

History 4V44

The French Revolution

Winter 2010

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Seminar Monday 11-2:00
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Objectives

In this course we will study the intersection of the ideals of the French revolutionaries with late eighteenth-century views about social hierarchy, gender, property and race. Topics will include the contradictions and crises that brought on the collapse of absolute monarchy, the origins of the important ideals that were manifest in the summer of 1789: liberty, equality, fraternity, freedom of the press, representative government and the obstacles the revolutionaries faced in their implementation.

Course Requirements

1. Active participation in weekly **seminars** is absolutely necessary. Each student must read between 100 and 200 pages a week and discuss their reading in each class.
2. Each student will **lead** a seminar.
3. Each student will write a **research essay** 4-5,000 words in length, **due on April 5, 2010**. Marks will be deducted at the rate of 5% a day (and weekend) for late papers and no papers will be accepted after April 12, 2010.
4. Each student will make a **research presentation** to the class on his/her paper and submit **a critical bibliography and statement of your central argument** before **March 8, 2010**.

Calculation of Final Grade

Essay	40%
Research presentation	10%
Seminar leadership	10%
Seminar Participation	40%

Plagiarism is the use of another's ideas without acknowledgment. Words taken from another must be set off in quotation marks and the source cited. The course penalty for plagiarism is zero on the assignment. Consult your university calendar for the further consequences of committing plagiarism at Brock.

Required Texts.

ed. Gary Kates ed. , *The French Revolution: Recent Debates and New Controversies*, (Routledge, 2nd Edition, 2006). (Available in the Brock Bookstore)

Peter Campbell ed. , *The Origins of the French Revolution* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006).

(Available in the Brock Bookstore)

General text on the French Revolution (Choices will be discussed in class).

Recommended texts:

Mary Lynn Rampolla, *A Pocket Guide to Writing in History* (2004).

D.M.G.. Sutherland, *The French Revolution and Empire: The Quest for A Civic Order*.

Jeremy Popkin, *A Short History of the French Revolution*.

Timothy Tackett, *Becoming a Revolutionary The Deputies of the French National Assembly and the Emergence of a Revolutionary Culture*.

Charles Walton, *Policing Public Opinion in the French Revolution: The Culture of Calumny and the Problem of Free Speech* (Oxford, 2009).

David Andress, *The Terror: The Merciless War for Freedom in Revolutionary France*

D.M.G. Sutherland, *Murder in Aubagne: Lynching, Law, and Justice during the Revolution* (2009)

Howard Brown, *Ending the French Revolution: Violence, Justice and Repression from the Terror to Napoleon* (2006)

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SEMINAR TOPICS AND READINGS

Week 1. January 11, 2010: Introductory Seminar

Week 2. January 18, 2010: The Marxist Paradigm and the Revisionists

Kates, pp. 1-83.

Week 3. January 25, 2010: Eighteenth-Century Society and Monarchy.

John Hardman, "Decision-Making" in Campbell, *The Origins*, pp. 63-86.

Peter Campbell, "The Paris Parlement in the 1780s" in Campbell, *The Origins*, pp.87-111.

Sarah Maza, "Luxury, Morality and Social Change," in Kates, pp. 113-130.

Background Reading

Colin Jones, *The Great Nation* (2003), pp. 125-394.

Week 4 February 1, 2010: The Origins of the French Revolution

The Origins of the French Revolution, ed. Peter R. Campbell (Palgrave MacMillan, 2006) Read the introduction and chapters, 1, 5, 6 .

Colin Jones, "Bourgeois Revolution Revivified," in Kates, pp. 87-112.

Roger Chartier, *The Cultural Origins of the French Revolution*, 1991, chapter 6.

Michael Sonenscher *Before the Deluge: Public Debt, Inequality, and the Intellectual Origins of the French Revolution* (2007)

Thomas Kaiser, "Enlightenment and Public Opinion..." in *The Darnton Debate: Books and Revolution in the eighteenth century.*

Arlette Farge, *Subversive Words*, esp. pp. 125-199.

Robert Darnton, *Forbidden Bestsellers or The Literary Underground in the Old Regime.*

Dale Van Kley, *The Religious Origins of the French Revolution.*

Week 5. February 8, 2010: The Estates General

Kenneth Margerison, "The Pamphlet Debate over the Organization of the Estates General" in Campbell, *The Origins*, pp. 219-238.

Timothy Tackett, "Nobles and the Third Estate in the Revolutionary Dynamic of the National Assembly, 1789-90" in Kates pp. 131-164. Also in *American Historical Review*, 94 (April 1989), pp. 271-301.(The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Michael Fitzsimmons, *The Night the Old Regime Ended: August 4, 1789 and the French Revolution*, pp. 61-92.

Shapiro, Barry, *Traumatic Politics: The Deputies and the King in the Early French Revolution* (2009)

Timothy Tackett, *Becoming a Revolutionary: the Deputies of the French National Assembly and the Emergence of a Revolutionary Culture (1789-1790).*

Alan Forrest and Peter Jones eds., *Reshaping France: Town Country and Region during the French Revolution.*

February 15, 2010. Family Day

February 22, 2010. Reading Week

Week 6. March 1, 2010: Liberty in the Revolution

Charles Walton, "La liberté de la presse dans les cahiers de doléances de 1789," *Revue d'histoire moderne et contemporaine* (jan-mars, 2006).

Raymond Birn, "Religious Toleration and Freedom of Expression," in *The French Idea of Freedom: The Old Regime and the Declaration of Rights of 1789*, pp. 265-299.

Carla Hesse, *Publishing and Cultural Politics in Revolutionary Paris*, 1991, pp. 1- 82.

Robert Darnton and Daniel Roche eds. *Revolution in Print*, 1989, 1-123.

Howard Brown, "Domestic State Violence: Repression from the Croquants to the Commune" *The Historical Journal*, 42, 3 (1999), 597-622.

Charles Walton, *Policing Public Opinion in the French Revolution: The Culture of Calumny and the Problem of Free Speech*, 2009.

Week 7. March 8, 2010: War

David Bell, *The First Total War*, pp. 83-153.

Blanning *The French Revolutionary Wars, 1787-1802*, pp. 69-130.

Isser Woloch, "Napoleonic Conscription: State Power and Civil Society," *Past and Present*, no. 111, May, 1986, pp. 101-129. (The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Alan Forrest, *Conscripts and Deserters*.

Alan Forrest, *Soldiers of the French Revolution*.

David Bell, *The Cult of the Nation in France: Inventing Nationalism, 1680-1800*, 2001.

Alan Forrest, *Napoleon's Men*.

Walter Jacob, *Diary of a Napoleonic Foot Soldier*.

Four Students will make research presentations

Week 8. March 15, 2010: The Terror

Thomas Kaiser, "From the Austrian Committee to the Foreign Plot: Marie Antoinette, Austrophobia, and the Terror," *French Historical Studies*, vol. 26, No. 4 (Fall 2003). (The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Timothy Tackett, "Conspiracy Obsession in a Time of Revolution: French Elites and the Origins of the Terror, 1789-1792," *American Historical Review*, 105 (2000):691-713. (The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Antoine De Baecque, *Glory and Terror: Seven Deaths Under the French Revolution*, pp.121-142.

Colin Lucas, "The Theory and Practice of Denunciation in the French Revolution" *The Journal of Modern History*, vol. 68, Number 4, December 1996, pp.768-785. (The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Peter Campbell, Thomas Kaiser and Marisa Linton, *Conspiracy in the French Revolution* (2007)

David Andress, *The Terror*.

Michael Walzer, "The King's Trial and the Political Culture of the Revolution" in *The French Revolution and the Creation of Modern Political Culture: Volume 2, The Political Culture of the French Revolution*, ed. Colin Lucas, pp.183-192.

P. Jordan, *The King's Trial*.

Timothy Tackett, *When the King took Flight*.

Patrice Higonnet, *Goodness beyond Virtue: Jacobins during the French Revolution*.

Colin Lucas, "Revolutionary Violence, the People and the Terror" in *The French Revolution and the Creation of Modern Political Culture: Volume 4, The Terror* ed. K.M. Baker, pp.57-79.

D. Greer, *The Incidence of the Terror during the French Revolution: A Statistical Interpretation*.

R. R. Palmer, *The Twelve Who Ruled*.

Alfred Cobban, "The Political Ideas of Maximilien Robespierre During the Period of the Convention" in Cobban, ed., *Aspects of the French Revolution*.

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Week 9. March 22, 2010: Federalism and Counterrevolution

Alan Forrest, *Paris and the Provinces in the French Revolution*, pp. 142-160.

W.D. Edmonds, "Federalism and urban revolt in France in 1793," *Journal of Modern History*, vol. 55, 1983.

Jacques Godechot, "The Emigration" in *The Counter-Revolution: Doctrine and Action*, pp. 141-172.

John Markoff, "Violence, emancipation, and democracy: the countryside and the French Revolution" in Kates, pp.165-197.

D.M.G. Sutherland, "Peasants, Lords, and Leviathan: Winners and Losers from the Abolition of French Feudalism, 1780-1820," *The Journal of Economic History*, vol. 62, no. 1, March 2002, pp. 1-24.(The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Peter McPhee, "The Misguided Greed of Peasants"? Popular Attitudes to the Environment in the Revolution of 1789" *French Historical Studies*, xxiv (2001), pp. 247-69.(The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Timothy Tackett, "The West in France in 1789: The Religious Factor in the Origins of the Counterrevolution" *Journal of Modern History*, vol. 54, 1982, pp. 715-745.

Kirsty Carpenter and Philip Mansel eds, *The French Emigrés in Europe and the Struggle against Revolution, 1789-1814*.

Munro Price, *The Road from Versailles: Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette and the Fall of the French Monarchy*.

Paul Hanson, *The Jacobin Republic Under Fire. The Federalist Revolt in the French Revolution*.

Four Students will make research presentations.

Week 10. March 29, 2010: Women and the Family

Lynn Hunt, "The Many Bodies of Marie Antoinette" in Kates, pp. 201-218.

Suzanne Desan, "War between Brothers and sisters: Inheritance law and gender politics in revolutionary France" in Kates, pp. 219-253. (Also available in *French Historical Studies*, 20, 1997 pp. 597-634. (The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Timothy Tackett, "Women and Men in Counterrevolution: The Sommières Riot of 1791," *Journal of Modern History*, 1987. (The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Suzanne Desan, *The Family on Trial in Revolutionary France*.

Dominique Godineau, *The Women of Paris and Their French Revolution*.

Roderick Phillips, *Putting Asunder: A history of Divorce in Western Society*, pp. 159-90; 256-75.

Lynn Hunt, *The Family Romance of the French Revolution*.

Olwen Hufton, *Women and the Limits of Citizenship in the French Revolution*.

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Week 11. April 5, 2010: The Revolution and the Colonies.

Laurent Dubois, "The Price of Liberty: Victor Hugues and the administration of freedom in Guadeloupe, 1794-1798" in Kates, pp. 254-278.

David Geggus, "Racial Equality, Slavery and Colonial Secession during the Constituent Assembly," *American Historical Review*, Vol. 94, No.5, Dec. 1989, pp.1290-1308 (The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Robert Stein, "The Free Men of Colour and the Revolution in Saint Domingue, 1789-1792," *Histoire-Sociale-Social History*, Volume XIV, no. 27, May 1981 (The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

John Garrigus, "White Jacobins/Black Jacobins: Bringing the Haitian and French Revolutions Together in the Classroom," *French Historical Studies*, Vol. 23, No.2 (Spring 2000). (The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Sue Peabody, *There Are No Slaves in France*.

Laurent Dubois, *A Colony of Citizens: Revolution and Slave Emancipation in the French Caribbean, 1787-1804*.

Robert Stein, *The French Slave Trade or The French Sugar Business*

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Week 12. April 12, 2010: The Directory and the Search for Stability

Howard Brown, "From organic security to security state: the war on brigandage in France, 1797-1802" *Journal of Modern History*, 69 (1997), 661-695.

Howard Brown and Judith Miller, eds *Taking Liberties: Problems of a new order from the French Revolution to Napoleon*, pp. 1-50.

D.M.G Sutherland, *The French Revolution and Empire*, pp.382-389.

Alan Forrest, *Paris, the Provinces and the French Revolution*, pp.161–228.

Howard Brown, *Ending the French Revolution: Violence, Justice and Repression from the Terror to Napoleon*, 2006

D.M.G. Sutherland, *Murder in Aubagne: Lynching, Law, and Justice during the Revolution*, 2009.

Andrew Jainchill, *Reimagining Politics after the Terror: The Republican Origins of French Liberalism*, 2008.

Gwynne Lewis and Colin Lucas eds. *Beyond the Terror: Essays in French Regional and Social History*.

Louis Bergeron, *France under Napoleon*.

Maurice Hutt, *Napoleon*.

Felix Markham, *Napoleon*.

Holtman, *The Napoleonic Revolution*

Isser Woloch, *Napoleon and his Collaborators*.