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History 250
Term II, 1998-99

**Building Community:
American Traditions of Service, Philanthropy and Social Change**

Dr. Lanier, Ms. Jones
Community Service Coordinator: Loretta Lambert (3401)

January

- 14 Introduction
- 19 Understanding Motivation
Robert Coles, The Call of Service, pp. xi-xxviii, 1-30.
January 19, 4:00, Soup Kitchen, St. John's Methodist Church
- 21 Discussion: Serving Soup and Meeting the Needs of Others
- 26 Contemporary Experiences of Volunteers
Panel Discussion
Submit work schedule
- 28 Varieties of Service
Coles, pp. 31-67.

February

- 2 Connecting the Classroom and Service
Coles, pp. 145-173.
- 4 American Patterns of Individualism
Robert Bellah et al, Habits of the Heart, pp. xli-xxvii, 1-41.
- 9 Early Visions of American Purpose
John Winthrop, "A Model of Christian Charity," (1630).
James Oglethorpe, TBA
Submit journal--three entries on Coles, Bellah and experience

- 11 American Identity and Civic Life
Benjamin Franklin, The Autobiography (1784).

February

- 16 Ante-bellum Reform and Abolitionism
Michael Katz, "Origins of the Institutional State"
Ronald Walters, "Antislavery," from American Reformers 1815-1860

- 18 Populism and Organizing Poor People
Lawrence Goodwyn, "Populism: Democratic Promise"

- 23 Service Experience
Submit one page summary on your agency
Include origin, purpose, funding sources

- 25 Progressivism and Settlement Houses
Jane Addams, from Twenty Years at Hull House, (1910).

March

- 2 The New Deal and Social Welfare
Anthony J. Badger, The New Deal

- 4 **Mid-term Exam**

Spring Break

- 16 Philanthropy and the Non-Profit Sector
Robert Sharpe
President, Robert F. Sharpe and Co.
Resume keeping of journal
- 18 Modern Philanthropy from Carnegie to Turner
Andrew Carnegie, "The Gospel of Wealth," (1889).
Article on Ted Turner
- 23 Modern Forms of Individualism

Bellah, Habits of the Heart, pp. 55-84, 142-163.

- 25 Community Involvement
Bellah, pp. 165-195.
Paula Jacobson, Jewish Community Foundation

March

- 30 Religion and Community
Bellah, pp. 219-249.

April

- 1 Easter Break
- 6 African-American Bonds of Community
Visit the National Civil Rights Museum
- 8 The Great Society and Sixties Liberalism
Lyndon Johnson, "Remarks at the University of Michigan"
Submit journal--three entries on assignments and experience
- 13 Third World Poverty and the Peace Corps
Panel Discussion
Robert Coles, pp. 128-136.
- 15 Voluntarism in the 1990's
Bellah, pp. 275-296, vii-xxxix.
- 20 **Reports**
- 22 **Reports**
- 27 **Reports**
- 29 **Reports**
*****Papers are due on the day before your oral report*****

Final Exam: Wednesday, May 5, 1:00 p.m.

The following texts are required for History 250:

Robert Bellah, et al, Habits of the Heart: Individualism and Commitment in American

Robert Coles, The Call of Service: A Witness to Idealism (1993).

Course packet of selected articles.

Objectives of History 250:

- 1) To connect personal experience to the study of the past.
- 2) To explore the American tradition of voluntary association, the practice of c
- 3) To understand the motives and accomplishments of people who have accept
- 4) To examine the role of the non-profit sector and the complex relationship

Requirements and grades:

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| Participation and discussion | 20% |
| Journal | 20% |
| (six entries of two or three pages, reflecting upon your service activity and making connections with assigned reading materials) | |
| Mid-term Exam | 20% |
| Final Exam | 20% |
| Paper and oral report | 20% |
| (paper of 6-7 pages; oral report of 15 minutes) | |

Dr. Lanier's office: 315 Clough Hours: MW 9:30-10:30; TTh 9:00-10:00