

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

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Professor Ransom taught classes at the undergraduate and graduate level dealing with the Civil War, World War I, an Introduction to the 20th Century, and Global Economic History. In 2003 he received the UCR Distinguished Teaching Award. He has given numerous talks and lectures dealing with the Civil War. In recent years his favorite topic is “What if the South had won the war?”

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