This seminar will explore various exchanges and transformations in the wake of the Encounter between Europe and the western hemisphere. Students will study individual instances—architecture, devotional practices, understandings of human nature, plants, diseases—of influence, translation, adaptation, or exchange.

Each member of the seminar will choose one instance of contact/exchange/adaptation/translation—how you conceptualize the relationship of Europe and the Western hemisphere is at the very center of the thinking we shall be doing in this course. Weekly meetings will address specific problems of research: conceptual models; identifying and locating sources; finding the relevant scholarship on one’s topic; reading sources; asking questions; formulating a research paper; discussing problems in writing up one’s findings; polishing the final essay.

The final paper—6250 words, not including the bibliography and notes, double-spaced, in 12-point New York Times font—is due in class, December 13.

Required Books:


Meetings:

- September 6  Preliminaries
- September 13  no class meeting: begin search for the focus of your research
- September 20  Paradigms I
  - J.H. Elliott, *The Old World and the New*
  - attend one of Memorial Library’s Historical Research Workshops:
- September 27  Paradigms II
  - *Implicit Understandings*

- October 4  Initial proposals: five minute oral reports
- October 11  Identifying sources: five minute oral reports
- October 18  Historiography: five minute oral reports
- October 25  Theorizing exchange: oral reports on model of exchange/translation/contact/?
- November 1  Bibliographies: initial reports on the literature on your topic
- November 8  Blocking the draft: initial reports
- November 15  Critiquing rough drafts: writing partners’ reports
- November 22  Critiquing rough drafts: writing partners’ reports
November 29  Last questions
December 6  Final papers: five minute reports
December 13  Final papers: five minute reports, papers due