

The Civil War as An American Tragedy



Tuesday, January 17 7:30 pm

Noted historian David Goldfield



Goldfield will present his answers to those questions and more at the next Catawba College Community Forum on Tuesday evening, January 17, 2012.

Born in Memphis and raised in Brooklyn, David Goldfield is Robert Lee Bailey Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is the author of sixteen books on various aspects of Southern and American history ("they're different," he notes on his website). His most recent book, *America Aflame*, appeared in March of 2011. The New York Times called the book a "masterly synthesis of political, social, economic and religious history," and added: "Most history books try to explain the past. The exceptional ones, of which *America Aflame* is a distinguished example, remind us that the past is ultimately as inscrutable as the future." The Christian Science Monitor called the book, "a riveting, comprehensive, and delightful piece of historical writing..."

Other titles by Goldfield include *Still Fighting the Civil War*, *Cotton Fields and Skyscrapers*, and *Black, White, and Southern*. Professor Goldfield has been heard frequently on National Public Radio as well as other outlets.

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