

**History AS100.120**  
**Spring 2001**  
**Slavery: From Africa to America**

**Short Description**

An introductory history of African enslavement in the Atlantic that considers the African origins of slaves and their subsequent experiences in North America. Themes include: processes of enslavement in Africa, the land and oceanic or “middle” passages, effects of the slave trade on African societies, varieties of slavery in North America (New England, Chesapeake, Low Country, Mississippi Valley), transformations in ethnicity and race, forms of oppression and resistance. Particular emphasis will be placed on human experience and personal narratives of enslavement.

**Meet**

Monday and Tuesday, 3-4:00

**Required Books**

- John Thornton, Africa and Africans in the Making of the Atlantic World, 1400-1800 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998).
- Pier M. Larson, History and Memory in the Age of Enslavement: Becoming Merina in Highland Madagascar, 1770-1822 (Portsmouth, N.H.: Heinemann, 2000).
- Herbert S. Klein, The Atlantic Slave Trade (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999).
- Ira Berlin, Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1998).
- Michael Gomez, Exchanging our Country Marks: The Transformation of African Identities in the Colonial and Antebellum South (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998).
- Ira Belin, Marc Favreau, and Steven F. Miller, Remembering Slavery: African Americans Talk About their Personal Experiences of Slavery and Freedom (New York: The New Press, 1998).
- Melton A. McLaurin, Celia, A Slave (New York: Avon Books, 1993).

**Course Schedule**

**Week one**

Lectures: African Slave Trades; Slavery in Ancient History  
Readings: Nothing!

**Week two**

Lectures: Modern Slavery; Enslavement

Readings: Thornton, Africa and Africans, 1-125; Equiano, The Interesting Narrative, website.

**Week three**

Lectures: Enslavement; African Passages

Readings: Larson, History and Memory, Preface & 1-117; Wright, Strategies of Slaves & Women, 59-79; Curtin, Africa Remembered, 298-316.

**Week four**

Lectures: African Passages; African Impacts

Readings: Larson, History and Memory, 118-204; Klein, The Atlantic Slave Trade, 1-73; one narrative (cugoano).

**Week five**

Lectures: Oceanic Passages (Organization; Experiences)

Readings: Larson, History and Memory, 205-268; Klein, The Atlantic Slave Trade, 74-160; one narrative (oceanic passage narrative from Children of God's Fire).

**Week six**

Lectures: Arrivals; Early Slavery

Readings: Klein, The Atlantic Slave Trade, 161-206; Berlin, Many Thousands Gone, 1-92; narratives.

**Week seven**

Lectures: Something; Creolization

Readings: Berlin, Many Thousands Gone, 95-215; Larson, History and Memory, 268-288.

**Week eight**

Lectures: Chesapeake; Low Country

Readings: Berlin, Many Thousands Gone, 219-365.

**Week nine**

Lectures: Resistance

Readings: Gomez, Exchanging our Country Marks, 1-153.

**Week ten**

Lectures: Race

Readings: Gomez, Exchanging our Country Marks, 154-292.

**Week eleven**

Lectures: Ordinary Resistance; Revolts

Readings: Berlin, Remembering Slavery, Preface-119.

**Week Twelve**

Lectures: Slavery in US Politics, Civil War; Slavery in African Societies

Readings: Berlin, Remembering Slavery, 121-277.

**Week Thirteen**

Lectures: Abolitions (Trading, United States, Africa)

Readings: McLaurin, Celia, entire book.

## Review Books

### Trade

- Eltis, David and James Walvin, eds. The Abolition of the Atlantic Slave Trade: Origins and Effects in Europe, Africa, and the Americas (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1981).
- Eltis, David. Economic Growth and the Ending of the Transatlantic Slave Trade (Oxford, 1987).
- Eltis, David. The Rise of African Slavery in the Americas (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000).
- Galenson, David. Traders, Planters, and Slaves: Market Behavior in Early English America (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986).
- Gaston-Martin. L'ère des négriers 1714-1774): Nantes au XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle (Paris, 1993).
- Postma, Johannes Menne. The Dutch in the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1600-1815 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990).
- Thomas, Hugh. The Slave Trade: The History of the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1440-1870 (London: Picador, 1997).

### Africa

- Allen, Richard. Slaves, Freedmen and Indentured Laborers in Colonial Mauritius (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999).
- Alpers, Edward. Ivory and Slaves: Changing Patterns of Trade in East Central Africa to the Later Nineteenth Century (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1975).
- Barker, Anthony J. Slavery and Anti-Slavery in Mauritius, 1810-33: The Conflict Between Economic Expansion and Humanitarian Reform Under British Rule (London, 1996).
- Barry, Boubacar. Senegambia and the Atlantic Slave Trade (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998).
- Baum, Robert. Shrines of the Slave Trade: Diola Religion and Society in Precolonial Senegambia (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1999).
- Cooper, Frederick. Plantation Slavery on the East Coast of Africa (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1977).
- Cooper, Frederick. From Slaves to Squatters: Plantation Labor and Agriculture in Zanzibar and Coastal Kenya, 1890-1925 (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1980).
- Cordell, Dennis. Dar al-Kuti and the Last Years of the Trans-Saharan Slave Trade (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1985).
- Glassman, Jonathon. Feasts and Riot: Revelry, Rebellion, and Popular Consciousness on the Swahili Coast, 1856-1888 (Portsmouth, N.H.: Heinemann, 1995).

- Grace, John. Domestic Slavery in West Africa (London, 1975).
- Harms, Robert. River of Wealth, River of Sorrow: The Central Zaire Basin in the Era of the Slave and Ivory Trade, 1500-1891 (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1981).
- Hogendorn, Jan S. and Marion Johnson. The Shell Money of the Slave Trade (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1981).
- Inikori, Joseph E. ed. Forced Migration: The Impact of the Export Slave Trade on African Societies (London, 1982).
- Kea, Ray A. Settlements, Trade, and Politics in the Seventeenth Century Gold Coast (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1982).
- Klein, Martin A. Slavery and Colonial Rule in French West Africa (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998).
- Law, Robin. The Slave Coast of West Africa, 1550-1750: The Impact of the Atlantic Slave Trade on an African Society (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1991).
- Lovejoy, Paul E. and Jan Hogendorn. Slow Death for Slavery: The Course of Abolition in Northern Nigeria (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993).
- Lovejoy, Paul. Transformations in Slavery: A History of Slavery in Africa 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000).
- Manning, Patrick. Slavery and African Life: Occidental, Oriental, and African Slave Trades (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990).
- Manning, Patrick. Slavery, Colonialism, and Economic Growth in Dahomey, 1640-1960 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1982).
- Miers, Suzanne and Igor Kopytoff, eds. Slavery in Africa: Historical and Anthropological Perspectives (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1977).
- Miers, Suzanne and Richard Roberts, eds. The End of Slavery in Africa (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1988).
- Miller, Joseph C. Way of Death: Merchant Capitalism and the Angolan Slave Trade, 1730-1830 (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1988).
- Roberts, Richard. Warriors, Merchants, and Slaves: The State and the Economy in the Middle Niger Valley, 1700-1914 (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1987).
- Robertson, Claire C. and Martin A. Klein, eds. Women and Slavery in Africa (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1983).
- Ross, Robert. Cape of Torments: Slavery and Resistance in South Africa (London, 1983).
- Scully, Pamela. Liberating the Family? Gender and British Slave Emancipation in the Rural Western Cape, South Africa, 1823-1853 (Portsmouth, N.H.: Heinemann, 1997).
- Searing, James. West African Slavery and Atlantic Commerce: The Senegal River Valley, 1700-1860 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993).
- Shell, Robert C.-H. Children of Bondage: A Social History of the Slave Society at the Cape of Good Hope, 1652-1838 (Hanover, N.H., 1994).

- Sheriff, Abdul. Slaves, Spices & Ivory in Zanzibar: Integration of an East African Commercial Empire into the World Economy, 1770-1873 (London: James Currey, 1987).
- Willis, John Ralph, ed. Slaves and Slavery in Muslim Africa (London, 1985) 2 vols.
- Worden, Nigel. Slavery in Dutch South Africa (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985).

### **North America**

- Diouf, Sylviane. Servants of Allah: African Muslims Enslaved in the Americas (New York, 1998).
- Ferguson, Leland. Uncommon Ground: Archaeology and Early African America, 1650-1800 (Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1992).
- Fields, Barbara Jeanne. Slavery and Freedom on the Middle Ground: Maryland during the Nineteenth Century (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1985).
- Fox-Genovese, Elizabeth. Within the Plantation Household: Black and White Women of the Old South (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1988).
- Franklin, John Hope and Loren Schwening. Runaway Slaves: Rebels on the Plantation (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).
- Genovese, Eugene. Roll, Jordan, Roll: The World the Slaves Made
- Margaret Washington Creel. A Peculiar People: Slave Religion and Community-Culture among the Gullahs (New York: New York University Press, 1988).
- Morgan, Philip. Slave Counterpoint: Black Culture in the Eighteenth-Century Chesapeake and Lowcountry (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998).
- Mullin, Michael. Africa in America: Slave Acculturation and Resistance in the American South and the British Caribbean, 1736-1831 (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1992).
- Oakes, James. Slavery and Freedom: An Interpretation of the Old South (New York: Knopf, 1990).
- Oakes, James. The Ruling Race: A History of American Slaveholders (New York: Knopf, 1982).
- Olwell, Robert. Masters, Slaves, and Subjects: The Culture of Power in the South Carolina Low Country, 1740-1790
- Pierson, William D. Black Yankees: The Development of an Afro-American Subculture in Eighteenth Century New England (Amherst, Mass., 1988).
- Sidbury, James. Ploughshares into Swords: Race, Rebellion, and Identity in Gabriel's Virginia, 1730-1810
- Slavery in Early National Baltimore
- Walsh, Lorena S. From Calabar to Carter's Grove: The History of a Virginia Slave Community
- Weiner, Marli.

Wood, Peter. Black Majority

**General**

Orlando Patterson. Slavery and Social Death: A Comparative Study (Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press, 1982).

Claude Meillassoux, The Anthropology of Slavery: The Womb of Iron and Gold (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1991).

David Brion Davis, The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Revolution

William Philips, Slavery from Roman Times to the Early Transatlantic Trade

David Turley, Slavery (Oxford: Blackwell, 2000).

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

Gilroy, Paul. The Black Atlantic: Modernity and Double Consciousness (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1993).