

## HIST 292 – The British Atlantic World, 1500-1840 – Spring 2013

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Goals of this upper-level seminar on the early centuries of English/British imperialism include:

- a. To explore the different modes of interaction between Britain and the rest of the world, including settlement, commerce, conquest, and plantation.
- b. To examine the reasons and the enabling factors behind the overseas activities of Britons.
- c. To understand the reactions of Native Americans, Africans, and Indians to British ambitions.
- d. To assess the effect of the early imperial experience on the British Isles themselves.

Students will be assessed on five pieces of work:

1. (and 2). Two book reviews over the course of the semester (10% each). One or two students will have the chance to write a two to three page double-spaced review of each week's book. These reviews will then be presented in class on the day we discuss the book.
3. Turning in and presenting your research paper topic on March 6 (10%). I recommend stopping by office hours or making an appointment to meet and discuss your topic ideas before that date.
4. Presenting your findings at greater length on April 17 or 24 (10%).
5. Turning in a research paper of 20 to 25 double-spaced pages on May 1 (60%). This paper should deal with some aspect of British Atlantic history during the sixteenth to nineteenth centuries and should be based on primary sources.

Each week we'll read a book, all of which will be available on course reserve. That said, since you'll all be trying to get hold of the same book each week, I recommend looking ahead and obtaining books whenever possible via inter-library loan (a trick I picked up during grad school). The schedule of readings and other course activities is as follows.

### PART I: OVERVIEW

- Week 1 (January 9): Introduction to the course and to research resources.
- Week 2 (January 16):
  - Armitage and Braddick, *The British Atlantic World 1500-1800* (2000), Preface, Introduction and Chapter 1.
  - Trevor Burnard, "The British Atlantic," in Jack Green and Philip Morgan, eds., *Atlantic History: A Critical Appraisal* (2008).

### PART II: THE BRITISH IN MAINLAND NORTH AMERICA

- Week 3 (January 23): Alison Games, "Migration," Chapter 2 in Armitage and Braddick
  - Nicholas P. Canny, "The Ideology of English Colonization: From Ireland to America," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Third Series, Vol. 30, No. 4 (Oct., 1973), pp. 575-598.

- Hilary McD. Beckles, Plantation Production and White "Proto-Slavery": White Indentured Servants and the Colonisation of the English West Indies, 1624-1645," *The Americas* 41, No. 3 (Jan. 1985), pp. 21-45.
- Susan Hardman Moore, *Pilgrims: New World Settlers and the Call of Home* (2008).
- Week 4 (January 30): Nuala Zahedieh, "Economy," Chapter 3 in Armitage and Braddick.
  - David Hancock, "'A World of Business to Do': William Freeman and the Foundations of England's Commercial Empire, 1645-1707." *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Third Series, Vol. 57, No. 1 (Jan. 2000), pp. 3-34.
- Week 5 (February 6): Slavery in the British Atlantic: Special case in migration & economy?
  - Stephen D. Behrendt, "Markets, Transaction Cycles, and Profits: Merchant Decision Making in the British Slave Trade," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Third Series, Vol. 58, No. 1, New Perspectives on the Transatlantic Slave Trade (Jan. 2001), pp. 171-204.
  - Lorena Walsh, "A New Creole Generation and a New Culture," Chapter 5 in *From Calabar to Carter's Grove: The History of a Virginia Slave Community* (1997).
  - Sidney Mintz, "Consumption," Chapter 3 of *Sweetness and Power: The Place of Sugar in Modern History* (1986).
  - Russell R. Menard, "Plantation Empire: How Sugar and Tobacco Planters Built Their Industries and Raised an Empire," *Agricultural History* 81, No. 3 (Summer 2007), pp. 309-332.
- Week 6 (February 13): Carla Gardina Pestana, "Religion," Chapter 4 in Armitage and Braddick.
  - Karen Ordahl Kupperman, "Errand to the Indies: Puritan Colonization from Providence Island through the Western Design," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Third Series, Vol. 45, No. 1 (Jan. 1988), pp. 70-99.
  - Paul Douglas Newman, "'Good Will to all men... from the King on the throne to the beggar on the dunghill': William Penn, the Roman Catholics, and Religious Toleration," *Pennsylvania History* 61, No. 4, William Penn: To Honor His 350th Anniversary (October 1994), pp. 457-479.
  - Thomas S. Kidd, Chapters 7 & 8 of *The great awakening : the roots of evangelical Christianity in colonial America* (2007).
- Week 7 (February 20): Michael Braddick, "Civility and Authority," Chapter 5 in Armitage and Braddick.
  - Stacy L. Lorenz, "Policy and patronage: Governor William Gooch and Anglo-Virginia politics, 1727-1749" in Nancy Rhoden, ed., *English Atlantics revisited: essays honouring Professor Ian K. Steele* (2007).
  - David William Voorhees, "The 'fervent Zeale' of Jacob Leisler," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Third Series, Vol. 51, No. 3, Mid-Atlantic Perspectives (Jul. 1994), pp. 447-472.
  - Marcus Rediker, "The Political Arithmetic of Piracy," Chapter 2 in *Villains of All Nations: Atlantic Pirates in the Golden Age* (2005).
- Week 8 (February 27): Sarah M.S. Pearsall, "Gender," Chapter 6 in Armitage and Braddick.
  - Kathleen A. Brown, "'Good Wives' and 'Nasty Wenches': Gender and Social Order in a Colonial Settlement," Chapter 3 of *Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race, and Power in Colonial Virginia* (1996).

- Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, "Wheels, Looms, and the Gender Division of Labor in Eighteenth-Century New England," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Third Series, Vol. 55, No. 1 (Jan. 1998), pp. 3-38.
- Ava Chamberlain, "Bad Books and Bad Boys: The Transformation of Gender in Eighteenth-Century Northampton, Massachusetts," *The New England Quarterly* 75, No. 2 (Jun., 2002), pp. 179-203.
- Week 9 (March 6): Keith Wrightson, "Class," Chapter 7 in Armitage and Braddick.
  - Peter Thompson, "The Thief, the Householder, and the Commons: Languages of Class in Seventeenth-Century Virginia," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Third Series, Vol. 63, No. 2 (Apr. 2006), pp. 253-280.
  - C. Dallett Hemphill, "Manners and Class in the Revolutionary Era: A Transatlantic Comparison," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Third Series, Vol. 63, No. 2 (Apr. 2006), pp. 345-372.
  - Chapter from Ronald Schultz, *The republic of labor : Philadelphia artisans and the politics of class, 1720-1830*.
- Week 10 (March 20): Joyce Chaplin, "Race," Chapter 8 in Armitage and Braddick.
  - Alden T. Vaughan, "Powhatans Abroad: Virginia Indians in England," Chapter 2 in Robert Applebaum and John Wood Sweet, eds., *Envisioning an English Empire: Jamestown and the Making of the North Atlantic World* (2005).
  - Philip Morgan, "Social Transactions between Whites and Blacks," Chapter 7 in *Slave counterpoint: Black culture in the eighteenth-century Chesapeake and Lowcountry* (1998).
  - William S. Simmons, "Red Yankees: Narragansett Conversion in the Great Awakening," *American Ethnologist* 10, No. 2 (May 1983), pp. 253-271.
- Week 11 (March 27): Elizabeth Mancke, "Empire and State," Chapter 9 in Armitage and Braddick.
- Week 12 (April 3): Eliga Gould, "Revolution and Counter-Revolution," Chapter 10 in Armitage and Braddick.
  - Michelle Craig McDonald, "The Chance of the Moment: Coffee and the New West Indies Commodities Trade," *William and Mary Quarterly*, Third Series, Vol. 62, No. 3, *The Atlantic Economy in an Era of Revolutions* (Jul. 2005), pp. 441-472.
- Week 13 (April 10): Christopher L. Brown, "The Politics of Slavery," Chapter 11 in Armitage and Braddick.
  - Matthew Mason, "The Battle of the Slaveholding Liberators: Great Britain, the United States, and Slavery in the Early Nineteenth Century," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Third Series, Vol. 59, No. 3, *Slaveries in the Atlantic World* (Jul. 2002), pp. 665-696.
  - Seymour Drescher, *Abolition: A History of Slavery and Antislavery*.
- Week 14 (April 17): North Carolina week
  - David Armitage, "John Locke, Carolina, and the "Two Treatises of Government," *Political Theory* 32, No. 5 (Oct. 2004), pp. 602-627.
  - Justin Williams, "English Mercantilism and Carolina Naval Stores, 1705-1776," *The Journal of Southern History* 1, No. 2 (May 1935), pp. 169-185.
  - James P. Whittenburg, "Planters, Merchants, and Lawyers: Social Change and the Origins of the North Carolina Regulation," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Third Series, Vol. 34, No. 2 (Apr. 1977), pp. 215-238.

- “Blackbeard” & “Stede Bonnet,” Chapters 2 & 3 in Lindley S. Butler, *Pirates, Privateers, and Rebel Raiders of the Carolina Coast* (2000).
- Marvin L. Kay and Lorin Lee Cary, Chapter 1 in *Slavery in North Carolina, 1748-1775*.
- Week 15 (April 24): Discussion of research projects
- Final research papers due Wednesday, May 1