

History 773: READINGS IN APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HISTORY
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DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this readings seminar is to familiarize seminar participants with the literature on the history of Appalachia from a traditional pre-industrial society, through its industrial capitalist transformation, to a peripheral region dependent upon global capitalist markets. We will focus on the social, cultural and economic consequences of the region's historical development.

REQUIREMENTS:

The seminar will alternate weeks of common readings and weeks in which participants will report on individual readings around six specified topical readings.

Common Readings Weeks: On common readings weeks, each seminar participant will be asked to read the material assigned and submit some form of short written assignment (i.e. questions for discussion, a critical passage, a report on sources, etc.). These short assignments will make up 20% of your grade.

Topical Readings Weeks: Each seminar participant will be responsible for six book reviews from the review lists provided for topics throughout the semester. Each review should be between 1000 and 1500 words, providing a short summary and evaluation of the book analyzing its thesis and supportive evidence. The papers are due on the Monday *before* the Wednesday meeting of the appropriate week. Late papers are not acceptable, and will be penalized accordingly. These five reviews will make up 60% of your grade.

Each week: I expect each seminar participant to participate in class discussions of the material for each week, whether the common readings or the reviews of the other participants, for which you are also responsible. If you have difficulty participating, please see me sooner rather than later. Your participation in the weekly meetings will make up the final 20% of your grade.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance is vital in a seminar because the group depends on your contribution. With only 12 substantive content sessions, absence results in a significant loss of information for the individual and the group. I expect you to attend **every** meeting. If illness or an emergency will prevent your attendance, you **must** contact me as soon as possible.

WVU Faculty Senate Social Justice Statement:

West Virginia University is committed to social justice. The instructor of this course concurs with West Virginia University's commitment and expects to maintain a positive learning environment based upon open communication and mutual respect. Any suggestions as to how to further such an environment will be appreciated and given serious consideration.

COMMON READINGS: (Available at the WVU Bookstore)

Durwood Dunn, *Cades Cove: The Life and Death of a Southern Appalachian Community, 1818-1937*

John C. Inscoc, *Mountain Masters: Slavery and the Sectional Crisis in Western North Carolina*

Noel C. Fisher, *War at Every Door: Partisan Politics & Guerrilla Violence in East Tennessee, 1860-1869*

Ronald L. Lewis, *Transforming the Appalachian Countryside: Railroads, Deforestation, and Social Change in West Virginia, 1880-1920*

Ken Fones-Wolf and Ronald L. Lewis, *Transnational West Virginia: Ethnic Communities and Economic Change, 1840-1940*

Chad Berry, *Southern Migrants, Northern Exiles*

Reserve Readings: (Available via regular and electronic reserve)

Darlene Wilson, "Multicultural Murder and Mayhem in Virginia's Backcountry"

Wilma Dunaway, "Speculators and Settler Capitalists"

Noel C. Fisher, "Feelin' Mighty Southern"

Ken Fones-Wolf, "The Development Faith and the Glass Industry"

David Sutton, "No Tennessee Waltz in Appalachia: The Elections of 2000"

Ronald L. Lewis and Dwight Billings, "Appalachian Culture and Economic Development"

SCHEDULE OF CLASS MEETINGS:

- Aug. 22 Introduction and Review Assignments
- Aug. 29 Dunn, *Cade's Cove*
- Sept. 5 Reviews: Migration and settlement (List 1); Wilson article (reserve)
- Sept. 12 Inscoc, *Mountain Masters*
- Sept. 19: Reviews: Antebellum Society (List 2); Dunaway (reserve)
- Sept. 26: Fisher, *War at Every Door*
- Oct. 3: Reviews: War and Reconstruction (List 3); Fisher (reserve)
- Oct. 10: Lewis, *Transforming the Appalachian Countryside*
- Oct. 17: NO CLASS--RELAX
- Oct. 24: Reviews: Industrialization (List 4); Fones-Wolf (reserve)
- Oct. 31: Fones-Wolf and Lewis, *Transnational West Virginia*
- Nov. 7: Reviews: Modernizing the Mountains (List 5); Sutton (reserve)
- Nov. 14: Berry, *Southern Migrants, Northern Exiles*
- Nov. 21: NO CLASS--THANKSGIVING
- Nov. 28: Reviews: Understanding Appalachia (List 6); Lewis and Billings (Reserve)

Review Lists:

List 1: Migration and Settlement

David Hackett Fischer, *Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America*
Craig Thompson Friend, *"The Buzzell About Kentuck": Settling the Promised Land*
Warren Hofstra, *The Planting of New Virginia: Settlement and Landscape in the Shenandoah Valley*
John A. Caruso, *The Appalachian Frontier: America's First Surge Westward*
Daniel P. Barr, *The Boundaries Between Us: Natives and Newcomers Along the Frontiers of the Old Northwest*
James Leyburn, *The Scotch-Irish: A Social History*
Robert D. Mitchell, *Commercialism and the Frontier: Perspectives on the Early Shenandoah Valley*
Otis K. Rice, *The Alleghany Frontier: West Virginia Beginnings*
Stephen Aron, *How the West Was Lost: The Transformation of Kentucky from Daniel Boone to Henry Clay*
Thomas P. Slaughter, *The Whiskey Rebellion*
Wilma Dunaway, *The First American Frontier*
Aaron Fogleman, *Hopeful Journeys: German Immigration, Settlement, and Political Culture in Colonial America*
James H. Merrell, *Into the Woods: Negotiators on the Pennsylvania Frontier*
Charles H. Ambler, *George Washington and the West*
Albert H. Tillson, Jr., *Gentry and Common Folk: Political Culture on a Virginia Frontier*
Duane Meyer, *The Highland Scots of North Carolina, 1732-1776*
Theda Perdue, *Cherokee Women: Gender and Cultural Change, 1700-1835*
Tom Hatley, *Dividing Paths: Cherokees and South Carolinians through the Era of Revolution*
Ann Briceland, *Westward from Virginia: The Explorations of the Virginia-Carolina Frontier, 1650-1710*
Barbara Rasmussen, *Absentee Landowning and Exploitation in West Virginia, 1760-1920*
H. Tyler Blethen and Curtis Wood, *Ulster and North America: Transatlantic Perspectives on Scotch-Irish*

List 2: Antebellum Society and Culture

Wilma Dunaway, *Slavery in the American Mountain South*
Philip Pendleton Kennedy, *Blackwater Chronicle: A Narrative of an Expedition into the Land of Canaan*
Kenneth Koons and Warren Hofstra, *After the Backcountry: Rural Life in the Great Valley of Virginia, 1800-1900*
John E. Stealey III, *The Antebellum Kanawha Salt Business & Western Markets*
Merritt Roe Smith, *Harpers Ferry Amory and the New Technology*
David Williams, *The Georgia Gold Rush: Twenty-Niners, Cherokees, and Gold Fever*
Jonathan Atkins, *Parties, Politics, and the Sectional Conflict in Tennessee, 1832-1861*
Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, *The Road to Poverty: The Making of Wealth and Hardship in Appalachia*
Daniel W. Crofts, *Reluctant Rebels: Upper South Unionists in the Secession Crisis*
Kenneth W. Noe, *Southwest Virginia's Railroad: Modernization and the Sectional Crisis*
David Hsiung, *Two Worlds in the Tennessee Mountains: Exploring the Origins of Appalachian Stereotypes*

Johanna Miller Lewis, *Artisans in the North Carolina Backcountry*
 John Finger, *The Eastern Band of Cherokees, 1819-1900*
 Deborah Vansau McCauley, *Appalachian Mountain Religion: A History*
 Frederick A. Bode and Donald E. Ginter, *Farm Tenancy and the Census in Antebellum Georgia*
 James D. Dilts, *The Great Road: The Building of the Baltimore and Ohio, 1828-1853*
 Charlene Lewis, *Ladies and Gentlemen on Display: Planter Society at the Virginia Springs*
 William G. McLoughlin, *Cherokees and Christianity, 1794-1870*
 Durwood Dunn, *An Abolitionist in the Appalachian South: Ezekiel Birdseye on Slavery, Capitalism, and Separate Statehood in East Tennessee, 1841-1846*

List 3: Civil War and Reconstruction

W. Todd Groce, *Mountain Rebels: East Tennessee Confederates and the Civil War, 1860-1870*
 John Inscoe and Gordon McKinney, *The Heart of Confederate Appalachia: Western North Carolina in the Civil War*
 Gordon B. McKinney, *Southern Mountain Republicans, 1865-1900*
 Robert Tracy McKenzie, *One South or Many? Plantation Belt and Upcountry in Civil-War Era Tennessee*
 Ted Ownby, *Subduing Satan: Religion, Recreation, and Manhood in the Rural South*
 Philip Shaw Paludan, *Victims: A True Story of the Civil War*
 Altina Waller, *Feud: Hatfields, McCoys, and Social Change in Appalachia, 1860-1900*
 Grace Palladino, *Another Civil War: Labor, Capital, and the State in the Anthracite Regions of Pennsylvania, 1840-68*
 Martin Crawford, *Ashe County's Civil War: Community and Society in the Appalachian South*
 John W. Shaffer, *Clash of Loyalties: A Border County in the Civil War*
 Wilbur R. Miller, *Revenueurs and Moonshiners: Enforcing Federal Liquor Law in the Mountain South, 1865-1900*
 Steven Hahn, *The Roots of Southern Populism: Yeoman Farmers and the Transformation of the Georgia Upcountry, 1850-1890*
 Robert S. Weise, *Grasping at Independence: Debt, Male Authority, and Mineral Rights in Appalachian Kentucky, 1850-1915*
 Jeannette Keith, *Country People in the New South: Tennessee's Upper Cumberland*
 Kevin O'Donnell and Helen Hollingsworth, *Seekers of Scenery: American Magazine Travel Writing from Southern Appalachia, 1840-1900*
 E. Merton Coulter, *William G. Brownlow: Fighting Parson of the Southern Highlands*
 Scott Reynolds Nelson, *Steel Drivin' Man: John Henry*
 Martin Crawford, *Ashe County's Civil War: Community and Society in the Appalachian South*
 Richard Sears, *Utopian Experiment in Kentucky: Integration and Social Equality at Berea, 1866-1904*
 Kenneth Noe and Shannon Wilson, eds., *The Civil War in Appalachia*
 Richard Curry, *House Divided: A Study of Statehood Politics and the Copperhead Movement in West Virginia*

List 4: Industrialization

- David A. Corbin, *Life, Work, and Rebellion in the Coal Fields: The Southern West Virginia Miners, 1880-1922*
- John C. Hennen, *Americanization of West Virginia: Creating a Modern Industrial State, 1916-1925*
- Ronald L. Lewis, *Black Coal Miners in America: Race, Class, and Community Conflict*
- Joe William Trotter, *Coal, Class, and Color: Blacks in Southern West Virginia, 1915-32*
- Ken Fones-Wolf, *Glass Towns: Industry, Labor and Political Economy in Appalachia*
- Brian Kelly, *Race, Class, and Power in the Alabama Coalfields, 1908-21*
- Daniel Letwin, *Challenge of Interracial Unionism: Alabama Coal Miners, 1878-1921*
- Paul Salstrom, *Appalachia's Path to Dependency: Rethinking a Region's Economic History*
- John A. Williams, *West Virginia and the Captains of Industry*
- Mildred A. Beik, *The Miners of Windber: Struggles of New Immigrants for Unionization, 1880-1930*
- Ronald D Eller, *Miners, Millhands, and Mountaineers: Industrialization of the Appalachian South, 1880-1930*
- Karin A. Shapiro, *Battle Against Convict Labor in the Tennessee Coalfields, 1871-1896*
- Crandall Shifflett, *Coal Towns: Life, Work, and Culture in Company Towns of Southern Appalachia*
- Sandra Barney, *Authorized to Heal: Gender, Class, and the Transformation of Medicine in Appalachia, 1880-1930*
- Keith Dix, *What's a Coal Miner to Do? The Mechanization of Coal Mining*
- Henry M. McKiven, Jr., *Iron and Steel: Class, Race and Community in Birmingham, Alabama, 1875-1920*
- Anne Mosher, *Capital's Utopia: Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, 1855-1916*
- Jerry Bruce Thomas, *An Appalachian New Deal: West Virginia in the Great Depression*
- Melissa Walker, *All We Knew Was to Farm: Rural Women in the Upcountry South, 1919-1941*

List 5: Appalachia's Modern Politics and Culture

- Richard P. Mulcahy, *A Social Contract for the Coal Fields: The Rise and Fall of the United Mine Workers of America Welfare and Retirement Fund*
- Huey Perry, *They'll Cut Off Your Project: A Mingo County Chronicle*
- Harry Caudill, *Night Comes to the Cumberlands*
- Kai Erikson, *Everything In Its Path: Destruction of Community in the Buffalo Creek Flood*
- Chad Montrie, *To Save the Land and People: A History of Opposition to Surface Mining in Appalachia*
- Shelly Romalis, *Pistol Packin' Mama: Aunt Molly Jackson and the Politics of Folksong*
- John Gaventa, *Power and Powerlessness: Quiescence and Rebellion in an Appalachian Valley*
- Michelle Brattain, *The Politics of Whiteness: Race, Workers, and Culture in the Modern South*
- Randall Patton, *Carpet Capital: The Rise of a New South Industry*
- Stephen Fisher, ed., *Fighting Back in Appalachia*
- Raymond Chafin, *Just Good Politics: The Life of Raymond Chafin, Appalachian Boss*
- Ancella R. Bickley, *Memphis Tennessee Garrison: The Remarkable Life of a Black Appalachian Woman*
- Shauna L. Scott, *Two Sides to Everything: The Cultural Construction of Class Consciousness in Harlan County, Kentucky*
- Garry Barker, *The Handicraft Revival in Southern Appalachia, 1930-1990*

Leon Fink, *The Maya of Morganton: Work and Community in the Nuevo New South*
Barbara Ellen Smith, *Digging Our Own Graves: Coal Miners and the Struggle over Black Lung*
Richard Brisbin, Jr., *A Strike Like No Other: Law and Resistance During the Pittston Coal Strike*
Mary K. Anglin, *Women, Power, and Dissent in the Hills of Carolina*
Howard Dorgan, *Airwaves of Zion: Radio and Religion in Appalachia*
Who Owns Appalachia: Landownership and Its Impact

List 6: Understanding Appalachia

John A. Williams, *Appalachia: A History*
Helen Lewis, et al., *Colonialism in Modern America: The Appalachian Case*
Allen Batteau, *Appalachia and America: Autonomy and Regional Dependence*
Jane S. Becker, *Selling Tradition: Appalachia and the Construction of an American Folk*
Allen Batteau, *The Invention of Appalachia*
Dwight Billings, et al., *Back Talk from Appalachia: Confronting Stereotypes*
William Lynwood Montell, *Killings: Folk Justice in the Upper South*
Henry Shapiro, *Appalachia On Our Minds*
David Whisnant, *All That is Native and Fine: The Politics of Culture in an American Region*
J.W. Williamson, *Hillbillyland: What the Movies Did to the Mountains and What the Mountains
Did to the Movies*
Jack Weller, *Yesterday's People: Life in Contemporary Appalachia*
Tod Gitlin and Nancy Hollander, *Uptown: Poor Whites in Chicago*
John Hartigan, *Racial Situations: Class Predicaments of Whiteness in Detroit*
James Gregory, *The Southern Diaspora: How the Great Migrations of Black and White
Southerners Transformed America*
Loyal Jones, *Faith and Meaning in the Southern Uplands*
David Kimbrough, *Taking Up Serpents: Snake Handlers of Eastern Kentucky*
N. Brent Kennedy, *The Melungeons: The Resurrection of a Proud People*
Deborah Weiner, *Coalfield Jews:*
Stephen W. Foster, *The Past in Another Country: Representation, Historical Consciousness,
And Resistance in the Blue Ridge*
Carl Feathers, *Mountain People in a Flat Land: A Popular History of Appalachian Migration to
Northeast Ohio, 1940-1965*
Donald Edward Davis, *Where There Are Mountains: An Environmental History of the Southern
Appalachians*
Rodger Cunningham, *Apples on the Flood: The Southern Mountain Experience*