History 457-III: The Era of Reconstruction, 1864-1890

Spring 2007
Meets 1:00-1:50 M W F
In 300 Villard
Website is on Blackboard.

I Radicalism and Reconstruction, 1864-1872
Carol Faulkner. Women’s Radical Reconstruction.
Michael Fitzgerald. Urban Emancipation, pp. 1-162

Apr.
2—Reconstructing the Reconstruction Period
4—Emancipation and Wartime Reconstruction Plans
6—Andrew Johnson’s Presidential Reconstruction, 1865-66
9—Presidential Reconstruction in the South
11—Johnson’s Conflict with Congress, 1866
13—Designing Congress’ Reconstruction Program, 1866-67
16—Implementation, Impeachment, & 1868 Election
18—Constitutional Revolution within Limits
20—Beyond Race & Reunion: Women, Natives, Workers
23—The Grant Presidency & the Fifteenth Amendment, 1869-70
25—The New Southern Politics and Governments
27—Southern Politics, 1868-70: Changes & Challenges
30—Southern Politics, 1871-72: Republican Consolidation & Recovery

May
2—Southern Economy & Society: Cotton Fields & Beyond
4—Midterm Test (tentative date). Bring “green books.”

II Conservative Reaction and Stabilization, 1872-90
Foner, Reconstruction, pp. 444-612.
Ward M. McAfee. Religion, Race, and Reconstruction.
Stuart McConnell. Glorious Contentment.

May
7—Benefits and Costs of Southern Republican Rule
9—Civil-Rights Politics in the Grant Era
11—Industrialization and Northern Social Changes
14—Changes in Parties and Factions, 1870-72
16—The Panic of 1873 and Its Effects
18—Conservative Gains in the South, 1873-76
21—Conservative Gains in the North, 1873—76
23—The 1876 Election and “the Compromise of 1877”
28—Memorial Day (in memory of the Union dead). No class.
30—“Spoils” and “Reform” Politics, 1877-84.

June
1—The First Cleveland Presidency, 1885-89
4—What Happened to Civil Rights in the 1880s?
6—The Cultural Road to Reunion
8—1889-90: The New Sectionalism and the Old

June 12 (Tues.)—Final Exam, 3:15-5:15. Bring “green books.”

Midterm Test—25 % of grade. Paper—25 %. Final Exam—50 %.
Paper: A 6-page critical, reflective essay based on assigned or additional reading.