Syllabus

506:402 Seminar in New Jersey History Thursdays 4.5
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Purpose of Course:
This seminar will focus on the history of New Jersey, from its establishment as an English colony in 1664 to the recent past. Students are encouraged to make use of the resources of the Special Collections and University Archives (SPUA) unit of the Alexander Library, which has the largest collection anywhere of books, maps, manuscripts, and other material relating to the Garden State.

The central part of the course is for students to research and write a paper on New Jersey history of at least 5,000 words (approximately 20 double spaced pages).

Grade:

* active participation in class discussions (5%)
* research proposal with bibliography (10%)
* First draft (15%)
* Final presentation (30%)
* Final paper (40%)

Textbooks:


Class Schedule and Assignments:

Week One - Jan 20
Introduction to the history of New Jersey and historical research
Week Two - Jan 27
LIBRARY SESSION - Meet in Case Room, Special Collections, Alexander Library
Reading: Lurie, pp. 1-40, 60-77
         Rampolla, pp. 1-19, 86-93

Week Three - Feb 3
American Revolution, slavery, black history, local history
Reading: Lurie, pp. 187-221, 243-275
         Rampolla, pp. 20-38
Due: Writing sample

Week Four - Feb 10
political history, legal history
Reading: Lurie, pp. 320-373
         Rampolla, pp. 39-65

Week Five - Feb 17
women’s history, public policy, biography
Reading: Lurie, pp. 414-466
         Rampolla, pp. 66-85

Week Six - Feb 24
Qualities of a good paper
Reading: Sample student paper
         Rampolla: pp. 94-131

Week Seven - Mar 3
Presentation of Research Proposal
Due: Research Proposal

Week Eight: - Mar 10
NO CLASS - Individual conferences to discuss research proposal

SPRING BREAK - NO CLASS

Week 9 - Mar 24
NO CLASS - Writing Day

Week 10 - Mar 31
Students present rough draft
Due: Rough draft of research paper

Week 11 - Apr 7
NO Class - individual conferences to discuss rough draft
Week 12 - Apr 14
NO Class - work on final draft. Come and see me if you want to

Week 13 - Apr 21
Final presentations: 20 minutes each

Week 14 - Apr 28
Final presentations: 20 minutes each

Monday, May 9 - send in final paper