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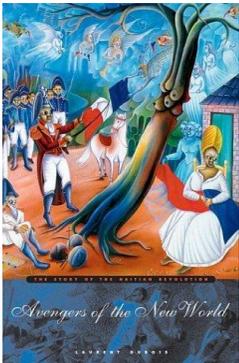
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THE WAR & SOCIETY ROUNDTABLE Books, Dialogue and Debate

"War and Society Across Time and Place"

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.

Tuesday, October 9, 2012



Book: *Avengers of the New World: The Story of the Haitian Revolution* by Laurent DuBois

Moderator: Matt Casey, Assistant Professor of History, University of Southern Mississippi

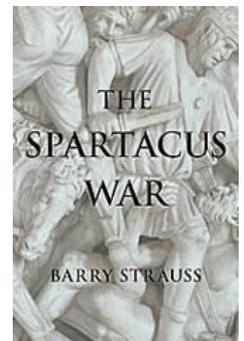
Synopsis: "The first and only successful slave revolution in the Americas began in 1791 when thousands of brutally exploited slaves rose up against their masters on Saint-Domingue, the most profitable colony in the eighteenth-century Atlantic world. Within a few years, the slave insurgents forced the French administrators of the colony to emancipate them, a decision ratified by revolutionary Paris in 1794. This victory was a stunning challenge to the order of master/slave relations throughout the Americas, including the southern United States, reinforcing the most fervent hopes of slaves and the worst fears of master."

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Book: *The Spartacus War* by Barry Strauss.

Moderator: Phyllis Jestice, Professor of History, University of Southern Mississippi

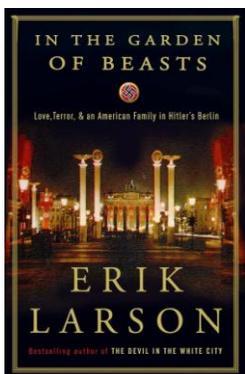
Synopsis: "A thrilling story that has inspired novelists and filmmakers: The real-life Spartacus is even more amazing than his fictional counterparts. A slave from Thrace (modern day Bulgaria), possibly of noble origins, he led a shocking rebellion at a gladiatorial school in Capua in 73 BC. Within two years the ranks of his army, which started with fewer than 100 men, swelled to 60,000; they routed nine Roman armies and for a time controlled all of southern Italy. The Roman general Crassus eventually defeated the slave army and while Spartacus apparently died on the field of battle, his body was never recovered. The legend arose that he escaped and remained undefeated."



Tuesday, December 11, 2012—End of the Year Social

Come prepared to munch, mingle, and mull over the questions: "What was the best War and Society book of the year?" and "What was the worst?"

Tuesday, January 8, 2013



Book: *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson

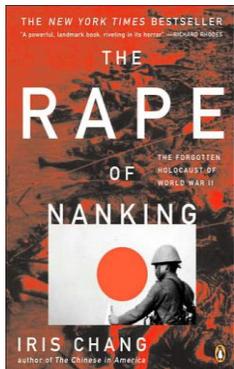
Moderator: Jason Dawsey, Visiting Instructor of History, University of Southern Mississippi

Synopsis: "Suffused with the tense atmosphere of the period, and with unforgettable portraits of the bizarre Göring and the expectedly charming--yet wholly sinister--Goebbels, *In the Garden of Beasts* lends a stunning, eyewitness perspective on events as they unfold in real time, revealing an era of surprising nuance and complexity. The result is a dazzling, addictively readable work that speaks volumes about why the world did not recognize the grave threat posed by Hitler until Berlin, and Europe, were awash in blood and terror."

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Tuesday, February 12, 2013



Book: *The Rape of Nanking: The Forgotten Holocaust of World War II* by Iris Chang

Moderator: Kenneth Swope, Professor of History, University of Southern Mississippi

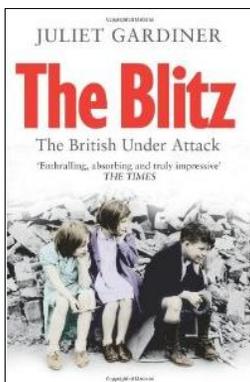
Synopsis: "In December 1937, the Japanese army swept into the ancient city of Nanking. Within weeks, more than 300,000 Chinese civilians and soldiers were systematically raped, tortured, and murdered—a death toll exceeding that of the atomic blasts of Hiroshima and Nagasaki combined. Using extensive interviews with survivors and newly discovered documents, Iris Chang has written the definitive history of this horrifying episode."

March 14th-17th, 2013

No Roundtable this month! Come and join us in New Orleans for the Society for Military History's annual meeting instead! Check it out at: www.smh2013.org



Tuesday, April 9, 2013



Book: *The Blitz: The British Under Attack*, by Juliet Gardiner

Moderator: Allison Abra, Assistant Professor of History, University of Southern Mississippi

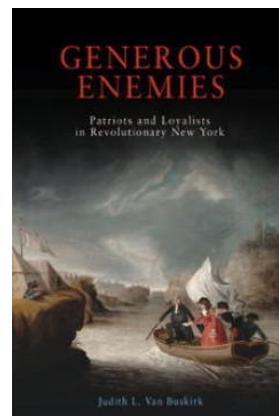
Synopsis: "September 1940 marked the beginning of Nazi Germany's aerial attack on civilian Britain. Lasting eight months, the Blitz was the form of warfare that had been predicted throughout the 1930s, and that the British people had feared since Neville Chamberlain's declaration that Britain was at war. Images of Britain's devastated cities are among the most iconic of the Second World War. Yet compared with other great moments of that war - Dunkirk, the North African campaign, D-Day - the Blitz remains curiously unexamined. 'The Blitz' is a much-needed exploration of one of the most important moments in Second World War history"

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Book: *Generous Enemies: Patriots and Loyalists in Revolutionary New York* by Judith L. Van Buskirk

Moderators: Kyle F. Zelner, Associate Professor of History and Stephanie A. Seal, MA Candidate, University of Southern Mississippi

Synopsis: "*Generous Enemies* challenges many long-held assumptions about wartime experience during the American Revolution by demonstrating that communities conventionally depicted as hostile opponents were, in fact, in frequent contact. Living in two clearly delineated zones of military occupation—the British occupying the islands of New York Bay and the Americans in the surrounding countryside—the people of the New York City region often reached across military lines to help friends and family members, pay social calls, conduct business, or pursue a better life. Examining the movement of Loyalist and rebel families, British and American soldiers, free blacks, slaves, and businessmen, Van Buskirk shows how personal concerns triumphed over political ideology."



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