Syllabus

Spring 2017
History 466
U.S.-China Relations since 1800
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3 Semester Credit Hours
Pre-requisites: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course seeks to convey an understanding of the interaction of two nations that occupy center stage at the beginning of the 21st century. One is the world’s sole surviving super-power, the other the world’s most populous state, now in the fourth decade of the longest sustained period of rapid economic development of any contemporary nation. In spite of profound political and cultural differences, as the world’s first and second largest economies, the two are interlinked and interdependent.

In addition to exploring diplomatic, military, and economic relations between China and the United States, we will take a close look at the more diffuse but equally important cultural, social, academic, and psychological interactions between their people. Through the dynamic interplay of Chinese-American team teaching and with first-hand onshore exposure to China and related Asian cultures, students should emerge from this course better able to understand the common interests and complexities that characterize Sino-US relations in an age of globalization.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Following a comparative analysis of sharply contrasting historical and cultural configuration of the two countries, we will take a bird’s eye look at the Sino-American tableau from 1784, when the first American ship dropped anchor off Guangzhou, to the Second World War, which set the stage for a closer – and more complicated – relationship. After Pearl Harbor, as the American presence in China assumes a more critical role, our historical analysis will become more detailed.

This course will seek to illuminate multifold dimensions of the current era in Sino-US relations. The seminal event was the Nixon-Zhou Enlai communiqué of 1972 that broke the Cold War impasse and ushered in the era of intense engagement that continues to the present. Finally, we will address current challenges to the Sino-American relationship, including strategic tensions in the Western Pacific and South China Sea; economic interdependence and competition; human rights; cyber-security; ideological and cultural differences; and the impact of domestic politics on both sides.
GRADING

The following Grading Scale is utilized for student evaluation. Pass/Fail is not an option for Semester at Sea coursework. Note that C-, D+ and D- grades are also not assigned on Semester at Sea in accordance with the grading system at Colorado State University (the SAS partner institution).

Pluses and minuses are awarded as follows on a 100% scale:

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U.S.-China Relations course grades will be calculated according to grades in quizzes, (20%), Field Class essay (20%), Independent Field Assignment (20%), and final examination (40%).

Grades may be adjusted upward or downward reflecting the frequency and quality of participation in classroom discussions.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

AUTHOR: Michael Schaller
TITLE: The United States and China
PUBLISHER: Oxford
ISBN #: 978-0-19-20006-0 (pbk)
DATE/EDITION: 2015. 4th edition
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TOPICAL OUTLINE OF COURSE

Depart Ensenada—January 5

A1—January 7:

Introduction

Reading: Michael Schaller, xii-xiii

A2—January 9:

Americans in China: 1784-1937

Reading: Schaller, 1-14, 18-23, 25-43

A3—January 11:

Images and Stereotypes

Reading: R. David Arkush and Leo O. Lee, eds., Land without Ghosts “Afterward" 299-303; Liang Qichao, 81-83, 89-95; “Gongwang, 145-150; “Jiejun” 227-233
Film: Misunderstanding China, part 1

Honolulu—January 12

A4—January 14:

Chinese in the US:I

Reading: Schaller, 14-18
Film: Becoming American: The Chinese Experience 1,2

A5—January 17:

Chinese in the US:II

Reading: Carolyn Chen, “Asians: Too Smart for their Own Good”
Film: Becoming American: The Chinese Experience 3

A6—January 20:

Same Bed, Different Dreams: Uneasy Allies in the Second World War
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Reading, Schaller, pp. 45-75

A7—January 22:

The Japan Connection


Yokohama – January 24-25

January 25: Field Class: A Day with the Anamis

Some 50 years ago, Ginny Stibbs, a New Orleans debutante studying at Scripps College in Claremont, California, enrolled in a modern Chinese history course taught by John Israel, a fledgling assistant professor at neighboring Claremont Men’s College. After graduation, Ginny went to Taiwan for advanced Chinese language training. There she met Koreshige Anami, a young Japanese foreign service officer. Ginny married Anami and became a citizen of Japan, with Japanese name (Fumiyo), Japanese mother-in-law, and, eventually, Japanese language fluency.

Fast forward to the early 1990s. Professor Israel, now at the University of Virginia, receives a call from Ginny Anami. She and her husband, Japan’s Consulate-General in Atlanta, would like to invite Professor Israel and his wife to join them for dinner during an official visit to Charlottesville. Forward ahead another decade: Would Professor and Mrs. Israel care to join Ambassador and Mrs. Anami for dinner at the Japanese Embassy in Beijing?

The Anamis, now officially retired remain stalwarts of Sino-Japanese intercultural relations and friendship activities. Ginny, a prominent scholar, author, and photographer, frequently travels to China to trace the origins of Japanese Buddhism or pursue her interest in Liao Dynasty history. Koreshige Anami is an iconic figure in the diplomatic community. The Anami home is a microcosm of a tri-national, tri-lingual, tri-cultural world.

In 2010 and, again, in 2013, the faculty and students of Semester at Sea’s Chinese-American Relations course have enjoyed the generous hospitality of the Anamis in their Tokyo suburban home. Photographs on the wall document 40 years of Chinese-Japanese-American relations, a story brought to life in conversation. The Anamis have once again opened their doors for the spring 2017 voyage. A day with the Anamis promises to be a memorable experience.

“Reflections on a Day with the Anamis” –Following the field lab, students will submit via email a 400-800-word essay, “Reflections on a Day with the Anamis”, which will count for 20% of the course grade. The essay will be graded upon its originality and thoughtfulness. The essay must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. January 30.
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Transit – January 26

Kobe – January 27-28

A8—January 29:

Discussion: Preparing for China

Reading: *Cowboys and Dragons*, chs. 1-3 (pp. 5-35)

Quiz 1

Shanghai – January 31 – February 1

Transit – February 2 – 3

Hong Kong – February 4-5

A9—February 6:

Vietnam, China, and the US: Friends and Enemies Near and Far


Film: *Cold War*, episode11: Vietnam

Film (recommended): *Hearts and Minds*

Ho Chi Minh City – February 8-12

A10—February 13:

Rude Awakening: Civil War, Liberation

Reading: Schaller, 77-102

Films: *Misunderstanding China*, part 2;

A11—February 15:

Cold War Struggles: Korea and Southeast Asia

Schaller, 104-120

Film: *Cold War*, episode 5: Korea
A12—February 17:

Burma: Domestic Struggles and Big Power Politics


Rangoon – February 17-22

A13—February 24:

Images & Realities 1953-1960


A14—February 26:

India: Competing Model or Secondary Sideshow?


Cochin – February 27 – March 4

A15—March 6:

Kennedy & Johnson’s America & Mao’s China: Politics and Ideology in the 1960s

Reading: Schaller, 137-147
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Quiz 2

A16—March 8:

Nixon in China

Reading: Schaller 149-169
Film, *Nixon’s China Game*

No Class – March 10

A17—March 11:

Getting to Know You: Official and Unofficial Interactions from Nixon/Mao to Reagan/Deng

Reading: Schaller, 170-183
Film: *China: A Century of Revolution –Born Under the Red Flag—Surviving Mao*

A18—March 13:

The Shadow of Tiananmen

Reading: Schaller, 183-204
Film: Koppel, *Nightline: Tragedy at Tiananmen*
Film: *China: A Century of Revolution –Born Under the Red Flag—The Next Generation*

A19—March 15:

The US, China, and Africa


Cape Town—March 16-21
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A20—March 23:

Sino-US Relations in the 21st Century: Legacies of the Past


No Class – March 25

A21—March 26:

Sino-US Relations in the 21st Century: Challenges of the Present

Reading: Schaller, 205-218

Tema – March 28-30

Takoradi – March 31-April 1

A22—April 2:


A23—April 4:

When China Rules the World?

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A24—April 7:
The US, China, and the Islamic World


Casablanca – April 9-April 13

Study Day – April 14

A25—April 15: Final Examination

Arrive Southampton—April 19

FIELD CLASS AND ASSIGNMENT:

See: January 25: “A Day with the Anamis”

INDEPENDENT FIELD ASSIGNMENT:

Before disembarking in each port of call, students should think about topics to explore on relations with the United States and China in that locality. In Myanmar, for example, you might want to look into interactions with China and the United States during the transition from military dictatorship to democracy. In China and India, you might want to juxtapose impressions of these nations as models of development in 21st century Asia. In Africa, you might solicit views on the United States and China as sources of aid and partners in trade. Wherever you go, you should be on the lookout for Americans and Chinese living and working there, keeping an open ear for their impressions of the host country and the locals’ impressions of them. Information and impressions you have gathered – supplemented by photos if you wish – should be distilled into an essay of approximately 1000 words, to be submitted electronically, no later than 5 p.m. April 7.

RESERVE BOOKS AND FILMS FOR THE LIBRARY

AUTHOR: David Arkush & Leo O. Lee
TITLE: Land without Ghosts
PUBLISHER: U. of California Press
ISBN #: 0-520-08424-1
DATE/EDITION: 1989, first edition

AUTHOR: Carola McGifford
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TITLE: Chinese Images of the United States
PUBLISHER: Center for Strategic & International Studies
ISBN #: 13 9780892064656
DATE/EDITION: 2005, first

AUTHOR: Charles Lee
TITLE: Cowboys and Dragons
PUBLISHER: Kaplan
ISBN #: 13 9781607146742
DATE/EDITION: 2003/first

AUTHOR: Richard Bernstein & Ross H. Munro
TITLE: The Coming Conflict with China
PUBLISHER: Vintage Books
ISBN #: 0679776621, 9780679776628, 978-0679776628
DATE/EDITION: 1998

AUTHOR: Martin Jacques
TITLE: When China Rules the World
PUBLISHER: Penguin
ISBN #: 978-1-59420-185-1
DATE/EDITION: 2009/first

**Films**

- DVD - Misunderstanding China
- DVD - Becoming American: The Chinese Experience
- DVD - Why Vietnam
- DVD - Cold War: The Complete Series
- DVD - Hearts and Minds
- DVD - Nixon's China Game
- DVD - Nightline: Tragedy at Tiananmen

"Silent Contest" [http://chinascope.org/main/content/view/6168/92/](http://chinascope.org/main/content/view/6168/92/) (personal copy)
ELECTRONIC COURSE MATERIALS

AUTHOR: Theodore E.H. Chen
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Thought Reform of the Chinese Intellectuals
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Thought Reform of the Chinese Intellectuals
VOLUME: 1
DATE: 1960
PAGES: 24-29, 56-58, 62-65

AUTHOR: E. H. Kahn
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: “How Do You Say That in Chinese?”
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: The China Hands
VOLUME: 1
DATE: 1976
PAGES: 1-27

AUTHOR: John Israel: NB: Personal manuscript of course instructor. Send email for faxing
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: John Israel’s Yunnan Journal
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: John Israel’s Yunnan Journal
VOLUME: 1
DATE: 1
PAGES: unpaginated

AUTHOR: John Garver
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: “The [former] Coming War with America”:
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Journal of Contemporary China
VOLUME: 12, no. 36
DATE: August 2003
PAGES: 575-585

AUTHOR: Anne E. Thurston
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: “Political Democracy in the American Political Imagination
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: China in the American Political Imagination
VOLUME: 1
DATE: 1
PAGES: 93-101

AUTHOR: Kenneth B. Pyle
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: “Japan and the Rise of China”
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Japan Rising
VOLUME: 1
DATE: 2007
PAGES: 310-339
AUTHOR: James C. Thomson, Jr., and others  
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: "The Indochina Tragedy"  
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Sentimental Imperialists  
VOLUME:  
DATE: 1981  
PAGES: 253-267

AUTHOR: Philip West & Others  
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: John Ernst, “Tutoring Democracy”  
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE:  
VOLUME:  
DATE: 1998  
PAGES: 233-241

AUTHOR: Martin Jacques  
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Ch. 11, “When China Rules the World”  
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: When China Rules the World  
VOLUME:  
DATE: 2009  
PAGES: 363-413

AUTHOR: Carlyl A. Thayer  
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: The United States, China, and Southeast Asia  
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Southeast Asian Affairs:  
VOLUME: 2011  
DATE: 2011  
PAGES: 16-25

AUTHOR: Joshua Kurlantzick  
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: China’s Charm Offensive in Southeast Asia  
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Current History  
VOLUME: 2006  
DATE: September 2006  
PAGES: 270-276

AUTHOR: Lisa Curtis  
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: U.S.-India Relations: The China Factor:  
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Backgrounder:  
VOLUME: No.2209  
DATE: November 25, 2008  
PAGES: all

AUTHOR: Paul Kapur & Sumit Ganguly  
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: The Transformation of US-India Relations  
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Asian Survey
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VOLUME: 2007
DATE: 47:4
PAGES: 642-656

AUTHOR: Xu, Yi-chong
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: China and the United States in Africa
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Australian Journal of International Relations
VOLUME: 62:1
DATE: 2008
PAGES: 16-37

AUTHOR: Bates Gill, Chin-hao Huang, and J. Stephen Morrison
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Assessing China’s Growing Influence in Africa
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: China Security
VOLUME: 2007
DATE: 3:3
PAGES: 3-21

AUTHOR: Anne Hagood and Marc Ginsberg
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Disconnected Narratives between the United States and Global Muslim Communities
VOLUME: 2011
DATE: August 2011
PAGES: entire article

AUTHOR: Lilian Greg Harris
ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Xinjiang, Central Asia and the Implications for China’s Policy in the Islamic World
JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: The China Quarterly
VOLUME: 1993, no. 133
DATE: March 1993
PAGES: 111-129

Simon Denver, “China’s assertiveness pushes Vietnam toward an old foe, the United States”


Jane Perletz, “With Aung San Suu Kyi’s Rise, China and Myanmar Face New Relationship”
http://www.nytimes.com/2013/06/20/opinion/why-india-trails-china.html?_r=1

Arvind Virmani, “Tracking Two Growth Stories, The Hindu, April 29, 2015,
http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/india-and-china-tracking-two-growth-stories/article7151377.ece


http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2010/05/the-next-empire/308018/


; Bill Callen “China Just Made these Huge Moves to Ban Islam”, Top Right News, August 6, 2015
http://toprightnews.com/china-just-made-these-huge-moves-to-ban-islam/

