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A DISTANCE DIGITAL LIBERAL ARTS COURSE FROM COPLACDIGITAL
TO BE OFFERED FALL 2018 | 11 AM - 12:15 PM EASTERN TIME, MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

What makes a community break apart? At many moments in American political and religious history, secessionist and separatist movements have threatened to break away from their own communities. In this course, students will identify a secessionist or separatist movement in the vicinity of their home campus and learn digital skills to help them design a website presenting and analyzing the history of that movement. Who were the members of the secessionist movements? What made them different from the community of which they were originally part? Why was secession or separation—rather than dialogue and reconciliation—seemingly the better solution for their concerns? Students will analyze what makes a community and what happens when that community breaks down. In developing their research projects, students will investigate the history of community formation, read studies of social cohesion and social disunity, and learn digital skills.

Instructors

Mary Beth Mathews, Professor of Religion, University of Mary Washington

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Nominations from faculty and administrators will be accepted until Friday, March 16, 2018.

Nominate students at bit.ly/COPLACDigitalNomination



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