HIST 3430 History of the Civil War and Reconstruction

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THE WARS OF RECONSTRUCTION
The Brief, Violent History of America’s Most Progressive Era

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Tuesdays and Thursdays: 11:40 -12:55 (plus discussions)

Course Description

◊ A survey of the turning point of US. history: The Civil War (1861-1865) and its aftermath, Reconstruction (1865-1877)

◊ Not simply a history of the four years of battles, the course covers nearly forty years, from the end of the Mexican War in 1848 through the political deals made by candidate Rutherford Hayes in 1877 that weakened Reconstruction.

◊ The class examines this critical period from a variety of angles and perspectives, from diplomacy and law to race and gender, and from presidential elections to the impact of Reconstruction on the West and the North ... And yes, a few battles.

Douglas Egerton will be visiting and teaching for the department of History through the Merrill Family Professorship in 2014-15. For more information the professorship and Professor Egerton please visit: http://history.arts.cornell.edu/Merrill-Fellow-Faculty.php