

Course Syllabus: Midwinter 2015/ **HIST 5302:W01 Seminar in Texas History** /Dr. Mark Saad Saka/Sul Ross State University

Course Objectives:

This course is designed as an intense two week graduate course in the History of Texas. The required text for this course is **Major Problems in Texas History: Documents and Essays Edited by Sam W. Haynes and Cary D. Wintz** (*Houghton Mifflin, 2002, ISBN 0-395-85833-X*)

Course Requirements

You will be required to read the essays in the text **Major Problems in Texas History**. This may seem like a tremendous of reading, but remember this, if this were a face-to-face seminar, you would be sitting in class for three hours a day. So you need to seriously set aside some time to successfully complete this course.

Specifically, you need to write a two page review on each of the essays. There are two essays in each chapter (with the exception of chapter one; where there are three). The essays will be due by midnight each night. So, for example, at midnight on January 5, you will need to have five essays turned in and at midnight on Tuesday January 6, four essays correlating with chapters three and four; and so forth.

NOW, many of you may want to begin this course in December. If you are enrolled in this course and have the textbook, why wait?? *Feel free to turn your essays in early.*

In addition to the essays, you will need to write a ten to thirteen page research paper. The paper should utilize the Chicago Style format for citations and formatting. (double spaced, 12 font, one inch margins, and I prefer endnotes). The research paper should be inspired by one of the essays from the textbook, but I need to approve of your topic by Tuesday January 13th. The paper will be due by Tuesday January 20 by twelve noon.

Do not worry about Blackboard. You should turn everything in to me through regular Sul Ross email, send your assignments as an attached document.

Course Schedule

January 5: Chapter One and Chapter Two

January 6: Chapter Three and Chapter Four

January 7: Chapter Five and Chapter Six

January 8: Chapter Seven and Chapter Eight

January 9: Chapter Nine and Chapter Ten

January 12: Chapter Eleven and Chapter Twelve and Chapter Thirteen

January 13: Chapter Fourteen and Chapter Fifteen

January 20: papers due (by 12:00 noon)