

# **Austin Serio Independent Study**

## **Chiefdoms, Collapse, and Coalescence in the Early American Southeast**

**Wednesdays 10-11am**

**KJCC #419**

**Instructor: Professor Elizabeth Ellis**

*How did the early American South change over the course of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century? How can we understand the legacies of these first Southern peoples?*

### **Course Description:**

This independent study is focused on preparing the student to write a research paper on the Dimery and Chicori peoples. Over the course of the semester we will read historical and archaeological monographs that investigate the pre-colonial and colonial era Southeast. This course aims to put investigations of the Dimery and Chicori communities and research on Cheraw & Catawba coalescence in conversation with the broader dynamics of the Mississippian and Colonial southeast for a deeper understanding of early events in the Carolina Piedmont and beyond. The ultimate goal of this project is to produce an original research paper of 20 - 25 pages, and that will be grounded in primary sources.

### Assignments and Grading:

- Each week the student will come prepared to discuss the assigned monograph or articles. 50%
- Detailed outline of research 15%
- Research Paper 35%

### **Booklist**

1. Mapping the Mississippian Shatter Zone | Robbie Franklyn Ethridge
2. Chiefdoms, Collapse, and Coalescence in the Early American South | Robin Beck
3. The Indians' New World | James H. Merrell
4. Lumbee Indians in the Jim Crow South | Malinda Maynor Lowery
5. Account of Florida | Juan Pardo
6. Knights of Spain, Warriors of the Sun: Hernando de Soto and the South's Ancient Chiefdoms | Charles Hudson

7. Pocahontas's People: The Powhatan Indians of Virginia Through Four Centuries | Helen C. Rountree
8. A New Voyage to Carolina | John Lawson

### ***Mapping the Southeast***

1. 2/6 Week One: Surveying the Shatter Zone
  1. Mapping the Mississippian Shatter Zone | Robbie Franklyn Ethridge
2. 2/13 Week Two: European Contact with Southeastern Paramount Chiefdoms
  1. Chiefdoms, Collapse, and Coalescence in the Early American South | Robin Beck
3. 2/20 Week Three: European Contact with Southeastern Paramount Chiefdoms
  1. Pocahontas's People: The Powhatan Indians of Virginia Through Four Centuries | Helen C. Rountree
4. 2/27 Week Four: Catawba Coalescence
  1. The Indians' New World | James H. Merrell
5. 3/6 Week Five: Race and Identity in the Jim Crow South
  1. Lumbee Indians in the Jim Crow South | Malinda Maynor Lowery
6. 3/13 Week Six: Eastern Siouan?
  1. The Evolution of Siouan Communities in Piedmont North Carolina | R. P. Stephen Davis
  2. An Indian Vocabulary from Fort Christanna, 1716 | Edward P. Alexander
  3. Siouan Languages in the East | William C. Sturtevant
  4. American Indian Survival in South Carolina | Thea Perdue
7. 3/27 Week Seven: Spaniards & the Ancient South
  1. Account of Florida - The "Long" Bandera Relation
8. 4/3 Week Eight: Spaniards & the Ancient South
  1. Knights of Spain, Warriors of the Sun: Hernando de Soto and the South's Ancient Chiefdoms | Charles Hudson
9. 4/10 Week Nine: British Contact in the Carolina Piedmont
  1. A New Voyage to Carolina | John Lawson

10. 4/17 Week 10: Research Week
  1. We will not meet this week.
11. 4/24 Week 11 Research Week
  2. We will not meet this week
12. 5/1 Week 12 Research Week
  3. Student will come to meet with me prepared with complete outline of the final paper and central argument
13. 5/8 Week 13 Research week
14. 5/15 Week 14, Paper discussion
  4. Final paper due this week