

HIST 483 Asian Migrations to the Americas

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This course will explore the history of migration from Asia to, and throughout, Canada, the United States and South America from the late 19th to the early 21st century. We will be covering the Asian exclusion era, World War Two, and the post-Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 period, touching upon topics such as Japanese-American/Canadian internment and South-East Asian refugees. We will examine the impact of migration from different parts of Asia on local, national and transnational communities. Emphasis will be on understanding how and why historical events are remembered and forgotten, and on where oral histories fit within the larger national narratives and historical contexts.

Course Objectives:

- To critically assess how and why historical events are remembered and forgotten
- To situate where oral histories fit within the larger national narratives and historical contexts
- To connect local Vancouver history to history of Asian migration in the Americas
- To develop oral history interview techniques and film techniques

Textbook - Erika Lee's The Making of Asian America: A History

Course Requirements:

20% student-led discussion

5% mini biography interview

10% class participation

Scaffolded Final Project: Telling Untold Stories

- 10% project proposal
- 20% written analytical component
- 35% 5-minute film product

	Topic	
Week 1: 1/4 (Mon)	Introduction	Stories we grew up with
1/6 (Wed)	Oral History workshop 1	Cultural Marker exercise
1/8 (Fri)	Reviewing films	Meet at Computer Lab Buchanan B202
Week 2: 1/11 (Mon)	Instructor-led discussion	Chinos
1/13 (Wed)	Oral History workshop 2	What Makes Oral History Different?
1/15 (Fri)	Reviewing films	
Week 3: 1/18 (Mon)	Student-led discussion 1	Coolies
1/20 (Wed)	Oral History workshop 3	History & Memory
1/22 (Fri)	Filming technique workshop	
Week 4: 1/25 (Mon)	Student-led discussion 2	Chinese
1/27 (Wed)	Oral History workshop 4	Listening exercise
1/29 (Fri)	Filming technique workshop	
Week 5: 2/1 (Mon)	Student-led discussion 3	Japanese & Koreans
2/3 (Wed)	Oral History workshop 5	Preparing for interview
2/5 (Fri)	Filming technique workshop	
Week 6: 2/8 (Mon)	Family Day	NO CLASS
2/10 (Wed)	Guest speaker	Anne-Marie Fleming
2/12 (Fri)	Student-led discussion 4	Hindu & Filipino

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Week 7: 2/15 (Mon)	Mid-term Break	NO CLASS
2/17 (Wed)	Mid-term Break	NO CLASS
2/19 (Fri)	Mid-term Break	NO CLASS
Week 8: 2/22 (Mon)	Student-led discussion 5	Undocumented border
2/24 (Wed)	project proposal presentations	Project proposal due
2/26 (Fri)	Screening mini-bio interviews	Mini-bio interview due
Week 9: 2/29 (Mon)	Student-led discussion 6	Japanese-Americans WWII
3/2 (Wed)	Oral History workshop 6	Interview questions
3/4 (Fri)	Editing for final project	
Week 10: 3/7 (Mon)	Student-led discussion 7	Good/Cold War & Activism
3/9 (Wed)	Final Project	About my project
3/11 (Fri)	Editing for final for project	
Week 11: 3/14 (Mon)	Student-led discussion 8	Southeast Asian Refugees
3/16 (Wed)	Final Project	Historical context
3/18 (Fri)	Editing for final project	
Week 12: 3/21 (Mon)	Student-led discussion 9	Transnational immigrants & Model minority myth
3/23 (Wed)	Final Project	Self-reflection
3/25 (Fri)	Good Friday	NO CLASS

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Week 13: 3/28 (Mon)	Easter Monday	NO CLASS
3/30 (Wed)	Final Project written section	Peer feedback
4/1 (Fri)	Editing for final project	
Week 14: 4/4 (Mon)	Film presentation	
4/6 (Wed)	Film presentation	
4/8 (Fri)	Film presentation	Final Project Due & Course evaluations

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