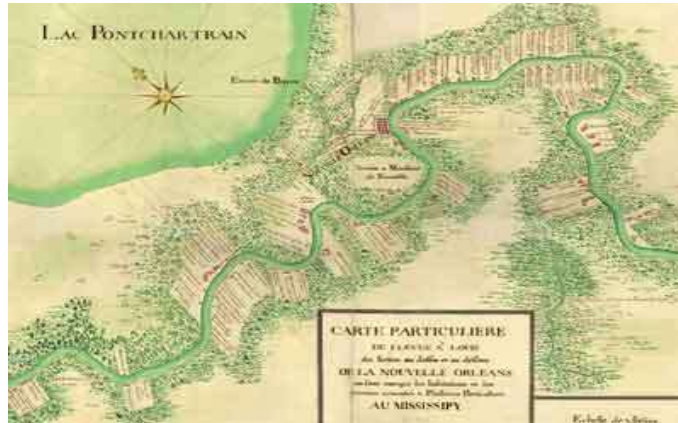


FALL 2016/Honors 3025.1*
Advanced Seminar in Social Science and Humanities:
Louisiana on the Mississippi
TTH 3:00 – 4:30
Dr. Clint Willson & Dr. Granger Babcock



Course Description:

The goal of this course is to build on LASAL Scholars' prior knowledge of the history of the Mississippi River, and its significant role in the State's wetlands loss, history, culture, and politics. The specific focus of this class will be on the development of the river as an economic engine and resource for the state and region, and how this development has shaped the culture and history of Louisiana. Our investigation will be framed by man's desire to manage and to control the natural environment for gain.

Reading List:

Paul Schneider, *Old Man River: The Mississippi River in North American History*
Shannon Dawdy, *Building the Devil's Empire: French Colonial New Orleans*
Mark Twain, *Life on the Mississippi* or *Huck Finn*
Walter Johnson, *River of Dark Dreams: Slavery and Empire in the Cotton Kingdom*
William Percy, *Lanterns on the Levee*
Richard Wright, *Uncle Tom's Children*
John Barry, *Rising Tide*
John McPhee, *The Control of Nature*
Craig Colten, *Unnatural Metropolis: Wrestling New Orleans from Nature*

*Course is reserved for LASAL Scholars who have taken HNRS 2013: The State of Louisiana, HIST 3071: Louisiana History, and POLI 2056: Louisiana Politics, and who are in their third or fourth year in the program. Other Ogden Honors students may enroll in the course if space is available and with the permission of the instructors.