

Winthrop University

Department of History

History 505-001 CRN 11261 History of South Carolina

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Scope of the Course

This upper level history course is an intensive exploration of our state's past, beginning with the interaction of ethnic groups, friction between the Low Country and the Back Country, and the introduction of slavery. We will focus on landmarks such as the American Revolution in South Carolina, the rise of the Cotton Kingdom, Andrew Jackson versus John C. Calhoun, South Carolina's exit in 1860 from the Union, the Civil War and Reconstruction, Tillmanism, the founding of Winthrop University, a changing economy in the early 20th century, the challenges of the Great Depression, the state's participation in World War II, the response to desegregation and civil rights demonstrations, and the changes of the last half century. We will move rapidly, exploring these topics and others which will allow us to gain a new perspective of the economic, social, and political forces which shaped our state from Colonial times to the present.

This new perspective will be enhanced by primary research which you will conduct with Dr. Lee's assistance. Four short papers called Carolina

Snapshots, on topics you select with Dr. Lee, will allow you to research four periods of time in South Carolina history. These Carolina Snapshots are described below. Additionally, students will read and review one book (fiction or non-fiction) about our state. Book Review Instructions are attached and will be discussed with you.

In History 505, you and the instructor will identify primary source material and the literature of our state, and our understanding of the state will be enhanced to a greater degree than we have experienced in other, more traditional, courses. Thus, History 505 will help us understand who we are as a people, the events which shaped us, and the challenges which await South Carolina on the horizon.

The Instructor

Dr. Lee is past president of the South Carolina Historical association, the York County Historical and Genealogy Society, and the Yorkville Historical Society. He serves on the State Archives Commission and the Review Board for the National Register of Historical Places. In 2016, he received the State Historic Preservation Award from the governor for his successful efforts to save the York County Courthouse. He is the author of six books on our state's history, including South Carolina In The Civil War, John Gary Anderson And His Maverick Motor Company, and the award-winning history of his hometown, Yorkvile To York. Frequently, he lectures, writes, and consults about South Carolina, appearing on National Public radio's "Walter Edgar's Journal," and delivering the Convocation address for Winthrop University's 125th anniversary. Contact information for Dr. Lee is found above. Use him as an advisor and resource as you make your way through History 505.

Goals

In History 505, we will improve our ability to analyze and interpret primary source historical evidence and to use this evidence to write about South Carolina's past and its literature. Since you will post your Carolina Snapshots and book reviews on the course's Blackboard, you will interact with the instructor and your classmates. Reading, writing, speaking, analytical, and research skills will be sharpened as we take a fresh look into South Carolina's past. All of our department's Student Learning Outcomes are achieved in History 505 through rigorous adherence to these goals. Please note below that graduate students enrolled in History 505 are required to submit longer, more detailed Carolina Snapshots and book reviews.

On-Line

Since this fall course is on-line, it allows us flexibility. Time which would be normally spent in our classroom can now be spent in archives, libraries, or discovering historical information in the collections of the Louise Pettus Archives, the State Archives, and other repositories. Many materials have been digitized and are easily accessible with your computers.

Dr. Lee's experience with on-line platforms is extensive. He has taught courses remotely on several occasions and won a Presidential Citation for his efforts in the early years of distance learning. The keys to a successful on-line experience in History 505 are: carefully read this syllabus, keep up, select Carolina Snapshot topics and books for review as soon as possible, contact Dr. Lee with questions, regularly check the course's Blackboard, and notify Mr. Thomas Cornelius in Winthrop's Instructional Design Office about technical issues.

Requirements

We will research (using primary documents) four brief (4-5 typed pages each) Carolina Snapshots. Each of these papers focuses on a topic YOU select for four time periods of South Carolina's past. Snapshot 1 looks at a topic you choose which is from the era until 1800. This Carolina Snapshot is due on 9/25. The second Carolina Snapshot, due 10/23, examines a topic from the 1800s. The third Carolina Snapshot focuses on the 1900s and is due on 11/13. The final Carolina Snapshot is a look at our state in the 21st century and is due on 11/23. Our book review is due on the last day of the course, 12/4. Each assignment should be sent via email to Dr. Lee and posted on the course's Blackboard no later than 5:00 p.m. on the due date. Therefore, the four Carolina Snapshots and the book review are worth 20% each of the course's grade. We use a ten point grading scale in History 505 (i.e., 90=A, 80=B) with +/- grades used as necessary. Late papers are not normally accepted. Graduate students enrolled in History 505 are required to submit 8-10 page Carolina Snapshots and book reviews, following the guidelines of the documents attached to this syllabus. You are expected to adhere to Winthrop University's code of academic integrity.

Students With Disabilities

Dr. Lee will certainly accommodate anyone with disabilities. Please contact the office of accessibility (Bancroft Annex, third floor) 803 323 3290, as soon as possible so that accommodations can be made.

Covid-19

While the world battles the coronavirus, on-line courses like History 505 are common; they enforce by their organization social distancing. When on campus, wear a mask and adhere to Winthrop University's Covid-19 policy.

Key Dates For History 505

- 8/26-Orientation begins. Read this syllabus, the book review instructions, the document entitled “Focusing Your Carolina Snapshots”, and listen to Ms. Gina Price White’s interview (link on Blackboard) about some of the holdings of the Louise Pettus Archives. Begin selecting Carolina Snapshot topics.
- 9/7 -Consult with Dr. Lee via email about your research and any questions you might have.
- 9/25- Carolina Snapshot 1 (S.C. until 1800) due by 5:00 p.m. Post on Blackboard and forward via e-mail to Dr. Lee.
- 10/5- Research Carolina Snapshot 2 and select book for review.
- 10/23- Carolina Snapshot 2 (S.C. until 1900) due by 5:00 p.m.
- 10/26- Research Carolina Snapshot 3 and continue reading book for review.
- 11/13-Carolina Snapshot 3 (S.C. until 2000) due by 5:00 p.m.
- 11/16- Research Carolina Snapshot 4 and continue reading book for review.
- 11/23 – Carolina Snapshot 4 (S.C. in 21st century) due by 5:00 p.m.
- 11/30- Write Book Review.
- 12/4- Course concludes with book review due by 5:00 p.m.

Welcome To The History Of South Carolina!