Course Title: THE AMERICAN WEST: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE
Course Code: HIS 76 B
Instructor Names and Bios:
Bruce Cain (Political Science and Bill Lane Center for the American West)
Shelley Fisher Fishkin (English and American Studies)
David Freyberg (Civil and Environmental Engineering)
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Class Sessions and Recording
Meeting days and times: Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. PT
Meeting location: Zoom

The class sessions will be recorded.

Course Features:
• Live session
  o Lecture with some Q&A
• Assignments & Coursework
  o Readings posted in Canvas

Grade Options and Requirements
• No Grade Requested (NGR)
  o This is the default option. No work will be required; no credit shall be received; no proof of attendance can be provided.
• Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)
  o Students must attend or watch at least 5 class sessions

*Please Note: If you require proof that you completed a Continuing Studies course for any reason (for example, employer reimbursement), you must choose the Credit/No Credit option. Courses taken for NGR will not appear on official transcripts or grade reports.

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Textbooks/Required Materials
Suggested/supplemental readings will be posted in Canvas each week.

Tentative Weekly

January 18: SPACE AND TIME
1. “The West Enters American History” (Kennedy)
2. “A Deep History of the West” (Freyberg)

January 25:PEOPLES THEN AND NOW I
1. “The West as America Exhibition at the Smithsonian, 1991.” (Nemerov)
2. “Native Americans” (Kennedy)

February 1:PEOPLES THEN AND NOW II
1. “Creativity on the Border/Creativity in Confinement” (Fishkin)
2. “Immigration, Past, Present, and Future” (Kennedy)

February 8:WATER, FIRE, AND ENERGY
1. “Water: Too Little and Too Much” (Freyberg)
2. “Energy and Fire”) (Cain)

February 15:POLITICS AND POLICY
1. “How the West Was Won, and What It Has to Lose” (Kennedy)
2. “Federalism and Populism”) (Cain)

February 22:BOOM, BUST, AND THE FUTURE
1. “A Changing Climate” (Freyberg)
2. “The Western Economy: From Plundered Territory to Engine of Innovation” (Kennedy)