

**Fall 2009**

**History 363  
meets with PoliSci 389**

***Professor David Smith***



# **U.S. Foreign Policy & International Politics Since 1945**

With the end of the Second World War in 1945, the United States emerged as a dominant hegemonic power in international affairs. This class will critically examine the conflict and cooperation of the U.S. with other states in the Cold War, decolonization, and regional crises. It also will consider how non-state actors, new technologies, and global markets are transforming the international system in the post-Cold War era. Course objectives include imparting historical information, developing historical themes and arguments, and discussing recent political, social, cultural, and economic developments involving the United States and its position in the global community since 1945. Beyond the historical development of U.S. foreign relations, the course also will examine the ways that historians consider the political and economic consequences of trade, dependency, and globalization. In order to help accomplish these objectives, the course readings will include original documents and differing interpretations from America and abroad.

**Monday / Wednesday**

**2:30-4:00 p.m.**

**1400 Chemistry Bldg.**