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Native Americans Before the Era of Removal

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“Powhatan’s Mantle,” c. 1608

This seminar considers recent historiography, methods, and issues in North American indigenous history from the Mississippian Period (c. 1000 C.E.) to the eve of the U.S. Removal era of the 1830s, with a particular, but not exclusive, emphasis on the region east of the Mississippi River.

Buckle up! We will be reading a hefty list of recent monographs, along with a few oldies but goodies. Some of the books are not yet available in paperback, and, while it would be ideal if everyone could purchase each of them, the financial implications would be dire. No bookstore orders have been placed, on the assumption that some combination of internet purchases, library reading, and interlibrary loans will be the most economically viable option. All Common Readings have been placed on reserve at Rosengarten, and one or two copies of each are (or will be soon) on a dedicated shelf in the McNeil Center library. Articles from scholarly journals are available on-line through the Penn Library web site.

The lists of additional readings for each week’s topic are not exactly comprehensive, but they are expansive, with an eye toward providing a substantial reference bibliography. At least twice during the semester, each seminar member will choose a book from the list of “Additional Books” and prepare a brief précis of it, not exceeding 250 words. As dispassionately as possible, the précis should summarize the book’s thesis and the nature of the evidence used, and place the argument in conversation with the week’s Common Readings. Criticisms, positive or negative, should be confined to a sentence or so at the end. These papers should be submitted by email no later than noon on the Tuesday prior to the week’s seminar meeting. They will be posted on Canvas for the immediate and future edification of the everyone and should be read by all before the week’s meeting.

Each seminar member is expected to lead at least one weekly discussion, with responsibility for posing a few questions designed to help the group explore themes from the week’s Common Readings and the additional books for which précis have been prepared. The common readings often sort themselves into two subtopics, so it may be useful to think in terms of a seminar session divided into two parts, before and after a break.

The themes from that discussion, the ensuing conversation, and a selection of additional books and articles chosen in consultation with the professor will provide the inspiration for 5,000–6,000 word historiographical essay due at the end of the semester. This paper can go in any number of directions depending on individual intellectual goals. Whatever the case, Plan on at least one round of substantive revisions, with final papers due before the beginning of the spring semester.

Alternatively, students may write an original research paper. Decisions on this option will need to be made very early in the semester, in close consultation with the instructor.

Seminar Meeting and Reading Schedule

9 September: Introductions

16 September: Approaches

Common Reading:

- Francis Jennings, *The Invasion of America Indians, Colonialism, and the Cant of Conquest* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1975), Part I.
- Raymond D. Fogelson, "The Ethnohistory of Events and Nonevents," *Ethnohistory*, 36 (1989), 133–147.
- Peter Nabokov, "Native Views of History," in Bruce G. Trigger and Wilcomb E. Washburn, eds., *The Cambridge History of the Native Peoples of the Americas: vol. I: North America, Part 1* (Cambridge, 1996), 1–60 (available on-line through "Franklin.")
- Donald M. Bahr, "Bad News: The Predicament of Native American Mythology," *Ethnohistory*, 48 (20 01), 587–612.
- Clara Sue Kidwell, "American Indian Studies: Intellectual Navel Gazing or Academic Discipline?" *American Indian Quarterly* 33 (2009), 1–17.
- James H. Merrell, "Second Thoughts on Colonial Historians and American Indians," *William and Mary Quarterly* 69 (2012), 451–512.

Additional Books:

- Vine Deloria, Jr., *Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1988 [orig. publ. 1969]).
- James Axtell, "Ethnohistory: An Historian's Viewpoint," *Ethnohistory* 26 (1979), 1–13.
- Calvin Martin, ed., *The American Indian and the Problem of History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1987).
- Russell Thornton, *American Indian Holocaust and Survival: A Population History since 1492* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1987).
- David Murray, *Forked Tongues: Speech, Writing, and Representation in North American Indian Texts* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1991).
- Georges E. Sioui, *For an Amerindian Autohistory: An Essay on the Foundations of a Social Ethic*, trans. Sheila Fischman (Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press, 1992).
- Colin G. Calloway, *New Worlds for All: Indians, Europeans, and the Remaking of Early America* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997).
- Donald Lee Fixico, ed., *Rethinking American Indian History* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1997).
- David Henige, *Numbers from Nowhere: The American Indian Contact Population Debate* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1998).

- Devon A. Mihesuah, *Natives and Academics: Researching and Writing about American Indians* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1998).
- Shepard Krech, *The Ecological Indian: Myth and History* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1999).
- Daniel K. Richter, *Facing East from Indian Country: A Native History of Early America* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2001).
- Nancy Shoemaker, *Clearing a Path: Theorizing the Past in Native American Studies* (New York: Routledge, 2002).
- Peter Nabokov, *A Forest of Time: American Indian Ways of History* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002).
- Lisa Brooks, *The Common Pot: The Recovery of Native Space in the Northeast* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2008).
- Andrew Newman, *On Records: Delaware Indians, Colonists, and the Media of History and Memory* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2012).
- Jace Weaver, *The Red Atlantic: American Indigenes and the Making of the Modern World, 1000–1927* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2014).

Useful Articles:

- Robert F., Berkhofer, Jr., “The Political Context of a New Indian History,” *Pacific Historical Review* 40 (1971), 357–382.
- James Axtell, “Ethnohistory: An Historian’s Viewpoint,” *Ethnohistory* 26 (1979), 1–13.
- James Axtell, “Colonial America without the Indians: Counterfactual Reflections,” *Journal of American History* 73 (1986–1987), 981–996.
- James H. Merrell, “Some Thoughts on Colonial Historians and American Indians,” *William and Mary Quarterly* 46 (1989), 94–119.
- Daniel K. Richter, “Whose Indian History?” *William and Mary Quarterly* 50 (1993), 379–393.
- James H. Merrell, “‘I Desire All That I Have Said . . . May Be Taken down Aright’: Revisiting Teedyuscung’s 1756 Treaty Council Speeches,” *William and Mary Quarterly* 63 (2006), 777–826.
- “Forum: Ethnogenesis,” *William and Mary Quarterly* 68 (2011), 181–246.
- “Forum: Colonial Historians and American Indians,” *William and Mary Quarterly* 69 (2012), 513–530.
- James H. Merrell, “‘Exactly as they appear’: Another Look at the Notes of a 1766 Treason Trial in Poughkeepsie, New York, with Some Musings on the Documentary Foundations of Early American History,” *Early American Studies* 12 (2014), 202–237.

23 September: Ancients

Common Reading:

- Neal Salisbury, “The Indians’ Old World: Native Americans and the Coming of Europeans,” *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d ser., 53 (1996), 435–458.
- Timothy R. Pauketat, *Ancient Cahokia and the Mississippians* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004).
- Patricia Galloway, *Choctaw Genesis, 1500–1700* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1999).

Additional Books:

- James W. Bradley, *Evolution of the Onondaga Iroquois: Accommodating Change, 1500–1655* (Syracuse, N.Y.: Syracuse University Press, 1987).
- Stephen R. Potter, *Commoners, Tribute, and Chiefs: The Development of Algonquian Culture in the Potomac Valley* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 1993).
- Mark W. Mehrer, *Cahokia’s Countryside: Household Archaeology, Settlement Patterns, and Social Power* (DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 1995).
- Jay F. Custer, *Prehistoric Cultures of Eastern Pennsylvania*, Archaeological Series no. 7 (Harrisburg: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 1996).

- Thomas E. Emerson, *Cahokia and the Archaeology of Power* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 1997).
- Charles M. Hudson, *Knights of Spain, Warriors of the Sun: Hernando de Soto and the South's Ancient Chiefdoms* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1997).
- David La Vere, *The Caddo Chiefdoms: Caddo Economics and Politics, 700–1835* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1998).
- Marvin T. Smith, *Coosa: The Rise and Fall of a Southeastern Mississippian Chiefdom* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2000).
- Sally A. Kitt Chappell, *Cahokia: Mirror of the Cosmos* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2002).
- Charles M. Hudson, *Conversations with the High Priest of Coosa* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003).
- James D. Rice, *Nature and History in the Potomac Country: From Hunter-Gatherers to the Age of Jefferson* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009).
- Adam King, *Etowah: The Political History of a Chiefdom Capital* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2003).
- Martin D. Gallivan, *James River Chiefdoms: The Rise of Social Inequality in the Chesapeake* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2003).

30 September: Encounters

Common Reading:

- Frederic W. Gleach, *Powhatan's World and Colonial Virginia* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2000).
- Christopher L. Miller and George R. Hamell, "A New Perspective on Indian-White Contact: Cultural Symbols and Colonial Trade," *Journal of American History* 73 (1986), 311–328
- Laurier Turgeon, "The Tale of the Kettle: Odyssey of an Intercultural Object" *Ethnohistory* 44 (1997) 1–29.
- Katherine A. Grandjean, "New World Tempests: Environment, Scarcity, and the Coming of the Pequot War." *William and Mary Quarterly*, 68 (2011), 75–100.
- Andrew Lipman, "'A Meanes to Knitt Them Togeather': The Exchange of Body Parts in the Pequot War," *William and Mary Quarterly* 65 (2008), 3–28.

Additional Books:

- Neal Salisbury, *Manitou and Providence: Indians, Europeans, and the Making of New England, 1500–1643* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1982).
- William S. Simmons, *Spirit of the New England Tribes: Indian History and Folklore, 1620–1984* (Hanover, N.H.: University Press of New England, 1986).
- Carolyn Merchant, *Ecological Revolutions: Nature, Gender, and Science in New England* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1989).
- Helen Rountree, *The Powhatan Indians of Virginia: Their Traditional Culture* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1989).
- James D. Drake, *King Philip's War: Civil War in New England, 1675–1676* (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1999).
- Margaret Holmes Williamson, *Powhatan Lords of Life and Death: Command and Consent in Seventeenth-Century Virginia* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2003).
- Kathleen J. Bragdon, *Native People of Southern New England, 1500–1650* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1996); *Native People of Southern New England, 1650–1775* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2009).
- Patricia E. Rubertone, *Grave Undertakings: An Archaeology of Roger Williams and the Narragansett Indians* (Washington: Smithsonian Institution Press, 2001).
- Paula Gunn Allen, *Pocahontas: Medicine Woman, Spy, Entrepreneur, Diplomat* (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 2003).

Camilla Townsend, *Pocahontas and the Powhatan Dilemma* (New York: Hill and Wang, 2004).
 Alden T. Vaughan, *Transatlantic Encounters: American Indians in Britain, 1500–1776* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006).

Useful Articles:

Calvin Martin, "The Four Lives of a Micmac Copper Pot," *Ethnohistory* 22 (1975), 111–133.
 James Axtell, "At the Water's Edge: Trading in the Sixteenth Century," in Axtell, *After Columbus: Essays in the Ethnohistory of Colonial North America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1988), 144–181.
 Virginia DeJohn Anderson, "King Philip's Herds: Indians, Colonists, and the Problem of Livestock in Early New England," *William and Mary Quarterly* 51 (1994), 601–624.
 Kathleen, Brown, "The Anglo-Indian Gender Frontier," in Nancy Shoemaker, ed., *Negotiators of Change: Historical Perspectives on Native American Women* (New York, 1995), 26–48.
 Laurier Turgeon, "The Tale of the Kettle: Odyssey of an Intercultural Object," *Ethnohistory*, 44 (1997), 1–29.
 Andrea Robertson Cremer, "Possession: Indian Bodies, Cultural Control, and Colonialism in the Pequot War," *Early American Studies* 6 (2008), 295–345.
 Katherine A. Grandjean, "The Long Wake of the Pequot War," *Early American Studies* 9 (2011), 379–411.
 Ethan A. Schmidt, "Cockacoeske, Weroansqua of the Pamunkeys, and Indian Resistance in Seventeenth-Century Virginia," *American Indian Quarterly* 36 (2012), 288–317.

7 October: Ordeals

Common Reading:

Daniel K. Richter, *The Ordeal of the Longhouse: The Peoples of the Iroquois League in the Era of European Colonization* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1992).
 Jon Parmenter, "After the Mourning Wars: The Iroquois as Allies in Colonial North American Campaigns, 1676–1760," *William and Mary Quarterly* 64 (2007), 39–82.
 Special Issue: "Early Iroquoian-European Contacts: The Kaswentha Tradition, the Two Row Wampum Belt, and the Tawagonshi Document, 2013," *Journal of Early American History*, 3 (2013), 1–125.

Additional Books:

Bruce G. Trigger, *The Children of Aataentsic: A History of the Huron People to 1660* (Montreal: McGill University Press, 1976).
 Francis, Jennings, et al, eds., *The History and Culture of Iroquois Diplomacy: An Interdisciplinary Guide to the Treaties of the Six Nations and Their League* (Syracuse, N.Y. Syracuse University Press, 1985).
 Daniel K. Richter and James H. Merrell, eds., *Beyond the Covenant Chain: The Iroquois and Their Neighbors in Indian North America, 1600–1800* (Syracuse, N.Y.: Syracuse University Press, 1987).
 Matthew Dennis, *Cultivating a Landscape of Peace: Iroquois-European Encounters in Seventeenth-Century America* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1993).
 Denys Delâge, *Le pays renversé: Amérindiens et européens en Amérique du nord-est, 1600–1664* (Montreal, 1985). Published in English as *Bitter Feast: Amerindians and Europeans in Northeastern North America, 1600–64*, trans. Jane Brierley (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 1993).
 José Antônio Brandão, "Your Fyre Shall Burn No More:" *Iroquois Policy toward New France and Its Native Allies to 1701* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1997).
 Barbara A. Mann, *Iroquoian Women: The Gantowisas* (New York: Peter Lang, 2000)
 Gilles Havard, *The Great Peace of Montreal of 1701: French-Native Diplomacy in the Seventeenth Century* (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2001).

- Roger M. Carpenter, *The Renewed, the Destroyed, and the Remade: The Three Thought Worlds of the Huron and the Iroquois, 1609–1650* (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2004).
- Michael Leroy Oberg, *Uncas: First of the Mohegans* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2003).
- Jenny Hale Pulsipher, *Subjects Unto the Same King: Indians, English, and the Contest for Authority in Colonial New England* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2005).
- Paul Otto, *The Dutch-Munsee Encounter in America: The Struggle for Sovereignty in the Hudson Valley* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2006).
- Kurt A. Jordan, *The Seneca Restoration, 1715–1754: An Iroquois Local Political Economy* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2008).
- Gail D. MacLeitch, *Imperial Entanglements: Iroquois Change and Persistence on the Frontiers of Empire* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011).
- Eric Hinderaker, *The Two Hendricks: Unraveling a Mohawk Mystery* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2010).
- Jon Parmenter, *The Edge of the Woods: Iroquoia, 1534–1701* (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2010).
- Tom Arne Midttrød, *The Memory of All Ancient Customs: Native American Diplomacy in the Colonial Hudson Valley* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2012).
- Julie A. Fisher and David J. Silverman, *Ninigret, Sachem of the Niantics and Narragansetts: Diplomacy, War, and the Balance of Power in Seventeenth-Century New England and Indian Country* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2014).

Useful Articles:

- Emerson W. Baker and John G. Reid, “Amerindian Power in the Early Modern Northeast: A Reappraisal,” *William and Mary Quarterly* 61 (2004), 77–106.
- Jan Noel, “‘Fertile with Fine Talk’: Ungoverned Tongues among Haudenosaunee Women and Their Neighbors,” *Ethnohistory* 57 (2010), 201–223.

14 October: Enslavements

Common Reading:

- Christina Snyder *Slavery in Indian Country: the Changing Face of Captivity in Early America* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2010).
- and:
- James Brooks, *Captives and Cousins: Slavery, Kinship, and Community in the Southwest Borderlands* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002).
- or:
- Brett Rushforth, *Bonds of Alliance: Indigenous and Atlantic Slavery in New France* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2012).

Additional Books:

- Theda Perdue, *Slavery and the Evolution of Cherokee Society, 1540–1866* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1979).
- Ann F. Ramenofsky, *Vectors of Death: The Archaeology of European Contact* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1987).
- Alan Gallay, *The Indian Slave Trade: The Rise of the English Empire in the American South, 1670–1717* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2002).
- Evan Haefeli and Kevin Sweeney, *Captors and Captives: The 1704 French and Indian Raid on Deerfield* (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2003).
- Paul Kelton, *Epidemics and Enslavement: Biological Catastrophe in the Native Southeast, 1492–1715* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2007).

Robbie Ethridge and Sheri M. Shuck-Hall, *Mapping the Mississippian Shatter Zone: The Colonial Indian Slave Trade and Regional Instability in the American South* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2009).

Useful Articles:

Alfred W. Crosby, "Virgin Soil Epidemics as a Factor in the Aboriginal Depopulation in America," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 33 (1976), 176–207.

James Axtell and William C. Sturtevant, "The Unkindest Cut, or Who Invented Scalping?" *William and Mary Quarterly*, 36 (1980), 451–472.

Marvin T. Smith, "Aboriginal Depopulation in the Postcontact Southeast," in Charles Hudson and Carmen Chaves Tesser, eds., *The Forgotten Centuries: Indians and Europeans in the American South, 1521–1704* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1994), 257–275.

David S. Jones, "Virgin Soils Revisited," *William and Mary Quarterly* 60 (2003), 703–742.

21 October: Conversions

Common Reading:

James Axtell, *The Invasion Within: The Contest of Cultures in Colonial North America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1985)

and:

Tracy Neal Leavelle, *The Catholic Calumet: Colonial Conversions in French and Indian North America* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012).

or:

Allan Greer, *Mohawk Saint: Catherine Tekakwitha and the Jesuits* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005).

Additional Books:

Jean M. O'Brien, *Dispossession by Degrees: Indian Land and Identity in Natick, Massachusetts, 1650–1790* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997)

Richard W. Cogley, *John Eliot's Mission to the Indians before King Philip's War* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1999).

Ann Marie Plane, *Colonial Intimacies: Indian Marriage in Early New England* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2000).

Kristina Bross, *Dry Bones and Indian Sermons: Praying Indians and Colonial American Identity* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2004).

Laura M. Stevens, *The Poor Indians: British Missionaries, Native Americans, and Colonial Sensibility* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004).

David J. Silverman, *Faith and Boundaries: Colonists, Christianity, and Community among the Wampanoag Indians of Martha's Vineyard, 1600–1871* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005).

R. Todd Romero, *Making War and Minting Christians: Masculinity, Religion, and Colonialism in Early New England* (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2011).

Steven W. Hackel, *Children of Coyote, Missionaries of Saint Francis: Indian-Spanish Relations in Colonial California, 1769–1850* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2005).

Rachel Wheeler, *To Live upon Hope: Mohicans and Missionaries in the Eighteenth-Century Northeast* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2008).

Joel W. Martin and Mark A. Nicholas, eds., *Native Americans, Christianity, and the Reshaping of the American Religious Landscape* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010).

Laura M. Chmielewski, *The Spice of Popery: Converging Christianities on an Early American Frontier* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2012).

Linford D. Fisher, *The Indian Great Awakening: Religion and the Shaping of Native Cultures in Early America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012).

Tracy Neal Leavelle, *The Catholic Calumet: Colonial Conversions in French and Indian North America* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012).

Useful Articles:

- Elise Brenner, "To Pray or to Be Prey: That is the Question: Strategies for Cultural Autonomy of Massachusetts Praying Town Indians," *Ethnohistory* 27 (1980), 135–152.
- James P. Ronda, "Generations of Faith: The Christian Indians of Martha's Vineyard," *William and Mary Quarterly* 38 (1981), 369–394.
- James Axtell, "Were Indian Conversions Bona Fide?" in Axtell, *After Columbus: Essays in the Ethnohistory of Colonial North America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1988), 100–121.
- Charles L. Cohen, "Conversion among Puritans and Amerindians: A Theological and Cultural Perspective," in Francis J. Bremer, ed., *Puritanism: Transatlantic Perspectives on a Seventeenth-Century Anglo-American Faith* (Boston: Massachusetts Historical Society, 1993).
- Rebecca Kugel, "Of Missionaries and Their Cattle: Ojibwa Perceptions of a Missionary as Evil Shaman," *Ethnohistory* 41 (1994), 227–244.
- Nancy Shoemaker, "Kateri Tekakwitha's Tortuous Path to Sainthood," in Shoemaker, ed., *Negotiators of Change: Historical Perspectives on Native American Women* (New York, 1995), 49–71.
- Peter A. Dorsey "Going to School with Savages: Authorship and Authority among the Jesuits of New France," *William and Mary Quarterly* 55 (1998), 399–420.
- David J. Silverman, "'We Chuse to Be Bounded': Native American Animal Husbandry in Colonial New England," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 60 (2003), 511–548.
- Neal Salisbury, "Embracing Ambiguity: Native Peoples and Christianity in Seventeenth-Century North America," *Ethnohistory* 50 (2003), 247–259.
- David J. Silverman, "Indians, Missionaries, and Religious Translation: Creating Wampanoag Christianity in Seventeenth-Century Martha's Vineyard," *William and Mary Quarterly* 62 (2005), 141–174.
- Kathleen J. Bragdon, "The Pragmatics of Language Learning: Graphic Pluralism on Martha's Vineyard, 1660–1720," *Ethnohistory* 57 (2010), 35–50.
- Robert Michael Morrissey, "'I Speak It Well': Language, Cultural Understanding, and the End of a Missionary Middle Ground in Illinois Country, 1673–1712," *Early American Studies* 9 (2012), 617–648.
- Glenda Goodman, "'But they differ from us in sound': Indian Psalmody and the Soundscape of Colonialism, 1651–75," *William and Mary Quarterly* 69 (2012), 793–822.
- Daniel R. Mandell, "'Turned Their Minds to Religion': Oquaga and the First Iroquois Church, 1748–1776," *Early American Studies* 11 (2013), 211–242.
- Linford D. Fisher and Lucas Mason-Brown "By 'Treachery and Seduction': Indian Baptism and Conversion in the Roger Williams Code," *William and Mary Quarterly* 71 (2014), 175–202.
- Jason Eden "'Therefore Ye Are No More Strangers and Foreigners': Indians, Christianity, and Political Engagement in Colonial Plymouth and on Martha's Vineyard," *American Indian Quarterly* 38 (2014), 36–59.

28 October: Grounds**Common Reading:**

- Richard White, *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650–1815*, 2nd ed. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010).
- "Forum: The Middle Ground Revisited," *William and Mary Quarterly* 63 (2006), 3–96.

Additional Book:

- Kathleen DuVal, *The Native Ground: Indians and Colonists in the Heart of the Continent* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006).

4 November: Woods

Common Reading:

James H. Merrell, *Into the American Woods: Negotiators on the Pennsylvania Frontier* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1999).

and:

David L. Preston, *The Texture of Contact: European and Indian Settler Communities on the Frontiers of Iroquoia, 1667–1783* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2009).

or:

Gunlög Fur, *A Nation of Women: Gender and Colonial Encounters Among the Delaware Indians* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009).

Additional Books:

Francis Jennings, *The Ambiguous Iroquois Empire: The Covenant Chain Confederation of Indian Tribes with English Colonies from Its Beginnings to the Lancaster Treaty of 1744* (New York: Norton, 1984).

Francis Jennings, *Empire of Fortune: Crowns, Colonies and Tribes in the Seven Years War in America* (New York: Norton, 1988).

Michael N. McConnell, *A Country Between: The Upper Ohio Valley and Its Peoples, 1724–1774* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1992).

Theda Perdue, *Cherokee Women: Gender and Culture Change, 1700–1835* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1998).

Gregory Evans Dowd, *War under Heaven: Pontiac, the Indian Nations, and the British Empire* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002).

Jane T. Merritt, *At the Crossroads: Indians and Empires on a Mid-Atlantic Frontier, 1700–1763* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003).

William A. Pencak and Daniel K. Richter, eds., *Friends and Enemies in Penn's Woods: Indians, Colonists, and the Racial Construction of Pennsylvania* (University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2004).

David Dixon, *Never Come to Peace Again: Pontiac's Uprising and the Fate of the British Empire in North America* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, c2005).

Amy C. Schutt, *Peoples of the River Valleys: The Odyssey of the Delaware Indians* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007).

Cynthia J. van Zandt, *Brothers among Nations: The Pursuit of Intercultural Alliances in Early America, 1580–1660* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008).

William J. Campbell, *Speculators in Empire: Iroquoia and the 1768 Treaty of Fort Stanwix* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2012).

Useful Articles:

Jane Merritt, "Dreaming of the Savior's Blood: Moravians and the Indian Great Awakening in Pennsylvania," *William and Mary Quarterly* 54 (1997), 723–746.

Elizabeth Lewis Pardoe, "Conrad Weiser: Mystic Diplomat," *Explorations in Early American Culture* 4 (2000), 113–147.

Ian Steele, "Shawnee Origins of their Seven Years' War," *Ethnohistory* 53 (2006), 657–687.

Tyler Boulware, "The Effect of the Seven Years' War on the Cherokee Nation," *Early American Studies* 5 (2007), 395–426.

Paul Kelton, "The British and Indian War: Cherokee Power and the Fate of Empire in North America," *William and Mary Quarterly* 69 (2012), 763–792.

11 November: Lakes and Creeks

Common Reading:

Michael Witgen, *An Infinity of Nations: How the Native New World Shaped Early North America* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012).

Joshua Piker, *Okfuskee: a Creek Indian Town in Colonial America* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2004).

Additional Books:

Harold A. Innis, *The Fur Trade in Canada: An Introduction to Canadian Economic History* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1930).

Charles Hudson, *The Southeastern Indians* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1976)

Jennifer S. H. Brown, *Strangers in Blood: Fur Trade Company Families in Indian Country* (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 1980).

Jennifer S. H. Brown, *Strangers in Blood: Fur Trade Company Families in Indian Country* (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 1980).

James H. Merrell, *The Indians' New World: Catawbas and Their Neighbors from European Contact through the Era of Removal* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1989).

Kathryn E. Holland Braund, *Deerskins and Duffels: Creek Indian Trade with Anglo-America, 1685–1815* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1993).

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