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**Archaeology**


An Archaeology of West African Atlanticization: Regional Analysis of the Huedan Palace Districts and Countryside (Benin), 1650-1727, by Neil L. Norman, Ph.D., University of Virginia and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Resilience and Adaptation of Trade Networks in East African and South Asian Port Polities, 1500-1800 C.E., by Rahul Chandrashekhar Oka, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Chicago and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.


History


Competing Realities: Black Southern Marylanders and their Quest to Shape Freedom in "Loyal" Maryland 1860-1880, by Sharita Elizabeth Jacobs, Ph.D., Howard University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.


On the Frontier of "Freedom:" Abolition and the Transformation of Atlantic Commerce in Southern Sierra Leone, 1790s to 1860s, by Philip R. Misevich, Ph.D., Emory University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.

Fugitive Testimony: Race, Representation, and the Slave Narrative Form, by Janet Eileen Neary, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.


African/Native American Cherokees: The Politics of Ethnic Identity, by William J. Ware, Ph.D., Union Institute and University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.


Raising Cane: Sugar, People and the Environment in Nineteenth-century Antigua, West Indies, by Edith Gonzalez-Scollard, Ph.D., City University of New York and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.


Reconstructing Somerset Place: Slavery, Memory and Historical Consciousness, by Alisa Y. Harrison, Ph.D., Duke University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.


The American Front Porch as a Lieu de Memoire in African American Literature, by Charles McKay, D.Litt., Drew University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.


Against all Odds: Slavery and Enslaved Families in the Making of the Antebellum Chesapeake, by Jack Lawrence Schermerhorn, Ph.D., University of Virginia and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Soil and Slaves: An Environmental History of Northeastern North Carolina, 1584-1860, by Robert S. Thompson, Ph.D., University of Houston and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.
