Required Texts:
W. Elliot Brownlee, *Dynamics of Ascent*
Thomas Dublin, *Women at Work*
J. Willard Hurst, *Law and the Conditions of Freedom*
Susan Lee and Peter Passell, *A New Economic View of American History*

Articles on reserve at the State Historical Society or available at Kinkos

*Lecture will incorporate discussion on week's assigned readings*

Course Calendar

Sept. 2: Introduction to American Economic History
4: The Impulse to Colonize North America*
Readings: Brownlee, *Dynamics*, pp. 3-26;

Sept. 7: No class
9: The Southern Colonies in the Seventeenth Century*
11: The Northern Colonies in the Seventeenth Century

Sept. 14: Colonial Development, 1685-1775*
16: Colonial Technology and Manufacturing
18: No class
Readings: Lee and Passell, pp. 15-27;
John J. McCusker and Russell R. Menard, *The Economy of British America*, pp. 17-34 and 295-308;
Brownlee, pp. 27-58.

Sept. 21: Colonial Commerce*
23: Labor: Supply, Systems, and Skills
25: Colonial Income and Wealth

Sept. 28: British Mercantilism and the American Revolution*
30: The End of the Colonial Era, 1776-1783
Oct. 2: Exam
Readings: Lee and Passell, pp. 28-51;
Brownlee, pp. 89-119

Oct. 5: The 1780s: A Critical Decade?
7: Land, Law and Economic Development*
9: The Constitution and Early National Economic Policy
Readings: Hurst, *Law and the Conditions of Freedom*, pp. 3-32;
Lee and Passell, pp. 63-71.
Oct. 12: Modern Growth and the Structural Transformation*  
14: Transportation Revolution: I  
16: Transportation Revolution: II  

Oct. 19: The First Industrial Surge  
21: The Textile Industry*  
23: Textile Workers*  

Oct. 26: Financing American Enterprise  
28: Banking in the Antebellum Era  
30: Jackson and the Bank War*  
Readings: Lee and Passell, pp. 108-29; Andrew Jackson, "Veto Message" and selected readings from the Wisconsin Constitutional Convention; Brownlee, pp. 193-240.

Nov. 2: Government and the Antebellum Economy*  
4: The Rise of Midwestern Agriculture  
6: Slavery and the Southern Economy*  
Readings: Hurst, pp. 33-70; Brownlee, pp. 241-51; Lee and Passell, pp. 130-86.

Nov. 9: Slavery and Society*  
11: Exam  
13: Railroads  

Nov. 16: The Second Industrial Surge  
18: Technology and Factor Prices*  
20: The Textile Worker: Part II*  
Readings: Lee and Passell, pp. 93-107; Dublin, pp. 87-207.

Nov. 23: Migration, Immigration, and the American Worker  
25: Cities in Transition*  
Readings: Lindstrom, "Economic Structure, Demographic Change and Income Inequality in Antebellum New York City."

Nov. 30: Origins of the Civil War*  
Dec. 2: The Civil War: I*  
4: The Civil War: II  
Readings: Lee and Passell, pp. 208-40; Brownlee, pp. 251-65.

Dec. 7: The Regional Perspective: Growth and Inequality  
9: Personal Income and Wealth Inequality  
11: The Dynamics of Capitalism

Dec. 14: Review