

# 'TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY' GRANT

## INSTRUCTION PROVIDED BY THE SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

*Promoting Informed Citizenship and Enlightened Patriotism*

Please note that all courses listed here are offered in the evening or during the summer and may be applied to the Master of Arts in History program by qualified graduate students. The department also offers other 500-level courses in History during the day (not listed here) that do not apply to the M.A. but that may be eligible for free tuition. The university catalog, containing descriptions of all courses, can be accessed at [www.selu.edu](http://www.selu.edu).

### **SPRING SEMESTER 2006**

#### **(1) NEW COURSE FOR TEACHERS! INCLUDES FREE MATERIALS!**

**HISTORY 655: SEMINAR IN HISTORY FOR TEACHERS: HOW TO USE LPB'S *LOUISIANA: A HISTORY IN THE CLASSROOM*.** Credit 3 hours. Taught by Mr. Charles Elliott, widely published Louisiana historian and veteran of numerous teacher workshops.

This innovative new course combines a variety of technologies with personal instruction to assist teachers in making the best possible use of *Louisiana: A History* in the classroom. Teachers should note that this award-winning, six-part documentary produced by Louisiana Public Broadcasting can be used in any class at any grade level that deals with either American or Louisiana history.

Here's how the course works. Each week LPB and/or the Southeastern Channel will televise a portion of *Louisiana: A History* throughout the 14 parishes in Region II at times to be announced. Each Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Elliott will deliver a related lecture to students at three locations: in person on the Southeastern campus and via compressed video at the Baton Rouge Nursing Center and the St. Tammany Center in Abita Springs. He also will communicate with students in the class each week via the Internet and the Blackboard site for the course.

Mr. Elliott will provide students in the course with teaching modules that may be applied directly in classes, as well as additional material for maximizing the potential of the documentary series.

Every student who successfully completes the course will receive FREE a copy of the six-DVD set containing the entire documentary, as well as the accompanying book and teacher's guide! More information and the course syllabus are available from Mr. Elliott at [cnelliott@selu.edu](mailto:cnelliott@selu.edu).

#### **(2) EXISTING COURSES AVAILABLE ON-CAMPUS**

**HISTORY 588: ORAL HISTORY TECHNIQUES.** Credit 3 hours. A survey of the methodology for collecting and preserving oral history. Includes how to prepare and conduct interviews and to edit and index transcriptions. Taught by Dr. David Benac, the recently hired (2003) Assistant Professor who developed the new Public History Option in the Master of Arts in History program. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Benac at [dbenac@selu.edu](mailto:dbenac@selu.edu).

**HISTORY 602: READINGS IN HISTORY.** Credit 3 hours. An intensive program of independent readings in secondary literature on a topic approved in advance by the instructor. Students may choose their own instructor from among the graduate faculty of the Department of History and Political Science, subject to the agreement of the instructor. More information is available from Dr. Andrew Traver, the Graduate Coordinator, at [atraver@selu.edu](mailto:atraver@selu.edu).

**HISTORY 607: SEMINAR IN AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1900.** Credit 3 hours. An intensive survey of American history since 1900. Includes in-depth coverage of the role of women and minorities. Study of primary sources and the historical literature, with student presentations and student-led seminar discussions emphasized. 5:30-8:30 Tuesday, Fayard Hall 240. Taught by Dr. Randy Sanders, author of the critically acclaimed *Mighty Peculiar Elections: The New South Gubernatorial Campaigns of 1970 and the Changing Politics of Race* and numerous articles on twentieth-century America. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Sanders at [dsanders@selu.edu](mailto:dsanders@selu.edu).

**HISTORY 611: SEMINAR IN LOUISIANA HISTORY.** Credit 3 hours. An intensive survey of Louisiana history from the colonial period to the present. Includes in-depth coverage of the role of women and minorities. Study of primary sources and the historical literature, with student presentations and student-led seminar discussions emphasized. 5:30-8:30 Monday, Fayard Hall 240. Taught by Dr. Michael Kurtz, Dean of the Graduate School; author of the Pulitzer Prize-nominated *Earl K. Long: The Saga of Uncle Earl and Louisiana Politics*, *Louisiana: A History*, *The Challenging of America 1920-1945*, *Crime of the Century: The Kennedy Assassination from a Historian's Perspective*, and numerous articles on Louisiana history; editor of *Louisiana Since the Longs*; and recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Research and the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Kurtz at [mkurtz@selu.edu](mailto:mkurtz@selu.edu).

**HISTORY 621: INDEPENDENT STUDY.** Credit 3 hours. An intensive program of research in primary sources on a topic approved in advance by the instructor. Students may choose their own instructor from among the graduate faculty of the Department of History and Political Science, subject to the agreement of the instructor. More information is available from Dr. Andrew Traver, the Graduate Coordinator, at [atraver@selu.edu](mailto:atraver@selu.edu).

**HISTORY 627: SEMINAR IN EUROPEAN HISTORY SINCE 1500.** Credit 3 hours. An intensive survey of European history from 1500 to the present. Includes in-depth coverage of the role of women. Study of primary sources and the historical literature, with student presentations and student-led seminar discussions emphasized. 5:30-8:30 Thursday, Fayard Hall 240. Taught by Dr. Judith Fai-Podlipnik, author of numerous articles on modern Europe and co-editor of *One History, Many Perspectives: Readings in Western Civilization from the Ancient World to the Present*. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Fai-Podlipnik at [jfai-podlipnik@selu.edu](mailto:jfai-podlipnik@selu.edu).

**HISTORY 630: SEMINAR IN THE HISTORY OF WESTERN THOUGHT.** Credit 3 hours. An intensive survey of Western thought from the ancient world to the present. Study of primary sources and the historical literature, with student presentations and student-led seminar discussions emphasized. 5:30-8:30 Wednesday, Fayard Hall 240. Taught by Dr. Barbara Forrest, author of the critically acclaimed *Creationism's Trojan Horse: The Wedge of Intelligent Design* and many articles on western philosophy, recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, and holder of the Woman's Hospital Distinguished Teaching Professorship in History (2001-2004). More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Forrest at [bforrest@selu.edu](mailto:bforrest@selu.edu).

**HISTORY 633: PUBLIC HISTORY SEMINAR.** Credit 3 hours. In this seminar students create and critique extensive public history projects based on their experience in previous courses. Taught by Dr. David Benac. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Benac at [dbenac@selu.edu](mailto:dbenac@selu.edu).

**HISTORY 770: THESIS RESEARCH AND THESIS.** Credit 1-6 hours. More information is available from Dr. Andrew Traver, the Graduate Coordinator, at [atraver@selu.edu](mailto:atraver@selu.edu).

### (3) ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS

**TRICKS FOR TEACHING LOUISIANA HISTORY!** February (date TBA). Using primary sources and film to spice up your Louisiana History classes. More information coming soon!

**WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR TEXTBOOK?** April (date TBA). Expert analysis of Louisiana's current American History, World History, Civics, Free Enterprise, and Geography textbooks, with strategies for dealing with the strengths and weaknesses of each. More information coming soon!

## **SUMMER TERM 2006**

### (1) NEW COURSE(S)

Currently being developed for delivery through a combination of distance education methods (compressed video, internet, television) and on-site instruction at multiple locations.

### (2) EXISTING COURSES AVAILABLE ON-CAMPUS

**HISTORY 566: FAMILY HISTORY.** Credit 3 hours. A detailed study of the bibliography and methodology of the field. Students will also prepare an analytical report considering the various sources available for family history. Taught by Dr. David Benac. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Benac at [dbenac@selu.edu](mailto:dbenac@selu.edu).

**HISTORY 598: SPECIAL TOPICS IN HISTORY: CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS.** Credit 3 hours. A course offered in conjunction with the Deep Delta Civil War Symposium. Students tour the battlefields at Shiloh and Vicksburg on a weekend trip and attend the symposium. Taught by Dr. Harry Laver. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Benac at [dbenac@selu.edu](mailto:dbenac@selu.edu). (Note that this class may not apply to the M.A.)

### **HISTORY 602: READINGS IN HISTORY\***

**HISTORY 605: SEMINAR IN AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1800.** Credit 3 hours. An intensive survey of American history from the age of discovery to 1800. Includes in-depth coverage of the role of women and minorities. Study of primary sources and the historical literature, with student presentations and student-led seminar discussions emphasized. 9:00-12:00 MW, Fayard Hall 240. Taught by Dr. Samuel Hyde, Leon Ford Professor of History; Director of the Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies; author of *Pistols and Politics: The Dilemma of Democracy in Louisiana's Florida Parishes 1810-1899* and numerous articles; editor of and contributor to *Plain Folk of the South Revisited*, *Sunbelt Revolution: The Historical Progression of the Civil Rights Struggle in the Gulf South 1866-2000*, *A Fierce and Fractious Frontier: The Curious Development of Louisiana's Florida Parishes 1699-2000*, *Carnivals and Conflicts: A Louisiana History Reader*, and a series of American history readers; and recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Research. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Hyde at [shyde@selu.edu](mailto:shyde@selu.edu).

### **HISTORY 621: INDEPENDENT STUDY.**

**HISTORY 625: SEMINAR IN BRITISH HISTORY.** Credit 3 hours. An intensive survey of British history from the ancient world to the present. Includes in-depth coverage of the role of women. Study of primary sources and the historical literature, with student presentations and student-led seminar discussions emphasized. 9:00-12:00 TuTh, Fayard Hall 240. Taught by Dr. William Robison, Head of the Department of History and Political Science, author of numerous articles on late medieval and early modern England, editor of *A Historical Dictionary of Late Medieval England* and *A Historical Dictionary of Stuart England*, holder of the Fay Warren Reimers Distinguished Teaching Professorship in the

Humanities (1996-1999), and recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Robison at [wrobison@selu.edu](mailto:wrobison@selu.edu).

### **HISTORY 770: THESIS RESEARCH AND THESIS**

*\*Partial credit may be earned by attending the Deep Delta Civil War Symposium, normally held the second weekend in June from 1:00 p.m. on Friday through 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, featuring ten nationally recognized Civil War historians. Teachers also may earn continuing learning units (CLU's) by attending the symposium. For more information on the symposium, contact Dr. Harry Laver at [hlaver@selu.edu](mailto:hlaver@selu.edu).*

### **(3) TWO-WEEK SUMMER INSTITUTES**

Two two-week summer institutes (Monday-Friday) in June-July, specific dates to be announced, with Southeastern faculty, guest scholars from other Louisiana universities, and nationally recognized historians.

#### **AMERICAN HISTORY FROM DISCOVERY TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

#### **LOUISIANA HISTORY FROM DISCOVERY TO THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE**

*Participants may earn graduate credit in these summer institutes!*

### **(4) ADDITIONAL CONTINUING LEARNING UNITS**

Teachers may earn continuing learning units by attending the Deep Delta Civil War Symposium. Teachers may also earn CLU's by participating in summer tours of battlefields and museums with Dr. Harry Laver (note that these tours are separate from History 598). For more information, contact Dr. Harry Laver at [hlaver@selu.edu](mailto:hlaver@selu.edu).

## **FALL SEMESTER 2006**

### **(1) NEW COURSE(S)**

Currently being developed for delivery through a combination of distance education methods (compressed video, internet, television) and on-site instruction at multiple locations.

### **(2) EXISTING COURSES AVAILABLE ON-CAMPUS**

**HISTORY 567: INTRODUCTION TO MUSEUM PRACTICE.** Credit 3 hours. A detailed study of the concerns and issues unique to working in museums. Students will learn the basics of research and interpretation involved in the design and preparation of exhibits. Instructor TBA.

**HISTORY 600: INTRODUCTION TO HISTORICAL RESEARCH.** Credit 3 hours. An introduction to the sources and methods for historical research, proper writing style and documentation, and historiography. 5:30-8:30 Monday, Fayard Hall 240. Taught by Dr. Michael Kurtz. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Kurtz at [mkurtz@selu.edu](mailto:mkurtz@selu.edu).

#### **HISTORY 602: READINGS IN HISTORY**

**HISTORY 606: SEMINAR IN AMERICAN HISTORY 1800 TO 1900.** Credit 3 hours. An intensive survey of American history in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Includes in-depth coverage of women and minorities. Study of primary sources and the historical literature, with student presentations and student-led seminar discussions emphasized. 5:30-8:30 Tuesday, Fayard Hall 240. Taught by Dr. Christopher Leahy, author

of an upcoming biography of President John Tyler. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Leahy at [cleahy@selu.edu](mailto:cleahy@selu.edu).

**HISTORY 610: SEMINAR IN SOUTHERN HISTORY.** Credit 3 hours. An intensive survey of Southern history from the colonial period to the present. Includes in-depth coverage of women and minorities. Study of primary sources and the historical literature, with student presentations and student-led seminar discussions emphasized. 5:30-8:30 Wednesday, Fayard Hall 240. Taught by Dr. Harry Laver, author of a forthcoming study of the militia in the Old South. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Laver at [hlaver@selu.edu](mailto:hlaver@selu.edu).

#### **HISTORY 621: INDEPENDENT STUDY**

**HISTORY 626: SEMINAR IN EUROPEAN HISTORY TO 1500.** Credit 3 hours. An intensive survey of European history from the ancient world to 1500. Includes in-depth coverage of women. Study of primary sources and the historical literature, with student presentations and student-led seminar discussions emphasized. 5:30-8:30 Thursday, Fayard Hall 240. Taught by Dr. Andrew Traver, Graduate Coordinator of the M.A. in History Program, author of *The Opuscula of William of Saint-Amour* and numerous articles on medieval European history, editor of *Duns Scotus' Quaestiones super libros Perihermenias Aristotelis* and *Quaestiones super secundum et tertium libros De anima Aristotelis* and *The Ancient World: An Interdisciplinary Biographical Dictionary c. 800 B.C.-500 A.D.*; holder of the Fay Warren Reimers Distinguished Teaching Professorship in the Humanities (2002-2005), and recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Research. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Traver at [atraver@selu.edu](mailto:atraver@selu.edu).

**HISTORY 632: INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC HISTORY.** Credit 3 hours. This course serves as the cornerstone of the Public History program and covers the opportunities and challenges for historians in the public arena. This is a historiographical course tracing the origins of public history and the variety of specialties within the field. One important unit within this course is the unique ethical concerns of the public historian. 5:30-8:30 Monday, Fayard Hall 238. Taught by Dr. David Benac. More information and the course syllabus are available from Dr. Benac at [dbenac@selu.edu](mailto:dbenac@selu.edu).

#### **HISTORY 770: THESIS RESEARCH AND THESIS**

### **(3) ONE-DAY WORKSHOP**

A one-day workshop in November, topics and date to be announced.