SOCIETY FOR HISTORIANS OF THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC

ANNUAL MEETING
2009
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, July 16

President’s Plenary
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

Lincoln and the Legacies of the American Revolution
Chair: Thomas F. Schwartz, Illinois State Historian
Panelists: Daniel Walker Howe, Oxford University
Vernon Burton, Coastal Carolina University
Catherine Clinton, Queen’s University Belfast
Kenneth Winkle, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
Comment: Audience

Plenary Reception
9:00-10:30 pm
Lincoln Reception Room
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

FRIDAY, July 17

Session One 9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

1. Divided Communities on a Middle Ground
Chair: Sarah E. Miller, University of South Carolina–Salkehatchie
Panelists:
“I never will unloose my hold”: The Politics of Religion and Removal on the Wyandot Reserve
Jim Buss, Oklahoma City University
Our Father in Detroit: Instructing William Hull in Borderland Politics
Brad Jarvis, Saginaw Valley State University
A New Imperial Presence? A Native Understanding of the Significance of the Confederate States of America
Daniel Flaherty, University of Oklahoma
Prophetic Tools: Miami Factionalism, Their French Brethren, and the Construction of Prophetstown

Patrick Bottiger, University of Oklahoma

Comment: Sarah E. Miller

2. Whither the Evangelical Revolution: New Work in Southern Religious History

Chair: Mitchell Snay, Denison University

Panelists:
“I must flatter myself, that my country increases in humanity”: Black Evangelicals, Slaveholders, and the Legacy of the American Revolution
Charles Irons, Elon University
Searching for the Evangelical South: Churches, Authority, and the Unsaved
Monica Najar, Lehigh University
“Trouble Times Indeed”: Southern Baptists and the American Revolutionary War
Janet Moore Lindman, Rowan University
Domestic Devotion and Moral Authority among Southern Evangelicals in the Antebellum Era
Scott M. Stephan, Ball State University

Comment: Mitchell Snay


Chair: Craig Thompson Friend, North Carolina State University

Panelists:
A Grandmother’s Love? Miscegenation, Manumissions, and Property Rights in the Wickliffe Family of Antebellum Kentucky
Andrea Watkins, Northern Kentucky University
Wealthy Free Black and Brown Women in Antebellum Charleston, South Carolina
Rita Reynolds, Wagner College
“Considered Her Entirely Unfit for Society”: Gender, Impairment, and Inherited Property in Early Kentucky
Yvonne M. Pitts, Purdue University

Comment: Lorri M. Glover, University of Tennessee
4. **Lincoln in the Antebellum Decade**

*Chair:* James E. Davis, Illinois College

*Panelists:*
- *The Foundational Speeches for Fusion by Abraham Lincoln and Owen Lovejoy in the Illinois State Capitol*
  - William F. Moore, The Lovejoy Society
- *A Change in Parties: Lincoln as a Whig and Republican*
  - John A. Lupton, Papers of Abraham Lincoln
- *Lincoln, the Founders, and the Logic of Equality*
  - Glenn W. LaFantasie, Western Kentucky University

*Comment:* Richard Striner, Washington College
  James E. Davis

5. **Perfecting the Body Social: The Interplay of Health, Religion, and Reform in the Early Republic**

*Chair:* Bret Carroll, California State University, Stanislaus

*Panelists:*
- *The Social Vision of Sanitary Reform*
  - A. J. Aíséirithe, Papers of Abraham Lincoln
- *Health, Sentiment, and the Appeal of Mormonism*
  - Nicholas Marshall, Marist College
- *Healthy Body, Healthy Spirit: Medicine and Communitarianism*
  - Gwynne Langley Rivers, University of Illinois at Chicago

*Comment:* Lawrence Foster, Georgia Institute of Technology

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**Session Two**

11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

6. **Expansionists and Expatriates: Beyond the Bounds of the Early American Republic**

*Chair:* Alan Taylor, University of California Davis

*Panelists:*
- *A British Socialist in the Republic of Mexico: Robert Owen and the Cosmopolitan Sources of Early National Expansion*
  - Eric R. Schlereth, University of Texas at Dallas
- *Freeborn Outlaws: Travel Rights and National Sovereignty in Jacksonian America, 1800s-1830s*
  - Jason M. Opal, Colby College
- *“The American and Foreign Agency”: Profit and a Prophet of American Commercial Expansionism*
  - Jessica M. Lepler, University of New Hampshire

*Comment:* Alan Taylor
7. “The Union was made to subserve the cause of liberty”: The American Revolution, Abolition, and the Politics of Antislavery

Chair: James Brewer Stewart, Macalester College
Panelists:
- Joshua Giddings and the Emancipation of a Political Abolitionist
  Cathy Rodabaugh, West Virginia University
- The Revolution within the Man: The Intellectual Emancipation of Frederick Douglass
  L. Diane Barnes, Youngstown State University
- “Let Every American . . . Swear by the Blood of the Revolution”: The Origins and Limits of Abraham Lincoln’s Antislavery Politics
  Michael A. Morrison, Purdue University

Comment: Nicole Etcheson, Ball State University
Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University

8. The True Heirs of the Revolution? New Perspectives on Federalists and Anti-Federalists in the New York Ratification Debates

Chair: John P. Kaminiski, University of Wisconsin
Panelists:
- No Taxation without Representation: The “Antifederalists,” Rights, and the Ratification of the Constitution, 1787-1788
  Pauline Maier, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Impost Begat Convention
  Calvin H. Johnson, University of Texas at Austin

Comment: John P. Kaminiski

9. Revolutionary Legacies in the Jay Family and Beyond: Religion, Abolition, and Reform

Chair: Randolph Ferguson Scully, George Mason University
Panelists:
- Religious Transformations in the Jay Family: From Providential Nationalism to Moralism and Voluntarism
  Jonathan Den Hartog, Northwestern College
  David Gellman, DePauw University

Comment: Mark Y. Hanley, Truman State University
Randolph Ferguson Scully
10. **Cultural Resistance to Indian Removal, 1830-1860**  
*Chair:* Linda Clemmons, Illinois State University  
*Panelists:*  
Demanding and Preserving Nationhood: The Cherokee Trail of Tears through Southern Illinois, 1838-1839  
Rowena McClinton, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
“Half-Civilized Men”: Property, Slavery and Indian Removal, 1828-1832  
Natalie Joy, Georgia State University  
The Unconquered Seminoles: Prophetic Resistance from Neolin to Abiaka  
Kathleen Hladky, Florida State University  
*Comment:* Frederick E. Hoxie, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Linda Clemmons

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**Session Three**  
2:00-3:45 p.m.

11. **Shaping the New Nation’s Political Economy In Midst of War**  
*Chair:* Robert E. Wright, New York University  
*Panelists:*  
Revolutionary Ideologies and Wartime Economic Regulation  
Daniel Mandell, Truman State University  
Un-continental Congresses: Experiments with Interstate Coordination in Revolutionary America  
Cheryl Collins, University of Virginia  
A Matter of Great Delicacy and Danger: Banks and the Search for Stabilizing the Values of Money during the Confederation  
Jonathan M. Chu, University of Massachusetts Boston  
*Comment:* Robert E. Wright

12. **Parlor and Bedroom Politics: Heterosociability in the Early Republic**  
*Chair:* Rodney Hessinger, Hiram College  
*Panelists:*  
“The Union of Reason and Love”: Reading and Writing Courtship in the Early American Republic  
Lucia McMahon, William Patterson University  
“The soft whispers of private friendship”: Heterosocial Friendships among the Political Elite in the Early Republic  
Cassandra Good, University of Pennsylvania
“A Brilliant Assemblage of Both Sexes”: Youthful Heterosociability and the Magazine in the Early Republic
Katherine Jorgensen Gray, Johns Hopkins University
Comment: Charlene M. Boyer Lewis, Kalamazoo College

Chair: Patrick Griffin, University of Notre Dame
Panelists:
George Washington Lived in a Complicated World
William M. Ferraro, Papers of George Washington, University of Virginia
Founding Fathers’ Projects and Early Republican Women
Sara Martin, The Adams Papers, Massachusetts Historical Society
Ousting the Monarchy: Jefferson and the Charges against Arthur St. Clair Reconsidered
Tom Downey, Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Princeton University
Comment: Daniel Feller, Andrew Jackson Papers, University of Tennessee

14. Conceptualizing the Backcountry in the Early Republic
Chair: Stephen Aron, University of California at Los Angeles
Panelist:
Looking Back at the Backcountry: A Reflection on Agrarian Unrest in the Revolutionary Era
Gregory Nobles, Georgia Institute of Technology
Comment: Kim Gruenwald, Kent State University
Malcolm J. Rohrbough, University of Iowa
Daniel J. Richter, University of Pennsylvania

15. Women’s Legal Troubles in the Early Republic
Chair: Patricia C. Cohen, University of California, Santa Barbara
Panelists:
“8 weeks gone when it happn’d:” Miscarriage in Late Eighteenth-Century and Early Nineteenth-Century America
Wendy L. Castro, University of Central Arkansas
Pelagre Farribault’s Island: Property, Kinship, and the Contested Meaning of Marriage in Dakota Country, Fort Snelling, 1820-1838
Catherine Denial, Knox College
Madame Ester v. Sieur Clamorgan: The “Ester Claims” and the Concubine’s Revenge
Julie P. Winch, University of Massachusetts Boston
Rape Law and Judicial Review: Remolding English Common Law

Mary Block, Valdosta State University

Comment: David T. Konig, Washington University in St. Louis
Patricia C. Cohen

Session Four 4:00-5:45 p.m.

16. Memory, the Revolution, and the Religious Outsider
Chair: John L. Brooke, Ohio State University
Panelists:
“A Libel upon Our Fathers”: Views of the Ancestral Religious Heritage in State Constitutional Debates of the Early Nineteenth Century
James S. Kabala, Brown University
“Sabbath of Liberty”: Religion and the Fourth of July, 1827-1857
Adam J. Criblez, Purdue University
Protestantism and Political Memory in Mid-Nineteenth-Century North America
Allison O’Mahan Malcom, University of Illinois at Chicago

Comment: Gretchen A. Adams, Texas Tech University

17. “Revolutionary Visions of a Second Founding”: New Perspectives on Antislavery and Proslavery Politics in the 1850s
Chair: Bruce Levine, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Panelists:
Corey Brooks, University of California, Berkeley
“We Will Subdue You”: The Influence of Gendered and Sexualized Rhetoric about the Kansas Crisis on National Antislavery Politics 1854-1860”
Brie Swenson Arnold, Augsburg College

Our British Brothers: The Deep South’s Quest for Natural Allies Abroad
Brian Schoen, Ohio University

Comment: Elizabeth Varon, Temple University
18. **Not a Nation but an Empire: Another View of the American West**

*Chair:* James Lewis, Kalamazoo College  
*Panelists:*  
- The Insatiable Republic: The Contentious Legacy of Expansionism after the American Revolution  
  Daniel P. Glenn, Washburn University  
- “in the midst of the wilderness”: Alternative Conceptions of Center and Periphery in the Mississippi Valley, 1779-1825  
  Stephen A. Martin, University of Oklahoma  
  Doug Harvey, Fort Hays State University  
*Comment:* Christopher Morris, University of Texas at Arlington

19. **Foreign Policy Post 1845**

*Chair:* Robert E. May, Purdue University  
*Panelists:*  
- “The very life of liberty”: Abraham Lincoln and Whig Opposition to the Mexican War  
  Kelley Boston Clausing, Papers of Abraham Lincoln  
- “We will feel for those who are fighting for their lives and their freedom”: Anti-Imperialism and American Press Coverage of the “Circassian War,” 1838-1859  
  Christopher Miller, University of Texas–Pan American  
- “Intervention for Non-Intervention”: Yucatan, Hungary, and American Principles, 1848-1852  
  Jeffrey J. Malanson, Boston College  
*Comment:* Kenneth R. Stevens, Texas Christian University

20. **The Papers of Abraham Lincoln: Resources for Historians of the Early American Republic**

*Chair:* A. Glenn Crothers, University of Louisville  
*Panelists:*  
- The Lincoln Legal Papers: More than Just the Law  
  Stacy Pratt McDermott, Papers of Abraham Lincoln  
- The Papers of Abraham Lincoln: More than Just Biography  
  Daniel W. Stowell, Papers of Abraham Lincoln  
*Comment:* John Hoffmann, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Reception
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
co-sponsored by Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
and Common-Place
free admission to museum; families welcome

SATURDAY, July 18
Session Five 9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Chair: Douglas Egerton, Le Moyne College
Panelists:
Citesses and Citizens, King’s Subjects and Aliens: Migrant Response to the Alien and Sedition Acts and the Naturalization Act of 1798
John O’Keefe, George Washington University
After Statehood: Race and Politics in Illinois and Missouri
John Reda, University of Illinois at Chicago
To Repent Her Humanity: The 1838 Disfranchisement of Pennsylvania Blacks
Nicholas Wood, University of Virginia
Sons of Africa: Colonization and Citizenship, 1780-1830
Matthew J. Hudock, University of Delaware
Comment: Margot Minardi, Reed College

22. The Constitution and Stability in the South Carolina Lowcountry
Chair: Peter A. Coclanis, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Panelists:
The Letters of John and Susan Kean, 1787-1788
Jonathan Mercantini, Kean University
“Ruined by the late Cruel War”: Josiah Smith and Economic Independence
Jennifer S. Goloboy, Independent Scholar
“All Society Seems at an End”: Religious and Social Anomie in the Postwar Lowcountry, 1783-84
Peter N. Moore, Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi
Comment: Ellen Hartigan-O’Connor, University of California Davis
23. **Debating the Meaning of the Revolution: Will the Real Revolution Please Stand Up?**

*Chair:* Edward Countryman, Southern Methodist University

*Panelists:*

- *The Economic and Iconic Power of Lighthouses in the Early Republic*
  Nora Pat Small, Eastern Illinois University

- *America's Many Revolutions: Civil War and the “Right to Revolution”*
  Robert J. Gamble, Johns Hopkins University

- *The Politics of Military Martyrdom: Revolutionary Memory at the Outset of the U.S. Civil War*
  Sarah J. Purcell, Grinnell College

- *Celebrating the Revolution: Presidential Hopefuls in Antebellum Politics and Beyond*
  Sandy Moats, University of Wisconsin–Parkside

*Comment:* Matt Mancini, Saint Louis University

Edward Countryman

24. **The Market Giveth and Taketh Away: Entrepreneurs and Dissenters**

*Chair:* Harry L. Watson, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*Panelists:*

- *The Gift*
  Stephan Schwartz, Independent Scholar

- *From Paternalist to Industrialist: The Complex Career of Thomas Gibbons*
  Thomas H. Cox, Sam Houston State University

- “Citizens of a free and independent republic”: Artisan Republicanism and the Transformation of the Craft Tradition in the United States
  Joseph H Wycoff, University of Washington

- *Thomas Paine, the Legacy of the Revolution, and the Transition to Capitalism in the Early Republic*
  Matteo Battistini, University of Bologna

*Comment:* John L. Larson, Purdue University

Harry L. Watson

25. **The Honor Paradigm for the Early Republic: Whither the Interpretation?**

*Chair:* James Broussard, Lebanon Valley College

*Panelist:*

- *Does “Honor” Hold the Key to Understanding Violence in the Early Republic?*
  Randolph A. Roth, Ohio State University
Session Six  11:00-12:45 p.m.

26.  Teaching the Early Republic: A Roundtable  
  Chair: Carol Lasser, Oberlin College  
  Panelists:  
  John Belohlavek, University of South Florida  
  Laura McCall, Metropolitan State College of Denver  
  John W. Quist, Shippensburg University  
  Tamara Plakins Thornton, State University of New York at Buffalo  
  Serena Zabin, Carleton College  
  Comment: Audience

27.  The Culture of Capitalism in Antebellum America: Views from “Underground”  
  Chair: Stephen Mihm, University of Georgia  
  Panelists:  
  Black Markets: Race, Slavery, and Illicit Economies  
  Kathleen Hilliard, Iowa State University  
  Fencing Lessons: Junk Dealing in Antebellum America  
  Wendy A. Woloson, EBSCO Publishing  
  Another Dishonest Clerk  
  Brian P. Luskey, West Virginia University  
  Comment: Stephen Mihm

28.  Joseph Smith, the Joseph Smith Papers, and the Mormons in Illinois and America  
  Chair: Alex Smith, Joseph Smith Papers  
  Panelists:  
  An Introduction to The Joseph Smith Papers  
  Mark Ashurst-McGee, Joseph Smith Papers  
  Joseph Smith Goes to Washington  
  Ronald O. Barney, Joseph Smith Papers  
  Ideology, Politics, and the Conditions for Violence in the Illinois of Stephen Douglas and Joseph Smith  
  Bryon Andreasen, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum
Comment: Glenna Schroeder-Lein, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

29. **Coming to Terms with the Slave Power: Northern Responses to the Politics of Slavery**

Chair: Marc Egnal, York University

Panelists:
- *Forgetting the Slave Power’s Critical Victories*
  Robin Einhorn, University of California, Berkeley
- *Between Consent and Coercion: A New Look at Black Philadelphians’ Rejection of African Colonization*
  Andrew Diemer, Temple University
- *Natural Rights for Whites Only: How Northern Politics Retained and Remolded the Legacy of the Revolution*
  Frank Towers, University of Calgary

Comment: Mark Voss-Hubbard, Eastern Illinois University

30. **Women and their Revolution(s)**

Chair: Anne M. Boylan, University of Delaware

Panelists:
- *“What Would Washington Say?” Ordinary New England Women and the Revolutionary Imaginary in the Early Republic*
  Ron Zboray and Mary Zboray, University of Pittsburgh
- *Remember the Ladies*
  M. Susan Anthony, Depauw University
- *Rethinking the Seneca Falls Convention: Lucretia Mott in 1848*
  Carol Faulkner, Syracuse University

Comment: Anne M. Boylan

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Session Seven 2:00-3:45 p.m.

31. **The Revolutionary Legacy in the 1850s Writings of Melville, Douglass, and Delany**

Chair: Susan Pearson, Northwestern University

Panelists:
- *“A Fraternal Melancholy”: Melville’s “Bartleby” and the Revolution in Social Relations in the Early Republic*
  Brian D. Steele, University of Alabama at Birmingham
  David J. Voelker, University of Wisconsin–Green Bay
Frederick Douglass, Martin Delany, and the Romantic Refashioning of the American Revolution
Ethan Kytle, California State University, Fresno
*Liberty or Death: The Revolutionary Legacy in Frederick Douglass’s The Heroic Slave and Herman Melville’s Benito Cereno*
Daniel S. Malachuk, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities
*Comment:* Adam Tuchinsky, University of Southern Maine

32. **Jeanne Boydston Memorial Session**
*Exploring Multiplicities, Embracing Messiness in the Early Republic: One Mentor, Many Paths*
*Chair:* Rob Harper, University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point

*Panelists:*
South Pacific Captivity: L. Maria Child’s “Mary Howard” and the Construction of White Girlhood in Transnational Context
Kathryn Tomasek, Wheaton College, Massachusetts
Ascending the Santee: Understanding the Lowcountry Landscape, 1776-1827
Ryan A. Quintana, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Exchanging Names (Or, Mis-Translations and Desires among the “Republican Citizens” of “Madisonville”): Taiohae, Nukuhiva 1813
Hannah Nyala West, University of Wisconsin-Madison
*Comment:* Rob Harper

In recognition of Jeanne Boydston who served SHEAR in many capacities, including most recently as co-chair of the program committee for SHEAR’s 2007 meeting in Worcester, Mass.
33. **Archetypes in Print: Constructing Categories in the Early Republic**  
*Chair:* William Huntting Howell, University of Delaware  
*Panelists:*  
- Categorization of Places and Peoples in the Global Geographic Imagination of the Early American Republic  
  - Konstantin Dierks, Indiana University  
- Constructing a Common Template: The Celebrated Print Careers of Benjamin Franklin, David Garrick and George Whitefield  
  - Sara Babcox First, University of Michigan  
- I’ll Picturesque It Everywhere: The Archetype of the Tourist in Satire, 1800-1860  
  - Will Mackintosh, University of Michigan  
*Comment:* William Huntting Howell

34. **Unionism and Secession in the North**  
*Chair:* Stephanie Kermes, Boston University  
*Panelists:*  
- “Our Pig is as Good as Scotch Pig’: Republican Ascendancy in the Iron Regions of Ohio, 1855-1860  
  - Christine Dee, Fitchburg State College  
- “Why will people be so blinded?” Dealing with Secession in the Central Ohio Valley  
  - Timothy M. Jenness, University of Tennessee  
*Comment:* Mark W. Summers, University of Kentucky

35. **Crafting Identities: Gender, Power, and Reform**  
*Chair:* Edward E. Baptist, Cornell University  
*Panelists:*  
- “Saviors of Many of Their Own Sex”: Benevolence, Gender, and Power in Early National New York City  
  - Amy M. Godfrey, Waubonsee Community College  
- Building Republican Manhood: Gendered Discipline in an Early United States Penitentiary  
  - Jonathan Nash, University of Albany-SUNY  
- Working Women and Emerging Elite in the Early Imperial Pacific, 1763-1850  
  - Evan Lampe, Endicott College  
*Comment:* Edward E. Baptist
Presidential Address
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Hall of Representatives
Old State Capitol Historic Site

Free Trade and Sailors’ Rights: Commerce and Common Folk
in the Political Rhetoric of the Early Republic
Paul R. Gilje, University of Oklahoma

Presidential Banquet
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Museum Plaza
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

SUNDAY, July 20
Session Eight  9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

36. Identity and Reputation on the Southern Frontier, 1780-1820
   Chair: Mark Cheathem, Cumberland University
   Panelists:
   Without the “unrestrained use of the Mississippi... we shall be poor
   and oppressed”: Markets and Liberal Rhetoric in Post-Revolutionary
   Kentucky
   Susan Gaunt, University of Chicago
   Cherokee and Chickasaw approaches to “Civilization,” Commerce, &
   Slavery on the Southern Frontier, 1780-1820
   Natalie Inman, Vanderbilt University
   “My Reputation is to me my only treasure”: John Sevier, the State of
   Franklin, and Political Evolution on the Tennessee Frontier, 1780-1790
   Kristofer Ray, Austin Peay State University
   Comment: Mark Cheathem, Cumberland University

37. The Domestic Economy and Market Culture of Slavery and Freedom
in the Early United States, 1815-1860
   Chair: John Campbell, Winona State University
   Panelists:
   Economy, Law, and Social Organization among Upcountry South
   Carolina Slaves, 1815-1860
   Erica Bruchko, Emory University
“Sugar Ball and Taffy Ladies”: African American Market Women in Antebellum Philadelphia
Candice Harrison, University of San Francisco

Urban Labor, Gender and the Domestic Economy of Black Household in the District of Columbia, 1820-1860
Katherine Chilton, Carnegie Mellon University

Comment: John Campbell

38. What Makes an Antebellum Democrat?
Chair: Kay J. Carr, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Panelists:
“The Land Belongs to the People”: Thomas Hart Benton’s Master Race Democracy
Ken Mueller, Ivy Tech Community College
Andrew Jackson, George Washington, and the Alteration of the Revolutionary Tradition
Tom Kanon, Tennessee State Library and Archives
The Constitutionalism of Stephen Douglas
Martin Quitt, Emeritus, University of Massachusetts Boston

Comment: Graham Peck, Saint Xavier University, Chicago

39. The Early Republic and the Development of the West
Chair: Gene Smith, Texas Christian University
Panelists:
The Bounds of Acceptability in the Early South: Zachary Estes and His Family, 1770-1850
Thomas Daniel Knight, University of Texas–Pan American

“Western Patriarchs”: Leadership, Identity, and Print in the Early Republic’s West
Christopher M. Osborne, University of Notre Dame

“Imitating the Example of our Forefathers”: The Texas Revolution as Historical Re-enactment
Sam W. Haynes, University of Texas at Arlington

Comment: Ellen Eslinger, DePaul University

40. The Legal Framework of the West and Its Operation
Chair: Linda C. A. Przybyszewski, University of Notre Dame
Panelists:
Democracy, Equality, and Representation in the Old Northwest: Capitals, Courts, Prisons, and Schools
Silvana R. Siddali, Saint Louis University
Making Bordered Lands: State, Market, and Border Formation at Detroit, 1783-1815
Lawrence B. A. Hatter, University of Virginia

Law Lectures and the Dissemination of Legal Ideas, 1800-1850
Steven J. Macias, California Western School of Law

Comment: David J. Bodenhamer, Indiana University-Purdue University
Indianapolis
Linda C. A. Przybyszewski

Session Nine 11:00 - 12:45 p.m.

41. Reconstructing Empire: Race and Power in the Post-Revolutionary Ohio Valley
Chair: Andrew Cayton, Miami University
Panelists:
A Tale of Two Treaties: The Fort Stanwix Cessions of 1768 and 1784
Robert M. Owens, Wichita State University
Surveyors and Informal Indian Diplomacy in Northwest Pennsylvania during the 1790s
Marcus Gallo, University of California Davis
“They Want to Do You Justice”: The Northwest Indian War as a Just War
Kristopher Maulden, University of Missouri

Comment: Andrew Cayton

42. Extralegal Violence and Rights in the Early Republic
Chair: John R. McKivigan, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Panelists:
Vigilantes, Criminal Justice, and Antebellum Cultural Conflict
Michael J. Pfeifer, The City University of New York
The Right to Violence: Dismissed Assault Cases and the Emergent Tolerance of Violence in New York Courts, 1801-1840
Joshua Stein, University of California at Los Angeles
Fighting for the Right to Speak: Lecturing against Slavery in the Old Northwest, 1830-1861
Dana Elizabeth Weiner, Wilfrid Laurier University

Comment: Christopher R. Waldrep, San Francisco State University
43. **Middle-Class Identity and Social Mobility in the Antebellum South**
   
   Chair: Daniel Kilbride, John Carroll University
   
   Panelists:
   
   * The Lie, the Duel, and the Middle Class: Honor and Social Mobility in the Antebellum South
     Amanda R. Mushal, University of Virginia
   
   * The Value of a Profession in the Antebellum Emerging Southern Middle Class
     Jennifer R. Green, Central Michigan University
   
   * “To Keep Her In The Station In Which She Was Raised”: Class Identity and Matrimony on the Plantation Frontier
     Gary T. Edwards, Arkansas State University
   
   Comment: Daniel Kilbride

44. **Racism in the Republic**
   
   Chair: Robert P. Forbes, University of Connecticut, Torrington
   
   Panelists:
   
   * Chipping Away at Racism in 1855 in the Illinois Legislature
     Jane Ann Moore, The Lovejoy Society
   
   * Liberia and the Politics of Slavery during the Era of the Missouri Crisis
     Eric Burin, University of North Dakota
   
   * “I Used to Think No Other Religion was Good Like Mine”: Roman Catholic Catechization Among Antebellum Slaves
     Tammy K. Byron, University of Arkansas
   
   Comment: Chandra Manning, Georgetown University
     Robert P. Forbes

   
   Chair: Stewart Winger, Illinois State University
   
   Panelists:
   
   * “Apt emblem of our life”: Christian Laity and the Natural Sciences in the Early Republic
     Lily Santoro, University of Delaware
   
   * Richard Hildreth (1807-1865) and a Whig Quest for a Philosophy of Democratic Reform
     Richard P. Gildrie, Austin Peay State University
   
   Comment: J. David Hoeveler, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee