

SPRING 2023 UNC GEOGRAPHY COURSE:
American Historical Geographies (GEOG 254)

T/Th 12:30-1:45 pm CH 204



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Historical geography is a sub-field of human geography which explores spaces 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, geohumanities, and environmental history, GEOG 254 explores the past geographies of the United States with an emphasis on geographic transformations in political, economic, cultural, and environmental conditions over time. For Fall 2021, key course topics will include:

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

Students are exposed to historical geographical research methods, archival practices, and participate in the development of original new media projects through semester long geohumanities research in collaboration with UNC Libraries Research Hub and Wilson Library Special Collections:

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