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1. If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner so that your needs may be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Willard 322, and http://www.Colorado.EDU/disabilityservices

2. I will make every effort to reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. In this class, please notify me by the third week of class if you anticipate a conflict.

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Required Reading: Jonathan Hughes and Louis Cain (H&C), American Economic History (Sixth edition); and Material Posted on the Website

Components of Final Grade: Three exams: Exam 1 (25%); Exam 2 (35%); Exam 3 (40%).

Schedule of Classes:

Aug 28 Do I Want To Take This Class?

Aug 30 The Institutional Background for Economic Growth
   H&C: Chapters 1 (pp. 13-16), Chapter 2 (pp.38-42) Chapter 7, and Chapter 31.
   Alston and Mueller, Property Rights and the State

Sep 4 Indentured Servitude: The Market for Moving Free People to America
   H&C: Chapter 1 (pp. 10-12).

Sep 6 Slavery
   & 11 H&C: Chapters 9 & 10

Sep 13 Economics of the Civil War
   H&C: Chapter 13

Sep 18 Peopling the Country: Births, Deaths, Immigration and Migration
   & 20 H&C: Chapters 16-17

Sep 25 Money, Banks and Government Policy
   H&C: Chapter 19

Sep 27 Southern Agriculture - Not Everyone Was Sipping Mint Juleps
   & Oct 2 H&C: Chapter 13 (pp. 262-273)
   Alston: "Issues in U.S. Postbellum..."
   Atack and Passell: "The South After the..

Oct 4 Northern Agriculture- Too Wet To Plow: Protest
   & 9 H&C: Chapter 15
   Atack and Passell:"Northern Agricultural.."

EXAM OCT 8 –EDUC 220 6:00-7:50 pm
Oct 11  The Iron Horse and Economic Growth  
H&C: Chapter 14

Oct 16  The Microsofts of the 19th Century: Regulation and the Origins of Anti-Trust  
H&C: Chapter 18

Oct 18  The Wild West: The Use and Abuse of Natural Resources  
Libecap, "Property Rights in ..."

Oct 23  The Great War  
H&C: Chapter 22

Oct 25  The Roaring Twenties: Farms Failing and Banks Busting  
H&C: Chapter 23

Oct 30  The Great Depression, Part I  
H&C: Chapters 24 & 25  
Atack and Passell: "The Great Depression: The Contraction" and "The Recovery"

Nov 1   Women in the Workplace

Nov 6   The Great Depression, Parts II and III  
& 8  H&C: Chapters 24 & 25  
Atack and Passell: "The Great Depression: The Contraction" and "The Recovery"

EXAM NOV 12 EDUC 220 6:00-7:50 pm

Nov 13  World War II: The End of, or Continuation of the Great Depression?  
H&C: Chapter 26  
Higgs: "          "

Nov 15  The Institutional Origins of U.S. Savings Banks

Nov 27  When and Why Government Got Big  
H&C: Chapters 27 & 30  
Higgs, "The Sources of Big Government..."  
Higgs, "How Much Has Government Grown..."  
Higgs, "On Ideology as an Analytical ...

Nov 29  The New Frontier and the Great Society: Why then?

Dec 4   Development in Latin America: lessons from U.S. Economic History

Dec 6   Answers to Anything You Ever Wanted to Know About  
Economic History But Were Afraid to Ask

THIRD AND FINAL EXAM DEC 7- EVENING