

Oral Exam Field: Atlantic World, 1700-1888
Preliminary Reading List

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Imagining the Atlantic World

- How have historians imagined the Atlantic World?
- When and where can we locate the origins of an Atlantic modernity?
- What key events, developments, locations constitute the focal points in an Atlantic framework?

Bernard Bailyn, "The Idea of Atlantic History," *Itinerario* 20, no. 1 (1996).

Fernand Braudel, "Empires, Societies, Civilizations," in *The Mediterranean*.

Jorge Cañizares Esguerra, *How to Write the History of the New World: Histories, Epistemologies, and Identities in the Eighteenth-century Atlantic World* (2001).

Paul Gilroy, *The Black Atlantic*.

Stephen Palmié, *Wizards and Scientists: Explorations in Afro-Cuban Modernity and Tradition* (2002).

Richard Price, *First-Time: The Historical Vision of an African American People* (1983).

"Round Table Conference: The Nature of Atlantic History," *Itinerario* 23 no. 2 (1999).

Rosalind Shaw, *Memories of the Slave Trade: Ritual and the Historical Imagination in Sierra Leone* (2002).

Michel-Rolph Trouillot, "North Atlantic Universals," *The South Atlantic Quarterly* 101 (2002): 839-58.

Beyond the Line: Expansion and Conquest

- What did it mean for explorers, entrepreneurs, slaves, governments, settlers to move "beyond the line"? What about indigenous peoples who looked the other way across the line?
- How and why did the structures of Atlantic slavery develop in their earliest stages?
- How did moving "beyond the line" realign the politics of race, class, and identity?

Robin Blackburn, *The Making of New World Slavery: From the Baroque to the Modern, 1492-1800* (1997).

Nicholas Canny and Anthony Pagden, *Colonial Identity in the Atlantic world, 1500-1800* (1987).

David Brion Davis, *Challenging the Boundaries of Slavery* (Essay 1).

Richard Dunn, *Sugar and Slaves: The Rise of the Planter Class in the English West Indies, 1624-1713* (1972).

Phyllis W. Hunter, *Purchasing Identity in the Atlantic World: Massachusetts Merchants, 1670-1780* (2001).

Anthony Pagden, *Lords of all the World*.

Stuart Schwartz, *Sugar Plantations in the Making of Brazilian Slavery*.

Patricia Seed, *Ceremonies of Possession*.

Triangular Networks: The Atlantic World as Multi-Cultural Marketplace

--What was the interaction between relationships of commodity exchange or exploitation and the transference of political/social/cultural ideologies and practices?

--Can we recognize a unique social "structure" in the Atlantic World? On what might such a structure be based? Slavery? Economy? Politics?

--What was the role of maritime cities and seafaring more generally in developing creole communities in the Americas? In what ways were Europe, Africa, and the Americas connected by the shared experience of trans-Atlantic travel?

Ira Berlin, "From Creole to African: Atlantic Creoles and the Origins of African-American Society in Mainland North America," *William and Mary Quarterly* 1996 53(2): 251-288.

Philip Curtin, *Migration and Mortality in Africa and the Atlantic World, 1700-1900* (2001).

Ralph Davis, *The Rise of the Atlantic Economies* (1973).

David Hancock, *Citizens of the World: London Merchants and the Integration of the British Atlantic Community, 1735-1785* (1995).

Franklin Knight and Peggy Liss, eds., *Atlantic Port Cities: Economy, Culture, and Society in the Atlantic World, 1650-1850* (1991).

Robin Law and Kristin Mann, "West Africa in the Atlantic Community: The Case of the Slave Coast," *William and Mary Quarterly* 1999 56 (2): 307-334.

Peter Linebaugh and Marcus Rediker, *The Many-Headed Hydra: Sailors, Slaves, Commoners, and the Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic* (2000)

Sidney Mintz, *Sweetness and Power: The Place of Sugar in Modern History* (1985).

Gary Nash, *The Urban Crucible: Social Change, Political Consciousness, and the Origins of the American Revolution* (1979).

David Northrup, *Africa's Discovery of Europe, 1450-1850* (2002).

Richard Pares, *A West India Fortune*.

John Thornton, *Africa and Africans in the Making of the Atlantic World, 1400-1680* [Part 1] (1992).

Peculiar Institution?: Slavery and Unfree Labor in Atlantic Perspective

--How did understandings of commodities, mercantilism, and the rise of an Atlantic bourgeoisie affect the growth of slavery and the use of indentured servants in the Atlantic economies?

--How did the experience of slavery/servitude differ in the Americas?

--What has been the legacy of slavery in the Atlantic world?

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

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

Walton Look Lai, *Indentured Labor, Caribbean Sugar: Chinese and Indian Migrants to the British West Indies, 1838-1918* (1993).

Paul Lovejoy and Nicholas Rogers, eds. *Unfree Labour in the Development of the Atlantic World* (1994).

Edmund Morgan, *American Slavery, American Freedom*.

David Northrup, *Indentured Labor in the Age of Imperialism* (1995).

Walter Rodney, *A History of the Guyanese Working People, 1881-1905* (1981).

Christopher Schmidt-Nowara, *Empire and Antislavery: Spain, Cuba, and Puerto Rico, 1833-1874* (1999).

Peter Way, *Common Labour* (1993).

Eric Williams, *Capitalism and Slavery*.

Resistance, Rebellion, Revolution: The Legacies of the Atlantic World

--What has been the role of revolution in the Atlantic World?

--What is the relationship between capitalism and slavery? Capitalism and anti-slavery?

--How can the history of slavery/antislavery/abolition in the United States be situated within the Atlantic World?

--What has been the legacy of anti-slavery in the Atlantic World?

Thomas Bender, ed., *The Antislavery Debate*.

Ira Berlin, *Many Thousands Gone* [Section 3] (1998).

Robin Blackburn, *The Overthrow of Colonial Slavery*.

Cooper, Holt, Scott, *Beyond Slavery*.

Seymour Drescher, *Capitalism and Antislavery* (Chs. 3-6).

Laurent Dubois, *A Colony of Citizens: Revolution and Slave Emancipation in the French Caribbean, 1787-1804* (2004).

Laurent Dubois, *Avengers of the New World: The Story of the Haitian Revolution* (2004).

David Eltis, *Economic Growth and the Ending of the Transatlantic Slave Trade* (1987).

Carolyn E. Fick, *The Making of Haiti* (1990).

Sylvia Frey, *Water From the Rock: Black Resistance in a Revolutionary Age* (1991).

Eugene Genovese, *From Rebellion to Revolution: American Slave Revolts and the Making of the Modern World*.

Philip Gould, *Barbaric Traffic: Commerce and Antislavery in the Eighteenth-century Atlantic World* (2003).

Steven Hahn, *A Nation Under Our Feet* (2003).

Thomas Holt, *The Problem of Freedom*.

Lawrence Jennings, *French Antislavery* (2000).

Richard Price, *Maroon Communities* (Introduction+)

Joao Reis, *Slave Rebellion in Brazil*.

Gordon Wood. *The Radicalism of the American Revolution* (1993).