

## **HISTORY 407/507**

### **Research Seminar on Treaty-Port Shanghai (1843-1943)**

Wednesdays 14:00-16:50  
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#### **Course Description:**

History 407 is a “capstone” course especially designed for senior history majors and minors. The goal of the class is to engage you in the process of historical research and interpretation through exploration of primary sources and the careful design and execution of a research paper of approximately 20 pages. To write a successful paper you need to develop a good historical question early in the term that you can connect to a body of readily available primary sources. Your formulation of your topic and research question, your argument (your thesis), and your interpretation of cited sources should reflect (and explicitly address) recent historical writing on Shanghai.

**Format:** Seminar. Discussion of relevant historiography and primary sources, with progressive exercises in research and writing. In-class presentation and discussion of paper draft prior to submission.

**Requirements and Grading:** Attendance at all class meetings, along with completion of all assignments and active participation in discussion (including participation in leading discussion) is very important for the success of the class (40%). Note that a paper topic is due in Week 3/4; an annotated bibliography is due in Week 5/6; a first draft is due May 27. Everyone will make a short (8-10 minutes max!) individual presentation in the last class meeting. The remainder of your grade will be based on your final paper (60%).

Note: please keep in mind that late papers will not be accepted or incompletes given unless there is a documented emergency.

**Books:** The following books are available at the bookstore. These books should also be available on reserve at Knight Library. Other course readings are on reserve for the course at the Knight Library, or are posted on Blackboard.

Mary Lynn Rampolla, *A Pocket Guide to Writing in History*, 5th edition (Boston: Bedford, 2007).

Meng Yue, *Shanghai and the Edges of Empires* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2006).

Elizabeth Perry, *Shanghai on Strike: The Politics of Chinese Labor* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1993).

Parks M. Coble, *The Shanghai Capitalists and the Nationalist Government* (Cambridge Mass: Harvard University Press, 1986).

Frederic Wakeman, Jr. and Wen-hsin Yeh, eds., *Shanghai Sojourners* (University of California, 1992).

**Bibliographies and relevant websites:** There is an online bibliography for Shanghai at:

<http://virtualshanghai.ish-lyon.cnrs.fr/Bibliography.php>

You should also spend some time looking at the Virtual Shanghai site itself, which offers a rich visual archive:

<http://virtualshanghai.ish-lyon.cnrs.fr/index.php>

Please take note of and explore the following major primary sources for Shanghai in the Knight Library Collection:

*The North China Herald and Supreme Court and Consular Gazette* (library has 1911-1932, incomplete series)

*China Weekly Review/Millard's Review of the Far East* (incomplete series, check years)

United States, Consulate (Shanghai, China). Despatches from United States consuls in Shanghai, 1847-1906. 53 reels of microfilm.

*Minutes of the Shanghai Municipal Council* (original English texts and Chinese translation), 1854-1943, (Shanghai: Shanghai guji chubanshe, 2001) (Library lists it under "Gong bu ju dong shi hui yi lu", in Chinese section).

Shanghai Municipal Police Files (see accompanying Guide to the Scholarly Resources microfilm edition of the Shanghai Municipal Police Files, 1894-1949) 67 reels microfilm.

I've also arranged for loan of the complete 18-volume set of *Shanghai Political and Economic Reports*, (1849-1943) which you will find on reserve for the class at the Knight Library.

Knight Library Special Collections also has an important collection of missionary papers and other archival materials relevant to Shanghai (the Oliver Papers, Sheldon and Fife Papers, Gertrude Bass Warner Papers, etc.)

Week 1      April 1      Introduction to Shanghai History and Sources for Shanghai History

Week 2      April 8      Discussion of Historiographical Approaches to Shanghai

Readings for discussion: Everyone should read the following article by Bergère **plus one selection each** from groups 1 and 2 below (3 readings total). Plan to come to class prepared to

discuss what your selected readings tell you about 1) key questions in Shanghai history, 2) interactions among different groups in the city, and 3) sources for Shanghai history.

Marie-Claire Bergère, "The Other China: Shanghai from 1919-1949," in C. Howe, ed., *Shanghai: Revolution and Development in an Asian Metropolis* (Cambridge England, 1981), 1-34. (Blackboard)

*Group 1 readings (read one from this group, together with one from Group 2):*

Meng Yue, *Shanghai and the Edges of Empires* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2006), pp. vii-30.

Hanchao Lu, *Beyond the Neon Lights: Everyday Shanghai in the Early Twentieth Century* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999), pp. 1-66. (on reserve)

Parks Coble, Parks M. Coble, *The Shanghai Capitalists and the Nationalist Government* (Cambridge Mass: Harvard University Press, 1986). pp. 1-46.

Bryna Goodman, *Native Place, City, and Nation: Regional Networks and Identities in Shanghai, 1853-1937* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1995), pp. 1-29. (on reserve)

Catherine Yeh, *Shanghai Love: Courtesans, Intellectuals and Entertainment Culture, 1850-1910*. (Seattle and London: University of Washington Press, 2006), pp. 1-95 (on reserve)

Elizabeth Perry, *Shanghai on Strike* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1993), pp. 1-64 (at bookstore)

Frederic Wakeman, Jr. and Wen-hsin Yeh, eds., *Shanghai Sojourners* (Berkeley: Institute of East Asian Studies, 1992 (at bookstore)

*Group 2 readings (select and read one from this group):*

Nicholas Clifford, *Spoilt Children of Empire: Westerners in Shanghai and the Chinese Revolution of the 1920s* (Hanover and London: Middlebury College Press, 1991) pp. 1-78. (on reserve)

Joshua Fogel, "'Shanghai-Japan': The Japanese Residents' Association of Shanghai," *Journal of Asian Studies*, 59 no. 4 (November 2000), pp. 927-950. (on blackboard)

Week 3      April 15                      Shanghai in Maps and Newspapers

Readings: Rampolla, 6-24.

•Catherine Vance Yeh, "Representing the City: Shanghai and its Maps," in David Faure, ed., *Town and Country* (Oxford: Clarendon, 2001), pp. 166-202. (Blackboard)