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Independence Lost: The Gulf Coast and the American Revolution





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Kathleen DuVal's talk focuses on the Revolutionary War on the Gulf Coast. There, Spaniards, Britons, Creeks, Chickasaws, Choctaws, Acadians, enslaved and free African Americans, and others—but not American revolutionaries—took advantage of the war to forward their own ambitions. "Independence Lost" tells an alternative story of the American Revolution with unexpected actors, forgotten events, and surprising consequences.

Professor DuVal's research focuses on early America, particularly cross-cultural relations on North American borderlands. Her book *The Native Ground: Indians and Colonists in the Heart of the Continent* (University of Pennsylvania, 2006) argues that, in the middle of the continent, Indians rather than Europeans were more often able to determine the form and content of their relations. Her second book is *Interpreting a Continent: Voices from Colonial America* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2009). Co-edited with her father, the literary scholar and translator John DuVal, this book is a collection of primary sources showing the diversity of colonial America. DuVal is currently writing a book on the American Revolution on the Gulf Coast titled "Independence Lost," under contract with Random House.