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### READING LIST

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Course Title: The Transatlantic Slave Trade  
Location: Ewert House, Oxford  
Term Dates: 06 Nov 2025 to 04 Dec 2025  
Tutor: Erin Shearer

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

### Preparatory Reading List

*The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.*

Author	Title
Prince, Mary	<i>The History of Mary Prince, a West Indian Slave Related by Herself. Edited with an Introduction by Moira Ferguson. (Also available as open access via 'Documenting the American South' website. )</i>
Walvin, James	<i>Crossings: Africa, the Americas and the Atlantic Slave Trade</i>
West, Emily	<i>Enslaved Women in America: From Colonial Times to Emancipation</i>

### Course Reading List

*The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.*

Author	Title
Brion Davis, David	<i>Inhuman Bondage: The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the New World</i>

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Bush, Barbara	<i>Slave Women in Caribbean Society 1650–1838</i> (London, 1990)
Coffey, John	<i>"I was an Eye-witness": John Newton, Anthony Benezet, and the Confession of a Liverpool Slave Trader</i> , <i>Slavery and Abolition</i> , Vol. 44, No. 1 (2023), 181-201. (Open access )
Djelid, Aisha	<i>"The master wished to reproduce": slavery, forced intimacy, and enslavers' interference in sexual relationships in the antebellum South, 1808-1861</i> , <i>American Nineteenth Century History</i> , Vol. 25, No. 1 (2024), 21-43. (Open access via <i>American Nineteenth Century History</i> (ANCH))
Equiano, Olaudah	<i>The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, or Gustavus Vassa, the African. Written by Himself. Vol. I:</i> (Open access via 'Documenting the American South.')
Hall, Rebecca	<i>Wake: The Hidden History of Women-led Slave Revolts</i>
Jones, Jacqueline	<i>'My Mother was Much of a Woman: Black Women, Work and the Family under Slavery</i> , <i>Feminist Studies</i> , Vol. 8, No. 2 (1982), 235-269.
Marcum, Andrew and Skarbek, David	<i>'Why didn't slave revolts happen more often during the Middle Passage?</i> , <i>SAGE</i> , Vol. 26, No. 2 (2014), 236-262. (Open access)
Martin, S.I	<i>Britain's Slave Trade</i> (London, 2000).
McKee, Helen	<i>'From Violence to Alliance: Maroons and White Settlers in Jamaica, 1763-1795</i> , <i>Slavery and Abolition</i> , Vol. 39, No. 1 (2018), 27-52. (Open access)
Morgan, Jennifer	<i>Laboring Women: Reproduction and Gender in New World Slavery</i>
Morgan, Kenneth	<i>Slavery, Atlantic Trade and the British Economy, 1660-1800</i> (New York, 2000)
Paz, Barcia	<i>The Great African Slave Revolt of 1825: Cuba and the Fight for Freedom in Matanzas</i>
Ramey Berry, Daina	<i>The Price for Their Pound of Flesh: The Value of the Enslaved, from Womb to Grave, in the Building of a Nation</i> (Boston, 2017)
Richardson, David	<i>'Shipboard Revolts, African Authority, and the Atlantic Slave Trade</i> , <i>The William and Mary Quarterly</i> , Vol. 58, No. 1 (2001), 69-92.
Smith, Patricia and Johnson, Charles	<i>Africans in America: America's Journey through Slavery</i> (New York, 1998)

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Thomas, Hugh	<i>The Slave Trade: The History of the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1440-1870</i>
Walvin, James	<i>Black Ivory: A History of British Slavery (London, 1993).</i>