



HIST526-01E – Readings in Transatlantic History

Thursdays 5:30-8:10pm

Waters Library, Rm. 174

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2022

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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<https://new.tamuc.edu/coronavirus/>

COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Required Texts – *be sure you pay close attention to edition and ISBN number when ordering*

- Boelhower, William, *Atlantic Studies: Prospects and Challenges*, LSU Press (December 11, 2019), ISBN-13: 978-0807172940
- Brown, Vincent. *Tacky's Revolt: The Story of an Atlantic Slave War*. Cambridge: Belknap Press, 2020, vii + 336 pp. ISBN: 978-0674737570. **[AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA WATERS LIBRARY]**
- Burnard, Trevor, *The Atlantic in World History, 1490-1830*, paperback, Bloomsbury Academic (January 23, 2020), ISBN-13: 978-1350073524
- Davis, Jack E., *The Gulf: The Making of An American Sea*, Liveright; Reprint edition (March 20, 2018), ISBN-13: 978-1631494024

- Gibson, Carrie, *Empire's Crossroads: A History of the Caribbean from Columbus to the Present Day*, Atlantic Monthly Press; 1st edition (November 11, 2014), ISBN-13: 978-0802126146
- Jasanoff, Maya, *Liberty's Exiles: American Loyalists in the Revolutionary World*, Vintage; Illustrated edition (March 6, 2012), ISBN-13: 978-1400075478
- Linebaugh, Peter and Marcus Rediker, *The Many-Headed Hydra: Sailors, Slaves, Commoners, and the Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic*, Beacon Press; 2nd ed. edition (September 3, 2013), ISBN-13: 978-0807033173 **[AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA WATERS LIBRARY]**
- Norton, Marcy, *Sacred Gifts, Profane Pleasures: A History of Tobacco and Chocolate in the Atlantic World*, Cornell University Press (January 7, 2010), ISBN-13: 978-0801476327
- Olivarius, Kathryn, *Necropolis: Disease, Power, and Capitalism in the Cotton Kingdom*, Belknap Press: An Imprint of Harvard University Press (April 19, 2022), ISBN-13: 978-0674241053 **[AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA WATERS LIBRARY]**
- Rogers, Daniel T. *Atlantic Crossings: Social Politics in a Progressive Age*, Belknap Press: An Imprint of Harvard University Press; (May 19, 2000), ISBN-13: 978-0674002012 **[AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA WATERS LIBRARY]**
- Sensbach, Jon, *Rebecca's Revival: Creating Black Christianity in the Atlantic World*, Harvard University Press; First Thus edition (October 31, 2006), ISBN-13: 978-0674022577
- Strang, Cameron B., *Frontiers of Science: Imperialism and Natural Knowledge in the Gulf South Borderlands, 1500-1850*, Omohundro Institute and University of North Carolina Press; Illustrated edition (August 1, 2018), ISBN-13: 978-1469640471

If you do not already have these, please get them ASAP:

Strunk and White, *The Elements of Style* (Pearson, 1999) ISBN 978-0205309023.

Turabian, *A Manual for Writers*, 9th ed. (University of Chicago Press, 2018) 978-0226430577

Optional Texts and/or Materials -

Your preferred method of notetaking

Additional Materials will be posted electronically

Course Description

HIST 526 - Readings in Transatlantic History

Hours: 3

This course introduces students to the broad outlines of Transatlantic History, covering the period from 1492 to the present. It focuses on scholarship that examines the interconnected

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histories of Europe, Africa, and the Americas, integrating them into a broader discussion of the world and global issues.

This is a reading-intensive course with bi-weekly reading response papers and a project proposal paper. There is an expectation that students will come to class with the materials read beforehand and be able to discuss critically the topic/materials of the week.

Student Learning Outcomes

This course will teach students to evaluate and analyze materials, and to understand different historians' interpretations of events. By the end of the semester, students should be able to explain what transatlantic history is. Students' ability to meet the objectives and learning outcomes of this course are evaluated through reading response papers and a final project.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Using the learning management system and using Microsoft Word

Instructional Methods

This class is face-to-face with additional assignments in D2L Brightspace

Tips for Success in the Course

The major assignment for this semester will be a research project proposal. All citations must be formatted according to Turabian/Chicago style. Please refer to Kate Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2018). If you do not have a copy of this work, it is recommended that you acquire one ASAP.

GRADING

Grading: This course is based on the 100-point system. All assignments are worth 100 points. The final exam is weighted the same as the other two exams. I do not round up. If you earn an 89.9 you will receive a B for the course.

Final grades are determined on the following scale:

100 –90 = A, 89 –80 = B, 79 –70 = C, 69 –60 = D, 59 and below = F

Assessments

Your participation/course engagement grade will be based on your engagement in our class discussions and be guided by the following rubric:

- A = Always prepared, frequently participates, rarely absent
- B = Always prepared, participates only when called on, rarely absent
- C = Usually prepared, rarely speaks, rarely absent
- D = Often unprepared, several absences

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F = Usually unprepared, frequent absences

There will be eight (8) reading response papers, one (1) in-class author presentation, and one (1) research project proposal in this course. The assignment details and rubrics will be covered in separate handouts.

Research project proposal (1):	30%
In-class Author Presentation:	5%
Reading analysis/engagement:	35%
<u>Reading response papers (8):</u>	<u>30%</u>
TOTAL:	100%

Descriptions of assignments:

Short Response Papers

Of the twelve assigned books, students will choose eight for which they will write a 500-750 word response paper, *to be handed the day before the class for which the book is assigned*. These papers should analyze the goals, methodologies, and arguments of the readings, and relate them to previous course readings and discussions as applicable. Students will share summaries of their papers at the beginning of each class to help launch the discussion.

In-Class Author Presentation

Each student will sign up to present on one week's book and author. This requires researching the author's intellectual biography (whose work influenced them, etc.), their previous and subsequent works (if applicable), and reviews of the assigned book (if available), and orally presenting the results in class accompanied by a visual presentation.

Research Project Proposal

At the end of the semester, students will turn in a project proposal of 2500-3000 words. This proposal will identify a topic or problem within transatlantic history and propose a research project designed to address it. Students will identify a research question, summarize (to the best of their ability) the pertinent historiographical debates, and identify the sources, research methodology, and theoretical framework to be used in answering the research question. This proposal is intended to serve as a foundation for a future research project in one of the History Department's research seminars, for a possible thesis or capstone project, and in preparation for the master's qualification exam.

Interaction with Professor Statement

Students are strongly encouraged to interact with me. The more you let me know what is going on with you, the better I can help you out. Beyond the classroom, the best way to get in touch with me is through TAMUC email. I am also available during my office hours. Please come to talk to me about any concerns you might have and about any problems or issues that arise during the semester. We can meet in-person or via Zoom.

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CHSSA Librarian:

Our librarian for Humanities and Social Sciences is Sarah Northam. She is available to assist you in your research, whether it is using the library or identifying and locating sources. Please take advantage of this assistance, as you need it. Her contact information is as follows:

Sarah Northam
 Scholarly Communications Librarian
 Velma K. Waters Library, Room 147F
 903-886-5721
Sarah.Northam@tamuc.edu

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES**Classroom/In-Zoom Behavior**

All students are expected to observe basic tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment (See Student's Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct). During class time, I expect graduate-level professionalism & course engagement. This means putting away cell phones, and other devices, and any other forms of distraction, for the duration of the class period (exceptions will be allowed with advance permission of the professor).

Please come to class on time and plan to stay for the entire period. Coming late and/or disrupting the learning environment shows disrespect for me, your colleagues, and the educational endeavor in which you are engaged. If you must leave early, please let me know at the beginning of class when possible.

I encourage you to come to my office hours, to get to know me, and to keep me informed of any issues you might have that would affect your performance in this class (see above statement on Interaction with Professor).

Late Papers

All written assignments are due as indicated in this syllabus. Late assignments may be accepted at the discretion of the professor and will be assessed a penalty. If you know you will be away when something is due, please notify the professor in advance or plan to turn the assignment in early. I can be very understanding and flexible with you, but only if you come to talk to me in advance. To pass this class, all assignments must be completed. Any missing assignments at the end of the course will be given a grade of zero (0).

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a working document and a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

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COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

This schedule will guide you through the semester and indicates when your assignments are due. **You should refer to it often.** I reserve the right to adjust it during the course of the semester as such circumstances arise.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic/Readings/Due dates</u>
1	SEP. 1	Intro, course overview, expectations Reading: Articles on Atlantic/Transatlantic History Emailed in advance of the semester – come to class prepared to discuss them.
2	SEP 8	Reading: <i>Atlantic Studies: Prospects and Challenges</i> Presentation by: _____
3	SEP 15	Reading: <i>The Atlantic in World History, 1490-1830</i> Presentation by: _____
4	SEP 22	Reading: Articles in D2L DUE in class – Project Paper Topic
5	SEP 29	NO CLASS – PROJECT RESEARCH DAY
6	OCT 6	Reading: <i>Sacred Gifts, Profane Pleasures: A History of Tobacco and Chocolate in the Atlantic World</i> Presentation by: _____
7	OCT 13	Reading: <i>Empire's Crossroads: A History of the Caribbean from Columbus to the Present Day</i> Presentation by: _____
8	OCT 20	Reading: <i>Rebecca's Revival: Creating Black Christianity in the Atlantic World</i> Presentation by: _____ DUE via D2L – Project Proposal Draft #1

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9	OCT 27	Reading: <i>Tacky's Revolt: The Story of an Atlantic Slave War</i> Presentation by: _____
10	NOV 3	Reading: <i>The Many-Headed Hydra: Sailors, Slaves, Commoners, and the Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic</i> Presentation by: _____
11	NOV 10	Reading: <i>Liberty's Exiles: American Loyalists in the Revolutionary World</i> Presentation by: _____
12	NOV 17	Reading: <i>The Gulf: The Making of An American Sea</i> Presentation by: _____ DUE via D2L – Project Proposal Draft #2
13	NOV 24	** TAMUC CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**
14	DEC 1	Reading: <i>Frontiers of Science: Imperialism and Natural Knowledge in the Gulf South Borderlands, 1500-1850</i> Presentation by: _____
15	DEC 8	Reading: <i>Necropolis: Disease, Power, and Capitalism in the Cotton Kingdom</i> Presentation by: _____ DUE via D2L – Project Proposal Paper
16	DEC 15	Reading: <i>Atlantic Crossings: Social Politics in a Progressive Age</i> Presentation by: _____

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University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the Attendance webpage and Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01.

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Velma K. Waters Library- Room 162
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

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Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

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