HIST 680

Freedom Rising, the Second Year of Civil War: 1862

This course will examine the critical Maryland Campaign of September 1862, which marked the first time Confederate General Robert E. Lee invaded Union territory and which culminated in the bloodiest single-day of battle in all of American history along the banks of Antietam Creek, near Sharpsburg, Maryland. While examining in detail the campaign and its four battles--South Mountain, Harpers Ferry, Antietam, and Shepherdstown--this course will also take a critical look at the larger implications and consequences of the campaign, including the impact on the people and the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. In this course we will examine how the Maryland Campaign of 1862 forever altered the course of American history. This course is specifically designed for middle school and high school educators and includes a mandatory four day workshop on site in historic Harper’s Ferry.