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Friday, March 21

Hill Memorial Library
Registration
10:00-11:00am

The Lecture Hall
Graduate Student Luncheon
Hill Memorial Library
11:30am-12:30pm

Hill Memorial Library
Campus Tours
12:15-1:15pm

Session I
Panel 1: Rethinking the Place of Economics, Political Thought, and Warfare: the Balkans in the Twentieth Century

228 Coates Hall
Commentator: Dr. Karl Roider, Louisiana State University
1:30-3:30pm

“On the Shoulders of the Past the Other Endures: The Production and Reproduction of Central and South-Eastern Europe as Europe's Eastern Other.”
- Vincent Merrone, New York University

“The Adventures of Private Neata: Modernization, Propaganda, and Identity in the Romanian Army, 1940-1944”
- Grant Thomas Harward, Texas A&M University

“Mircea Eliade: A Microcosm of the Right”
- Matthew C. Gibson, George Washington University

Panel 2: Civil Unrest at the Intersection of Gender & Race

214 Coates Hall
Commentator: Dr. Charles Shindo, Louisiana State University
1:30-3:30pm

“From Fifteen to Ten Thousand: The Electric Auto-Lite Strike of 1934”
- Bradley J. Sommer, University of Cincinnati
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Panel 3: Transnational Culture & Identity in the Atlantic World

155 Coates Hall 1:30-3:30pm

Commentator: Dr. Devyn Benson, Louisiana State University

“Post-Independence Development of National Cuisines: A Comparative Study of Belize and Ghana”
- Brandi Simpson Miller, Georgia State University

“Third Time a Charm: The Travels of Francois Grandchamps, Apothecary, from St. Domingue to New Orleans”
- Laurel A. Dorrance, East Tennessee State University

Panel 4: The Medical & Legal Dimensions of the American Civil War

145 Coates Hall 1:30-3:30pm

Commentator: Dr. Aaron Sheehan-Dean, Louisiana State University

“American Civil War Politics in the Courtroom: The Pennsylvania Supreme Court Case of Kneedler v. Lane and the Constitutionality of Conscription”
- Nicholas M. Mosvick, University of Mississippi

“Orsell Cook Brown: A Personal and Bureaucratic Lens into the Forty-Fourth Volunteer Infantry of New York”
- Cassandra Jane Werking, University at Albany, State University of New York

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3:30-3:45pm Break and Refreshments

Session II

Panel 5: Gender, Race, and War: Louisiana & the American South

228 Coates Hall 3:45-5:45pm

Commentator: Dr. Alecia Long, Louisiana State University

“A ‘Melancholy Experience’: William C.C. Claiborne and the Louisiana Militia, 1811-1814”
- Michael Edwards, University of New Orleans

“Terror, Toil, and Tenderness: How Enslaved Women in the Antebellum South Persevered during the Nation’s Peculiar Era”
- Raven J. Crowder, University of Houston-Victoria

“Crescent City Nightingales: New Orleans Nurses and the Great War, 1914-1918”
- Paula A. Fortier, University of New Orleans

Panel 6: Religious & Political Reorganization in Early Modern Europe

214 Coates Hall 3:45-5:45pm

Commentator: Amanda Wrenn Allen, Louisiana State University

“Overcoming the Fall”
- Timothy Earl Miller, Georgia State University

“Tie the flags together, boys: Orangeism, Nativism, and the Parading Tradition in the U.S. in the Nineteenth Century”
- Cory Wells, University of Texas, Arlington
Friday, March 21

**Panel 7:** Negotiating Entanglement: American Diplomacy in Vietnam

*155 Coates Hall*

Commentator: Dr. Stanley Hilton, *Louisiana State University*

- “The Origins of Entanglement: American Foreign Policy and the Creation of the Cold War”
  - Zachary Nickens, *Southeastern Louisiana University*

  - Tim Landry, *University of Louisiana, Lafayette*

**Panel 8:** Deadly Addictions: American Industry & Leisure in the Twentieth Century

*145 Coates Hall*

Commentator: Terry Wagner, *Louisiana State University*

  - J.S. Clemens, *University of Minnesota*
  - Bryan Moe, *Louisiana State University*

- “Standardizing the Bayou: An Ecological Approach to Louisiana’s Early 20th Century Oil Industry”
  - Henry Wiencek, *University of Texas, Austin*

- “Backing the Wrong Horse: The Business of Horse Racing in New Orleans, 1865-1920”
  - Matthew Perreault, *Louisiana State University*

**Keynote Address:**

Title: “Where Did Freedom Come From?”

Edward L. Ayers is President and Professor of History at the University of Richmond.

One of the nation’s leading scholars on the history of the American South, Dr. Ayers has authored or edited 10 books. *The Promise of the New South: Life After Reconstruction* (1992), a finalist for both the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize, was named the best book on the history of American race relations and on the history of the American South. *In the Presence of Mine Enemies: Civil War in the Heart of America, 1859-1863* (2003) earned Ayers the 2004 Albert J. Beveridge Award from the American Historical Association and the 2004 Bancroft Prize for Distinguished Book in American History from Columbia University.

More recently, Dr. Ayers spearheaded the development of *The Richmond Promise* — a five-point strategic plan aimed at making the University accessible to a diverse body of students, faculty, and staff who work together with the local community to create a distinctive and integrated learning experience for all. This approach to innovation in higher education stems from Ayers’ own scholarly pursuits as a pioneer in digital humanities, in which he strives to make complex concepts approachable beyond the world of academia.

**Registration**

*Hill Memorial Library*

6:00-6:45pm

**Reception**

*Hill Memorial Library*

8:15-10:00pm
Saturday, March 22

Coates Hall
7:30 - 8:30am
Registration

Session III
Panel 9: God’s Agenda: The Intellectual & Political Origins of the American Empire
145 Coates Hall
8:30-10:30am
Commentator: Rebecca Bond, Louisiana State University
“Unveiling the Dark Horse: The Presidency of James K. Polk”
- Katy Flynn, Southeastern Louisiana University
“Slaves of the Savages: Comparing Forced Labor and the Connection to the Pacific”
- Justin L. Vipperman, Portland State University
“A Collision of Americans in the Canal Zone: Conflicting Goals and American Empire in Panama”
- David Villar, Texas A&M University
“History as an Ideological State Apparatus: George Bancroft and the Teutonic Seeds of American Manifest Destiny”
- Eric S. Saulnier, UCLA

Panel 10: Racism & Black Consciousness
214 Coates Hall
8:30-10:30am
Commentator: Stuart Tully, Louisiana State University
“Strange Fruit on the Plains: Lynching of African Americans in Oklahoma, 1886-1930”
- Evan Woodson, Oklahoma State University
“Duty for To-day, Hope for the Morrow’: Alexander Crummell’s Communitarian Ideal”
- Jennifer Stitt, University of Alabama at Birmingham
“The Eugenics Movement and Virginia’s Racial Classification in Early Jim Crow”
- Mika Endo, George Mason University

Panel 11: Politics at the Margins: A Contested Political Order in the Early American Republic
155 Coates Hall
8:30-10:30am
Commentator: Andrew Wegmann, Louisiana State University
“Thus We have Seen a Noble Mastiff: Reexamining the Democratic-Republican Societies of the Early American Republic”
- Luke Hargroder, Louisiana State University
“John Adams, Fries’ Rebellion, and Federalist Nativism, 1798-99”
- Nathaniel Conley, University of Arkansas
“The Jewish Factor in the Democratization of the Early American Literary Public Sphere”
- Jonathon Derek Awtrey, Louisiana State University

10:30-10:45am Break and Refreshments

Session IV
Panel 12: Heated Words, Cold War: Media & Diplomacy from the 1940s to the 1960s
228 Coates Hall
10:45am-12:45pm
Commentator: Dr. David Culbert, Louisiana State University
“Communication Breakdown: The Eisenhower Administration, Anthony Eden, and the Suez Crisis”
- David Justice, University of North Alabama
“‘Let them come to Berlin’: John F. Kennedy, Mass Media, and the American Response to the Berlin Wall, 1961-1963”
- Chad Shelley, Louisiana State University
“A Duel of Infinite Duration’: George F. Kennan, Containment, and Berlin during the Early Cold War”
- Evan Caris, Louisiana State University
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Panel 13:  Reeducating the Masses: The Ideological Origins of the Lost Cause

214 Coates Hall
10:45am-12:45pm

Commentator: Dr. Gaines Foster, Louisiana State University

“A Cause Never Forgotten: The Creation of the Lost Cause Narrative in the South during Reconstruction”
- Rachel Syens, Western Michigan University

“The Ideological Foundations of Redemption: Conservatism in the 1868 Arkansas Constitutional Convention”
- Rodney Waymon Harris, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

“The Bulwark of Future National Glory: Patriotic Education in the Grand Army of the Republic”
- Robert Marach, Northern Illinois University

Panel 14:  Gods, Booze, and War in Antiquity

155 Coates Hall
10:45am-12:45pm

Commentator: Dr. Steven Ross, Louisiana State University

- Rebecca Wade Miller, Southeastern Louisiana University

“Fight for Your Soldiers, Die for Your Gods: The Lost Ideal of Roman Leadership in Late Antiquity”
- Nikolaus Leo Overtoom, Louisiana State University

“Hannibal: Reformer of the Roman Republican Army”
- Brandi Gratia Welch, Southeastern Louisiana University

“The Roman Navy: A Tool of Imperialism”
- Natasha Domaschk, Southeastern Louisiana University

Lunch:
145 Coates Hall
1:00-2:00pm

“Academic Publishing & Editing”
Panelists:
- Dr. David Culbert, Louisiana State University
- Dr. Stephen Andes, Louisiana State University
- Alisa Plant, LSU Press

Best Paper Prize Presentation

Session V
Panel 15:  War, Memory, and Insanity: Nineteenth-Century Print Culture in the United States & Europe

228 Coates Hall
2:15-4:15pm

Commentator: Dr. Suzanne Marchand, Louisiana State University

“American International Popular Prestige and the Second Barbary War”
- Andrew Pedry, George Mason University

“Real Life Ophelias: How Antebellum Print Culture Shaped Mental Health Reform.”
- David Brokaw, Louisiana State University

“The ‘Extraordinary Man’ and the ‘Foreign Yoke’: Napoleon and the French in the Eyes of Soldiers of the Kingdom of Westphalia”
- Christopher Arnold, Texas Tech University

Panel 16:  Planning, Consumption, and Innovation in the World Wars

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2:15-4:15pm

Commentator: Dr. Stanley Hilton, Louisiana State University

“The ‘New Drone’ Misconception: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in the World Wars”
- Garrett McKinnon, Louisiana State University
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“Overcoming Organization Friction: How United States Leadership Won British Approval for Operation Dragoon”
- Joshua Rogers, Southeastern Louisiana University

“The Damn Y, the Soldier, and the Cigarette in WWI”
- Joel R. Bius, University of Southern Mississippi

Panel 17: The Transformation of Peasants into Men & Citizens

155 Coates Hall
2:15-4:15pm

Commentator: Dr. Steven Andes, Louisiana State University

“The Evolution of Peasants into Frenchmen”
- Bryan Daniel Clark, American University

“Masculinity and Manual Labor in the Antebellum United States”
- Ali Nabours, Louisiana State University
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