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Part I Exam Reading List
Early American Literature
Spring 2011

Primary Works

1. Cabeza de Vaca, Alvar Nunez (1490-1558). Relation of Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca (c.1536-1540; 1542).
2. Morton, Thomas (1579-1647). New English Canaan (1637).
3. Cotton, John (1585-1642). Mr. Cotton's Rejoinder (1636).
4. Hooker, Thomas (1586-1647). "A True Sight of Sin" from The Application of Redemption (1657).
5. Winthrop, John (1587-1649). Selections from Journal (1630-1649); "A Model of Christian Charity" (1630).
6. Bradford, William (1590-1657). Of Plymouth Plantation (1620-1647).
7. Williams, Roger (1603-1683). The Bloody Tenent of Persecution (1644).
8. Shepard, Thomas (1605-1649). The Autobiography of Thomas Shepard (1634-1649; The Sound Believer (1645); selections from The Parable of the Ten Virgins (1659).
9. Bradstreet, Anne (1612-1672). From The Works of Anne Bradstreet (1650; 1967): "Epistle to the Reader by John Woodbridge," "Introductory verses by Nathaniel Ward, John Rogers, and John Woodbridge," "The Prologue," "The Quaternions," "In Honour of Du Bartas," "In Honour of Queen Elizabeth," "Contemplations," "The Flesh and the Spirit," "The Author to her Book," "Before the Birth of One of Her Children," "A Letter to Her Husband Absent upon Public Employment," "In Reference to her Children," "In Memory of Anne Bradstreet," "To My Dear Children," "My Dear Children," "Upon the Burning of Our House," "As Weary Pilgrim."
10. New England Jeremiads:
 - a. Danforth, Samuel (1626-1674). New-England's Errand into the Wilderness (1670)
 - b. Shepard, Thomas Jr. (1635-1677) "Eye-Salve" (1672).
11. Wigglesworth, Michael (1631-1705). "God's Controversy with New-England" (1662); "The Day of Doom" (1662).
12. Rowlandson, Mary White (1636-1711). The Sovereignty and Goodness of God (1682).
13. Taylor, Edward (1642-1729). "A Valediction to all the World Preparatory for Death"; Gods Determinations Touching His Elect: Preface, "The Joy of Church Fellowship rightly attended," "The Souls Groan to Christ for Succour," "Christ's Reply"; Occasional Poems: "4. Huswifery," "6. Upon Wedlock, & Death of Children" (1682); Preparatory Meditations, First Series: Prologue, "6. Another Meditation at the same time," "8. Meditation. John 6.51. I am the Living Bread"; Preparatory Meditations, Second Series: "115. Meditation. Cant. 5:10. My Beloved," "Meditation 26. Heb. 9.13," "14. How much More shall the blood of Christ, etc," "Meditation 43. Rom. 9.5. God blessed forever," "Meditation. Col. 2.17. Which are Shaddows of things to come and the body is Christ."
14. Stoddard, Solomon (1643-1729). The Doctrine of the Instituted Churches (1700).
15. Mather, Cotton (1663-1728). From The Wonders of the Invisible World (1693): "Martha Carrier," "George Burroughs"; From Magnalia Christi Americana (1702): Part II (Governors), Part V (Synods), Part VI (Remarkable Providences), Part VII (Wars of the Lord).
16. Edwards, Jonathan (1703-1758). "God Glorified in Man's Dependence" (1731); "A Divine and Supernatural Light" (1734); "Justification by

- Faith Alone" (1734); "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" (1741); "Personal Narrative" (1739); Faithful Narrative (1737); A Treatise on Religious Affections (1746); Freedom of the Will (1754); The Great Doctrine of Original Sin (1758); The Nature of True Virtue (1765).
17. Native and African-American Writings in Early America:
 - a. Hammon, Jupiter (1711-1806?). An Evening Thought (1760); An Address to Miss Phillis Wheatly (1778).
 - b. Samson Occom (Mohegan, 1723-1792): A Short Narrative of My Life (1768); A Sermon Preached by Samson Occom (1772).
 - c. Prince Hall (1735?-1807). To the Honorable Council & House of Representatives for the State of Massachusetts-Bay in General Court assembled January 13th 1777 (1788).
 - d. Olaudah Equiano (1745?-1797). The Interesting Narrative of the Life Of Olaudah Equiano (1789).
 - e. Hammon, Briton (1760?). Narrative of the Uncommon Sufferings and Surprizing Deliverance of Briton Hammon (1760).
 18. Franklin, Benjamin (1706-1790). The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin (1791).
 19. Woolman, John (1720-1772). Selections from Journal.
 20. Adams, John (1735-1826) and Abigail Adams (1744-1818). The Letters of John and Abigail Adams (1774-1776).
 21. Crèvecoeur, J. Hector St. John de (1735-1813). Letters from an American Farmer (1782).
 22. Paine, Thomas (1737-1809). "Common Sense" (1776); The Age of Reason, Part I (1794).
 23. Jefferson, Thomas (1743-1826). Declaration of Independence (1776); A Summary View of British Rights in America (1774); Notes on the State of Virginia (1785).
 24. Jay, John (1745-1829), Alexander Hamilton (1755-1804), and James Madison (1751-1836). The Federalist, 1-5, 10, 51 (1787, 1788).
 25. Brackenridge, Hugh Henry (1748-1816). Modern Chivalry, Volumes I-IV (1815).
 26. Murray, Judith Sargent (1751-1820). "Desultory Thoughts" (1784); "On the Equality of the Sexes" (1790); "Observations on Female Abilities" (1792); "Sketch of the Present Situation in America, 1794" (1794); The Traveler Returned (1796).
 27. Dwight, Timothy (1752-1817). The Triumph of Infidelity (1788), selections from Greenfield Hill (1794).
 28. Wheatley, Phillis (1753-1784). "on Being Brought from Africa to America," "To Maecenas," "To the University of Cambridge, in New England," "On the Death of the Rev. Mr. George Whitefield, 1770," "Thoughts on the Works of Providence," "To S.M., a Young African Painter, on Seeing His Works," "To His Excellency George Washington," "On Recollection," "On Imagination," "A Funeral Poem on the Death of C.E. an Infant of Twelve Months," "America."
 29. Tyler, Royall (1757-1826). The Contrast (1787).
 30. Foster, Hannah (1758-1840). The Coquette (1797).
 31. Rowson, Susanna (1762-1824). Charlotte Temple (1791).
 32. Brown, Charles Brockden (1771-1810). Wieland (1798).

Critical Works

- Bercovitch, Sacvan. The American Jeremiad (1978).
_____. The Puritan Origins of the American Self (1975).
Colacurcio, Michael. Godly Letters (2006).
Colacurcio, Michael. Essays on Taylor and Edwards in Doctrine and Difference (1997).
Davidson, Cathy. Revolution and the Word: The Rise of the Novel in America (1994, 2004).
Elliot, Emory. Revolutionary Writers: Literature and Authority in the New Republic, 1725-1810 (1982).
Gould, Phillip. Covenant and Republic: Historical Romance and the Politics of Puritanism (1996).
Miller, Perry. Errand into the Wilderness (1956).
_____. The New England Mind: From Colony to Province (1953).
Morgan, Edmund S. Visible Saints (1963).
Slotkin, Richard. Regeneration through Violence (1975).
Warner, Michael. Letters of the Republic (1990).