

James Barney is a Ph.D. candidate in History at The University of Memphis. As a Ph.D. candidate at The University of Memphis, James has focused on modern United States, European, and World History with particular emphasis on United States foreign policy, the political history of the United States and Europe as well topics dealing with modern conservatism, gender, race, sexuality and the legal history of the United States and Europe. His presentation today on The Staten Island Secession Movement in New York City (1990 to 1993) is a summary of the sixth chapter of his in-progress Ph.D. Dissertation that is tentatively entitled, "David Dinkins and New York City, 1989 to 1993: Political Coalition-Building and Governance in the Age of Identity Politics."