

Fisher Fellowship Award for 2004-2005

John Schlotterbeck, Professor of History - (Fall) Completion of book manuscript, "Thomas Jefferson's 'Chosen People of God': Rural Society and Culture in the Virginia Piedmont, 1714 to 1900."

Abstract

The manuscript examines rural society and culture in Piedmont, Virginia, during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Focusing on Orange and Greene Counties as a case study, the project reconstructs day-to-day economic, political, and social relations in the community, examines the impact of broader historical developments, like the American Revolution, political parties, transportation and market ties, government policies, the Civil War, and Emancipation, on local society; and studies changes in the structure and experience of community over time.