Course Description: In this course we will explore Georgia’s unique history from colonial times to the contemporary era. Major themes include contact and relations with Native American cultures; the American Revolution; slavery; Georgia’s economic development; labor; political development; the Civil War and Reconstruction; race and gender; culture and religion; change and continuity. This course covers Georgia as part of the Old South and the New South, and we will examine the various meanings of those concepts.

Exams and Grading: Two essay exams (a mid-term and a final, listed on the calendar). Mid-term exam counts 30%, final counts 30%. Two short research papers (@6-8 pages each described separately) (one before the mid-term and one after), 40% (higher grade 30, lower grade 10).

Required Books:

David Williams, *Georgia*

Christopher Meyers, *The Empire State of the South*

We will be reading from these books each week; it is important that you complete the readings prior to class. Reading assignments are listed on the calendar. All students should complete all assigned readings.

Other required readings: We will also use the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* and the *Georgia Historical Quarterly* frequently. NGE is available online at http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Home.jsp. Assigned articles will appear on the calendar on the day they are due to be read. We will also add a few other readings from online sources. These will be announced in class in advance and posted on Vista.