

History 170
Prof. G.S. Wood

Spring 2007
Office Hrs: Wed. 2-4 p.m.

AMERICAN COLONIAL HISTORY

There will be two lectures during most weeks and a section meeting on selected weeks of the term. The dates of the section meetings are noted below. Students are expected to attend section meetings; their participation will be graded by the Teaching Assistant. Readings to be used as a basis for discussion in the sections are marked with * and are available in the bookstore. These and all other readings are also on reserve in the library. Two short papers (5-6 pp.), an hour test, and a final examination are required. Those who wish may substitute for the second short paper a research paper (c. 20pp.) on some topic of their interest, for which they will receive additional appropriate credit. The topic of the research paper must be worked out in consultation with Prof. Wood or with a Teaching Assistant. It will be due on May 14 in the History Department, 142 Angell St., by 4:00 p.m. Graduate students are required to complete only the hour test and the final examination.

The TAs for the course are Stephen Downey, Jessica Foley, and James Kabala.

1. The Transplantation of English Society

*Richard Middleton, Colonial America: A History, 1585-1776 (3d ed.), chs. 1-2.

*Karen Kupperman, ed., Major Problems in Colonial History, ch. 2.

Section Meetings: Feb. 1-2

2. Seventeenth-Century Society

*Middleton, Colonial America, chs. 3, 5.

*Kupperman, ed., Colonial History, ch. 3

Section Meetings: Feb. 8-9

3. First Short Paper Due: Feb. 15

4. Puritanism

*Edmund S. Morgan, The Puritan Dilemma.

*Middleton, Colonial America, ch. 4.

*Kupperman, ed., Colonial History, ch. 4-5.

Section Meetings: Feb. 22-23

5. The Clash of Cultures

*William Cronon, Changes in the Land.

*Middleton, Colonial America, chs. 15, 17-18.

*Kupperman, ed., Colonial History, ch. 1

Section Meetings: Mar. 1-2

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6. Hour Test: Mar. 8
 7. The Colonies in Transition
 - *Middleton, Colonial America, chs. 6-10.
 - *Kupperman, ed., Colonial History, chs. 7, 9.Section Meetings: Mar. 15-16
 8. Origins of Slavery and African American Society
 - *Middleton, Colonial America, ch. 14.
 - *Ira Berlin, Many Thousands Gone, pp. 1-215.
 - *Kupperman, ed., Colonial History, ch. 10Section Meetings: Mar. 22-23
 9. The Great Awakening
 - *Middleton, Colonial America, ch. 13.
 - *Frank Lambert, Inventing the "Great Awakening."
 - *Kupperman, ed., Colonial History, chs. 11-12.Section Meetings: Apr. 5-6.
 10. Second Short Paper Due: Apr. 12.
 11. Women's Worlds
 - *Middleton, Colonial America, chs. 11-12.
 - *Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Good Wives.Section Meetings: Apr. 20-21.
 12. Eighteenth-Century Politics
 - *Middleton, Colonial America, chs., 16, 19.
 - *Bernard Bailyn, The Origins of American Politics.
 - *Kupperman, ed., Colonial History, chs. 13-14.
 - William Livingston, Independent Reflector, ed. Milton Klein, intro. and nos. 17-22.Section Meetings: Apr. 27-28.
- Research Paper Due: 4 pm in the History Dept. on May 4.
- Final Exam: 9 am on May 10.