

Humanities Seminar Program

Professor Juan R. García

Tuesdays 10: 00 AM to 12:00 PM March 14<sup>th</sup> thru April 4<sup>th</sup>

Rubel Room at the Poetry Center

### **WW 1 and the U.S.: Causes and Consequences**

This hybrid course is about the reasons the United States entered World War 1, and the economic, social, and political consequences that occurred in the country from 1917 to 1919.

#### **Course Objectives:**

Understand the immediate and long-term reasons why the U.S. entered WW 1.

Discuss the personality of Woodrow Wilson and how it affected his decisions and actions during WW 1.

Examine the role of labor, immigrants, women, African Americans, and people of Mexican descent during the war.

Show how the war affected Progressive Reformers and their decision to either support or oppose American involvement in the war.

Describe the effect of the war on Civil Liberties.

Understand the debate over the Treaty of Versailles between the U.S., England, France, and Italy and its outcomes.

Explore the battle between Woodrow Wilson and the U.S. Senate over the Treaty of Versailles

Examine the legacy of World War 1 and the Treaty of Versailles on the U.S. and the world.

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#### Week 1: March 14<sup>th</sup>

- Woodrow Wilson , the Great War and American Neutrality.
- The U.S. Enters the War: Causes

#### Week 2: March 21<sup>st</sup>

- Mobilizing for War
- The Homefront: Reform and the War

#### Week 3: March 28<sup>th</sup>

- 100% Americanism
- Over There: The American Expeditionary Force

Week 4: April 4<sup>th</sup>

- Paris, 1919
- Woodrow Wilson, the Senate, and the Battle over the Treaty

**Recommended Readings:** The purchase or reading of these is not required.

MacMillan, Margaret *The War that Ended Peace: The Road to 1914* (New York : Random House: 2013).

Kennedy, David *Over Here: The First World War and American Society* ( New York: Oxford University Press, 1980).

Schaffer, Ronald *America in the Great War: The Rise of the War Welfare State* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1994)

MacMillan, Margaret *Paris 1919: Six Months that Changed the World* ( New York: Random House, 2003).

Tuchman, Barbara *The Guns of August* (Presidio Press, 2004).

**Documentary Videos:**

*Apocalypse: World War 1*

*The Great War* PBS Video

