

Grinnell College, Fall 2023  
MW 10:00-11:20, HSSC S2310

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backwater to an emerging global and imperial power? How did it transition from a mode of governance centered on the personal authority of the monarch, to one that incorporated party politics and the ideal of 'parliamentary sovereignty'? How can we account for the emergence of a complex commercial society, dependent on foreign trade, overseas expansion, and financial markets, from early modern economic values and practices that had obliged the Crown to 'live of its own' and avoid excessive debt or taxation? What policies, events, and contingencies contributed to the increasing identification of England and 'Englishness' with the Protestant religion? This course will incorporate digital humanities tools, archival research, classroom discussions, and immersive and collaborative activities to train students to evaluate primary and secondary sources and to construct their own historical arguments.

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1. Textbook: Robert Bucholz and Newton Key, Early Modern England, 1485-1714. Chichester, United Kingdom: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.  
E-book options are available here [via the publisher Wiley](#), or you can order a new or used copy through [Abe Books](#) or [Amazon](#).
  2. Course Packet: contains daily readings

\*NB: Other readings may occasionally be handed out in class and/or posted to P-web

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Attendance and Participation: 20% (essentially 1% a class, beyond two excused absences)

Two 1500-word papers: 30% (15% each)

Outline for Paper #1: 09/13

Final draft of Paper #1: 09/23

Outline for Paper #2: 09/30

Final draft of Paper #2: 10/12

Exam: 20% - due 11/21

Final Project: 25% - due 12/14



There will be one exam for the class, about three-quarters of the way through the term. The exam is open

2. 'Preface' and 'An Exhortation to Obedience', from Certain Sermons or Homilies Appointed to be Read in Churches, 1559

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Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – The Structure of Government & the Elizabethan Succession Crisis

1. Patrick Collinson, "The Monarchical Republic of Queen Elizabeth I", *Bulletin of the John Rylands Library* 69, no. 2 (1987) (reprinted)
2. 'Finch Hatton Manuscript' (transcription)

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – The Elizabethan Confessional State – Conformity and Puritanism

1. Catherine Chou, "To Omit the Precise Rule and Strayt Observacion": The 1572 Bill Concerning Rites and Ceremonies and the Campaign for Liturgical Diversity in the Elizabethan Church", *Journal of British Studies* 59, no. 1 (January 2020): 80-100.
2. John Foxe, frontispiece, 'Acts and Monuments', 1563

Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – Outline for Paper #1 due

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Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – The Elizabethan Confessional State – Catholicism and Popery

1. Peter Lake, "Anti-popery: The Structure of a Prejudice", in *Conflict in Early Stuart England: Studies in Religion and Politics*, 1603-1642, eds. Richard Cust and Ann Hughes (Longman, 1989): 181-210.
2. William Allen, *A True, Sincere, and Modest Defence of English Catholics* (Ulmsladt, 1584), excerpts
3. St. Edmund Campion on the Rack, *Ecclesiae Anglicanae trophaea* (Rome, 1584)

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – The Late 1580s and 1590s: Elizabeth's Second Reign?

1. Alexandra Gajda, "Political Culture in the 1590s: The 'Second Reign of Elizabeth'", *History Compass*, no. 1 (2010): 88-100.

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Outline for Paper #1 due

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Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Economic and Social Trends at the Turn of the Century

1. Keith Wrightson, "Mutualities and Obligations: Changing Social Relationships in Early Modern England", *Proceedings of the British Academy* 119 (2006): 157-194.
2. Petition of the poor to Blackburn Hundred to Lancashire Quarter Sessions, 1629

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – The Jacobethan Consensus?

1. Anthony Milton, "The Church of England, Rome, and the True Church: The Demise of a Jacobean Consensus", in *The Early Stuart Church, 1603-1642*, ed. Kenneth Fincham (Springer, 1993): 187-210  
\*or\*
2. Anthony Milton, Chapter 1, "An Unresolved Reformation", *England's Second Reformation* (Cambridge University Press, 2021): 12-33.

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Final draft of Paper #1 due**

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Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – James I and his Parliaments; the Rise of Buckingham

1. Thomas Cogswell, "A Low Road to Extinction? Supply and Redress of Grievances in the Parliaments of the 1620s", *The Historical Journal* 33, no. 2 (1990): 283-303.
2. Robert Cecil's Financial Advice to James I, in preparation for drawing up the Great Contract (1610)

Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> – Charles I and the Political Crises of the Later 1620s

1. Richard Cust, "Charles I, the Privy Council, and the Parliament of 1628", *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society* (1992):25-50.
2. Charles I, "Petition of Right", 1628

**Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – Outline for Paper #1 due**

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Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Laudianism and Arminianism

1. Anthony Milton, Chapter 2, "Situating the Laudian Reformation", *England's Second Reformation* (Cambridge University Press, 2021): 34-67.
2. Richard Montague's Articles of Enquiry for the Diocese of Norwich, 162 (c)4 (h,T2 1 Tf(g10 (A)2 \*8 (A.:\*y

1. David Como, Chapter 1, “Freeborn Subjects: Puritanism, Politics, and Print in the Personal Rule”, *Radical Parliamentarians and the English Civil War* (Oxford University Press, 2019): 23-49.

Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – Crisis in Scotland, Rebellion in Ireland, and the Return of Parliament

1. Tim Harris, “Revisiting the Causes of the English Civil War”, *Huntington Library Quarterly* 78, no. 4 (Winter 2015): 615-635.
2. Charles I, “His Majesty’s Answers to the Nineteen Propositions of Both Houses of Parliament”, 1642

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Final Draft of Paper #2 due

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Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Two Civil Wars

1. David Cressy, “Revolutionary England: 1640-1642”, *Past and Present* no. 181 (November 2003): 35-71.
2. Anonymous, ‘All the Memorable & Wonder-Striking, Parliamentary Mercies’, 1642
3. Anonymous, ‘The Kingdoms Monster Uncloaked from Heaven’, 1643

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – The Third Civil War and Regicide

1. Sean Kelsey, “The Trial of Charles I”, *English Historical Review* 118, no. 477 (June 2003): 583-616.
2. The High Court of Justice, ‘The Charge Against the King’, January 20, 1649
3. ‘The King’s Reasons for Declining the Jurisdiction of the High Court of Justice’, January 21, 1649

Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – Religious and Political Radicalism in the 1640s and 1650s

1. Christopher Hill, Chapter 7, “Levellers and True Levellers” and Chapter 8, “Sin and Hell”, in *The World Turned Upside Down* (Penguin, 2020) (reprint)
2. Gerrard Winstanley, ‘The True Levellers’ Standard Advanced: Or, The State of Community Opened, and Presented to the Sons of Men’, 1649

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – The Commonwealth

1. Sean Kelsey, *Inventing a Republic: The Political Culture of the English Commonwealth, 1649-1653* (Manchester University Press, 1997)
2. Blair Worden, Introduction, *The Rump Parliament* (Cambridge University Press, 1974)

3. The act abolishing the office of king; The act abolishing the House of Lords; An act declaring England to be a commonwealth, 1649

Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Possible hold for feast day!

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Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – The Protectorate

1. Blair Worden, “Oliver Cromwell and the Protectorate”, *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society* 20 (2010): 5783.

Library session to get started on final project

Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – The Restoration

1. Jonathan Scott, Chapter 18, “First Restoration”, *England’s Troubles* (Cambridge University Press, 2000)
2. Clarendon Codes (Corporation Act 13 Car. II, c. 2; Act of Uniformity 14 Car. II, c. 4; Conventicle Act 16 Car. II, c. 4; Five Mile Act 17 Car. II, c. 2)

Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Scaffolding Assignment #1 due

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Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

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Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – No class, time off early for Thanksgiving break

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Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – James II and the Glorious Revolution

1. Steve Pincus, Chapter 12, “Revolution in Political Economy”, 1688: The First Modern Revolution (Yale University Press, 2009)

Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – King William’s Wars and the Fiscal-Military State

1. John Brewer, Chapter 4, “Money, Money, Money: The Growth in Debts and Taxes”,