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## THE CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION

The readings below are all required. The books are available in paperback at Bookculture on 112<sup>th</sup> 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. McKittrick, 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