History 910 Fall, 2009

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### READINGS IN COLONIAL NORTH AMERICA

What used to be thought of as "colonial American history" or, more recently, "colonial British North American history," has now been expanded to include the "Atlantic World" and then some. The seminar will explore this capacious perspective.

### **Readings**

Each week everyone will read the core assignment. All core readings may be bought at Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson Street (608-257-7888; room@chorus.net; www.roomofonesown.com). Beginning in the second week, each person will select their own secondary reading. Generally, you will be free to choose the work that most interests you, but some "volunteers" may be sacrificed to ensure coverage across the topics. Because the number of students in the combined seminars will almost certainly be larger than the number of readings, overlap is inevitable; if you and another student choose the same item, please work out a sharing agreement. If you cannot find the item you chose in seminar, look for another one.

All core readings have been placed on three-hour reserve at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library for the semester. Secondary readings are not reserved. Most monographs and journals can be found in the Library's collection [WHS]; if there is no indication, assume WHS. Non-circulating copies of a few journals live in the Reading Room, though this area may be under construction this fall. Other journals can be found at Memorial Library. An increasing number of journals and, for that matter, books, are available online. You can find electronically accessible journals and books in MadCat. Hard copies of items not in WHS can be found elsewhere on campus [indicated as C = College Library, Helen C. White Hall; CLC = in my possession; E = Ethnic Studies Collection, Helen C. White Hall; G = Geography Library, Science Hall; I = Internet via MadCat; L = Law School Library, Law School; M = Memorial Library; RR = Reading Room, Wisconsin Historical Society Library; UGR = 1191 Collection, Helen C. White Hall].

#### **Written Assignments**

You will write three papers, 7-8 pages, typed, double-spaced. You may choose which two of the first four papers to confront, but everyone must write the final essay. You need advert only to course readings but may include any relevant materials. If you wish to write on a different topic, please discuss your proposal with me.

- **Due Friday, September 18 -** Discuss the construction of the seventeenth-century Anglo-Atlantic world.
- **Due Friday, October 9** Characterize the relationships between native peoples and European colonists.
- Due Friday, October 30 Discuss how Anglo-American slavery may have functioned as a mechanism of and for social order.
- Due Friday, November 20 Detail the consolidation of political and economic structures in the eighteenthcentury British North American empire.
- **Due Monday, December 14** Evaluate the relationship between slavery and freedom in the imperial Atlantic world.

### **Paper Format**

Please follow the Style Sheet on my web page, http://history.wisc.edu/cohen/Style Sheet.pdf.

### **Rewrite Policy**

You may rewrite either or both of the first two assigned papers (time constraints prohibit rewriting the final one), but only after talking with me about such details as the new due date and the kinds of changes to be made. You must inform me of your decision to rewrite a paper by the Friday following the class session at which I first return the original version. You will ordinarily receive one week to rewrite, but I will be flexible about negotiating extensions for good cause. The old draft (plus any separate sheet of comments) *must* accompany the new version. Rewriting cannot lower your grade (nor can changing your mind about handing in a revised paper), but it does not by itself guarantee a higher one; you must *substantially rework the essay*, following my comments and initiating your own improvements too.

#### Grading

Simplicity itself. The papers and class discussion each count 25%.

### **Incompletes**

The Gendzel Protocol governs the assigning of Incompletes: in fairness to those students who turn their work in on time, I will not grant an Incomplete for reasons other than Acts of God or other extraordinary disasters (covered in the "Proclamation," p. 17 *infra*). You may have an Incomplete without penalty only in such cases; in all other instances, an Incomplete carries a grade penalty of ½-step.

#### **Email**

Everyone in the class must have a Wiscmail account, available from DoIT. To contact me *alone*, send messages to: <u>clcohen@wisc.edu</u>. To contact everyone in the class (including me) simultaneously, send messages to: <u>history910-1-f09@lists.wisc.edu</u> (section 1) or history910-2-f09@lists.wisc.edu (section 2).

### A Note on Scheduling

Please note that Section 1 will meet for the first time on Tuesday, September 1, so as to avoid my having to meet one section on Wednesday of one week and the other on the following Tuesday. The final meetings will take place on December 8 and 9.

#### I. EMPIRES AND AMERINDIANS

SEPT. 1/2 - THE BIG PICTURE

Core reading: J. H. Elliott, Empires of the Atlantic World: Britain and Spain in America 1492-1830

### II. SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY FOUNDATIONS OF ANGLO-AMERICA

### SEPT. 8/9 - HIVINGS OUT

Core reading: Alison Games, Migration and the Origins of the English Atlantic World

### **Secondary reading:**

#### Overview

Nicholas Canny, "English Migration into and across the Atlantic during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries," in *idem, Europeans on the Move: Studies on European Migration, 1500-1800*, 39-75 [M]

### African Diasporas

Michael A. Gomez, Exchanging our Country Marks: The Transformation of African Identities in the Colonial and Antebellum South, 114-53

Linda Heywood and John Thornton, *Central Africans*, *Atlantic Creoles*, *and the Foundation of the Americas*, 1585–1660, 5-48 [M]

Stephanie Smallwood, Saltwater Slavery: A Middle Passage from Africa to American Diaspora, 153-81 James Sweet, Recreating Africa: Culture, Kinship, and Religion in the African-Portuguese World, 1441-1770, 13-58 [M,C]

John Thornton, Africa and Africans in the Making of the Atlantic World, 1400-1680, 152-82 [M, UGR]

### **English Islands**

Susan Amussen, Caribbean Exchanges: Slavery and the Transformation of English Society, 1640-1700, 73-106 [CLC]

Carl and Roberta Bridenbaugh, No Peace Beyond the Line: The English in the Caribbean, 1624-1690, 9-34 Richard S. Dunn, Sugar and Slaves: The Rise of the Planter Class in the English West Indies, 1624-1713, 3-45 Larry Gragg, 'Englishmen Transplanted': The English Colonization of Barbados 1627-1660, 58-87 [M] Karen Ordahl Kupperman, Providence Island, 1630-1641: The Other Puritan Colony, 24-49

### Founding New England

Virginia Anderson, New England's Generation: The Great Migration and the Formation of Society and Culture in the Seventeenth Century, 177-221

David Grayson Allen, In English Ways: The Movement of Societies and the Transferal of English Local Law and Custom to Massachusetts Bay in the Seventeenth Century, 55-81

James F. Cooper, *Tenacious of Their Liberties: The Congregationalists in Colonial Massachusetts*, 23-45 Gloria L. Main, *Peoples of a Spacious Land: Families and Culture in Colonial New England*, 38-61

#### Migrations

Bernard Bailyn, The Peopling of British North America: An Introduction, 1-43

Carl Bridenbaugh, Vexed and Troubled Englishmen, 1590-1642, 394-433

David Cressy, Coming Over: Migration and Communication between England and New England in the Seventeenth Century, 235-62

David Hackett Fischer and James C. Kelly, Bound Away: Virginia and the Westward Movement, 12-73

#### Planting Virginia

Stephen Adams, The Best and Worst Country in the World: Perspectives on the Early Virginia Landscape, 110-55

David Hackett Fischer, Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America, 240-80

James Horn, Adapting to a New World: English Society in the Seventeenth-Century Chesapeake, 78-120

#### SEPT. 15/16 - THE FIRST ATLANTIC SETTLEMENT

Core reading: Carla Gardina Pestana, The English Atlantic in an Age of Revolution, 1640-1661

# **Secondary reading:**

#### Overview

Trevor Burnard, "The British Atlantic," in Jack P. Greene and Philip D. Morgan, eds., *Atlantic History: A Critical Appraisal*, 111-36

### Imperial Governance and Commerce

- Charles Andrews, *The Colonial Period of American History*, vol. 4: *England's Commercial and Colonial Policy*, 1-21
- Michael J. Braddick, "The English Government, War, Trade, and Settlement, 1625-1688," in Nicholas Canny, ed., *The Oxford History of the British Empire*: Volume I: *The Origins of Empire: British Overseas Enterprise to the Close of the Seventeenth Century*, 286-308 [C, M]
- Wesley Frank Craven, The Colonies in Transition 1660-1713, 32-68
- Alison Games, *The Web of Empire: English Cosmopolitans in an Age of Expansion, 1560-1660*, 147-80 Eliga H. Gould, "Revolution and Counter-Revolution," in David Armitage and Michael J. Braddick, eds., *The British Atlantic World, 1500-1800*, 196-213 [M]
- Jack P. Greene, "Negotiated Authorities: The Problem of Governance in the Extended Polities of the Early Modern Atlantic World," in *idem*, *Negotiated Authorities...*, 1-24
- T.O. Lloyd, *The British Empire 1558-1995*, 30-61
- J[ack] M. Sosin, English America and the Restoration Monarchy of Charles II: Transatlantic Politics, Commerce, and Kinship, 5-23
- Stephen Saunders Webb, *The Governors-General: The English Army and the Definition of the Empire*, 1569-1681, 57-100
- Nuala Zahedieh, "Economy," in David Armitage and Michael J. Braddick, eds., *The British Atlantic World*, 1500-1800, 51-68 [M]

# Liberties, Rights, and Freedoms

- David Armitage, "Empire and Liberty: A Republican Dilemma," in *idem*, *Greater Britain*, 1516-1776: Essays in Atlantic History, chap. VII (pp. 29-50, irregular pagination) [M]
- John Donoghue, "Unfree Labor, Imperialism, and Radical Republicanism in the Atlantic World, 1630-1661," *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas*, 1 (2004), 47-68
- Michael J. Guasco, "Settling with Slavery: Human Bondage in the Early Anglo-Atlantic World," in Robert Applebaum and John Wood Sweet, eds., *Envisioning an English Empire*, 236-53
- Edmund S. Morgan, *Inventing the People: The Rise of Popular Sovereignty in England and America*, 78-93 J. P. Sommerville, *Royalists and Patriots: Politics and Ideology in England 1602-1640*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 134-74 [M]

#### Religion in England and the Colonies

- Francis J. Bremer, Congregational Communion: Clerical Friendship in the Anglo-American Puritan Community, 1610-1692, 152-74
- J. C. D. Clark, The Language of Liberty 1660-1832: Political discourse and social dynamics in the Anglo-American world, 20-45
- Stephen Foster, The Long Argument: English Puritanism and the Shaping of New England Culture, 1570-1700, 138-74
- Philip Gura, A Glimpse of Sion's Glory: Puritan Radicalism in New England, 1620-1660, 215-34
- Andrew Murphy, Conscience and Community: Revisiting Toleration and Religious Dissent in Early Modern England and America, 75-122 [WHS, M]
- Kevin Phillips, The Cousins' Wars: Religion, Politics, & the Triumph of Anglo-America, 35-77

#### III. AMERINDIAN ENCOUNTERS

SEPT. 22/23 - RED CHATTEL

**Core reading:** Alan Gallay, *The Indian Slave Trade: The Rise of the English Empire in the American South,* 1670-1717

### **Secondary reading:**

### **Indian Slavery**

Eric E. Bowne, The Westo Indians: Slave Traders of the Early Colonial South, 72-88

William Brandon, Quivira: Europeans in the Region of the Santa Fe Trail, 1540-1820, 96-102, 146-56

Joyce E. Chaplin, "Enslavement of Indians in Early America: Captivity Without the Narrative," in Elizabeth Mancke and Carole Shammas, eds., *The Creation of the Atlantic World*, 45-70

Carl J. Ekberg, Stealing Indian Women: Native Slavery in the Illinois Country, 31-49

Michael Guasco, "To 'Doe Some Good upon Their Countrymen'; the Paradox of Indian Slavery in Early Anglo-America," *Journal of Social History*, 41, 2 (2007), 389-411

Sondra Jones, "'Redeeming' the Indian: the Enslavement of Indian Children in New Mexico and Utah," *Utah Historical Quarterly*, 67 (1999), 220-241

Russell M. Magnaghi, "Intertribal Slaving on the Great Plains in the Eighteenth Century," in *idem*, ed., *From the Mississippi to the Pacific*, 43-55

Theda Perdue, Slavery and the Evolution of Cherokee Society, 1540-1866, 19-35 [WHS, E, I]

William L. Ramsey, "A Coat for 'Indian Cuffy': Mapping the Boundary Between Freedom and Slavery in Colonial South Carolina," *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, 103 (2002), 48-66

L. H. Roper, "The 1701 "Ct for the Better Ordering of Slaves': Reconsidering the History of Slavery in Proprietary South Carolina," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 64 (2007), 395-418

Brett Rushforth, "Slavery, the Fox Wars, and the Limits of Alliance," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 63 (2006), 53-80

Claudio Saunt, "The English Has Now a Mind to Make Slaves of Them All': Creeks, Seminoles, and the Problem of Slavery," *American Indian Quarterly*, 22 (1998), 157-180

Stephen P. Van Hoak, "And Who Shall Have the Children? The Indian Slave Trade in the Southern Great Basin, 1800-1865," *Nevada Historical Society Ouarterly*, 41 (1998), 3-25

### Diplomacy, Warfare, Politics and Settlement in the Southeast

James Axtell, The Indians' New South, 25-44

Verner W. Crane, The Southern Frontier, 1670-1732, 108-136 [WHS, I]

Steven C. Hahn, The Invention of the Creek Nation, 1670-1763, 48-80

Tom Hatley, The Dividing Paths: Cherokees and South Carolinians through the Revolutionary Era, 17-31 James H. Merrell, The Indians' New World: Catawbas and Their Neighbors from European Contact through the Era of Removal, 49-91

Steven J. Oatis, A Colonial Complex: South Carolina's Frontiers in the Era of the Yamasee War, 1680-1730, 112-39

William L. Ramsey, The Yamasee War: A Study of Culture, Economy, and Conflict in the Colonial South, 79-97

Timothy Silver, A New Face on the Countryside: Indians, Colonists, and Slaves in South Atlantic Forests, 1500-1800, 67-103

Eugene M. Sirmans, Colonial South Carolina: A Political History 103-28

Daniel Usner, Indians, Settlers, & Slaves in a Frontier Exchange Economy: The Lower Mississippi Valley Before 1783, 13-43

#### SEPT. 29/30 - GENDERED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

**Core reading:** Juliana Barr, *Peace Came in the Form of a Woman: Indians and Spaniards in the Texas Borderlands* 

# **Secondary reading:**

#### Overviews

Claudio Saunt, "Go West: Mapping Early American Historiography," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 65 (2008), 745-778

Alan Taylor, American Colonies, 396-419

# Empires in the West

Ned Blackhawk, Violence Over the Land: Indians and Empires in the Early American West, 88-118 Kathleen DuVal, Indians and Colonists in the Heart of the Continent, 103-27

Pekka Hämäläinen, The Comanche Empire, 141-80

Daniel Royot, Divided Loyalties in a Doomed Empire: The French in the West from New France to the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 65-77 [CLC]

Richard White, The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815, 50-93

### Gender, Honor and Authority

James Brooks, Captives & Cousins: Slavery, Kinship, and Community in the Southwest Borderlands, 1-40 Wendy Lucas Castro, "Stripped: Clothing and Identity in Colonial Captivity Narratives," Early American Studies, 6 (2008), 104-136 [I]

Susan M. Deeds, "Subverting the Social Order: Gender, Power and Magic in Nueva Vizcaya," in Jesús F. de la Teja and Ross Frank, eds., *Choice, Persuasion, and Coercion: Social Control on Spain's North American Frontiers*, 95-120

Ramón Gutiérrez, When Jesus Came the Corn Mothers Went Away, 207-26

Orlando Patterson, Slavery and Social Death: A Comparative Study, 77-101 [M, UGR]

Nancy Shoemaker, A Strange Likeness: Becoming Red and White in Eighteenth-Century North America, 105-24

Richard C. Trexler, Sex and Conquest: Gendered Violence, Political Order, and the European Conquest of the Americas, 64-81

### The Spanish and the Amerindians

Gary Clayton Anderson, The Indian Southwest, 1580-1830: Ethnogenesis and Reinvention, 67-91

John Francis Bannon, The Spanish Borderlands Frontier 1513-1821, 92-107 [M]

Donald Chipman, Spanish Texas, 1519-1821,147-70

Steven W. Hackel, Children of Coyote, Missionaries of Saint Francis: Indian-Spanish Relations in Colonial California, 1769-1850, 65-122

Kristine Z. Jones, "Comparative Raiding Economies: North and South," in Donna J. Gray and Thomas E. Sheridan, eds., *Contested Ground: Comparative Frontiers in the Northern and Southern Edges of the Spanish Empire*, 97-114 [M]

John L. Kessell, Spain in the Southwest: A Narrative History of New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, and California, 223-51

Edward Spicer, Cycles of Conquest, 281-333 [M]

David J. Weber, Bárbaros: The Spaniards and Their Savages in the Age of Enlightenment, 52-90

David J. Weber, The Spanish Frontier in North America, 122-46

#### OCT. 6/7 - FEAR FACTOR

Core reading: Peter Silver, Our Savage Neighbors: How Indian War Transformed Early America

# **Secondary reading:**

# Amerindians and Imperial Warfare

Colin Calloway, New Worlds for All: Indians, Europeans, and the Remaking of Early America, 152-77 Linda Colley, Captives: Britain, Empire and the World, 1600-1850, 168-202 [M] Daniel K. Richter, Facing East from Indian Country: A Native History of Early America, 151-88 Armstrong Starkey, European and Native American Warfare, 1675-1815, 83-110

### **Backcountry Interactions**

Gregory E. Dowd, A Spirited Resistance: The North American Indian Struggle for Unity, 1745-1815, 23-45 Patrick Griffin, Leviathan: Empire, Nation and Revolutionary Frontier, 46-71 Eric Hinderaker, Elusive Empires: Constructing Colonialism in the Ohio Valley, 3-45 James Merrell, Into the American Woods: Negotiators on the Pennsylvania Frontier, 225-52

# Ethnicity, Religion and Conflict

Fred Anderson and Andrew Cayton, *The Dominion of War: Empire and Liberty in North America*, 1500-2000, 54-103

Patrick Griffin, The People with No Name: Ireland's Ulster Scots, America's Scots Irish, and the Creation of a British Atlantic World, 1689-1764, 157-73

Jane Merritt, *At the Crossroads: Indians & Empires on a Mid-Atlantic Frontier, 1700-1763*, 129-66 Matthew C. Ward, "The 'Peaceable Kingdom' Destroyed: the Seven Years' War and the Transformation of the Pennsylvania Backcountry," *Pennsylvania History*, 74 (2007), 247-79

#### The Seven Years War

Fred Anderson, Crucible of War: The Seven Years' War and the Fate of Empire in British North America, 1754-1766. 535-53

Gregory Evans Dowd, War Under Heaven: Pontiac, The Indian Nations & The British Empire, 213-48

Colin G. Calloway, The Scratch of a Pen: 1763 and the Transformation of North America, 66-91

David Dixon, Never Come to Peace Again: Pontiac's Uprising and the Fate of the British Empire in North America, 244-75

Francis Jennings, Empire of Fortune: Crowns, Colonies & Tribes in the Seven Years War in America, 438-53

Timothy J. Shannon, *Indians and Colonists at the Crossroads of Empire: The Albany Congress of 1754*, 117-40

### Violence

Nicole Eustace, The Sentimental Paradox: Humanity and Violence on the Pennsylvania Frontier," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 65 (2008), 29-64

Eliga H. Gould, "Zones of Law, Zones of Violence: The Legal Geography of the British Atlantic, circa 1772," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 60 (2003), 471-510

Rob Harper, "Looking the Other Way: The Gnadenhudden Massacre and the Contextual Interpretation of Violence," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 64 (2007), 621-44

Andrew Lipman, "'A meanes to knitt them togeather': The Exchange of Body Parts in the Pequot War," William and Mary Quarterly, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 65 (2008), 3-28

Ian K. Steele, Betrayals: Fort William Henry & the "Massacre", 109-28

### III. SLAVERY AND SOCIETY

#### OCT. 13/14 - CONSPIRACY THEORY

**Core reading:** Jill Lepore, New York Burning: Liberty, Slavery, and Conspiracy in Eighteenth-Century Manhattan

#### **Secondary reading:**

#### **African American Communities**

Ira Berlin, Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America, 177-94 Timothy Breen and Stephen Innes, "Myne Own Ground": Race & Freedom on Virginia's Eastern Shore, 1640-1676, 68-109

Marvin L. M. Kay and Lorin L. Cary, Slavery in North Carolina, 1748-1775, 153-72

Leslie M. Harris, In the Shadow of Slavery: African Americans in New York City, 1626-1863, 11-47

Gary B. Nash, Forging Freedom: The Formation of Philadelphia's Black Community 1720-1840, 8-38

Sterling Stuckey, "African Spirituality and Cultural Practice in Colonial New York, 1700-1770," in Carla Gardina Pestana and Sharon V. Salinger, eds., *Inequality in Early America*, 160-81

Lorena S. Walsh, From Calabar to Carter's Grove: The History of a Virginia Slave Community, 81-108 Philip Morgan, Slave Counterpoint: Black Culture in the Eighteenth-Century Chesapeake & Lowcountry, 441-97

### The New York Conspiracy

Richard E. Bond, "Shaping a Conspiracy: Black Testimony in the 1741 New York Plot," *Early American Studies*, 5 (2007), 63-94

Thomas J. Davis, A Rumor of Revolt: the "Great Negro Plot" in Colonial New York, 250-63

Andy Doolen, "Reading and Writing Terror: the New York Conspiracy Trials of 1741," *American Literary History*, 16 (2004), 377-406 [M, I]

Thelma Wills Foote, Black and White Manhattan: The History of Racial Formation in Colonial New York City, 159-86

Graham Russell Hodges, Root & Branch: African Americans in New York and East Jersey, 1613-1863, 69-99

Peter Charles Hoffer, *The Great New York Conspiracy of 1741: Slavery, Crime, and Colonial Law*, 51-66 [L] Eric W. Plaag, "New York's 1741 Slave Conspiracy in a Climate of Fear and Anxiety," *New York History*, 84 (2003), 275-299

Walter C. Rucker, *The River Flows On: Black Resistance, Culture, and Identity Formation in Early America*, 59-90

#### Slave Revolts

David Barry Gaspar, Bondmen & Rebels: a Study of Master-slave Relations in Antigua, with Implications for Colonial British America, 21-42

Douglas R. Egerton, "Slaves to the Marketplace: Economic Liberty and Black Rebelliousness in the Atlantic World," *Journal of the Early Republic*, 26 (2006), 617-639

Walter Rucker, "Conjure, Magic, and Power: the Influence of Afro-Atlantic Religious Practices on Slave Resistance and Rebellion," *Journal of Black Studies*, 32 (2001), 84-103 [M, I]

Mark M. Smith, "Remembering Mary, Shaping Revolt: Reconsidering the Stono Rebellion, *Journal of Southern History*, 67 (2001), 513-534

Eric Robert Taylor, If We Must Die: Shipboard Insurrections in the Era of the Atlantic Slave Trade, 85-103 Peter Wood, Black Majority: Negroes in Colonial South Carolina from 1670 through the Stono Rebellion, 308-26

#### OCT. 20/21 - HIGH ANXIETY

Core reading: Rhys Isaac, Landon Carter's Uneasy Kingdom: Revolution and Rebellion on a Virginia Plantation

### **Secondary reading:**

#### Overview

Trevor Burnard, Michael McDonnell, and Shane White, "Forum," *Australasian Journal of American Studies*, 24 (2005), 63-27, 78-82 [CLC, I]

### Patriarchy

Enrico DalLago, "Patriarchs and Republicans: Eighteenth-century Virginian Planters and Classical Politics," *Historical Research*, 76 (2003), 492-511 [I]

Rhys Isaac, The Transformation of Virginia, 1740-1790, 18-42

Cynthia A. Kierner, Beyond the Household: Women's Place in the Early South, 1700-1835, 36-68, 212-18

Kenneth A. Lockridge, On the Sources of Patriarchal Rage: The Commonplace Books of William Byrd and Thomas Jefferson and the Gendering of Power in the Eighteenth Century, 75-102

Philip Morgan, Slave Counterpoint: Black Culture in the Eighteenth-Century Chesapeake & Lowcountry, 257-317

Mary Beth Norton, Founding Mothers & Fathers: Gendered Power and the Forming of American Society, 96-137

#### Masters and Slaves

Timothy Breen, Tobacco Culture: The Mentality of the Great Tidewater Planters on the Eve of Revolution, 40-83

Trevor Burnard, Mastery, Tyranny, & Desire: Thomas Thistlewood and His Slaves in the Anglo-Jamaican World, 101-36

S. Max Edelson, *Plantation Enterprise in Colonial South Carolina : Plantation Enterprise in Colonial South Carolina*, 200-254

Jennifer Morgan, Laboring Women: Reproduction and Gender in New World Slavery, 69-107

Robert Olwell, Masters, Slaves, and Subjects: The Culture of Power in the South Carolina Low Country, 1740-1790, 181-219

Mechal Sobel, The World They Made Together: Black and White Values in Eighteenth-Century Virginia, 127-53

Lorena S. Walsh, From Calabar to Carter's Grove: The History of a Virginia Slave Community, 134-70

# Slavery and the American Revolution

Woody Holton, Forced Founders: Indians, Debtors, Slaves, & the Making of the American Revolution in Virginia, 133-63

Michael A. McDonnell, The Politics of War: Race, Class & Conflict in Revolutionary Virginia, 134-74

Gary B. Nash, The Forgotten Fifth: African Americans in the Age of Revolution, 1-68

Steven Sarson, "Similarities and Continuities: Free Society in the Tobacco South before and after the American Revolution," in Eliga H. Gould and Peter S. Onuf, eds., *Empire and Nation: The American Revolution in the Atlantic World*, 136-58

T. Stephen Whitman, Challenging Slavery in the Chesapeake: Black and White Resistance to Human Bondage, 1775-1865, 19-45

Jeffrey Robert Young, Domesticating Slavery: The Master Class in Georgia and South Carolina, 1670-1837, 57-90

#### IV. ATLANTIC ECONOMIES

# OCT. 27/28 - TRADING SPACES

**Core reading:** Stephen J. Hornsby, *British Atlantic, American Frontier: Spaces of Power in Early Modern British America* 

### **Secondary reading:**

### Agriculture

Allan Kulikoff, From British Peasants to Colonial American Farmers, 125-63

Virginia DeJohn Anderson, Creatures of Empire: How Domestic Animals Transformed Early America, 107-40

Virginia DeJohn Anderson, "Thomas Minor's World: Agrarian Life in Seventeenth-century New England," *Agricultural History*, 82 (2008), 496-518

Lois Green Carr, et al., Robert Cole's World: Agriculture & Society in Early Maryland, 55-75 Judith A. Carney, Black Rice: The African Origins of Rice Cultivation in the Americas, 69-106

#### **Extractive Industries**

W. Jeffrey Bolster, "Putting the Ocean in Atlantic History: Maritime Communities and Marine Ecology in the Northwest Atlantic, 1500-1800," American Historical Review, 113 (2008), 19-47

Peter E. Pope, Fish into Wine: The Newfoundland Plantation in the Seventeenth Century, 349-406 Daniel Vickers, Farmers & Fishermen: Two Centuries of Work in Essex County, Massachusetts, 1630-1850, 143-203

Charles F. Carroll, The Timber Economy of Puritan New England, 75-97

### Macroeconomic and Regional Approaches

Mark Egnal, New World Economies: The Growth of the Thirteen Colonies and Early Canada, 142-65 David W. Galenson, "The Settlement and Growth of the Colonies: Population, Labor, and Economic Development," in Stanley L. Engerman and Robert E. Gallman, eds., The Cambridge Economic History of the United States: 1: The Colonial Era, 135-208

John J. McCusker and Russell Menard, The Economy of British America 1607-1789, 189-208

D. W. Meinig, The Shaping of America:... vol. 1: Atlantic America, 1492-1800, 160-190

Russell R. Menard, "Economic and Social Development of the South," in Stanley L. Engerman and Robert E. Gallman, eds., *The Cambridge Economic History of the United States*, 1:249-96

Jacob M. Price, "The Imperial Economy," in Wm. Roger Louis, ed., *The Oxford History of the British Empire*, 2.78-104 [M]

Daniel Vickers, "The Northern Colonies: Economy and Society, 1600-1775," in Stanley L. Engerman and Robert E. Gallman, eds., *The Cambridge Economic History of the United States*, 1:209-48

#### **Port Towns**

Jacob Price, "Summation: The American Panorama of Atlantic Port Cities," in Franklin W. Knight and Peggy K. Liss, eds., *Atlantic Port Cities* ... *1650-1800*, 262-76

Christine Leigh Heyrman, Commerce and Culture: The Maritime Communities of Colonial Massachusetts 1690-1750, 52-95

Gary B. Nash, The Urban Crucible: Social Change, Political Consciousness, and the Origins of the American Revolution, 102-28

Thomas M. Doerflinger, A Vigorous Spirit of Enterprise: Merchants and Economic Development in Revolutionary Philadelphia, 135-64

### NOV. 3/4 - LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF STUFF

**Core reading:** Timothy Breen, *The Marketplace of Revolution: How Consumer Politics Shaped American Independence* 

### **Secondary reading:**

#### Overview

Alan Taylor, American Colonies, 301-37

#### Capitalism, Consumption and Economic Culture

- Paul G. E. Clemens, "The Consumer Culture of the Middle Atlantic, 1760-1820," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 62 (2005), 577-624
- John E. Crowley, "The Sensibility of Comfort," American Historical Review, 104 (1999), 749-782
- Robert S. DuPlessis, "Was There a Consumer Revolution in Eighteenth-century New France?" *French Colonial History*, 1 (2002), 143-159 [CLC]
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- Kenneth J. Banks, *Chasing Empire across the Sea: Communications and the State in the French Atlantic,* 1713-1763, 65-100 [M]
- David Hancock, "A World of Business to Do': William Freeman and the Foundations of England's Commercial Empire," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 57 (2000), 3-34
- Cathy Matson, Merchants and Empire: Trading in Colonial New York, 170-214
- Patrick K. O'Brien, "Inseparable Connections: Trade, Economy, Fiscal State, and the Expansion of Empire, 1688-1815," in Wm. Roger Louis, ed., *The Oxford History of the British Empire*, 2.53-77 [M] I. K. Steele, *The English Atlantic 1675/1740*, 213-28

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- John E. Crowley, *The Privileges of Independence: Neomercantilism and the American Revolution*, 13-29 Eliga H. Gould, *The Persistence of Empire: British Political Culture in the Age of the American Revolution*, 106-47 [M]
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### **Secondary reading:**

#### Overviews

Jack P. Greene, "The Growth of Political Stability: An Interpretation of Political Development in the Anglo-American Colonies," in *idem*, *Negotiated Authorities...*, 131-62

Morton Keller, America's Three Regimes: A New Political History, 7-22

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### Agrarian and Backcountry Rebellions

Edward Countryman, A People in Revolution: The American Revolution and Political Society in New York, 1760-1790, 36-71

Robert A. Gross, "A Yankee Rebellion? The Regulators, New England, and the New Nation," *New England Quarterly*, 82 (2009), 112-135

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Marjoleine Kars, Breaking Loose Together: The Regulator Rebellion in Pre-revolutionary North Carolina, 111-29

Sung Bok Kim, Landlord and Tenant in Colonial New York: Manorial Society, 1664-1775, 346-414 Brendan McConville, These Daring Disturbers of the Public Peace: The Struggle for Property and Power in Early New Jersey, 177-201

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Gregory Nobles, "A Class Act: Redefining Deference in Early American History," *Early American Studies*, 3 (2005), 286-302

Barbara Clark Smith, "Beyond the Vote: the Limits of Deference in Colonial Politics," *Early American Studies*, 3 (2005), 341-362

Alison Olson, "Political Humor, Deference, and the American Revolution," *Early American Studies*, 3 (2005), 363-382

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#### **Political Cultures**

John L. Brooke, *The Heart of the Commonwealth: Society and Political Culture in Worcester County Massachusetts*, 1713-1861, 97-128

Robert Dinkin, Voting in Provincial America, 50-71

Aaron Spencer Fogelman, Hopeful Journeys: German Immigration, Settlement, and Political Culture in Colonial America, 127-48

Jack P. Greene, "Society, Ideology and Politics: An Analysis of the Political Culture of Mid-Eighteenth-Century Virginia," in *idem*, *Negotiated Authorities...*, 259-318

Jonathan Mercantini, Who Shall Rule at Home?: The Evolution of South Carolina Political Culture, 1748-1776, 87-119

Edmund S. Morgan, *Inventing the People: The Rise of Popular Sovereignty in England and America*, 174-208

Allan Tully, Forming American Politics: Ideals, Interests, and Institutions in Colonial New York and Pennsylvania, 123-63

#### Nov. 17/18 - Father Figure

Core reading: Brendan McConville, The King's Three Faces: The Rise & Fall of Royal America, 1688-1776

# **Secondary reading:**

#### Nationalism and Identity

T. H. Breen, "Ideology and Nationalism on the Eve of the American Revolution: Revisions Once More in Need of Revising," *Journal of American History*, 84 (June, 1997), 13-39

Martin Bruckner, *The Geographic Revolution in Early America: Maps, Literacy, and National Identity*, 16-50 [G]

Jack P. Greene, The Intellectual Construction of America, 95-129

Peter C. Messer, Stories of Independence: Identity, Ideology, and History in Eighteenth-century America, 17-44

Caroline Winterer, "From Royal to Republican: the Classical Image in Early America," *Journal of American History*, 91 (2005), 1264-1290

Michael Zuckerman, "Identity in British America: Unease in Eden," in Nicholas Canny & Anthony Pagden, eds., *Colonial Identity in the Atlantic World*, 1500-1800, 115-57 [M]

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Peter Benes, "Night Processions: Celebrating the Gunpowder Plot in England and New England," in Peter Benes, ed., *New England Celebrates...*, 9-28

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Bernard Bailyn, The Origins of American Politics, 3-58

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Paul Downes, Democracy, Revolution, and Monarchism in Early American Literature, 31-58 [M]

Mark Hulliung, Citizens and Citoyens: Republicans and Liberals in France and America, 92-127 [M]

Isaac Kramnick, Republicanism and Bourgeois Radicalism: Political Ideology in Late Eighteenth-century England and America, 163-99 [WHS, M]

Jenny Hale Pulsipher, "*The Widow Ranter* and Royalist Culture in Colonial Virginia," *Early American Literature*, 35 (2004), 41-66

Ed White, The Backcountry and the City: Colonization and Conflict in Early America, 1-27

Gordon Wood, The Radicalism of the American Revolution: How a Revolution Transformed a Monarchical Society into a Democratic One Unlike Any That Had Ever Existed, 57-92

Michael P. Zuckert, Natural Rights and the New Republicanism, 150-83

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Core reading: David Shields, Civil Tongues & Polite Letters in British America

# **Secondary reading:**

### Gentility and Civility, Sociability and Society

Richard Bushman, The Refinement of America: Persons, Houses, Cities, 61-99

Wendy Lucas Castro, "Stripped: Clothing and Identity in Colonial Captivity Narratives, *Early American Studies*, 6 (2008), 104-136

Joseph Chaves, "Polite Mentors and Franklin's 'Exquisite Pleasure': Sociability, Prophylaxis, and Dependence in the 'Autobiography'," *Early American Literature*, 42 (2007), 555-571 [M, I]

Nicole Eustace, *Passion is the Gale: Emotion, Power, and the Coming of the American Revolution*, 151-99 [CLC]

Lorinda B. R. Goodwin, An Archaeology of Manners: The Polite World of the Merchant Elite of Colonial Massachusetts, 157-96

Kate Haulman, "Fashion and the Culture Wars of Revolutionary Philadelphia," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 62 (2005), 625-62

William Guthrie Sayen, George Washington's 'Unmannerly' Behavior: The Clash Between Civility and Honor, *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, 107 (1999), 5-36

Gordon Wood, The Radicalism of the American Revolution, 24-42

#### **Gender Culture and Education**

Elizabeth M. Dillon, *The Gender of Freedom: Fictions of Liberalism and the Literary Public Sphere*, 11-48 Sarah Fatherly, *Gentlewomen and Learned Ladies: Women and Elite Formation in Eighteenth-Century Philadelphia*, 92-132 [CLC]

Mary Kelley, Learning to Stand and Speak: Women, Education, and Public Life in America's Republic, 16-33 Mark Garrett Longaker, Rhetoric and the Republic: Politics, Civic Discourse, and Education in Early America, 36-78

Clare A. Lyons, Sex Among the Rabble: An Intimate History of Gender & Power in the Age of Revolution, Philadelphia, 1730-1830, 14-58

### **Public Spheres**

John L. Brooke, Ruth H. Bloch, and David Waldstreicher, contributions to "Forum: Alternative Histories of the Public Sphere," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 62 (2005), 93-112

Joanna Brooks, "The Early American Public Sphere and the Emergence of a Black Print Counterpublic," William and Mary Quarterly, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 62 (2005), 67-92

David W. Conroy, The Public Houses: Drink and the Revolution of Authority in Colonial Massachusetts, 157-88

Catherine O'Donnell Kaplan, *Men of Letters in the Early Republic: Cultivating Forums of Citizenship*, 13-41 Jessica Kross, Mansions, Men, Women, and the Creation of Multiple Publics in Eighteen-Century British North America," *Journal of Social History*, 33 (1999), 385-408 [M, I]

Michael Warner, *The Letters of the Republic: Publication and the Public Sphere in Eighteenth-Century America*, 34-72

## Religion Polite and Impolite

John Corrigan, The Prism of Piety: Catholic Congregational Clergy at the Beginning of the Enlightenment, 3-30

David Lovejoy, Religious Enthusiasm in the New world: Heresy to Revolution, 178-94

Rhys Isaac, "Evangelical Revolt: The Nature of the Baptists' Challenge to the Traditional Order in Virginia, 1765 to 1775," *William and Mary Quarterly* 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 31 (1974), 345-68

#### VI. SLAVERY AND FREEDOM

#### DEC. 1/2 - THE SOT-WEED FACTOR

Core reading: Edmund S. Morgan, American Slavery, American Freedom: The Ordeal of Colonial Virginia

# **Secondary reading:**

#### Discursive Overview

François Furstenberg, "Beyond Freedom and Slavery: Autonomy, Virtue, and Resistance in Early American Political Discourse," *Journal of American History*, 89 (2003), 1295-1330

# The English and the Algonquians

Robert Applebaum, "Hunger in Early Virginia: Indians and English Facing Off over Excess, Want, and Need, in Robert Applebaum and John Wood Sweet, eds., *Envisioning an English Empire*, 195-216 Frederick W. Gleach, *Powhatan's World and Colonial Virginia: A Conflict of Cuiltures*, 123-47 Karen Kupperman, *The Jamestown Project*, 73-108

Stephen R. Potter, Commoners, Tribute, and Chiefs: The Development of Algonquian Culture in the Potomac Valley, 174-223

Helen C. Rountree, "Who Were the Powhatans and Did They Have a Unified 'Foreign Policy'? in *idem*, *Powhatan Foreign Relations*, 1500-1722, 1-19

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Kathleen M. Brown, Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, & Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race, and Power in Colonial Virginia, 107-36

April Hatfield, Atlantic Virginia: Intercolonial Relations in the Seventeenth Century, 137-68 Winthrop Jordan, White Over Black: American Attitudes Toward the Negro, 1550-1812, 44-98 Peter Kolchin, Unfree Labor, 1-46

Anthony Parent, Foul Means: The Formation of a Slave Society in Virginia, 1660-1740, 55-79 Chris Smaje, "Re-thinking the 'Origins Debate': Race Formation and Political Formations in England's Chesapeake Colonies," Journal of Historical Sociology, 15(2002), 192-219 [M, I]

Owen Stanwood, "Captives and Slaves: Indian Labor, Cultural Conversion, and the Plantation Revolution in Virginia," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, 114 (2006), 434-463

# Social Organization and Political Stability

Bernard Bailyn, "Politics and Social Structure in Virginia," in James Morton Smith, ed., *Seventeenth-Century America*, 90-115

James Horn, Adapting to a New World: English Society in the Seventeenth-Century Chesapeake, 121-60 Allan Kulikoff, Tobacco and Slaves: The Development of Southern Cultures in the Chesapeake, 1680-1800, 78-117

James R. Perry, *The Formation of a Society on Virginia's Eastern Shore, 1615-1655*, 193-225

Darrett B. and Anita H. Rutman, *A Place in Time: Middlesex County, Virginia, 1650-1750*, 128-63

Peter Thompson, "The Thief, the Householder, and the Commons: Languages of Class in Seventeenth-century Virginia," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 63 (2006), 253-280

Stephen Saunders Webb, *1676: The End of American Independence*, 66-83

#### DEC. 8/9 - BLACK REPUBLICANS

**Core reading:** Laurent Dubois, A Colony of Citizens: Revolution & Slave Emancipation in the French Caribbean, 1787-1804

### **Secondary reading:**

#### Overviews

David Patrick Geggus, "Slavery, War and Revolution in the Greater Caribbean, 1789-1815," in David Barry Gaspar and David Patrick Geggus, eds., *A Turbulent Time: The French Revolution and the Greater Caribbean*, 1-50

Stanley L. Engerman, Slavery, Emancipation, and Freedom: Comparative Perspectives, 37-72

#### Citizenship

Richard D. Brown, *The Strength of a People: The Idea of an Informed Citizenry in America*, 1650-1870, 85-115

David M. Ricci, Good Citizenship in America, 51-79

Dominique Rogers, "On the Road to Citizenship: The Complex Route to Integration of the Free People of Color in the Two Capitals of Saint-Domingue," in David Patrick Geggus and Norman Fiering, eds., *The World of the Haitian Revolution*, 65-78

Mark S. Weiner, Black Trials: Citizenship from the Beginnings of Slavery to the End of Caste, 70-88

### Rebellions and Resistance, Freedom and Emancipation

Robin Blackburn, "Haiti, Slavery, and the Age of the Democratic Revolution," *William & Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 63 (2006), 643-674

Nathalie Dessens, Myths of the Plantation Society: Slavery in the American South and the West Indies, 22-45

Philippe R. Girard, "Black Talleyrand: Toussaint Louverture's Diplomacy, 1798-1802," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 66 (2009), 87-124

Mitch Katchun, Festivals of Freedom: Memory And Meaning in African American Emancipation Celebrations, 1808-1915, 16-53

Nathaniel Millet, "Defining Freedom in the Atlantic Borderlands of the Revolutionary Southeast," *Early American Studies*, 5 (2007), 367-394

David Richardson, "Shipboard Revolts, African Authority, and the Atlantic Slave Trade," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 58 (2001), 69-92

Miranda Frances Spieler, "The Legal Structure of Colonial Rule during the French Revolution," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 66 (2009), 365-408

Kathleen Wilson, "The Performance of Freedom: Maroons and the Colonial Order in Eighteenth-Century Jamaica and the Atlantic Sound," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 66 (2009), 45-86

Eva Sheppard Wolf, Race and Liberty in the New Nation: Emancipation in Virginia from the Revolution to Nat Turner's Rebellion, 1-38

#### Saint-Domingue and America

Robert Alderson, "Charleston's Rumored Slave Revolt of 1793," in David P. Geggus, ed., *The Impact of the Haitian Revolution in the Americas*, 93-111

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Nathalie Dessens, From Saint-Domingue to New Orleans: Migration and Influences, 98-127

Simon P. Newman, "American Political Culture and the French and Haitian Revolutions: Nathaniel Cutting and the Jeffersonian Republicans," in David P. Geggus, ed., *The Impact of the Haitian Revolution in the Americas*, 72-89

Gregory E. O'Malley, "Beyond the Middle Passage: Slave Migration from the Caribbean to North America, 1619-1807," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 66 (2009), 125-72

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