

**History 553: Birth of the American Republic  
Schedule  
Fall 2006**

- Sept. 11 Introduction to the Course
- Sept. 18 Nation-making in Historical Perspective  
Read: Anderson, *Imagined Communities*
- Sept. 25 What Difference Did the Revolution Make?  
Read: White, *The Middle Ground*  
Introduction, chaps. 6-11. Epilogue
- Oct. 2 No Class: Yom Kippur
- Oct. 9 Why a Revolution?  
Read: Holton, *Forced Founders*
- Oct. 16 How Revolutionary was the Revolution?  
Read: Van Buskirk, *Generous Enemies*
- Oct. 23 Revolution and Empire  
Read: O'Shaughnessy, *An Empire Divided*
- Oct. 30 A Revolution for White Women?  
Read in packet:  
Klepp, "Revolutionary Bodies"  
Zagari, "The Rights of Man and Woman"  
Messer, "Writing Women into History"
- Nov. 6 The Revolution and African Americans  
Read: Frey, *Water From the Rock*
- Nov. 13 Native Americans in the Revolutionary Era  
Read: O'Brian, *Choctaws*  
**Paper due**
- Nov. 20 The Form of the Nation  
Read: Rakove, *Original Meanings*  
Chaps. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, and 11.
- Nov. 27 The National Imaginary  
Read: Tyler, *Algerine Captive*

- Dec. 4 Nation and Empire Revisited  
Read: Kastor, *Nation's Crucible*
- Dec. 11 Nation-making Revisited  
Read: Waldstreicher, *In the Midst of Perpetual Fetes*
- Dec. 18 Discussion of your conclusions  
**Final exam due**