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SCHOLARS OF SLAVERY IN THE AMERICAS have debated the meanings of African identities for many years, but a recent resurgence in questions about identity seems to have coincided with the emergence of the African diaspora and Atlantic studies as discrete fields of study. Much of this recent debate centers on the meanings of “ethnic” or “national” signifiers such as Angola, Mina, Guinea, and Yoruba. In the historiography of early North America, for example, strong disagreements have emerged around the question of Igbo identity.<sup>1</sup> Perhaps the most famous and controversial of these disputes centers on literary scholar Vincent Carretta's recent suggestion that Olaudah Equiano, one of the eighteenth-century Atlantic world's most prominent historical figures, was not born in Igbo land, and thus “probably invented an African identity.”<sup>2</sup>

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In his autobiography, Equiano claimed that he was born...

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