**HIS 376F** - The United States and the Second World War - 39745 - MW 930-11 – GAR 0.132

**H. W. Brands** - GAR 3.306 – M 11-12, W 2:30-3:30 and by apt. – hwbrands@austin.utexas.edu

**Subject and themes:** The course will cover the American experience of World War II: how the US entered the war, how it fought the war in Europe and the Pacific, how the war shaped American life, how the war ended. The basic themes will be (1) the development of a national security state, and (2) the establishment of the US as the global superpower.

**Assignments:** The primary assignment for each student will be participation in the writing of a history book, “The United States and the Second World War.” Each student will be part of a group of four or five students, who together will research and write one of the following sections of the book: 1. America Enters the War. 2. The War in the Pacific. 3. The War in Europe. 4. The Home Front. 5. The End of the War.

**Evaluation:** Each student will be evaluated on (1) preparation and class participation, including oral presentations, (2) the work of the student’s group, and (3) the work of the student within the group.

**Grades:** Straight letter grades only; no +/-.

**Academic accommodations:** The University of Texas at Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. For more information contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 471-6259, 471-6441 TTY.