

## *History Access Reading Group*

Meet with Professor TRACY McKENZIE  
to discuss

Stephen V. Ash,  
*A Year in the South, 1865:  
The True Story of Four Ordinary People Who  
Lived Through the Most Tumultuous Twelve  
Months in American History*

*Wednesday, April 27  
12:00 to 1:30 in Smith 306*

The book looks at the lives of a former slave looking for freedom, a Confederate veteran's widow trying to raise seven children while battling poverty, a prominent minister and planter, and a Confederate veteran caught up in postwar guerilla war. They lived in the South during 1865—a year that saw war, disunion, and slavery give way to peace, reconstruction, and emancipation. Between January and December 1865 they witnessed, from very different vantage points, the death of the Old South and the birth of the New South. Civil War historian Stephen V. Ash reconstructs their daily lives, their fears and hopes, and their frustrations and triumphs in vivid detail, telling a dramatic story of real people in a time of great upheaval and offering a fresh perspective on a pivotal moment in history. A wonderful read, it is available from Amazon.com in paperback for a little over \$10.

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Study questions forthcoming.