

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History  
History 135  
Colloquium in Comparative World History,  
"Exploration and First Contact"

Seminar Calendar  
Fall, 1989

Sept. 5: Opening Discussion & Introduction.

Sept. 11-13: Issues and Themes: Redefining Exploration History.

Required Reading: Greg Dening, Islands and Beaches, Chapter 1; Marshall Sahlins, Islands of History, Chapters 1 - 2; Barry Lopez, Arctic Dreams, Chapter 7.

September 18-20: The Global View on the Eve of European Expansion.

Required Reading: Daniel Boorstin, The Discoverers, pp. 82 - 419; Eric Wolf, Europe and the People without History, pp. 1 - 125.

Sept. 25-27: The Dynamics of Cultural Conflict in Aztec Mexico.

Required Reading: M. Leon-Portilla, Broken Spears: Aztec Accounts, entire book; B. Dias del Castillo, The Conquest of New Spain, "Introduction," pp. 126 - 413; E. Wolf, Europe and the People, pp. 127 - 157.

Oct. 2-4: The African Context: A Victorian Woman's Journey.

Required Reading: Katherine Frank, A Voyager Out: The Life of Mary Kingsley, entire book.

Oct. 9-11: Exploration of the American West.

Required Reading: Frank Bergon (ed.), The Journals of Lewis and Clark, [pages to be assigned].

Oct. 16-18: First Contact and Cultural Conflict in the Pacific.

Required Reading: Greg Dening, Islands and Beaches, entire book; M. Sahlins, Islands of History, chapters 3-4.

Oct. 23-25: The Canadian West and Subarctic: The Illusive Passage.

Required Reading: Hugh Brody, Maps and Dreams (pages to be assigned); Alexander Mackenzie, Voyages from Montreal on the River St. Lawrence Through the Continent of North America to the Frozen and Pacific Oceans in 1789 and 1793 (pages to be assigned); B. Lopez, Arctic Dreams, chapters 1, 5-6.

Oct. 30-Nov. 1: European Intrusion into Papua and New Guinea (History 574).

Required Reading: I will put together a packet of readings for this week and place them on reserve in the Historical Society.

Nov. 6-8: Native Americans and the Exploration of the West.

Required Reading: William Goetzmann, Exploration and Empire, pp. 231-600; John W. Powell, The Exploration of the Colorado River.

Nov. 13-15: Wind, Water and Ice: Exploration of the Arctic (Joint).

Required Reading: Barry Lopez, Arctic Dreams, chapters 8 - 9; Franz Boas, The Central Eskimo, pages to be assigned; "Arctic Explorer Packet," Historical Society Library.

Nov. 20-23: Back to Africa: Mungo Park and the Niger River (History 574).

Required Reading: Mungo Park, Travels into the Interior of Africa [pages to be assigned]; David Robertson, Chiefs and Clerics, pp. 1 - 33; David Robertson and Douglas Smith, Sources in the African Past, pp. 123 - 159.

Nov. 27-29: A Return to the "Big Picture".

Required Reading: D. Boorstin, The Discoverers, pp. 294 - 478; Eric Wolf, Europe and the People without History, pp. 127 - 384.

Dec. 4-7: Exploration and Science in the 19th Century.

Required Reading: None.