This semester the group will usually meet on Monday at 4:30 at the Pizza Villa on Lincoln Highway in DeKalb. Faculty, students, and others in any discipline interested in the Atlantic World from the 15th to the 19th centuries are welcome. We discuss short published works, faculty and graduate student research, and other issues. This semester our focus will read John K. Thornton, *A Cultural History of the Atlantic World, 1250-1820* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), although other works will be interspersed with our weekly readings. Information and readings are posted on the NIU History Department website, under “Programs and Events.” Our readings will be either here or otherwise made available. Contact Prof. Aaron Fogleman in the NIU History Department or at aaronfogleman@niu.edu if you are interested.

**January 23**  [Wednesday] Meet, talk, plan.

**January 28**  


**February 11**  Thornton, *Cultural History of the Atlantic World*, Part II Introduction, Chapter Two, and Chapter Three.

**February 18**  Thornton, Chapter Four.

**February 27**  [Wednesday] Thornton, Part III Introduction, Chapter Five, and Chapter Six.

**March 4**  Thornton, Chapter Seven.

**March 11**  Spring Break

**March 18**  Christopher Tomlins, *Freedom Bound: Law, Labor, and Civic Identity in Colonizing English America, 1580-1865*, Prologue and Chapter One (pp. 1-69).

**March 27**  [Wednesday] David Downs, “The Irish Nationalist Members on the question of this war sympathize heartily and wholly with the Boers”: Irish Parliamentary Opposition to the South African War, 1899-1902.

**April 3**  [Wednesday] Thornton, Part IV Introduction and Chapter Eight.

**April 10**  [Wednesday] Thornton, Chapter Nine.

**April 15**  Thornton, Chapter Ten.

**April 22**  Thornton, Chapter Eleven.

**April 29**  Final discussion.