Fall 2014

HIST 564-000: Africa & Era of Slave Trade
(cross-listed with AFS 585-001)

Complete Course Title: Africa: The Era of the Slave Trade

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Semester Description:

This course focuses on the history of selected African societies from the sixteenth through the mid-nineteenth centuries. It will begin with an examination of the Atlantic slave trade and its impact on Africa and return intermittently to these subjects. The primary goal, however, is to study the political, economic, social, and cultural history of a number of peoples who participated in the Atlantic slave trade or were touched by it during the era of their involvement. The course is designed to serve both as a colloquium on the pre-colonial history of West and West-central Africa and as an introduction to the history and culture of African peoples who entered the diaspora during the era of the slave trade. Its audience is students interested in the history of Africa, the African diaspora, and the Atlantic world, as well as those who want to learn about the history of the slave trade. Case studies will include the Yoruba, Akan, and Fon, as well as Senegambian and West-central African peoples.

Required Textbooks, Articles, and Resources:

2. Eltis and Richardson, *Atlas of the Transatlantic Slave Trade*.
7. Shaw, *Memories of the Slave Trade*.
10. Shumway, *The Fante and the Transatlantic Slave Trade*.
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13. Law, *The Slave Coast of West Africa*.


17. Law, *The Oyo Empire*.

18. Mabogunje and Omer-Cooper, *Owu in Yoruba History*.


**Grading:**

- Requirements include class participation,
- oral presentations,
- two critical book reviews, and
- an historiographical essay plus annotated bibliography.