

HIS 384W: The Family in History

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Family history is a sub-field of study that grew over the past fifty years as an aspect of social and cultural history. During the first half of the semester, we will discuss shared foundational readings as students define their individual research project and present a proposal, bibliography, and thesis statement. All students will research and write two drafts of a primary-source based research paper in the range of 20-30 pages in length in addition to footnotes or endnotes and bibliography according to the *Chicago Manual of Style*. Students may, if they are interested, focus their research on the Seward Family Papers, of which a substantial number of letters have been transcribed over the past two years. This documentary editing project draws on the correspondence of the Seward family of Auburn, New York during the period 1817-1872.

Week one: Introduction.

Week two:

Discuss Barbagli, Marzio and David I. Kertzer. "Introduction." In Kertzer and Barbagli, eds. *Family Life in Early Modern Times 1500-1789*. New Haven, 2001, pp. ix-xxxii.

Sarti, Raffaella. "The Material Conditions of Family Life." In Kertzer and Barbagli, eds. *Family Life in Early Modern Times*, pp. 3-23.

Vickery, Amanda. *Behind Closed Doors: At Home in Georgian England*. New Haven, 2009.

Week three: *One or two page (double spaced) research paper proposal due in class.

Pollock, Linda A. "Parent-Child Relations." In Kerzer and Barbagli, eds. *Family Life in Early Modern Times*, pp. 191-220.

Davidoff, Leonore and Catherine Hall. *Family Fortunes: Men and Women of the English Middle Class 1780-1850*. London, 1987; revised edition, 2002.

Week four: *Bibliography for research paper due.

Watt, Jeffrey R. "The Impact of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation." In Kertzer and Barbagli, eds. *Family Life in Early Modern Times*, pp. 125-154.

Degler, Carl N. *At Odds: Women and the Family in America from the Revolution to the Present*. NY, 1980.

Week five: *Thesis statement due.

Gordon-Reed, Annette. *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family*. NY, 2008.

Week six:

Hyde, Anne F. *Empires, Nations and Families: A History of the North American West, 1800-1860*. Lincoln, 2011.

Week seven:

Flanders, Judith. *The Victorian House: Domestic Life from Childbirth to Deathbed*. NY, 2003.

Week eight: appointments.

Week nine: appointments.

Week ten: appointments.

Week eleven: *First draft of research paper due for undergraduates.

Appointments with undergraduates.

Week twelve: *First draft of research paper due for graduate students.

Appointments with graduate students.

Week thirteen: appointments.

Week fourteen: appointments.

Week fifteen: *Final draft of research paper due.