

American Studies 307 -- Fall 2009
Culture of the 60s

T/TH 3:55-5:15
RAB 104

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Books:

The following books are required and are available at the Douglass Bookstore (<http://www.co-opbookstore.com/home.aspx>), a non-profit student and faculty owned co-op. They can be purchased at the RU Bookstore as well. I have requested that used copies be made available due to the rising cost of textbooks. You can, of course, order them online as well.

Mark H. Lytle, *America's Uncivil Wars*, \$39.95; # 432 p. Oxford U Press (2006) ISBN-10: 0195174976

Anne Moody, *Coming of Age in Mississippi*, \$6.99, 432 p., Dell (1992) ISBN-10: 0440314887#

Tom Wolfe, *Electric Kool Aid Acid Test*, \$16, # # 432 p. Picador (2008) ISBN-10: 031242759X

Michael Herr, *Dispatches*, \$13.95, # 272 p., Vintage (1991) # ISBN-10: 0679735259

Ruth Rosen, *The World Split Open: How the Modern Women's Movement Changed America*, \$18, 496 p. Penguin (Non-Classics); Revised edition (2006), # ISBN-10: 0140097198

Neil Gordon, *The Company You Keep*, **USED ONLY**, 416 pages, Penguin (Non-Classics) (2004)
ISBN-10: 0142004529

A modest **course reader**, also required reading, will be available through Pequod Copy at 119 Somerset St. in New Brunswick. This is not optional.

Grading: Your grade will be based upon a midterm exam, one paper between 6-8 pages (due on the final day of class), and on a number of in-class writing exercises (including pop quizzes). The final paper is not a research paper, but rather asks you to write in essay form about several of the larger themes that we have explored in the class. 307 will consist of lectures and discussion. I'll expect you to come to class prepared to respond to questions that I'll have set up in advance as reading prompts. Class participation is not incidental and will have an impact upon your grade.

Attendance: you are permitted up to **three** absences. After that, your grade will start to drop by a letter grade per absence, *unless* you have written medical evidence. No one is permitted more than eight absences, for whatever reasons, documented or undocumented. No exceptions. I expect you to be punctual – repeated late arrival for class will adversely affect your grade.

Please note that there should be no live cell phones in class – not even set to vibrate...and no TM-ing. As for using your computers, unless you have cleared it with me and it's for the purposes of contributing something to the class discussion, that's off limits, too.