
Elizabeth Gillespie McRae
Dr. McRae, who received her Ph.D. at the University of Georgia, is revising her dissertation titled Politics and Power: White Southern Conservative Women in the Age of Jim Crow. She has published articles in the Georgia Historical Quarterly, Carologue, and the North Carolina Historical Review. Her research interests center on the intersection of race, gender, and politics in the modern South.

Daniel S. Pierce
Dr. Pierce is associate professor and chair of the history department at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. He is a graduate of Western Carolina University (B.S.Ed.), the University of Alabama (M.A. History), and the University of Tennessee (Ph.D. History). At UNCA, he teaches classes in Appalachian and Southern History, the Civil War, Writing and History, and Environmental History. His research focuses on the Great Smoky Mountains, Southern Appalachian history, the history of moonshining, and NASCAR history.

Richard Starnes
Professor Starnes received his Ph.D. from Auburn University, and his teaching and research interests focus on the social and economic history of the American South. His books include Creating the Land of the Sky: Tourism and Society in Western North Carolina (University of Alabama Press, 2005), Southern Journeys: Tourism, History, and Culture in the Modern South (University of Alabama Press, 2003, editor), and History and Hope in the Heart of Dixie (University of Alabama Press, 2006, co-editor). He has published articles and reviews in Southern Cultures, North Carolina Historical Review, and other journals. He was named Hunter Scholar, 2003-2004.

Jessica Swigger
Jessie Swigger supervises WCU’s Public History Program and teaches courses in public history, and urban and suburban history. Her current research project is titled History is Bunk: Assembling the Past at Henry Ford’s Greenfield Village. She received her Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin in 2008.
Monday, June 21
**Sports in Modern American History**
Professors Alex Macaulay and Dan Pierce
Reading: *Learning to Win* by Pamela Grundy, and *Real NASCAR: White Lightning, Red Clay, and Big Bill France* by Dan Pierce.

Tuesday, June 22
**Tumultuous Times, America in the 1960s and 1970s**
Professors Elizabeth McRae and Gael Graham
Reading: *Why the North Won the Vietnam War*, edited by Marc Jason Gilbert (omit chapter 7).

Wednesday, June 23
**Public History, Public Classrooms, and the Contested Past**
(with a trip to Thomas Wolfe House)
Professor Jessica Swigger

Thursday, June 24
**Native Americans in the Civil Rights Era**
Professor Andrew Denson
Reading: *Blood Struggle* by Charles Wilkinson.

Friday, June 25
**Big Questions in Small Places: Connecting Students to the 19th Century through Appalachian History**
Professors Richard Starnes and Mary Ella Engel

The institute offers graduate credit (HIST 593, three hours credit) or Continuing Education Credit (one credit per day, up to five for the week.)

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**Faculty**

**Andrew Denson**
Dr. Denson received his Ph.D. from Indiana University and specializes in Native American history, especially the Cherokee. He is the author of *Demanding the Cherokee Nation: Indian Autonomy and American Culture* (University of Nebraska Press, 2004), as well as articles in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, *Western Historical Quarterly*, and *North Carolina Historical Review*. His current work focuses on Native Americans and historical memory.

**Mary Ella Engel**
Dr. Engel earned her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in 2009. Her dissertation, which deals with the intersection of religion, family, and violence in 19th century Appalachian Georgia, is currently under revision for publication. Two essays, drawn from her dissertation research, will appear soon in anthologies titled *Reconstructing Appalachia: The Civil War's Aftermath* and *Violence in Appalachia*. She is the Director of Social Science Education at WCU.

**Gael Graham**
Gael Graham has been teaching at Western Carolina University since 1990. Her specialty is twentieth-century American history, and she also teaches modern Asian history and American women's history. She is the author of two books, one on Protestant mission schools in China and the other on high school student activism in the 1960s.

**John Inscoe**
John Inscoe a history professor at the University of Georgia and leading scholar of the South and Appalachia. He is the author of *Mountain Masters: Slavery and the Sectional Crisis in Western North Carolina* and co-author of *The Heart of Confederate Appalachia: The Civil War in Western North Carolina*, and has edited or co-edited volumes on Georgia race relations, Appalachians and race in the 19th century, southern Unionists during the Civil War, and on Confederate nationalism and identity.

**Alex Macaulay**
Alexander Macaulay was a cadet at The Citadel when the first woman enrolled there. He is an assistant professor and the Director of the Graduate Program of history at Western Carolina University. He received his Ph.D. from University of Georgia in 2003. He...