

History 314: U.S. Civil War in History and Memory
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Tuesday 10:00-11:50 & Thurs

2. Achieve an understanding of historical memory

Thavolia Glymph's *The Women's Fight*) contain discussion and images of pornography and/or sexual violence. Take care of yourself as you learn to engage with difficult topics from the past that are, nonetheless, vital to understanding the world.

Note: Some of our primary sources contain extremely offensive language. To quote literary scholar Dr. Koritha Mitchell, we are scholars, "not re-enactors, so we need not let the text dictate what we *give life to* in the classroom (korithamitchell.com)." The same goes for our online discussion. We can't eliminate all racist, sexist, and other offensive language in our sources—but we always need to remember the historical context. Some slurs are too much. I, for one, do not ever say "the N-word" out loud, and I expect no one to do so in this class. If you want to read a quotation out loud with the word in it, just say "N04 Tdnew 2.9 0 T6]TJ 1ry-0.006 T63 0 Td (-)Tj -0.004 Tc 0.004 Tw 0.37 0 Td [w

in addition to communicating with you directly about it, I will also likely submit an academic alert via Academic Advising's SAL portal. This reminds you of my concern, and it notifies the Academic Advising team and your adviser(s) so that they can reach out to you with additional offers of support.

Attendance and Illness Policies:

Attendance is important to this class, so please attend if at all possible. That being said, we all know that illness can/will happen, and you should NOT attend class if you are ill. Please email Prof. Purcell (if possible) if you are ill, and we will make arrangements for how you can keep up with course work on a flexible schedule (according to how ill you are). You don't need to provide a doctor's note, or to give Prof. Purcell details about your health challenge, just reveal that you need to be out of class, and we will adjust.

If you need to miss class for a religious holiday, athletic team event, or other curricular activity, please let Prof. Purcell know in advance, and she will support you.

Books

All of our books are available at the College Bookstore AND on JStor. They are also on reserve at the Grinnell College Library.

Karen Cox, *No Common Ground: Confederate Monuments and the Ongoing Struggle for Racial Justice* (2021) purchase or consult JStor

David Blight, *Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory* (2001) purchase or consult JStor

Judith Giesburg, *Sex and the Civil War: Soldiers, Pornography, and the Making of American Morality* (2017) purchase or consult JStor

Thavolia Glymph, *T1 (h.)-2 ()T340.29 0 Td c.*

Friday, August 25 First Research Journal entry due at noon under "Journal" tab on P-web. An entry is due EACH Friday (with the exception of Weeks Seven, Eight, Nine, Thirteen, and Finals Week). Prof. Purcell will provide questions and prompts for the Research Journal.

FRIDAY at NOON Research Journal entry due on Pweb

Week Four: Monuments and Memory

Tuesday, September 12 Confederate Monuments, Rising and Falling

Reading Due: Cox, No Common Ground; Watch This: Nicole Ellis, "How A Propaganda Campaign To Minimize Slavery's Role in the Civil War Became American History," Washington Post, June 2020 (8:11),

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/video/national/descendants/how-a-propaganda-campaign-to-minimize-slaverys-role-in-the-civil-war-became-american-history/2020/02/24/d07114f5-f5be-4ab5-9d64-](https://www.washingtonpost.com/video/national/descendants/how-a-propaganda-campaign-to-minimize-slaverys-role-in-the-civil-war-became-american-history/2020/02/24/d07114f5-f5be-4ab5-9d64-508f3775f86a_video.html)

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[all.html](#)) ; J. David Hacker, "Has the Demographic Impact of Civil War Deaths Been Exaggerated?" *Civil War History* 60 (December 2014): 453-458
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=31h&AN=99464657&site=ehost-live>

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Friday, NO RESEARCH JOURNAL ENTRY DUE TODAY

Week Ten

Tuesday, November 28 Writing Day
Co-working: meet in regular classroom during class time

Thursday, November 30 Writing Day
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FRIDAY at NOON Research Journal entry due on P-web

Friday, December 1, Research Papers Due at 5:00 in P-Web

Week Fifteen: Peer Review & Presentations

Monday, December 4 Draft Peer Review Meetings—sign up for special group meeting time

Tuesday, December 5 Research Presentations in class

Wednesday, December 6 Draft Peer Review Meetings—sign up for special group meeting time

Thursday, December 7 Research Presentations in class

FRIDAY at NOON Research Journal entry due on P-web

Week Sixteen : Finals week--REVISIONS

Final Paper Due: Friday, December 15 at 5:00 pm in P-Web