The course examines the American Jewish experience from 1654 (when Jews first arrived in North America) to the present. How have Jews constructed American-Jewish identities? In what ways have Jews contributed to American politics and culture? Topics include: immigration and assimilation, gender, anti-semitism, WWII and the Holocaust, Israel, suburbanization, McCarthyism, social justice movements like civil rights and feminism, and political behavior more broadly, among many others.