

Fall 2020 @UNC Geography:

AMERICAN HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHIES (GEOG 254)

T/Th 2:00-3:15 CH 204



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Historical geography is a sub-field of human geography which explores the geographies of the past, and seeks to understand how the past continues to shape or influence our contemporary and future worlds. Through key lenses of place, landscape, environmental history, and geohumanities, GEOG 254 offers a study of selected past geographies of the United States with emphases on significant geographic changes in political, economic, cultural, and environmental conditions through time. For Fall 2020, key course topics will include:

- colonial encounters
- Civil War and Reconstruction
- The West as movement
- New Deal landscapes
- Pacific America
- Atomic Age geographies.

Students will also be exposed to historical geographical research methods, archival practices, and development of original new media content through semester-long geo-humanities projects, to be carried out in collaboration with UNC Libraries Research Hub and Wilson Library Special Collections.

