

**HIS 104**  
**U.S. History Since 1877**

Satisfies: DIV, SBS, USA

M/W, 2:00pm - 2:55pm

Professor Robert Chase

This course surveys American history from the end of Reconstruction in 1877 through the end of the first Trump presidency. Topics covered include the rise of Jim Crow; varied 19th and 20th century immigration flows and legislation; corporate capitalism and consumption culture; economic booms and depressions; World Wars I and II and the Viet Nam War; civil rights, peace, labor, feminist, racial empowerment, and LGBTQ movements; heightened border militarization and restrictions; liberalism and conservatism; and the turn towards a populist Far Right movement. Analyzing geo-political formations and major historical shifts alongside social movements, this course reconsiders the notion of “American exceptionalism” by deconstructing mythologies and emphasizing historical change demanded by the people themselves. Readings will be drawn from a textbook and supplementary historical documents and essays, amounting to roughly 75 pages of reading per week. Two primary source papers, participation and writing in recitation section discussions, recitation evaluation, and mid-term and final exams shall serve as a basis for evaluation and grade.