

HIST. 320, AMERICAN COLONIAL HISTORY
RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE
DR. DUFOUR, FALL SEMESTER

Required Books: Alan Taylor, American Colonies (2001).
Daniel Richter, Facing East from Indian Country (2001)
Donald Wright, African-Americans in the Colonial Era (2nd ed., 2000)
Karen Kupperman, Major Problems in American Colonial History, 2nd ed.
(2000).

Classes: All classes will follow a lecture/discussion format; questions and comments are encouraged and expected. Since this class meets once a week, attendance is particularly crucial. Students missing a class are expected to make up material on their own.

Exams and Papers: There will be a mid-term and a final, and occasional quizzes on the required readings. In addition, there will be three required writing assignments. First, each undergraduate will write a critical analysis of one book, to be chosen in consultation with the instructor; length is expected to be about ten pages. Each graduate student will write a traditional research paper, topic and readings to be chosen in consultation with the instructor; length will be about fifteen pages. Second, all students will be required to write brief precis (2-3 pp. each) of two articles, from professional journals (such as The William and Mary Quarterly), related to the topic of the larger paper; these too will be chosen in consultation with the instructor. Finally, each student will write a brief (5 page) analysis of one of the chapters in the Kupperman reader; I will expect those students to help lead class discussion of this material.

Grading: Mid-term exam: 20%
Quizzes, parti.: 5%
Final Exam: 25%
Major paper: 30%
Short papers: 10%
Kupp. Analy.: 10%

Class schedule:

9/1 Course Introduction: The Historiography of Colonial America
American Indians and European Colonizers
Reading: Taylor, chs. 1, 2.

9/8 *Spain in the New World*
Reading: Taylor, chs. 3-4; Kupperman: Gutierrez article, 165-172; document # 2, pp 28- 29; Richter, pp. 1-40.
France in the New World
Reading: Taylor, ch. 5; Kupperman, Trigger article, 39-49; document # 4, pp. 32-33.

- 9/15 *England in the Chesapeake*
Reading: Taylor, chs. 6-7; Kupperman, ch. 3, docs. 1-6; article by Carr & Walsh..
- 9/22 *England in New England*
Reading: Taylor, chs. 8-9; Kupperman, ch. 4, docs. 1-6, article by Anderson; ch. 5, docs. 3-6; articles by Lepore, Kamensky.
- 9/29 *England Expands its American Empire: The West Indies, the Carolinas, and the Middle Colonies*
Reading: Taylor, chs. 10-12; Kupperman, ch. 7, docs. 5, 7; ch. 8, docs. 3, 4, article by Greene.
- 10/6 “Cultural Confrontations and Accommodations: Europeans and American Indians in Early America” Richter, pp. 41-150.
- 10/20 **MID-TERM EXAM**
- 10/27 *Imperial Governance in Crisis*
Reading: Taylor, ch.13; document handouts.
- 11/3 *European Migrations and Cultures*
Reading: Taylor, ch. 14, 314-337; Kupperman, ch. 7, document 8, articles by Roeber, Wokeck;
- 11/10 *African Migrations and Cultures: Slavery in English America*
Reading: Kupperman, ch. 10, entire chapter; Wright, pp. xi-157.
- 11/17 *Economic Cultures*
Reading: Taylor, ch. 14, pp. 302-314; Kupperman, ch. 9, docs. 1, 3, 4, 6; Gallay article.
- 11/24 *Religious Cultures*
Reading: Taylor, ch. 15; Kupperman, ch 11, entire chapter.
- 12/1 *Political Cultures*
Reading: Kupperman, ch. 12, docs. 4-6, Hofstra article; handouts.
- 12/8 *Imperial Wars, Imperial Crisis* Reading: Taylor, chs. 16, 18; Richter, pp. 151-188.
American Identities and Cultures in Conflict
Reading: Kupperman, ch. 14, Breen and Murrin articles.

Additional Recent Books on Early America

- Barr, Juliana. *Peace Came in the Form of a Woman: Indians and Spaniards in the Texas Borderlands* (2007).
- Block, Sharon. *Rape and Sexual Power in Early America* (2006).
- Brewer, Holly. *By Birth or Consent: Children, Law, and the Anglo-American Revolution in Authority* (2005).
- De La Fuente, Alejandro. *Havana and the Atlantic in the Sixteenth Century* (2008).
- Donahue, Brian. *The Great Meadow: Farmers and the Land in Colonial Concord* (2004).
- Edelson, S. Max. *Plantation Enterprise in Colonial South Carolina* (2006).
- Fogelman, Aaron Spencer. *Jesus is Female: Moravians and the Challenge of Radical Religion in Early America* (2007).
- Foster, Thomas A. *Sex and the Eighteenth-Century Man: Massachusetts and the History of Sexuality in America* (2006).
- Franklin, Benjamin—recent studies by Edmund Morgan, Gordon Wood, and David Waldstreicher.
- Greer, Alan. *Mohawk Saint: Catherine Tekakwitha and the Jesuits* (2005).
- Gronim, Sara S. *Everyday Nature: Knowledge of the Natural World in Colonial New York* (2007).
- Haefeli, Evan and Kevin Sweeney. *Captors and Captives: The 1704 French and Indian Raid on Deerfield* (2003).
- Isaac, Rhys. *Landon Carter's Uneasy Kingdom* (2004).
- Kelso, William M. *Jamestown: The Buried Truth* (2006).
- Kidd, Thomas. *The Great Awakening...* (2007).
- Kupperman, Karen O. *The Jamestown Project*
- Lepore, Jill. *New York Burning: Liberty, Slavery, and Conspiracy in Eighteenth-Century Manhattan* (2005).
- McConville, Brendan. *The King's Three Faces: The Rise and Fall of Royal America, 1688-1776* (2006).
- Mancall, Peter C. *Hakluyt's Promise: An Elizabethan's Obsession for an English America* (2007)
- Morgan, Gwenda and Peter Rushton. *Eighteenth-Century Criminal Transportation: The Formation of the Criminal Atlantic* (2004).
- Morgan, Jennifer L. *Laboring Women: Reproduction and Gender in New World Slavery* (2004).
- Parent, Anthony S. Jr. *Foul Means: The Formation of a Slave Society in Virginia, 1660-1740* (2003).
- Parrish, Susan Scott. *American Curiosity: Cultures of Natural History in the Colonial British Atlantic World* (2006).
- Pulsipher, Jennifer Hale. *Subjects unto the Same King: Indians, English, and the Contest for Authority in Colonial New England* (2004).
- Rediker, Marcus. *Villains of All Nations: Atlantic Pirates in the Golden Age* (2004).
- Roundtree, Helen. *Pocahontas, Powhatan, Opechancanogh...*(2005).
- Sensbach, Jon F. *Rebecca's Revival: Creating Black Christianity in the Atlantic World* (2005).
- Stabile, Susan M. *Memory's Daughters: The Material Culture of Remembrance in Eighteenth-Century America* (2004).
- Townsend, Camilla. *Pocahontas and the Powhatan Dilemma* (2004).
- Van Zandt, Cynthia J. *Brothers Among Nations: The Pursuit of Intercultural Alliances in Early*

America, 1580-1660 (2008).

Wheeler, Rachel. *To Live Upon Hope: Hohicans and Missionaries in the Eighteenth-Century Northeast* (2008).

Winship, Michael. *The Times and Trials of Anne Hutchinson* (2005).

Wulf, Karin. *Not All Wives: Women of Colonial America* (2004).

Please Remember: Both of these lists are intentionally selective; they merely represent my personal selection of relevant books published in the last few years. For additional listings, consult both of your texts and the book review section of The William and Mary Quarterly.