THIRTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL MEETING

17-20 JULY 2014

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
FRIDAY, JULY 18 8:30-10:15 AM

1 • THE HISTORIOGRAPHY OF SLAVERY AND POLITICS, 1770–1860: PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS

PRESIDING • Adam Rothman, Georgetown University

*Slavery, Capitalism, and Free Labor in the Early Republic*
Eva Sheppard Wolf, San Francisco State University

*Slavery, Free Labor, and Empire: Imperial and Popular Conflict for the North American Continent, 1770-1830*
John Craig Hammond, Penn State University, New Kensington

*Party Politics and the Destruction of American Slavery, 1830-1865*
Jonathan Earle, University of Kansas

*Bringing the Voters Back In: Rethinking the Career of the Slave Power*
Frank Towers, University of Calgary

COMMENT • Amy Greenberg, Penn State University

2 • ROUND TABLE: NEW APPROACHES TO THE EARLY AMERICAN CONTINENT

PRESIDING • Alan Taylor, University of Virginia

PANELISTS • Elizabeth Fenn, University of Colorado
Edward Gray, Florida State University
Sarah Pearsall, Cambridge University
Michael Witgen, University of Michigan

COMMENT • the Audience
FRIDAY, JULY 18 8:30-10:15 AM

3 • THE ART OF DEMOCRATIC POWER: ANDREW JACKSON AS WRITER FOR NEWSPAPERS, LAND SPECULATOR, AND POLITICIAN-IN-CHIEF

PRESIDING • Daniel Feller, University of Tennessee

Andrew Jackson and the Press
Thomas Coens, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Andrew Jackson and the Financing of Slavery’s Expansion
Brenden E. Kennedy, University of Florida

“Fraught with Disastrous Consequences for our Country”: Cherokee Sovereignty and Nullification, 1831-1833”
Nancy Morgan, Temple University

COMMENT • Harry L. Watson, University of North Carolina
Mark R. Cheathem, Cumberland University

4 • SPECTERS OF THE 1790S

PRESIDING • Seth Cotlar, Willamette University

Paine and Property: Radicalism and Anti-Radicalism in Property-owning Democracy
Alex Gourevitch, Brown University

A Tale of Two Liberties: Melville, Republicanism, and the Radical Past
Anthony Galluzzo, City University of New York

Cosmopolitanism Constrained: Slavery, Citizenship, and the American Nation-State
Padraig Riley, Dalhousie University

COMMENT • Jan Ellen Lewis, Rutgers University-Newark
FRIDAY, JULY 18

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5 • BEYOND THE “EVANGELICAL THESIS”: RADICAL RELIGION IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC

PRESIDING • Susan Juster, University of Michigan

Joseph Smith: The Anti-”sectarian” Crusader
Max Mueller, Harvard University,

Domestic Order and Spiritual Authority in the Society of Universal Friends
Paul B. Moyer, The College at Brockport: State University of New York

Native Spirits, Shaker Visions: Speaking with the Dead in the Early Republic
Erik R. Seeman, University at Buffalo

COMMENT • Johann N. Neem, Western Washington University
Susan Juster

6 • ROUNDTABLE: DRUGS, ALCOHOL, & GENDERED AND RACIAL EXPERIENCES OF ADDICTION

PRESIDING • Carolyn Eastman, Virginia Commonwealth University

PANELISTS • W. J. Rorabaugh, University of Washington
Elizabeth Kelly Gray, Towson University
Matthew Warner Osborn, University of Missouri-Kansas City
Thomas Augst, New York University
Diana L. Ahmad, Missouri University of Science and Technology

COMMENT • the Audience
FRIDAY, JULY 18 10:30 AM-12:15 PM

7 • AFRICAN AMERICAN INTELLECTUALS AND TRANSNATIONAL IDENTITY IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC

PRESIDING •  L. Diane Barnes, Youngstown State University

Whither Paul Cuffe? African American Historians in Africa and America
Matthew Hetrick, Loyola University of Maryland

An Uneasy Alliance: Black Colonizationists and the Making of Liberia
Ousmane Power-Greene, Clark University

Black Abolitionists in Ireland and the Challenge of Universal Reform
Angela F. Murphy, Texas State University

COMMENT •  Richard Newman, Library Company of Philadelphia

8 • FACING EAST FROM MIAMI COUNTRY

PRESIDING •  John L. Larson, Purdue University

Imagined Worlds and Archival Realities: (Re) Reading Myaamia History in the Archive
James Buss, Salisbury University

Misremembering Tippecanoe: Fighting a Battle through Memory
Patrick Bottiger, Kenyon College

A Republic of Bad Birds? Oral and Written Indigenous Politics
Cameron Shriver, Ohio State University

COMMENT •  John W. Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison
John L. Larson
FRIDAY, JULY 18 10:30 AM-12:15 PM

9 • THE BODY POLITIC AND THE BODILY SELF

PRESIDING • Andrew O’Shaughnessy, Robert H. Smith
International Center for Jefferson Studies

Healthy Mind in the Healthy Body: Exercise of the Moral Sense in Jefferson’s Imagination
Ari Helo, University of Oulu

Jefferson’s Bodily Discourses
Maurizio Valsania, University of Turino

Depictions of Body: Images of Thomas Jefferson and George Washington Prior to the Election of 1800
Gaye Wilson, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies

COMMENT • Kathleen Brown, University of Pennsylvania
Robert M. S. McDonald, U.S. Military Academy

10 • DISSENT IN WARTIME AMERICA

PRESIDING • Thomas A. Chambers, Niagara University

Quids, the War of 1812, and Shaping Antebellum Trade Policy
John Moore, Walsh College

The Anti-War Activism of the Washington Benevolent Society
Jennifer Dorsey, Siena College

“Thou Shalt Not Follow a Multitude to Do Evil”: The “Come-Outer” Movement and the Theology of Secession
Kevin Gannon, Grand View University

COMMENT • A. Glenn Crothers, University of Louisville
Thomas A. Chambers
FRIDAY, JULY 18 10:30 AM-12:15 PM

11 • FAITH, POLITICS, AND LAW AFTER THE FOUNDING

PRESIDING • Christopher Grasso, College of William and Mary

*The African Supplement: Corporate Law, Race, and Religion in Early National Philadelphia*
Sarah Barringer Gordon, University of Pennsylvania

*The Founders Speak: Spiritualist Visitations from the Revolutionary Generation in the Mid-Nineteenth Century*
Ryan K. Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University

*The Myth of American Religious Coercion: The New Nation’s Un-official Religious Establishment and Its Paradoxes*
Chris Beneke, Bentley University

COMMENTS • Mary Kupiec Cayton, Miami University
Christopher Grasso

12 • MEANINGS OF MASCULINITY IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC

PRESIDING • Lorri Glover, Saint Louis University

*The Waiting Man: The Black and White Masculinities of Male Enslaved Domestics in Virginia, 1750-1799*
Cathleene Hellier, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

*An Honorable Death? The Stuart-Bennett Duel of 1819*
Matthew Byron, Young Harris College

*Calculated Murders of Intimate Partners in Early Nineteenth-Century Ballads*
Daniel Belczak, Case Western Reserve University

COMMENT • Craig Thompson Friend, North Carolina State University
Lorri Glover
13 • Submitting Your First Article: Advice from the Early Republic Editors (graduate students only; reservations required)

Hosts • Dallett Hemphill, Ursinus College  
editor of *Early American Studies*  
David Waldstreicher, Temple University  
co-editor of the *Journal of the Early Republic*

Comment • the Audience

14 • Settler Colonialism: A Framework for Interrogating the Early Republic’s Frontiers

Presiding • David Nichols, Indiana State University

“The Barbarians in 1779, Civilization in 1879”: The Sullivan Campaign Centennial Celebrations and the Production of Settler Myth and Memory  
Dean Bruno, Vanderbilt University

“The Isle shall wait for his law”: Missionaries, Kapu, and Settler Colonization in Hawaii  
Noelani Arista, University of Hawaii-Manoa

“A Plea for Oregon”: U.S. Congressional Petitions and the Settler Colonial Imagination  
Margot Minardi, Reed College

“To discover the antiquities of Our Continent”: Settler Colonialism and the Dead Body Politics of Early American Archaeology  
Judy Kertész, North Carolina State University

Comment • Christina Snyder, Indiana University
FRIDAY, JULY 18

15 • ROUNDTABLE: OPPORTUNITIES AND OUTCOMES—PHILADELPHIA’S PLACE IN EARLY AMERICA

PRESIDING • Roderick A. McDonald, Rider University
Michelle Craig McDonald, Richard Stockton College

PANELISTS • Michael Jacobs, University of Wisconsin Colleges
Joseph Wojie, Camden Community College
Robert Smith, Northampton Community College
Shannon Duffy, Texas State University
Brian Hendricks, Benedictine University
Terri York, Kilgore College

COMMENT • Michael Zuckerman, University of Pennsylvania

16 • BOUNDARIES OF CITIZENSHIP IN THE NEW AMERICAN REPUBLIC

PRESIDING • Douglas Bradburn, Binghamton University

The Loyalist Problem in New York and Pennsylvania
Brett Palfreyman, Binghamton University

The Argument against Confiscation in South Carolina and New York
Tom Cutterham, New College, Oxford University

Native Citizenship, Sovereignty, and the Law of Nations in the New Republic
Greg Ablavsky, University of Pennsylvania Law School

“Creating an Order of Citizens”: Black Northerners and Civic Status in the Early Republican North
Sarah Levine-Gronningsater, University of Chicago

COMMENT • Holly Brewer, University of Maryland
FRIDAY, JULY 18 2:00-3:45 PM

17 • RETHINKING REALIGNMENT AND THE RISE OF THE REPUBLICANS

PRESIDING • Randall Miller, St. Joseph’s University

“A New Era in Our History”: Political Abolitionists, Anti-Slave Power Politics, and the Founding of the Republican Party
Corey Brooks, York College of Pennsylvania

Bringing the Whigs Back In: Slavery, Economy and Government in the Origins of the Republican Party
Ariel Ron, Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions

“Tell Us About State Rights!” Republicans, States’ Rights, and Antebellum Political Realignment
Michael E. Woods, Marshall University

COMMENT • Elizabeth Varon, University of Virginia
Randall Miller

18 • FOR GOD AND MAMMON: MISSIONARIES AND CONSULS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC

PRESIDING • Rosemarie Zagarri, George Mason University

Citizens of the World? American Consuls and the Problem of Citizenship, 1789-1832
Lawrence A. Peskin, Morgan State University

Creating a Hierarchy of Heathenism: American Missionaries Map the World, 1790-1840
Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University
F RIDAY, JULY 18 2:00-3:45 PM

Commercially Informed: The Political Consequences of the Early American Consular Network in Asia
Dael Norwood, Yale University

COMMENT • Christine Heyrman, University of Delaware
Rosemarie Zagarri

19 • CONTEST 1856: YEAR OF MEN, YEAR OF WOMEN

PRESIDING • John Belohlavek, University of South Florida

E lecting Old Buck: Democratic Manhood in the Election of 1856
Thomas Balcerski, Cornell University

Women, Morality, and Politics: Jessie Fremont and the Election of 1856
Stacey Robertson, Bradley University

Stumping from the Bench: Presidential Elections and the Supreme Court in the Antebellum Era
Rachel Shelden, Georgia College and State University

COMMENT • Douglas Egerton, Le Moyne College
John Belohlavek

F RIDAY, JULY 18 4:00 -5:00 PM

20 • PECHA-KUCHA (to inspire a lively atmosphere, bringing a drink from the bar is encouraged)

PRESIDING • Robyn Lily Davis, Millersville University

Mapping the Louisiana Purchases of Indian Country
Robert Lee, University of California, Berkeley

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FRIDAY, JULY 18

4:00 -5:00 PM

Unrolling the Past: Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Petitions
Nicole Topich, Harvard University

The Visual Legacy of Benjamin Lay: Disabled Quaker Abolitionist
Nathaniel Kogan, University of Texas at Arlington

The Art of Removal: Portraiture, History, and Reform in McKenney and Hall’s History of the Indian Tribes of North America
Sarah Matherly, Princeton University

COMMENT • the Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 18

5:45-7:15 PM

21 • PRESIDENT’S PLENARY • SHEAR MEETS STEM
(College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 South 22nd Street; see description on pages 17-18)

WELCOME • John L. Larson, Purdue University
Charlene Boyer Lewis, Kalamazoo College

PRESIDING • Seth Rockman, Brown University

PANELISTS • Science: Adam Nelson, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Technology: Nina Lerman, Whitman College
Engineering: Ann Johnson, University of South Carolina
Math: Caitlin Rosenthal, University of California, Berkeley

COMMENT • the Audience

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22 • **Early American Contact with the Muslim World**

**Presiding** • Kariann Akemi Yokota, University of Colorado, Denver

*The Ideological Origins of U.S. Orientalism as an Antebellum Phenomenon*
  Christopher L. Miller, University of Texas-Pan American

*“Depart from that Retired Circle”: Women’s Support of the Greek War for Independence and Antebellum Reform*
  Maureen Connors Santelli, George Mason University

*American Muslim or Anti-Zionist Jew? George Bethune English in the Ottoman World*
  Eric Covey, University of Texas at Austin

**Comment** • Robert J. Allison, Suffolk University
  Kariann Akemi Yokota

23 • **Roundtable: The Politics of and in Women’s History in the Era of the Early Republic**

**Presiding** • Carol Lasser, Oberlin College

**Panelists** • Lori D. Ginzberg, Pennsylvania State University
  Erica Armstrong Dunbar, University of Delaware
  Amy Dru Stanley, University of Chicago
  Thavolia Glymph, Duke University

**Comment** • the Audience
SATURDAY, JULY 19 8:15-10:00 AM

24 • THE POLITICS OF DOUGHFACEISM: PROSLavery, STATES’ RIGHTS, AND COMPROMISE IN ANTEBELLUM POLITICS

PRESIDING • Joanne Freeman, Yale University

The Federalist Origins of the Doughface Epithet
Nicholas Wood, University of Virginia

The Doughface Meter: Southerners’ Views of Doughfaces, and Vice Versa
Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University

Dough in the Hands of the Voters? How Doughfaces Obtained Office in the 1850s
Michael Landis, Tarleton State University

COMMENT • Nicole Etcheson, Ball State University
Joanne Freeman

25 • VALUING INTANGIBLES: EXPERIMENTING WITH MARKETS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC

PRESIDING • Wendy Woloson, Rutgers University at Camden

Early American Tourism and the Pricing of Experience
Will Mackintosh, University of Mary Washington

Seeing Past the Forest: Selling Future Landscapes in Antebellum New York
Emily Pawley, Dickinson College

Small Town Values: Creating a Paper Economy in Monroe, Michigan
Joshua Greenberg, Bridgewater State University
Saturday, July 19 8:15-10:00 AM

The Rise and Fall of the Railroad Note: Property, Specie, and Value in Baltimore, 1837-1842
David Schley, New York University-Shanghai

Comment • Brian Luskey, West Virginia University

26 • Mobility and the Making of Early National Religious Identity

Presiding • Dee Andrews, California State University, East Bay

A Nation of Circuits: Methodist Mobility and the Winning of the Frontier
Charlie McCray, Florida State University

Political Movement: Jews, Citizenship, and Difference in 1850s Europe and America
Shari Rabin, Yale University

To “become the pride of your patrons and the boast of religion”: Reputation, Law, and Gender in Ministerial Recruitment in the Early National Chesapeake
Roy Rogers, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Comment • Eric R. Schlereth, University of Texas, Dallas
Dee Andrews

27 • Political Pictures: Visual Culture and Politics in Early American History

Presiding • Margaretta Lovell, University of California-Berkeley

“Just published and to be Sold”: The Visual Culture of Making Revolution
Zara Anishanslin, City University of New York, Staten Island
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“You have no flag out yet!” Seeing Displays of Patriotism in Civil War America
Joanna Cohen, Queen Mary University of London

Gendering Antebellum Politics through Caricature
Allison Lange, Brandeis University

C O M M E N T •  David Waldstreicher, Temple University
Margaretta Lovell

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2 8 • A P L A G U E I N F O U R  P A R T S :  Y E L L O W  F E V E R  I N  T H E 1 7 9 0 S

P R E S I D I N G •  Jeffery G. Strickland, Montclair State University

Against “The Vanity of Systems”: Charles Brockden Brown’s Medical Imagination
Sari Altschuler, University of South Florida

Treating and Debating Yellow Fever in Jamaica’s Credit Economy, 1788-1794
Claire Gherini, Johns Hopkins University

To Stay or to Flee? Moral Confrontations with the Yellow Fever in 1790s Philadelphia
Philippa Koch, University of Chicago Divinity School

Disease Control in Atlantic Trade: The Response in Europe to America’s Epidemics
Julia Mansfield, Stanford University

C O M M E N T •  Cristobal Silva, Columbia University

Presiding • Douglas M. Arnold, The Public Records of the State of Connecticut

Enslaved Experience and Identity in the Eliza Pinckney/Harriott Pinckney Horry Digital Edition
Constance B. Schulz, University of South Carolina

“The Little Bricklayers”: The Challenge of Identifying the Enslaved Community at the University of Virginia
Susan H. Perdue, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities

Comment • the Audience

30 • Native People of the Southeast in the Early Republic

Presiding • Daniel K. Richter, University of Pennsylvania

Catawba Indian Land Leasing System in South Carolina, 1790-1840
Brooke Bauer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

The Nottoway Indians of Virginia: Cultural Survival in a Binary Racial Society
Royce Gildersleeve, George Mason University

Life after the Reservation: Chowans as Free People of Color in North Carolina
Warren Milteer Jr., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Comment • Andrew K. Frank, Florida State University
Daniel K. Richter
SATURDAY, JULY 19   10:15 AM -12:00 PM

31 • THE CONSTRUCTION OF RADICAL NETWORKS IN THE ANTEBELLUM ERA

PRESIDING •   Catherine E. Kelly, University of Oklahoma

Radical Correspondents: Associationist Journalists and the French Revolution of 1848
Megan Perle Bowman, Georgia State University

Women’s Networks: Fourierism and Reform in the 1840s
Kathryn Tomasek, Wheaton College

Reconstructing Bohemian Networks: Print, Social Capital, and the Radical Counterculture of Antebellum New York
Edward Whitley, Lehigh University

COMMENT •   Adam-Max Tuchinsky, University of Southern Maine
Catherine E. Kelly

32 • A REPUBLIC OF SEAFARERS, CA. 1776-1815

PRESIDING •   Myra Glenn, Elmira College

“Git you at Liberty”: How “the People” Understood State and Citizens’ Obligations
Christine Sears, University of Alabama-Huntsville

“Arrest All the Anglophones”: Views of American Sailors and Citizenship Abroad
Nathan Perl-Rosenthal, University of Southern California

“Warranted American”: Marks, Images, and the Nationalization of Commercial Property
Hannah Farber, University of California, Berkeley

COMMENT •   Matthew Taylor Raffety, University of Redlands
Myra Glenn
SATURDAY, JULY 19       10:15 AM -12:00 PM

33 • RELIGION, RACE, AND THE LIMITS OF REFORM

PRESIDING • Ruth Alden Doan, Hollins University

Integrated Churches and the Politics of Race in the North, 1790-1820
Richard Boles, City College of New York

Gospel Bonds, Gospel Boundaries: Missionaries Grapple with Class, Race, and Cultural Difference on the Antebellum Prairie
Joshua Rice, University of Missouri

Subversive Geographies: Space and the Sacred in American Protestant Missions
Andrew Witmer, James Madison University

COMMENT • Jewel Spangler, University of Calgary
Ruth Alden Doan

SATURDAY, JULY 19       1:45-3:30 PM

34 • ENGAGING THE EARLY BLACK ATLANTIC: VOYAGES AND ENCOUNTERS IN AFRICANA HISTORY

PRESIDING • François Furstenberg, Johns Hopkins University

“[Im]passive to the Spirit of the times”: Black Loyalist Transformations in Kingston, 1782-1823
Kameika S. Murphy, Clark University

“The reliance that was to be placed in letters”: Print and the Circulation of Liberian Letters in Antebellum America
Marie Stango, University of Michigan
SATURDAY, JULY 19  1:45-3:30 PM

“The Absurdity and Wickedness of Making a Man’s Freedom Depend Upon the Color of His Skin or The Quality of His Hair”: Fugitive Slave Law, the Claim of Native American Ancestry, and Indian Slaveholding in the 1850s
Arika Easley Houser, Rutgers, the State U. of New Jersey

COMMENT •  Ronald Johnson, Texas State University
Jessica Millward, University of California, Irvine

35 • WOMEN AND ECONOMIC SPACES IN EARLY REPUBLICAN PHILADELPHIA (papers pre-circulated at SHEAR conference website)

PRESIDING •  Dallett Hemphill, Ursinus College

Medicinal Marketing and Family Legacies: Apothecary Elizabeth Weed’s Economic Strategies during the American Revolution
Susan Brandt, Temple University

“Housekeeper, . . . wife and all”: Sally Bickham and Urban Women’s Economic Strategy in Early National Philadelphia
Brenna O’Rourke Holland, Temple University

Widows and War: Gender, Property and Relief in Revolutionary Southeastern Pennsylvania
Camille Kaszubowski, University of Delaware

More than a Pleasant Stroll: Interpreting Women in Early Republican Philadelphia’s Street and Garden Spaces
Anne Lindsay, University of Central Florida

“Amos Strutel . . . sed the money muste be paid so wente down and paid him the 18 pounds”: Mapping the Economic World of Deborah Franklin
Vivian Bruce Conger, Ithaca College

COMMENT •  the Audience
36 • The Art of Anti-Catholicism: The Aesthetics and Mass Appeal of an Antebellum Genre

Presiding • Bruce Dorsey, Swarthmore College

Fifty Shades of Maria Monk: Prejudice, Profit, and Antebellum Publishing
Kara French, Salisbury University

Playing for Keeps: Gender, Iconography, and the Anti-Catholic Social Imaginary
Monica Najar, Lehigh University

“Pressed Flowers from Italy”: Harriet Beecher Stowe’s Italian Poems and the Aesthetic Lures of Catholicism
Nancy Lusignan Schultz, Salem State University

Comment • Daniel A. Cohen, Case Western Reserve University
Maura Jane Farrelly, Brandeis University

37 • Fine and Popular: The Commerce of Art in Antebellum Philadelphia (Pennsylvania Academy for the Fine Arts, Historic Landmark Building, Hamilton Auditorium, 118 North Broad Street; see description on page 24)

Presiding • Sarah Weatherwax, The Library Company of Philadelphia

When Prints Shape Paintings: Thomas Sully: A Case Study
Carol Soltis, Philadelphia Museum of Art

Through the Looking Glass: Antebellum Frame Makers and the Philadelphia “Picture” Market
Erika Piola, The Library Company of Philadelphia
The Business of Daguerreotypy: Strategies for a New Medium  
Anne Verplanck, Penn State University

COMMENTS •  Michael Leja, University of Pennsylvania 
Susanna W. Gold, Temple University

38 • EMPLOYING FRIENDS, STRUCTURING FAMILIES, AND MANAGING MOBILITY IN THE OHIO VALLEY

PRESIDING •  Andrew Cayton, Miami University

The Labor of “Civilization”: The Society of Friends and the War Department in the Ohio Country  
Lori Daggar, University of Pennsylvania

All in the Family: Female Poverty, Patriarchal Authority, and State Formation in Eighteenth-Century Kentucky  
Honor Sachs, Western Carolina University

“Our Modes of Population”: Managing Mobile People in the Ohio Country  
Samantha M. Seeley, New York University

COMMENTS •  Rob Harper, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
Andrew Cayton

39 • THE EMANCIPATION PROCESS IN THE ANTEBELLUM PERIOD

PRESIDING •  Barbara Krauthamer, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Immediate, Not Gradual: Achieving African American Freedom during the First Emancipation  
Paul Polgar, College of William and Mary
SATURDAY, JULY 19

1:45-3:30 PM

Come-Outerism versus Disunionism: A Founding Family Confronts the Crises of the 1840s
David N. Gellman, DePauw University

Reducing Freemen to Slavery: Reversing Emancipation in Antebellum America
M. Scott Heerman, Johns Hopkins University

COMMENT • James Downs, Connecticut College
Barbara Krauthamer

SATURDAY, JULY 19

3:45-5:30 PM

40 • THE SOUTH AMERICAN QUESTION IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC: DIPLOMACY, STATE BUILDING, AND POLITICAL ECONOMY

PRESIDING • Brian Rouleau, Texas A&M University

Andrew Fagal, Binghamton University
Edward Pompeian, College of William and Mary

“An universal alteration in the commercial relations of the universe”: U.S. Political Economy and South America, ca. 1815-1825
Martin Öhman, University of Virginia

“Anywhere where we have diplomatic powers we can affect regulation”: Managing New Markets in an Age of Latin American Revolutions, 1810-1830
Lindsay Schakenbach, Brown University

COMMENT • Andrew Shankman, Rutgers University at Camden
Brian Rouleau
SATURDAY, JULY 19  3:45-5:30 PM

41 • Negotiated Freedom: African Americans Confront Politics and Violence

Presiding • Kate Masur, Northwestern University

“*It was a glorious resurrection*”: Slave Violence in Antebellum Slave Narratives
  Chris Bouton, University of Delaware

“This mysterious affair”: The disappearance of Henry Hudson and Pennsylvania’s 1820 Anti-kidnapping Law
  Elliott Drago, Temple University

*The Limits of Violent Resistance: Black Politics and the Christiana Riot*
  Andrew Diemer, Towson University

Comment • Scott Hancock, Gettysburg College
  Kate Masur

42 • Political Economies of Art in an Age of Revolutions

Presiding • Cathy Matson, University of Delaware & Program in Early American Economy and Society

*Art in a Season of “War and Desolation”: Copley and the Seven Years War*
  Jane Kamensky, Brandeis University

*Washington Allston: The Social Roots of His Gothic Vision*
  Marc Egnal, York University

Comment • Robert St. George, University of Pennsylvania
  Cathy Matson
SATURDAY, JULY 19 3:45-5:30 PM

43 • THE MATERIAL CULTURE OF DISABILITY IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC

PRESIDING • David Jaffee, Bard Graduate Center

Disability in the Marketplace: Revolutionary War Veterans and Their Cabinetmakers
Laurel Daen, College of William and Mary

Shawnee Captive, Unhealthy Sister, and Infirm Shaker: Constructing Histories about People with Disabilities through the Things They Used at Home
Nicole Belolan, University of Delaware

“The Preparation of Various Necessaries for an Invalid”: Producing and Procuring Clothing for Nineteenth-Century People with Disabilities
K. A. Woytonik, University of New Hampshire

COMMENT • Rebecca R. Noel, Plymouth State University
David Jaffee

44 • MOTHERHOOD AND THE FEMALE BODY IN THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC

PRESIDING • Richard Godbeer, Humanities Research Center, Virginia Commonwealth University

“A Good Breast of Milk”: Wet Nurses and Family Intimacy in Massachusetts
Cassandra N. Berman, Brandeis University

Living and Writing the Body: Corporeality in American Childbearing Narratives, 1750-1850
Nora Doyle, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
SATURDAY, JULY 19

3:45-5:30 PM

Textualized Bodies and Imagined Community in Samuel Bard’s Compendium of the Theory and Practice of Midwifery
Marcia D. Nichols, University of Minnesota, Rochester

COMMENT • Susan E. Klepp, Temple University
Richard Godbeer

45 • TRANS-APPALACHIA AND THE ATLANTIC WORLD

PRESIDING • James E. Lewis, Jr., Kalamazoo College

Trans-Appalachian Conspiracies in the Age of Revolutions: The Western Limits of American Patriotism
Jacob F. Lee, University of California, Davis

Anxious Americans, Belligerent Britons, and Credulous Canadiens: American Empire and Atlantic Revolutions in the Northern Borderlands
Lawrence B. A. Hatter, Washington State University

Western Cotton, World Markets: Trade and Geopolitics of the West
Susan Gaunt Stearns, Northwestern University

COMMENT • Ashli White, University of Miami
James E. Lewis, Jr.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

6:30 -7:15 PM

46 • PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (Racquet Club of Philadelphia, 215 South 16th Street; see description on page 18)

PRESIDING • Ann Fabian, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations
John L. Larson, Purdue University
Sunday, July 20

8:30 -10:15 AM

47 • Representing and Resisting Violence: African Americans, North African “Pirates,” and Violence in the Early Republic

Presiding • James Brewer Stewart, Macalester College

Trauma and Narratives of Slavery
Kathleen Kennedy, Missouri State University

Seeking Justice: African American Resistance to Violence in the Northeast, 1780-1830
Kelly A. Ryan, Indiana University Southeast

American Manhood and the Barbary Pirates: Gender, Sodomy, and Women’s Rights during the Algerian Captivity Crisis
Jason Zeledon, University of California, Santa Barbara

Comment • Nikki Taylor, Texas Southern University, Houston
James Brewer Stewart

48 • Defining and Defending Freedom in a Racialized Republic

Presiding • Joanne Pope Melish, University of Kentucky

Runaways, or Citizens Claimed as Such: The Rule of Law in Antebellum Black Protest
Christopher Bonner, Yale University

“We will throw back on them all these black free incendiaries”: The Impact of South Carolina’s Negro Seamen Acts upon Charleston’s Waterfront Workers
Michael Thompson, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

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Southern Realpolitik: The Legacy of Antebellum Free-Black Voting in Eastern North Carolina
Leonard Lanier, Louisiana State University

COMMENT • Leslie Patrick, Bucknell University
Joanne Pope Melish

49 • Dorr and His Disciples: Promises of Revolution

PRESIDING • Graham Russell Hodges, Colgate University

Thomas Wilson Dorr: Equal Rights Democrat
Erik J. Chaput, The Lawrenceville School

Imaginary Paupers and Real Paupers in the Dorr War
Gabe Loiacono, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Dorr’s Unlikely Apostle: Aaron White’s Path from Privilege to Exile
Mary Fuhrer, Independent Scholar

“Determined to Do the Controlling”: Ann Parlin’s Public Faces
Ronald J. Zboray and Mary Saracino Zboray, University of Pittsburgh

COMMENT • Jessica Lepler, University of New Hampshire

50 • Rumor, Gender, and Interracial Relationships in the Early Republic

PRESIDING • Steven H. Deyle, University of Houston

“A Mixture of the Anglo-Saxon with Anglo-African”: The Interracial Experience and Gender in Antebellum America
Danielle Demiantschuk, University of Western Ontario
“No Wonder He Avoids Decent Ladies”: Gossip about Interracial Mixing
Lynn Kennedy, University of Lethbridge

In the Shadow of the Quadroon: Writing the History of White Creole Women after the Louisiana Purchase
Marise Bachand, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières

COMMENT • Lucia McMahon, William Paterson University
Steven H. Deyle

51 • THE BOOK TRADES, GENTILITY, AND THE NEW ENGLAND FAMILY

PRESIDING • Karin Wulf, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

Gentility, Genealogy, and the New England Family Register
Molly McCarthy, University of California, Davis

The Juvenile Miscellany and the Genteel Child Reader in New England
Paul Ringel, High Point University

Phillis Wheatley in the 1830s: Northern Gentility and the Effacement of Slavery
Jennifer Thorn, St. Anselm College

COMMENT • Beth A. Salerno, St. Anselm College
Karin Wulf
52 • NEITHER MANIFEST, NOR DESTINY: THE CONTINGENCIES OF WESTERN EMPIRE

PRESIDING • Michael A. Morrison, Purdue University

“Forsaking the American Republic”: Mormon Geopolitics and the Western Counter-narrative to Manifest Destiny, 1844-1848
Thomas Richards, Temple University

Dysfunctional Empire: The Utah War and Sectional Politics
Glen Olson, Graduate Center, CUNY

Filibusters against Slavery: The Pursuit of Black Colonies in the Americas and the Re-imagination of U.S. Expansion, 1850-1865
Brandon Mills, University of Colorado-Denver

COMMENT • Rachel St. John, New York University
Michael A. Morrison

53 • MADISON THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: INTELLECTUAL AND POLITICAL CONTOURS

PRESIDING • Drew R. McCoy, Clark University

James Madison and the Republican War Dilemma: Problems in Application
Alexander V. Marriott, Wiley College

“I am an irreclaimable heretic”: John Randolph, James Madison, and the American Revolutionary Legacy during the War of 1812
Aaron Scott Crawford, Southern Methodist University
Managing Military Talent and Tactics in Defense of a National Capital: Madison’s “Lessons Learned” from Napoleon’s Capture of Moscow
Peter J. Aschenbrenner, Purdue University

The Resources with Which to Fight: The United States Government and the Failure of American Economic Strategy, 1807-1815
Patrick Callaway, University of Maine

COMMENT • Ralph Ketcham, Syracuse University

54 • WOMEN AND PROPERTY IN EARLY AMERICA

PRESIDING • Kirsten E. Wood, Florida International University

“Great Value in the Personal Property Here”: Elite Women’s Ownership in Early National New York City
Alisa Wade Harrison, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

“The consideration due to him as the head of his family”: Hostility to Women’s Separate Estates in the Early National South
Lindsay Keiter, College of William and Mary

Widows and Waste: Disputing Dower Rights in Early National New Jersey
Eleanor McConnell, Frostburg State University

COMMENT • Stephen A. Mihm, University of Georgia
Kirsten E. Wood
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55 • The Uses and Misuses of Anti-Catholicism: Abolitionism, Nunneryes, and Religious Freedom in the Early Republic and Antebellum Era

Presiding • Kathleen Sprows Cummings, University of Notre Dame

Elijah Lovejoy: Publishing, Faith, and Abolitionism in Early Nineteenth Century St. Louis
Paula Hunt, University of Missouri

Our Country, Our Women: Anti-Convent Propaganda and the Massachusetts Know-Nothing Party
Cassandra L. Yacovazzi, University of Missouri

Nicholas Pellegrino, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Comment • Katie Oxx, St. Joseph’s University
Kathleen Sprows Cummings

56 • The Republican Court Revisited: Twenty Years Later (paper pre-circulated at SHEAR conference website)

Presiding • David Waldstreicher, Temple University

The Republican Court
Fredrika J. Teute, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

Panelists • Toby Ditz, Johns Hopkins University
Amy H. Henderson, independent scholar
Sophia Rosenfeld, University of Virginia
Jason Shaffer, United States Naval Academy

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