

History 709-01
Graduate Research Seminar
Politics and Religion in Early America
Robert M. Calhoon
Autumn Semester 2004

Scope and Purpose of the Course: The seminar introduces doctoral and second year masters students to methodology, historiography, and interpretation in early American history with emphasis on politics and religion.

Required Reading:

David C. Hendrickson, *Peace Pact: The Lost World of the American Constitutional Founding*

Mark A. Noll, *America's God: From Jonathan Edwards to Abraham Lincoln*

Course Schedule:

August 17 introduction to the course

August 24 Read and compare Hendrickson, Part I and Noll, Part I

August 31 Read and compare Hendrickson, Part II and Noll, Part II

September 7 Read and compare Hendrickson, Part III and Noll, Part III

September 15 No class, Keynote Address, Conference on Public History and the Southern Backcountry, Old Salem, 7-9pm, recommended.

September 21 Read and compare Hendrickson, Part IV and Noll, Part IV, ch. 12-15

September 28 Read and compare Hendrickson, Part V and Noll, Part IV, ch. 16-17

October 5 Read and compare Hendrickson, Part VI, ch. 24-26 and Noll, Part V, ch. 18-20

October 19 Read and compare Hendrickson, Part VI, ch. 27-29 and Bibliographical

Essay, pp. 281-299 and Noll, Part V, ch. 21-22 and Appendix, pp. 447-453

October 26 Read and compare Hendrickson, Appendix, pp. 263-280 and Noll, Glossary, pp. 563-568

November 2 Discuss Robert M. Calhoon, draft chapter on "Augustan Moderation"

November 9 Discuss Robert M. Calhoon, draft chapter on "Political Moderation in the Period of the American Revolution"

November 16 Discuss Robert M. Calhoon, draft chapter on "Political Moderation in the Early Republic"

November 30 Discuss Robert M. Calhoon, draft chapter on "Denominational and Primitive Moderation of Religion and Politics"

December 7 Papers due; discussion of papers

Paper:

Over the course of the semester, each student will prepare a 2,500 word paper (10 pp. doublespaced) on a topic or issue at the juncture of politics and religion.