The UNC General Alumni Association is excited to announce our North Carolina History Series filled with Reconstruction, The War for Independence and more. Please join us as we explore the issues and events that define us as a state. For additional information, please visit alumni.unc.edu/nchistory.

Your Lecturer

Fred Kiger ’74 (’77 MAT) leads our North Carolina History Series. Freddie has over 30 years of teaching experience and has earned two degrees from UNC, a bachelor’s in history and a master of arts in teaching with an emphasis in history.

Lecture Schedule

You may choose however many classes you’d like to attend. Tuition is $35 per class; GAA members pay only $20. Classes will be held in the George Watts Hill Alumni Center’s Royall Room from 7–9 p.m., unless otherwise noted.
Thursday, February 23

**The Lost Colony**

The settlement on Roanoke Island was an attempt by Queen Elizabeth I to establish a permanent English settlement in North America. Granted to Sir Walter Raleigh and led by John White in 1587, the 118 men, women and children seemed to have vanished when supply ships returned in August of 1590. Be with us as we tell the story of their colonizing effort and share the latest evidence that tries to resolve one of America's greatest mysteries.

Thursday, March 16

**Blackbeard**

Though his activity spanned only a few years, 1716–18, his legacy lives on in the form of countless books, films, ghost stories and, even, amusement park rides. Sign on for an evening of fact and fiction as we sail with, perhaps, the most well-known pirate of the New World.

Tuesday, April 4

**1957 UNC Basketball Season**

It was the most remarkable season capped by back-to-back heart-stopping triple overtimes in the national semi-final and championship games. Lace up your Chuck Taylors and be with us as we tell the story of Frank McGuire's undefeated Tar Heels who won the ACC's first national basketball title and infused this town and campus with its first intoxicating dose of March Madness.

Thursday, April 13

**Daniel Boone**

A legend even in life, this explorer, pioneer, frontiersman and woodsman continues to fascinate. On this occasion, we’ll chronicle his exploits in North Carolina and to the west of the Appalachians. Blaze a trail to be with us as we try to separate fact from fiction about one of this nation’s first folk heroes.

Thursday, April 27

**Blue Ridge Parkway**

This 469-mile ribbon of beauty continues to be the most visited unit of the National Park System. Connecting Shenandoah National Park in Virginia and North Carolina’s Great Smoky Mountain National Park, work began in September of 1935 and, incredibly, at one time, the Parkway was designed to span eastern Tennessee and not western North Carolina. Be with us as we detail the story of one of North Carolina's priceless gems.

Thursday, May 11

**The University of North Carolina, Part I (1776 to 1835)**

It is the oldest state university in the nation and the only one to admit and graduate a student in the 18th-century. From William Richardson Davie and James Hogg to President Joseph Caldwell, join us as we begin the story of UNC.
Thursday, May 25

**Biltmore Estate**

Used as a set for numerous movies and the inspiration for many artists, George Washington Vanderbilt II built this Châteauesque-styled mansion between 1889 and 1895. Still, the largest privately-owned house in the United States, it is a place of architectural awe and natural beauty. Come walk with us as we stroll the grounds and linger in the Gilded-Aged halls and rooms of what Mr. Vanderbilt called his “little mountain escape.”

Thursday, June 8

**USS North Carolina**

Commissioned April 9, 1941, the USS North Carolina was the first newly-constructed American battleship to enter service in World War II. In the Pacific Theater, she took part in every major offensive and, with 15 battle stars, became the most decorated US battleship in World War II. Join us as we clear the deck and document the action-filled story of the “Showboat.”

Thursday, June 22

**Andy Griffith Show**

For eight seasons—from October 1960 to April 1968—this series never placed lower than 7th in the Nielsen Television Ratings and ended its final season at number one. Pull up a chair and, Mayberry-style, we’ll serve up a series of stories and anecdotes about the show and characters in one of the most popular and endearing series in television history.

Thursday, June 29

**North Carolina’s Ironclads: Albemarle and Neuse**

With much of northeastern North Carolina in Union hands by the spring of 1862, the backdoor to Richmond was open. In the spring of 1864, the Confederacy, not only wanted to slam shut that door but unhinge Federal strategy in Virginia and North Carolina. The Confederate ironclads Albemarle and Neuse came close to making those goals a reality. This is their story.

FIELD STUDY

Saturday, May 6 - Sunday, May 7

**1780-81: Southern Campaign in the War for Independence (King’s Mountain, Cowpens and Guilford Courthouse)**

While the War for Independence began in the Middle and New England Colonies, it was brought to a close by the military events in the South. To understand that phenomena, we travel west to an area that the Earl Cornwallis called the “hornet’s nest.” Join us for a two-day, one-night excursion as we visit King’s Mountain, Cowpens and Guilford Courthouse. Yes, you’ve driven by them countless times and may have stopped years ago but join us as we walk hallowed ground and spin stories about the uncommon deeds accomplished by common men—all events that led to the nation’s independence. *Pricing for the Field Study is to be determined.*
The General Alumni Association is a self-governed, nonprofit organization serving Carolina and its many alumni, students, parents and friends. Membership in the GAA is open to anyone seeking closer ties to the University. Join while registering for this program to take advantage of the member discount along with other benefits including discounts on other programs such as the Adventures in Ideas seminars, the free print borrowing privileges at UNC libraries, automatic subscription to the monthly e-newsletter “Out of the Blue” and email notification of public enrichment forums. Call (800) 962-0742 for membership information.

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Refunds for lectures: Tuition is fully refunded for any cancellation made three weeks prior to the class. Any cancellation after that time is subject to a 50 percent fee. No tuition is refunded if the cancellation is made within 24 hours of the class.

Class dates may change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts. If you are unable to attend the rescheduled date, tuition will be refunded in full. Questions? Contact Douglass Payne ’04 at (919) 962-0313 or alumni_travel@unc.edu.