Ph. D. Reading List
Post-Colonial Literature and Theory

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 Post-Colonial Literatures. A student is expected to have read widely in the field; to be thoroughly familiar with the major writers; and to read widely in the journal literature. The following reading list is suggestive rather than definitive, a list for the student and Committee on Studies to begin with. The list has six sections:

- Theory
- Fiction
- Memoir
- Drama
- Poetry

NOTE: * denotes that the item can be selected by the graduate committee for master’s reading list / exam.

I. THEORY:

Achebe, Chinua.

Ahmad, Aijaz.

Althusser, Louis.

*Anderson, Benedict.

Appiah, Anthony.

Ashcroft, Bill, et al. eds.

Bhabha, Homi K.

Chatterjee, Partha.

Christian, Barbara.

Cixous, Helene.

Clifford, James.
“Travelling Cultures,” The Predicament of Culture (introduction)
Dasenbrock, Reed Way.
“What to Teach When the Canon Closes Down,” from Renovations: Critical Theories and Pedagogies, University of Illinois, 1990.

Deleuze, Gilles and Felix Guattari

Derrida, Jacques

Fanon, Frantz

Fish, Stanley

Foucault, Michel

Gates, Henry Louis, Jr.

Gilroy, Paul.

*Greenblatt, Stephen.

Guha, Ranajit, ed.

Hall, Stuart

hooks, bell.

Hodge, Bob and Vijay Mishra

Hulme, Peter

Jameson, Frederic
“Third World Literature in an Era of Multinational Capitalism.”
“Postmodernism, or the Cultural Logic of Capital,” Social Text 15: 1986.

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Jan-Mohammed, Abdul

Jussawalla, Feroza.
“Resurrecting the Prophet: The Case of Salman, the Otherwise,” Public Culture 2.1 (Fall 1989), 107-118.

Lacan, Jacques

Lee, Dennis

Lionnet, François

Mannoni, Octave.

Memmi, Albert.

Miller, James

Minh-ha, Trinh T.

Mohanty, Chandra Talpade.

Moore Gilbert, Bart.

Pratt, Mary Louise

Rushdie, Salman.

Said, Edward.

Spivak, Gayatri Chakravorty.

Soyinka, Wole
Taylor, Charles

*wa Thiong’o, Ngugi

Young, Robert

**FICTION**

Achebe, Chinua
  *Things Fall Apart*

Aidoo, Ama Ata
  *Our Sister Killjoy*

Anand
  *The Untouchable*

Armah, Ayi Kwei
  *The Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet Born*

*Arundhati, Roy
  *The God of Small Things*

Bannerjee, Chitra
  *Mistress of Spices*

Braithwaite, Edward Kamau
  *The Arrivants*

Cliff, Michelle
  *No Telephone to Heaven*

Coetzee, J. M.
  *Disgrace*

Desai, Anita
  *Baumgartner’s Bombay*

Emecheta, Buchi
  *The Joys of Motherhood*
  *Second Class Citizen*

Ghosh, Amitav
  *In an Antique Land*

Gordimer, Nadine
  *The Burgther’s Daughter*

Gurnah
  *Paradise*

Head, Bessie
  *A Question of Power*

Hodge, Merle
  *Crick Crack, Monkey*

Hulme, Keri
  *the bone people*

*Kincaid, Jamaica.
  *Annie John*
  *Lucy*

Kureishi, Hanif
  *Buddha of Suburbia*
Lovelace, Earl
   *The Wine of Astonishment*
Markandaya, Kamala
   *Nectar in a Sieve*
Mo, Timothy
   *The Redundancy of Courage*
Naipaul, V. S.
   *House for Mr. Biswas*
Namjoshi, Suniti
   *The Mothers of Maya Diip*
Narayan, R. K.
   *The Painter of Signs*
   *Swami and Friends*
Ngugi wa Thiong’o
   *Weep not, Child*
Nichols, Grace
   *I is a long memoried woman*
Okri, Ben
   *The Famished Road*
Ondaatje, Michael
   *The English Patient*
Phillips, Caryl
   *Higher Ground*
Rao, Raja
   *Kanthapura*
*Rhys, Jean
   *Wide Sargasso Sea*
Roy, Arundhati
   *The God of Small Things*
Rushdie, Salman
   *Midnight’s Children*
   *The Satanic Verses*
Selvon, Sam
   *The Lonely Londoners*
Sidhwa, Bapsi
   *Cracking India*
Tutuola, Amos
   *The Palm-Wine Drinkard*
POETRY
Walcott, Derek
   *Omeros*

DRAMA
Alexander, Meena
   *House of a Thousand Doors*
Fugard, Athol
   *Master Harold and the Boys*
*Soyinka, Wole
   *The Lion and the Jewel*

MEMOIR
Alexander, Meena
   *Nampally Road*
Chauduri, Nirad
   *The Autobiography of an Unknown Indian*
Lamming, George
   *In the Castle of My Skin*
Ondaatje, Michael
   *Running in the Family*

ENCYCLOPEDIA FOR REFERENCE
Hawley, John C.
Ross, Robert