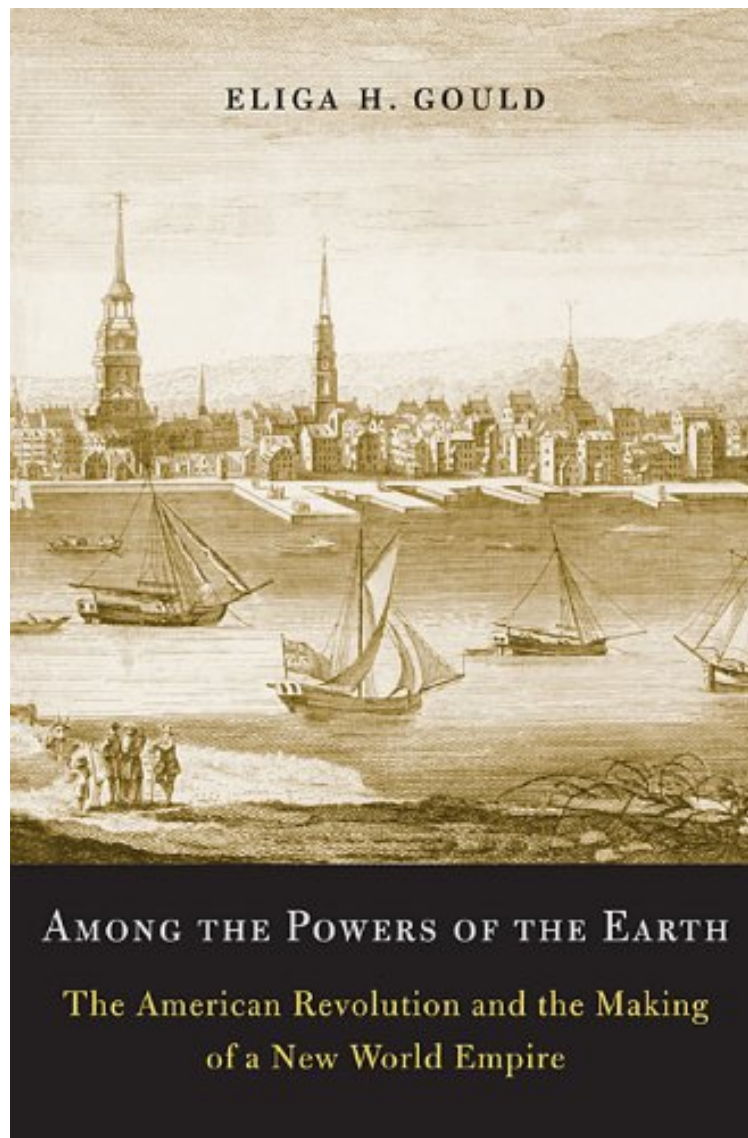


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whole, from a fluid periphery with its own rules and norms to a place where people of all descriptions were subject to the treaty law of Europe -- a "civilized" law that precluded neither the exploitation of slaves nor the dispossession of Native Americans. About the Author Eliga H. Gould is Professor of History at the University of New Hampshire.