THE CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION

The readings below are all required. The books are available in paperback at Bookculture on 112th Street, and on reserve in Butler Library. Copies of the documents, articles and book chapters are available either online via Google or the library website (*), or via email to colloquium participants (**).

September 13: Fighting the Civil War

Russell Weigley, The American Way of War, chs. 1-8
Gabor Boritt, ed., Why the Confederacy Lost
*Drew Faust, “'We Should Grow Too Fond of It’: Why We Love the Civil War,” Civil War History, December 2004, 368-83

September 20: The Politics of Emancipation

Eric Foner, The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery
*Frederick Douglass, Oration in Memory of Abraham Lincoln, 1876
*Abraham Lincoln, Emancipation Proclamation, 1863

September 27: The Confederate Experience

Stephanie McCurry, Confederacy Reckoning
**David Potter, “The Historian’s Use of Nationalism and Vice-Versa,” in Potter, The South and the Sectional Conflict

October 4: The War At Home

Melinda Lawson, Patriot Fires
Drew Faust, Mothers of Invention

October 11: Emancipation: The Black Response

Leon F. Litwack, Been in the Storm So Long
*"Colloquy With Colored Ministers," Journal of Negro History, XVI (January 1931), 88-94
October 18: Andrew Johnson, the Radicals, and Reconstruction

Eric L. McKitrick, Andrew Johnson and Reconstruction

October 25: Reconstruction: A Synthesis

Eric Foner, Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution

November 1: Black Politics After Slavery

Steven Hahn, A Nation Under Our Feet

November 8: No class (school holiday)

November 15: Reconstruction: Toward a New Synthesis?

**Papers from the Wiles Symposium, Queen’s University, Belfast, October 2008 (To be distributed via email)**

*Articles in Civil War History, LI (December 2005), 358-432
*Steven Hahn, “Class and State in Postemancipation Societies: Southern Planters in Comparative Perspective,” American Historical Review (February 1990), 75-98

November 22: The North and the Civil War Era

Sven Beckert, The Monied Metropolis

November 29: The Memory of the Civil War Era

David Blight, Race and Reunion

**Raphael Samuel, Theaters of Memory, vol. 1, pp. 3-48

December 6: The Aftermath

Theodore Rosengarten, All God's Dangers