**POLS 4790: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF MAJOR AMERICAN WARS**  
  
**Spring Semester AY2018-2019   
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**Requirements**  
  
Grades will be determined by three to four papers in the form of book reports. ***All the readings are required***  
  
**At least 10 copies of each book will be on reserve in the library.**  
  
We will take about two to three weeks discussing the books that give an overview of American Wars during the 20th Century. We will then cover those Wars with the highest death toll -- The Civil War; World War II; World War I; Vietnam, and Korea.

**Course Outline**

1. **Introduction: Hubris.**  
     
   **Assignment:**  
     
   * ***Hubris: The Tragedy of War in the Twentieth Century,* by Alistair Horne (2015)**
   * ***America's War for the Greater Middle East: A Military History,* by Andrew J. Bacevich (2016)**
   * ***Black Hawk Down,* by Mark Bowden (1999)**
   * ***We Were One: Shoulder to Shoulder With the Marines Who Took Fallujah,* by Patrick K. O'Donnell (2006)**
2. **The Civil War 1861-1865**  
     
   **Assignment:**  
     
   * ***The Fall of the House of Dixie,* Bruce Levine (2013)**
   * ***The Civil War,* Bruce Catton (1960)**
3. **World War II 1941-1945**  
     
   **Assignment:**  
     
   * ***With the Old Breed at Peleliu and Okinawa,* Eugene B. Sledge (1981/2007)**
   * ***Midnight in the Pacific: Guadalcanal, the World War II Battle That Turned the Tide of War,* by Joseph Wheelan (2017)**
   * ***Bloodlands,* Timothy Snyder (2010)**

1. **World War I 1917-1918**  
     
   **Assignment:**  
     
   * ***The Guns of August,* Barbara W. Tuchman (1962)**
   * ***The First World War,* John Keegan (1998)**

1. **Vietnam c. 1959-1975**  
     
   **Assignment:**  
     
   * ***We Were Soldiers Once...and Young: Ia Drang - The Battle That Changed the War in Vietnam,* by Harold G. Moore and Joseph L. Galloway (1992)**
   * ***Dereliction of Duty: Johnson, McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Lies That Led to Vietnam,* by H. R. McMaster (1997)**
   * ***Hue 1968: A Turning Point of the American War in Vietnam,* by Mark Bowden (2017)**
2. **Korea 1950-1953**  
     
   **Assignment:**  
     
   * ***This Kind of War,* by T. R. Fehrenbach (1963/2008)**
   * ***Give Me Tomorrow,* by Patrick K. O'Donnell (2010)**