

HIS 722: Topics in Early American History
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American Indian History in Early America

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The purpose of this course is to introduce graduate students to the most significant scholarly works on American Indians and Indian-European contact in early America through the Removal era of the 1830s. Students will critically analyze historical monographs through class discussion and written reviews and will write either a research paper based on primary and secondary sources or a historiographical paper.

Required books for purchase:

Donald L. Fixico, ed., *Rethinking American Indian History* (University of New Mexico Press), 1997

Assignments:

In addition to the articles that form the common reading each week, you will turn in a written review of your assigned monograph on four weeks and will lead discussion of your readings in class. Class discussion is central to this course and will form a significant part of your grade. Finally, you will write a ~20 page research OR historiographical paper due at the end of the semester. *Everyone must review a book from the Week 6 selections.

Doing the book reviews:

You will prepare professional-quality book reviews of each of your assigned weekly readings. Professional quality means that your review could be published in an academic history journal, and, thus, the review should expose the author's thesis and main supporting points, discuss and evaluate the evidence presented by the author to prove his/her thesis, suggest how this book fits into the historiography on that subject, and tell who the author is. Do NOT tell me that the book is "interesting" for that means absolutely nothing. Do tell me why the book is important, what its flaws (if any) are, and why we must all be familiar with its thesis in order to better understand American Indian history. Browse through the book reviews in the journals *Reviews in American History*, *Ethnohistory*, *William and Mary Quarterly* (all are in the library or available online through the J-Stor database) for examples of what I am asking for. You may consult published reviews of the books you are working on, but do not copy and paste from them, as that is cheating, and I want to read your words not someone else's. Each review should be double spaced and about 3 pages in length, no more than 4 pages and no less than 2.

Grading:

Written Reviews (4): 10% each 40%

Discussion Participation	20%
Final Paper	<u>40%</u>
	100%

Schedule & books for reviews:

Week 1 **Introduction**
1/25

Week 2 **The state of early American Indian History & Pre-Contact Topics**
2/1 Common Reading: Donald Fixico, ed., *Rethinking American Indian History* (all)

Review Books: Nancy Shoemaker, ed., *Clearing a Path: Theorizing the Past in Native American Studies*; Colin G. Calloway, ed., *New Directions in American Indian History*; Calvin Martin, ed., *The American Indian and the Problem of History*; Alice Beck Kehoe, *America Before the European Invasions*; Charles C. Mann, *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus*; Thomas D. Dillehay, *The Settlement of the Americas: A New Prehistory*; J. M. Adovasio, *The First Americans: In Pursuit of Archaeology's Greatest Mystery*; Henry F. Dobyns, *Their Number Become Thinned: Native American Population Dynamics in Eastern North America*; William M. Denevan, ed., *The Native Population of the Americas in 1492* (2nd ed.); David P. Henige, *Numbers from Nowhere: The American Indian Contact Population Debate*

Week 3 **Initial Contacts & Interactions**
2/8 Common reading:

1. Neal Salisbury, "The Indians' Old World: Native Americans and the Coming of Europeans," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Third Series, Vol. 53, No. 3, Indians and Others in Early America (Jul., 1996), pp. 435-458 (JSTOR)
2. Bruce M. White, "Encounters with Spirits: Ojibwa and Dakota Theories about the French and Their Merchandise," *Ethnohistory*, Vol. 41, No. 3 (Summer, 1994), pp. 369-405 (JSTOR)

Review Books: Patricia Galloway, *Choctaw Genesis, 1500-1700*; Charles Hudson, *Knights of Spain, Warriors of the Sun: Hernando de Soto and the South's Ancient Chiefdoms*; Neal Salisbury, *Manitou and Providence: Indians, Europeans and the Making of New England, 1500-1643*; Francis Jennings, *The Invasion of America: Indians, Colonialism and the Cant of Conquest*; Alfred Cave, *The Pequot War*; James D. Drake, *King Philip's War: Civil War in New England, 1675-1676*; Jill Lepore, *The Name of War: King Philip's War and the Origins of American Identity*; Jose Brandao, *Your Fyre Shall Burn No More: Iroquois Policy toward New France and Its Native Allies to 1701*; Daniel Richter, *Ordeal of the Longhouse: The Peoples of the Iroquois League in the Era of European Colonization*; Frederic

Gleach, *Powhatan's World and Colonial Virginia*; Helen Rountree, *Pocahontas, Powhatan, Opechancanough: Three Indian Lives Changed by Jamestown*; Jerald T. Milanich, *Florida Indians and the Invasion from Europe*; Richard Flint, *No Settlement, No Conquest: A History of the Coronado Entrada*; William B. Carter, *Indian Alliances and the Spanish in the Southwest, 750-1750*; Andrew Knaut, *The Pueblo Revolt: Conquest and Resistance in Seventeenth-Century New Mexico*; David Roberts, *The Pueblo Revolt: The Secret Rebellion that Drove the Spaniards Out of the Southwest*; Colin G. Calloway, *One Vast Winter Count: The Native American West before Lewis and Clark*

Week 4
2/15

TOPIC FOR RESEARCH OR HISTORIOGRAPHICAL PAPER DUE

Environmental History and American Indian History

Common Reading:

1. Richard L. Haan, "The 'Trade Do's Not Flourish as Formerly': The Ecological Origins of the Yamasee War of 1715," [Ethnohistory](#), Vol. 28, No. 4 (Autumn, 1981), pp. 341-358 (JSTOR)
2. Alfred Crosby, "Virgin Soil Epidemics as a Factor in the Aboriginal Depopulation in America," [The William and Mary Quarterly](#), Third Series, Vol. 33, No. 2 (Apr., 1976), pp. 289-299 (JSTOR)
3. Dan Flores, "Bison Ecology and Bison Diplomacy: The Southern Plains from 1800 to 1850," [The Journal of American History](#), Vol. 78, No. 2 (Sep., 1991), pp. 465-485 (JSTOR)

Review Books: Alfred Crosby, *The Columbian Exchange*; Shepard Krech, *The Ecological Indian: Myth and History*; William Cronon, *Changes in the Land: Indians, Colonists, and the Ecology of New England*; Timothy Silver, *A New Face on the Countryside: Indians, Colonists, and Slaves in South Atlantic Forests, 1500-1800*; Robbie Ethridge, *Creek Country: The Creek Indians and Their World*; Richard White, *The Roots of Dependency: Subsistence, Environment, and Social Change among the Choctaws, Pawnees, and Navajos*; James D. Rice, *Nature & History in the Potomac Country: From Hunter-Gatherers to the Age of Jefferson*; Paul E. Minnis and Wayne J. Elisens, eds., *Biodiversity & Native America*; Andrew Isenberg, *The Destruction of the Bison: An Environmental History, 1750-1920*

Week 5
2/22

Indian Slavery

Common Reading:

1. Brett Rushforth, "'A Little Flesh We Offer You': The Origins of Indian Slavery in New France," [The William and Mary Quarterly](#), Third Series, Vol. 60, No. 4 (Oct., 2003), pp. 777-808 (JSTOR)
2. William L. Ramsey, "A Coat for 'Indian Cuffy': Mapping the Boundary between Freedom and Slavery in Colonial South Carolina," [The South Carolina Historical](#)

[Magazine](#), Vol. 103, No. 1 (Jan., 2002), pp. 48-66 (JSTOR)

3. Michael Guasco, "To "doe some good upon their countrymen": The Paradox of Indian Slavery in Early Anglo-America," *Journal of Social History*, Volume 41, Number 2, Winter 2007, pp. 389-411 (Project MUSE)

Review Books: Allan Galloway, *The Indian Slave Trade: The Rise of the English Empire in the American South, 1670-1717*; James F. Brooks, *Captives & Cousins: Slavery, Kinship, and Community in the Southwest Borderlands*; Eric E. Bowne, *The Westo Indians: Slave Traders of the early Colonial South*; Paul Kelton, *Epidemics and Enslavement: Biological Catastrophe in the Native Southeast, 1492-1715*; Carl J. Ekberg, *Stealing Indian Women: Native Slavery in the Illinois Country*; Robbie Ethridge and Sheri Shuck-Hall, eds., *Mapping the Mississippian Shatter Zone: The Colonial Indian Slave Trade and Regional Instability in the American South*; Allan Galloway, ed., *Indian Slavery in Colonial America*; Christina Snyder, *Slavery in Indian Country: The Changing Face of Captivity in Early America** (might not be available yet)

Week 6
3/1

Conflicts & Trade (focus on the 18th Century)

Common reading:

1. Daniel K. Richter, "War and Culture: The Iroquois Experience," [The William and Mary Quarterly](#), Third Series, Vol. 40, No. 4 (Oct., 1983), pp. 528-559
2. Pekka Hämmäläinen, "The Western Comanche Trade Center: Rethinking the Plains Indian Trade System," [The Western Historical Quarterly](#), Vol. 29, No. 4 (Winter, 1998), pp. 485-513 (JSTOR)
3. Joshua Piker, "'White & Clean' & Contested: Creek Towns and Trading Paths in the Aftermath of the Seven Years' War," *Ethnohistory*, Volume 50, Number 2, Spring 2003, pp. 315-347 (Project MUSE)

Review Books:

North & Upper Midwest:

Richard White, *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815*; Peter Mancall, *Deadly Medicine: Indians and Alcohol in Early America*; Richard Aquila, *The Iroquois Restoration: Iroquois Diplomacy on the Colonial Frontier, 1701-1754*; Francis Jennings, *The Ambiguous Iroquois Empire*; Kenneth Morrison, *The Embattled Northeast: The Elusive Ideal of Alliance in Abenaki-EurAmerican Relations*; Michael N. McConnell, *A Country Between: The Upper Ohio Valley and Its Peoples, 1724-1774*; Eric Hinderaker, *Elusive Empires: Constructing Colonialism in the Ohio Valley, 1673-1800*; Larry L. Nelson, *A Man of Distinction Among Them: Alexander McKee and the Ohio Country Frontier, 1754-1799*; Daniel Mandell, *Behind the Frontier: Indians in Eighteenth-Century Eastern Massachusetts*; James H. Merrell, *Into the American Woods: Negotiators on the Pennsylvania Frontier*; Kevin Kenny, *Peaceable*

Kingdom Lost: The Paxton Boys and the Destruction of William Penn's Holy Experiment; Jane T. Merritt, *At the Crossroads: Indians and Empires on a mid-Atlantic Frontier, 1700-1763*; Peter Silver, *Our Savage Neighbors: How Indian War Transformed Early America*

South & West:

James Merrell, *The Indians' New World: Catawbas and their Neighbors from European Contact through the Era of Removal*; William L. Ramsey, *The Yamasee War : A Study of Culture, Economy, and Conflict in the Colonial South*; Steven J. Oatis, *A Colonial Complex: South Carolina's Frontiers in the Era of the Yamasee War, 1680-1730*; Daniel H. Usner, Jr., *Indians, Settlers, and Slaves in a Frontier Exchange Economy: The Lower Mississippi Valley Before 1783*; Kathryn Braund, *Deerskins and Duffels: Creek Indian Trade with Anglo-America, 1685-1815*; Claudio Saunt, *A New Order of Things: Power, Property, and the Transformation of the Creek Indians, 1733-1816*; John Oliphant, *Peace and War on the Anglo-Cherokee Frontier, 1756-63*; Steven C. Hahn, *The Invention of the Creek Nation, 1670-1763*; Joshua Piker, *Okfuskee: A Creek Indian Town in Colonial America*; Joseph M. Hall, Jr., *Zamumo's Gifts: Indian-European Exchange in the Colonial Southeast*; Kathleen DuVal, *The Native Ground: Indians and Colonists in the Heart of the Continent*; Ned Blackhawk, *Violence Over the Land: Indians and Empires in the Early American West*

Week 7
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American Indian Women & Gender

Common reading:

1. Helen Rountree, "Powhatan Indian Women: The People Captain John Smith Barely Saw," *Ethnohistory*, Vol. 45, No. 1 (Winter, 1998), pp. 1-29 (JSTOR);
2. Bruce M. White, "The Woman Who Married a Beaver: Trade Patterns and Gender Roles in the Ojibwa Fur Trade," *Ethnohistory*, Vol. 46, No. 1 (Winter, 1999), pp. 109-147 (JSTOR);
3. Greg O'Brien, "Trying to Look Like Men: Changing Notions of Masculinity Among Choctaw Elites in the Early Republic," *Southern Manhood: Perspectives on Masculinity in the Old South* Craig Friend and Lorri Glover, eds. (University of Georgia Press, 2004), pp. 49-70 (copy supplied by instructor).

Review Books: Theda Perdue, *Cherokee Women: Gender and Culture Change, 1700-1835*; Gunlög Fur, *A Nation of Women: Gender and Colonial Encounters Among the Delaware Indians*; Juliana Barr, *Peace Came in the Form of a Woman: Indians and Spaniards in the Texas Borderlands*; Ramon Gutierrez, *When Jesus Came the Corn Mothers Went Away: Marriage, Sexuality, and Power in New Mexico, 1500-1846*; Nancy Shoemaker, ed., *Negotiators of Change: Historical Perspectives on Native American Women*; Rebecca Kugel and Lucy Eldersveld Murphy, *Native Women's History in Eastern North America before 1900*; Camilla

Townsend, *Pocahontas and the Powhatan Dilemma*; Laura F. Klein and Lillian A. Ackerman, eds., *Women and Power in Native North America*; Theda Perdue, ed., *Sifters: Native American Women's Lives*

Week 8
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The American Revolutionary Era & Early National Period

Common reading:

1. Woody Holton, "The Ohio Indians and the Coming of the American Revolution in Virginia," [*The Journal of Southern History*](#), Vol. 60, No. 3 (Aug., 1994), pp. 453-478 (JSTOR)
2. Caitlin A. Fitz, "'Suspected on Both Sides': Little Abraham, Iroquois Neutrality, and the American Revolution," *Journal of the Early Republic*, Volume 28, Number 3, Fall 2008, pp. 299-335 (Project MUSE)
3. Greg O'Brien, "The Conqueror Meets the Unconquered: Negotiating Cultural Boundaries on the Post-Revolutionary Southern Frontier," [*The Journal of Southern History*](#), Vol. 67, No. 1 (Feb., 2001), pp. 39-72 (JSTOR)

Review Books: Colin Calloway, *The American Revolution in Indian Country*; Barbara Graymont, *The Iroquois in the American Revolution*; Alan Taylor, *The Divided Ground: Indians, Settlers, and the Northern Borderland of the American Revolution*; James O'Donnell, *The Southern Indians in the Revolution*; Greg O'Brien, *Choctaws in a Revolutionary Age, 1750-1830*; Thomas Hatley, *The Dividing Paths: Cherokees and South Carolinians through the Era of Revolution*; Joseph T. Glatthaar and James Kirby Martin, *Forgotten Allies: The Oneida Indians and the American Revolution*; Max M. Mintz, *Seeds of Empire: The American Revolutionary Conquest of the Iroquois*; Isabel Thompson Kelsay, *Joseph Brant, 1743-1807: Man of Two Worlds*; Anthony Wallace, *Jefferson and the Indians: The Tragic Fate of the First Americans*; Wiley Sword, *President Washington's Indian War*; Reginald Horsman, *Expansion and American Indian Policy, 1783-1812*; William McLoughlin, *Cherokee Renaissance in the New Republic*; Frederick Hoxie, ed., *Native Americans and the Early Republic*; Bernard Sheehan, *Seeds of Extinction: Jeffersonian Philanthropy and the American Indian*

Week 9
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Spiritual Revitalizations, Missionary Activities, & Education

Common reading:

1. Daniel K. Richter, "Iroquois versus Iroquois: Jesuit Missions and Christianity in Village Politics, 1642-1686," [*Ethnohistory*](#), Vol. 32, No. 1 (Winter, 1985), pp. 1-16 (JSTOR)
2. Steven W. Hackel, "The Staff of Leadership: Indian Authority in the Missions of Alta California," [*The William and Mary Quarterly*](#), Third Series, Vol. 54, No. 2 (Apr., 1997), pp. 347-376 (JSTOR)
3. David J. Silverman, "Indians, Missionaries, and Religious Translation: Creating Wampanoag Christianity in Seventeenth-Century Martha's Vineyard," [*The*](#)

[William and Mary Quarterly](#), Third Series, Vol. 62, No. 2 (Apr., 2005), pp. 141-174 (JSTOR)

Review Books: Alfred Cave, *Prophets of the Great Spirit: Native American Revitalization Movements in Eastern North America*; James Axtell, *The Invasion Within: The Contest of Cultures in Colonial North America*; Joel Martin, *Sacred Revolt: The Muskogees' Struggle for a New World*; Gregory Dowd, *A Spirited Resistance: The North American Indian Struggle for Unity, 1745-1815*; Anthony Wallace, *The Death and Rebirth of the Seneca*; R. David Edmunds, *The Shawnee Prophet*; William McLoughlin, *The Cherokee Ghost Dance: Essays on the Southeastern Indians, 1789-1861*; Gregory Dowd, *War Under Heaven: Pontiac, the Indian Nations & the British Empire*; Nancy Shoemaker, *A Strange Likeness: Becoming Red and White in Eighteenth-Century North America*, Steven Hackel, *Children of Coyote, Missionaries of Saint Francis: Indian-Spanish Relations in Colonial California, 1769-1850*; Jerald T. Milanich, *Laboring in the Fields of the Lord: Spanish Missions and Southeastern Indians*; Richard Cogley, *John Eliot's Mission to the Indians before King Philip's War*; Allan Greer, *Mohawk Saint: Catherine Tekakwitha and the Jesuits*; Richard W. Pointer, *Encounters of the Spirit: Native Americans and European Colonial Religion*; Margaret Szasz, *Indian Education in the American Colonies, 1607-1783*; David J. Silverman, *Faith and Boundaries: Colonists, Christianity, and Community among the Wampanoag Indians of Martha's Vineyard, 1600-1871*

Week 10
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African American – Indian Interaction & Race

Common reading:

1. Kathryn E. Holland Braund, "The Creek Indians, Blacks, and Slavery," [The Journal of Southern History](#), Vol. 57, No. 4 (Nov., 1991), pp. 601-636 (JSTOR)
2. Rebecca B. Bateman, "Africans and Indians: A Comparative Study of the Black Carib and Black Seminole," [Ethnohistory](#), Vol. 37, No. 1 (Winter, 1990), pp. 1-24 (JSTOR)
3. Daniel R. Mandell, "Shifting Boundaries of Race and Ethnicity: Indian-Black Intermarriage in Southern New England, 1760-1880," *The Journal of American History*, Vol. 85, No. 2 (Sep., 1998), pp. 466-501 (JSTOR)

Review Books: R. Halliburton, *Red over Black: Black Slavery among the Cherokee Indians*; Theda Perdue, *Slavery and the Evolution of Cherokee Society, 1540-1866*; Theda Perdue, *"Mixed blood" Indians: Racial Construction in the Early South*; Lauren L. Basson, *White Enough to be American?: Race Mixing, Indigenous People, and the Boundaries of State and Nation*; James F. Brooks, ed., *Confounding the Color Line: The Indian-Black Experience in North America*; Tiya Miles, *Ties that Bind: The Story of an Afro-Cherokee Family in Slavery and Freedom* Gary Zellar, *African Creeks: Estelvste and the Creek Nation*; Claudio

Saunt, *Black, White, and Indian: Race and the Unmaking of an American Family*; Tiya Miles and Sharon P. Holland, eds., *Crossing Waters, Crossing Worlds: The African Diaspora in Indian Country*; Katja May, *African Americans and Native Americans in the Creek and Cherokee Nations, 1830s to 1920s: Collision and Collusion*; Celia E. Naylor, *African Cherokees in Indian Territory: From Chattel to Citizens*; Jonathan Brennan, ed., *When Brer Rabbit Meets Coyote: African-Native American Literature*

Week11
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Indian Removal

Common reading:

1. Daniel H. Usner, Jr., "American Indians on the Cotton Frontier: Changing Economic Relations with Citizens and Slaves in the Mississippi Territory," *The Journal of American History*, Vol. 72, No. 2 (Sep., 1985), pp. 297-317 (JSTOR)
2. James Taylor Carson, "'The Obituary of Nations': Ethnic Cleansing, Memory, and the Origins of the Old South," *Southern Cultures*, Volume 14, Number 4, Winter 2008, pp. 6-31 (Project MUSE)

Review Books: Michael D. Green, *The Politics of Indian Removal: Creek Government and Society in Crisis*; Robert Remini, *Andrew Jackson and his Indian Wars*; Anthony Wallace, *The Long, Bitter Trail: Andrew Jackson and the Indians*; Grant Foreman, *Indian Removal: The Emigration of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians*; Tim Garrison, *The Legal Ideology of Removal: The Southern Judiciary and the Sovereignty of Native American Nations*; Arthur DeRosier, *The Removal of the Choctaw Indians*; William L. Anderson, *Cherokee Removal: Before and After*; Ronald Satz, *American Indian Policy in the Jacksonian Era*; Michael Paul Rogin, *Fathers and Children: Andrew Jackson and the Subjugation of the American Indian*; Laurence Hauptman, *The Oneida Indian Journey: From New York to Wisconsin, 1784-1860*; Theda Perdue and Michael D. Green, *The Cherokee Nation and the Trail of Tears*; John P. Bowes, *Exiles and Pioneers: Eastern Indians in the Trans-Mississippi West*; Stephen Warren, *Shawnees and Their Neighbors, 1795-1870*

Week 12
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Research / Writing Week

Week 13
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Research / Writing Week

Week 14
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Paper Due by 5:00 p.m.