

**History 522 Selected Topics in Early American History:
Political Moderation in the Atlantic World Diasporas
Fall Semester 2005**

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Goals and Purposes: To examine moderate political thought of early modern Europe, evaluate the transmission of ideology throughout the Atlantic World during the 16th, 17th, and 18th Centuries, and conduct case studies of the political content of particular Atlantic world diasporas for class presentation and a short research paper.

Required Reading:

Diarmaid MacCulloch, *The Reformation: A History*

David Hackett Fischer, *Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America*

Robert M. Calhoun, "Preface," "Introduction," and "Chapter Two, Augustan Moderation," from "Political Moderation in American History, 1713-1913," Electronic Reserve Reading, Jackson Library

Course Schedule:

Aug. 16 introduction to the course

Unit I: Reformation Origins of Political Moderation

Aug. 18 Humanism: MacCulloch, ch. 2

Aug. 23 Lutheranism: MacCulloch, ch. 3

Aug. 25 Calvinism: MacCulloch, ch. 5

Aug. 30 The Religious Question in England: MacCulloch, ch. 12

Sept. 1 Political Moderation: Calhoun, "Introduction"

Sept. 6 First Examination

Unit II: Culture Hearths and British Diasporas

Sept. 8 The Puritan Diaspora: Fischer, pp. 3-38

Sept. 13 Puritan Political and Ethical Folkways: Fischer, pp. 174-205

Sept. 15 The Virginia Cavalier and Indentured Servitude Diasporas: Fischer, pp. 207-256, 274-280

Sept. 20 Virginia Gentry Political and Ethical Folkways: Fischer, pp. 389-418

Sept. 22 The Quaker Diaspora: Fischer, pp. 419-451

Sept. 27 Quaker Ethics and Politics: Fischer, pp. 577-603

Sept. 29 The North British Diaspora: Fischer, pp. 605-632

Oct. 4 Backcountry Ethics and Politics: Fischer, pp. 759-782. Take-home examination distributed.

Oct. 6 review of Unit II

Oct. 13 Take-home examination due.

Unit III: The Trans-Atlantic Spread of Early Modern Political Wisdom

During this unit, each member of the class will participate in one or more Diaspora Presentation Groups. Each group will prepare a 75 minute presentation on moderation in the ideas, beliefs, and politics of one of the following diasporas or pairs of related diasporas. Group presentations will be graded according to the following criteria: (1) providing the audience with a balanced empirical and interpretive overview; (2) a truly collective effort in which shared and individual efforts are manifest; (3) an interpretive component—evaluating and discussing early modern, early American, and political moderation historiography; (4) visual resourcefulness.

In addition, each member of the class will isolate a specific occurrence, exhibition, or analysis of moderation and, if relevant, immoderation, in an Atlantic World diaspora, prepare a 250 word proposal on that topic, and write a 1,500-2,000 word (2,500-3,000 word for graduate students) paper based on both primary and secondary materials.

Oct. 18 the Puritan and Dutch Reformed diasporas

T. H. Breen, *The Character of the Good Ruler*

Perry Miller, *The New England Mind: The Seventeenth Century*

Robert M. Calhoun, "Perry Miller," *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, vol. 17

Stephen Foster, *The Long Argument: English Puritanism and the Shaping of New England Culture, 1570-1700*

Charles Lloyd Cohen, *God's Caress: The Psychology of Puritan Religious Experience*

Perry Miller, "Religion and Society in the Early Literature of Virginia," in *Errand into the Wilderness*

Theodore Dwight Bozeman, *To Live Ancient Lives: The Primitivist Dimension in a Puritanism*

-----, *The Precisianist Strain: Disciplinary Religion & Antinomian Backlash in Puritanism to 1638*

Ronald Shorto, *The Island at the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony that Shaped America*

Alice P. Kenney, *The Gansevoorts of Albany: Dutch Patricians in the Upper Hudson Valley*

Oct. 20 the Anglican diaspora

Richard J. Hooker, ed., *The Carolina Backcountry on the Eve of the Revolution*

John K. Nelson, *A Blessed Company: Parishes, Parsons, Parishioners in Anglican Virginia, 1690-1776*

S. Charles Bolton, *Southern Anglicanism: The Church of England in Colonial South Carolina*

John Calam, *Parsons and Pedagogues: The SPG Adventure in American Education*

John C. Van Horne, ed., *Religious Philanthropy and Colonial Slavery: The American Correspondence of Dr. Bray's Associates. 1717-1777*

Joseph J. Ellis, *Samuel Johnson of Connecticut*

- William A. Clebsch, "William Smith on Education: Religion, 'The Soul of the Whole,'" *Historical Magazine of the Protestant Episcopal Church*, (1983).
- Oct. 25 **the Huguenot diaspora**
 Bertrand Van Ruymbek and Randy J. Sparks, eds., *Memory and Identity: The Huguenots in France and the Atlantic Diaspora*
 Jon Butler, *The Huguenots in America: A Refugee People in New World Society*
 Robert M. Weir, ed., *The Letters of Freeman: Essays on the Nonimportation Movement in South Carolina* (on William Wragg)
- Oct. 27 Group work on diaspora presentations
- Nov. 1 **the Scottish diaspora**
 Arthur Herman, *How the Scots Made the Modern World*
 Mark A. Noll, *Princeton and the Republic, 1768-1822: The Search for a Christian Enlightenment in the Era of Samuel Stanhope Smith*
 J. G. A. Pocock, *Barbarism and Religion: Narratives of Civil Government*, ch. 16-24
 E. Brooke Holifield, *The Gentlemen Theologians: American Theology in Southern Culture*, ch. 3, 6
- Nov. 3 **the Irish diaspora** Paper proposals due
 Ronald Hoffman, *Princes of Ireland, Planters of Maryland: A Carroll Saga, 1500-1782*
 Kerby A. Miller, Arnold Schrier, Bruce D. Boling, David N. Doyle, *Irish Immigrants in the Land of Canaan: Letters and Memoirs from Colonial and Revolutionary America, 1675-1815*
 Caroline Robbins, *The Eighteenth-Century Commonwealthman*, ch. 5
 Robert M. Calhoun, Aedanus Burke and Thomas Burke: Revolutionary Conservatism in the Carolinas," David R. Chesnutt and Clyde N Wilson, eds., *The Meaning of South Carolina History*, ch. 4
- Nov. 8 **the Ulster Diaspora**
 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*
 L. Gordon Tait, *The Piety of John Witherspoon: Pew, Pulpit, and Public Forum*
 Robert M. Calhoun, "The Scotch Irish and Political Moderation," *Journal of Scotch Irish Culture*, Fall 2002
 ----, "Scotch Irish Calvinists in Conflict: The South Carolina Slave Literacy Controversy, 1834-1860," *Journal of Scotch Irish Studies*, Fall, 2004.
- Nov. 10 **the Quaker diaspora**
 Mary Maples Dunn and Richard J. Dunn, eds., *The World of William Penn*
 Frederick B. Tolles, *Meeting House and Counting House: The Quaker Merchants of Philadelphia, 1682-1763*
 Richard Bauman, *For a Reputation of Truth: Politics, Reason, and Conflict among Pennsylvania Quakers, 1750-1800*
- Nov. 15 **the Pietist diasporas**
 Jon F. Sensbach, *A Separate Canaan: The Making of An Afro-Moravian World in North Carolina, 1763-1840*
 Daniel B. Thorp, *The Moravian Community in Colonial North Carolina: Puralism on the Southern Frontier*

Elizabeth W. Sommer, *Serving Two Masters: Moravian Brethren in Germany and North Carolina, 1727-1801*

Gillian Gollin, *Moravians in Two Worlds: A Study of Two Communities*

Peter C. Erb, ed., *Pietists: Selected Writings*

Nov. 17 **the Lutheran diaspora**

A. G. Roeber, *Palatines, Liberty, and Property: German Lutherans in Colonial British America*

Wolfgang Splitter, *A Free People in the American Air: The Evolution of German German Lutherans from British Subjects to Pennsylvania Citizens*

George Fenwick Jones, ed., *Henry Hewman's Salzberger Letterbooks*

Nov. 29 **the English Baptist and Methodist diasporas**

Robbins, *Eighteenth-Century Commonwealthman*, ch. 7

David S. Lovejoy, *Religious Enthusiasm in the New World: From Heresy to Revolution*, ch. 1-5, 8-11

Rhys Isaac, *The Transformation of Virginia, 1740-1790*

Dee E. Andrews, *The Methodists and Revolutionary America, 1760-1800*

Susan O'Brien, "A Trans-Atlantic Community of Saints: The Great Awakening and the First Evangelical Network," *American Historical Review*, Dec. 1986.

Dec. 1 **the African Slave Trade diaspora**

Mechel Sobel, *Trabelin' On: The Slave Journey to an Afro-Baptist Faith*

Michael A. Gomez, *Exchanging Our Country Marks: The Transformation of African Identities in the Colonial and Antebellum South*

Jon F. Sensbach, *Rebecca's Revival: Creating Black Christianity in the Atlantic World*

-----, *A Separate Canaan* (see Pietist diaspora)

Van Horne, ed., *Religious Philanthropy* (see Anglican Diaspora)

Dec. 6 (Reading Day) **Diaspora Political Moderation in the Valley of the Shadow**

Edward L. Ayers, *In the Presence of Mine Enemies: War in the Heart of America, 1859-1863*

The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War Website

Dec. 14 Papers due.