Course Title: The History of the Atlantic Slave Trade
Course Number: V57.9572
Instructor: PERBI, Akosua
Activity Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 4
Semester: Fall & Spring

Course Description:
The course examines the rise, growth, effects, and the abolition of the Atlantic Slave trade as well as its legacy. The course begins with a discussion of the nature of West African society before the introduction of the Atlantic Slave Trade; and the relations among Asante peoples, other neighboring West African peoples, the indigenous slave trade, and relations with Europeans in the Atlantic Slave Trade. The Atlantic Slave trade itself is analyzed from historical, ethnographic, sociological, economic and political perspectives, focusing on Africa, Europe and the Americas. The immediate and long term effects of the Slave Trade on Africa are considered, as well as the history of the trade’s Abolition, and the legacy of the Atlantic Slave trade in African, European and American societies.

ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS:
Two Essays will be required, one during the middle of the Semester and the other during the end of the Semester. Written response to the visits to the various Centres on the Slave Trade will constitute 30 marks, while the essays will constitute 35 marks each.

Fieldtrips:
There will be a visit to the Museum in Accra, a visit to Cape Coast and Elmina Castles, and a visit to the Danish Slave Plantation Site at Sesami near Abokobi in Accra.

Week 1: A General Overview

Week 2: A visit to the National Museum in Accra

Week 3: A General Survey of the Institution of Slavery- Handout; A History of Indigenous Slavery in Ghana, A.A. Perbi Ch. 2; Slavery and African Life, P. Manning Ch. 2; The Slave Trade, H. Thomas Ch. 2; The Atlantic Slave Trade, H.S. Klein Ch. 1.

Week 4: Africa’s Internal Travel Routes - Handout; Slavery and African Life, Manning Ch. 3; The Slave Trade, H. Thomas Ch. 3.

Week 5: Visit to the Slave Plantation Site at Sesami
Week 6: **The Rise of the Atlantic Slave Trade** - Handout; *The Slave Trade*, H. Thomas Chapters 4 & 5; *The Atlantic Slave Trade*, H.S. Klein Ch.2; *Africans in the Americas*, M.L. Conniff & T.S. Davis Ch. 2.

Week 7: **The Birth of an Atlantic World** - The Atlantic Slave Trade, H.S. Klein Ch.4; *Africa and Africans in the making of the Atlantic World*, J. Thornton Chapters 1 & 2.

Week 8: **Sources of Slave Supply** - *A History of Indigenous Slavery in Ghana*, Perbi Ch. 3; *Slavery and African Life*, Manning Ch. 3; *The Slave Trade*, H. Thomas Ch. 7; *Africa and Africans*, Thornton Ch.4.


Week 10: **Slaves in Africa** - Their Need in Africa; Slaves and the Social Structure; Slaves and Political Office. *A History of Indigenous Slavery in Ghana*, Perbi Chapters 4,5,6; *Africa and Africans*, Thornton Ch.3; *Slavery and African Life*, Manning Ch.6.


Week 12: **The Middle Passage** - *Africans in the Americas*, Conniff & Davis Ch.3; *The Atlantic Slave Trade*, H.S. Klein Ch.6; *The Atlantic Slave Trade*, Inikori & Engerman Ch. 12; *Africa and Africans*, Thornton Ch.6.

Week 13: **Africans Experiences in the Americas** - *Africans in the Americas*, Conniff & Davis Chapters 3,4,5,6,7; *The Atlantic Slave Trade*, H.S. Klein Ch.7; *Africa and Africans*, Thornton Chapters 5 & 7.

Week 14: **The Abolition of the Atlantic Slave Trade** - *Africans in the Americas*, Conniff & Davis Ch.8; *The Atlantic Slave Trade*, H.S. Klein Ch.8; *The Atlantic Slave Trade*, Inikori & Engerman Ch.14; *Slavery and African Life*, Manning Ch.8.

Week 15: **Final Exam**