

Course Number 5103  
 Class Days: Tuesday  
 Class Time:

Fall 2009  
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This course is designed to provide you with a basic understanding of the major issues confronting the South in the period after the Civil War. In addition, you will be introduced to the major historiographical debates between historians and will be expected to achieve some mastery of them. The writing assignments are designed to aid you in developing an understanding of the issues. The writing assignments are designed to aid you in developing an understanding of the issues.

Required Readings:

- Eric Foner, *Reconstruction* (New York: Harper & Row, 1988) [not the short version!]  
 C. Vann Woodward, *Origins of the New South, 1877-1913* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1981 edition)  
 Steven Hahn, *A Nation Under our Feet: Black Political Struggles in the Rural South, from Slavery to the Great Migration* (Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2003)  
 Robert McMath, *American Populism*,  
 Pete Daniel, *Breaking the Land: The Transformation of Cotton, Tobacco, and Rice Cultures since 1880* (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 1985)  
 Nan Elizabeth Woodruff, *American Congo: the African American Freedom Struggle in the Delta* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2003)  
 Robert D. Bullard, *Dumping in Dixie: Race, Class, and Environmental Equality* (Boulder: Westview Press, 1990).  
 Matthew Lassiter, *Silent Majority: Suburban Politics in the Sunbelt South* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006)

Course Reading Schedule:

You will all be required to read the assigned books (above) plus one additional book every other class period. The books will be assigned according to the interest of the individual student. In addition, you will be reading historiographical essays from Blackwell's *Companion to the American South*.

Course Requirements:

Weekly Papers	50%
Historiographical paper	50%

Weekly papers

You will be directed each week to write an analytical summary of the readings you have been assigned. These should be no longer than one single-spaced page per book assigned. The page requirement is designed to force you to focus on the essence of the readings. You should email your paper to me no later than 10:00 a.m. on the day it is due. You should also email a copy to the other students in the class. The grade you receive for this paper will depend upon the quality of the paper and the quality of discussion you generate both with regard to your own paper and those of the other students.

Historiographical Paper

The historiographical paper, due the last day of class, is designed to give you an opportunity to focus on a particular area of historiographical debate. You will be expected to read more deeply in that one area. You should select your topic by the middle of the semester and expect to read six additional books in that area.

Attendance Policy:

You are expected to attend classes regularly.

## TIME TABLE

Week One (Aug. 25):	Reconstruction Read: Eric Foner, <i>Reconstruction</i> and Chapter 17, Political Reconstruction, in Blackwell's <i>Companion to the American South</i>
Week Two (Sept. 1):	Reconstruction Book to be assigned And Chapter 16 in Blackwell
Week Three (Sept. 8)	Redemption Read: C. Vann Woodward, <i>Origins of the New South</i> And Chapter 18 in Blackwell
Week Four (Sept. 15)	Redemption and the New South Book to be assigned And return to Chapter 18 in Blackwell
Week Five (Sept. 22):	Race Relations Read: Steve Hahn, <i>A Nation Under our Feet</i> And Chapter 20 in Blackwell
Week Six (Sept. 29):	Race Relations Book to be assigned And return to Chapter 20 in Blackwell
Week Seven (Oct. 6):	Populism and Progressivism Read: Robert McMath, <i>American Populism</i> And Chapter 19 in Blackwell
Week Eight (Oct. 13)	Women and Religion in the New South Book to be assigned And Chapter 21 and 23 in Blackwell
Week Nine (Oct. 20):	The Benighted South Read: Nan Woodruff, <i>American Congo</i>
Week Ten (Oct. 27):	The Benighted South Book to be assigned
Week Eleven (Nov. 3):	The Environment and Labor Read: Robert D. Bullard, <i>Dumping in Dixie</i> And Chapters 24 and 25 in Blackwell
Week Twelve (Nov. 10):	The Environment and Labor Book to be assigned And return to Chapters 24 and 25 in Blackwell
Week Thirteen (Nov. 17):	Transformations (agriculture) Read: Pete Daniel, <i>Breaking the Land</i> And Chapter 26 in Blackwell
Week Fourteen (Nov. 24):	Transformations (New Deal and World War II) Book to be assigned And return to Chapter 26 in Blackwell
Week Fifteen (Dec. 1):	Civil Rights and the Sunbelt South Read: Matthew Lassiter, <i>Silent Majority</i> And Chapters 27 and 28 in Blackwell
Week Sixteen (Dec. 8):	Civil Rights and the Sunbelt South Book to be assigned And return to Chapters 27 and 28 in Blackwell