

BRITISH HISTORY, 1660-1800

You are asked to buy the following books:

George Southcombe and Grant Tapsell, *Restoration Politics, Religion and Culture: Britain and Ireland, 1660–1714* (Palgrave, 2010)

John Locke, *Two Treatises of Government and a Letter Concerning Toleration* (Yale, 2003)

Tim Hitchcock, *English Sexualities, 1700-1800* (St. Martin's, 1997)

Linda Colley, *Britons: Forging the Nation 1707-1837* (Yale, 1992)

The following book is available at the Bookstore but not required reading:

Tim Harris, *Revolution: The Great Crisis of the British Monarchy 1685-1720* (Penguin, 2007)

Links to all other readings can be found via OCRA <http://dl.lib.brown.edu/reserves/> - password "Whig".

This course is an advanced-level survey: it offers broad coverage and does not expect any prior knowledge of the period. It does, however, seek to develop advanced-level critical thinking and analytical writing skills appropriate to the discipline of History. It is based mainly on secondary readings and is designed to give you a strong grounding in the field. (Students interested in doing work with primary sources and writing a research paper should sign up for one of my senior seminars.) A full explanation of the approach and method of this course – including themes to be covered and pedagogical objectives – will be offered at the first meeting of the class.

SECTIONS: The reading assignments list readings that you are required to cover by the time of the next discussion section. *Certain weeks you will be required to submit 2 pages (maximum) of notes on the week's reading at each discussion section.* Full details will be given in advance.

PAPERS: There will be two c. 10 pp. papers. Both should involve extensive extra reading. A choice of topics will be given out well in advance of the paper deadline. The papers should be analytical and offer a critical discussion of the historical evidence. You should develop your own interpretation, firmly backed up with historical examples. Papers should be handed in to the History Department, 79 Brown Street, by 4 pm on the day due.

Monday, 3 Mar (1st paper due)

Friday, 9 May (2nd paper due)

MID-TERM: There will be a mid-term paper due Monday 31 March. This should be a 5pp analytical paper based on the assigned readings. Questions will be given out in advance.

Please Note: Attendance at lectures and discussion sections is compulsory. Failure to attend regularly will result in failure to earn credit for the course.

GRADING: 25% 1st essay; 25% mid-term; 30% 2nd essay; 20% section (and notes).

Office Hours: Fridays, 3.00-5.20 pm – Sharpe House, Room 302.

If you have questions or concerns about the course or your work, please come and discuss them with me in person. I cannot hold discussions over email.

JAN W 22 Introduction

Assignments:

- * Southcombe and Tapsell, intro, and chs. 1, 2 (essential background)

Optional (if you need clarification on chronology):

Tim Harris, 'The Restoration' and 'Court Country and the Origins of Party' from his *Politics under the Later Stuarts* (1993), pp. 26-79

F 24 The Failure of the Republic and the Restoration in England

Assignments:

- * Southcombe and Tapsell, chs. 3, 4, 7

- * John Miller, 'Public Opinion in Charles II's England', *History*, 80 (1995), 359-81

- * Tim Harris, 'The Parties and the People: The Press, the Crowd and Politics 'Out-of-Doors' in Restoration England' in Lionel Glassey, ed., *The Reigns of Charles II and James VII and II* (1997), pp. 125-51

- * Melinda Zook, 'Creating Revolution: Robert Ferguson and the Rye House Plot', in her *Radical Whigs and Conspiratorial Politics in Late Stuart England* (1999), pp. 87-113

Optional (if you need clarification on chronology):

Tim Harris, 'The Exclusion Crisis', from his *Politics under the Later Stuarts*, pp. 80-116

M 27 The Exclusion Crisis and the First Age of Party

W 29 The Tory Reaction

F 31 *Discussion*

Assignments:

- * Southcombe and Tapsell, chs. 5, 9

- * Tim Harris, 'The Glorious Revolution', from his *Politics under the Later Stuarts*, pp. 117-46

- * Mark Goldie and Clare Jackson, 'Williamite Tyranny and the Whig Jacobites', in Esther Mijers and David Onnekink, eds, *Redefining William III: The Impact of the King-Stadholder in International Context* (Aldershot, 2007), pp. 177-99

- * Steve Pincus, "'To Protect English Liberties": The English Nationalist Revolution of 1688-1689', in Tony Claydon and Ian McBride, eds, *Protestantism and National Identity: Britain and Ireland, c. 1650-c.1850* (Cambridge, 1998), pp. 75-104

- * Scott Sowerby, 'Forgetting the Repealers: Religious Toleration and Historical Amnesia in Later Stuart England', *Past and Present*, 215 (2012), 85-123

FEB M 3 The Reign of James II

W 5 The Glorious Revolution in England

F 7 *Discussion*

Assignments:

- * Southcombe and Tapsell, ch. 6

- * Tim Harris, 'The People, the Law and the Constitution in Scotland and England: A Comparative Approach to the Glorious Revolution', *Journal of British Studies*, 38 (January,

1999), 28-58

* Allan Macinnes, 'William of Orange – Disaster for Scotland?', in Mijers and Onnekink, eds, *Redefining William III*, pp. 201-23

* John Miller, 'The Earl of Tyrconnel and James II's Irish Policy, 1685-1688', *Historical Journal*, 20 (1977), 803-23

* David Hayton, 'The Williamite Revolution in Ireland, 1688-91', in Jonathan Israel, ed., *The Anglo-Dutch Moment* (1991), pp. 185-213

M 10 From Restoration to Revolution in Scotland

W 12 The Not-So-Glorious Revolution in Ireland

F 14 *Discussion on the Glorious Revolution in Scotland and Ireland*

M 17 LONG WEEKEND

Assignments:

* Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*, intro and chs. I-VIII

W 19 Locke - Intro

F 21 Locke and Property

Assignments:

* Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*, chs. IX-XIX

* Stephen Buckle, 'Tully, Locke and America', *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 9 (2001), 245-81

* Mark Knights, 'John Locke and Post-Revolutionary Politics: Electoral Reform and the Franchise', *Past and Present*, 213 (2011), 42-86

M 24 Locke and Resistance

W 26 The Rage of Party under William and Anne

F 28 *Discussion*

Assignments:

* John Stevenson, 'Food Riots in England', from his *Popular Disturbances in England 1700-1870* (1979), pp. 91-112

* Dale Edward Williams, 'Morals, Markets and the English Crowd in 1766', *Past and Present*, 104 (August, 1984), 56-73

* E. P. Thompson, 'The Moral Economy Reviewed', from his *Customs in Common* (1991), pp. 259-351

* John Walter, 'Grain Riots and Popular Attitudes to the Law: Maldon and the Crisis of 1629', in his *Crowds and Popular Politics in Early Modern England* (Manchester, 2006), pp. 27-66

* Christopher A. Whatley, 'The Union of 1707, Integration and the Scottish Burghs: The Case of the 1720 Food Riots', *Scottish Historical Review*, 78 (1999), 192-218

MAR M 3 Social Change

W 5 Food Riots

F 7 *Discussion*

Assignments:

- * Douglas Hay, 'Property, Authority and the Criminal Law, in Hay et al., eds, *Albion's Fatal Tree: Crime and Society in Eighteenth-Century England* (New York, 1975), pp. 17-63
- * John Langbein, 'Albion's Fatal Flaws', *Past and Present*, 98 (1983), pp. 96-120
- * Norma Landau, 'Gauging Crime in Late Eighteenth-Century London', *Social History*, 35 (2010), 396-417
- * Robert Shoemaker, 'Print and the Female Voice: Representations of Women's Crime in London, 1690-1735', *Gender and History*, 22 (2010), 75-91
- * Garthine Walker, 'Rape, Acquittal and Culpability in Popular Crime Reports in England, c. 1670-c.1750', *Past and Present*, 220 (2013), 115-42
- * Peter King, 'Ethnicity, Prejudice, and Justice: The Treatment of the Irish at the Old Bailey, 1750-1825, *Journal of British Studies*, 52 (2103), 390-414

M 10 Crime and the Law

W 12 Social Crime

F 14 Discussion

Assignments:

- * Hitchcock, *English Sexualities*
- * Robert B. Shoemaker, 'Separate Spheres? Ideology and Practice in London Gender Relations, 1660-1740', in Muriel C. McClendon, Joseph P. Ward and Michael MacDonald, eds., *Protestant Identities: Religion, Society, and Self-Fashioning in Post-Reformation England* (Stanford, 1999), pp. 266-87
- * Karen Harvey, 'Men Making Home: Masculinity and Domesticity in Eighteenth-Century Britain', *Gender & History*, 21 (2009), 520-540

Optional (useful if doing a paper on this topic):

Faramarz Dabhoiwala, 'Lust and Liberty', *Past and Present*, 207 (2010), 89-171

M 17 The Position of Women in 18th-Century England

W 19 Was there a Sexual Revolution in the 18th Century?

F 21 Discussion

22 – 30 MARCH = SPRING RECESS

Assignments:

- * Locke, *A Letter Concerning Toleration*
- * Wilfrid Prest, 'Sense and Sensibility', from his *Albion Ascendant: English History 1660-1815* (1998), pp. 224-35
- * Bob Bushaway, "'Tacit, Unsuspected, but Still Implicit Faith": Alternative Belief in Nineteenth-Century Rural England', in Tim Harris, ed., *Popular Culture in England, c. 1500-1850* (1995), pp. 189-215
- * Nicholas Rogers, 'Fire from Heaven: The London Earthquakes of 1750', from his *Mayhem: Post-War Crime and Violence in Britain, 1748-53* (2012), ch. 4, pp. 89-107

Optional:

- * Bob Harris, 'The Enlightenment, Towns and Urban Society in Scotland, c. 1760-1820', *English*

Historical Review, 126 (2011), 1097-1136

M 31 The Age of Reason: Did England have an Enlightenment?

APR W 2 Eighteenth-Century Religion

F 4 *Discussion*

Assignments:

* Colley, *Britons*, intro and chs 1-2

* Nicholas Rogers, 'Seditious Words, Subversive Laughter: Popular Jacobitism in Hanoverian England', from his *Crowds, Culture and Politics in Georgian Britain* (Oxford, 1998), pp. 21-57

* Bob Harris and Christopher A. Whatley, "'To Solemnize His Majesty's Birthday': New Perspectives on Loyalism in George II's Britain", *History*, 83 (1998), 397-419

* Allan Macinnes, 'Jacobitism in Scotland: Episodic Cause or National Movement', *Scottish Historical Review*, 86 (2007), 225-52

* Jeffrey Stephen, 'Scottish Nationalism and Stuart Unionism: The Edinburgh Council, 1745', *Journal of British Studies*, 49 (2010), 47-72

M 7 The Jacobite Rebellion of 1715

W 9 The '45

F 11 *Discussion*

Assignments:

* Colley, *Britons*, ch. 3

* H. T. Dickinson, "'The Friends of America': British Sympathy with the American Revolution", in Michael T. Davis, ed., *Radicalism and Revolution in Britain, 1775-1848* (Basingstoke, 2000), pp. 1-29

* Stephen Conway, 'Parliamentary Power and Parliamentary Reform', from his *The British Isles and the War of American Independence* (Oxford, 2000), pp. 203-39

* Eliga H. Gould, 'The Revolution in British Patriotism', from his *The Persistence of Empire: British Political Culture in the Age of American Revolution* (Chapel Hill, 2000), pp. 148-80

* Neil York, 'George III, Tyrant: The Crisis as Critic of Empire, 1775-1776', *History*, 94 (2009), 434-60

* H. T. Dickinson, 'George III and Parliament', *Parliamentary History*, 30 (2011), 395-413

M 14 George III

W 16 John Wilkes

F 18 *Discussion*

Assignments:

* Colley, *Britons*, chs 4-8 plus conclusion

* Jeremy Black, 'Confessional State or Elect Nation? Religion and Identity in Eighteenth-Century England', in Claydon and McBride, *Protestantism and National Identity*, pp. 53-74

* J. C. D. Clark, 'Protestantism, Nationalism and National Identity', *Historical Journal*, 43 (2000), 249-76

* Stephen Conway, 'War, Imperial Expansion and Religious Developments in Mid-Eighteenth-Century Britain and Ireland', *War in History*, 11 (2004), 125-47

- M 21 The Emergence of a British Identity: I
- W 23 The Emergence of a British Identity: II
- F 25 *Discussion* – Reading period begins