

**Preliminary Exam Reading List**  
**US 19<sup>th</sup> Century History 1776 – 1900**  
**Advisor: Professor John Larson**  
**(109 books total)**

Underlined = Already read

**Early Republic**  
**(15 titles)**

- Bailyn, Bernard. *The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution*
- Berlin, Ira. *Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in America* (Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1998).
- Dain, Bruce. *A Hideous Monster of the Mind: American Race Theory in the Early Republic* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2002).
- Hendrickson, David C. *Peace Pact: The Lost World of the American Founding* (Lawrence, KA: University Press of Kansas, 2003).
- Holton, Woody. *Forced Founders*
- Holton, Woody. *Unruly Americans and the Origins of the Constitution*
- Lambert, Frank *The Barbary Wars: American Independence in the Atlantic World*
- Morgan, Edmund S. *American Slavery, American Freedom: The Ordeal of Colonial Virginia* (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc, 1975).
- Morgan, Philip D. *Slave Counterpoint: Black Culture in the Eighteenth-Century Chesapeake and Lowcountry* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998).
- Murrin, John. *Liberty, Equality, Power: A History of the American People* (textbook, read Colonial and Revolutionary sections).
- Taylor, Alan. *American Colonies: The Settling of North America* (Penguin Books, 2002).
- Taylor, Alan. *William Cooper's Town: Power and Persuasion on the Frontier of the Early American Republic.*
- Waldstreicher, David. *Slavery's Constitution: From Revolution to Ratification*
- Wood, Gordon. *The Radicalism of the American Revolution*
- Wood, Gordon. *Social Radicalism and Equality in the American Revolution* (Houston, TX: University of St. Thomas, 1976).

**Antebellum Era**  
**(34 titles)**

- Anbinder, Tyler. *Nativism and Slavery: The Northern Know-Nothings and the Politics of the 1850s.*
- Cooper, William. *Liberty and Slavery: Southern Politics to 1860* (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2000).
- Earle, Jonathan. *Jacksonian Antislavery and the Politics of Free Soil 1824-1854* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004).

Egnal, Marc. *Clash of Extremes: The Economic Origins of the Civil War*.

Faust, Drew Gilpin. *James Henry Hammond and the Old South: A Design for Mastery* (Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 1982).

Fehrenbacher, Don E. *The Dred Scott Case: Its Significance in American Law and Politics*.

Fehrenbacher, Don E. *The Slaveholding Republic: An Account of the United States Government's Relation to Slavery*.

Foner, Eric. *Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men: The Ideology of the Republican Party before the Civil War* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1970).

Forbes, Robert Pierce. *The Missouri Compromise and its Aftermath* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2007).

Freehling, William W. *The Road to Disunion Volume 1: Secessionists at Bay 1776-1854* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1990).

Freehling, William W. *The Road to Disunion: Secessionists Triumphant, 1854-1861*

Gienapp, William. *The Origins of the Republican Party, 1852-1855*

Greenburg, Amy S. *Manifest Manhood and the Antebellum American Empire*

Greenberg, Kenneth S., *Masters and Statesmen: The Political Culture of American Slavery*

Hahn, Steven. *A Nation Under Our Feet: Black Political Struggles in the Rural South from Slavery to the Great Migration*

Hietala, Thomas. *Manifest Design: American Exceptionalism and Empire*.

Holt, Michael. *The Political Crisis of the 1850s* (New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc, 1978).

Howe, Daniel. *What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848*

Johnson, Walter. *Soul by Soul: Life inside the Antebellum Slave Market* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1999).

Larson, John. *Internal Improvement: National Public Works and the Promise of Popular Government in the Early United States*.

Larson, John. *The Market Revolution in America* (Cambridge University Press, 2010).

Levine, Bruce. *Half Slave and Half Free: The Roots of Civil War* (New York: Random House, 1992).

Levine, Bruce. *The Spirit of 1848: German Immigrants, Labor Conflict, and the Coming of the Civil War* (Champaign, IL: University of Illinois Press, 1992).

Martin, Scott. *Cultural Change and the Market Revolution in America, 1789-1860*

McCurry, Stephanie. *Masters of Small Worlds: Yeoman Households, Gender Relations, and the Political Culture of the Antebellum South Carolina Lowcountry* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995).

Morrison, Michael. *Slavery and the American West: The Eclipse of Manifest Destiny and the Coming of the Civil War* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 1997).

Oakes, James. *The Ruling Race: A History of American Slaveholders* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1982).

Potter, David M., *The Impending Crisis, 1848-1861* (Harper Collins, 1977).

Richards, Leonard L. *The Slave Power: The Free North and Southern Domination 1780-1860* (Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 2000).

Richards, Leonard L. *Gentlemen of Property and Standing: Anti-Abolition Mobs in Jacksonian America*.

Sewell, Richard. *Ballots for Freedom: Antislavery Politics in the United States 1837-1860* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1976).

Stephanson, Anders. *Manifest Destiny: American Expansion and the Empire of Right* (New York: Hill and Wang, 1995).

Varon, Elizabeth. *Disunion! The Coming of the American Civil War, 1789-1859* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2008).

Wilson, Major L. *Space, Time, and Freedom: The Quest for Nationality and the Irrepressible Conflict 1815-1861* (Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1974).

### **US Civil War (15 titles)**

Burton, Orville Vernon. *The Age of Lincoln* (New York: Hill and Wang, 2007).

Donald, David. *Lincoln*.

Faust, Drew Gilpin. *Mothers of Invention: Women of the Slaveholding South in the American Civil War* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 1996).

Gallagher, Gary. *The Confederate War*.

Gallagher, Gary. *The Union War*.

Guelzo, Allen C. *Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2009).

Hamilton, Daniel. *The Limits of Sovereignty: Property Confiscation in the Union and Confederacy During the Civil War* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007).

Jones, Howard. *Blue and Gray Diplomacy: A History of Union and Confederate Foreign Relations* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2010).

Levine, Bruce. *Confederate Emancipation: Southern Plans to Free and Arm Slaves During the Civil War* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006).

McPherson, James. *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1988).

McPherson, James. *Ordeal by Fire: The Civil War and Reconstruction*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition (McGraw Hill, 2009).

Oakes, James. *The Radical and the Republican: Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and the Triumph of Antislavery Politics* (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc, 2007).

Stanley, Amy Dru. *From Bondage to Contract: Wage Labor, Marriage, and the Market in the Age of Emancipation*.

Trefousse, Hans. *The Radical Republicans: Lincoln's Vanguard for Racial Justice* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc, 1968).

White, Ronald Jr. *A Lincoln: A Biography* (New York: Random House, 2009).

### **Reconstruction (19 titles)**

Downs, Gregory. *Declarations of Dependence: The Long Reconstruction of Popular Politics in the South, 1861-1908*

Dubois, W.E.B. *Black Reconstruction in America*

Feimster, Crystal. *Southern Horrors: Women and the Politics of Rape and Lynching*

Fitzgerald, Michael. *Splendid Failure: Postwar Reconstruction in the American South*

Foner, Eric. *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution 1863-1877* (New York: Harper and Row, 1988).

Foner, Eric. *A Short History of Reconstruction 1863-1877* (New York: Harper and Row, 1990).

Franklin, John Hope. *Reconstruction: After the Civil War*

Gerteis, Louis. *From Contraband to Freedman: Federal Policy Toward Southern Blacks 1861-1865* (Westport: Greenwood Press).

Hahn, Steven. *A Nation Under Our Feet*

Litwack, Leon. *Been in the Storm So Long: The Aftermath of Slavery* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1979).

Nieman, Donald. *To Set the Law in Motion: The Freedmen's Bureau and Legal Rights for Blacks, 1865-1869* (1979).

Rable, George C. *But There Was No Peace: The Role of Violence in the Politics of Reconstruction*

Ransom, Robert and Richard Sutch, *One Kind of Freedom: The Economic Consequences of Emancipation.*

Richardson, Heather Cox. *The Death of Reconstruction: Race, Labor, and Politics in the Post-Civil War North, 1865-1901*

Richardson, Heather Cox. *West From Appomattox.*

Saville, Julie. *The Work of Reconstruction: From Slave to Wage Laborer in South Carolina, 1860-1870*

Simpson, Brooks. *Reconstruction Presidents*

Summers, Mark. *A Dangerous Stir: Fear, Paranoia, and the Making of Reconstruction*

Whites, LeeAnn. *The Civil War as a Crisis in Gender: Augusta, Georgia, 1860-1890*

### **Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century (26 titles)**

Ayers, Edward. *The Promise of the New South: Life after Reconstruction*

Bederman, Gail. *Manliness and Civilization: A Cultural History of Gender and Race in the United States, 1880-1917*

Chandler, Alfred. *The Visible Hand: The Managerial Revolution in American Business*

Censer, Jane Turner. *The Reconstruction of White Southern Womanhood, 1865-1895*

Cronon, William. *Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West*

Dearing, Mary. *Veterans in Politics: The Story of the G.A.R.*

Edwards, Rebecca. *New Spirits: Americans in the Gilded Age, 1865-1905*

Edwards, Rebecca. *Angels in the Machinery: Gender in American Party Politics from the Civil War to Reconstruction*

Giggie, John M. *After Redemption: Jim Crow and the Transformation of African American Religion in the Delta, 1875-1915*

Gilmore, Glenda. *Gender and Jim Crow: Women and the Politics of White Supremacy in North Carolina, 1896-1920*

Goodwyn, Lawrence. *The Populist Moment: A Short History of the Agrarian Revolt in America.*

Hale, Grace. *Making Whiteness: The Culture of Segregation in the South, 1890-1940*

Hofstadter, Richard. *Age of Reform*

Kazin, Michael. *Populist Persuasion: An American History*

Leach, William. *Land of Desire: Merchants, Power, and the Rise of a New American Culture*

Lears, Jackson. *Rebirth of a Nation: The Making of Modern America, 1877-1920*

McGerr, Michael. *A Fierce Discontent: The Rise and Fall of the Progressive Movement in America, 1870-1920*

McGerr, Michael E. *The Decline of Popular Politics: The American North, 1865-1928* (1986).

McMath, Robert. *American Populism: A Social History 1877-1898*.

Pollack, Norman. *The Populist Mind*

Scokpol, Theda. *Protecting Soldiers and Mothers: The Political Origins of Social Policy in the United States*.

Silbey, Joel. *The American Political Nation, 1838-1893* (1994).

Traxel, David. *1898: the Birth of the American Century*.

Wiebe, Robert. *The Search for Order, 1877-1920*

Woodward, C. Vann. *Origins of the New South, 1877-1913*

Woodward, C. Vann. *The Strange Career of Jim Crow*