
History 941: Indians and Empires

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Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison
Seminar Meetings: Fridays 1:20 AM - 3:20 PM
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1. OVERVIEW. "Indians and Empires" examines the various ways in which the Native inhabitants of North America contended with European colonialism between contact and the mid-nineteenth century (principally in eastern North America). Organized chronologically, thematically, and geographically around common readings, the course examines both the international relations between various Indian polities and European powers and the internal social changes effected by this interaction. Students will receive an introduction to ethnohistorical methodology but should be familiar early American historiography.
2. EXPECTATIONS / REQUIREMENTS.
 - a. Students must attend all meetings of the seminar and participate actively in discussion. Participation will be evaluated for quality and consistency.
 - b. Students will submit weekly reviews of common, core texts (indicated on the schedule by an asterisk) no later than noon the day before each seminar meeting. These reviews will not exceed eight hundred words and will conform to the guidelines provided below. No common reviews are required for weeks 1 and 12 or the weeks in which students submit their longer reviews of "additional readings" (see below).
 - c. Students will submit two 4-5 page reviews of works listed as "additional readings" on the schedule. These reviews are due at noon the day prior to the respective class meeting, and students will present their review to their classmates at this session. No two students may review the same book; nor will students review books that they have already read. Students should prioritize their preferences prior to our first class meeting, at which I will reconcile your wishes with the needs of the course. These reviews should also conform to the guidelines below but more substantially engage the relevant historiography.
 - d. Students will submit a 10-12 page seminar paper by the beginning of the week 13 class meeting. Students may elect to either write a historiographical essay on an issue of their choosing or an original piece of scholarship based on research in a primary document collection.
3. BOOK REVIEW GUIDELINES. All reviews should be critical, analytical, and thoughtful. Assess the book as a work of individual scholarship and locate it in the larger body of literature. Consider and address at least three published, scholarly reviews in your own. At a minimum, reviews should provide:
 - a. Information on the author and his or her qualifications.
 - b. A brief, *general* description of the organization and contents of the book.
 - c. A statement of the purpose of the book and its thesis.

- d. Your critical evaluation of how successful the author is in achieving his or her goals and in persuading you of the thesis. The emphasis in each review should be on **critical** reading and evaluation. No book is perfect and none is worthless. The objective is to discern the strengths and weaknesses in the books you read and to place them in the context of the kinds of literature being done in the field and approaches to the various topics.

4. COURSE SCHEDULE.

Week 1, 27 January	Intro to Ethnohistory and Southwest
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Common Readings:

Axtell, James. "Ethnohistory: An Historian's Viewpoint." *Ethnohistory* 26, no. 1 (1979): 1.

Hoxie, Frederick E. "The Problems of Indian History." *Social Science Journal* 25, no. 4 (1988): 389-399.

Trigger, Bruce G. "Early Native North American Responses to European Contact: Romantic versus Rationalistic Interpretations." *Journal of American History* 77, no. 4 (1991): 1195-1215.

Wilcox, Michael V. *The Pueblo Revolt and the Mythology of Conquest: An Indigenous Archaeology of Contact*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2009.

Week 2, 3 February	Southeast
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Common Readings:

Wright, J. Leitch. "Introduction." In *The Only Land They Knew: The Tragic Story of the American Indians in the Old South*. New York: Free Press 1981.

Kelton, Paul. "Avoiding the Smallpox Spirits." *Ethnohistory* 51, no. 1 (2004): 45-71.

*Gleach, Frederic W. *Powhatan's World and Colonial Virginia: A Conflict of Cultures*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1997.

Shoemaker, Nancy. "How Indians Got to Be Red." *American Historical Review* 102, no. 3 (1997): 624-644.

Additional Readings:

Carson, James Taylor. *Searching for the Bright Path: The Mississippi Choctaws from Prehistory to Removal*, Indians of the Southeast. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1999.

Hatley, M. Thomas. *The Dividing Paths: Cherokees and South Carolinians through the Era of Revolution*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.

Kupperman, Karen Ordahl. *Indians and English: Facing off in Early America*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2000.

Merrell, James Hart. *The Indians' New World: Catawbas and Their Neighbors from European Contact through the Era of Removal*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1989.

Saunt, Claudio. *A New Order of Things: Property, Power, and the Transformation of the Creek Indians, 1733-1816*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999.

Smith, Marvin T., Robbie Franklyn Ethridge, and Charles M. Hudson. *The Transformation of the Southeastern Indians, 1540-1760*. Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2002.

Waselkov, Gregory A., Peter H. Wood, and M. Thomas Hatley. *Powhatan's Mantle: Indians in the Colonial Southeast*. Rev. and expanded ed. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2006.

Wright, J. Leitch. *The Only Land They Knew: The Tragic Story of the American Indians in the Old South*. New York: Free Press 1981.

Week 3, 10 February	Northeast
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Common Readings:

*Salisbury, Neal. *Manitou and Providence: Indians, Europeans, and the Making of New England, 1500-1643*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1982.

Hirsch, Adam J. "The Collision of Military Cultures in Seventeenth Century New England." *Journal of American History* 74, no. 4 (1988): 1187-1212.

Pulsipher, Jenny Hale. "'Subjects . . . unto the Same King': New England Indians and the Use of Royal Political Power." *Massachusetts Historical Review* 5, (2003): 29-57.

Additional Readings:

Calloway, Colin G. *After King Philip's War: Presence and Persistence in Indian New England*. Hanover, NH: University Press of New England, 1997.

Cave, Alfred A. *The Pequot War, Native Americans of the Northeast*. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1996.

Cronon, William. *Changes in the Land: Indians, Colonists, and the Ecology of New England*. 20th Anniversary ed. New York: Hill and Wang, 2003.

Demos, John. *The Unredeemed Captive: A Family Story from Early America*. 1st Vintage Books ed. New York: Vintage Books, 1995.

Drake, James D. *King Philip's War: Civil War in New England, 1675-1676*. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1999.

Jennings, Francis. *The Invasion of America: Indians, Colonialism, and the Cant of Conquest*. New York: Norton, 1976.

Trigger, Bruce G. *Natives and Newcomers: Canada's "Heroic Age" Reconsidered*. Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1985.

Vaughan, Alden T. *New England Frontier: Puritans and Indians, 1620-1675*. 3rd ed. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1995.

Week 4, 17 February

Iroquoia

Common Readings:

Hall, John W. "Iroquois Confederacy." In *The Encyclopedia of War*, edited by Gordon Martel, 1109-1113. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012.

*Jennings, Francis. *The Ambiguous Iroquois Empire: The Covenant Chain Confederation of Indian Tribes with English Colonies from Its Beginnings to the Lancaster Treaty of 1744* 1984. Reprint, New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1990.

Danvers, Gail D. "Gendered Encounters: Warriors, Women, and William Johnson." *Journal of American Studies* 35, no. 2 (2001): 187-202.

Additional Readings:

Aquila, Richard. *The Iroquois Restoration: Iroquois Diplomacy on the Colonial Frontier, 1701-1754*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1983.

Engelbrecht, William E. *Iroquoia: The Development of a Native World*. Syracuse, N.Y.: Syracuse University Press, 2003.

Fenton, William N. *The Great Law and the Longhouse: A Political History of the Iroquois Confederacy*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1998.

Parmenter, Jon. *The Edge of the Woods: Iroquoia, 1534-1701*. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2010.

Preston, David L. *The Texture of Contact: European and Indian Settler Communities on the Frontiers of Iroquoia, 1667-1783*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2009.

Richter, Daniel K. *The Ordeal of the Longhouse: The Peoples of the Iroquois League in the Era of European Colonization*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1992.

Richter, Daniel K., and James H. Merrell, eds. *Beyond the Covenant Chain: The Iroquois and Their Neighbors in Indian North America, 1600-1800*. Syracuse, N.Y.: Syracuse University Press, 1987.

Snow, Dean R. *The Iroquois*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell, 1994.

Week 5, 24 February

Pays d'en haut & the Mississippi

Common Readings:

*White, Richard. *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991.

Additional Readings:

Beck, David R. M. *Siege and Survival: History of the Menominee Indians, 1634-1856*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2002.

DuVal, Kathleen. *The Native Ground: Indians and Colonists in The Heart of the Continent*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006.

Eccles, W. J. *The Canadian Frontier, 1534-1760*. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1969.

Edmunds, R. David. *The Potawatomis: Keepers of the Fire*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1978.

Edmunds, R. David, and Joseph L. Peyser. *The Fox Wars: The Mesquakie Challenge to New France, The Civilization of the American Indian Series*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1993.

Peterson, Jacqueline, and Jennifer S.H. Brown, eds. *The New Peoples: Being and Becoming Metis in North America*. Manitoba: University of Manitoba Press, 1985.

Rushforth, Brett. *Bonds of Alliance: Indigenous and Atlantic Slaverries in New France*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2012.

Skinner, Claiborne A. *The Upper Country: French Enterprise in the Colonial Great Lakes*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008.

Week 6, 2 March	Trade and Economics
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Common Readings:

*Murphy, Lucy Eldersveld. *A Gathering of Rivers: Indians, Métis, and Mining in the Western Great Lakes, 1737-1832*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2000.

Usner, Daniel H. "American Indians on the Cotton Frontier: Changing Economic Relations with Citizens and Slaves in the Mississippi Territory." *Journal of American History* 72, no. 2 (1985): 297-317.

Additional Readings:

Anderson, Gary Clayton. *Kinsmen of Another Kind: Dakota-White Relations in the Upper Mississippi Valley, 1650-1862*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1984. 1984. Reprint, with a new introduction, St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1997.

Braund, Kathryn E. Holland. *Deerskins & Duffels: The Creek Indian Trade with Anglo-America, 1685-1815*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1993.

Hinderaker, Eric. *Elusive Empires: Constructing Colonialism in the Ohio Valley, 1673-1800*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997.

Mancall, Peter C. *Deadly Medicine: Indians and Alcohol in Early America*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1995.

Merrell, James Hart. *Into the American Woods: Negotiators on the Pennsylvania Frontier*. New York: Norton, 1999.

Reid, John Phillip. *A Better Kind of Hatchet: Law, Trade, and Diplomacy in the Cherokee Nation During the Early Years of European Contact*. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1976.

Snyder, Christina. *Slavery in Indian Country: The Changing Face of Captivity in Early America*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2010.

White, Richard. *The Roots of Dependency: Subsistence, Environment, and Social Change among the Choctaws, Pawnees, and Navajos*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1988.

Week 7, 9 March	Alliance and War
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Common Readings:

*Steele, Ian K. *Betrayals: Fort William Henry & the "Massacre"*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1990.

Tiro, Karim. "The Dilemmas of Alliance: The Oneida Nation in the American Revolution " In *War & Society in the American Revolution: Mobilization and Home Fronts*, edited by John Phillips Resch and Walter Sargent, 215-34. DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2007.

Additional Readings:

Anderson, Fred. *Crucible of War: The Seven Years' War and the Fate of Empire in British North America, 1754-1766*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2000.

Calloway, Colin G. *The American Revolution in Indian Country: Crisis and Diversity in Native American Communities*, Cambridge Studies in North American Indian History. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.

Calloway, Colin G. *The Scratch of a Pen: 1763 and the Transformation of North America*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.

Fischer, Joseph R. *A Well-Executed Failure: The Sullivan Campaign Against the Iroquois, July-September 1779*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1997.

Glatthaar, Joseph T., and James Kirby Martin. *Forgotten Allies: The Oneida Indians and the American Revolution*. New York: Hill and Wang, 2006.

Graymont, Barbara. *The Iroquois and the American Revolution*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 1975.

Silver, Peter. *Our Savage Neighbors: How Indian War Transformed Early America*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2008.

Ward, Matthew C. *Breaking the Backcountry: The Seven Years' War in Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1754-1765*. Pittsburgh, Pa.: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2003.

Week 8, 16 March

Religion and Resistance

Common Readings:

Wallace, Anthony F. C. "New Religions among the Delaware Indians, 1600-1900." *Southwestern Journal of Anthropology* 12, no. 1 (1956): 1-21.

*Dowd, Gregory Evans. *A Spirited Resistance: The North American Indian Struggle for Unity, 1745-1815*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1992.

Middleton, Richard. "Pontiac: Local Warrior or Pan-Indian Leader?" *Michigan Historical Review* 32, no. 2 (2006): 1-32.

Additional Readings:

Cave, Alfred A. *Prophets of the Great Spirit: Native American Revitalization Movements in Eastern North America*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2006.

Dowd, Gregory Evans. *War under Heaven: Pontiac, the Indian Nations, & the British Empire*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002.

Edmunds, R. David. *Tecumseh and the Quest for Indian Leadership*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1984.

Edmunds, R. David. *The Shawnee Prophet*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1985.

Martin, Joel W. *Sacred Revolt: The Muskogees' Struggle for a New World*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1991.

Wallace, Anthony F. C. *The Death and Rebirth of the Seneca*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1970.

Week 9, 30 March

Confronting the Americans

Common Readings:

Onuf, Peter S. "'We Shall All Be Americans': Thomas Jefferson and the Indians." *Indiana Magazine of History* 95, no. 2 (1999): 103-141.

*Hatley, M. Thomas. *The Dividing Paths: Cherokees and South Carolinians through the Era of Revolution*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.

Additional Readings:

Griffin, Patrick. *American Leviathan: Empire, Nation, and Revolutionary Frontier*. New York: Hill and Wang, 2007.

Frank, Andrew. *Creeks & Southerners: Biculturalism on the Early American Frontier*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2005.

Horsman, Reginald. *Expansion and American Indian Policy, 1783-1812*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1992.

Sadosky, Leonard J. *Revolutionary Negotiations: Indians, Empires, And Diplomats in the Founding of America*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2009.

Taylor, Alan. *The Divided Ground: Indians, Settlers and the Northern Borderland of the American Revolution*. 1st ed. New York: Vintage books, 2007.

Willig, Timothy D. *Restoring the Chain of Friendship: British Policy and the Indians of the Great Lakes, 1783-1815*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2008.

Week 10, 6 April

Missions, Education, and "Civilization"

Common Readings:

*Axtell, James. *The Invasion Within: The Contest of Cultures in Colonial North America*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1985.

McLoughlin, William Gerald. "Native Americans' Reactions to Christian Missions." In *The Cherokees and Christianity, 1794-1870: Essays on Acculturation and Cultural Persistence*, edited by William Gerald McLoughlin and Walter H. Conser, 9-33, 311-313. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1994.

Additional Readings:

Apess, William, and Barry O'Connell. *On Our Own Ground: The Complete Writings of William Apess, a Pequot*, Native Americans of the Northeast. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1992.

Berkhofer, Robert F. *Salvation and the Savage: An Analysis of Protestant Missions and American Indian Response, 1787-1862*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1977.

Devens, Carol. *Countering Colonization: Native American Women and Great Lakes Missions, 1630-1900*. Berkeley, Calif.: University of California Press, 1992.

McLoughlin, William Gerald. *Champions of the Cherokees: Evan and John B. Jones*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1989.

Szasz, Margaret. *Indian Education in the American Colonies, 1607-1783*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1988.

Week 11, 13 April

Law, Politics, and Transformation

Common Readings:

Berkhofer, Robert F., Jr. "The Political Context of a New Indian History." *Pacific Historical Review* 40, no. 3 (1971): 357-382.

Tanner, Helen Hornbeck. "The Glaize in 1792: A Composite Indian Community." *Ethnohistory* 25, no. 1 (1978): 15-39.

*Kugel, Rebecca. *To Be the Main Leaders of Our People: A History of Minnesota Ojibwe Politics, 1825-1898*. East Lansing, Mich.: Michigan State University Press, 1998.

Additional Readings:

Champagne, Duane. *Social Order and Political Change: Constitutional Governments among the Cherokee, the Choctaw, the Chickasaw, and the Creek*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1992.

Denson, Andrew. *Demanding the Cherokee Nation: Indian Autonomy and American Culture, 1830-1900*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2004.

McLoughlin, William Gerald. *Cherokee Renascence in the New Republic*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1986.

Miller, Cary. *Ogimaag: Anishinaabeg Leadership, 1760-1845*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2010.

Reid, John Phillip. *A Law of Blood: The Primitive Law of the Cherokee Nation*. New York: New York Univ. Press, 1970.

Warren, Stephen. *The Shawnees and Their Neighbors, 1795-1870*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2005.

Week 12, 20 April	Women & Gender
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Common Readings:

Klein, Laura F., and Lillian A. Ackerman. "Introduction." In *Women and Power in Native North America*, 3-18. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1995.

*Sleeper-Smith, Susan. *Indian Women and French Men: Rethinking Cultural Encounter in the Western Great Lakes*. Amherst: University Of Massachusetts Press, 2001.

Additional Readings:

Devens, Carol. *Countering Colonization: Native American Women and Great Lakes Missions, 1630-1900*. Berkeley, Calif.: University of California Press, 1992.

Klein, Laura F., and Lillian A. Ackerman, eds. *Women and Power in Native North America*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1995.

McBride, Bunny. *Women of the Dawn*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1999.

Perdue, Theda. *Cherokee Women: Gender and Culture Change, 1700-1835*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1998.

Shoemaker, Nancy. *Negotiators of Change: Historical Perspectives on Native American Women*. New York: Routledge, 1995.

Van Kirk, Sylvia. *Many Tender Ties: Women in Fur-Trade Society, 1670-1870*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1983.

Week 13, 27 April

Removal

PAPERS DUE (no weekly review)

Common Readings:

Hall, John W. *Uncommon Defense: Indian Allies in the Black Hawk War*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2009.

Finger, John R. "The Saga of Tsali: Legend Versus Reality." *North Carolina Historical Review* 56, no. 1 (1979): 1-18.

Additional Readings:

Denson, Andrew. *Demanding the Cherokee Nation: Indian Autonomy and American Culture, 1830-1900*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2004.

Ellisor, John T. *The Second Creek War: Interethnic Conflict and Collusion on a Collapsing Frontier*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2010.

Green, Michael D. *The Politics of Indian Removal: Creek Government and Society in Crisis*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1982.

Mahon, John K. *History of the Second Seminole War, 1835-1842*. Revised ed. Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 1985.

Wilkins, Thurman. *Cherokee Tragedy: The Ridge Family and the Decimation of a People*. 2nd ed, The Civilization of the American Indian series. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1986.

Wright, J. Leitch. *Creeks and Seminoles: The Destruction and Regeneration of the Muscogulge People*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1986.

Week 14, 4 May

Plains

Common Readings:

White, Richard. "The Winning of the West: The Expansion of the Western Sioux in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries." *Journal of American History* 65, no. 2 (1978): 319-343.

*Hämäläinen, Pekka. *The Comanche Empire*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2008.

Flores, Dan. "Bison Ecology and Bison Diplomacy: The Southern Plains from 1800 to 1850." *Journal of American History* 78, no. 2 (1991): 465-485.

Additional Readings:

Beck, Paul. N. *Inkpaduta: Dakota Leader*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2008.

Bowes, John P. *Exiles and Pioneers: Eastern Indians in the Trans-Mississippi West*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007.

Ostler, Jeffrey. *The Plains Sioux and U.S. Colonialism from Lewis and Clark to Wounded Knee*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

Week 15, 11 May

The West

Common Readings:

*Blackhawk, Ned. *Violence over the Land: Indians and Empires in the Early American West*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2006.