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Bridgewater State College
Teaching American History Grant - Summer 2006

***The Document Itself: The Creation and Ratification, and
Implementation of the U.S. Constitution.***

Sunday, July 16th

Arrival in Philadelphia.

Monday, July 17th

Morning: Orientation to the Course and Campus; Tour of Philadelphia.

Meet in Lobby of residence hall at 9:30 a.m.

Afternoon: State Constitutions.

Readings:

- Cathy Matson, “Liberalism and Republicanism,” and Peter Onuf, “Federalists and Anti-Federalists,” in *Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History*.
- Drew R. McCoy’s entry on “James Madison” in *A Companion to American Thought*, edited by Richard Wightman Fox and James T. Kloppenberg, 1995.
- Elisha Douglass, *Rebels & Democrats: The Struggle for Political Rights and Majority Rule During the American Revolution* Gordon Wood, *The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787* (pages 125-255: “Part Two: The Constitution of the States”).

Tuesday, July 18th

Morning: Online Research Presentation, Van Pelt Library.

Afternoon: James Madison.

Readings:

- Jack Rakove, *James Madison and the Creation of the American Republic*.
- Lance Banning, “1787 and 1776: Patrick Henry, James Madison, The Constitution, and the Revolution,” in *Towards a More Perfect Union*, Neil B. York, ed.

Wednesday, July 19th

Morning: Ratification of Constitution.

Afternoon: Bill of Rights. Guest speaker: Professor Rogers Smith (Chair, Political Science Department, University of Pennsylvania).

Readings:

- Saul Cornell's entry on "The Bill of Rights," Rogers Smith entry on "Rights," both in *A Companion to American Thought*, edited by Richard Wightman Fox and James T. Kloppenberg, 1995.
- Leonard W. Levy, "The Bill of Rights," in *The American Founding: Essays on the Formation of the Constitution*.

Thursday, July 20th

Morning: Discussion on Historiography; Primary Research Presentation at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Afternoon: National Constitution Center.

Dinner: City Tavern.

Readings:

- "The Constitution: Conflict or Consensus?", in *Interpretations of American History: Patterns and Perspectives*.
- Charles Beard's "An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution" and Robert E. Brown's "The Beard Thesis Attacked: A Political Approach," both in *Essays on the Making of the Constitution*, Leonard W. Levy, ed.

Friday, July 21st

Morning: Wrap Up.