

HIS 521/CEG532: Introduction to US History to the Civil War

Tuesday 6:30-9:30PM – SBS N318

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Intro to US History to the Civil War is a graduate field seminar designed as an introduction to the history and historiography of America from pre-colonization to the Civil War. Its purpose is to introduce students to major themes, interpretations, and methods of inquiry. It is intended to provide a broad (rather than deep) command of the field. During the semester, we will discuss key concepts and arguments in the literature, and explore the way historians interpret events, activities, and ideas from the past. We will proceed through the material in roughly chronological order, with each session examining an approach, theme, concept, or debate that has been of particular interest to American historians. **Enrollment in History MA/PhD program or permission of instructor.**