

## Post-Civil War U.S. History Reading List

### Dr. Gail Radford

#### **Reconstruction:**

Blight, David W. *Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory*  
 Emberton, Carole. *Beyond Redemption: Race, Violence, and the American South After the Civil War*  
 Foner, Eric. *A Short History of Reconstruction*  
 Hahn, Steven. *A Nation Under Our Feet: Black Political Struggles in the Rural South from Slavery to the Great Migration*  
 Richardson, Heather C. *West from Appomattox*

#### **Gilded Age:**

Bensel, Richard Franklin. *The Political Economy of American Industrialization, 1877 – 1900*  
 Fink, Leon. *Workingmen's Democracy: The Knights of Labor and American Politics*  
 Richardson, Heather C. *Wounded Knee: Party Politics and the Road to an American Massacre*  
 Trachtenberg, Alan. *The Incorporation of America: Culture and Society in the Gilded Age*  
 White, Richard. *Railroaded: The Transcontinentals and the Making of Modern America*

#### **Immigration:**

Alba, Richard and Victor Nee. *Remaking the American Mainstream: Assimilation and Contemporary Immigration*  
 Foner, Nancy. *From Ellis Island to JFK: New York's Two Great Waves of Immigration*  
 Ngai, Mae M. *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America*  
 Portes, Alejandro and Rubén Rumbaut. *Legacies: The Story of the Immigrant Second Generation*  
 Roediger, David R. *Working Toward Whiteness: How America's Immigrants Became White*

#### **Imperialism:**

Jacobson, Matthew. *Barbarian Virtues: The United States Encounters Foreign Peoples at Home and Abroad, 1877 – 1900*  
 LaFeber, Walter. *The New Empire: An Interpretation of American Expansion, 1860 – 1898*  
 Linn, Brian McAllister. *The Philippine War, 1899 – 1902*  
 Perez, Louis A. *The War of 1898: The United States and Cuba in History and Historiography*  
 Renda, Mary A. *Taking Haiti: Military Occupation and the Culture of U.S. Imperialism, 1915 – 1940*

#### **Progressive Era:**

Dawley, Alan. *Struggles for Justice: Social Responsibility and the Liberal State*  
 Hofstadter, Richard. *The Age of Reform: From Bryan to F.D.R.*  
 Link, William. *The Paradox of Southern Progressivism, 1880 – 1930*  
 Montgomery, David. *The Fall of the House of Labor: The Workplace, the State, and American Labor Activism, 1865 – 1925*  
 Rogers, Daniel T. *Atlantic Crossings: Social Politics in a Progressive Age*

**World War I:**

Capozzola, Christopher. *Uncle Sam Wants You: World War I and the Making of the Modern American Citizen*

Grossman, James R. *Land of Hope: Chicago, Black Southerners, and the Great Migration*

Jensen, Kimberly. *Mobilizing Minerva: American Women in the First World War*

Kennedy, David M. *Over Here: The First World War and American Society*

Manela, Erez. *The Wilsonian Moment: Self-Determination and the International Origins of Anticolonial Nationalism*

**1920s:**

Dumenil, Lynn. *The Modern Temper: America in the Twenties*

Larson, Edward. *Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate Over Science and Religion*

Lerner, Michael A. *Dry Manhattan: Prohibition in New York City*

Lewis, David Levering. *When Harlem Was in Vogue*

Marchand, Roland. *Advertising the American Dream: Making Way for Modernity, 1920 – 1940*

**New Deal:**

Badger, Anthony. *FDR: The First Hundred Days*

Bernstein, Barton. "The New Deal: The Conservative Achievements of Liberal Reform"

Brinkley, Alan. *Voices of Protest: Huey Long, Father Coughlin, and the Great Depression*

Katznelson, Ira. *When Affirmative Action Was White*

Sullivan, Patricia. *Days of Hope: Race and Democracy in the New Deal Era*

**World War II:**

Anderson, Karen. *Wartime Women: Sex Roles, Family Relations, and the Status of Women During World War II*

Borgwardt, Elizabeth. *A New Deal for the World: America's Vision for Human Rights*

Daniels, Roger. *Prisoners Without Trial: Japanese Americans in World War II*

Dower, John W. *War Without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War*

Kennedy, David M. *Freedom from Fear: The American People in Depression and War*

**Red Scare:**

Canaday, Margot. *The Straight State: Sexuality and Citizenship in Twentieth-Century America*

Fried, Richard M. *Nightmare in Red: The McCarthy Era in Perspective*

Leffler, Melvyn P. *A Preponderance of Power: National Security, the Truman Administration, and the Cold War*

Schrecker, Ellen. *Many Are the Crimes: McCarthyism in America*

Stueck, William. *The Korean War: An International History*

**Post-World War II Labor:**

Cohen, Lizabeth. *A Consumer's Republic: The Politics of Mass Consumption in Postwar America*

Fones-Wolf, Elizabeth A. *Selling Free Enterprise: The Business Assault on Labor and Liberalism, 1945 – 1960*

Freeman, Joshua B. *Working-Class New York: Life and Labor Since World War II*

Jackson, Kenneth T. *Crabgrass Frontier: The Suburbanization of America*

Metzgar, Jack. *Striking Steel: Solidarity Remembered*

**Vietnam War:**

Herring, George C. *America's Longest War: The United States and Vietnam, 1950 – 1975*

Lawrence, Mark Atwood. *The Vietnam War: A Concise International History*

Logevall, Fredrik. *Choosing War: The Lost Chance for Peace and the Escalation of War in Vietnam*

Miller, James. *Democracy is in the Streets: From Port Huron to the Siege of Chicago*

Porter, Gareth. *Perils of Dominance: Imbalance of Power and the Road to Vietnam*

**Civil Rights:**

Alexander, Michelle. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*

Jones, Patrick. *The Selma of the North: Civil Rights Insurgency in Milwaukee*

MacLean, Nancy. *Freedom is Not Enough: The Opening of the American Workplace*

Orleck, Annelise. *Storming Caesar's Palace: How Black Mothers Fought Their Own War on Poverty*

Sugrue, Thomas. *The Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit*

**Conservatism:**

Berman, William C. *America's Right Turn: From Nixon to Clinton*

Kruse, Kevin. *White Flight: Atlanta and the Making of Modern Conservatism*

Lassiter, Matthew D. *The Silent Majority: Suburban Politics in the Sunbelt South*

McGirr, Lisa. *Suburban Warriors: The Origins of the New American Right*

Wilentz, Sean. *The Age of Reagan: A History, 1974 – 2008*