**History 5304: Colloquium in North American Borderlands and Frontiers**

**Prof. D. Narrett narrett@uta.edu Fall 2016; WED. 7:00-9:50 p.m.**

**Office: Univ. Hall 345 Class: UH 14**

**Office Hrs.: MW 1:30-3:00 and 5:00-6:00**

**Course:**

This colloquium examines major issues in recent historical literature on North American borderlands and frontiers from the 1600s through the War of 1812 and its aftermath. “Borderlands” connote territories in which boundaries were fluid, uncertain, and commonly disputed between nationalities and empires. Our reading and discussion will focus on imperial rivalries and colonial-native relations, frontier cultural interchange, and issues of individual and group identity and allegiance. We will examine historical processes and geopolitical influences with intersecting local, continental, and transatlantic dimensions.

Each student will have the opportunity to lead one class discussion, in conjunction with Prof. Narrett, during the semester. We will begin this practice on Sept. 7, and carry it forward in each class meeting.

**Reading :**

**Articles:**

Jeremy Adelman and Stephen Aron, “From Borderlands to Borders: Empires, Nation-States, and the Peoples in between in North American History,” *American Historical Review*, 104 (June, 1999), 814-841. Read also the critiques of Adelman’s and Aron’s article—and their response: *American Historical Review*, 104 (Oct., 1999) 1221-1239.

Pekka Hamalainen and Samuel Truett, “On Borderlands,” *Journal of American History* (JAH), 98 (Sept., 2011), 338-361

Kathryn E. Holland Braund, “The Creek Indians, Blacks, and Slavery,” *Journal of Southern History*, 57 (Nov., 1991), 601-636.

**Books**

(All books currently in paperback except for D. Narrett)

Richard White, *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991).

Daniel H. Usner, Jr., *Indians,* *Settlers, and Slaves in A Frontier Exchange Economy: The Lower Mississippi Valley Before 1783* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1992).

Christina Snyder, *Slavery in Indian Country: The Changing Face of Captivity in Early America* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2010).

Claudio Saunt, *A New Order of Things: Property, Power, and the Transformation of the Creek Indians, 1733-1816* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999).

Michael A. Bellesiles, *Revolutionary Outlaws: Ethan Allen and the Struggle for Independence on the Early American Frontier* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 1993).

John Mack Faragher, *Daniel Boone: The Life and Legend of an American Pioneer*

New York: Macmillan, 1993).

David Narrett, *Adventurism and Empire: The Struggle for Mastery in the Louisiana-Florida Borderlands* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2015).

Rafe Blaufarb, *Bonapartists in the Borderlands: French Exiles and Refugees on the Gulf Coast, 1815-1835* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2005).

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**Student Support Services**: UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to [resources@uta.edu](mailto:resources@uta.edu), or view the information at [www.uta.edu/resources](http://www.uta.edu/resources).

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**CALENDAR**

**Aug. 31** Adelman and Stephen Aron, “From Borderlands to Borders: Empires, Nation-States, and the Peoples in between in North American History,” *American Historical Review*, 104 (June, 1999), 814-841. Read also the critiques of Adelman’s and Aron’s article—and their response: *American Historical Review*, 104 (Oct., 1999) 1221-1239.

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**Sept. 7** White, *The Middle Ground*

Sept. 14 White, *The Middle Ground*

Sept. 21 Usner, Jr., *Indians,* *Settlers, and Slaves in A Frontier Exchange Economy (entire)*

Sept. 28 First Paper Due

Oct. 5 Snyder, *Slavery in Indian Country*

Oct. 12 No Class—Religious Holiday

Oct. 19 Saunt, *A New Order of Things*

Kathryn E. Holland Braund, “The Creek Indians, Blacks, and Slavery,” *Journal of Southern History*, 57 (Nov., 1991), 601-636.

Oct. 26 Bellesiles, *Revolutionary Outlaws*

Nov. 2 Faragher, *Daniel Boone*

Nov. 9 Third Paper Due

Nov. 16 Narrett, *Adventurism and Empire*

Nov. 23 No Class-Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 30 Blaufarb, *Bonapartists in the Borderlands*

Dec. 7 Fourth Paper Due