History 465  The American Economy to 1865
Professor Lindstrom

Required Texts:

Thomas Dublin, Women at Work
James Willard Hurst, Law and the Conditions of Freedom
Susan Previant Lee and Peter Passell, A New Economic View of American History
Gary Walton and James Shepherd, The Economic Rise of Early America

Articles on reserve at the State Historical Society

Recommended Texts:

Students are urged to select and read one of the following survey textbooks:

Brownlee, Dynamics of Ascent
Scheiber, Vatter and Faulkner, American Economic History
Ratner, Soltow, and Sylla, The Evolution of the American Economy

*Lecture will incorporate discussion

Course Calendar

Sept. 4: Introduction to American Economic History
Sept. 6: The Impulse to Colonize*
Readings: Walton and Shepherd, pp. 1-64; and Lee and Passell, pp. 1-14

Sept. 9: The Northern Colonies in the Seventeenth Century
Sept. 11: The Southern Colonies in the Seventeenth Century*
Sept. 13: Colonial Development, 1685-1775

Sept. 16: Colonial Technology and Industry
Sept. 18: Currency Issues: Specie and Paper Money
Sept. 20: Colonial Commerce*
Readings: Walton and Shepherd, pp. 64-137; and Lee and Passell, pp. 15-27
Sept. 23: Population and Labor
25: Colonial Income and Wealth
27: British Mercantilism and the American Revolution*
Readings: Walton and Shepherd, pp. 138-77; and Lee and Passell, pp. 28-51.

Sept. 30: The American Economy, 1776-1790*

Oct. 2: No class
4: Land, Law and Economic Development*
Readings: Walton and Shepherd, pp. 178-201; Lee and Passell, 63-71; and Hurst, pp. 3-32.

Oct. 7: Early National Economic Policy
9: The American Economy, 1790-1815
11: The Origins of Long Term Growth*

Oct. 14: The Industrial Revolution: The First Stage
16: The Textile Industry*
18: The Early Industrial Worker*
Readings: Dublin, pp. 1-107; and Lee and Passell, pp. 63-93.

Oct. 21: Transportation Revolution I
23: Transportation Revolution II
25: Exam

Oct. 28: Financial Intermediaries I
30: Financial Intermediaries II*

Nov. 1: Government and the Economy

Nov. 4: Government and the Economy*
6: Western Agriculture*
8: Southern Agriculture
Readings: Hurst, pp. 33-70; Lee and Passell, pp. 130-53; and Harold Livesay, American Made, pp. 53-84.

Nov. 11: Slavery and the Southern Economy*
13: Slavery and Society*
15: Railroads
Readings: Lee and Passell, pp. 154-207.
Nov. 18: The Industrial Revolution: The Second Stage
20: Technology and Factor Prices*
22: The Industrial Worker*
Readings: Lee and Passell, pp. 93-107; and Dublin, pp. 87-207.

Nov. 25: The Quantity and Quality of Labor
27: Cities in Transition*

Dec. 2: The Origins of the Civil War*
4: The Civil War: I
6: The Civil War: II*

Dec. 9: Income and Wealth: I
11: Income and Wealth: II*
13: Review