

**The History of United States Foreign Policy since 1898**

July 29–August 4, 2012  
University of Texas, Austin

**Instructor**

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**Guest Lecturers**

Erika Bsumek, *Associate Professor of History, University of Texas at Austin*

Mark Lawrence, *Associate Professor of History, University of Texas at Austin*

**Required Readings**

Jeremi Suri, ed., *American Foreign Relations since 1898: A Documentary Reader*.

Jeremi Suri, *Liberty's Surest Guardian: American Nation-Building from the Founders to Obama* (New York: Free Press, 2011).

**Description**

This seminar will examine the historical development of American foreign policy from the nation's emergence as a world power in the late nineteenth century through the contemporary war on terror. Lectures, readings, discussions, and other activities will cover all of the major moments in American foreign policy since 1898: the Spanish-American War, the First World War, the Second World War, the origins of the Cold War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the end of the Cold War, and recent conflicts in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya. The workshop will focus on a number of major conceptual issues, including: national security, imperialism, decolonization, nation-building, democratization, and fiscal (in)solvency.

### **Schedule**

All Classes will take place in Sid Richardson Hall Room 3.122 (SRH 3.122), unless otherwise noted. SRH is located in the LBJ School at 2315 Red River Street.

Breakfast and Dinner will take place in San Jacinto Residence Hall (SJRH) Dining Hall, unless otherwise noted.

Lunch will take place in the Atrium, Sid Richardson Hall, First Floor, unless otherwise noted.

### **Sunday, July 29**

2:00pm – 4:30pm Registration/Check-in at San Jacinto Residence Hall (**SJRH**),  
309 21st Street, Austin TX 78705, corner of 21st St. and San Jacinto Blvd. on UT Campus  
5:30pm – 8:30pm Bus picks up at SJRH (corner of 21st St. and San Jacinto Blvd.) to bring participants to  
Prof. Jeremi Suri's home for Introductions, Housekeeping & Dinner.

### **Monday, July 30**

8:00am Breakfast  
8:45am – 10:15am Prof. Suri lecture: *1898 & the New World of the 20th Century*  
10:15am – 10:30am Break  
Suggestion: Under the Oaks Café in the Thompson Center (next door to SRH)  
<http://www.utexas.edu/ce/tcc/about/public-dining/>  
10:30am – Noon Prof. Suri lecture: *The Era of the Great War*  
Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch  
1:00pm – 3:00pm Tour & Overview of the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library and Archives, followed  
by Prof. Suri lecture on  
"Using the LBJ Presidential Papers as a Historian"  
LBJ Library, Reading Room, 10th Floor  
3:30pm – 5:00pm **Pedagogy Session #1: "Introducing the new GLI website"**  
5:30pm- 6:30pm Dinner

### **Tuesday, July 31**

8:00am Breakfast  
8:45am- 10:15am Prof. Suri lecture: *The Great Depression & the Rise of Fascism*  
10:15am-10:30am Break  
10:30am – Noon Prof. Suri lecture: *The Second World War*  
Noon – 1:00pm Lunch  
1:00pm – 3:00pm Tour & Overview of Harry Ransom Rare Book Library,  
followed by Prof. Suri lecture on "Rare Books and Historical Research"  
Location & Room: Harry Ransom Center  
300 West 21st Street, UT Campus  
4:00pm – 5:00pm Reception at the Harry Ransom Center  
5:30 – 6:30pm Dinner  
7:00pm – 9:00pm Film: *Dr. Strangelove*

### **Wednesday, August 1**

8:00am	Breakfast
8:45am – 10:15am	Prof. Suri lecture: <i>The Origins of the Cold War</i>
10:15am – 10:30am	Break
10:30am – Noon	Guest Lecturer, Prof. Erika Bsumek: <i>Native Americans, Commodities, and Post-War American Society</i>
Noon – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Tour & Overview of Briscoe Center for American History, followed by Dr. Suri lecture on “Public Archives and Public History” The Briscoe Center is next door to the LBJ School.
2:45pm – 4:30pm	<b>Pedagogy Session #2:</b> “Using the archives” – Teachers will split into 2 groups & spend time in LBJ and Briscoe archives with guided instructions for research, at a breakout area in the Briscoe Center
5:15pm	Bus picks up for trip to Salt Lick Barbeque (with brief stop at SJRH on the way) The Salt Lick, 18300 FM 1826, Driftwood, TX 78619
5:45pm – 8:00pm	<b>Participants will pay for their own dinner</b> at the Salt Lick Barbeque, followed by Prof. Suri lecture: <i>Lyndon B. Johnson’s home town and personal history</i>
8:30pm	Bus returns to SJRH, UT campus

### **Thursday, August 2**

8:00am	Breakfast
8:45am – 10:15am	Guest Lecturer, Prof. Mark Lawrence: <i>The Vietnam War</i>
10:15am – 10:30am	Break
10:30am – Noon	Prof. Suri lecture: <i>Détente, Human Rights, and the 1970’s</i>
Noon – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Prof. Suri lecture: <i>Ronald Reagan and the End of the Cold War</i>
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Break
3:15pm – 5:00pm	<b>Pedagogy Session #3:</b> “Analyzing Primary Source Documents”
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Dinner

### **Friday, August 3**

8:00am	Breakfast
8:45am – 10:15am	Prof. Suri lecture: <i>9/11 and the Global War on Terrorism</i>
10:15am – 10:30am	Break
10:30am – Noon	Prof. Suri lecture: <i>The Arab Spring</i>
Noon – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 2:30pm	<b>Pedagogy Session #4:</b> “Sharing Best Practices”
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Farewell Reception at the Institute for Historical Studies/ Garrison Hall Wrap-up lecture by Prof. Suri: <i>Looking Forward: How does history inform our understanding of the present and the future?</i> GAR 4.100
5:45pm – 6:45pm	Dinner (Jester 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)

### **Saturday, August 4**

9:00am – 11:00am	Breakfast and Check-out of SJRH
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