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**Friday, March 21**

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

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

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

**Session I**

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

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

“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  
1:30-3:30pm  
Commentator: Dr. Charles Shindo, *Louisiana State University*

“From Fifteen to Ten Thousand: The Electric Auto-Lite Strike of 1934”  
- Bradley J. Sommer, *University of Cincinnati*

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“Were They Segregationists or Working-Class?: The Mothers’ League of Central High School and the Issue of Black Womanhood”  
- Misti Nicole Harper, *University of Arkansas, Fayetteville*

“‘That which is removed is annihilated’: The Overton Park Freeway Revolt, a National Movement, 1955-1971”  
- Troy A. Hallsell, *University of Memphis*

**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*

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“Blood Money: Edward I and the Expulsion of Jews in 1290”  
- Natalie Worsham, *Southeastern Louisiana University*

“Land Nationalization: Alfred Russell Wallace’s Life Mission”  
- Sabrina Cervantez, *Louisiana State University*

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

155 Coates Hall 3:45-5:45pm  
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*

“Conservative Aristocrat and Assertive Ambassador: Jefferson Caffery at the Headwaters of American Involvement in Vietnam, 1944-1947”  
- Tim Landry, *University of Louisiana, Lafayette*

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

145 Coates Hall 3:45-5:45pm  
Commentator: Terry Wagner, *Louisiana State University*

“Space Games: A History of Video Arcades, 1971-1985”  
- J.S. Clemens, *University of Minnesota*  
- Bryan Moe, *Louisiana State University*

“Standardizing the Bayou: An Ecological Approach to Louisiana’s Early 20<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Friday, March 21**

Hill Memorial Library  
6:00-6:45pm

**Registration**

The Lecture Hall  
Hill Memorial Library  
7:00-8:15pm

**Keynote Address: Dr. Edward L. Ayers**  
President and Professor of History, University of Richmond

**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.

The Lecture Hall  
Hill Memorial Library  
8:15-10:00pm

**Reception**

**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*

**Saturday, March 22**

**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-12:45

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*

**Saturday, March 22**

**Panel 13: Reeducating the Masses: The Ideological Origins of the Lost Cause**

214 Coates Hall Commentator: Dr. Gaines Foster, *Louisiana State University*  
10:45am-12:45pm

“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 Commentator: Dr. Steven Ross, *Louisiana State University*  
10:45-12:45pm

“Divine Revelry: The Greek *Symposion* and the Rise of Democracy”  
- 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*

**Saturday, March 22**

**Lunch: “Academic Publishing & Editing”**

145 Coates Hall  
1:00-2:00pm

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**

214 Coates Hall  
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*

**Saturday, March 22**

“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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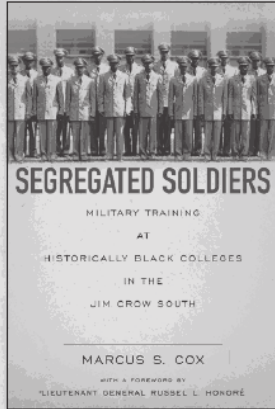
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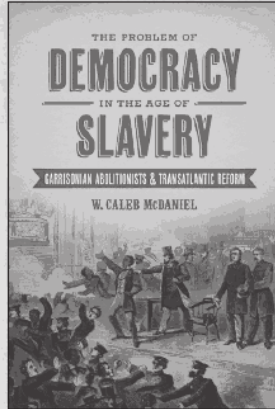


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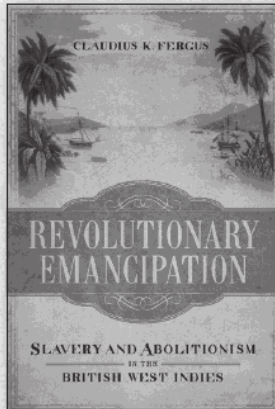
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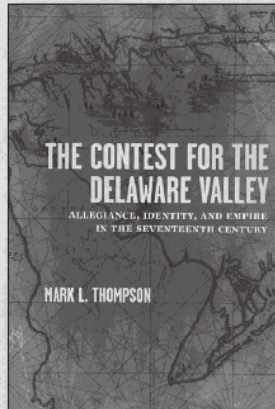
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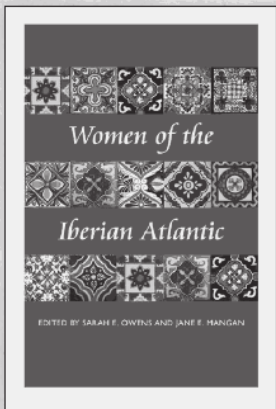
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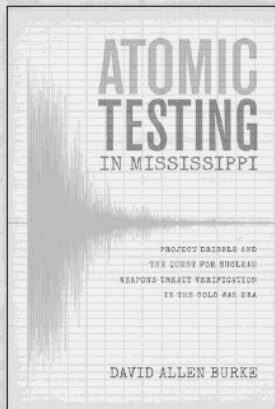
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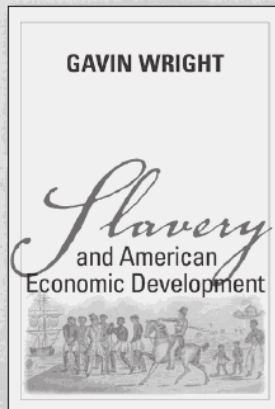
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