Constitutional Order and the Limits of Compromise

PROJECT ACH
Conference Schedule
Summer 2007

PLEASE NOTE: All classes will be held in the Audrey Hirt Academic Center, Room 209 unless otherwise specified.

Thursday, March 29, 2007
5:45-6:15 p.m. Social Meeting (Faculty Dining Room-Mercyhurst College)
6:15-7:45 p.m. Dinner
8:00-9:00 p.m. Ralph Ketchum, “Lincoln’s Union: Where it Came from, and What It Meant” (Audrey Hirt Academic Center, Walker Recital Hall)

Monday, June 25, 2007
8:45-9:15 a.m. Orientation and Coffee
Audrey Hirt Academic Center, Room: Hirt 209
9:15-9:30 a.m. Goals for Project TEACH Year II (Participant Introductions)
Dr. Michael Federici, Mercyhurst College (Project Director)
Mr. Will Fitzhugh, The Concord Review (Evaluator)
Mr. Brian Lasher (Master Teacher)
9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Session I: Introduction to TEACH Year II: “Review of Year One”
Dr. Richard Gamble, Conference Tutor (Hillsdale College)
10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session II: “Washington on Character and Union”
Dr. Richard Gamble, Conference Tutor (Hillsdale College)
Readings: Frohnen, The American Republic: Primary Sources, “Farewell Address” (September 19, 1796), pp. 72-78.
12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)
12:45 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Session III: “The Challenge of Federalism and Union: The Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions, “John C. Calhoun (Concurrent Majority Rule), and Nullification”
Dr. Michael Federici, Mercyhurst College (Project Director)
Background Readings: Calhoun, Union and Liberty: The Political Philosophy of John C. Calhoun pp. 3-284.
1:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Break
2:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Session IV: “Slavery and the Coming Divide”
Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)
Session Readings: Ellis, Founding Brothers, chapter 3 and pp. 233-242.
Background Readings: Filler, Slavery in the United States;
3:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m. Session V: Dr. John Olszowka (Mercyhurst College)
“The Meaning of Jacksonian Democracy: Race, Class, and Culture”
Session Readings: “Jackson’s First Message to Congress” (December 8, 1829); H.W. Brands, Andrew Jackson: His Life and Times; Tocqueville, Democracy in America, pp. 448-455.

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Session I: “Partisanship in American History: the case of the Gerrymander”
                     Dr. Robert Rhodes (Edinboro University)
Session Readings: Federalist 10.

10:15-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session II: “Legislative Compromise and the Challenge of Slavery: The Missouri Compromise and the Compromise of 1850”
                       Dr. Richard Gamble, (Hillsdale College)

12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)
12:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Session IV: “The Mexican War”
                       Dr. Dr. Chris Magoc (Mercyhurst College)
Session Readings: Walter McDougall, Promised Land, Crusader State, Chapter 4; John C. Calhoun (handout); Walt Whitman, “The Mexican War Justified” and “Annexation (handouts); Henry David Thoreau, “Civil Disobedience” (handout).

2:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Break
2:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Session V: Pedagogy Seminar: “Document-based Questions: Teaching the Rubric in Your Classroom”
                     Mr. Brian Lasher, (Erie School District, Master Teacher)

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

8:30 a.m. Meet at Brig NIAGARA
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. All Day Session (NIAGARA) sailing on Lake Erie with Walter Rybka, War of 1812 presentation, and Museum tour.

Thursday, June 28, 2007

9:00-10:30 a.m. Session I: “Tocqueville’s View of America”
                           Dr. Joseph Morris (Mercyhurst College)

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session II: “Manifest Destiny in the 19th Century”
                          Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)

12:00-12-45 p.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)

12:45-2:00 p.m. **Session III**: “John Quincy Adams and American Nationalism”
Dr. Gamble (Hillsdale College)


2:00-2:15 p.m. Break

2:15-3:45 p.m. **Session IV**: Pedagogy Seminar “The DIME approach to Analyzing the Civil War”
Mr. Brian Lasher, Master Teacher (Erie School District)

**Friday, June 29, 2007**

9:00-10:15 a.m. **Session I**: “The Kansas-Nebraska Act and Dred Scott”
Dr. Michael Federici

**Session Readings**: David M. Potter, *The Impending Crisis*, chapters 8, 9 and 11.

10:15-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30-12:00 p.m. **Session II**: “The Lincoln-Douglas Debates”
Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)


12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)

12:45-2:00 p.m. **Session III**: “Understanding Secession and the Confederacy”
Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)

**Session Readings**: “Declaration of Causes” December 20, 1860.

**Background Readings**: David Potter, *The Impending Crisis*, chapters 16-20.

2:00-3:00 p.m. **Session IV**: “Lincoln and Union”
Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)

**Session Reading**: Lincoln, *Works*, pp. 215-224 (First Inaugural Address), pp. 246-261 (Message to Congress in Special Session).

**Background Readings**: Allen Guelzo, *Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President*.

3:00-4:00 p.m. **Session V**: “Executive Power at the Conclusion of the 19th Century”
Dr. Joseph Morris (Mercyhurst College)

**Session Readings**: Kenneth D. Ackerman, *Darkhorse: The Surprise Election and Political Murder of President James A. Garfield*.
WEEK TWO

GETTYSBURG SCHEDULE

Monday, July 2
8:00 a.m.
8:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
3:30-5:00 p.m.
Pick-up at Mercyhurst College PAC Parking Lot
Travel from Erie to Gettysburg Hotel
Session I: “Slavery, the Constitution, and the Civil War”
Mr. Joseph Baldacchino (The National Humanities Institute)
Background Reading: William W. Freehling, The Road to Disunion: Secessionists at Bay, 1776-1854 (New York: UP, 1990), especially chapters 7, 8, and 11.

Tuesday, July 3
8:00-9:00 a.m.
9:00-10:00 a.m.
10:00-10:45 p.m.
10:45 AM -1:30 p.m.
1:30-2:30 p.m.
2:30-3:00 p.m.
3:00-4:15 p.m.
Breakfast at Gettysburg Hotel
Travel from Gettysburg to Harrisburg
Speaker Brett Kelly
National Civil War Museum
Boxed Lunch on Bus
Return to Gettysburg Hotel-Break
Session I: “Did an Actor Influence Lincoln at Gettysburg?”
Dr. David Carlyon (Writer)
(Gettysburg Hotel)
Session Readings: David Carlyon, Dan Rice: The Most Famous Man You Never Heard Of, pp. 82-93, 163-164, 186, 305-318, 328-342, 408-411; Lincoln, Works, p. 536 (Gettysburg Address).

Wednesday, July 4
7:00-8:00 a.m.
8:00-9:15 a.m.
9:15-10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
1:00-2:00 p.m.
2:00-2:30 p.m.
2:30-4:00 p.m.
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Breakfast at Gettysburg Hotel
Drive from Hotel to Antietam
Mumma Farm Education Center
Antietam National Battlefield with Michael Kraus
Lunch and travel to Harper's Ferry
Harper’s Ferry Introduction with Michael Kraus
Explore Harper’s Ferry
Return to Gettysburg Hotel (Dinner on Own)

Thursday, July 5
8:00- 8:45 a.m.
8:45-9:00 a.m.
9:00-9:45 a.m.
9:45-10:45 a.m.
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
12:15-1:15 p.m.
1:30-4:00 p.m.
8:00-9:00 p.m.
Breakfast at Gettysburg Hotel
Travel from Gettysburg Hotel to Visitor Center
Visitor Center- “The Electric Map”
Visitor Center, Bookstore, Cemetery
Private Guide - Michael Kraus
General Pickett’s Buffet
Complete Battlefield Tour
James Getty as Abraham Lincoln
Friday, July 6
8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast at Gettysburg Hotel
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Annual Gettysburg Reenactment
3:00-5:00 p.m. Participants change for dinner
5:00-5:30 p.m. Load Bus and Travel to Fairfield Inn
5:30-6:45 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres at The Fairfield Inn
6:45-8:00 p.m. Dinner at The Fairfield Inn
8:00-9:00 p.m. Special Session: “U.S. Grant” at The Fairfield Inn
    General Josiah Bunting III, (Guggenheim Foundation)
    Session Readings: Josiah Bunting III, Ulysses S. Grant
9:00-10:00 p.m. Cocktails and Tours of The Fairfield Inn

Saturday, July 7
7:00-7:45 a.m. Breakfast at Gettysburg Hotel
7:45-8:00 a.m. Check Out and Load Bus
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Travel from Gettysburg to Erie

WEEK THREE (Mercyhurst College)

Monday, July 9, 2007
9:00-10:30 a.m. Session I: “Industrializing America”
    Dr. John Olszowka (Mercyhurst College)
    Session Readings: Bruce Laurie, Artisans into Workers; Thomas Bell, Out of This Furnace, pp. 3-208.
10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session II: “Cotton, Slaves, and Arrogance”
    Dr. Michael Munger (Duke University)
12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)
12:45-2:15 p.m. Session III: “The Economy and the Court”
    Dr. Michael Federici
2:15-2:30 p.m. Break
2:30-3:45 p.m. Session IV: “Losing the Peace: The Battle Over Reconstruction, 1863-1877”
    Dr. John Olszowka (Mercyhurst College)
    Session Readings: Eric Foner, Reconstruction: America’s Unfinished Revolution (Read Selectively).

Tuesday, July 10, 2007
9:00-10:30 a.m. Session I: “Secession Winter and Fort Sumter: The Moral Courage of Anderson’s Band and the Moral Failings of President Buchanan”
    Dr. Bradley Birzer (Hillsdale College)
Wednesday, July 11, 2007

9:00-10:30 a.m.  
**Session I:** “The Right of Conquest: Native Americans and the Taking of America’s First West”  
Dr. Brad Birzer (Hillsdale College)  
**Session Readings:** James Fenimore Cooper, *Last of the Mohicans.*

10:30-10:45 a.m.  
Break

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
**Session II:** “The Marshall Court’s Influence on 19th Century America”  
Dr. Jeffrey Polet (Hope College)  

12:00-12:45 p.m.  
Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)

12:45-2:00 p.m.  
**Session III:** “The Frontier as Sacred Land: Frederick Jackson Turner, Mary Magdalene, Swedish-American Nietzscheans, and Wilderness Cathedrals”  
Dr. Brad Birzer (Hillsdale College)  
**Session Readings:** Willa Cather, *Death Comes to the Archbishop.*

2:00-2:15 p.m.  
Break

2:15-3:45 p.m.  
**Session IV:** “Darwinism Comes to America: The Cultural Responses”  
Dr. Mark Kalthoff (Hillsdale College)  

Thursday, July 12, 2007

9:00-10:15 a.m.  
**Session I:** “Transcendentalism and the Constitutional Order”  
Dr. Jeffrey Polet (Hope College)
Session Readings: A. Bronson Alcott, “Orphic Sayings”
http://www.alcott.net/alcott/archive/editions/Orphic_Sayings.html;
Charles Lane, “Brook Farm”
http://www.vcu.edu/engweb/transcendentalism/ideas/brookfarmdia1.html;
Margaret Fuller, “New Years Day”; Ralph Waldo Emerson, “The Divinity School Address”
http://www.emersoncentral.com/divaddr.htm

10:15-10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session II: “Culinary America in the 19th Century”
Ms. Alison Ollinger-Riefstahl (Mercyhurst College Archaeological Institute)
Session Readings:
12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)
12:45-2:15 p.m. Session III: “Populism and the Constitution”
Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)
Readings: Handouts.

Friday, July 13, 2007

9:00-10:45 a.m. Session I: The Constitution and Empire I”
Dr. Richard Gamble (Mercyhurst College)
Session Readings: Readings: Darwin Handout; McDougall, Promised Land, Crusader State, Chapter 5; Albert Beveridge, “March of the Flag” speech, (1898).
10:45-11:00 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session II: “The Constitution and Empire II”
Dr. Richard Gamble (Mercyhurst College)
12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)
12:45-2:00 p.m. Session III: “Discussion and Debate: What’s Important about the 19th Century?”
2:00-2:15 p.m. Break
2:15-3:15 p.m. Closing Reception (Hirt Lobby)