

ART & THE COLD WAR

VAH 3393F Special Topics – fall 2016

Ray and Charles Eames, *Glimpses of the USA* (1959)

Western University, Department of Visual Arts

Class time: Thursdays 9:30-11:30 am (this is a blended course with online content in addition to weekly class meetings)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

By the time the United States and the Soviet Union emerged as superpowers after the Second World War, the utopian dreams of pre-war modernism had shattered. Artists, intellectuals, and other cultural practitioners, struggling to come to terms with the horrors of the war and the threat of nuclear annihilation, explored alternate visions. Taking a thematic approach, this course examines the art of

