

**AMERICAN INTELLECTUAL HISTORY
PHD RESEARCH FIELD**

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This is my list of required and recommended reading for a PhD research field in American intellectual history. Students preparing this field with me should read a selection of the primary sources and of the required secondary reading. With my permission, titles from the recommended secondary reading may be substituted for those on the required list. I will also consider substitutions of secondary reading not on either list. Books marked with an * are by UR faculty (past and present) and students.

Other subfields suitable as research fields might well be carved out of this one (say, "American Philosophy," "American Religious Thought," or "American Political Thought"), and I would be happy to assist students in compiling a list of required reading and sources for such fields. In any case, students should

use this long list to carve out a program of reading that enables their broad research interests.

PhD students are not required to audit my two-semester undergraduate course in the field (HIS 267/268), but some may find it helpful to do so.

PRIMARY SOURCES

This is a field in which primary sources are particularly important. Fortunately, it is also a field with an excellent anthology of well-selected short readings in two volumes: David Hollinger and Charles Capper, eds., The American Intellectual Tradition, sixth edition. These texts are the place to begin your required reading.

In addition, choose at least twenty of the following texts:

Henry Adams, The Education of Henry Adams
 Jane Addams, Democracy and Social Ethics
 Hannah Arendt, Totalitarianism (The Origins of Totalitarianism, part three)
 Thurman Arnold, The Folklore of Capitalism
 James Baldwin, The Fire Next Time
 Charles Beard, An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution
 Daniel Bell, The Cultural Contradictions of Capitalism
 Edward Bellamy, Looking Backward
 Van Wyck Brooks, America's Coming of Age
 W.J. Cash, The Mind of the South
 Malcolm Cowley, Exile's Return
 Herbert Croly, The Promise of American Life
 Harold Cruse, The Crisis of the Negro Intellectual
 John Dewey, The Public and Its Problems
 _____., Reconstruction in Philosophy
 _____., The School and Society
 Frederick Douglass, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass
 W.E.B. Du Bois, Souls of Black Folk
 Ralph Waldo Emerson, "The American Scholar"
 _____., "Nature"
 _____., "Experience"
 Benjamin Franklin, Autobiography
 Betty Friedan, The Feminine Mystique
 Milton Friedman, Capitalism and Freedom
 John Kenneth Galbraith, The Affluent Society
 Henry George, Progress and Poverty (abridged is ok)
 Paul Goodman, Growing Up Absurd
 Alexander Hamilton, "Report on the Subject of Manufactures"
 Richard Hofstadter, The American Political Tradition
 William James, Pragmatism
 _____., The Varieties of Religious Experience
 Martin Luther King, Jr., Why We Can't Wait
 Joseph Wood Krutch, The Modern Temper
 Thomas Kuhn, The Structure of Scientific Revolutions
 *Christopher Lasch, The Culture of Narcissism
 Walter Lippmann, Drift and Mastery
 _____., Public Opinion
 Dwight Macdonald, The Responsibility of Peoples
 Malcolm X, Autobiography
 H.L. Mencken, A Mencken Chrestomathy
 C. Wright Mills, The Power Elite
 Lewis Mumford, The Culture of Cities

Reinhold Niebuhr, The Irony of American History
 ., Moral Man and Immoral Society
 Thomas Paine, Common Sense
 David Potter, People of Plenty
 John Rawls, Justice as Fairness (an abridgement of A Theory of Justice and Political Liberalism)
 Walter Rauschenbusch, Christianity and the Social Crisis
 David Riesman, The Lonely Crowd
 Richard Rorty, Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity
 Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., The Vital Center
 Students for a Democratic Society, The Port Huron Statement
 William Graham Sumner, What Social Classes Owe Each Other
 Henry David Thoreau, Walden
 Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America
 Twelve Southerners, I'll Take My Stand
 Thorstein Veblen, The Theory of the Leisure Class
 Walt Whitman, Democratic Vistas
 William Appleman Williams, The Tragedy of American Diplomat-
 cy
 C. Vann Woodward, The Burden of Southern History
 Howard Zinn, ed., New Deal Thought

LITERARY SOURCES

This list includes very few literary sources, leaving them to the wider realm of cultural history. But if you have the time (!), you might consider reading at least some of the novels, poetry, and plays of at least some of the following: Charles Brockden Brown, Washington Irving, James Fenimore Cooper, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Herman Melville, Edgar Allan Poe, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Mark Twain, Henry James, William Dean Howells, Edith Wharton, Charles Chesnutt, Theodore Dreiser, Frank Norris, Jack London, Stephen Crane, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Robert Frost, Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner, Richard Wright, John Steinbeck, T.S. Eliot, Ezra Pound, Wallace Stevens, Eugene O'Neill, Willa Cather, John Dos Passos, Hart Crane, Dawn Powell, James Farrell, Eudora Welty, Ralph Ellison, Flannery O'Connor, Saul Bellow, Elizabeth Bishop, Robert Lowell, Vladimir Nabokov, Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, Thornton Wilder, Norman Mailer, John Cheever, John Updike, Philip Roth, Gore Vidal, Raymond Carver, Ward Just, Thomas Pynchon, Don DeLillo, Toni Morrison, E.L. Doctorow, Robert Stone, Kurt Vonnegut, Cormac McCarthy, Russell Banks, Bobbie Ann Mason, Richard Powers, Richard Ford, David Foster Wallace, and George Saunders. Much of the work of these

writers can be found in the splendid volumes published by the Library of America. For intellectual historians, there is much to ponder in the multivolume Cambridge History of American Literature, edited by Sacvan Bercovitch. I also highly recommend dipping into the published letters of American writers and intellectuals.

SURVEYS

No survey is required, but reading one may prove helpful in getting a sense of the general lay of the land. The following are recommended:

Paul Carter, Revolt Against Destiny
 Merle Curti, The Growth of American Thought
 Ralph Gabriel, The Course of American Democratic Thought
 Vernon Louis Parrington, Main Currents in American Thought
 Lewis Perry, Intellectual Life in America
 Stow Persons, American Minds
 Carl Richard, The Battle for the American Mind

But the best way to survey the field is to consult seriatim the volumes in the Twayne (now Rowman and Littlefield) series on American Thought and Culture. These are highly recommended. They include

E. Brooks Holifield, Era of Persuasion: American Thought and Culture 1521-1680
 Ned Landsman, From Colonials to Provincials: American Thought and Culture, 1680-1760
 Robert Shalhope, Roots of Democracy: American Thought and Culture, 1760-1800
 Jean Matthews, Toward a New Society: American Thought and Culture, 1800-1830
 Anne Rose, Voices in the Marketplace: American Thought and Culture, 1830-1860
 Louise Stevenson, The Victorian Homefront: American Thought and Culture, 1860-1880
 George Cotkin, Reluctant Modernism: American Thought and Culture, 1880-1900
 *Daniel Borus, Twentieth-Century Multiplicity: American Thought and Culture, 1900-1920
 Terry Cooney, Balancing Acts: American Thought and Culture in the 1930s
 William Graebner, The Age of Doubt: American Thought and Culture in the 1940s

*Casey Blake, Daniel Borus, and Howard Brick, At the Center: American Thought and Culture in the Mid-Twentieth Century, 1948-1963 (forthcoming).

Howard Brick, Age of Contradiction: American Thought and Culture in the 1960s

J. David Hoeveler, Postmodernist Turn: American Thought and Culture in the 1970s

James Livingston, The World Turned Inside Out: American Thought and Culture at the End of the 20th Century

If you only have time to look at a few, I would particularly recommend the volumes by Borus, Graebner, and Brick.

Other surveys of particular periods that you may find useful include:

Charles Alexander, Nationalism in American Thought, 1930-1945

Irving Bartlett, The American Mind in the Mid-Nineteenth Century

Paul Boller, Jr., American Thought in Transition: The Impact of Evolutionary Naturalism, 1865-1900

Roderick Nash, The Nervous Generation: American Thought, 1917-1930

David Noble, The Progressive Mind, 1890-1917

Gilman Ostrander, American Civilization in the First Machine Age, 1890-1940

_____, Republic of Letters: The American Intellectual Community, 1776-1865

Douglas Tallack, Twentieth-Century America: The Intellectual and Cultural Context

Rush Welter, The Mind of America, 1820-1860

In addition, an invaluable reference work is Richard Fox and James Kloppenberg, eds., A Companion to American Thought. The most provocative discussion of method is Quentin Skinner, Visions of Politics: Regarding Method. For a taste of the latest scholarship in the field, consult the journal Modern Intellectual History. Many historians of American intellectual life have organized themselves into the Society for U.S. Intellectual History. The blog of several of the leaders of this group is well worth following: <http://us-intellectual-history.blogspot.com/>.

REQUIRED SECONDARY READING (CHOOSE AT LEAST THIRTY)GENERAL

Richard Fox, Jesus in America
 E. Brooks Holifield, Theology in America
 Wilfred McClay, The Masterless: Self and Society in Modern America
 John McGreevy, Catholicism and American Freedom
 Mark Noll, America's God
 Dorothy Ross, The Origins of American Social Science
 David Sehat, The Myth of American Religious Freedom
 Rogers Smith, Civic Ideals
 James Turner, Without God, Without Creed

SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH CENTURIES

Bernard Bailyn, The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution
 Saul Cornell, The Other Founders
 Seth Cotlar, Tom Paine's America
 Nicole Eustace, Passion Is the Gale
 Eric Foner, Tom Paine and Revolutionary America
 Stephen Foster, The Long Argument: English Puritanism and the Shaping of New England Culture, 1570-1700
 David Hall, A Reforming People
 Jonathan Israel, A Revolution of the Mind
 Sarah Knott, Sensibility and the American Revolution
 Drew McCoy, The Elusive Republic: Political Economy in Jeffersonian America
 George Marsden, Jonathan Edwards
 Henry May, The Enlightenment in America
 Perry Miller, Errand into the Wilderness
 J.G.A. Pocock, The Machiavellian Moment
 Jack Rakove, Original Meanings
 Darren Staloff, The Making of an American Thinking Class
 Gordon Wood, The Creation of the American Republic

NINETEENTH CENTURY

Robert Abzug, Cosmos Crumbling: American Reform and the Religious Imagination
 Gregory Alexander, Commodity and Propriety
 Gail Bederman, Manliness and Civilization
 Thomas Bender, ed., The Anti-Slavery Debate
 Kenneth Cmiel, Democratic Eloquence

Paul Croce, Science and Religion in the Eras of William James: Eclipse of Certainty, 1820-1880
 George Frederickson, The Inner Civil War
 *Eugene Genovese and *Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, The Mind of the Master Class
 Eric Foner, Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men
 Philip Gura, American Transcendentalism
 Thomas Haskell, The Emergence of American Social Science
 Nathan Hatch, The Democratization of American Christianity
 James Huston, Securing the Fruits of Labor: The American Conception of Wealth Distribution, 1765-1900
 Daniel Howe, The Political Culture of the American Whigs
 Nancy Isenberg, Sex and Citizenship in Antebellum America
 Stephen Kantrowitz, More than Freedom
 Bruce Kuklick, Churchmen and Philosophers
 T.J. Jackson Lears, No Place of Grace
 R.W.B. Lewis, The American Adam
 James Livingston, Pragmatism and the Political Economy of Cultural Revolution
 Leo Marx, The Machine in the Garden
 Lewis Mumford, The Golden Day
 Lewis Perry, Boats Against the Current: American Culture Between Revolution and Modernity, 1820-1860
 Charles Postel, The Populist Vision
 David Reynolds, Walt Whitman's America
 Rosalind Rosenberg, Beyond Separate Spheres: The Intellectual Roots of Modern Feminism
 Cynthia Russett, Darwin in America
 Jeffrey Sklansky, The Soul's Economy: Market Society and Selfhood in American Thought, 1820-1920
 Henry Nash Smith, Virgin Land
 Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, Disorderly Conduct: Visions of Gender in Victorian America
 Amy Dru Stanley, From Bondage to Contract
 John Stauffer, The Black Hearts of Men: Radical Abolitionists and the Transformation of Race
 John Thomas, Alternative America
 Lawrence Veysey, The Emergence of the American University
 Barry Werth, Banquet at Delmonico's: Great Minds, the Gilded Age, and the Triumph of Evolution in America

TWENTIETH CENTURY

Alexander Bloom, Prodigal Sons: The New York Intellectuals and Their World
 Brooke Blower, Becoming Americans in Paris

Howard Brick, Transcending Capitalism
 *David Chappell, A Stone of Hope: Prophetic Religion and the Death of Jim Crow
 Ann Douglas, Terrible Honesty
 Michael Denning, The Cultural Front
 Richard Fox, Reinhold Niebuhr
 Robert Genter, Late Modernism
 Nils Gilman, Mandarins of the Future
 Paul Gilroy, The Black Atlantic
 Joel Isaac, Working Knowledge: Making the Human Sciences from Parson to Kuhn
 Richard King, Race, Culture and the Intellectuals, 1940-1970
 James Kloppenberg, Uncertain Victory
 *Christopher Lasch, The New Radicalism in America
 Henry May, End of American Innocence
 George Nash, The Conservative Intellectual Movement in America since 1945
 Peter Novick, "That Noble Dream": The "Objectivity Question" and the American Historical Profession
 Richard Pells, Radical Visions and American Dreams
 Ross Posnock, Color and Culture: Black Writers and the Making of the Modern Intellectual
 *Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen, American Nietzsche
 Daniel Singal, The War Within: From Victorian to Modernist Thought in the South
 *Robert Westbrook, John Dewey and American Democracy

RECOMMENDED SECONDARY READING: GENERAL

Patrick Allitt, Catholic Converts: British and American Intellectuals Turn to Rome
 _____., The Conservatives
 Mia Bay, The White Image in the Black Mind
 Thomas Bender, Intellect and Public Life
 _____., New York Intellect
 James Block, A Nation of Agents: The American Path to a Modern Self and Society
 Jeanne Boydston, Home and Work: Housework, Wages, and the Ideology of Labor in the Early Republic
 James Ceaser, Reconstructing America
 William Clebsch, American Religious Thought
 Rachel Cohen, A Chance Meeting: Intertwined Lives of American Writers and Artists, 1854-1967
 Paul Conkin, Puritans and Pragmatists
 Merle Curti, The Social Ideas of American Educators

Daniel Czitrom, Media and the American Mind: From Morse to McLuhan
 David Brion Davis, The Problem of Slavery in Western Culture
 _____., Slavery and Human Progress
 Andrew Delbanco, The Death of Satan
 John Diggins, The Lost Soul of American Politics
 John Ernest, Chaotic Justice
 Stephen Feldman, American Legal Thought from Premodernism to Postmodernism
 Elizabeth Flower and Murray Murphey, History of Philosophy in America
 George Frederickson, The Black Image in the White Mind
 *Eugene Genovese, The Southern Tradition
 Giles Gunn, Thinking Across the American Grain: Ideology, Intellect, and the New Pragmatism
 Allen Guttman, The Conservative Tradition in America
 Louis Hartz, The Liberal Tradition in America
 Russell Hanson, The Democratic Imagination in America
 John Higham and Paul Conkin, eds., New Directions in American Intellectual History
 Richard Hofstadter, Anti-Intellectualism in American Life
 David Hollinger, In the American Province
 James Hoopes, Community Denied: The Wrong Turn of Pragmatic Liberalism
 _____., Consciousness in New England
 Morton Horwitz, The Transformation of American Law, 2 vols.
 Daniel Howe, Making the American Self
 William Hutchison, Religious Pluralism in America
 Susan Jacoby, Freethinkers
 Martin Jay, Songs of Experience
 Myra Jehlen, American Incarnation
 Linda Kerber, No Constitutional Right to Be Ladies
 _____., Toward and Intellectual History of Women
 Rogan Kersh, Dreams of a More Perfect Union
 James Kettner, The Development of American Citizenship
 James Kloppenberg, The Virtues of Liberalism
 Bruce Kuklick, The Rise of American Philosophy
 *Christopher Lasch, The True and Only Heaven
 Wilfred McClay, ed., Figures in the Carpet: Finding the Human Person in the American Past
 Steven Medema, The Hesitant Hand
 *John Michael, Anxious Intellectuals: Academic Professionals, Public Intellectuals, and Enlightenment Values
 _____., Identity and the Failure of America
 Glenn Miller, Piety and Profession
 Ronald Numbers, Darwinism Comes to America

Michael O'Brien, Rethinking the South
 Merrill Peterson, The Jefferson Image in the American Mind
 _____., Lincoln in American Memory
 Daniel Rodgers, Contested Truths: Keywords in American Politics since Independence
 George Shulman, American Prophecy: Race and Redemption in American Political Culture
 David Siemers, Presidents and Political Thought
 Eric Sundquist, To Wake the Nations: Race in the Making of American Literature
 H.S. Thayer, Meaning and Action: A Critical History of Pragmatism
 Cornel West, The American Evasion of Philosophy
 Morton White, Science and Sentiment in America
 Donald Worster, Nature's Economy
 Larzer Ziff, Return Passages: Great American Travel Writing

RECOMMENDED SECONDARY READING: SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH CENTURIES

Jean-Christophe Agnew, Worlds Apart: The Market and Theatre in Anglo-American Thought, 1550-1750
 Douglas Anderson, The Radical Enlightenments of Benjamin Franklin
 Joyce Appleby, Liberalism and Republicanism in the Historical Imagination
 Lance Banning, The Jeffersonian Persuasion
 _____., The Sacred Fire of Liberty: James Madison and the Founding of the Federal Republic
 Richard Beeman, Plain, Honest Men
 Chris Beneke, Beyond Toleration: The Religious Origins of American Pluralism
 Sacvan Bercovitch, The American Jeremiad
 Ruth Bloch, Visionary Republic
 Daniel Boorstin, The Lost World of Thomas Jefferson
 Douglas Bradburn, The Citizenship Revolution
 T.H. Breen, The Character of the Good Ruler: Puritan Political Ideas in New England
 J.C.D. Clark, The Language of Liberty, 1660-1832
 Charles Cohen, God's Caress
 Joseph Conforti, Jonathan Edwards, Religious Tradition, and American Culture
 Cathy Davidson, Revolution and the Word: The Rise of the Novel in America
 Andrew Delbanco, The Puritan Ordeal
 Susan Dunn, Dominion of Memories

Emory Elliott, Revolutionary Writers: Literature and Authority in the New Republic, 1725-1810

Michael Federici, The Political Philosophy of Alexander Hamilton

Robert Ferguson, The American Enlightenment

Norman Fiering, Jonathan Edwards Moral Thought and Its British Context

_____., Moral Philosophy at Seventeenth-Century Harvard

Jay Fliegelman, Declaring Independence: Jefferson, Natural Language, and the Culture of Performance

_____., Prodigals and Pilgrims: The American Revolution Against Patriarchal Authority, 1750-1800

Marshall Foletta, Coming to Terms with Democracy: Federalist Intellectuals and the Shaping of an American Culture

Jason Frank, Constituent Moments

Jack Fruchtman, The Political Philosophy of Thomas Paine

Albert Furtwangler, The Authority of Publius

Michael Grossberg and Christopher Tomlins, eds., The Cambridge History of Law in America Volume 1

Mark Hall, The Political and Legal Philosophy of James Wilson

Charles Hambrick-Stowe, The Practice of Piety

Alan Heimert, Religion and the American Mind: From the Great Awakening to the Revolution

Gertrude Himmelfarb, The Roads to Modernity: The British, French, and American Enlightenments

Matthew Holland, Bonds of Affection

Alan Craig Houston, Benjamin Franklin and the Politics of Improvement

Linda Kerber, Women of the Republic

Scott Kester, The Haunted Philosopher: James Madison, Republicanism, and Slavery

Thomas Kidd, The Great Awakening

Anthony Kind, The Founding Fathers v. the People

Janice Knight, Orthodoxies in Massachusetts

Isaac Kramnick, Republicanism and Bourgeois Radicalism

Alison LaCroix, The Ideological Origins of American Federalism

Frank Lambert, Inventing the "Great Awakening"

_____., "Pedlar in Divinity": George Whitfield and the Transatlantic Revivals

Michael Lienesch, New Order of the Ages: Time, the Constitution, and the Making of Modern American Political Thought

Brendan McConville, The King's Three Faces

Drew McCoy, The Last of the Fathers: James Madison and the Republican Legacy

Gary McDowell, The Language of Law and the Foundations of American Constitutionalism
 Pauline Maier, American Scripture: Making the Declaration of Independence
 _____., Ratification
 J.S. Maloy, The Colonial American Origins of Modern Democratic Thought
 Richard Matthews, If Men Were Angels: James Madison and the Heartless Empire of Reason
 _____., The Radical Politics of Thomas Jefferson
 Robert Middlekauf, The Mathers
 Perry Miller, The New England Mind, 2 vols.
 Edmund Morgan, Inventing the People
 _____., Visible Saints
 Conor Cruise O'Brien, The Long Affair: Thomas Jefferson and the French Revolution
 Peter Onuf, Jefferson's Empire
 J.G.A. Pocock, Virtue, Commerce, and History
 Edward Purcell, Originalism, Federalism, and the American Constitutional Enterprise
 Michal Rozbicki, Culture and Liberty in the Age of the American Revolution
 Barry Shain, The Myth of American Individualism
 Andrew Shankman, Crucible of American Democracy
 Colleen Sheehan, James Madison and the Spirit of Republican Self-Government
 Garrett Sheldon, The Political Philosophy of Thomas Jefferson
 Eric Slauter, The State as a Work of Art
 Richard Slotkin, Regeneration through Violence: The Mythology of the American Frontier, 1600-1860
 Darren Staloff, Hamilton, Adams, Jefferson: The Politics of Enlightenment and the American Founding
 Harry Stout, The New England Soul
 George Thomas, The Madisonian Constitution
 Michael Warner, The Letters of the Republic
 Morton White, Philosophy, The Federalist, and the Constitution
 Garry Wills, Explaining America
 _____., Inventing America
 Michael Winship, Making Heretics: Militant Protestantism and Free Grace in Massachusetts, 1636-1641
 Ann Withington, Toward a More Perfect Union: Virtue and the Formation of American Republics
 Gordon Wood, The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin
 Craig Yirush, Settlers, Liberty, and Empire
 Larzer Ziff, Literary Democracy

_____., Puritanism in America

RECOMMENDED SECONDARY READING: NINETEENTH CENTURY

- Daniel Aaron, Men of Good Hope
 _____., The Unwritten War
 Margaret Abruzzo, Polemical Pain
 Bruce Ackerman, We the People, 2 vols.
 Thomas Allen, A Republic in Time
 Quentin Anderson, The Imperial Self
 Yehoshua Arieli, Individualism and Nationalism in American Ideology
 John Ashworth, "Agrarians" and "Aristocrats": Party Political Ideology in the United States, 1837-1846
 Thomas Augst, The Clerk's Tale
 Roger Bannister, Social Darwinism
 Jacques Barzun, A Stroll with William James
 Nancy Bentley, Frantic Panoramas
 Sacvan Bercovitch, Rites of Assent: Transformations in the Symbolic Construction of America
 Michael Bernath, Confederate Minds
 David Blight, Frederick Douglass' Civil War
 _____., Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory
 Francesca Bordogna, William James at the Boundaries
 *Daniel Borus, Writing Realism
 Dwight Bozeman, Protestants in an Age of Science
 Peter Brooks, Henry James Goes to Paris
 Gillian Brown, The Consent of the Governed: The Lockean Legacy in Early American Culture
 _____., Domestic Individualism
 E.J. Browne, Darwin's Origin of Species
 Lawrence Buell, The Environmental Imagination
 _____., New England Literary Culture
 Martin Burke, The Conundrum of Class
 *Leslie Butler, Critical Americans: Victorian Intellectuals and Transatlantic Reform
 Richard Carwardine, Evangelicals and Politics in Antebellum America
 _____., Lincoln
 _____., Transatlantic Revivalism
 Charles Cashdollar, The Transformation of Theology, 1830-1890
 Mary Kupiec Cayton, Emerson's Emergence
 Nancy Cohen, The Reconstruction of American Liberalism
 Paul Conkin, Prophets of Prosperity

- _____., The Uneasy Center
 George Cotkin, William James: Public Philosopher
 Rosanne Curraino, The Labor Question in America
 Susan Curtis, A Consuming Faith: The Social Gospel and Modern American Culture
 Bruce Dain, A Hideous Monster of the Mind
 David Brion Davis, The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Revolution
 Sue Davis, The Political Thought of Elizabeth Cady Stanton
 John Diggins, On Hallowed Ground: Abraham Lincoln and the Foundations of American History
 Neal Dolan, Emerson's Liberalism
 Robert Dorman, A Word for Nature: Four Pioneering Environmental Advocates, 1845-1913
 Ann Douglas, The Feminization of American Culture
 David Ericson, The Shaping of American Liberalism: The Debates over Ratification, Nullification, and Slavery
 Alice Fahs, The Imagined Civil War
 Drew Faust, Awaiting the Heavenly Country: The Civil War and America's Culture of Death
 _____., A Sacred Circle: The Dilemma of the Intellectual in the Old South, 1840-1860
 Sidney Fine, Laissez-Faire and the General Welfare State
 Steven Fink, Prophet in the Marketplace: Thoreau's Development as a Professional Writer
 Shelley Fisher Fishkin, Lighting Out for the Territory: Reflections on Mark Twain and American Culture
 Eric Foner, ed., Our Lincoln
 Lacy Ford, Deliver Us from Evil: The Slavery Question in the Old South
 Elizabeth Fox-Genovese and Eugene Genovese, Fatal Self-Deception
 _____., Slavery in Black and White
 Jenny Franchot, Roads to Rome
 George Fredrickson, Big Enough to Be Inconsistent: Abraham Lincoln Confronts Slavery and Race
 Tony Freyer, Producers versus Capitalists
 Christian Fritz, American Sovereigns
 Mary Furner, Advocacy and Objectivity: A Crisis in the Professionalization of American Social Science, 1865-1905
 Carl Guarnari, The Utopian Alternative: Fourierism in Nineteenth-Century America
 Peter Gay, The Bourgeois Experience: Victoria to Freud, 5 vols.
 *Eugene Genovese, The Slaveholder's Dilemma
 _____., The World the Slaveholders Made

Louis Gerteis, Morality and Utility in American Antislavery Reform
 Michael Gilmore, American Romanticism and the Marketplace
 Eddie Glaude, Jr., Exodus!: Religion, Race, and Nation in Early Nineteenth-Century Black America
 Jonathan Glickstein, Concepts of Free Labor in Antebellum America
 Maurice Gonnaud, An Uneasy Solitude: Individual and Society in the Work of Ralph Waldo Emerson
 Len Gougeon, Virtue's Hero: Emerson, Antislavery, and Reform
 Michael Grossberg and Christopher Tomlins, eds., The Cambridge History of Law in America Volume 2
 Allen Guelzo, Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President
 _____, Abraham Lincoln as a Man of Ideas
 Kenneth Greenberg, Masters and Statesmen
 J. David Greenstone, The Lincoln Persuasion
 Sandra Gustafson, Imagining Deliberative Democracy in the Early American Republic
 Mark Hanley, Beyond a Christian Commonwealth
 Gillis Harp, Positivist Republic
 Earl Hess, Liberty, Virtue, Progress: Northerners and Their War for the Union
 John Higham, From Boundlessness to Consolidation
 J. David Hoeveler, The Evolutionists
 Richard Hofstadter, Social Darwinism in American Life
 Daniel Howe, The Unitarian Conscience
 William Hutchison, The Modernist Impulse in American Protestantism
 Jeannette Jones and Patrick Sharp, eds., Darwin in Atlantic Cultures
 Amy Kaplan, The Social Construction of American Realism
 Catherine O'Donnell Kaplan, Men of Letters in the Early Republic
 George Kateb, Emerson and Self-Reliance
 Allen Kaufman, Capitalism, Slavery, and Republican Values
 Mary Kelley, Empire of Reason: The Making of Learned Women in America's Republic
 _____, Private Woman, Public Stage: Literary Domesticity in Nineteenth-Century America
 John Owen King, The Iron of Melancholy
 Aileen Kraditor, The Ideas of the Woman Suffrage Movement
 Larry Kramer, The People Themselves: Popular Constitutionalism and Judicial Review
 *William Leach, True Love and Perfect Union: The Feminist Reform of Sex and Society
 Joanna Levin, Bohemia in America

Robert Levine, Dislocating Race and Nation
 _____., Martin Delany, Frederick Douglass, and the
 Politics of Representative Identity
 Iain McCalman, Darwin's Armada
 George Marsden, Fundamentalism and American Culture
 F.O. Matthiessen, American Renaissance
 John Majewski, Modernizing a Slave Economy
 Henry May, Protestant Churches and Industrial America
 Louis Menand, The Metaphysical Club
 Donald H. Meyer, The Instructed Conscience
 *John Michael, Emerson and Skepticism
 Walter Benn Michaels, The Gold Standard and the Logic of
 Naturalism
 Joshua Miller, Democratic Temperament: The Legacy of Wil-
 liam James
 Perry Miller, The Life of the Mind in America from the Rev-
 olution to the Civil War
 _____., The Raven and the Whale
 William Lee Miller, Lincoln's Virtues
 Steven Mintz and John Stauffer, eds., The Problem of Evil:
 Slavery, Freedom and the Ambiguities of American Reform
 Susan Mizruchi, The Science of Sacrifice: American Litera-
 ture and Modern Social Theory
 James Moore, The Post-Darwinian Controversies
 R. Laurence Moore, European Socialists and the American
 Promised Land
 James Moorehead, American Apocalypse
 Roy Morris, Jr., The Better Angel: Walt Whitman in the Civ-
 il War
 _____., Lighting Out for the Territory: How Samuel
 Clemens Headed West and Became Mark Twain
 Wilson Moses, The Golden Age of Black Nationalism
 Peter Myers, Frederick Douglass: Race and the Rebirth of
 American Liberalism
 Carol Nackenoff, The Fictional Republic: Horatio Alger and
 American Political Discourse
 John Nelson, Liberty and Property
 Christopher Newfield, The Emerson Effect
 Louise Newman, White Women's Rights
 R. Kent Newmyer, John Marshall and the Heroic Age of the
 Supreme Court
 Mark Noll, The Civil War as a Theological Crisis
 Michael O'Brien, Conjectures of Order: Intellectual Life
 and the American South, 2 vols.
 _____., Intellectual Life in Antebellum charleston
 John O'Donnell, The Origins of Behaviorism: American Psy-
 chology, 1870-1920

- Alexandra Oleson and John Voss, eds., The Organization of Knowledge in America, 1860-1920
- Molly Oshatz, Slavery and Sin
- Barbara Packer, Emerson's Fall
_____., The Transcendentalists
- Bruce Palmer, "Man Over Money": The Southern Populist Critique of American Capitalism
- Phillip Paludan, Lincoln's Legacy: Ethics and Politics
- Ralph Barton Perry, The Thought and Character of William James, 2 vols.
- Stow Persons, The Decline of American Gentility
- Mark Pittenger, American Socialists and Evolutionary Thought
- Norman Pollack, The Just Polity: Populism, Law, and Human Welfare
- Amanda Porterfield, Conceived in Doubt
- Ross Posnock, The Trial of Curiosity: Henry James, William James, and the Challenge of Modernity
- Patrick Rael, Black Identity and Black Protest in the Antebellum North
- James Read, Majority Rule versus Consensus: The Political Thought of John C. Calhoun
- David Reynolds, Beneath the American Renaissance
- Jon Roberts, Darwinism and the Divine in America
- Robert Roper, Now the Drum of War: Walt Whitman and His Brothers in the Civil War
- Anne Rose, Transcendentalism as a Social Movement
_____., Victorian America and the Civil War
- Michael Ruse, Darwinism and Its Discontents
- Cynthia Russett, Sexual Science: The Victorian Construction of Womanhood
- Aaron Sachs, The Humboldt Current: Nineteenth-Century Exploration and the Roots of American Environmentalism
- David Shi, Facing Facts: Realism in American Thought and Culture, 1850-1920
- Nina Silber, The Romance of Reunion: Northerners and the South, 1865-1900
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