Alumni, parents and friends are invited to join Professor David F. Schmitz, Robert Allen Skotheim chair of history, for an exploration of Colonial America and the Revolutionary War in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia May 20-31, 2013

Join Professor Schmitz on this in-depth study of Colonial America, the events leading to the revolution, and the beginnings of the concept of American nationalism. Walk Boston’s Freedom Trail, the battlefields and burying grounds of Lexington and Concord, Fort Ticonderoga and other sites along the Hudson. Picture the battles of New York and Long Island, visiting a village that looks very much as it did in colonial times. In Philadelphia, stand among the ghosts of the men who pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to declare independence and launch the American experiment of democracy.


He teaches courses on United States Foreign Policy, America in Vietnam, Twentieth Century U.S. History, the History and Sociology of Rock ‘n’ Roll, the 1960s, and General Studies. Professor Schmitz has received the Robert A. Fluno Award for Distinguished Teaching in Social Science, the G. Thomas Edwards Award for Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship, the Faculty Award for Service to Alumni, Paul Garrett Fellowship, Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award, over a dozen Louis B. Perry Scholar Award for faculty-student collaborative research. He has received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Foundation.

Professor Schmitz has led alumni trips to Vietnam and on the Erie Canal, and has spoken at Summer Colleges and alumni events around the country. He is currently researching the origins of American nationalism in the 18th and 19th centuries.
Day 1: Monday, May 20
Arrive in Boston, check into Millennium Bostonian Hotel, next to Faneuil Hall.
Welcome dinner in the historic Green Dragon Tavern, oldest in Boston.

*Overnight Millennium Bostonian; D*

Day 2: Tuesday, May 21
A walking exploration along the Freedom Trail, visiting sites such as the Old South Meeting House, Old State House, Paul Revere House and Faneuil Hall. Professor Schmitz will establish the context for the events in Boston and discuss the significance of each site in the growing revolutionary crisis.

A lunch break during the walk will be on your own at a restaurant in or near Faneuil Hall.

Group dinner tonight is in an historic Boston restaurant.

*Overnight Millennium Bostonian; D*

Day 3: Wednesday, May 22
Today is a coach and walking exploration of Lexington and Concord, including a group lunch in an historic Lexington restaurant. Explore Bunker Hill, The Battle Green, the Old North Bridge, Monument Square, The Old Burying Ground, The South Burying Ground, Authors Ridge of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Minuteman National Historical Park. Professor Schmitz will speak about the significance of these sites as you stand on the ground where the “shot heard ’round the world” was fired. The growing tensions between the colonies and Great Britain turned to military conflict at Lexington and Concord. We will explore what happened that day and why the farmers of Western Massachusetts became Minutemen who hitched their futures to the radical vision of Boston’s leaders.

Return to Boston in the afternoon; enjoy a group dinner tonight in an historic Boston restaurant.

*Overnight Millennium Bostonian; L, D*

Day 4: Thursday, May 23
Today we leave Boston and drive to Fort Ticonderoga. Lunch is on your own on the main street of an historic town. After a break, explore Fort Ticonderoga, then head to Saratoga Springs. Fort Ticonderoga and Saratoga played critical roles in the ultimate success of the Revolutionary War as American forces prevented the British from dividing the colonies and controlling the northern interior.

Dinner tonight is at Hattie’s Restaurant, Saratoga Springs, owned by Jasper Alexander ’91.

*Overnight The Inn at Saratoga; D*

Day 5: Friday, May 24
Travel along the Hudson River to Hyde Park, where you’ll visit the FDR Library, museum, and grounds. Lunch will be on your own at the Hyde Park Diner. After lunch, travel to New York and check in at the Millennium Broadway Hotel in the heart of Times Square. Enjoy a walking exploration en route to dinner in a private room in a lovely, intact late 1800’s Brownstone. The site of the British Encampment is along the way.

*Overnight Millennium Broadway; B, D*
Day 6: Saturday, May 25
Take the subway to the Financial District in lower Manhattan, home of many of the Beaux-Arts and Art Deco Skyscrapers which made New York a world-unique 20th Century City. Your walk through this area will include such sites as Federal Hall, Battery Park, Bowling Green, with Revolutionary War commentary throughout.

Lunch will be on your own at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, followed by a docent-led tour of the new American Wing. There will be free time to enjoy the Met on your own or take a walk in Central Park. In the late afternoon, it’s off to Brooklyn for a stroll along a promenade with a world-famous view of the magnificent Lower Manhattan skyline, while discussing the Battle of Long Island. You will be introduced to a choice of several restaurants for dinner on your own. This evening, attend Barge Music, a classical music concert on board a houseboat with the magical night view of the Manhattan skyline and the majestic Brooklyn Bridge towering above.

Overnight Millennium Broadway

Day 7: Sunday, May 26
Today takes you to Huntington, Long Island, a community that still has many homes and buildings from the Revolutionary era. Huntington serves as a microcosm for how many towns experienced the American Revolution. Visit the cemetery, freedom pole and historic houses, with a lecture at the Huntington Historical Society library.

Enjoy lunch overlooking Long Island Sound at the Bay Club. On the return to Manhattan, stop in at the Teddy Roosevelt House. This evening is free with optional theatre; shows to be determined (tickets are not included in program cost).

Overnight Millennium Broadway; L

Day 8: Monday, May 27
Transfer from the hotel to Pennsylvania Station, to board Amtrak to Philadelphia. (Baggage handling at Penn Station is not included.) In Philadelphia, you will be met by a new guide and coach, and introduced to Philadelphia’s vast variety and depth of colonial and revolutionary history.

On arrival in Philadelphia, visit the new center city home of the Barnes Foundation that replicates the scale, proportions, and configuration of the original galleries in Merion. Celebrated for its exceptional breadth, depth, and quality, the Barnes Foundation’s art collection includes works by some of the greatest European and American masters of impressionism, post-impressionist, and early modern art, as well as African sculpture, Pennsylvania German decorative arts, Native American textiles, metalwork, and more.

Check in to The Inn at the Union League conveniently located on Philadelphia’s dynamic Avenue of the Arts. Founded in 1862 during the American Civil War, the Union League of Philadelphia is a private club whose members include civic-minded business, professional, and social leaders. It boasts an unrivalled collection of writings on the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln, as well as important art.

This evening enjoy dinner in one of the League’s elegant private dining rooms.

Overnight Union League; D

Day 9: Tuesday, May 28
Explore “America’s most historic square mile” visiting sites such as Independence Hall, birthplace of America, where the Declaration of Independence was signed and adopted and the Constitution drafted more than 200 years ago, The Liberty Bell, the most revered symbol of American independence, Carpenters’ Hall, the meeting place of the First Continental Congress in 1774, the Free Quaker Meeting House, Christ Church Burial Ground, and the Betsy Ross House.

Enjoy lunch on The Moshulu, once one of the world’s grandest tall ships, now a lively restaurant with South Seas flair, located at Penn’s Landing on the Delaware River.
After lunch, stroll Elfreth’s Alley the oldest continuously occupied residential street in the nation, with houses built between 1728 and 1836. Stop in at Christ Church, built between the years 1724 and 1754, the birthplace of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States and a fine example of Georgian Colonial architecture. Fifteen signers of the Declaration of Independence attended Christ Church, including George Washington and Ben Franklin.

Complete your tour of the historic district with a visit to the National Constitution Center, America’s first and only museum devoted to the United States Constitution and the freedoms that empower us as individuals and as a nation. The center features over 100 interactive and multimedia exhibits, film, photographs and artifacts to engage and inspire every American. You will see the center’s award-winning theatrical presentation, Freedom Rising, featuring a live actor as well as documentary film. Freedom Rising connects visitors in a direct, engaging and unforgettable way, with the story of the U.S. Constitution. Dinner this evening will be on your own.

*Overnight Union League; B, L*

**Day 10: Wednesday, May 29**

This morning’s visits will feature looks into written histories. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, one of the oldest in the country, was founded in 1824. Its permanent collection of Philadelphia history from the 1600s contains early documents and paintings including the first two drafts of the U.S. Constitution and the original plan for Independence Hall. The Library Company of Philadelphia, founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1731, is the oldest circulating library in the U.S. It houses three centuries of artifacts from American life from the Colonial period through the Civil War. A fascinating collection of unparalleled depth, holdings include the library of William Penn’s secretary, James Logan, Lewis and Clark’s 1804 guidebook, and Jefferson’s copy of his first published book. The American Philosophical Society Library, the oldest learned society in America, includes the largest collection of Benjamin Franklin’s papers, extensive information about the American Indian, and the original journals kept by Lewis & Clark.

Enjoy lunch at historic City Tavern, a reconstructed 18th-century tavern featuring colonial fare, then tour Historic Germantown, where Philadelphia’s only Revolutionary War battle was fought. It is also where the first-ever American protest against slavery was written in 1688 by the original Mennonite families, and where one of the few remaining houses on the Underground Railroad still stands. In 1777, Cliveden house was the scene of the Battle of Germantown, a pivotal action between George Washington’s troops and the British. Extraordinary architecture and furnishings, scars left by cannonballs and fascinating family stories offer a rare and lively perspective on America’s past. Dinner this evening will be on your own.

*Overnight Union League; B, L*

**Day 11: Thursday, May 30**

Depart for Valley Forge National Historical Park, the site of the 1777-1778 winter encampment of the Continental Army. The park commemorates the sacrifices and perseverance of the Revolutionary War generation and honors the ability of citizens to pull together and overcome adversity during extraordinary times.

Enjoy lunch on your own prior to returning to Philadelphia where you will have the remainder of the afternoon to re-visit your favorite sites, find new places or just enjoy exploring the neighborhoods of Philadelphia. Join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at one of the area’s exciting and innovative restaurants.

*Overnight Union League; B, D*

**Day 12, Friday, May 31**

After breakfast at the Inn, depart for home or a continuation of your journey through Colonial America. Check out time is at 11:00 a.m.
COST - BASED ON MINIMUM OF 20 PASSENGERS

Per Person Sharing Double: $4,800

Per person Single Room: $6,570

Deposit: $1,200

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS POLICY
Notification of cancellation must be received in writing to Whitman College by email, postal mail or fax. At the time we receive your written cancellation, refunds will be made according to the following per person forfeiture:

Until February 20, 2013: $250 cancellation fee.
From February 21-April 20, 2013: 50% of trip cost cancellation fee.
From April 20-May 14, 2013: 75 % of trip cost cancellation fee.
100 % cancellation charge for any cancellations thereafter. No refunds will be issued for unused portions of the tour once the tour begins. We highly recommend trip cancellation insurance, available through your local travel agent or online.

Hotels:

**Boston**
*Millennium Bostonian*
26 North St.
617 523 3600

**Saratoga Springs**
*The Inn at Saratoga*
231 Broadway
518-583-1890

**New York City**
*Millennium Broadway*
145 W. 44th, between 6th and 7th
212 768 4400

**Philadelphia**
*The Inn at the Union League*
140 S. Broad St.
215-587-5570

TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Price Includes**

- Accommodations at hotels listed and meals as indicated.
- Transport in air-conditioned coach, with arrival/departure transfers and all sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- All applicable entrance fees.

**Price does not include**

- Beverages and additional meals.
- Tips of personal nature.
Accommodations:
I/We are non-smoker(s) ___ smoker(s) ___ (smoking is limited to outdoors in non-group spaces).

I request single accommodations and will pay the single room at $ 6,570.

I would like to be assigned a roommate. If one is not available, I will pay the single supplement.

Deposit:
Please find my enclosed check payable to Whitman College for $1200 per person $ __________________
or charge my credit card $ _______________
VISA or Mastercard # __/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__  /__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__/__   Expiration ________________

Signature _________________________________________________________________________________