

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY
History Department History 500
COLONIAL LATIN AMERICA

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The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the history of colonial Latin America from around 1492 through the European conquest, creation of empires, and subsequent fall of these empires in the first two decades of the 19th century. The central idea of the course is to explore the degree to which the dramatic break with the past and the changes wrought by Iberians were molded, mediated and refracted by resilient native cultures, resulting in a hybrid colonial order.

The course will consist of lectures, discussions, and a few films. You **MUST** come to class having read the required readings.

This course fulfills the requirement for GE Segment III cluster entitled, Latin America: Society and Culture (provided you complete all the cluster requirements).

There are three required books, and readings from an electronic **Reader**. (Password given in class)

1. **Kenneth J. Andrien**, *Andean Worlds: Indigenous History, Culture, and Consciousness under Spanish Rule, 1532-1825* (This book explores the ways in which Iberian and Andean cultures and societies intertwined.)
2. **Alan Knight**, *Mexico: The Colonial Era* (This book is clearly written and has many of the most recent debates and theoretical discussions for this era.)
3. **Stuart Schwartz**, ed., *Victors and Vanquished: Spanish and Nahua Views* (An attempt to approach the Conquest of Mexico from various perspectives.)

The following journals may be helpful:

Hispanic American Historical Review
Latin American Research Review
Journal of Latin American Studies
Colonial Latin American Review

And the following general surveys of Colonial Latin America:

Benjamin Keen. *A History of Latin America* Volume I
J. Lockhart & S. Schwartz. *Early Latin America*
Lyle N. McAlister, *Spain and Portugal in the New World, 1492-1700*
Mark A. Burkholder & Lyman L. Johnson, *Colonial Latin America*
Peter Bakewell, *A History of Latin America*.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

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| 1. Take-home midterm: Thursday, Oct. 26 | 20% |
| 2. Final Exam: Thursday, Dec. 19 – 8:00 – 10:30 | 40% |
| 3. Book review: Tuesday, Nov. 28 | 30% |
| 4. Class attendance and participation. | 10% |

SYLLABUS

Week 1: Aug 29-31

- Introduction
- From **Reader on e-reserve**: “A View from Above,” “Amazonia,” selections from Charles C. Mann, *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2005)

I. ON THE EVE OF CONQUEST

Week 2: Sept 5-7

The Pre-Columbian background:

- Andrien, 11-39; Schwartz, 1-28;
- Film: “**Incas**” (88199)

Week 3: Sept 12-14

The Iberian background:

- Lecture**: Why did the Iberians embark on voyages of discovery?
- Film**: “**Columbus’ World**”

II. CONQUEST AND RESISTANCE

Week 4: Sept 19-21

Conquest; first approaches:

- Andrien, 41-49
- Knight, 1-10

Week 5: Sept 26-28

The conquest of the Aztecs:

- Schwartz, *Victors and Vanquished*, 29-78
- Schwartz, *Victors and Vanquished*, 79-126

Week 6: Oct 3-5

Continued:

- Schwartz, *Victors and Vanquished*, 127-221
- Schwartz, *Victors and Vanquished*, 221-243

Week 7: Oct 10-12

Assimilating and resisting:

- Andrien, 103-152
- Knight, 102-150

Week 8: Oct 17-19

Biological consequences:

- Population collapse
- Film: “**The Columbian Exchange**” (84858)

Week 9: Oct 24-26

Where we are so far:

- Discussion and review
- Midterm due

III. GOVERNING

Week 10: Oct 31-Nov 2

Institutions of empire:

- Knight, 11-31 and 52-72
- Andrien, 49-56

Colonial church and conversion:

- Knight, 31-52
- Andrien, 153-193

IV. COLONIAL ECONOMY

Week 11: Nov 7-9

Land and labor; hacienda and village:

- Knight, 72-102
- Knight, 150-172

Week 12: Nov 14-16

Silver and imperial linkages:

- Andrien, 73-95
- finish discussion

Thanksgiving Break November 20-25

Week 13: Nov 28-30

- Hand in book review
- Film: “Americas: Age of Gold” (84306)
- Commerce, Knight, 172-185

V. MATURE COLONIES and DISINTEGRATION

Week 14: Dec 5-7

The Seventeenth Century, a looser grip:

- Andrien, 56-66

Eighteenth Century reorientations and Independence:

- Knight, 202-283
- Andrien, 66-71; 95-102

Week 15: Dec 12-14

Rebellions and legacies:

- Andrien, 193-232
- Knight, 283-296

Final Examination: Tuesday December 19, 8:00 – 10:30