in which to relate your intellectual interests to a topic in US Cold War foreign policy, let me know and we will talk more about it.

The goal that I intend you all to shoot for is to complete a journal-quality article on some aspect of the Cold War-era history of American foreign policy. I did just that in the version of this course that I took in graduate school; students in previous iterations of this course have done the same (and in one case won a prize). There is no reason why you cannot do the same. Roughly half our class time will be spent on in-class discussion of secondary literature to ensure some level of familiarity with the history of the Cold War; the other half of our class time will cover research methods. The reading load is quite light for a graduate course, and you should expect to spend much more time in concrete research with primary sources and in writing your research paper.

To a certain degree, research is a sink-or-swim process, but I do not intend to merely throw you in the deep end. It's my goal to lead you step-by-step through the process of finding a topic, gathering materials, and writing the finished product.

Very early on in this class you will need to choose a topic relating to some aspect of American foreign relations during the Truman and Eisenhower years, since those are the two easily accessible presidential libraries. The nature of the sources and of this course require that your paper topic be substantially related to US foreign policy. You may shift the emphasis to some degree towards your particular interests in domestic policy, but you need to have an element of foreign policy involved, and convince me that you can find sufficient primary sources to write a workable paper.

You should expect to spend a number of days doing independent research in the archival materials of the relevant presidential library. If you can make a case that you will have access to a substantial number of primary sources from some other topic or period, that is acceptable as well. Our first week will be devoted to how to best find and settle on a topic.

There are five required books, all readily available from your supplier of choice:

John Lewis Gaddis, *Strategies of Containment*. Ideally, you should get the revised and expanded edition (ISBN 0-19-517447-X), but if you can only get or already have an earlier edition, that's fine.

Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein, *They Say / I Say: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing* (ISBN 039393361X)

Walter LaFeber, *America, Russia, and the Cold War, 1945-2006*. As with Gaddis, you should ideally get the latest (10th) edition (ISBN 0-07-353466-8). If you already have an earlier edition, that's fine.

Odd Arne Westad, *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times* (ISBN 052170314X)

Vladislav M. Zubok, *A Failed Empire: The Soviet Union in the Cold War from Stalin to Gorbachev* (ISBN 0-8078-3098-7)

Course requirements: Your grade will be based on participation in class discussions (approx. 40%), presentations on ongoing research throughout the summer (approx. 20%) and a final research paper (approx. 40%) based on primary source research of around 25 pages (6000-7000 words).

Calendar:

June 7: Intro to class. Assignment: David R. Stone, "The Balkan Pact and American Policy," *East European Quarterly* 28.3 (1994), pp. 393-407. I am assigning my article NOT because I think it as a superlative piece of history, though it's fine for what it is, but because I wrote it in my second year of graduate school and intend it to serve as a model of what I expect you to produce over the course of this class. Read it very carefully, paying close attention to the points I make and to the evidence I use. Before coming to class, read the article and make a detailed outline of my argument.

In addition, we'll be looking at three essays on the relationship between history and political science: Paul Schroeder, "History and International Relations Theory: Not Use of Abuse, but Fit or Misfit," *International Security* 22.1 (Summer 1997), pp. 64-74; John Lewis Gaddis, "History, Theory, and Common Ground," *International Security* 22.1 (Summer 1997), pp. 75-85, and Robert Jervis essay at www.h-net.org/~diplo/ISSF/essays/1-Jervis.html

June 10: Origins of the Cold War: The Events. Assignment: LaFeber, Intro and Chaps. 1-3; Gaddis, Intro and Chaps. 1-3; Zubok, Preface and Chaps. 1-2. Here and in the rest of the semester, use LaFeber as basic factual narrative. Pay particular attention to the broader arguments and conclusions drawn by Gaddis, Zubok, and Westad against this factual background.

June 14: Published document collections. Assignment: find, read, and be ready to report on an issue of your choice from *Foreign Relations of the United States*.

Tentative research topic due to Stone today (June 14).

June 17: Origins of the Cold War: Ideology. Assignment: George Kennan's "Long Telegram" and his X article "The Sources of Soviet Conduct," both easily available online; Zhdanov, 1947 Cominform speech; Westad, Chaps. 1-3.

June 21: 1948 through Korea. Reading: LaFeber, Chaps. 4-6; Gaddis, Chap. 4; Zubok, Chap. 3. In addition, read NSC-68 (easily available online)

June 24: Microfilm, online, and mass media sources. Review at least two of the microfilm collections below related to your topic. Search the website of the National Security Archive and Cold War International History Project for relevant materials. Review the *New York Times* index and relevant issues relating to your topic, along with at least one other mass media source in relation to your topic. Be prepared to report in some detail on your findings.

June 28: The Eisenhower Years. Reading: LaFeber, Chaps. 7-8 and Chap. 9 through 1960; Gaddis, Chaps. 5-6; Zubok, Chaps. 4-5 to p. 138; Westad, Chaps 4 and 5 up to p. 180.

July 1: The secondary literature. Reading: Graff, Chaps. 1-3; and have read enough on your subject of interest to be able to lay out the key historiographical issues surrounding it.

July 5: NO CLASS: UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY

July 8: Archive day. By this class, have 1) contacted one of the presidential archives 2) visited and begun research and 3) be prepared to report on results in class.

July 12: Kennedy and Johnson. Reading: LaFeber, Chaps. 9-10; Gaddis, Chaps. 7-8; Zubok, Chap. 5 from p. 138 through Chap. 7, p. 209.

July 15: Writing up. Graff, Chaps 4-10; articles on writing and presenting distributed by instructor.

July 19: Détente. Reading: LaFeber, Chap. 11, Gaddis, Chaps. 9-10; Zubok, Chap. 7 from p. 209 through end of Chap. 8; Westad, pp. 180 to end of Chap. 6.

Five pages of draft due to Stone by today (July 19).

July 22: Day free; research and writing.

July 26: Renewed Cold War: Carter and Reagan. Reading: LaFeber, Chaps. 12-13; Gaddis, Chap. 11; Zubok, Chaps. 9-10; Westad, Chaps. 7-10.

July 29: Research presentations. Present the results of your research in typical conference format (i.e., a 20-minute presentation). Final paper due.

SOURCES:

I've enclosed below a list of useful sources of primary documents, along with call numbers where available for the K-State, KU and CARL libraries. Be prepared to travel a bit and do some xeroxing. Get your interlibrary loan requests in early.

I. Official government publications of diplomatic documents

Foreign Relations of the United States. The basic documentary record of American foreign policy.

list of volumes published to date: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/c4035.htm>

list of volumes available online:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/c1716.htm>

KU: Anschutz Library (Documents) Call Number: S 1.1: [PAPER]

CARL: 327.73 U566f

KSU: bound volumes: gov pubs S 1.1; microfiche volumes: S 1.1 NOTE! K-State's run is NOT complete, though the missing volumes are scheduled for purchase.

Documents on British Policy Overseas. Covers British foreign policy since World War II, but the coverage is not as complete as FRUS. Volumes cover particular themes and events. Volumes released to date are listed at: <http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/who-we-are/our-history/historical-publications/documents-british-policy/>

KU: Anschutz Library (Documents) Call Number: GB-EW FC 1.23:

Akten zur auswärtigen Politik der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (limited in scope)

KU: (periodical) JZ1592 .A22; (book) DD258.8 .A38 1989

Documents Diplomatique Français (up through 1965). List of volumes at
<https://pastel.diplomatie.gouv.fr/editorial/archives/service/publications/doc-diplos/doc-diplos.html>

Documents on Canadian External Relations (up through 1960). List of volumes at
<http://www.international.gc.ca/departement/history-histoire/dcer/browse-en.asp>

Documents on Australian Foreign Policy. List of volumes (thematic, not systematic) at
<http://www.dfat.gov.au/historical/doafp.html>

II. Government documents, non-official sources.

Declassified Documents Reference System:

KU: Anschutz Microforms Call Number: J83 .D43; Anschutz Reference (Documents) Call Number: Z1223.Z9 D4 (1975-1985); Z1223 .Z9 D4 (1985-present); Anschutz Library-Reference Z1223.Z7 D36 (retrospective)
CARL: CD-ROM 1998-2002; microfiche 1ST FLOOR AV ROOM: E002796 1975
KSU: 1976-1980 only: Gov Pubs reference Z1223.Z9 D4

Cold War International History Project Bulletin (periodical containing translations of Communist-bloc documents):
KU: Anschutz Library (Documents) Call Number: SI 1.3/2:
KSU: available electronically through Hale Library; Stone has personal hard copies. Available online at
http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?topic_id=1409&fuseaction=topics.publications&group_id=11900

III. Intelligence

CIA Research Reports (microfilm):

Africa, 1946–1976. KU Watson microfilm DT30 .A344 1982; CARL D000578 1983
China, 1946–1976. KU Watson microfilm DS777.547 .U65; CARL D000584 1982
Europe, 1946–1976. KU Watson microfilm D1051 .E865 1982; CARL D000590 1982
Japan, Korea, and the Security of Asia, 1946–1976. KU Watson microfilm DS518.1 .J36; CARL D000585 1983
Latin America, 1946–1976 KU Watson microfilm F1414.2 .L3274, CARL D000744 1982 1982;
The Middle East, 1946–1976. KU Watson microfilm DS63.1 .M48415 1982, CARL D000577 1982
The Soviet Union, 1946–1976. KU Watson microfilm DK267 .S639 1982, KSU gov't doc: PR 33.62:R 32 x, CARL D000582 1982

Vietnam and Southeast Asia, 1946–1976. KU Watson microfilm DS557.4 .V53 1982;
CARL D000583 1982

Vietnam and Southeast Asia, Supplement

The CIA also has its own history office: <https://www.cia.gov/library/center-for-the-study-of-intelligence/index.html>

The National Security Agency is notoriously reticent. The National Security Archive (see below) does collect many of the available sources, and the NSA does have its own history office:

http://www.nsa.gov/about/cryptologic_heritage/center_crypt_history/index.shtml

IV. Defense and National Security Decisionmaking

Documents of the National Security Council: KSU Gov't Pubs microfilm Y 3:N 21/17:2 D 65x;
KU Watson microfilms UA23 .N2492; CARL D000568 1980

First Supplement: KU Watson UA10.5 .N37 1981; CARL D000581 1981

Second Supplement: KU Watson UA10.5 .N38 1983; CARL D000748 1983

Third Supplement: CARL D000749 1985

Fourth Supplement: CARL D000761 1987

Fifth Supplement: CARL D000842 1989

Sixth Supplement: CARL D000933 1993

Seventh Supplement: CARL D001103 1995

Johnson National Security Files:

Africa, 1963-1969: CARL D000952 1993

Asia and the Pacific, 1963-1969: CARL D000944 1993

Committee file, 1963-1969 [includes nuclear proliferation and trade with Eastern Europe]: CARL D000943 1993

Crises in Panama and the Dominican Republic: KU Watson folio F1566.4.U6
C75 1982

Name and Speech Files, 1963-1969: CARL D000942 1993

Latin America, 1963-1969: CARL D000946 1992

Middle East, 1963-1969: CARL D000945 1987

Minutes of National Security Council

Supplements [Truman and Eisenhower]: CARL D000841 1988

National Security Council Histories

Vietnam: CARL D000539 1981

Records of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (microfilm):

Part 2, 1946–1953

Europe and NATO. CARL D000523 1980

The Far East. KU Watson microfilm DS518.8 .U57; CARL D000126 1979

Meetings of the JCS. CARL D000525 1980

The Middle East. CARL D000128 1979

The Soviet Union. CARL D000524 1979

Strategic Issues, Section 1. CARL D000624 1981

Strategic Issues, Section 2. CARL D000625 1981

The United States. CARL D000127 1980

Part 3, 1954-1960

The Far East.

Useful websites with multiple primary sources:

National Security Archive: <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/>

Cold War International History Project

http://wwics.si.edu/index.cfm?topic_id=1409&fuseaction=topics.home

Parallel History Project: <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/php/>

Presidential Archives:

Truman: <http://www.trumanlibrary.org/library.htm>

Eisenhower: <http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov/manu.htm>

Kennedy: <http://www.jfklibrary.org/Historical%20Resources/Archives/>

Johnson: <http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu/johnson/archives.hom/archives-main.shtm>