

## Slavery in the Americas

### Spring 2006 Study Questions

#### Exam 1.

- 1. (60%) In an essay, please analyze the impact of Frank Tannenbaum's Slave and Citizen on the historiography of slavery studies. Be sure to describe Tannenbaum's approach to history, what he was trying to explain, his major conclusions, and the evidence he put forth in defending his thesis. In light of our readings and class discussions (give specific examples such as Sweet and Schwartz etc.), how compelling do recent historians regard his work and why?**
- 2. (25%) How did Eric Williams see the slave system as relevant to the economic development of Great Britain? Why has his argument been dismissed by many economic historians?**
- 3. (10%) In a short answer, discuss the main features of the organization of the Atlantic slave trade. Be sure to describe the enslavement process, the involvement of Europeans, the magnitude of the transatlantic slave trade, and the shipboard conditions.**
- 4. (5%) In a very short answer, why does Schwartz believe the Portuguese sugar planters in Brazil shifted from Native laborers to African slaves?**