

## Colonial America & U.S. History Major Field Exam Reading List For Fall 2023

Below is a list of texts (mainly books and a few articles) for use as you build the reading list for your Major Field exam in Colonial America & US History. For PhD students, your list should include approximately 100 books. For MAT students, your list should include approximately 70-80 books. The majority of the texts on your list should come from this list. However, you may also include 10 books not on this list of your choosing. The books in different colors indicate texts that were assigned in HIST 551 in recent years. “Classic texts” are marked with “\*\*\*.” Please include at least one classic text in the sections where they are available.

As you compose your list, please consult with your advisor and the exam chair. All members of the exam committee must sign off on your list prior to submitting it to Hannah. **Please note:** the faculty insists that gender and women’s history, histories of sexuality, Native American history, African American history, Latinx history, and Asian American history are not stand-alone categories but should be integrated throughout the list. Be mindful of this when constructing your list.

### 1. Early America/Colonization/Atlantic World

Benton, Lauren, *A Search for Sovereignty: Law and Geography in European Empires, 1400-1900* (2010)

Blackhawk, Ned, *Violence Over the Land: Indians and Empires in the Early American West* (2006)

Brooks, Lisa, *Our Beloved Kin: A New History of King Philip’s War* (2018)

Brown, Kathleen, *Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race, and Power in Colonial Virginia* (1996)\*\*\*

Fuentes, Marisa, *Dispossessed Lives: Enslaved Women, Violence, and the Archive* (2018)

Greer, Allan, *Property and Dispossession: Natives, Empires and Land in Early Modern North America* (2018)

Gutiérrez, Ramón A. *When Jesus Came, the Corn Mothers Went Away: Marriage, Sexuality, and Power in New Mexico, 1500-1846* (1991)\*\*\*

Johnson, Jessica Marie, *Wicked Flesh: Black Women, Intimacy, and Freedom in the Atlantic World* (2020)

Morgan, Jennifer, *Laboring Women: Reproduction and Gender in New World Slavery* (2004)

Newell, Margarate, *Brethren by Nature: New England Colonists, and the Origins of American Slavery*

Newman, Simon, *A New World of Labor: The Development of Plantation Slavery in the British Atlantic* (2013)

Rushforth, Brett, *Bonds of Alliance: Indigenous and Atlantic Slavery in New France* (2012)

Sleeper-Smith, *Indigenous Prosperity and American Conquest: Indian Women of the Ohio River Valley, 1690-1792* (2018)

Smallwater, Stephanie, *Saltwater Slavery: A Middle Passage from Africa to American Diaspora* (2007)

Sweet, James, *Domingo Álvares, African Healing, and the Intellectual History of the Atlantic World* (2011)

## 2. Revolution and Early Republic

Boydston, Jeanne, *Home and Work: Housework, Wages, and the Ideology of Labor in the Early Republic* (1990)\*\*\*

Chavez-Garcia, *Negotiating Conquest: Gender and Power in California, 1770s to 1880s* (2004)

Duval, Kathleen, *Independence Lost: Lives on the Edge of the American Revolution* (2016)

Gienapp, Jonathan, *The Second Creation: Fixing the American Constitution in the Founding Era* (2018)

Kerber, Linda, *Women of the Republic: Intellect and Ideology in Revolutionary America* (1980)\*\*\*

Masur, Kate, *Until Justice Be Done: America's First Civil Rights Movement from the Revolution to Reconstruction* (2021)

Morgan, Edmund, *American Slavery, American Freedom: The Ordeal of Colonial Virginia* (1975, 2003)\*\*\*

Wood, Gordon, *Radicalism of the American Revolution* (1992)\*\*\*

Young, Alfred and Gary Nash and Ray Raphael, *Revolutionary Founders: Rebels, Radicals, and Reformers in the Making of the Nation* (2011)

Zagarri, Rosemarie, *Revolutionary Backlash: Women and Politics in the Early American Republic* (2007)

### 3. Slavery/Antebellum

Berlin, Ira, *Generations of Captivity: A History of African-American Slaves* (2003)

Blackett, R.J.M., *The Captive's Quest for Freedom: Fugitive Slaves, the 1850 Fugitive Slave Law, and the Politics of Slavery* (2018)

Camp, Stephanie M. H., *Closer to Freedom: Enslaved Women and Everyday Resistance in the Plantation South* (2004)

Cott, Nancy, *The Bonds of Womanhood: "Woman's Fear in New England," 1780-1835* (1977)\*\*\*

Genovese, Eugene, *Roll Jordan Roll: the World the Slaves Made* (1974)\*\*\*

Hartman, Saidiya, *Scenes of Subjection: Terror, Slavery, and Self-Making in Nineteenth-Century America* (1997)

Johnson, Walter, *Soul by Soul: Life Inside the Antebellum Slave Market* (1999)

Jones, Martha, *Birthright Citizens: A History of Race and Rights in Antebellum America* (2018)

Miles, Tiya, *The House on Diamond Hill: A Cherokee Plantation Story* (2010)

Rockman, Seth, *Scraping By: Wage Labor, Slavery, and Survival in Early Baltimore* (2009)

Rothman, Adam, *Slave Country: American Expansion and the Origins of the Deep South* (2005)

White, Deborah Gray, *Ar'n't I a Woman?: Female Slaves in the Plantation South* (1985)\*\*\*

Wilentz, Sean, *Chants Democratic: New York City and the Rise of the American Working Class, 1788-1850* (1984)\*\*\*

### 4. Civil War and Reconstruction

Ayers, Edward, *The Promise of the New South: Life After Reconstruction* (2007)

Blum, Edward, *Reforging the White Republic: Race Religion and American Nationalism, 1865-1898* (2005)

DuBois, W. E. B., *Black Reconstruction* (originally 1935)\*\*\*

Foner, Eric, *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863-1877* (1988)\*\*\*

Glymph, Thavolia, *Out of the House of Bondage: The Transformation of the Plantation Household* (2008)

Hahn, Steven, *A Nation Under Our Feet: Black Political Struggles in the Rural South from Slavery to the Great Migration* (2003)

Hunter, Tera, *To 'Joy My Freedom: Southern Black Women's Lives and Labors after the Civil War* (1997)\*\*\*

McCurry, Stephanie, *Confederate Reckoning: Power and Politics in the Civil War South* (2010)

Nelson, Megan Kate, *The Three-Cornered War: The Union, the Confederacy, and Native Peoples in the Fight for the West* (2020)

Sachs, Aaron, *Arcadian America: The Death and Life of an Environmental Tradition* (2013)

Smith., Stacey L., *Freedom's Frontier: California and the Struggle over Unfree Labor, Emancipation, and Reconstruction* (2015)

Stanley, Amy Dru, *From Bondage to Contract: Wage Labor, Marriage, and the Market in the Age of Slave Emancipation* (2010)

Van Woodward, C. *The Strange Career of Jim Crow* (originally 1955)\*\*\*

Jung, Moon-Ho, *Coolies and Cane: Race, Labor, and Sugar in the Age of Emancipation* (2006)

## 5. Gilded Age/ Progressive Era/ Empire

Briggs, Laura, *Reproducing Empire: Race, Sex, Science, and U.S. Imperialism in Puerto Rico* (2002)

Chang, David, *The World and All the Things Upon It: Native Hawaiian Geographies of Exploration* (2016)

Edwards, Rebecca, *New Spirits: Americans in the Gilded Age* (2006)

Fujita Rony, *Dorothy, American Workers, Colonial Power: Philippine Seattle and the Transpacific West, 1919-1941* (2003)

Gilmore, Glenda, *Gender and Jim Crow: Women and the Politics of White Supremacy in North Carolina, 1896-1920* (1996)\*\*\*

Foley, Neil. *The White Scourge: Mexicans, Blacks, and Poor Whites in Texas Cotton Culture* (1997)\*\*\*

Haley, Sarah, *No Mercy Here: Gender, Punishment and the Making of Jim Crow Modernity* (2016)

Hofstadter, Richard, *Age of Reform: From Bryan to FDR* (original 1955)\*\*\*

Jacobson, Matthew Frye, *Whiteness of a Different Color: European Immigrants and the Alchemy of Race* (1998)\*\*\*

Muhammad, Khalil Gibran, *The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern America* (2010)

Postel, Charles, *The Populist Vision* (2007)

Rose, Sarah, *No Right to Be Idle: The Invention of Disability, 1840s-1930s* (2017)

Sanders, Elizabeth, *Roots of Reform: Farmers, Workers, and the American State, 1877-1917* (1999)\*\*\*

Warren, Louis, *God's Red Son: The Ghost Dance Religion and the Making of Modern America*(2017)

Williams, Beth Lew, *The Chinese Must Go: Violence, Exclusion, and the Making of the Alien in America* (2018)

## **6. 1920s/ Depression/ New Deal**

Chauncey, George, *Gay New York: Gender, Urban Culture, and the Makings of the Gay Male World, 1890-1940* (1994)\*\*\*

Cohen, Lizabeth Cohen, *Making a New Deal: Industrial Workers in Chicago, 1919-1939* (1990)\*\*\*

Cowie, Jefferson, *The Great Exception: The New Deal and the Limits of American Politics* (2016)

Fraser, Steve and Gary Gerstle, *The Rise and Fall of the New Deal Order, 1930-1980* (1989)\*\*\*

Gutiérrez, David G., *Walls and Mirrors: Mexican Americans, Mexican Immigrants, and the Politics of Ethnicity* (1995)\*\*\*

Harris, LaShawn, *Sex Workers, Psychics, and Number Runners: Black Women in New York City's Underground Economy* (2016)

Jacobs, Meg, *Pocketbook Politics: Economic Citizenship in Twentieth Century America* (2007)

Katznelson, Ira, *Fear Itself: The New Deal and the Origins of Our Time* (2013)

Martinez, Monica Muñoz, *The Injustice Never Leaves You: Anti-Mexican Violence in Texas* (2018)

Ngai, Mae M., *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America* (2004)

Olmstead, Kathryn, *Right Out of California: The 1930s and the Big Business of Modern Conservatism* (2010)

Perales, Monica, *Smelertown: Making and Remembering a Southwest Border Community* (2010)

Williams, William Appleman, *Tragedy of American Diplomacy* (1959)\*\*\*

## 7. World War II/ Cold War

Brown, Kate, *Plutopia: Nuclear Families, Atomic Cities, and the Great Soviet and American Plutonium Disasters* (2013)

Cohen, Lizabeth, *A Consumer's Republic: the Politics of Mass Consumption in Postwar America* (2003)

Dudziak, Mary, *Cold War Civil Rights: Race and the Image of American Democracy* (2000)

Fernandez, Lilia, *Brown in the Windy City, Mexicans and Puerto Ricans in Postwar Chicago* (2012)

Goodman, Adam, *The Deportation Machine: America's Long History of Expelling Immigrants* (2020)

Jin, Michael R., *Citizens, Immigrants, and the Stateless: A Japanese American Diaspora in the Pacific* (2021)

Johnson, David, *The Lavender Scare: The Cold War Persecution of Gays and Lesbians in the Federal Government* (2004)\*\*\*

Kunzel, *Criminal Intimacy: Prison and the Uneven History of Modern American Sexuality* (2010)

May, Elaine Tyler, *Homeward Bound: American Families in the Cold War Era* (1988)\*\*\*

Nickerson, Michelle, *Mothers of Conservatism: Women and the Postwar Right* (2012)

Schreker, Ellen, *Many Are the Crimes: McCarthyism in America* (1999)\*\*\*

Sugrue, Thomas, *The Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit* (1996)\*\*\*

Wu, Ellen, *Color of Success: Asian Americans and the Origins of the Model Minority* (2014)

## 8. Long Sixties

Enke, Anne, *Finding the Movement: Sexuality, Contested Space, and Feminist Activism* (2007)

Cha-Jua, Sundiata Keita and Clarence Lang, "The "Long Movement" as Vampire: Temporal and Spatial Fallacies in Recent Black Freedom Studies," *The Journal of African American History* 92 (Spring, 2007): 265-288

Fernandez, Johanna, *The Young Lords: A Radical History* (2019)

Hall, Jacquelyn Dowd. "The Long Civil Rights Movement and the Political uses of the Past," *Journal of American History* (March 2005):1233-1263.

Hinton, Elizabeth, *From the War on Poverty to the War on Crime: The Making of Mass Incarceration in America* (2016)

Hewitt, Nancy, et. al., *No Permanent Waves: Recasting Histories of U.S. Feminism* (2010)

Kabaservice, Geoffrey, *Rule and Ruin: The Downfall of Moderation and the Destruction of the Republican Party, from Eisenhower to the Tea Party* (2012)

Lassiter, Matthew, *The Silent Majority: Suburban Politics in the Sunbelt South* (2006)

*Longmore, Paul K., Telethon: Spectacle, Disability, and the Business of Charity (2016)*

*McGuire, Danielle, At the Dark End of the Street: Sexualized Violence, Community Mobilization, and the African American Freedom Struggle (2007)*

*Nadasen, Premilla, Welfare Warriors: The Welfare Rights Movement in the United States (2005)*

*Oropeza, Lorena. ¡Raza Si! Guerra No!: Chicano Protest and Patriotism During the Viet Nam War Era (2005)*

*Payne, I've Got the Light of Freedom: The Organizing Tradition and the Mississippi Freedom Struggle (1996) \*\*\**

*Ransby, Barbara, Ella Baker & the Black Freedom Movement: A Radical Democratic Vision (2003)*

*Wu, Judy Tzu-Chun, Radicals on the Road: Internationalism, Orientalism, and Feminism during the Vietnam Era (2013)*

## **9. Recent America (1970s/80s-present)**

*Belew, Kathleen, Bring the War Home: The White Power Movement and Paramilitary America (2018)*

*Cowie, Jefferson, Stayin' Alive: The 1970s and the Last Days of the Working Class (2010)*

*Gerstle, Gary, The Rise and Fall of the Neoliberal Order: America and the World in the Free Market Era (2022)*

*Gilmore, Ruth Wilson, Golden Gulag: Prisons, Surplus & Opposition in Globalizing California (2007)*

*Gomer, Justin, White Balance: How Hollywood Shaped Colorblind Ideology and Undermined Civil Rights (2021)*

*Moreton, To Serve God and Wal-Mart: the Making of Christian Free Enterprise (2009)*

*Rodgers, Daniel, The Age of Fracture (2011)*

*Self, Robert O., All in the Family: The Realignment of American Democracy Since the 1960s (2013)*

*Taylor, Keeanga-Yamahtta, From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation (2016)*



Todd-Breland, Elizabeth, *A Political Education: Black Politics and Education Reform in Chicago since the 1960s* (2018)

Yang Murray, Alice, *Historical Memories of the Japanese American Internment and the Struggle for Redress* (2007)

## 10. Syntheses/Long Durée

Beard, Charles and Mary Beard, *The rise of American Civilization* (1927)\*\*\*

Canaday, Et. al. *Intimate States: Gender, Sexuality, and Governance in Modern US History* (2021)

D'Emilio, John and Estelle B. Freedman, *Intimate Matters: A History of Sexuality in America* (1997)\*\*\*

Immerwahr, Daniel, *How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States* (2019)

Lepore, Jill, *These Truths: A History of the United States* (2018)

Reséndez, Andrés, *The Other Slavery: The Uncovered Story of Indian Enslavement in America* (2016)

### Key for rotating HIST 551 texts:

2022 = red

2021 = blue

2020 = green