



Thirty-Fourth  
Annual Meeting

July 19-22, 2012

Baltimore, Maryland

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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THURSDAY, JULY 19

6:00–8:00 PM

**1812: GLOBAL DIMENSIONS**  
PRESIDENT'S PLENARY

PRESIDING: Alan Taylor, University of California, Davis

PANELISTS: David Bell, Princeton University  
Marixa Lasso, Case Western Reserve University  
Caitlin Fitz, Northwestern University  
Brian DeLay, University of California, Berkeley

COMMENT: the Audience

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FRIDAY, JULY 20

7:30–9:00 AM

**BOYDSTON WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**  
held annually in memory of SHEAR  
member and prominent historian of  
women and gender in the early Republic,  
Jeanne Boydston



FRIDAY, JULY 20

8:30–10:15 AM

**LIVING WITH ANNIHILATED TIME AND SPACE: NEW  
SOCIAL HISTORIES OF THE TRANSPORTATION REVOLUTION**

PRESIDING: Daniel Feller, University of Tennessee

*Mechanical Aesthetics: Picturesque Tourism and the  
Transportation Revolution*

Will B. Mackintosh, Univ. of Mary Washington

*Reading on the Rails: Railway Guides and Antebellum  
Geographical Imagination*

Spencer Snow, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign

*What Norman Saw in the West: Children and Technology  
during the Transportation Revolution*

Aaron W. Marrs, U.S. Department of State

COMMENT: Christopher Clark, University of Connecticut

**THE VISUAL AND MATERIAL CULTURE OF THE  
REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND WAR OF 1812**

PRESIDING: Karin Wulf, College of William and Mary

*Re-membering War: Prostheses and Citizenship in  
Revolutionary America*

Jennifer Van Horn, Winterthur Museum

*The Patriotic Sublime: Nationalist Song during the War of 1812*

James Jackson Ashton, Johns Hopkins University

*Domesticating War: The Intimate Material Culture of Making  
and Remembering the Revolution in the Early Republic*

Zara Anishanslin, College of Staten Island, CUNY

COMMENT: Joanna Cohen, Queen Mary, University of London

FRIDAY, JULY 20

8:30-10:15 AM

**EXPLORING QUAKER ANTISLAVERY NETWORKS IN THE  
EIGHTEENTH AND NINETEENTH CENTURIES: TRANSATLANTIC,  
REGIONAL, AND PERSONAL**

PRESIDING: Christopher Densmore, Swarthmore College

*Dorothy Ripley, the “Universal Friend”: Local and Global  
Abolitionist Networks in the British Atlantic World*

Sarah Crabtree, Fairleigh Dickson University

*Quaker Troublemaker: Richard Waln and the Emergence of  
Upper Freehold’s Free Black Community*

Susan Kozel, Kean University

*“Home Friends”: Samuel Janney and Benjamin Hallowell’s  
Antislavery Partnership*

A. Glenn Crothers, University of Louisville/Filson  
Historical Society

COMMENT: Jonathan Sassi, College of Staten Island, CUNY  
Christopher Densmore

**COMING OF AGE IN ANTEBELLUM AMERICA: REALITY AND  
FANTASY**

PRESIDING: Lorri Glover, St. Louis University

*“Prospect of Usefulness”: Contestations of Maturity and Choice  
in Early Nineteenth-Century New England*

Jane Fiegen Green, Washington University in St.  
Louis

*“When I was your age . . .”: Nostalgic Representations of the  
Recent Past in the American Children’s Literature of the 1830s  
and 1840s*

Seth Cotlar, Williamette University

FRIDAY, JULY 20

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*League of the Ho-de-no-saunee or the Iroquois: Lewis Henry Morgan's Journey from Adolescence to Adulthood*

James Z. Schwartz, Eastern Illinois University

COMMENT: Brian P. Luskey, West Virginia University

**REVISITING FEMALE BIOGRAPHY: A NEW ROUNDTABLE**

PRESIDING: Sheila L. Skemp, University of Mississippi

PANELISTS: Cynthia A. Kierner, George Mason University  
Charlene Boyer Lewis, Kalamazoo College  
Lucia McMahon, William Paterson University  
Beth A. Salerno, Saint Anselm College  
Rosemarie Zagarri, George Mason University

COMMENT: the Audience

**GEOGRAPHIES OF U.S. EMPIRE, 1820-1850**

PRESIDING: John Belohlavek, University of South Florida

*Lewis Cass and the Deaths on Lake Pepin: Negotiating U.S. Jurisdiction in the 1820s Upper Great Lakes*

Elsbeth Martini, University of Michigan

*Missionaries and Colonization: The American Board in Liberia*

Emily Conroy-Krutz, Harvard University

*Zion in the South Pacific: Mormons, Polygamy, and the Politics of Domesticity*

Amanda Hendrix-Komoto, University of Michigan

COMMENT: Amy S. Greenberg, Penn State University

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FRIDAY, JULY 20

10:30–11:45 AM

**CITIZENS: MEMBERSHIP AND POLITICAL IDENTITY IN THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS**

PRESIDING: Christopher Tomlins, University of California, Irvine

PANELISTS: Erika Pani, El Colegio de México  
Nancy Isenberg, Louisiana State University  
Douglas Bradburn, SUNY-Binghamton University  
Holly Brewer, University of Maryland  
Louise Pubols, Oakland Museum of California

COMMENT: the Audience

**BENEVOLENCE WITHOUT ABOLITION: THE COMPLICATIONS OF NORTHERN COLONIZATIONISTS**

PRESIDING: Allen Guelzo, Gettysburg College

*Testing Protestant Humanitarianism: Religion, Race, and Gender in the African Colonization Debate in New England in the 1820s-1830s*

Gale L. Kenny, Barnard College

*Not Quite Abolition But Antislavery Nonetheless: The Pennsylvania Colonization Society's Humanitarian Rebellion*

Beverly Tomek, University of Houston-Victoria

*Bishop William White and Black Philadelphians*

William Pencak, Susquehanna University

COMMENT: James B. Stewart, Macalester College  
Allen Guelzo

FRIDAY, JULY 20

10:30–11:45 AM

**THE MATERIAL CULTURE OF AMERICAN SLAVERY:  
INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES**

PRESIDING: Steven Deyle, University of Houston

*The Built Landscape of Wye Plantation*

Mark Leone, University of Maryland

*Dress and the American Slave Trade*

Maurie McInnis, University of Virginia

*Slaves and the Design Histories of Plantation Provisions*

Seth Rockman, Brown University

COMMENT: Kym Rice, George Washington University

**GLOBAL CONFLICT, PERSONAL CONNECTIONS: INDIVIDUAL  
EXPERIENCES IN THE WAR OF 1812**

PRESIDING: Paul A. Gilje, University of Oklahoma

*The Business of War: John Jacob Astor in the War of 1812*

Jonathan Jones, University of Missouri

*“His Connexions Are Highly Respectable”: Manhood and the  
Militia in the War of 1812*

Nathan Kozuskanich, Nipissing University

*Mr. Hammond’s War: Forging Loyal Opposition in the Ohio  
Federalist, 1812-1816*

Kristopher Maulden, University of Missouri

COMMENT: Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University

FRIDAY, JULY 20

10:30–11:45 AM

**■ CONSTRUCTING AND CHALLENGING GENDER IDEALS IN ANTEBELLUM AMERICA**

PRESIDING: Craig Thompson Friend, North Carolina State University

*How the Nymph of the Pave became the G'hal Next Door: The Flash Press, George Thompson, and the Invention of the Idealized Prostitute*

Katherine Hajar, California State Univ., San Marcos

*Countering the Suffragists: Constructing a Model of Traditional Political Womanhood in Antebellum America*

Allison Lange, Brandeis University

*Constructing Equal Womanhood: African American Women in the Battle to Legalize Interracial Marriage in Massachusetts*

Amber Moulton, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

COMMENT: Amy Ritcher, Clark University

**■ INDISCRIMINATE AMERICANS: STATE POWER, PRIVATE PROFIT, AND NATIONAL BORDERS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING: John Lauritz Larson, Purdue University

*The Chaos of Conquest: Bent, St. Vrain & Company and the Problem of American Expansion, 1846-1849*

David Beyreis, University of Oklahoma

*“We Yankees Had No Queen to Guarantee Our Losses”: How the Opium War Brought China Merchants into Antebellum Politics, and Created the China Lobby*

Dael Norwood, Princeton University



FRIDAY, JULY 20

10:30–11:45 AM

*Servants to No One: U.S. Merchants in Venezuela during an Era of Free Trade, 1797-1808*

Edward Pompeian, College of William and Mary

COMMENT: Cathy Matson, University of Delaware

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FRIDAY, JULY 20

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**THE ART OF HISTORY: WORKING ON YOUR FIRST BOOK**  
Graduate Student Luncheon generously sponsored by the *David Library of the American Revolution* (graduate students only; reservation required)

HOSTS: Daniel C. Littlefield, University of South Carolina  
Daniel K. Richter, University of Pennsylvania

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FRIDAY, JULY 20

2:00–3:45 PM

**NEW DIRECTIONS IN WAR OF 1812 SCHOLARSHIP**

PRESIDING: Donald R. Hickey, Wayne State College

PANELISTS: William S. Dudley, Naval Historical Center  
Nicole Eustace, New York University  
John Grodzinski, Royal Military College of Canada  
Scott Sheads, Ft. McHenry Nat'l Monument  
David Curtis Skaggs, Bowling Green State Univ.  
Gene A. Smith, Texas Christian University

COMMENT: the Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 20

2:00–3:45 PM

**THE REVOLUTION IN RELIGION: LOYALISM,  
DISESTABLISHMENT, AND POLITICS**

PRESIDING: Ruth Alden Doan, Hollins University

*The Landscape of Belief: Disestablishment and Property*  
Sarah Barringer Gordon, Univ. of Pennsylvania

*Politics of Faith: The Loyalism of Rev. John Stuart*  
Stephanie Corrigan, University of Delaware

*Spiritualism and Social Action: Alliances for Social Change in  
the Early Republic*  
Mark McGarvie, University of Richmond

COMMENT: Peter C. Hoffer, University of Georgia

**RACE, EQUALITY, AND RIGHTS IN THE OLD NORTHWEST**

PRESIDING: Stephen Vincent, Independent Scholar

*“The unjust written manacles for the free”: Black Codes and  
Their Impact on African American Settlement Patterns on the  
Antebellum Midwestern Frontier*

Anna-Lisa Grace Cox, Harvard University

*Race, Prejudice, and Citizenship in Old Northwest State  
Constitutions*

Silvana R. Siddali, Saint Louis University

*Reassessing Jacksonian Political Culture: William Leggett’s  
Egalitarianism*

James Simeone, Illinois Wesleyan University

COMMENT: Dana Weiner, Wilfrid Laurier University

FRIDAY, JULY 20

2:00–3:45 PM

**TO PREVENT AGAINST DECAY: PERMANENCE AND IMPERMANENCE IN THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING: Tamara Thornton, SUNY Buffalo

*Preserving the “Perfect State”: Titian Peale’s Butterflies*

Ellery Foutch, University of Wisconsin

*“Ashland as It Was”: The Debate over Decay and Improvement at Henry Clay’s House, 1853-1858*

Whitney Martinko, University of Virginia

*Ambivalence toward Permanence: Family, Sect, and Bodily Remains in Early-Nineteenth-Century Quaker Philadelphia*

Aaron Wunsch, University of Pennsylvania

COMMENT: Elizabeth Milroy, Wesleyan University  
Tamara Thornton

**STATE OF THE FIELD: ROUNDTABLE ON CULTURAL HISTORY**

PRESIDING: Alexis McCrossen, Southern Methodist University

PANELISTS: Thomas Augst, New York University

Jay Cook, University of Michigan

Ann Fabian, Rutgers University

David Henkin, University of California, Berkeley

Jane Kamensky, Brandeis University

COMMENT: the Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 20

2:00–3:45 PM

**SEMINOLES, SETTLERS, AND SLAVES: RACE AND THE SHAPING OF LATE COLONIAL AND TERRITORIAL FLORIDA**

PRESIDING: Edward Gray, Florida State University

*An Indian War for Slavery: Abolitionist Accounts of Early Florida*

Laurel Clark Shire, Hartford University

*Slave Rebels, the Hemispheric Slave Trade, and an International Court Case from the Revolutionary Caribbean*

Nathaniel Millett, Saint Louis University

*Contesting Metaphorical and Physical Borders in Early Territorial Florida, 1821-1832*

John Paul Nuno, California State University, Northridge

COMMENT: Malinda Maynor Lowery, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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Friday, July 20

4:00–5.45 pm

**INFORMATION NETWORKS IN THE ERA OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC: LOCAL AND GLOBAL CASE STUDIES**

PRESIDING: Anne Boylan, University of Delaware

*Spreading the News about Hydropathy: How Americans Learned Not to Worry and Love the Water Cure*

Caleb McDaniel, Rice University

*Spreading the Word: Methodist Information Networks in the Ohio Valley*

Hunter Price, Ohio State University

Friday, July 20

4:00–5.45 pm

*Incipient Blogging in the 1840s-50s: The Creation of Interactive Social Networks via Print Conversations in Progressive Reform Periodicals*

Patricia Cline Cohen, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara

COMMENT: Richard R. John, Columbia University

**ANTISLAVERY AND ABOLITIONISM IN THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC: CROSS-NATIONAL CURRENTS AND COMPARISONS**

PRESIDING: Catherine Clinton, Queen's University, Belfast

*“Slaveholders and Abolitionists: A Comparison of Jamaica and South Carolina on the Eve of the Haitian Revolution*

Edward Rugemer, Yale University

*Garrisonian Abolitionism & Italian Democratic Nationalism: Comparisons and Connections*

Enrico Dal Lago, National Univ. of Ireland, Galway

*Consuming Morality: Henry Highland Garnett and 1850s Transatlantic Free Produce*

Stacey Robertson, Bradley University

COMMENT: Margot Minardi, Reed College

**CHANGES UPON THE LAND: HISTORY AND LANDSCAPE IN THE OLD NORTHWEST**

PRESIDING: William Kerrigan, Muskingum College

*Native Women and Homelands: Commons, Coverture, and Persistence in Prairie du Chien*

Lucy Eldersveld Murphy, Ohio State University

Friday, July 20

4:00–5.45 pm

*“One vast bed of metal”: Federal Policy, Lead Mines, and the Transformation of the Upper Mississippi Valley, 1822-1832*

Patrick Allan Pospisek, Purdue University

*Agrarian Landscapes and Imperial Ambitions in the Crucible of Pan-Indianism: Building and Burning in the Ohio River Valley, 1783-1795*

Joshua J. Jeffers, Purdue University

COMMENT: Susan Sleeper-Smith, Michigan State University

## **SLAVERY, RACE, AND POSTCOLONIAL AMERICAN IDENTITIES**

PRESIDING: Graham Russell Gao Hodges, Colgate University

*Stephen Girard: Accidentally Ambiguous American*

Brenna O'Rourke Holland, Temple University

*Phillis Wheatley's African and Ancient Worlds (and Thomas Jefferson's)*

David Waldstreicher, Temple University

*A Crisis of Legitimacy: Jews, Blacks, and Inheritance in the Low Country during the Early Republic*

Adam Wolkoff, Rutgers University

COMMENT: François Furstenberg, University of Montreal

## **SIBLINGS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC: MARRIED, STEP, AND ON THE MOVE**

PRESIDING: Kathryn Tomasek, Wheaton College

*Sibling Pseudo Marriage in the Early Republic*

Lee Chambers, University of Colorado

Friday, July 20

4:00–5.45 pm

*Stepfamily Siblings in Early America*

Lisa Wilson, Connecticut College

*Siblings in Motion: The Diasporic Strategies of a Yankee Household, 1800-1860*

Wayne Bodle, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

COMMENT: C. Dallett Hemphill, Ursinus College

**COLLABORATION, COMPLIMENT, AND CROSS-DRESSING:  
MEN, WOMEN, AND AUTHORSHIP IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING: Laura McCall, Metropolitan State College of Denver

*Men in Manuscript and Women in Print: Magazines, Gender, and Literary Collaboration in the Early American Republic*

Robb Haberman, Trinity College

*Love Against Life: Strain and Delay in the Common Journal of Nathaniel and Sophia Hawthorne*

Jason Hoppe, Johns Hopkins University

*“Borrow’d Prowess”: Judith Sargent Murray and Authorial “Cross-Dressing”*

Katherine Jorgensen Gray, Rowan University

COMMENT: Leon Jackson, University of South Carolina

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Friday, July 20

8:00–10:00 pm

**RECEPTION** at Ft. McHenry National Monument and Shrine  
generously sponsored by the *National Park Service, the State of Maryland, the David Library of the American Revolution, Johns Hopkins University Press, and Common-place*

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SATURDAY, JULY 21

9:00–10:45 AM

**WHO INVENTED THE SECOND GREAT AWAKENING?**

PRESIDING: James Bratt, Calvin College

*Who Invented the Second Great Awakening?*

Mary Kupiec Cayton, Miami University

COMMENT: Christine Heyrman, University of Delaware  
Christopher Grasso, College of William and Mary

**LAND, LABOR, AND WAR: THE EMERGENCE OF AMERICA'S  
CENTRAL STATE, 1780-1840**

(pre-circulated paper available at conference website)

PRESIDING: Harry Watson, University of North Carolina,  
Chapel Hill

*Land, Labor, and War: The Emergence of America's Central  
State, 1780-1840*

Gary Gerstle, Vanderbilt University

COMMENT: Elizabeth Blackmar, Columbia University  
Adam Rothman, Georgetown University  
Max Edling, Loughborough University

**SACRED READING, MORAL TEXTS**

PRESIDING: Jewel Spangler, University of Calgary

*"A Voluntary Victim to Vice": Seduction Novels, Moral  
Philosophy, and the Moral Mistake*

Margaret Abruzzo, University of Alabama



SATURDAY, JULY 21

9:00–10:45 AM

*Size Matters: Bible Formats and Religious Authority in the Second Great Awakening*

Seth Perry, University of Chicago

*“Language is a Gift of God”: The Bible, Poetry, and Moral Power in the Early U.S.*

Beth Barton Schweiger, University of Arkansas

COMMENT: Mary C. Kelley, University of Michigan  
Jewel Spangler

**STATE OF THE FIELD: ROUNDTABLE ON VISUAL AND MATERIAL CULTURE**

PRESIDING: Margaretta Lovell, University of California, Berkeley

PANELISTS: Carolyn Eastman, Virginia Commonwealth Univ.  
Ritchie Garrison, University of Delaware  
Catherine E. Kelly, University of Oklahoma  
David Jaffee, Bard Graduate Center  
Faith Davis Ruffins, National Museum of American History

COMMENT: the Audience

**AN ARCHIVE IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC: THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY**

PRESIDING: Rob Schoeberlein, Maryland State and Baltimore City Archives

SATURDAY, JULY 21

9:00–10:45 AM

*“They Will Become Antique”: Isaiah Thomas’s Antiquarian Philosophy*

Alea Henle, University of Connecticut

*In Pursuit of New Old Books: Christopher Columbus Baldwin and the American Antiquarian Society*

Thomas Knoles, American Antiquarian Society

*The Kentucky Mummy: Collections, Competition, and the First Decade of the American Antiquarian Society*

James Snead, California State Univ., Northridge

COMMENT: Paul Erickson, American Antiquarian Society

**FEMALE MASCULINITY: CHALLENGING SEXUAL BINARIES IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING: Carol Lasser, Oberlin College

*“Miss Bryant was the Man”: A Female Husband in the Early Republic*

Rachel Hope Cleves, University of Victoria

*(Trans)gressing the Category of Woman in the Eighteenth Century*

Jennifer Manion, Connecticut College

*Fair Bosom/Black Beard: Hirsute Femininity, Male Desire, and the Strange Career of Josephine Clofullia, “Bearded Lady”*

Sean Trainor, Penn State University

COMMENT: Bruce Dorsey, Swarthmore College

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SATURDAY, JULY 21

11:00 AM–12:45 PM

**MORMONS, ANTI-CAPITALISM, AND MYTH-MAKING: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE DOUGHFACES**

PRESIDING: Jonathan Earle, University of Kansas

*“Buchanan’s Mormon Judge”: Delana Eckels and the Role of the Democratic Party in the Mormon War*

Nicole Etcheson, Ball State University

*Doughface Anti-Capitalism: When Richard M. Johnson and John Tyler Courted Tammany Hall*

Nicholas P. Cox, University of Houston

*“General Jackson is dead, sir!” Nathaniel P. Tallmadge, William C. Rives, Stephen A. Douglas, and the Construction of an Enduring Myth*

Evan C. Rothera, Penn State University

COMMENT: John Quist, Shippensburg University

**THE LAW AND POST-COLONIAL AMERICA: STRUCTURES AND MISADVENTURES**

PRESIDING: Annette Gordon-Reed, Harvard University

*“The Means of Preventing Disputes with Foreign Nations”: The Federal Courts and Foreign Relations in the 1790s*

Kevin Arlyck, New York University

*Being Seen Like a State: The Constitution and Its Foreign Audiences at the Founding*

Daniel Hulsebosch, New York University

SATURDAY, JULY 21

11:00 AM–12:45 PM

*The Liberal Filibuster: Anglo-Mirandistas and Atlantic Imperialism on Trial*

Timothy A. Milford, St. John's University

COMMENT: Deborah Rosen, Lafayette College

**TIME AND MATERIAL CULTURE IN EARLY NATIONAL AND ANTEBELLUM AMERICA**

PRESIDING: Carlene Stephens, National Museum of American History

*The Telegraphed Republic and the Problem of Time*

Eric Wertheimer, Arizona State University

*Time and Religious Objects*

Thomas Allen, University of Ottawa

*Keeping House Time: Architecture and Ancestral History in the Early Republic*

Michelle Sizemore, University of Kentucky

COMMENT: Stephen Mihm, University of Georgia

**SLAVERY, MOVEMENT, AND THE LAW: NEW APPROACHES TO GRADUAL ABOLITION**

PRESIDING: Daniel Hamilton, University of Illinois

*"Not very Fanatical on the Subject of Slavery:" Fugitive Slaves and the Persistence of Slavery in New Jersey, 1804-1846*

James Gigantino, University of Arkansas

*The Conflict of Laws in the Crossing of Borders: Slavery and Antislavery Movement in Early Republican New York*

Sarah Levine-Gronningsater, University of Chicago

SATURDAY, JULY 21

11:00 AM–12:45 PM

*Gradual Immediatism: The Abolition of Baltimore's  
Transatlantic Slave Trade*

Craig Hollander, Johns Hopkins University

COMMENT: Gautham Rao, American University  
Daniel Hamilton

**GENDER, PROPERTY, AND SELF-FASHIONING IN THE  
EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING: Jan Lewis, Rutgers University, Newark

*“An Honour to do Anything for You”: Gender and Delegated  
Authority in Post-Revolutionary Land Management*

Sara Damiano, Johns Hopkins University

*“Novel and Pregnant with Mischief”: Ladies' Auction Rooms  
and Gendered Property in the Early Republic*

Ellen Hartigan-O'Connor, University of California,  
Davis

*Martha Bradstreet and the “Dastardly Conspiracy”: Property,  
Honor, and Womanly Behavior in the Early Republic*

Michael A. Blaakman, Yale University

COMMENT: Mary Beth Sievens, SUNY Fredonia

**AMERICAN INDIANS IN THE ERA OF REMOVAL: THE NATIVE  
STRUGGLE FOR AUTONOMY AND STABILITY, 1811-1842**

PRESIDING: Allan Galloway, Ohio State University

*“Half War, Half Peace:” Reciprocating Violence and the  
Struggle for Indian Autonomy after the Creek War, 1814-1823*

F. Evan Nooe, University of Mississippi

SATURDAY, JULY 21

11:00 AM–12:45 PM

*Passports and Progress: Balancing Immigration and Industry  
in the Cherokee Nation before Removal*

Vicki Rozema, University of Tennessee

*An “anomalous institution”: Virginia Indian Autonomy in the  
Era of Federal Indian Removal*

Edward DuBois Ragan, Centenary College of  
Louisiana

COMMENT: Greg O’Brien, University of North Carolina at  
Greensboro

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SATURDAY, JULY 21

2:00–3:45 PM

**NATIONALISM AND PARTISANSHIP IN THE ANTEBELLUM ERA**

PRESIDING: Michael Birkner, Gettysburg College

*“Fidelity and Firmness”: Northern Democrats and the Crises of  
1850*

Michael Landis, Sacred Heart University

*Republican Brotherhood*

Martin Herschock, Univ. of Michigan-Dearborn

*Proslavery Nationalism and Antislavery States' Rights  
Activities: Why the South was Really Opposed to States' Rights  
on the Eve of the Civil War*

Paul Finkelman, Albany Law School

COMMENT: Chandra Manning, Georgetown University

SATURDAY, JULY 21

2:00–3:45 PM

**SLAVERY, STATE, AND SOCIETY IN THE BORDERLANDS**

PRESIDING: Michael Morrison, Purdue University

*Slavery, States, and Empires: Slavery and the Struggle for the North American Continent from the Seven Years War to the American Civil War*

John Craig Hammond, Penn State Univ., New Kensington

*Rivers and People: Politics of Slavery and Freedom along the Ohio River*

Matthew Salafia, North Dakota State University

COMMENT: Robert E. Bonner, Dartmouth College  
Stanley Harrold, South Carolina State University

**NETWORKS IN A NEW NATION: THE PERSONAL AND THE POLITICAL IN EARLY REPUBLICAN FRIENDSHIPS**

PRESIDING: Albrecht Koschnik, McNeil Center for Early American Studies

*Friendships and Bylaws: Formal Association versus Friendship in the Early Republic*

Kevin Butterfield, University of Oklahoma

*“You would exert your friendship for us”: Friendships between Men and Women in the Early Republic*

Cassandra Good, University of Pennsylvania

*Setting Up For Themselves: The Public Sphere before and after the Revolution*

Jessica Choppin Roney, Ohio University

COMMENT: Catherine O'Donnell, Arizona State University

SATURDAY, JULY 21

2:00–3:45 PM

**BALTIMORE AND THE HISTORIOGRAPHY OF THE EARLY  
REPUBLIC: A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

PRESIDING: Tracy Melton, Independent Scholar

*Public and Academic Audiences for Baltimore History*  
Patricia Dockman Anderson, *Maryland Historical  
Magazine*

*Recent Scholarship on Slavery and Emancipation in Baltimore*  
John “Sean” Condon, Merrimack College

*Books on Baltimore: The Long View*  
Robert J. Brugger, Johns Hopkins University Press

*Baltimore in a Global/Comparative Context*  
Mariana Libânio de Rezende Dantas, Ohio Univ.

*Democracy in Mobtown: Looking at Antebellum Politics from  
Baltimore*  
Frank Towers, University of Calgary

COMMENT: the Audience

**PARTNERING TO PROMOTE HISTORY EDUCATION: LESSONS  
ON PUBLIC-ACADEMIC HISTORY PARTNERSHIPS**

PRESIDING: Sarah Fatherly, Otterbein University

*The Practical Historian: Uniting Digital History, Service  
Learning, and Job Shadowing in the University Classroom*  
Kathryn Shively Meier & Kristen Yarmey,  
University of Scranton

*Mapping Historic Albany Rural Cemetery*  
Jennifer Dorsey & Katherine Meierdiercks, Siena  
College

*Publishing and Academic-Public Partnerships*  
Michael McGandy, Cornell University Press



SATURDAY, JULY 21

2:00–3:45 PM

*A Primer on Local History Partnerships*

Peter Seibert, National Council for History  
Education

COMMENT: Robert Weible, New York State Museum

**RE-CHARTING THE ITINERARIES OF EARLY REPUBLICAN  
SCIENCE AND MEDICINE**

PRESIDING: Brian Rouleau, Texas A&M University

*Disasters and Dispensaries in Barbados and Baltimore*

Amanda Moniz, American University

*Before and Beyond “Paris Clinic”: The Haitian Revolution and  
the Francophone Impulse in American Medicine*

Katherine Arner, Johns Hopkins University

*“To Assign to the Race their Station”: Army Surgeons, Indian  
Skulls, and White Scalps in Florida, 1835-1842*

Cameron Strang, University of Texas at Austin

COMMENT: Sara Gronim, Long Island University

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SATURDAY, JULY 21

4:00–4:45 PM

**SHEAR AND SOCIAL MEDIA: A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION  
SPECIAL SESSION**

HOSTS: Patricia Cline Cohen, Univ. of California, Santa  
Barbara

Andrew R.L. Cayton, Miami University of Ohio

followed by **SHEAR BUSINESS MEETING**

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SATURDAY, JULY 21

6:30–7:30 PM

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

HOST: Patricia Cline Cohen, University of California,  
Santa Barbara

*The Authority of the Imagination in an Age of Wonder*  
Andrew R.L. Cayton, Miami University

followed by **BANQUET** (reservation required)

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SUNDAY, JULY 22

9:00–10:45 AM

**ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY AND PURSUING POWER IN THE  
EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING: A. James Fuller, University of Indianapolis

*Policing the Mobocracy? Army Aid to the Civil Power in  
Jacksonian Urban Unrest*

Samuel Watson, United States Military Academy  
*“For a poor man to realize a competency”: Office-seeking  
Memoirs, Honest Failure, and the Politics of Importuning for  
Office in Antebellum America*

Heath Bowen, St. Thomas Aquinas College  
*Weathering Changes: American Science and Authority in the  
1830s and 1840s*

Cambridge Ridley Lynch, CUNY Graduate Center

COMMENT: Jeffrey Pasley, University of Missouri

SUNDAY, JULY 22

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**SLAVERY IN AN ATLANTIC WORLD**

PRESIDING: Richard Newman, Rochester Institute of  
Technology

*A Nation Once Removed: The Origins of African Colonization  
in an Age of Democratic Revolution and Continental Empire,  
1776-1817*

Brandon Mills, McGill University

*The Slave Revolt Bogeyman: How Emancipation throughout  
Newly Independent Latin America Derailed American  
Participation at the Panama Congress*

Jerry Colley, University of Kentucky

*Was the African Colonization Movement a Failure?*

Eric Burin, University of North Dakota

COMMENT: Douglas Egerton, LeMoyne College

**LAW IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

Presiding: Ben Brown, University of California, Berkeley

*Murder in the Shenandoah: The Case of Commonwealth v.  
John Crane, the Younger*

Jessica K. Lowe, Princeton University

*A Slave's Only Legal Right: Freedom Suits in the American  
States*

Peter Wallenstein, Virginia Polytechnic Institute

*The Indians' Constitution: Uncovering the Native History of  
the Framing*

Gregory Ablavsky, University of Pennsylvania

COMMENT: Alfred Brophy, University of North Carolina,  
Chapel Hill

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**USEFUL KNOWLEDGE AND THE GENDERED USES OF  
KNOWLEDGE IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING: Toby Ditz, Johns Hopkins University

*A Quaker Healer's Independence: Margaret Hill Morris and  
the Business of Medicine in the American Revolution and Early  
Republic*

Susan Brandt, Temple University

*Cultivating the Blossoms and Fruit: Women and Scientific  
Practice in the Early Republic*

Jessica C. Linker, University of Connecticut

*Swords or Ploughshares: Military Science and Public  
Improvement in the Early Republic*

John L. Dwiggin, University of Pennsylvania

COMMENT: Elizabeth R. Varon, University of Virginia

**COMPROMISE AND CRISIS IN THE POLITICS OF THE 1850S**

PRESIDING: James L. Huston, Oklahoma State University

*"Agitation Will Never Cease": Free Soilers and the Second Party  
System in the Early 1850s"*

Corey M. Brooks, York College of Pennsylvania

*The Washington Legal Community and the Dred Scott Decision  
Revisited*

Rachel A. Shelden, Georgia College

*Compromising the Mason-Dixon Line: Border Conflicts and  
the Meanings of Slavery, Race, and Union in Antebellum  
Maryland and Pennsylvania*

Thomas H. Sheeler, University of Delaware

COMMENT: Jonathan Daniel Wells, Temple University

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**LOYALTY AND SACRIFICE IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING: Andrew Shankman, Rutgers University, Camden

*Divided Loyalties, Divided Visions: Henry and Lucy Knox and the American Revolution*

Phillip Hamilton, Christopher Newport University

*Loyalty to the Law or the Commands of the Sovereign? Anti-Loyalist Legislation, Popular Sovereignty, and the American Understanding of the Rule of Law*

Aaron N. Coleman, Kentucky Christian University

*Sacrifice and Coercion: Jefferson's Embargo of 1807-09*

Michael Schwarz, Ashland University

COMMENT: Sarah Purcell, Grinnell College

**RACE AND FOREIGN ENCOUNTERS**

PRESIDING: Diane Barnes, Youngstown State University

*American Captives in the Barbary States as Diplomatic Agents and Nation-Builders, 1785-1805*

Brett Goodin, Australian National University

*"Curiosities from Liberia": Public Exhibitions of Africa and the Construction of Race in Antebellum America*

Kelly Knight, Penn State University

*Antebellum Reformers and Global Visions of Black Humanity*

Joan Bryant, Syracuse University

Comment: Eva Sheppard Wolf, San Francisco State University

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**LUST AND LOVE IN ANTEBELLUM REFORM**

PRESIDING: Leigh Fought, LeMoyne College

*How did Slavery Become Licentious?*

April R. Haynes, University of Oregon

*Curious Connections: Free Love, Feminism, and Phonography*

Carol Faulkner, Syracuse University

*Experimental Marriage: Henry Blackwell and Free Love*

Hélène Quanquin, Université Paris 3, Sorbonne  
Nouvelle

COMMENT: Lori D. Ginzberg, Penn State University

**PURSUING HAPPINESS ELSEWHERE: AMERICAN  
EMIGRATION AND THE SOUTHWESTERN BORDERLANDS, 1783-  
1830**

PRESIDING: James E. Lewis Jr., Kalamazoo College

*The Spanish Option: Emigration, Settlement, and National  
Loyalty along the Southwestern Borderlands, 1783-1803*

J.M. Opal, McGill University

*Quitting the Nation: Expatriation and the Politics of Border  
Crossing in the Early Nineteenth-Century Southwest*

Eric R. Schlereth, University of Texas at Dallas

COMMENT: Kathleen DuVal, University of North Carolina,  
Chapel Hill

James E. Lewis Jr.

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**ETHNOLOGY, ENSLAVEMENT, AND EMPIRE**

PRESIDING: Douglas Harvey, Fort Hays State University

*“Truths which have long been concealed from the sons of Ethiopia”: African American Ethnology and the Global Imaginary of Emancipation*

Britt M. Rusert, University of Massachusetts,  
Amherst

*The “correct arrangement of the tribes”: Indians, Linguistic Classification, and the Administration of Expansion*

Sean P. Harvey, Seton Hall University

*Lewis Henry Morgan, “Hawaiian Marriage,” and the Geopolitics of Incest*

Brian Connolly, University of South Florida

COMMENT: Bruce Dain, University of Utah

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