

## Lab Schedule for HIS 115:

**NB:** Lab is where the students will read and analyze primary sources in their small groups. These sources will be uploaded to shared folders on Canvas right before class. As such, students will not know which sources they will be working with until they come to class that day. Below is a list of sources that I am considering using for each week. I have not made any final decisions, and I will probably wait to confirm what sources I will use until a few days before each class.

### Lab 1 (1/22):

**Origins of the TAST in Africa** – King Afonso’s letters, Leo Africanus, selections from Malyn Newitt’s book on the Portuguese in Africa – New Christians, *Lancados*, *Tangomaos* etcetera, and perhaps something on Benin closing the slave trade to the Portuguese in the sixteenth century

### Lab 2 (1/29):

**Case Study in Senegambia** – Mungo Park’s *Travels*, Ayuba Suleiman Diallo memoir, Major Houghton’s reports, various African Company or African Association records

### Lab 3 (2/5):

**Case Study in the Windward Coast** – Slave testimonies from S.W. Koelle’s *Polyglotta Africana*, review of John Matthews’s *Voyage* in *Gentleman’s Magazine*, selections from Matthews’s *Voyage* (perhaps the section the Poro secret society, female rites of initiation, Islam in Sierra Leone etc). Could also use Matthews’s unpublished testimony before the Board of Trade in March of 1788

### Lab 4 (2/12):

**Case Study in the Gold Coast** – Archibald Dalzel’s ethnography of Fante religion in letters to his brother Andrew Dalzel, Philip Quaque’s letters from Cape Coast to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, Robert Norris’s testimony on the Gold Coast before the Board of Trade in February or 1788

### Lab 5 (2/19):

**Case Study in the Bight of Benin** – Robert Norris’s Journey to the court of King Tegbesu from 1772, Bulfinche Lambe’s 1724 and 1726 letters from Abomey in William Smith’s *Account* and in *Gentleman’s Magazine*, William Snelgrave’s 1727 diary of his meeting with King Agaja, published in Polhemus’s article, Whydah day books from The National Archives, perhaps combined with African Company diagrams of Williams Fort in Whydah, King Kpengla’s speech in Archibald Dalzel’s *History of Dahomey*

### Lab 6 (2/26):

**Case Study in the Bight of Biafra** – Selections from the diary of Antera Duke, the first two chapters from Olaudah Equiano's *Interesting Narrative*, parliamentary testimony on the 1767 Calabar war, James Penny's unpublished testimony on the African societies in the Bight of Biafra from April of 1788

**Lab 7 (3/5):**

**Abolition of the TAST and its Complications** – The final chapter of Equiano's *Interesting Narrative*, Thomas Clarkson's thoughts on alternative African commerce, King Kpengla's speech in the *History of Dahomy*, the letters of Africanus on 'rational commerce' in the *General Evening Post* from 1787, and abolitionist testimony on African commercial produce before the Board of Trade, Osei Bonsu's thoughts on the abolition of the slave trade in Ashanti from 1820, Abina Mansah's 1876 testimony from *Abina and the Important Men*, David Livingstone's speech on legitimate commerce, anti-slavery statements from the Berlin Conference of 1884-1885, Henry Smeathman on 'rational commerce' in Sierra Leone from 1783