

HTST 425 (FALL 2013)
HISTORY OF THE ATLANTIC WORLD
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Tuesday & Thursday 2:00-3:15pm



Frontispiece to John Dee, *General and Rare Memorials* (London, 1576). This image depicts England's Queen Elizabeth (1558-1603) steering a ship named the "Europa" across the Atlantic Ocean to America. Representations of St. Michael in the sky, Fortune on the fortified castle, Lady Britannica on the land, and ships in the sea, all indicate the potential of the Atlantic world.

Description: This course investigates the history of the Atlantic World from roughly 1450 to 1800. Topics will include the pre-contact Atlantic world; European expansion, conquest, and settlement; and the political, demographic, economic, ecological, social, and intellectual development of the continents that bordered on the Atlantic Ocean. Special attention will be given to interactions and encounters between and among European powers, Africans, and Atlantic first peoples.

Reading List: Nicholas Canny and Philip Morgan, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of the Atlantic World, 1450-1850*; scholarly articles and primary source readings for assignments.

Grading: Group work, document analysis, research essay, and final exam.