**Recommended Reading List for M.A. and Ph.D. Candidates in American History (updated fall 2014)**

**Early America**

 Joyce Appleby, *Inheriting the Revolution: The First Generation of Americans* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2000)

Julianna Barr, *Peace Came in the Form of a Woman: Indians and Spaniards in the Texas Borderlands* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2007)

Ira Berlin, *Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1998)

Patricia Bonomi, *Under the Cope of Heaven: Religion, Society, and Politics in Colonial America* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1986)

T.H. Breen, *The Marketplace of Revolution: How Consumer Politics Shaped American Independence* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004)

Annette Gordon-Reed, *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family* (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2008)

Christine Heyrman, *Southern Cross: The Beginnings of the Bible Belt* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1997)

Drew McCoy, *The Elusive Republic: Political Economy in Jeffersonian America* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1980)

Edmund Morgan, *American Slavery, American Freedom* (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 1975)

Jennifer Morgan, *Laboring Women: Reproduction and Gender in New World Slavery* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004)

Philip Morgan, *Slave Counterpoint: Black Culture in the Eighteenth-Century Chesapeake and Lowcountry* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998)

William Pierson, *Black Yankees: The Development of an Afro American Subculture in Eighteenth-Century New England* (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1988)

Jack Rakove, *Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution* (New York: Vintage Books, 1996)

David Weber, *The Spanish Frontier in North America* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992)

Richard White, *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991)

Gordon S. Wood, *The Radicalism of the American Revolution* (New York: Vintage Books, 1993)

Rosemarie Zagarri, *Revolutionary Backlash: Women and Politics in the Early American Republic* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007)

**Nineteenth Century**

 Edward Ayers, *The Promise of the New South: Life After Reconstruction* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1992, 2007)

Sven Beckert, *The Monied Metropolis: New York City and the Consolidation of the American Bourgeoisie 1850-1896* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993)

William Cronon, *Nature’s Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West* (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1992)

Brian DeLay, *War of a Thousand Deserts: Indian Raids and the U.S.-Mexican War* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2008)

Richard Ellis, *The Union at Risk: Jacksonian Democracy, States' Rights, and the Nullification Crisis* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987)

Eric Foner, *Reconstruction: America’s Unfinished Revolution, 1863-1877* (New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1988)

Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, *Within the Plantation Household: Black and White Women in the Old South* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1988)

Eugene Genovese, *Roll Jordan Roll: The World the Slaves Made* (New York: Pantheon, 1974)

Allen C. Guelzo, *Abraham Lincoln, Redeemer President* (Cambridge: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, 1999)

Nathan Hatch, *The Democratization of American Christianity* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1989)

Thomas Hietala, *Manifest Design: Anxious Aggrandizement in Jacksonian America* (New York: Cornell University Press, 1985)

Anne Hyde, *Empires, Nations, and Families: a new History of the North American West, 1800-1860* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2011)

Nancy Isenberg, *Sex and Citizenship in Antebellum America* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1999)

Walter Johnson, *Soul by Soul: Life Inside the Antebellum Slave Market* (New Haven: Harvard University Press, 1999)

Lawrence Levine, *Black Culture and Consciousness: Afro American Folk Thought from Slavery to Freedom* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1977, 2007)

Leon Litwack, *Trouble in Mind: Black Southerners in the Age of Jim Crow* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1998)

David Potter, *The Impending Crisis, 1848-1861* (New York: Harper Perennial, 1976)

Kenneth Stampp, *America in 1857: A Nation on the Brink* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1990)

Harry Watson, *Liberty and Power: The Politics of Jacksonian America* (New York: Hill and Wang, 1990, 2006)

Elliott West, *The Contested Plains: Indians, Goldseekers, and the Rush to Colorado* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1998)

Deborah Gray White, *Ar’nt I a Woman?: Female Slaves in the Plantation South* (New York: W. W. Norton and Company, 1985, 1999)

**Twentieth Century**

Katherine Benton-Cohen, *Borderline Americans: Racial Division and Labor War in the Arizona Borderlands* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2011)

Taylor Branch, *Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years, 1963-65* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1998)

Mark Brilliant, *The Color of America Has Changed: How Racial Diversity Shaped Civil Rights Reform in California, 1941-1978* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010)

Margo Canaday, *The Straight State: Sexuality and Citizenship in Twentieth-Century America* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011)

Lizabeth Cohen, *Making a New Deal: Industrial Workers in Chicago, 1919-1939* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990, 2008)

Patricia Collins, *Black Feminist Thought: Knowledge, Consciousness, and the Politics of Empowerment* (London: Routledge Press, 2000)

Nancy Cott, *The Grounding of Modern Feminism* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1987)

Robert Dallek, *Franklin D. Roosevelt and American Foreign Policy, 1932-1945* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995)

Lynn Dumenil, *The Modern Temper: American Culture and Society in the 1920s* (New York: Hill and Wang, 1995)

John Gaddis, *Strategies of Containment: A Critical Appraisal of American National Security Policy during the Cold War* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1982, 2005)

Kevin Gaines, *Uplifting the Race:  Black Leadership, Politics, and Culture in the Twentieth Century* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1996)

Maria Cristina Garcia, *Havana USA: Cuban Exiles and Cuban Americans in South Florida, 1959-1994* (Oakland: University of California Press, 1997)

Glenda Gilmore, *Gender and Jim Crow: Women and the Politics of White Supremacy in North Carolina, 1896-1920* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1996)

 Ruth Gilmore, *Golden Gulag: Prisons, Surplus, Crisis, and Opposition in Globalizing California* (Oakland: University of California Press, 2007)

Linda Gordon, *Pitied But Not Entitled: Single Mothers and the History of Welfare* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1994)

Peniel Joseph, *Waiting 'Til the Midnight Hour: A Narrative History of the Black Power Movement*(New York: Owl Books, 2006)

Robin D.G. Kelley, *Race Rebels:  Culture, Politics, and the Black Working Class* (New York: The Free Press, 1994, 1996)

David Kennedy, *Freedom From Fear: The American People in Depression and War, 1929-1945* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001)

Erika Lee, *At America’s Gates: Chinese Immigration During the Exclusion Era, 1882-1943* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003)

William Link, *The Paradox of Southern Progressivism, 1880-1930* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1992)

George Marsden, *Fundamentalism and American Culture: The Shaping of Twentieth-Century Evangelicalism, 1870-1925* (Oxford: Oxford University press, 2006)

Khalil Muhammad, *Condemnation of Blackness:  Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America*(Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2010)

Mae Ngai, *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004)

David Oshinsky, *"Worse than Slavery":  Parchman Farm and the Ordeal of Jim Crow Justice* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1996)

Peggy Pascoe, *What Comes Naturally: Miscegenation Law and the Making of Race in America* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009)

Mary Renda, *Taking Haiti: Military Occupation and the Culture of U.S. Imperialism, 1915-1940* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2001)

George Sanchez, *Becoming Mexican American: Ethnicity, Culture, and Identity in Chicano Los Angeles, 1900-1945* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993)

Thomas Sugrue, *Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1996, 2005)