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READINGS IN COLONIAL AMERICA

Colonial British America is the most studied colonial society in the world. Perhaps at the end of this course you will understand how, if not why.

Readings

Each week everyone will read the core assignment. Beginning in the second week, each person will also select an item from the list of secondary titles; there will be no duplication of secondary readings. Generally, an individual will be free to choose the work that most interests him/her, but some "volunteers" may be sacrificed to ensure that interpretive diversity prevails.

All books assigned as core readings are available for purchase at the University Book Store and have also been placed on three-hour reserve at the State Historical Library for the semester. The secondary readings will be available on three-day reserve at the Library. (A few non-circulating journals live in the Main Reading Room at the Library, and a few readings also needed by undergraduates will be on three-hour reserve).

Written Assignments

You will write three papers, 7-8 pages, typed, double-spaced. You may choose which two of the first four papers to confront, but everyone must write the final essay. You need advert only to course readings but may include any relevant materials. If you wish to write on a different topic, please discuss your proposal with me.

DUE FRIDAY, OCT. 2 - Assess how using a multi-racial perspective affects the interpretation of such events as the European exploration of North America, the competition for control of the continent, and the creation of social orders within the colonies.

DUE FRIDAY, OCT. 30 - Using examples from the readings, explain how people in early American settlements identified themselves as members of particular groups and excluded others from those groups. Does the concept of "community" help or hinder such an analysis?

DUE FRIDAY, NOV. 13 - Discuss the importance of transatlantic commerce for determining both the colonies' relationships to England and the development of individual settlements.

DUE FRIDAY, DEC. 4 - Identify what you consider the most salient characteristics of colonial politics and discuss the degree to which they were shaped by imperial and/or indigenous pressures.

DUE FRIDAY, DEC. 18 - What, if anything, was "American" about Britain's mainland American colonies by the mid-eighteenth century?

Rewrite Policy

You may rewrite either or both of the first two assigned papers (time constraints prohibit rewriting the final one), but only after talking with me about such details as the new due date and the kinds of changes to be made. You must inform me of your decision to rewrite a paper by the Friday following the class session at which I first return the original version. I will be flexible regarding the amount of time you may have for revisions, but in general you should not expect more than a week. The old draft (plus any separate sheet of comments) must accompany the new version. Please note that simply rewriting a paper does not in itself guarantee a higher grade; you must substantially improve the essay, following my comments to be sure, but initiating your own changes as well.

Grading

Simplicity itself. The papers and class discussion each count 25%.

Incompletes

The Gendzel Protocol governs the assigning of Incompletes: in fairness to those students who turn their work in on time, I will not grant an Incomplete for reasons other than Acts of God or other extraordinary disasters (covered in the Proclamation, p. 17 below). You may have an Incomplete without penalty only in such cases; in all other instances, an Incomplete carries a grade penalty of $\frac{1}{2}$ -step.

I. INTRODUCTION

Sept. 8 - Varieties of Societies

Core reading: Jack P. Greene, PURSUITS OF HAPPINESS

II. PEOPLES

Sept. 15 - Tales and Sails

Core reading: Paul E. Hoffman, A NEW ANDALUCIA AND A WAY TO THE ORIENT: THE AMERICAN SOUTHEAST DURING THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY

Secondary reading:

European Exploration, Expansion, and Competition

- Kenneth R. Andrews, TRADE, PLUNDER AND SETTLEMENT, 116-34
K. G. Davies, THE NORTH ATLANTIC WORLD IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY, 3-34
J. H. Elliott, "Spain and its Empire in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries," in David Beers Quinn, ed., EARLY MARYLAND IN A WIDER WORLD, 58-83
John E. Kizca, "Patterns in Early Spanish Overseas Expansion," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 49 (1992), 229-53
Carl Ortwin Sauer, SIXTEENTH CENTURY NORTH AMERICA, 47-76
G. V. Scammell, THE FIRST IMPERIAL AGE: EUROPEAN OVERSEAS EXPANSION C. 1400-1715, 51-70
David Beers Quinn, "Colonies in the Beginning: Examples from North America," in Stanley Palmer and Dennis Reinholtz, eds., ESSAYS ON THE HISTORY OF NORTH AMERICAN DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATION, 10-34
David Beers Quinn, "Some Spanish Reactions to Elizabethan Colonial Ventures," in idem, ENGLAND AND THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA, 1481-1620, 266-81

Cultures in the Southeast

- James Axtell, "At the Water's Edge: Trading in the Sixteenth Century," in idem, AFTER COLUMBUS, 144-81
James W. Covington, "Relations between the Eastern Timucuan Indians and the French and Spanish," in Charles M. Hudson, ed., 4 CENTURIES OF SOUTHERN INDIANS, 11-27
Kathleen A. Deagan, "Spanish-Indian Interaction in Sixteenth-Century Florida and Hispaniola," in William W. Fitzhugh, eds., CULTURES IN CONTACT, 281-318
Charles Hudson, THE SOUTHEASTERN INDIANS, 97-119
Charles Hudson, "A Spanish-Coosa Alliance in Sixteenth-Century North Georgia," Georgia Historical Quarterly, 72 (1988), 599-626
James Merrell, THE INDIANS' NEW WORLD, 8-48
Timothy Silver, A NEW FACE ON THE COUNTRYSIDE: INDIANS, COLONISTS, AND SLAVES IN SOUTH ATLANTIC FORESTS, 1500-1800, 35-66
J. Leitch Wright, THE ONLY LAND THEY KNEW: THE TRAGIC STORY OF THE AMERICAN INDIANS IN THE OLD SOUTH, 27-52

Sept. 22 - The Radical Middle

Core reading: Richard White, THE MIDDLE GROUND: INDIANS, EMPIRES, AND
REPUBLICS IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION, 1650-1815, 1-365

Secondary reading:

Overviews

- James Axtell, "Colonial America without the Indians," in idem, AFTER
COLUMBUS, 222-43
- Timothy Breen, "Creative Adaptations: People and Cultures," in Jack P.
Greene and J. R. Pole, eds., COLONIAL BRITISH AMERICA, 195-232
- James H. Merrell, "'The Customes of Our Countrey': Indians and Colonists
in Early America," in Bernard Bailyn and Philip D. Morgan, eds.,
STRANGERS WITHIN THE REALM, 117-156
- Bruce Trigger, "Early Native North American Responses to European
Contact: Romantic versus Rationalistic Interpretations," Journal of
American History, 77 (1991), 1195-1215

Warfare and Diplomacy

- Richard Aquila, THE IROQUOIS RESTORATION, 85-128
- Gregory Evans Dowd, A SPIRITED RESISTANCE: THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN
STRUGGLE FOR UNITY, 1745-1815, 1-46
- Francis Jennings, THE AMBIGUOUS IROQUOIS EMPIRE, 84-112
- Francis Jennings, EMPIRE OF FORTUNE, 438-53
- Wilbur Jacobs, WILDERNESS POLITICS AND INDIAN GIFTS, 90-114

Patterns of Cultural Interaction

- James Axtell, THE INVASION WITHIN, 91-127
- Carol Devens, "Separate Confrontations: Gender as a Factor in Indian
Adaptation to European Colonization in New France," American
Quarterly, 38 (1986), 461-80
- W. J. Eccles, "The Fur Trade and Eighteenth-Century Imperialism," William
and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 40 (1983), 341-62
- Cornelius Jaenen, "Characteristics of French-Amerindian Contact in New
France," in Stanley Palmer and Dennis Reinholtz, eds., ESSAYS ON THE
HISTORY OF NORTH AMERICAN DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATION, 79-101
- Thomas Elliot Norton, THE FUR TRADE IN COLONIAL NEW YORK, 1686-1776, 174-
97
- Bruce Trigger, THE CHILDREN OF AATAENTSIC, II, 665-724
- Bruce Trigger, NATIVES AND NEWCOMERS: CANADA'S "HEROIC AGE" RECONSIDERED,
226-97

Sept. 29 - The Sot-Weed Factor

Core reading: Edmund Morgan, AMERICAN SLAVERY, AMERICAN FREEDOM

Secondary reading:

Overview

Anita H. Rutman, "Still Planting the Seeds of Hope: The Recent Literature of the Early Chesapeake Region," Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, 95 (1987), 3-24

Social Organization and Political Stability

Bernard Bailyn, "Politics and Social Structure in Virginia," in James Morton Smith, ed., SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY AMERICA, 90-115

John Kukla, "Order and Chaos in Early America: Political and Social Stability in Pre-Restoration Virginia," American Historical Review, 90 (1985), 275-98

Carole Shammas, "English-Born and Creole Elites in Turn-of-the-Century Virginia," in Thad Tate and David Ammerman, THE CHESAPEAKE IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY, 274-96

Martin H. Quitt, "Immigrant Origins of the Virginia Gentry: A Study of Cultural Transmission and Innovation," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 45 (1988), 629-55

Blacks and Slavery

Timothy Breen and Stephen Innes, "MYNE OWN GROUND," 68-109

Kathleen Mary Brown, "Gender and the Genesis of a Race & Class System in Virginia, 1630-1750, chap. 3

Douglas Deal, "A Constricted World: Free Blacks on Virginia's Eastern Shore, 1680-1750," in Lois Green Carr et al., COLONIAL CHESAPEAKE SOCIETY, 275-305

Rhys Isaac, "Communication and Control: Authority Metaphors and Power Contests on Colonel Landon Carter's Virginia Plantation, 1752-1778," in Sean Wilentz, ed., RITES OF POWER, 275-302

Winthrop Jordan, WHITE OVER BLACK, 44-98

Peter Kolchin, UNFREE LABOR, 1-46

Allan Kulikoff, TOBACCO AND SLAVES, 381-420

Philip D. Morgan, "Slave Life in Piedmont Virginia, 1720-1800," in Carr et al., COLONIAL CHESAPEAKE SOCIETY, 433-84

Philip J. Schwarz, TWICE CONDEMNED: SLAVES AND THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF VIRGINIA, 1705-1865, 66-92

Carole Shammas, "Black Women's Work and the Evolution of Plantation Society in Virginia," LABOR HISTORY, 26 (1985), 5-28

Mechal Sobel, THE WORLD THEY MADE TOGETHER, 30-67

Oct. 6 - Africa on the Ashley

Core reading: Peter Wood, BLACK MAJORITY

Secondary reading:

Society and Economy

- Carl Bridenbaugh, MYTHS AND REALITIES, 54-118
Peter Coclanis, THE SHADOW OF A DREAM: ECONOMIC LIFE AND DEATH IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA LOW COUNTRY, 27-47
Alan Galloway, THE FORMATION OF A PLANTER ELITE: JONATHAN BRYAN AND THE SOUTHERN COLONIAL FRONTIER, 1-29
Harvey H. Jackson, "Hugh Bryan and the Evangelical Movement in Colonial South Carolina," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 43 (1986), 594-614
Richard Waterhouse, A NEW WORLD GENTRY: THE MAKING OF A MERCHANT AND PLANTER CLASS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, 1670-1770, 52-84

Political Organization

- Rachel N. Klein, UNIFICATION OF A SLAVE STATE: THE RISE OF THE PLANTER CLASS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA BACKCOUNTRY, 1760-1808, 9-46
Clarence Ver Steeg, ORIGINS OF A SOUTHERN MOSAIC, 31-68
Robert Weir, COLONIAL SOUTH CAROLINA, 105-40

Blacks and Slavery

- Ira Berlin, "Time, Space, and the Evolution of Afro-American Society on British Mainland North America," American Historical Review, 85 (1980), 44-78
Joyce E. Chaplin, "Tidal Rice Cultivation and the Problem of Slavery in South Carolina and Georgia," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 49 (1992), 29-61
A. Leon Higginbotham, IN THE MATTER OF COLOR, 151-215
Daniel C. Littlefield, RICE AND SLAVES, 115-73
Philip D. Morgan, "British Encounters with Africans and African-Americans, circa 1600-1780," in Bernard Bailyn and Philip D. Morgan, eds., STRANGERS WITHIN THE REALM, 157-219
Philip D. Morgan, "Task and Gang Systems: The Organization of Labor in New World Plantations," in Stephen Innes, ed., WORK AND LABOR IN EARLY AMERICA, 189-220
Edward A. Pearson, "From Stono to Vesey," chap. 2
Clarence L. Ver Steeg, ORIGINS OF A SOUTHERN MOSAIC, 103-32

III. COMMUNITIES

Oct. 13 - Networks' News

Core reading: Darrett Rutman and Anita Rutman, A PLACE IN TIME: MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1650-1750

Secondary reading:

Overviews

"Introduction," in Carr et al., COLONIAL CHESAPEAKE SOCIETY, 1-46
Darrett B. Rutman, "Assessing the Little Communities of Early America,"
William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 43 (1986), 163-78

Social organization

Richard Beeman, THE EVOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN BACKCOUNTRY, 42-96
Lois Green Carr, et al., ROBERT COLE'S WORLD, 119-50
Allan Kulikoff, TOBACCO AND SLAVES, 205-60
Lorena Walsh, "Community Networks in the Early Chesapeake," ibid., 200-41

Political organization

Warren M. Billings, "Law and Culture in the Colonial Chesapeake Area,"
Southern Studies, 17 (1978), 333-48
James R. Perry, THE FORMATION OF A SOCIETY ON VIRGINIA'S EASTERN SHORE
1615-1655, 193-238
William Seiler, "The Anglican Church: A Basic Institution of Local
Government in Colonial Virginia," in Bruce Daniels, TOWN & COUNTY,
134-59
Robert Wheeler, "The County Court in Colonial Virginia," ibid., 111-34

Economic Organization

Paul Clemens, THE ATLANTIC ECONOMY AND COLONIAL MARYLAND'S EASTERN SHORE,
120-67
Lois Green Carr and Lorena S. Walsh, "Economic Diversification and Labor
Organization in the Chesapeake, 1650-1820," in Innes, WORK, 144-88
Jean B. Russo, "Self-Sufficiency and Local Exchange: Free Craftsmen in
the Rural Chesapeake Economy," in Carr et al., op. cit., 389-432
Charles G. Steffen, "The Rise of the Independent Merchant in the
Chesapeake: Baltimore County, 1660-1769," JAH, 76 (1989), 9-33

Women

Lois Carr & Lorena Walsh, "The Planter's Wife: The Experience of White Wo-
men in Seventeenth-Century Maryland," WMQ, 3d ser., 34 (1977), 542-72
Joan Gunderson, "The Double Bonds of Race and Sex: Black and White Women
in a Colonial Virginia Parish," J. Southern Hist., 52 (1986), 351-72
Mary Beth Norton, "Gender, Crime, and Community in Seventeenth-Century
Maryland," in James A. Henretta, et al., THE TRANSFORMATION OF EARLY
AMERICAN HISTORY, 123-50

Oct. 20 - The Grote Appel

Core reading: Joyce Goodfriend, BEFORE THE MELTING POT: SOCIETY AND CULTURE IN COLONIAL NEW YORK CITY, 1664-1730

Secondary Reading:

Overview

Joyce D. Goodfriend, "The Historiography of the Dutch in Colonial America," in Eric Nooter and Patricia U. Bonomi, eds., COLONIAL DUTCH STUDIES, 6-32

The Dutch

- Alice P. Kenny, STUBBORN FOR LIBERTY: THE DUTCH IN NEW YORK, 31-67
David E. Narrett, "Dutch Customs of Inheritance, Women, and the Law in Colonial New York City," in William Pencak and Conrad Edick Wright, eds., AUTHORITY AND RESISTANCE IN EARLY NEW YORK, 27-55
A. G. Roeber, "'The Origin of Whatever Is Not English among Us'" The Dutch-speaking and the German-speaking Peoples of colonial British America," in Bernard Bailyn and Philip Morgan, eds., STRANGERS WITHIN THE REALM, 220-283

Ethnicity and Politics

- Thomas J. Archdeacon, NEW YORK CITY, 1664-1710, 97-146
David A. Armour, THE MERCHANTS OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, 1686-1760, 1-50
Randall H. Balmer, "Schism on Long Island: The Dutch Reformed Church, Lord Cornbury, and the Politics of Anglicization," in Pencak and Wright, AUTHORITY AND RESISTANCE, 95-113
Patricia Bonomi, A FACTIOUS PEOPLE, 17-55
Firth Haring Fabend, A DUTCH FAMILY IN THE MIDDLE COLONIES, 165-89
Adrian Howe, "The Bayard Treason Trial: Dramatizing Anglo-Dutch Politics in Early Eighteenth-Century New York City," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 47 (1990), 57-89
Sung Bok Kim, LANDLORD AND TENANT, 44-86
John Murrin, "English Rights as Ethnic Aggression: The English Conquest, the Charter of Liberties of 1683, and Leisler's Rebellion in New York," in Pencak and Wright, AUTHORITY AND RESISTANCE, 56-94

Ethnicity, Community, and Identity

- Jon Butler, THE HUGUENOTS IN AMERICA, 199-215
Maldwyn A. Jones, "The Scotch-Irish in British America," in Bailyn and Morgan, eds., STRANGERS WITHIN THE REALM, 284-313
Ned Landsman, SCOTLAND'S FIRST AMERICAN COLONY, 227-63
Stephanie Grauman Wolf, URBAN VILLAGE: POPULATION, COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STRUCTURE IN GERMANTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, 1683-1800, 127-53

Oct. 27 - Declension Denied

Core reading: Christine Leigh Heyrman, CULTURE AND COMMERCE

Secondary reading:

Economy and society

- Bernard Bailyn, THE NEW ENGLAND MERCHANTS IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY, 168-97
- Winstanley Briggs, "Le Pays des Illinois," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 47 (1990), 30-56
- Stephen Innes, LABOR IN A NEW LAND, 123-50
- Gregory Nobles, "The Rise of Merchants in Rural Market Towns: A Case Study of Eighteenth-Century Northampton, Massachusetts," Journal of Social History, 24 (1990). 5-23
- Daniel Vickers, "Work and Life in the Fishing Periphery of Essex County, Massachusetts, 1630-1675," in David Hall and David Grayson Allen, eds., Seventeenth-Century New England, 83-117

Religion

- Richard Byers, THE NATION OF NANTUCKET, 102-21
- James F. Cooper, Jr., "Enthusiasts or Democrats? Separatism, Church Government, and the Great Awakening in Massachusetts," New England Quarterly, 65 (1992), 265-83
- Perry Miller, THE NEW ENGLAND MIND: FROM COLONY TO PROVINCE, 305-23
- Carla Pestana, QUAKERS AND BAPTISTS IN COLONIAL MASSACHUSETTS, 120-44

Political organization

- Edward M. Cook, Jr., THE FATHERS OF THE TOWNS, 165-83
- Bruce Daniels, THE CONNECTICUT TOWN, 119-39, 171-80
- David Konig, LAW AND SOCIETY IN PURITAN MASSACHUSETTS, 117-35
- William E. Nelson, DISPUTE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN PLYMOUTH COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, 1725-1825, 3-44

Women

- Cornelia Hughes Dayton, "Taking the Trade: Abortion and Gender Relations in an Eighteenth-Century New England Village," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 48 (1991), 19-49
- Barbara E. Lacy, "The World of Hannah Heaton: The Autobiography of an Eighteenth-Century Connecticut Farm woman," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 45 (1988), 280-304
- Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, A MIDWIFE'S TALE, 72-101

IV. ECONOMY

Nov. 3 - Economic Stability

Core reading: John J. McCusker and Russell R. Menard, THE ECONOMY OF BRITISH AMERICA, 1607-1789

Secondary reading:

The Macroeconomy

- Marc Egnal, "The Economic Development of the Thirteen Continental Colonies, 1720 to 1775," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 32 (1975), 191-222, and "Communications," ibid., 37 (1980), 165-75
- J. McAllister, "Colonial America, 1607-1776," Economic History Review, 42 (1989), 245-59
- Jacob M. Price, "The Atlantic Economy," in Jack P. Greene and J. R. Pole, eds., COLONIAL BRITISH AMERICA, 18-42
- Richard Sheridan, "The Domestic Economy," in ibid., 43-85

The Market and Economic Culture

- T. H. Breen, "'Baubles of Britain': The American Consumer Revolutions of the Eighteenth Century," Past & Present, 119 (1988), 73-104
- Thomas Doerflinger, A VIGOROUS SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE, 135-64
- James Henretta, "Families and Farms: Mentalité in Pre-Industrial America," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 35 (1978), 3-32, and "Communications," ibid., 37 (1980), 688-700
- Winifred B. Rothenberg, "The Emergence of a Capital Market in Rural Massachusetts, 1730-1838," Journal of Economic History, 45 (1985), 781-808
- Daniel Vickers, "Competency and Competition: Economic Culture in Early America," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 47 (1990), 3-29

Labor

- Paul G. E. Clemens and Lucy Simler, "Rural Labor and the Farm Household in Chester County, Pennsylvania, 1750-1820," in Stephen Innes, ed., WORK AND LABOR IN EARLY AMERICA, 106-43
- Richard Dunn, "Servants and Slaves: The Recruitment and Employment of Labor," in Greene and Pole, eds., COLONIAL BRITISH AMERICA, 157-94
- A. Roger Ekirch, BOUND FOR AMERICA, 133-66
- Stephen Innes, "Fulfilling John Smith's Vision: Work and Labor in Early America," in Innes, ed., WORK AND LABOR IN EARLY AMERICA, 3-47
- Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, GOOD WIVES, 13-34

Wealth and Standards of Living

- Lois Green Carr and Lorena S. Walsh, "The Standard of Living in the Colonial Chesapeake," WMQ, 3d ser., 45 (1988), 135-59
- Peter Coclanis, "The Wealth of British America on the Eve of the Revolution," Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 21 (1990), 245-60
- Jackson Turner Main, SOCIETY AND ECONOMY IN COLONIAL CONNECTICUT, 367-82

V. THE IMPERIAL MATRIX

Nov. 10 - The English Connection

Core reading: I. K. Steele, THE ENGLISH ATLANTIC 1675/1740

Secondary reading:

Overviews

- Jack P. Greene, "The Growth of Political Stability: An Interpretation of Political Development in the Anglo-American Colonies, 1660-1760," in John Parker and Carol Urness, eds., THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: A HERITAGE OF CHANGE, 26-52
- John Murrin, "Political Development," in Greene and Pole, COLONIAL BRITISH AMERICA, 408-56
- W. A. Speck, "The International and Imperial Context," in Greene and Pole, COLONIAL BRITISH AMERICA, 384-407

Empire and Politics

- Richard R. Johnson, "The Imperial Webb: The Thesis of Garrison Government in Early America Considered," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 43 (1986), 408-430
- Michael Kammen, EMPIRE AND INTEREST, 45-71
- Douglas Edward Leach, ROOTS OF CONFLICT: BRITISH ARMED FORCES AND COLONIAL AMERICANS, 1677-1763, 8-24
- Alison Gilbert Olson, ANGLO-AMERICAN POLITICS, 1660-1775, 39-74
- Stephen Saunders Webb, "Army and Empire: English Garrison Government in Britain and America, 1569 to 1763," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 34 (1977), 1-31

The Imperial Constitution

- Jack P. Greene, PERIPHERIES AND CENTER, 7-42
43-76
- Michael Kammen, DEPUTYES AND LIBERTYES, 13-68
- J. R. Pole, THE GIFT OF GOVERNMENT, 65-86

Regulation and Communication

- Charles Andrews, THE COLONIAL PERIOD OF AMERICAN HISTORY, IV: ENGLAND'S COMMERCIAL AND COLONIAL POLICY, 318-67
- Thomas Barrow, TRADE AND EMPIRE, 134-59
- Richard D. Brown, KNOWLEDGE IS POWER, 16-41
- Michael GARIBALDI Hall, EDWARD RANDOLPH AND THE AMERICAN COLONIES, 1676-1703, 21-52

Nov. 17 - The First Whiggery

Core reading: David Lovejoy, THE GLORIOUS REVOLUTION IN AMERICA

Secondary reading:

Bacon's Rebellion

J. M. Sosin, ENGLISH AMERICA AND THE RESTORATION MONARCHY OF CHARLES II, 182-207

Wilcomb E. Washburn, THE GOVERNOR AND THE REBEL, 139-66

Stephen S. Webb, 1676: THE END OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, 199-220

The Glorious Revolution in America

Timothy Breen, PURITANS AND ADVENTURERS, 81-105

Thomas Burke, "Leisler's Rebellion at Schenectady, New York, 1689-1710," New York History, 70 (1989), 405-30

Lois Green Carr, "Sources of Political Stability and Upheaval in Seventeenth-Century Maryland," Maryland Historical Magazine, 79 (1984), 44-70

Lois Green Carr and David W. Jordan, MARYLAND'S REVOLUTION OF GOVERNMENT, 1689-1692, 46-83

Philip S. Haffenden, NEW ENGLAND IN THE ENGLISH NATION 1689-1713, 1-37

Richard Johnson, ADJUSTMENT TO EMPIRE, 71-135

Donna Merwick, POSSESSING ALBANY, 1630-1710, 220-58

Robert Ritchie, THE DUKE'S PROVINCE, 198-231

J. M. Sosin, ENGLISH AMERICA AND THE REVOLUTION OF 1688, 29-63, 260-62

Political Ideology

Bernard Bailyn, THE ORIGINS OF AMERICAN POLITICS, 3-58

Richard L. Bushman, KING AND PEOPLE IN PROVINCIAL MASSACHUSETTS, 11-54

Jack P. Greene, "Political Mimesis: A Consideration of the Historical and Cultural Roots of Legislative Behavior in the British Colonies in the Eighteenth Century"; Bernard Bailyn, "Comment"; Greene, "Reply," American Historical Review, 75 (1969-70), 337-67

J. R. Pole, THE GIFT OF GOVERNMENT, 1-41

VI. POLITICS

Nov. 24 - The People, Yes

Core Reading: Edmund S. Morgan, INVENTING THE PEOPLE

Secondary Readings:

Theories of Sovereignty in England and America

Christopher Hill, THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN, 86-120

Michael Kammen, SOVEREIGNTY AND LIBERTY, 3-32

J. R. Pole, THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY: THE SOURCES OF LEGISLATIVE POWER, 1-32

Johann Sommerville, POLITICS AND IDEOLOGY IN ENGLAND, 1603-1640, 57-85

The People as Soldiers

Fred Anderson, A PEOPLE'S ARMY, 167-95

Timothy Breen, PURITANS AND ADVENTURERS, 24-45

Lawrence Delbert Cress, CITIZENS IN ARMS, 15-33

Albert Tillson, "The Militia and Popular Culture in the Upper Valley of Virginia, 1740-1775," Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, 94 (1986)

Candidates and Constituents

Robert Dinkin, ELECTIONS IN COLONIAL AMERICA, 50-71

Joyce B. and Robert R. Gilsdorf, "Elites and Electorates: Some Plain Truths for Historians of Colonial America," in David Hall et al., eds., SAINTS AND REVOLUTIONARIES, 207-44

Bruce P. Stark, "'A Factious Spirit': Constitutional Theory and Political Practice in Connecticut, c. 1740," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 47 (1990), 391-410

Charles Sydnor, GENTLEMAN FREEHOLDERS, chs. 2, 4

Petitions and Representation

Raymond Bailey, POPULAR INFLUENCE UPON PUBLIC POLICY: PETITIONING IN EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY VIRGINIA, 23-67

Ruth Bogin, "Petitioning and the New Moral Economy of Post-Revolutionary America," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 45 (1988), 391-425

J. R. Pole, POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IN ENGLAND AND THE ORIGINS OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC, 33-75

Allan Tully, "Constituent-Representative Relationships in Early America," Canadian Journal of History, 11 (1976), 139-54

Dec. 1 - Ports of Importance

Core reading: Gary Nash, THE URBAN CRUCIBLE

Secondary readings:

City Life

- Graham Russell Hodges, NEW YORK CITY CARTMEN, 1667-1850, 20-65
Jean P. Jordan, "Women Merchants in Colonial New York," New York History,
58 (1977), 412-39
Gary Nash, FORGING FREEDOM, 8-37
Billy G. Smith, THE "LOWER SORT": PHILADELPHIA'S LABORING PEOPLE, 92-125

Political Participation and Mobilization

- Richard R. Beeman, "Deference, Republicanism, and the Emergence of
Popular Politics in Eighteenth-Century America," William and Mary
Quarterly, 3d ser., 49 (1992), 401-30
John Brooke, THE HEART OF THE COMMONWEALTH: SOCIETY AND POLITICAL CULTURE
IN WORCESTER COUNTY MASSACHUSETTS, 1713-1861, 97-128
Paul Gilje, THE ROAD TO MOBOCRACY, 3-35
Pauline Maier, "Popular Uprisings and Civil Authority in Eighteenth-
Century America," reprinted in Stanley N. Katz, COLONIAL AMERICA,
1st ed., 308-38
Gary B. Nash, "The Transformation of Urban Politics 1700-1765," Journal
of American History, 60 (1973-74), 605-32
Marcus Rediker, BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA: MERCHANT SEAMEN,
PIRATES, AND THE ANGLO-AMERICAN MARITIME WORLD, 1700-1750, 205-53
Thomas Slaughter, "Crowds in Eighteenth-Century America: Reflections and
New Directions," Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, 115
(1991), 3-34

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A PROCLAMATION

Regarding Late Papers

Whereas it may come to pass that one or more individuals, whether through dilatoriness, dereliction, irresponsibility, or chutzpah, may seek respite and surcease from escorial demands through procrastination, delay, and downright evasion;

And whereas this unhappy happenstance contributes mightily to malfeasance on the part of parties of the second part (i.e. students, the instructed, you) and irascibility on the part of us (i.e., me);

Be it therefore known, understood, apprehended, and comprehended:

That all assignments must reach us, or be tendered to the Department Receptionist, on or by the exact hour announced in class, and that failure to comply with this wholesome and most generous regulation shall result in the assignment forfeiting one half letter grade for each day for which it is tardy (i.e. an "A" shall become an "AB"), "one day" being defined as a 24-hour period commencing at the announced hour on which the assignment is due; and that the aforementioned reduction in grade shall continue for each succeeding day of delay until either the assignment shall be remitted or its value shrunk unto nothingness. And let all acknowledge that the responsibility for our receiving papers deposited surreptitio (i.e., in my mailbox or under my door), whether timely or belated, resides with the aforementioned second part parties (i.e., you again), hence onus for the miscarriage of such items falls upon the writer's head (i.e. until I clutch your scribbles to my breast, I assume you have not turned them in, all protestations to the contrary notwithstanding).

Be it nevertheless affirmed:

That the greater part of justice residing in mercy, it may behoove us, acting entirely through our gracious prerogative, to award an extension in such cases that merit it, extensions being granted only upon consultation with us, in which case a negotiated due date shall be proclaimed; it being perfectly well understood that failure to observe this new deadline shall result in the immediate and irreversible failure of the assignment (i.e., an "F"), its value being accounted as a null set and less than that of a vile note. It should be noted that routine disruptions to routine (i.e. lack of sleep occasioned by pink badgers dancing on the ceiling) do not conduce to mercy, but that severe dislocations brought on by Acts of God (exceedingly traumatic events to the body and/or soul, such as having the earth swallow one up on the way to delivering the assignment) perpetrated either on oneself or on one's loving kindred, do.

And we wish to trumpet forth:

That our purpose in declaiming said proclamation, is not essentially to terminate the wanton flouting of didactic intentions, but to encourage our beloved students to consult with us, and apprehend us of their difficulties aforehand (i.e., talk to me, baby), so that the cruel axe of the executioner fall not upon their Grade Point Average and smite it with a vengeance.

To which proclamation, we do affix our seal: