The American Revolution was in reality multiple conflicts. A struggle for independence against the British, it was also a civil war between different factions in America, a war between the European powers sweeping into four continents, a rebellion on the part of black slaves, struggles for identity and survival on the part of Native Americans, and a conflict that created new empires as well as destabilizing old ones. This seminar uses different angles and the rich resources of the Firestone Library to re-appraise a world-changing conflict.