AMERICAN ART IN THE AGE OF REVOLUTION
TR, 12:45-2:00

This course explores American art during the 18th century “consumer revolution,” the American War for Independence, and the early republic. Lectures and readings emphasize the socioeconomic and political purposes of art with a focus on the visual culture of the Enlightenment and Second Great Awakening. Issues of national identity, republican ideology, capitalist enterprise and institutional slavery will be discussed in relation to paintings, sculptures, prints and architectural spaces. A civil war, the American Revolution sowed the seeds for the Civil War of 1861-65.