

THE WAR AND SOCIETY ROUNDTABLE

Books, Dialogue, and Debate

A Year of War Fiction

All meetings will begin at 6:30PM and will be held at the Hattiesburg Library, located at 329 Hardy Street. Several copies of each book will be available for loan at the library before the discussion. For more information, please contact Sean Farrell at the Library at 601-584-3166 or Kyle Zelner at Southern Miss at kyle.zelner@usm.edu or 601-266-6196.

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Book: *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque (Ballantine, 1987)

Moderator: Amy Milne-Smith, Asst. Professor of History, Univ. of Southern Mississippi

Synopsis: Originally published in English in 1929, it is considered by many to be the finest war novel of all times. Paul Baumer and his German friends, begin the war as teenagers sure of the justice of their cause and the glory that will be theirs . . . confronted with trench warfare, dying in hellish agony, Paul must face the reality in which he finds himself and prepare for the world to which he will return, irrevocably changed.



Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Book: *The Unvanquished* by William Faulkner, (Macmillan, 2002)

Moderator: Max Grivno, Assistant Professor of History, Univ. of Southern Mississippi

Synopsis: Originally published in 1938, the novel raises critical questions about the American memory of the Civil War. U during the war (in Mississippi); we see Confederates and Yankees, raids and skirmishes and armies firsthand. Faulkner celebrates the gallantry and heroism of the Sartoris family and . . . their code of personal responsibility and courage.



Tuesday, November 11, 2008

Book: *Master and Commander* (W.W. Norton & Co., 1994)

Moderator: Phyllis Jestice, Associate Professor of History, Univ. of Southern Mississippi

Synopsis: During ce, Jack Aubrey, a young lieutenant in Nelson's navy, is promoted to captain of the *HMS Sophie*, an old, slow brig unlikely to make his fortune. Yet, with the aid of his friend Stephen Maturin, ship's surgeon and secret intelligence agent, Aubrey and his crew engage in one thrilling battle after another.

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 End of the Year Social

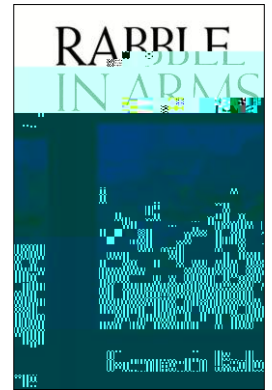
Come prepared to munch, mingle, and mull over the questions What was the best War and Society book and

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

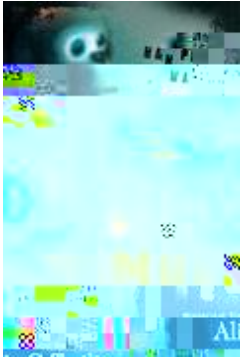
Book: *Rabble in Arms* by Kenneth Roberts (Down East Books, 1996)

Moderator: Kyle Zelner, Assistant Professor of History, Univ. of Southern Mississippi

Synopsis: Hailed by one critic as the greatest historical novel written about America upon its original publication in 1933. The story of the Northern Continental Army in 1776-1777 blends treachery, ambition, and idealism with an unforgettable cast of characters in a magnificent novel renowned not only for the beauty and horror of its story but also for its historical accuracy.



Tuesday, February 10, 2009



Book: *Still the Monkey* by [Author Name]

