Department of History
Ph.D. Reading List
Early American and United States History, 1600-1865

This list of forty books forms the base of a reading list for Ph.D. students taking comprehensive exams in Early American and United States History from 1600-1865. Students should consult their faculty examiners for additions, deletions, or other changes to this list far in advance of taking their exams.

NOTE: In addition to the titles here, students should familiarize themselves with journals such as the *William and Mary Quarterly*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *New England Quarterly*, *Ethnohistory*, *American Quarterly*, *Reviews in American History* and applicable state history journals. They should also consult works on American historiography, such as the newest editions of Francis Couvares, et. al. ed., *Interpretations of American History: Patterns and Perspectives*, James M. Banner’s *A Century of American Historiography*, or the American Historical Association’s *New American History: Critical Perspectives on the Past*, ed. Eric Foner.


