Northern Illinois University Atlantic World Discussion Group

Fall 2011 Schedule

This semester the group will usually meet on Wednesdays 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 published essays, faculty and graduate student research, and other issues. This semester’s theme is Environmental history of the Atlantic World, and most readings will reflect this. Information on the group and readings are posted on the NIU History Department website, under “Programs and Events.” Please contact Prof. Aaron Fogleman in the NIU History Department or at aaronfogleman@niu.edu if you would like to be added to the e-mail list.

August 24  Meet, talk, plan.

August 31  Robert Fulton, “‘Engineering an Empire:’ A Cultural Approach to Evaluating Colonial Settlements and Fortifications in New France.”


September 14  David Downs, “Journalism and Empire: Ambiguous Interpretations of the South African War in the Irish Press.”

September 20  (Tuesday) Allan Kulikoff, “How Dr. Franklin became Ben.”

September 28  Mathieu Billings, “The Politics of Faction in Indiana’s Irish War.”


November 30  Roundtable discussion on the environmental history of the Atlantic World.