History 4P44 (Provisional Course Outline)
The French Revolution

Winter 2012 Professor McLeod

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Outcomes

Students in this course will explore the intersection of the ideals of the French revolutionaries with late eighteenth-century views about social hierarchy, gender, property and race. Students completing this course will be able to:

- outline how historians interpret the contradictions and crises that brought on the collapse of absolute monarchy
- show how historians assess the impact of the important ideals that were manifest in the summer of 1789: liberty, equality, fraternity, freedom of the press, representative government
- understand the obstacles the revolutionaries faced in the implementation of these ideals

Course Requirements

1. Active participation in weekly **seminars** is absolutely necessary. Each student must read about 100 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 2**, **2012**. Marks will be deducted at the rate of 5% a day (and weekend) for late papers and no papers will be accepted after April 10, 2012.
4. Each student will submit **a critical bibliography and statement of his/her central argument** before **March 15, 2012** and make a **research presentation** to the class on his/her paper on a scheduled date.

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

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*.

P.M. Jones, *The French Revolution, 1787-1804.*

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

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.*

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

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SEMINAR TOPICS AND READINGS

Week 1. January 12, 2012. Introductory Seminar

Week 2. January 19, 2012. The Marxist Paradigm and the Revisionists

Kates, pp. 1-83.

Week 3. January 26, 2012. The Origins of the French Revolution

Jones, *The French Revolution*, pp.17-28.
Popkin, *A Short History of the French Revolution*, pp.1-34.
Colin Jones, "Bourgeois Revolution Revivified," in Kates, pp. 87-112.
Sarah Maza,"Luxury, Morality and Social Change," in Kates, pp. 113-130.

Additional Reading
Gail Bossenga, Origins of the French Revolution, *History Compass*, vol 5, Issue 4 June 2007), pp. 1294-1337. (The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.).
Peter R. Campbell ed., *The Origins of the French Revolution*, (2006).
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*.
Robert Darnton, *Forbidden Bestsellers* or *The Literary Underground in the Old Regime*.
Dale Van Kley, *The Religious Origins of the French Revolution.*

Week 4. February 2, 2012. The Reforms of 1789-90

Popkin, 35-51.
Jones, 29-52.

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.*
Charles Walton, *Policing Public Opinion in the French Revolution*, pp. 17-93.
Lynn Hunt, *The French Revolution and Human Rights*.

Additonal Reading:
Timothy Tackett, *Becoming a Revolutionary: the Deputies of the French National Assembly and the Emergence of a Revolutionary Culture (1789-1790).*
Lynn Hunt, *Inventing Human Rights.*
Barry Shapiro, *Traumatic Politics.*

Week 5. February 9, 2012. Challenges to Stability

Jones, pp. 53-64.
Popkin, 61-70.

Timothy Tackett, *When the King Took Flight*.
Charles Walton, *Policing Public Opinion in the French Revoltion*, pp. 97-237.
David Bell, *The First Total War*, pp. 84-185
Michael Fitzsimmons, *The Night the Old Regime Ended*, pp. 61-92.
Timothy Tackett, Rumor and Revolution: The Case of the September Massacres, *French History and Civilization: Papers from the Rudé Seminar*, vol. 4, (2011), pp. 54-64. (The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Additional Reading

David Andress, *The September Massacres*

Week 6. February 16, 2012. No formal Class. Students will **all** have individual appointments to discuss the research for their papers.

February 23, 2012. Reading Week.

Week 7. March 1, 2012. Federalism and Counterrevolution

Jones, pp. 56-58.
Popkin, pp. 74-75.

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

Paul Hanson, "Monarchist Clubs and the Pamphlet Debate over Political Legitimacy in the Early Years of the French Revolution," *French Historical Studies*, 21, no. 2 (Spring 1998): 299-324. (The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.).

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.)

Kirsty Carpenter and Philip Mansel eds, *The French Emigrés in Europe and the struggle against revolution, 1789-1814,* pp.xv-xxii and 43-67. (On Reserve)

Additional Reading:

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. .(The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)
Paul Hanson, *The Jacobin Republic Under Fire. The Federalist Revolt in the French Revolution*.
Munro Price, *The Road from Versailles: Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette and the Fall of the French Monarchy*.
Jacques Godechot, "The Emigration" in *The Counter-Revolution: Doctrine and Action*, pp. 141-172.
Donald Greer, *The Incidence of Emigration during the Terror*

Four Students will make research presentations.

Week 8. March 8, 2012. The Terror

Popkin, pp. 71-91.
Jones, 58-64.
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. (On Reserve.)

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.)

Additional Reading

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.

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.)

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

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

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

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

Four Students will make research presentations.

Week 9. March 15, 2012. 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.)

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

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

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

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

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

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.)

Four Students will make research presentations.

Week 10. March 22, 2012. The Revolution and the Colonies.

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.)

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.)

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*

Four Students will make research presentations.

Week 11. March 29, 2012. The Directory and Napoleon

Howard G. Brown, "Napoleon Bonaparte Political Prodigy" *History Compass* vol. 5/Issue 4 (June, 2007): pp.1382–1398.

David Bell, *The First Total War*, pp.186-317.

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.)

Robert Alexander, *Napoleon*

Howard Brown,"From organic security to security state: the war on brigandage in France, 1797-1802" *Journal of Modern History*, 69 (1997), 661-695. .(The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Additional Reading:

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

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

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, *Murder in Aubagne: Lynching, Law, and Justice during the Revolution*, Martyn Lyons, *Napoleon Bonaparte and the Legacy of the French Revolution* (1994)

Isser Woloch, *Napoleon and his Collaborators*.

Four Students will make research presentations.

Week 12. April 5, 2012. The Larger Picture

Steven Englund, "Napoleon and Hitler," *Journal of the Historical Society*, 6 (2006), 151-169.

George L. Mosse,"Fascism and the French Revolution" *Journal of Contemporary History*, 24, (1989): 5-26.

Stuart Woolf, "The Construction of a European World-View in the Revolutionary-Napoleonic Years," *Past and Present*, no. 137 (1992) p. 72.

Lynn Hunt, *Inventing Human Rights*, pp.

Howard Brown, "Domestic State Violence: Repression from the Croquants to the Commune" *The Historical Journal*, 42,3 (1999) 597-622. (The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)

Casey Harison, "The French Revolution on Film: American and French Persepectives" The History Teacher, vol. 38 No. 3, May 2005. .(The article is available in full text on the Brock Library Catalogue.)