

HIST 585-002: Special Topics in History:

(cross-listed with ANT 585-005, CPLT 751-005, ILA 790-002, and SPAN 540-000)

Topic: Indigenous Peoples & Empires

Instructor	Day(s)	Time(s)	Maximum Enrollment
Yannakakis	M	1:00 – 4:00 pm	12

Semester Description:

Traditionally, the study of indigenous peoples and empires in the Americas has tended to cleave along geographic lines, privileging either the territory of former indigenous empires (like the Inca of South America and the Mexica of Mesoamerica) or that of expansionist European empires (like the Spanish, Portuguese, British, French, and Dutch). This course challenges the old divisions by integrating the histories of indigenous peoples' interactions with European empires in Latin America and North America from the age of first contact to the Age of Revolution into a single analytical frame. We will read classic and foundational as well as new and innovative scholarship that places native people at the center of complex relationships with diverse actors in the Atlantic World, including Europeans and Africans, while at the same time considering the methods, theoretical frameworks and politics of these histories. Major themes include: encounter and conquest; economy and exchange; environment and landscape; race and caste; cultural brokerage; accommodation; indigenous literacies and colonial cultures; resistance and rebellion; indigenous participation in the Age of Revolution; borderlands, slave and captive economies, and violence. Required texts will be paired with cutting-edge articles and essays that compare different regions and chronologies.

Required Textbooks, Articles, and Resources:

1. Andres Resendez, *A Land So Strange: The Epic Journey of Cabeza de Vaca* (Basic Books, 2009). ISBN: 9780465068418.
2. Richard White, *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650–1815*. 2d ed. Cambridge Studies in North American Indian History. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010. ISBN: 9780521183444.
3. William Cronon, *Changes in the Land, Revised Edition: Indians, Colonists, and the Ecology of New England | Edition: 2* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003). ISBN: 9780809016341.
4. Rachel O'Toole, *Bound Lives: Africans, Indians, and the Making of Race in Colonial Peru* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2012). ISBN: 9780822961932.
5. James H. Merrell, *Into the American Woods: Negotiators on the Pennsylvania Frontier* (W.W. Norton & co., 2000).

ISBN: 9780393319767.

6. David Silverman, *Red Brethren: The Brothertown and Stockbridge Indians and the Problem of Race in Early America* (Cornell University Press, 2010).
ISBN: 9780801444777.
7. Joanne Rappaport and Tom Cummins, *Beyond the Lettered City: Indigenous Literacies in the Andes* (Duke University Press, 2011).
ISBN: 9780822351283.
8. Lisa Brooks, *The Common Pot: The Recovery of Native Space in the Northeast* (University of Minnesota Press, 2008).
ISBN: 9780816647842.
9. Gregory Evans Dowd, *A Spirited Resistance: The North American Indian Struggle for Unity, 1745–1815* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1993).
ISBN: 9780801846090.
10. Sergio Serulnikov, *Revolution in the Andes: The Age of Túpac Amaru* (Duke University Press, 2013).
ISBN: 9780822354987.
11. Claudio Saunt, *West of the Revolution: An Uncommon History of 1776* (W.W. Norton, 2014).
ISBN: 9780393351156.
12. Pekka Hamalanien, *The Comanche Empire* (Yale University Press, 2009).
ISBN: 9780300151176.
13. Brian Delay, *War of a Thousand Deserts: Indian Raids and the U.S.-Mexican War* (Yale University Press, 2009).
ISBN: 9780300158373.

Recommended Textbooks, Articles, and Resources:

(Synthetic Overviews)

1. Kenneth J. Andrien, *Andean Worlds: Indigenous History, Culture, and Consciousness under Spanish Rule, 1532–1825* (Diálogos. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2001).
ISBN: 978-0826323583.
2. Colin G. Calloway, *One Vast Winter Count: The Native American West before Lewis and Clark* (History of the American West. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2003).
ISBN: 978-0803264656.
3. Robert M. Carmack, Janine L. Gasco, and Gary H. Gossen, eds. *The Legacy of Mesoamerica: History and Culture of a Native American Civilization*. 2d ed (Exploring Cultures. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2007).

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ISBN: 978-0130492920.

4. Daniel K. Richter, *Facing East from Indian Country: A Native History of Early America* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2003).

ISBN: 978-0674011175.

Grading:

- Class Participation: 20%
- Weekly 500-word reading response and two discussion questions: 20%
- One mini-lecture: 10%
- One “review of the literature” presentation: 10%
- Two approx. 10-page literature reviews: 20% each; 40% total (one at mid-term and the other at the end of the semester)