

## Spring 2020 History 372 History of the American West TTH 1:30 2:45

Gunslingers, rowdy saloons, cowboys and Indians all come to mind when we think of the American West. Is this the historic American West or is it the American West we imagine with the help of movies, television, and fiction? Join me as we explore the wild, wild west of the American past and the American imagination. During the semester we will explore the "place" and the "process" of the U.S. West, a shifting region of Native North America that was the object first of Spanish, French, English, and then American expansionism, and finally as a distinct region with a unique relationship to the U.S. federal government, distinctive patterns of race relations, and an unrivaled place in American cultural memory.

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