

Race and Gender in U.S. Military History

Course Description:

An effective military only functions under the principles of equality and inclusion. Manpower policy regarding inclusion and equality has only changed when forced to by the necessities of war or from outside social and political influence. This course will examine the history of service of minority groups and women in the U.S. Military, major amendments to manpower policy, and historic problems with presenting a less than unified force.

Texts:

Jensen, Geoffrey. *The Routledge Handbook of the History of Race and the American Military*. New York: Routledge, 2017.

Stur, Heather Marie, and Douglas Walter Bristol. *Integrating the US Military: Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation Since World War II*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017.

Taylor, William A. *Military Service and American Democracy: From World War II to the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2016.

Class Schedule:

Meeting 1: Introductions, Civil Military Affairs, Unit Cohesion,

Readings:

Historical Overview of Racism in the Military
<https://apps.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a488652.pdf>

Washington's Sentiments on a Peace Establishment, 1 May 1783
<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/99-01-02-11202>

Finnegan, Connor. "Unit Cohesion and How It's Been Used to Justify Discrimination in the Military." <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/unit-cohesion-justify-discrimination-military/story?id=48881168>

Stur and Bristol, Chapter 6

Meeting 2: African Americans (up to WW1).

Jensen, Chapters 2, 4, 6,8, 10

Library of Congress. "African American Soldiers during the Civil War."
<https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/united-states-history-primary-source-timeline/civil-war-and-reconstruction-1861-1877/african-american-soldiers-during-the-civil-war/>

Meeting 3: African Americans (WWI to present)

Jensen, Chapter 13, 17, 19

Stur and Bristol, Chapter 1

Taylor, Chapter 4

Maxwell, Jeremy P. "Pragmatic Leadership: The Move Toward Progressive Action on Integration in Korea." *U.S. Military History Review* 4 (December 2017) 1: 55-75.

<https://docs.google.com/a/usmhg.org/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=dXNtaGcub3JnfHVzbWhnfGd40jJkMTEeXm2VmYTM3ODdhOTk>

Armor, David J. and Curtis L. Gilroy. "Changing Minority Representation in the U.S. Military." *Armed Forces & Society* 36 (2010) 2: 223-246.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/249776019_Changing_Minority_Representation_in_the_US_Military

Meeting 4: Native Americans and Military Service

Jensen, Chapters 1, 5, 11, 14

U.S. Army Center of Military History, "Native Americans in the U.S. Army"

<https://history.army.mil/html/topics/natam/index.html>

Simpkins, J.D. "A 'Warrior Tradition': Why Native Americans Continue Fighting for the Same Government that Tried to Wipe Them Out," *Military Times*, November 15, 2019.

<https://www.militarytimes.com/off-duty/military-culture/2019/11/15/a-warrior-tradition-why-native-americans-continue-fighting-for-the-same-government-that-tried-to-wipe-them-out/>

Meeting 5: Women, Combat, and military service

Taylor, Chapter 7

Stur and Bristol, Chapters 4, 7

Trobaugh, Elizabeth M. "Women, Regardless: Understanding Gender Bias in U.S. Military Integration." *Joint Force Quarterly* 88 (January 2018), 46-53.

MacKenzie, Megan Hazel. "Let Women Fight: Ending the U. S. Military's Female Combat Ban." *Foreign Affairs* 91 (2012) 6: 32-42.

Meeting 6: Asian Experiences in the U.S. Military

Readings:

Salyer, Lucy E. "Baptism by Fire: Race, Military Service, and U.S. Citizenship Policy, 1918-1935." *The Journal of American History* 91 (2004) 3: 847-876.

Sohoni, D. "Fighting to Belong: Asian American Military Service and American Citizenship." In David E. Rohall, Morten G. Ender, Michael Matthews, eds., *Inclusion in the American Military: A Force for Diversity*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2017.

Stur and Bristol, Chapter 2

Jensen, Chapter 15

Meeting 7: Hispanic Service in the US Military

Readings:

Alvarez Curbelo, Silvia. "A Meditation on the 65th Infantry," *Dialogo* 4 (2000) 1: 4.

Jensen, Chapter 20

Meeting 8: Gay and Transgender Military Service

Readings:

Schaub, Gary. "Unit Cohesion and the Impact of DADT." *Strategic Studies Quarterly* 4 (2010) 3: 85-101.

Military Service and American Democracy, Chapter 8

Integrating the US Military, Chapter 9

Cpt. Jay Caputo, "Should Transgender Peoples Serve?"

<https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/2017/december/should-transgender-persons-serve>