Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

ACES 179  History of Ag in IL Since 1860  credit: 3 hours.

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This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
Humanities – Hist & Phil
Cultural Studies - US Minority

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Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and US Minority Culture(s) course.
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