

# Early Colonial Contact & Conquest Narratives of the Americas, 1400s-1650s

being a reading of worthy bookes concerning notable  
voyages of discovery and conquests relating to the  
various possessions now styled **Newe Spain.**

**Newe France. La Florida. and Newe  
England. and including sundry workes  
by the peoples called *LOS Indios* by  
the Spaniards**

from the 1400s unto the yeere of our Lord 1650

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with especial attention given to useful knowledges of the  
political, social, geographic, and ethnographic situations  
of the same,

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**and ENcl uding t he cr itical j udgment s fr om pr ominent  
schol ars, suitabl e for both under gr aduate and  
gr aduate STudent s**

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History without that so much neglected study of geography is sick of a  
half dead palsy  
--Sam: Purchas

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truth is linked in a circular relation with systems of power which  
produce and sustain it, and to effects of power which it induces and  
which extends it. a 'regime' of truth  
--Mich: Foucault

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critical/cultural theory)

## Grading

### Undergraduate

Presentation	15%
Participation	20%
Short Essay	30%
Research Essay	35%

### Graduate

Critical Book Presentation	10%
Discussion Lead-Off	10%
Short Essay	30%
Research Essay	50%

## Reading Schedule

### Week 1

August

M24 Course Introduction

W26 *Codex Nuttall*

### Week 2

M31 *Codex Nuttall*

September

W2 Columbus, *Four Voyages*

### Week 3

M7 Labor Day

R9 Columbus, *Four Voyages*

Todorov Presentation 1

### Week 4

M14 Diaz, *Conquest of New Spain* (7-277)

W16 Diaz, *Conquest of New Spain* (278-413)

**FIRST ESSAY ASSIGNED**

Todorov Presentation 2

### Week 5

M21

A Selective Bibliography of primary and secondary texts is available on Blackboard