Wintersemester 2015/16

Vorlesung/Lecture Course: The History of the United States from Independence to Secession, 1776-1860

Hörsaal des Historischen Seminars/Lecture Hall; Monday, 11.00 – 13.00 hrs.

Syllabus

1st Lecture: 12 October 2015: The American Revolution, 1776-1783
2nd Lecture: 19 October 2015: Framing the American Republic, 1783-1791
3rd Lecture: 26 October 2015: The Presidency of George Washington, 1789-1797
4th Lecture: 2 November 2015: The Jeffersonian Republic
5th Lecture: 9 November 2015: The War of 1812 and the Era of Good Feelings
7th Lecture: 23 November 2015: The Old South and Slavery
8th Lecture: 30 November 2015: The Slave Community and Black Culture
9th Lecture: 7 December 2015: Popular Religion and Reform Movements
10th Lecture: 14 December 2015: The Second Party System and Jacksonian Democracy
11th Lecture: 21 December 2015: Manifest Destiny and Westward Expansion
12th Lecture: 11 January 2016: Immigration and Nativism
13th Lecture: 18 January 2016: American Life and Culture at Mid-Century
14th Lecture: 25 January 2016: The Road to Secession
15th Lecture: 1 February 2016: Exams
Selected Bibliography

Reference Works, Surveys, Anthologies:


Clark, Christopher *Social Change in America: From the Revolution through the Civil War*. Chicago: Ivan Dee, 2006.


**Monographs:**


Useful Links
The Library of Congress website “American Memory” offers various collections dedicated to U.S. History which provide documents, images, research tools, information about the Library's holdings.

The Avalon Project at Yale University is a major collection of treaties, legal documents, and other sources spanning pre 18th century resources up to the modern day.

The National Archives and Records Administration is the federal agency that oversees the management of federal records. This site contains, among other things, a Digital Classroom for students, an Online Exhibit Hall containing historical documents and images and research information about the National Archives holdings.

The WWW-project “From Revolution to Reconstruction” is a website maintained by the University of Groningen. It includes essays, outlines, and documents related to American history from the colonial period to the recent past.

Sponsored by the Cornell University Library, “The Making of America” is a digital library of primary documents (including approximately 1,600 books and 50,000 journal articles) related to American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction.

This website provides a list of periodical literature which is relevant, in various ways, to the study of the early American Republic. The records of the Congress are very well represented for the period. There are a number of magazines of the period, as well as some earlier English periodicals, showing some of the stream of ideas that formed the mindset of the early Republic.

Duke University's Digital Scriptorium Projects includes various collections of primary sources available online including those dedicated to “Third Person, First Person: Slave Voices from the Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Library,” “African-American Women,” and “Native-American History Class Projects.”