Appendix: Implementing Teacher Standards

Objectives/Standards:

The state has recently instituted Common Core standards, and they are scheduled to go into effect this year for the new semester courses of American History I and II. This move has been thrown into doubt by recent legislation passed which directs the state to develop alternative standards, but we have every reason to believe the standards below remain valid for the coming year. The following standards and clarifying objectives are relevant to the seminar topic.

During this unit I plan to address the following 2014 North Carolina Social Studies Standards:

American History Standard AH1.H3

Understand the factors that led to exploration, settlement, movement, and expansion and their impact on United States development over time. (This Standard can be addressed through a study of human settlement patterns like immigration and colonization as discussed in the CU.)

Clarifying Objective AH1.1H3.1

Analyze how economic, political, social, military and religious factors influenced European exploration and American colonial settlement (e.g., Reformation, mercantilism, improvements in navigation technology, colonization, defeat of Spanish Armada, Great Awakening, etc.). (This Standard can be addressed through a study of human activity over early American history, notably by the colonizing nations of England, France and Spain as discussed in the CU.)

Clarifying Objective AH1.1H3.2

Explain how environmental, cultural and economic factors influenced the patterns of migration and settlement within the U.S. before the Civil War (e.g., economic diversity of regions, mercantilism, cash crops, triangular trade, ethnic diversity, Native American Indian beliefs about land ownership, Lewis & Clark expedition, farming, Industrial Revolution, etc.). (This Standard can be addressed through the colonization process and the obstacles which confronted early settlers as discussed in the CU.)

American History Standard AH1.H.8

Understand how and why the role of the United States in the world has changed over time. (This Standard can be addressed through a study of the taming of the frontier over the course of American History leading up to the 1890 census as discussed in the CU.)