Africa in the 19th Century

First Assignment: Short Essay

1. The four articles on slavery in the course reader were chosen to highlight several major issues in the history of slavery in Africa. Thornton highlights the impact of the Atlantic trade on sexual demography and some of the issues related to gender. Echenberg considers one of the many uses of slaves. Rashid points to the neglected question of African antislavery activities, while Ohadike covers changing characteristics of slavery in one of the most affected groups, the Igbo. Choose one region or society and, using at least three of the books and articles below, write a short essay of about 1,000 words on either women and slavery, African resistance to slavery, the use of slaves, or changes in the nature of slavery.

Overviews and Edited Collections
Suzanne Miers and Igor Kopytoff, eds., *Slavery in Africa*
Claude Meillassoux, *Anthropology of Slavery*
Paul E. Lovejoy, ed., *Ideology of Slavery*
Toyan Falola and Paul E. Lovejoy, eds., *Pawnship in Africa*
Patrick Manning, *Slavery and African Life*
Jan Hogendorn and Henry Gemery, eds., *The Uncommon Market* (esp. Lovejoy and Klein)
Joseph E. Inakori, ed., *Forced Migration*
Martin A. Klein and Claire Robertson, eds., *Women and Slavery in Africa*
John Ralph Willis, *Slaves and Slavery in Muslim Africa*
Humphrey and Allan Fisher, *Slavery and Muslim Society in Africa*
Elizabeth Savage, ed., *The Human Commodity: Perspectives on the Trans-Saharan Slave Trade*
Jose C. Curto and Paul E. Lovejoy, eds., *Enslaving Connections: Changing Cultures of Africa and Brazil During the Era of Slavery* (2004)

More specific books and articles:

*Sahara*
Dennis Cordell, *Dar el Kuti and the Last Years of the Trans-Saharan Slave Trade*
Patricia Starrett, "Tuareg Slavery and the Slave Trade, *Slavery and Abolition*, 2 (1981), 83-113
James Webb, “The Horse and Slave Trade between Western Sahara and Senegambia”, *JAH*, 34 (1993), 221-46

**West Africa: Savannah Regions**

Martin Klein, *Slavery and Colonial Rule in French West Africa*


Philip Curtin, *Economic Change in Precolonial Africa: Senegambia during the Era of the Slave Trade*


James Searing, *West African Slavery and Atlantic Commerce: The Senegal River Valley*

Olivier Sardan, *Songhay*


Beverley Mack, "Women and Slavery in Nineteenth Century Hausaland”, in Elizabeth Savage ed., *The Human Commodity*


**West Africa: Forest Regions**


Kwame Daaku, *Trade and Politics on the Gold Coast*


Patrick Manning, *Slavery, Colonialism and Economic Growth in Dahomey, 1640-1960*

Robin Law, *The Slave Coast of West Africa 1550-1750*


F.C. Ryder, *Benin and the Europeans*, 1485-1897

J.H. Latham, *Old Calabar, 1600-1891*
G.I. Jones, *Trading States of the Oil Rivers*

**Angola and the Congo**
David Birmingham, *Trade and Conflict in Angola: The Mbundu and Their Neighbours under the Influence of the Portuguese*
Joseph C. Miller, *Kings and Kinsmen: Early Mbundu States in Angola*
Joseph C. Miller, *Way of Death: The Angolan Slave Trade, 1730-1830*
Phyllis M. Martin, *The External Trade of the Loango Coast 1576-1870*
Anne Hilton, *The Kingdom of the Congo*
John Thornton, *The Kingdom of the Kongo*
W.G. Clarence-Smith, "Slaves, Commoners and Landlords in Bulozi, c. 1875-1906", *JAH*, 20 (1979), 219-34

**Sudan and the Horn**
Dennis Cordell, *Dar el Kuti and the Last Years of the Trans-Saharan Slave Trade*
Timothy Fernyhough, “Slavery and the Slave Trade in Southern Ethiopia in the 19th Century”, *Slavery and Abolition*, 9 (1988), 103-30 (also in Clarence-Smith, below)
Lee V. Cassanelli, "Bantu Former Slave Communities (Somali)", in Igor Kopytoff, ed., *The African Frontier: The Reproduction of Traditional African Societies*

**East and South East Africa**
Edward Alpers, *Ivory and Slaves in East Central Africa*
Abdul Sheriff, *Slaves, Spices and Ivory in East Africa*
Frederick Cooper, *Plantation Slavery on the East Coast of Africa*
Fred Morton, *Children of Ham: Freed Slaves and Fugitive Slaves on the Kenya Coast, 1873-1907*
Jonathon Glassman, “No Words Of their Own”, *Slavery and Abolition*, 16 (1995), 131-45.
Marcia Wright, *Strategies of Slaves and Women: Life Stories from East Central Africa*

**South Africa**
Nigel Worden, *Slavery in Dutch South Africa*
Robert Shell, *Children of Bondage*
Pamela Scully, *Liberating the Family? Gender and British Slave Emancipation in the Rural Western Cape, 1823-1853* (1997)

2. Discuss social stratification in one 19th century African state, using at least three books and articles:

**West Africa**
D. Forde and K. Kaberry, eds., *West African Kingdoms in the Nineteenth Century* (1967)
Richard Roberts, *Warriors, Merchants and Slaves: The State and the Economy in the Middle Niger Valley 1700-1914*
Murray Last, *The Sokoto Caliphate*
M.G. Smith, *Government in Zazzau, 1800-1950*
Ivor Wilks, *Asante in the Nineteenth Century*
M.D. McLeod, *The Asante*  
Melville Herskovitz, *Dahomey*  
Karl Polanyi, *Dahomey and the Slave Trade*  
I.A. Akinjobin, *Dahomey and its Neighbours*  
Edna G. Bay, *Wives of the Leopard: Gender Politics and Culture in the Kingdom of Dahomey*  
Robin Law, *The Oyo Empire, c. 1600-1836*  
P.C. Lloyd, *The Political Development of Yoruba Kingdoms*  
S.A. Akintoye, *Revolution and Power Politics in Yorubaland, 1840-83*  

**Sudan and the Horn**  
R.S. O'Fahey and J.L. Spaulding, *Kingdoms of the Sudan*  
M. Abir, *Ethiopia: The Era of the Princes*  
Bahru Zewde, *A History of Modern Ethiopia 1855-1974*  
R.H. Kofi Darkwah, *Shewa, Menilek and the Ethiopian Empire*  
H.G. Marcus, *The Life and Times of Menelik II* (Ethiopia)

**Central Africa**  
Jan Vansina, *The Children of Woot: A History of the Kuba Peoples* (Congo)  
Jan Vansina, *Paths in the Rain Forest* (Congo)  

**East Africa**  
S.R. Karugire, *A History of the Kingdom of Nkore* (Uganda)
M.S.M. Kiwanuka, *A History of Buganda* (Uganda)
Steven Feierman, *The Shambaa Kingdom* (Tanzania)
I.N. Kimambo, *A Political History of the Pare* (Tanzania)
A. Shorter, *Chiefship in Western Tanzania*
R.G. Willis, *A State in the Making* (Fipa, Tanzania)

**Southern Africa**
See the relevant articles in the course reader
P. Bonner, *Kings, Commoners and Concessionaires* (Swaziland)
Peter B. Sanders, *Moshoeshoe, Chief of the Sotho* (1975) (Lesotho)
E.A. Eldredge, *A South African Kingdom* (Lesotho)
P. Delius, *The Land Belongs to Us* (Pedi – SA)
Jeff Guy, *The Destruction of the Zulu Kingdom*
Timothy Joseph Stapleton, *Faku: Rulership and Colonialism in the Mpondo Kingdom (c. 1780-1867)* (2001)