

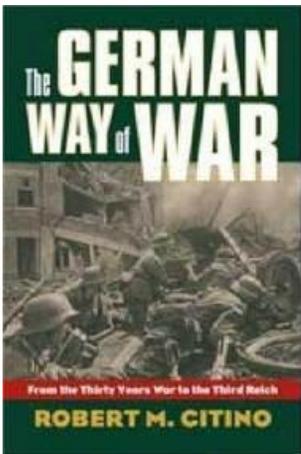
# THE WAR AND SOCIETY ROUNDTABLE

## Books, Dialogue and Debate

### "Meeting Engagements: Where Conflict and Culture Collide"

All meetings will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Hattiesburg Library, located at 329 Hardy Street. Several copies of each book will be available for loan at the library before the discussion. For more information, contact Sean Farrell at the Library at 601.584.3166 or Heather Stur at The University of Southern Mississippi at 601.266.4779 or [heather.stur@usm.edu](mailto:heather.stur@usm.edu).

#### Tuesday, September 13, 2011



**Book:** *The German Way of War: From the Thirty Years' War to the Third Reich* by Robert Citino (University Press of Kansas, 2008).

**Moderator:** Robert Citino, Professor of History, University of North Texas

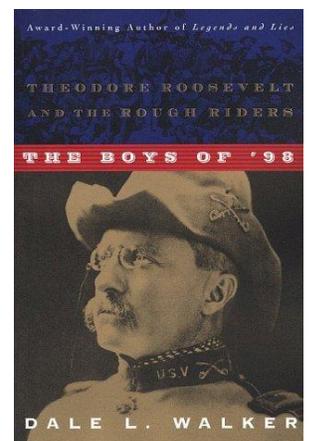
**Synopsis:** "Citino focuses on operational warfare to demonstrate continuity in German military campaigns from the time of Elector Frederick Wilhelm and his great "sleigh-drive" against the Swedes to the age of Adolf Hitler and the blitzkrieg to the gates of Moscow...He underscores the role played by the Prussian army in elevating a small, vulnerable state to the ranks of the European powers, describes how nineteenth-century victories made the German army the most respected in Europe, and reviews the lessons learned from the trenches of World War I."

#### Tuesday, October 11, 2011

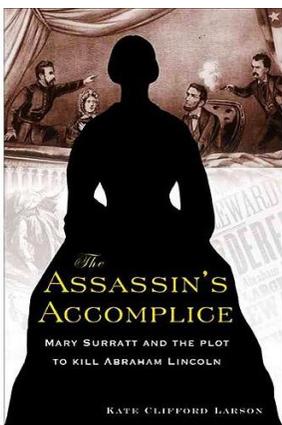
**Book:** *The Boys of '98: Theodore Roosevelt and the Rough Riders* by Dale L. Walker (Forge Books, 1999).

**Moderator:** Heather Stur, Assistant Professor of History, The University of Southern Mississippi

**Synopsis:** "This volume concentrates on the tumultuous creation and short, thrilling campaign of the volunteer regiment raised by then Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt. Walker zeroes in on the regiment of "woolly" adventurers/cowboys, frontier lawmen, New York club loungers, Harvard graduates, journalists, and wanderers whose virtue, according to Roosevelt, was their ferocity, energy, courage, and manliness."



#### Tuesday, November 8, 2011



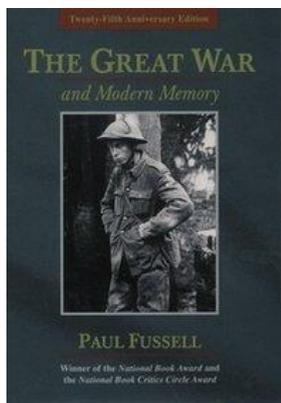
**Book:** *The Assassin's Accomplice: Mary Surratt and the Plot to Kill Abraham Lincoln* by Kate Clifford Larson (Basic Books, 2008).

**Moderator:** Susannah Ural, Associate Professor of History, The University of Southern Mississippi

**Synopsis:** "Set against the backdrop of the Civil War, this work tells the intricate story of the Lincoln conspiracy through the eyes of its only female participant. Based on long-lost interviews, confessions, and court testimony, the text explores how Mary's actions defied nineteenth-century norms of femininity, piety, and motherhood, leaving her vulnerable to deadly punishment historically reserved for men."

**Don't Forget: Tuesday, December 12, 2011—End of the Year Social**

## Tuesday, January 10, 2012



**Book:** *The Great War and Modern Memory* by Paul Fussell (Oxford University Press, 2000).

**Moderator:** Andrew Wiest, Professor of History, The University of Southern Mississippi

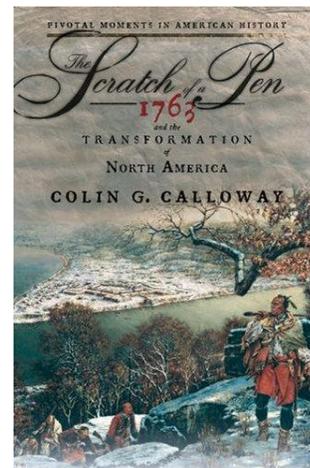
**Synopsis:** “Winner of the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and recently named by the Modern Library one of the twentieth century’s 100 Best Non-Fiction Books, Paul Fussell's landmark study of WWI remains as original and gripping today as ever before: a literate, literary, and illuminating account of the Great War, the one that changed a generation, ushered in the modern era, and revolutionized how we see the world.”

## Tuesday, February 14, 2012

**Book:** *The Scratch of a Pen: 1763 and the Transformation of North America* by Colin G. Calloway (Oxford University Press, 2007).

**Moderator:** Kyle Zelner, Associate Professor of History, The University of Southern Mississippi

**Synopsis:** “Colin Calloway reveals how the Treaty of Paris of 1763 had a profound effect on American history, setting in motion a cascade of unexpected consequences, as Indians and Europeans, settlers and frontiersmen, all struggled to adapt to new boundaries, new alignments, and new relationships. Britain now possessed a vast American empire stretching from Canada to the Florida Keys, yet the crushing costs of maintaining it would push its colonies toward rebellion. White settlers, free to pour into the West, clashed as never before with Indian tribes struggling to defend their way of life.”

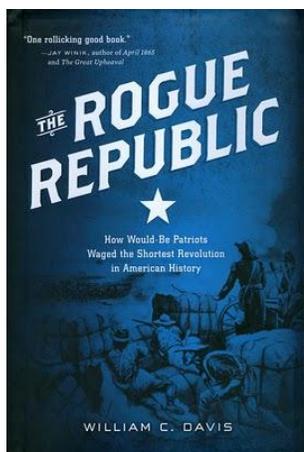


## Tuesday, March 13, 2012

**Book:** *The Rogue Republic: How Would-Be Patriots Waged the Shortest Revolution in American History* by William C. Davis (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2011).

**Moderator:** Max Grivno, Assistant Professor of History, The University of Southern Mississippi

**Synopsis:** “When Britain ceded the territory of West Florida— what is now Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida—to Spain in 1783, America was still too young to confidently fight in one of Europe’s endless territorial contests. So it was left to the settlers, bristling at Spanish misrule, to establish a foothold in the area. Enter the Kemper brothers, whose vigilante justice culminated in a small band of American residents drafting a constitution and establishing a new government. Soon thereafter, West Florida’s settlers announced their independence, becoming our country’s shortest-lived rogue ‘republic.’”

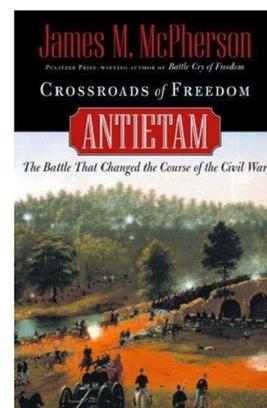


## Tuesday, April 10, 2012

**Book:** *Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam* by James McPherson (Oxford University Press, 2002).

**Moderator:** Susannah Ural, Associate Professor of History, The University of Southern Mississippi

**Synopsis:** “McPherson convincingly establishes the Battle of Antietam as the conflict's pivotal moment militarily, politically and morally. His depiction of the spring 1862 Confederacy shows it reeling under blockade while the North was learning how to practice "hard war." Before the battle, McPherson carefully demonstrates the Civil War's outcome had been disputable. In Antietam's aftermath, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. France and Britain discreetly backed away from recognition. The Republicans kept control of Congress and of most state governments. The war was now the Union's to lose.”



## Tuesday, May 8, 2012

**Book:** *The Crimean War: A History* by Orlando Figes (Metropolitan Books, 2011).

**Moderator:** Brian LaPierre, Assistant Professor of History, University of Southern Mississippi

**Synopsis:** “The Charge of the Light Brigade, Florence Nightingale—these are the enduring icons of the Crimean War. Less well-known is that this savage war (1853-1856) killed almost a million soldiers and countless civilians; that it enmeshed four great empires—the British, French, Turkish, and Russian—in a battle over religion as well as territory; that it fixed the fault lines between Russia and the West; that it set in motion the conflicts that would dominate the century to come.”

