

Ph.D. Reading List: Modern United States History, 1865 to the Present

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

NOTE: Starred items are considered essential works. Overall, this list is a broad guideline for future historians. However, it is strongly recommended that you work with your advisors to develop a list that conforms to your specific course of study.

The following list is arranged *chronologically*. In addition to this overview, the faculty has prepared a thematic list that highlights specific topics in modern United States history that may be of interest to some students. That list is also available online.

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