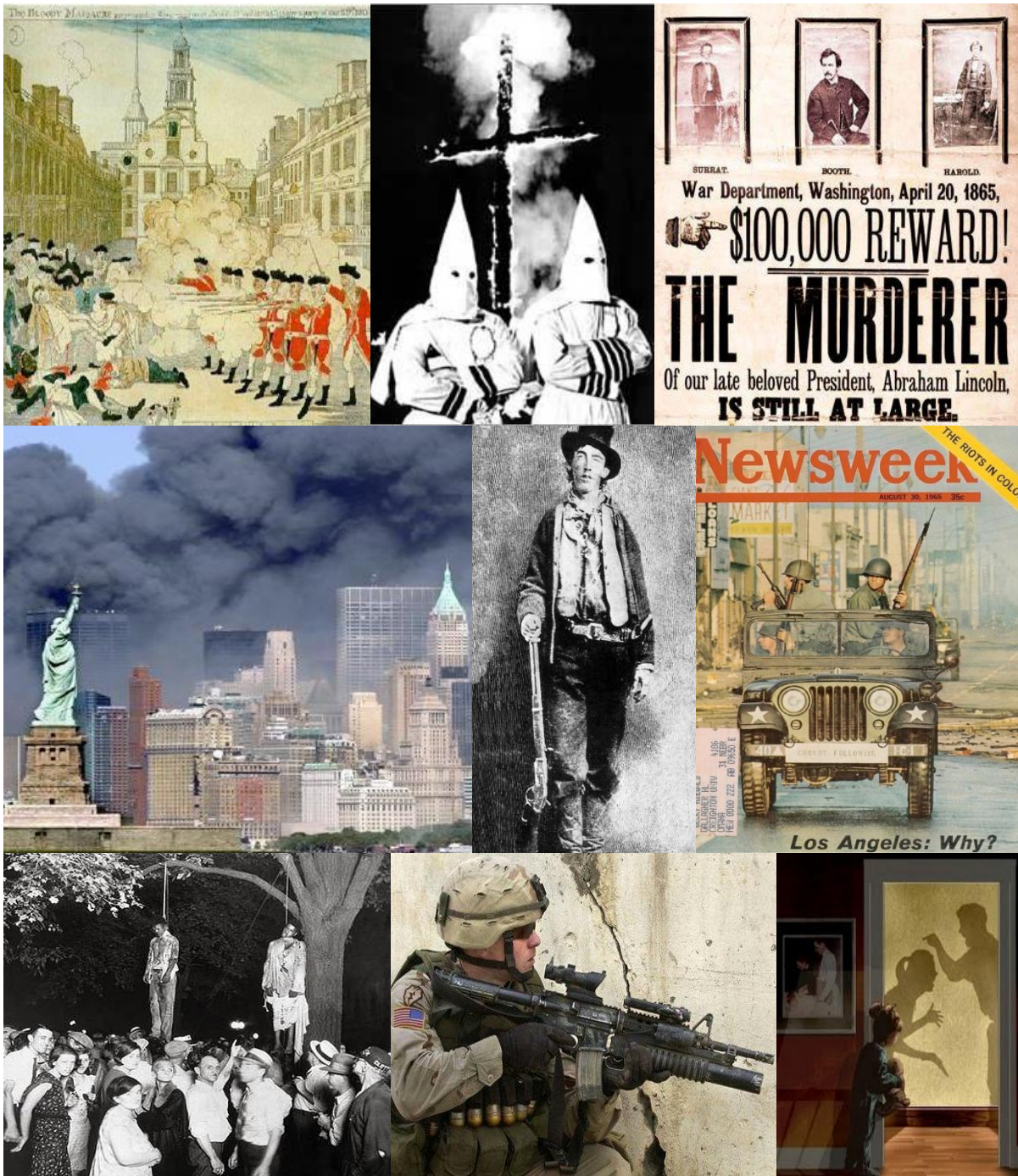


HIST 422: VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Winter 2012 (5 credits) - MW 12-1:50, F 12-12:50 - Dr. Ryan Dearing



History 422 will examine the problematic history of violence in America from the colonial period to the present. The course format will consist of primary and secondary source readings, lectures, discussions, debates, workshops, visual presentations, and films. Using analytical concepts such as race, class, and gender, we will investigate the various types, causes, and historical consequences of violence; the politics, memory, and historiography of American violence; and societal critiques of violence in America. A variety of topics will be covered, including, but not limited to: the tradition of mob violence in America; collective and interpersonal violence; racial and ethnic violence; war; violence in the U.S. West; gender and domestic violence; lynching; the American prison system; mass murders and serial killings; campus violence; gang violence; and terrorism.