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Pistols and Politics Reveals 19th-Century Southern Violence
LSU Press to release expanded book by Samuel C. Hyde, Jr., in June

Baton Rouge— In *Pistols and Politics*, Samuel C. Hyde, Jr., reveals the reasons behind the remarkable levels of violence in Louisiana's Florida parishes in the nineteenth century. This updated and expanded edition deftly brings the analysis forward to account for the continuation of violence and mayhem in the region in the early twentieth century.

Numerous pockets of small communities formed in the nineteenth-century South with cultures and values independent from those of the dominant planter class. As Hyde shows, one such area was the Florida parishes of southeastern Louisiana, where peculiar conditions combined to create an enclave of white yeomen, and where in the years after the Civil War, levels of conflict escalated to a state of chronic anarchy. His careful study of a society that degenerated into utter chaos illuminates the factors that allowed these conditions to arise and triumph. Additional material reveals the ongoing impact of a culture riddled with suspicion and bitterness well into the Jim Crow era.

Samuel C. Hyde, Jr., is the Leon Ford Professor of History at Southeastern Louisiana University and the author or editor of several books, including *A Fierce and Fractious Frontier*, *Plain Folk of the South Revisited*, and *The Enigmatic South*.

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