The following is a fundamental reading list for doctoral candidates to use as a guide in preparing for their comprehensive examination in the field of American Indian and Indigenous Literature. A student is expected to have read widely in the field, to be thoroughly familiar with major writers, and to be conversant with the critical scholarship in the field. The following reading list is suggestive rather than definitive, a list for the student and Committee on Studies to consult.

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