

Learning and Life at Rhodes: An Introduction to Historical Investigation
History 103
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Term II, 1998-99

History 103 is an experimental course designed to introduce you to the problems and possibilities of constructing the past. Emphasis will be placed on conducting interviews with graduates of Rhodes College and on using primary sources located in the archives of the College in Burrow Library. Our class will work as a research team--collecting evidence, sharing information, writing short papers on particular aspects of Rhodes' history, and in the end pooling our resources in order to develop a comprehensive view of learning and life at Rhodes between 1925 and 1975.

Requirements:

- 1) Conduct two interviews, to be transcribed or summarized in 2-3 pages [20%]
- 2) Write two papers, 5-8 pages, based on interviews and papers presented in class [40%]
- 3) Term paper on an assigned topic, using primary sources, 10 pages [20%]
- 4) Participation in discussion and efficiency in meeting deadlines [20%]

Office hours: MW, 9:30-10:30; TTh, 9:00-10:00. Clough 315.

January

- 14 Introduction
- 19 Southwestern before and at Memphis
Rhodes, 4-24, 33-36.
- 21 No Class
- 26 Religious Studies at Rhodes
Dr. Stephen Haynes, Department of Religious Studies
- 28 Discussion: Princeton in 1920
Fitzgerald, This Side of Paradise

February

- 2 Panel of graduates, 1925-1975
- 4 Designing Oral Interviews; Developing Research Projects
Rhodes, 45-64.
- 9 Panel of graduates, 1955-1965
- 11 Discussion: The Conformist and Restless 1950's
- 16 Discussion: Origins of the Civil Rights Movement
- 18 Presentation of first interviews, 1955-1965
Submit transcription of interview
- 23 Panel of graduates, 1965-1975
Submit paper based on interviews
- 25 Discussion: Young People and the Counterculture

March

- 2 Video: At the River I Stand
- 4 Presentation of interviews, 1965-1975
Submit synopsis of interview (2-3 pages)

SPRING BREAK

- 16 Panel of graduates, 1935-1945
- 18 Discussion: The Impact of the Depression

March

- 23 Panel of graduates, 1945-1955
- 25 Discussion: Cold War and Prosperity
- 30 **Submit research proposal and design**

Easter Recess

April

- 6 Discussion of term paper topics
- 8 Discussion of term paper topics
- 13 Presentation of paper topics
- 15 Presentation of paper topics
- 20 Presentation of paper topics
- 22 Presentation of paper topics
- ***Paper is due on the day before your presentation*****
- 27 Discussion of research results
- 29 **Final Essay on Rhodes and the 1960's**

Summation of reports to the group