

**HIST W4110 French America 1534-1804**

**Prof. Pierre Force**

**Tuesdays, 2:10-4:00**

**Spring 2016**

**Format:** Undergraduate and Graduate Seminar (one weekly session of 110 minutes).

**Short Description:**

A study of the French Atlantic World from the exploration of Canada to the Louisiana Purchase and Haitian Independence, with a focus on the relationship between war and trade, forms of intercultural negotiation, the economics of slavery, and the changing meaning of race.

The course is designed for advanced undergraduates and graduate students.

**Method of Evaluation:**

One oral presentation, one research paper (20 pages).

Final grade breakdown:

Oral presentation and class participation: 30%

Outline of term paper (due at midterm): 10%

Research paper: 60%

**Syllabus:**

Tuesday, January 19: Introduction and Overview

Tuesday, January 26: Empire (1)

Philip R. Boucher, *France and the American Tropics to 1700*, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008 (available on Google Play)

Tuesday, February 02: Empire (2)

Kenneth Banks, *Chasing Empire across the Sea: Communications and the State in the French Atlantic World*, Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2002

<http://site.ebrary.com/lib/columbia/detail.action?docID=10132866>

Paul Cheney and Loïc Charles, "The Colonial Machine Dismantled: Knowledge and Empire in the French Atlantic," *Past and Present* 219 (2013), 127-163.

Tuesday, February 09: Empire (3) *Richard Pares, War and Trade in the West Indies*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1938, vi-xi, 128-226, 265-468.

Paul Cheney, "A Colonial Cul de sac: Plantation Life in Wartime Saint-Domingue, 1775-1782," *Radical History Review* 115 (2013), 45-64.

Tuesday, February 16: Intercultural Negotiations (1)

Alan Greer, *Mohawk Saint: Catherine Tekakwitha and the Jesuits*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004, 1-124, 193-205

<http://site.ebrary.com/lib/columbia/detail.action?docID=10254464>

Tracy Neal Leavelle, "'Bad Things' and 'Good Hearts': Mediation, Meaning, and the Language of Illinois Christianity," *Church History* 76:2 (2007), 363-394.

Owen Stanwood, "Catholics, Protestants, and the Clash of Civilizations in Early America," in *The First Prejudice: Religious Tolerance and Intolerance in Early America*, edited by Chris Beneke and Christopher S. Grenda, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010, 218-240.

Tuesday, February 23: Intercultural Negotiations (2)

Richard White, *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010, xxv-xxxii, 1-268.

<http://site.ebrary.com/lib/columbia/detail.action?docID=10447272>

Emerson Baker and John Reid, "Amerindian Power in the Early Modern Northeast: A Reappraisal," *William and Mary Quarterly* 61:1 (2004), 77-106.

Owen Stanwood, "Unlikely Imperialist: The Baron de Saint-Castin and the Transformation of the Northeastern Borderlands," *French Colonial History* 5 (2004), 43-61.

Tuesday, March 1: Intercultural Negotiations (3)

Shannon Lee Dawdy, *Building the Devil's Empire: French Colonial New Orleans*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008, 1-61, 139-246.

<http://site.ebrary.com/lib/columbia/detail.action?docID=10265991>

Gwendolyn Midlo Hall, "The Bambara in Louisiana: From the Natchez Uprising to the Samba Bambara Conspiracy," in *Africans in Colonial Louisiana*, Baton Rouge: LSU Press, 97-118.

Tuesday, March 8: Race and Slavery (1)

Robert Harms, *The Diligent: A Voyage Through the Worlds of the Slave Trade*, New York: Basic Books, 2002, xi-xxi, 1-148, 225-329.

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=acls;idno=heb09286>

David Geggus, "The French Slave Trade: An Overview," *William and Mary Quarterly* 58:1 (2001), 119-138.

Tuesday, March 15: Spring Break

Tuesday, March 22: Race and Slavery (2)

Brett Rushforth, *Bonds of Alliance: Indigenous and Atlantic Slaveries in New France*, Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2014, 3-192, 369-382.

<http://muse.jhu.edu/books/9781469601359/>

Tuesday, March 29: Race and Slavery (3)

John D. Garrigus, *Before Haiti: Race and Citizenship in Saint-Domingue*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006, 51-225.

<http://site.ebrary.com/lib/columbia/detail.action?docID=10150427>

David P. Geggus, "Slavery and Emancipation in the French Caribbean: Recent Scholarship," in *Beyond Fragmentation: New Directions in Caribbean Scholarship*, edited by Juanita de Barros, Audra Diptee, David Trotman, Princeton: Markus Wiener, 2006, 3-34.

Tuesday, April 5: Revolution and Migration (1)

David P. Geggus, *The Haitian Revolution: A Documentary History*, Indianapolis: Hackett, 2014 (available on Amazon Kindle)

Tuesday, April 12: Revolution and Migration (2)

David P. Geggus, *The Haitian Revolution: A Documentary History*, Indianapolis: Hackett, 2014

Tuesday, April 19: Revolution and Migration (3)

David Geggus, "The Louisiana Purchase and the Haitian Revolution," in *The Haitian Revolution and the Early U.S.: Histories, Textualities, Geographies*, edited by Elizabeth Dillon, Michael Drexler, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

Owen Stanwood, "Between Eden and Empire: Huguenot Refugees and the Promise of New Worlds," *American Historical Review* 118:5 (2013).

Nathalie Dessens, "From Saint Domingue to Louisiana: West Indian refugees in the lower Mississippi region," in *French colonial Louisiana and the Atlantic world*, edited by Bradley G. Bond, Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2005.

R. Darrell Meadows, "Engineering Exile: Social Networks and the French Atlantic Community, 1789-1809," *French Historical Studies* 23:1 (2000), 67-102.

Tuesday, April 26: Conclusion