

**American Studies Reading List  
Spring 2009**

**Examiner: Nancy Cook (Department of English)**

**Theory/Overview of the Field:**

Lucy Maddox, *Locating American Studies*

John Carlos Rowe, *The New American Studies*

---, *Post-Nationlist American Studies*

Daniel Pease and Wiegman, *The Future of American Studies*

**Method:**

Krista Comer, *Landscapes of the New West*

Stephen Tatum, *Inventing Billy the Kid*

**Classics:**

Henry Nash Smith, *The Virgin Land*

Leo Marx, *The Machine in the Garden*

William Cronon, *Changes in the Land*

Frederick Jackson Turner, "The Significance of the Frontier in American History"

Faragher and Jackson, *Rereading Frederick Jackson Turner*

Leslie Fiedler, *The Collected Essays of Leslie Fiedler Vol. 1*

---, *Return of the Vanishing American*

**Recent and Exceptional Works:**

Lawrence Buell, *The Environmental Imagination*

---, *Writing for an Endangered World : Literature, Culture, and Environment in the U.S. and Beyond*

Lee Clark Mitchell, *Witness to a Vanishing America*

Louis Menand, *American Studies*

Richard Slotkin, *Regeneration Through Violence*

Kaplan and Pease, *Cultures of United States Imperialism*

Mike Davis, *City of Quartz*

---, *Ecology of Fear*

Jane Tompkins, *West of Everything*

Philip Deloria, *Indians in Unexpected Places* (methodology)

---, *Playing Indian*

Annette Kolodny, *The Lay of the Land*

Lucy Maddox, *Citizens Indians: Native American Intellect*

---, *Race and Reform*

Gloria Anzaldiva, *Borderlands/La Frontera*

Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki, *Farewell to Manzanar and Related Readings*, (McDougal Littell).

J.B. Jackson, *Landscape in Sight*

Chris Wilson and Groth, *Everyday America: Cultural Landscapes after J.B. Jackson*

Michael Kowalewski, ed., *Reading the West: New Essays on the Literature of the American West* (1996).