

Flood Relief Line in Louisville, KY (Credit: Margaret Bourke-White, 1937)

AMERICAN CULTURAL HISTORY

Professor: Dr. G. Conerly MWF 1:30 pm – 2:20 pm HIS 301/501, Spring 2024

This course focuses on a key development in post-Civil War U.S. cultural history, the emergence of a consumer culture based on capitalist mass production. We will examine several aspects, including its institutional evolution; how consumer culture has shaped social, political, and environmental relationships; political battles over what, how, and why we consume; and the relationship between consumer culture and other major events/trends in post-1865 U.S. history (exs. Great Depression, Cold War). The course meets these CSU requirements: History Major/Minor, Social Studies Major, and Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC). For more information, contact the professor at g.conerly@csuohio.edu.