University of Southern Maine  
Department of Geography-Anthropology

**GEO 207**  
**MAP HISTORY: MAKING SENSE OF THE WORLD**  
Fall 2013  
TR 10:15–11:30am Cohen Education Center, 103 Glickman Library

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Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education  
Glickman Family Library, Portland Campus

*USM Core*  
“Socio-Cultural Analysis”

**SYLLABUS**

I reserve the right to change, as necessary, the following schedule of classes and readings.

All Tuesday classes meet in the Cohen Center, off the library arcade, on the Portland campus; Thursday classes meet either in the Cohen Center or, if flagged with [o], the OML reading room. When meeting in OML, students must leave sufficient time to place bags and coats in lockers, etc., before the class starts to permit a prompt start.

All readings listed here are required. They are intended to supplement and to expand upon the lecture materials. The most effective means of using them is to read the assigned texts before a lecture and then to review them afterwards. Students access readings in one of three ways, as indicated in the syllabus: [URSUS] indicates an article in a journal to which USM has online access; a URL indicates a publicly accessible website; and [BB] indicates a reading posted to the course Blackboard site (mostly under “Course Readings”).

§1 INTRODUCTION

1  3 Sep  Introduction to the course & the main themes of map history
   GEO 207 Course Guide for Fall 2013. [BB “Course Materials”]
   GEO 207 Syllabus for Fall 2013. [BB “Course Materials”]

5 Sep  [o] Introduction to OML  
   The four brief sets of online materials linked from Blackboard for week 1 readings. [BB]

2  10 Sep  Observing and measuring the world  
   History of Cartography Project. Literary Selections 19 (2010): “Written with a Slate-Pencil, on a Stone, on the


12 Sep [o] How to look at and contextualize maps

Map commentaries set

Course Style and Citation Requirements. [BB “Course Materials”]


3 17 Sep Conceptualizing and visualizing the world


19 Sep [o] Finding relevant map images online


4 24 Sep Mobility: observation and conception


26 Sep [o] Finding literature about early maps

Course Guide to Finding Resources about Early Maps [BB “Course Materials”]


5 1 Oct Manuscript and print reproduction

Map commentary 1 due


3 Oct [o] Artifactual analysis


§2 NON-MODERN MAPPING

6 8 Oct Introduction to non-modern mapping; cosmographical mapping

Final paper & proposal set


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10 Oct [o] MHE absent, but OML open for reference work; students work on projects

7 15 Oct NO CLASS (USM Columbus Day Break)

17 Oct Geographical mapping; astronomy and encyclopedias

**Map commentary 2 due**


8 22 Oct Mappings of place and mobility


24 Oct [o] MHE absent, but OML open for reference work; students work on projects

9 29 Oct Marine Mapping

**Proposal for final paper due**


31 Oct [o] MHE absent, but OML open for reference work; students work on projects

§3 EARLY MODERN MAPPING

10 5 Nov Introduction to early modern mapping; early modern World mapping


7 Nov Geography, the atlas, and mobility


11 12 Nov Printing, public sphere, and increasing map consumption

**Map commentary 3 due**


14 Nov Early Modern place mapping; urban mapping


12 19 Nov Geodesy and the determination of longitude


21 Nov Military and state mapping of territories


§4 Modern Mapping

13 26 Nov Systematic surveys

Carroll, Lewis. Sylvie and Bruno Concluded. London: Macmillan, 1893. **169 only** [BB]


28 Nov NO CLASS (USM Thanksgiving Break)

14 3 Dec Thematic mapping

Map commentary 4 due

Dando, Christine Elizabeth. “’The Map Proves It’: Map Use by the American Woman Suffrage Movement.” Cartographica 45, no. 4 (2010): 221–40. [URSUS]

5 Dec Nationalism and mass consumption


15 10 Dec Mapping and empire


12 Dec Mass mobility (canals, railroads, road)


exam week Final Paper due by 10:00am on 19 December 2013