



*Thirty-Second Annual Meeting*

*July 22-25, 2010*

*Rochester, New York*

# *Conference Program*

*Thursday, July 22*

**President's Plenary 7:00–9:00 p.m.**

## **Women and Women's Rights in the Early Republic**

*Presiding:* Nancy Hewitt, Rutgers University

*Panelists:* Marla R. Miller, University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Carol Faulkner, Syracuse University  
Martha S. Jones, University of Michigan  
Sally G. McMillen, Davidson College

*Comments:* The Audience

**Plenary Reception 9:00–10.30 p.m.**

*(co-sponsored by SUNY-Brockport and Rochester Institute of Technology's  
History Innovation Lab)*

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*Friday, July 23*

**Session One 8:30–10:15 a.m.**

### **1. African American Communities and Identity**

*Presiding:* Nikki Taylor, University of Cincinnati

*Enslaved Folklore, Friendship, and Masculinity in the Antebellum South*  
Sergio Lussana, University of Warwick

*Abolitionism and the Construction of Black Identity in the Mid-Hudson  
Valley*

Michael Groth, Wells College

*Founding Freedom: African American Pioneers on the Antebellum  
American Frontier*

Anna-Lisa Cox, Harvard University

*Comments:* Nikki Taylor

**2. Engendering Faith: The Contested Terrain of Religion and Gender in the Early Republic**

*Presiding:* Bret E. Carroll, California State Univ., Stanislaus

*The Friend and Friends: Contextualizing the Intersection of Religion and Gender in the Early Republic*

Paul B. Moyer, The College at Brockport, SUNY

*Event or Process? Gendered Perceptions of Conversion in the Burned-Over District*

Rachel Cope, Brigham Young University

*“It Seemed Duty Was Always Calling”: Gender, Religious Duty, and the Companionate Impulse in Mormon Wedding Rituals*

Patrick W. O’Neil, University of South Florida

*Comments:* Bret E. Carroll

**3. Challenges of Western Settlement**

*Presiding:* Gregory H. Nobles, Georgia Institute of Technology

*Spanish Intrigue and American Separatism in the Old Southwest, 1783-1795*

Ken Mueller, Ivy Tech Community College

*Geographical Imagination, Nationhood, and the Overland Journey to Oregon, 1835-1850*

MacKenzie Moore, University of California, Berkeley

*Feeding Kansas: Famine and Relief in Contested Territory*

Jerad Mulcare, Harvard University

*Comments:* Gregory H. Nobles

**4. New Perspectives on Anti-Abolition in the 1830s**

*Presiding:* Robert P. Forbes, Univ. of Connecticut, Torrington

*“Hail from a Sunny Sky”: Religion and the Anti-Abolitionist Impulse in New England*

Joseph Yannielli, Yale University

*Between the Letter and the Spirit: Unitarian Biblical Criticism and Anti-Abolitionism in Boston, 1831-1840*

Neil Brody Miller, independent scholar

*“We do not expect to abolish despotism in Russia, by getting up indignation meetings in New York”: Conceptions of Union and Civil Society in Anti-Abolitionist Thought*

Albrecht Koschnik, independent scholar

*Comments:* Robert P. Forbes

**5. The American Revolution in Antebellum Memory**

*Presiding:* Mitch Kachun, Western Michigan University

*“The value of union”: Antebellum Commemoration and the Coming of the Civil War*

Thomas A. Chambers, Niagara University

*“Worthy of Our Sires”: Memory, the American Revolution, and the Fourth of July in the Antebellum Urban Midwest*

Adam J. Criblez, Hancock Historical Museum

*Comments:* Gretchen A. Adams, Texas Tech University

Mitch Kachun

**6. Boundary Crossings: Technology and Politics in the Antebellum North**

*Presiding:* Richard R. John, Columbia University

*John Randel, Jr.: Mapping the Early Republic*

Marguerite Holloway, Columbia University

*Commercial Collisions: The New York Steamboat Monopoly and the Political Economy of Competition*

Brian Phillips Murphy, Baruch College, CUNY

*Corridors of Communication: The Telegraph, the Railroad, and the Law in the Antebellum North*

Benjamin Schwantes, Widener University

*Comments:* Richard R. John



**Session Two**

**10:30–11:45 a.m.**

**7. Reconsidering the Iroquois in the Early Republic**

*Presiding:* Daniel K. Richter, University of Pennsylvania

*Guiding Principles:* *Guswenta and the Debate over Formal Schooling* at  
*Buffalo Creek*

Alyssa Mt. Pleasant, Yale University

*Development, Conservation, and Seneca Sovereignty: The Politics and Ecology of Colonialism in the Early Republic*

Matthew Dennis, University of Oregon

*The Many Worlds of Eleazer Williams*

Michael Leroy Oberg, University of Houston

*Comments:* Kelly Y. Hopkins, University of California, Davis

**8. The “Man Question” in Movements for Woman’s Rights and Sex Reform**

*Presiding:* Nancy Isenberg, Louisiana State University

*The Gender of Solitary Vice: Conflicts over Masculinity at Sylvester Graham’s Lectures to Mothers*

April R. Haynes, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara

*Dueling Masculinities and the Women’s Rights Movement*

Jonathan B. Crider, Temple University

*Comments:* Nancy Isenberg

**9. Race, Place, and Citizenship: African Americans and the Contested Terrain of Class in New York and Philadelphia**

*Presiding:* Joshua Greenberg, Bridgewater State College

*Remapping the Five Points: African American Community Building in Emancipation-Era New York City*

Jennifer Hull, University of Wisconsin–Madison

*Responding to Racial Conflict in Antebellum Philadelphia: Networks of African American Women and the Claim for Middle-Class Status*

Susan Stanfield, University of Iowa

*Comments:* Joshua Greenberg

Jennifer Harbour, Drake University

**10. The Rod and the Reprimand: Discipline and Childhood in Early America**

*Presiding:* Nancy Zey, Sam Houston State University  
*Contested Discipline and the Nature of the Child: Corporal Punishment in Antebellum Orphan Asylums*  
Sarah Mulhall Adelman, Johns Hopkins University  
*“The Child is Father of the Man” : Childhood, Discipline, and the Formation of Character in the Early Republic*  
Robyn Potts, University of California, Davis  
*Comments:* Nancy Zey

#### **11. Language, Print, and Culture**

*Presiding:* Jane Kamensky, Brandeis University  
*Do Farmers Have Culture? Robert Bonner and the New York Ledger*  
Richard Stott, George Washington University  
*Niles’ Weekly Register: Masking Political Rhetoric with the Garb of Nationalism, 1811-1820*  
Kristin Stone, University of California, Davis  
*The Murderer of Language: Imagining America in the Age of Noah Webster*  
Tim Cassedy, New York University  
*Comments:* Jane Kamensky

#### **12. Roundtable: The Digital Early Republic**

*Presiding:* Catherine E. Kelly, University of Oklahoma  
*Panelists:* Catherine Denial, Knox College  
William H. Howell, Boston University  
Thomas G. Knoles, American Antiquarian Society  
Lloyd Benson, Furman University  
Kathryn Tomasek, Wheaton College, Mass.  
*Comments:* The Audience

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**Lunch session 1      12:00–1:40 p.m.**  
*(registration required)*

**Teaching the Early Republic, Building Scholarly Community:  
A Discussion on Undergraduate Teaching Based on the SHEAR-Mellon  
Undergraduate Seminars, 2005-2010**

*(co-sponsored by Rochester Institute of Technology's History Innovation Lab and  
SUNY-Brockport History Department)*

- Presiding:* James Brewer Stewart, Macalester College  
Tamara Plakins Thornton, University at Buffalo  
*Agricultural Reform in New York and New England*  
Kelli Huggins, Siena College  
*Free Black Practitioners and the Rise of the Medical Profession*  
Brian Powers, Bowdoin College  
*Evolution of Racial Attitudes in Philadelphia, 1793-1851*  
Wes Skidmore, Mars Hill College  
*The Americanization of English Methodism*  
Rob Worbs, Muskingum College  
*Comments:* James Brewer Stewart
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**Session Three                    2:00–3:45 p.m.**

**13. A Postcolonial Institution? Reconsidering Early National Slavery  
and the Founding**

- Presiding:* Robin L. Einhorn, University of California, Berkeley  
*A Missed Opportunity? The Founding and the Abolition of Slavery*  
Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University  
*Revolutionary Promises, Post-Colonial Realities, and Geo-Political  
Conflicts: The Growth and Expansion of Slavery in the Early American  
Republic, 1784–1820*  
John Craig Hammond, Penn State University, New  
Kensington  
*Comments:* Gary J. Kornblith, Oberlin College  
Robin L. Einhorn

**14. Roundtable: What's New, What's Next in Masculinity Studies in  
the Early Republic?**

- Presiding:* Lorri Glover, Saint Louis University  
*Panelists:* Craig Thompson Friend, North Carolina State Univ.

Lorri Glover  
John Gilbert McCurdy, Eastern Michigan University  
Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch, University of Michigan, Flint  
Nicholas L. Syrett, University of Northern Colorado  
Timothy J. Williams, University of North Carolina  
*Comments:* The Audience

**15. Trading in Contested Terrain: Land Speculation in an Era of National Expansion**

*Presiding:* Michael Morrison, Purdue University  
*Power and Public Property: Urban Land Speculation in Washington, D.C., 1790-1802*

Adam Costanzo, University of California, Davis  
*New Land, New Nation: Edward Livingston and the New Orleans Batture, 1803-1819*

Lo Faber, Princeton University  
*"I am . . . well acquainted with that dangerous Syren called Fortune":  
Opposition to Land Speculation in the Early Republic*

Susan Gaunt Stearns, University of Chicago  
*Comments:* J. Chris Arndt, James Madison University

**16. More Than Gossamer: Amphibious American Connections in the Nineteenth Century**

*Presiding:* Charles W. McCurdy, University of Virginia  
*The Loving Cup: American Expatriates and Anglo-American Rapprochement, 1850-1860*

Stephen Tuffnell, Wadham College, Oxford  
*A Nest of Dragons*  
Jonathan Sudbury, St. Antony's College, Oxford



*The Fraught Jamestown: American Aid to Ireland during the Great Famine*

David Sim, Corpus Christi College, Oxford  
*Comments:* Charles W. McCurdy

**17. The History of History in the Early Republic**

*Presiding:* Elizabeth Watts Pope, American Antiquarian Society  
*Colonial History and the Construction of Southern Exceptionalism in the Nineteenth Century*

Lindsay DiCuirci, Ohio State University

*Daguerreotyping the Past: Landscape Photographs as Historical Documents, 1840-1860*

Whitney Martinko, University of Virginia

*Inquisition: Religious Tolerance and Motley's Rise of the Dutch Republic*

Patricia Roylance, Syracuse University  
*Comments:* Seth Cotlar, Willamette University

**18. Medical Practices in Antebellum America: Culture and Controversies**

*Presiding:* Michael Flannery, Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham  
*Methodist Ministers and Medicine: John Wesley to Lorenzo Dow, 1776-1834*

Elizabeth Georgian, University of Delaware

*Calomel, "Empirics," and Medical Legitimacy*

Dan Allosso, University of Massachusetts Amherst

*Habitual Opium Use and Secrecy in Early-Republic America*

Elizabeth Kelly Gray, Towson University

*Comments:* Michael Flannery



**Session Four**                    **4:00–5.45 p.m.**

**19. The Early Republic in a Global Economy**

*Presiding:* Alan Taylor, University of California, Davis

*“Merchants Have No Country”*: *The Early Republic and the Importance of its Dutch Trading Partners, 1789-1820*

Kim Todt, Cornell University

*Smugglers and Seal Hunters: American China Traders in Spanish California in the Early Nineteenth Century*

Michael Block, University of Southern California

*Comments:* Alan Taylor

**20. The Marital Grounds: The Struggle Over Marriage in Culture and Politics—A Transatlantic Approach**

*Presiding:* Jan Lewis, Rutgers University

*Uncovering Coverture: The Anglo-American Roots of Coverture in the Common Law*

Catherine Allgor, University of California, Riverside

*The Other “Glorious Cause”*: *Adultery, Divorce, and the Quest for Female Independence in the Age of Revolution*

Lisa Forman Cody, Claremont McKenna College

*Comments:* Jan Lewis

**21. Progress and Power in State Policy: New York and the Canadas, 1791-1850**

*Presiding:* Karim M. Tiro, Xavier University

*An Institutional Paradox: The Separate School Controversies in New York and Upper Canada*

Allison O’Mahen Malcom, Univ. of Illinois, Chicago

*The Canada Thistle: Progress and the Pestilence of Liberalism across the Northern Borderland*

Taylor Spence, Yale University

*Comments:* Andrew W. Robertson, Lehman College and Graduate Center, CUNY

**22. Views from the Inside: Prisoners and the Penitentiary in the Early United States**

*Presiding:* Myra C. Glenn, Elmira College  
*To Improve the Soul or Betray the Nation's Faith?: Prisoner Responses to Prison Theologies of Redemptive Suffering*  
Jennifer Graber, College of Wooster  
*"Lives of Infamous Men": The Prisoners of the Eastern State Penitentiary*  
Jonathan Nash, University at Albany, SUNY  
*Comments:* Myra C. Glenn

**23. Public Policy and Political Discourse among African American Activists, 1820-1865**

*Presiding:* Jason R. Young, University at Buffalo, SUNY  
*"In our own boasted land of liberty:" Northern African Americans and the Expansion of Slavery in the Nineteenth-Century United States*  
Ed Baptist, Cornell University  
*"That She Could Be a Woman as Well as a Songstress": African American Men, Gendered Activism, and the "Black Swan," 1840-1860*  
Elizabeth Stordeur Pryor, Smith College  
*Comments:* Hilary Moss, Amherst College  
Jason R. Young

**24. Government, Law, and Economy: A Roundtable in Remembrance of Richard E. Ellis**

*Presiding:* David H. Kelly, D'Youville College  
*Panelists:* Charles E. Brooks, Texas A&M University  
Songho Ha, University of Alaska, Anchorage  
M. Ruth Reilly Kelly, D'Youville College  
Mark Killenbeck, University of Arkansas  
Robert E. Wright, Augustana College, So. Dak.  
*Comments:* John R. Van Atta, Brunswick School



**Evening Session      7:00–9:00 p.m.**

*at the Max @ High Falls site*

**25. Roundtable: A Social Historian’s Millennium—The Work of Paul E. Johnson**

*Presiding:*      W.J. Rorabaugh, University of Washington, Seattle

*Panelists:*      Christine Heyrman, University of Delaware

Jonathan Prude, Emory University

Carol Sheriff, College of William and Mary

Harry L. Watson, University of North Carolina

Sean Wilentz, Princeton University

*Comments:*      Paul E. Johnson, University of South Carolina

**Reception                      9:00-10:30 p.m.**

*(co-sponsored by Common-place, Oxford University Press, New York University Press, and Cornell University Press)*

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*Saturday, July 24*

**Session Five                      9:00–10:45 a.m.**

**26. Race, Class and Region in Antebellum Rochester**

*Presiding:*      Jeff Allen Tucker, University of Rochester

*Narrating Class Conflict in Early Rochester*

Paul J. Erickson, American Antiquarian Society

*“Among Strangers”*: *The North Star and the City of Rochester*

Benjamin Fagan, University of Virginia

*Black Life in Frederick Douglass’s Rochester*

Monique Patenaude, University of Rochester

*Comments:*      Patrick Rael, Bowdoin College

**27. Mourning in America: Political Funerals in the Early Republic**

*Presiding:* John L. Brooke, Ohio State University

*“One scene of heart-felt sorrow”*: *The Funeral of John Hancock and Early Republic Regime Change*

Steven C. Bullock, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

*“Testimonials of Grief”*: *Political Funerals and the Tour of Henry Clay’s Remains*

Sarah J. Purcell (with Justin Erickson), Grinnell College

*Comments:* Erik R. Seeman, University at Buffalo, SUNY

John L. Brooke

**28. Roundtable: Reading the Visual in the Early Republic**

*Presiding:* Georgia B. Barnhill, American Antiquarian Society

*Visualizing the Early Republic in the Classroom*

David Jaffee, Bard Graduate Center

*Teaching the Visual Rhetoric of the Antebellum Period: A Solution for the Survey*

Lucia Z. Knowles, Assumption College

*A Revolution in Print: The Engraved Works of Paul Revere*

Nancy J. Siegel, Towson University

*Comments:* The Audience

**29. Slavery and the Evolution of Politics, 1812-1861**

*Presiding:* Stanley Harrold, South Carolina State University

*John Randolph, Agonistes: Dissent in the War of 1812 and a New Southern Identity*

Aaron Crawford, University of Tennessee

*The Slave Power and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Party System: The Argument for an Abolitionist 3<sup>rd</sup> Party*

Corey Brooks, University of California, Berkeley

*Edward Coles, Slavery, and the Erosion of the Politics of Moderation at Mid-Century*

Suzanne Cooper Guasco, Queens University of Charlotte

*Comments:* Pdraig Riley, Dalhousie University

Stanley Harrold

**30. Religious Revivals and the Problem of Marriage**

*Presiding:* Lucia McMahon, William Paterson University  
*“Eunuchs for the Kingdom of Heaven’s Sake”:* *Marriage and the Challenge of Shaker Celibacy*

Kara French, University of Michigan

*Balancing Duties: Marriage and World Mission*

Emily Conroy-Krutz, Harvard University

*Domestic Virtue, Indian Harems, and the Dangers of Sentimental Marriage: Defending Mormon Polygamy after 1852*

Amanda Hendrix-Komoto, University of Michigan

*Comments:* Elizabeth A. DeWolfe, University of New England

**31. New Directions in the Early Republic’s Reform Movements**

*Presiding:* Johann N. Neem, Western Washington University  
*“Beyond the Boundaries of Province or Kingdom”:* *Transatlantic Philanthropy after the American Revolution*

Amanda Bowie Moniz, Yale University

*Taking Anti-Reform Seriously: Anti-Sabbatarianism and the Politics of Moral Freedom in Late Antebellum America*

Kyle G. Volk, University of Montana

*Comments:* Reeve Huston, Duke University

Johann N. Neem



**Session Six**

**11:00 a.m.–12:45 p.m.**

**32. Roundtable: David Ruggles and the Making of Black Radical Abolitionism**

*Presiding:* Douglas R. Egerton, Le Moyne College

*David Ruggles: A Black Radical Abolitionist*

Graham Russell Hodges, Colgate University

*Comments:* Leigh Fought, Montgomery College

Richard S. Newman, Rochester Institute of Technology

Stacey Robertson, Bradley University

**33. Considering Religious Liberty: Theological Conflict, Legal Transformations, International Context**

*Presiding:* Jonathan D. Sassi, College of Staten Island, CUNY

*Disestablishment and the Law of Church Membership in New England*

Kevin Butterfield, Washington University, St. Louis

*“France Lifts Up Her Lurid Beacon Light”: Early Republic Americans Debating Church and State Consider European Examples*

James Kabala, Community College of Rhode Island

*The Ghost of Constantine: Jewish and Christian Antiquity and the Politics of Religious Error in Disestablishment*

Nathan Rives, Brandeis University

*Comments:* Christopher Beneke, Bentley University

Jonathan D. Sassi

**34. Problems with Peace: The Reshaping of American Politics after the War of 1812**

*Presiding:* Leonard J. Sadosky, Iowa State University

*“A Happy Termination for the Benefit of All”? Politics, Slavery, and Federal Compensation for Property Lost in the War of 1812*

Craig Hollander, Johns Hopkins University

*Fear of a British Planet: American Anxiety about British Hegemony and the First U.S. Mission to China*

Dael Norwood, Princeton University

*Maine Statehood and the War of 1812*

Walter Sargent, University of Maine, Farmington

*Comments:* James E. Lewis, Kalamazoo College

**35. Race and Rights in the Antebellum Old Northwest**

*Presiding:* Pearl Ponce, Ithaca College

*The “Black Laws” and the Black Convention Movement in the Old Northwest, 1843-1861*

Dana E. Weiner, Wilfrid Laurier University

*“A Birthright to Land”*: *Black Families, Land Ownership, and Constitutional Rights in the Old Northwest* State

Silvana R. Siddali, Saint Louis University

*Comments*: David Brodnax, Sr., Trinity Christian College

**36. Placing Children and Childhood in Antebellum Reform**

*Presiding*: Steven C. Harper, Brigham Young University

*“Little Owners of the Missionary Packet:” The Morning Star and Juvenile Benevolence*

David M. Greenspoon, Pennsylvania State University

*Saving Mothers and Children: Antebellum Moral Reform and the Battle to Legalize Interracial Marriage in Massachusetts*

Amber Moulton-Wiseman, Harvard University

*Comments*: Alice Taylor, University of Toronto

**37. The United States and Hispano-American Independence:**

**Geopolitical Perspectives**

*Presiding*: Samuel Watson, United States Military Academy

*Geopolitics and Intrigue: James Wilkinson, New Spain, and Mexican Independence*

David E. Narrett, University of Texas at Arlington

*The Invasions of Amelia Island, East Florida, 1817: The Influence of Geopolitics in the Early American Republic*

David Head, University at Buffalo, SUNY

*Comments*: David S. Heidler, Colorado State University

Jeanne T. Heidler, United States Air Force Academy

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**Lunch session 2      12:00–1:30 p.m.**

*(for graduate students only; registration required)*

*(sponsored by University of Rochester History Department)*

**From Dissertation to Publication: Thinking about Your First Monograph**

*Host*: Alan Taylor, University of California, Davis



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Session Seven

2:00 – 3.45 p.m.

**38. Race and Democracy: Defining Citizenship in the Early Republic**

*Presiding:* Jonathan Earle, University of Kansas

*“Be good citizens”: Black Spirituality in a Democratizing Age, 1808-1829*

Dianne Cappiello, Cornell University

*“We Are Americans”:* *Black Suffrage and Black Identity*

Michael Lipton, Binghamton University

*Comments:* David Gellman, DePauw University

**39. Circles of Influence: The Development and Extension of the Principles of the Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments, 1826-1861**

*Presiding:* Mary M. Huth, University of Rochester

*In-Laws and Outliers: The Stanton, Brewster, and Avery Families and the Development of Antebellum Reform in Western New York, 1826-1848*

Linda C. Frank, University of California, Los Angeles

*After the Convention: The Public Voices of the Signers, 1848-1861*

Anne M. Derousie, Women’s Rights Nat’l Historic Park

*Comments:* Laura E. Free, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

**40. Comparative and Transnational Approaches to the Early American Republic**

*Presiding:* Amy S. Greenberg, Penn State University

*Transnational and Comparative Approaches to the Early American Republic: Patterns in Republican Nation-Building*

Timothy Roberts, Western Illinois University

*The Early American Republic and Risorgimento Italy: A Transnational and Comparative View*

Enrico Dal Lago, National University of Ireland, Galway

*Reconnecting the Early Republic with the Americas: Comparative and Transnational Perspectives*

Carl J. Guarneri, St. Mary's College of California

*Cruising the Counter-Revolutionary Atlantic: A Transnational Approach to American Anti-Jacobinism*

Rachel Hope Cleves, University of Victoria

*Comments:* Amy S. Greenberg

**41. Dirty Rotten Scoundrels: Criminality and Social Change in the Early Republic**

*Presiding:* Wendy A. Woloson, EBSCO Publishing

*George Bommer's Patent Manure*

Courtney Fullilove, Wesleyan University

*An Aristocracy of Thieves: Troubling Tales, Troubling the Market Revolution*

Will Mackintosh, Swarthmore College

*Disturbing the Peace: Idle, Worthless Women and the Language of Vagrancy in Early Philadelphia*

Jennifer Manion, Connecticut College

*Comments:* Wendy A. Woloson

**42. Managing Space, Managing Bodies in Early Republic Cities**

*Presiding:* Mary Kelley, University of Michigan

*Deafness in Black and White: Integrated Education in the Early Republic*

Rebecca Edwards, Rochester Institute of Technology

*The Rise of Centralized Markets and the Demise of Street Vending: Challenging Legal and Cultural Authority on Antebellum Northern City Streets, 1800-1850*

Michelle Branch, University of California, Berkeley

*Gender in the Spaces of the City and Schoolhouse: Education in Boston, 1830-1832*

Rachel Rimmel, University of Rochester

*Comments:* Julie Miller, Library of Congress

**43. Behind and Beyond the Camera: Rethinking Antebellum Photography**

*Presiding:* Shirley Teresa Wajda, Kent State University  
*Democratic Representation: The Politics and Aesthetics of Early American Photography*

Marcy Dinius, University of Delaware  
*The Portrait of Mary Botts, or a Picture of Slavery: Photography in the History of Slavery, Race, and Abolition*

Mary Niall Mitchell, University of New Orleans  
*Photography and the Undularity of Light*

Laura Saltz, Colby College

*Comments:* Ann Fabian, Rutgers University

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**SHEAR Business Meeting 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Presidential Address 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

*The Significance of the “Global Turn” for the Early American Republic*  
Rosemarie Zagari, George Mason University

**Presidential Banquet 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

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*Sunday, July 25*

**Session Eight 9:00 – 10.45 a.m.**

**44. More Than an Abolitionist: Frederick Douglass and the Impulse for Moral Reform and African American Rights**

*(sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute, University of Rochester)*

*Presiding:* Paul Finkelman, Albany Law School

*Frederick Douglass and the Underground Railroad: Passenger, Advocate, Conductor, and Political Asylum Seeker*

Jack McKivigan, Indiana U.-Purdue U. at Indianapolis

*“Who Will . . . Pay for their Sufferings?” New York  
Abolitionists and the Campaign to Compensate Solomon  
Northup*

Roy E. Finkenbine, University of Detroit Mercy  
*“To Bedim and Bedizy”: Frederick Douglass on Temperance,  
Freedom, and Black Citizenship*

Larry E. Hudson, Jr., University of Rochester  
*Comments:* L. Diane Barnes, Youngstown State University

**45. Workshop: Poor Women in Early Republic Cities**

*(papers will be available by June 20<sup>th</sup> at the SHEAR conference webpage:  
<http://faculty.chass.ncsu.edu/ctfriend/SHEAR1.htm>)*

*Presiding:* Gloria L. Main, University of Colorado

*Poor Mothers and the Boston Almshouse, 1784-1817*

Ruth Herndon, Bowling Green State University  
*Manufacture or Reform? Poor Women at Work in the Philadelphia  
Almshouse, 1790-1840*

Monique Bourque, Willamette University  
*“Driven to the Commission of this Crime”: Women and Infanticide in  
Baltimore, 1835-1860*

Katie M. Hemphill, Johns Hopkins University  
*Charred Scars: Common Law and Black Female Arsonists in  
Richmond, 1840-1845*

James Schaefer, Lake Superior State University  
*Poor Mothers, Stepmothers, and Foster Mothers in Antebellum Charleston*

John E. Murray, University of Toledo  
*Poor Women in Savannah, 1800-1860*

Tim Lockley, University of Warwick  
*Comments:* The Audience

**46. Mutual Accommodation Societies: American Jews and the Early  
Republic**

*Presiding:* Leo Hershkowitz, Queens College, CUNY  
*The Statue of Judah Touro That Was Never Erected*

William Pencak, Penn State University  
*Republican Rabbi: The Worlds of Gershom Seixas*  
Howard Rock, Florida International University

*Comments:* Edith Gelles, Stanford University  
Michael Hoberman, Fitchburg State College

**47. Race, Science, and National Expansion**

*Presiding:* John Lauritz Larson, Purdue University

*Making Indians White: The Judicial Abolition of Native Slavery in Post-Revolutionary Virginia*

Gregory Ablavsky, University of Pennsylvania

*Remains/Removes: Early-Nineteenth-Century Archaeology and Manifest Destiny*

Paul Naish, CUNY Graduate Center

*Evolution and Ethnology along the Erie Canal*

Sean Harvey, Northern Illinois University

*Comments:* John Lauritz Larson

**48. Making Things, Remaking a Nation**

*Presiding:* Christopher Clark, University of Connecticut

*“You had better work a pr. of ruffles for General Washington”: Fiber Arts and Nationhood in Post-Revolutionary America*

Robyn Davis McMillin, University of Oklahoma

*“Association is a mighty engine”: The Metaphor of Technological Innovation in American, British, and Irish Reform Movements, c. 1825-1845*

Maartje Janse, Leiden University

*The Communitarian Map: Canals, Railroads, and the Digital Age*

Gwynne Langley Rivers, University of Illinois, Chicago

*Comments:* Christopher Clark



Session Nine

11:00 a.m. – 12.45 p.m

**49. The Brothertown Indians and Citizenship: Race, Property, and Nationalism in the Early Republic**

*Presiding:* Kathleen Brown-Pérez, University of Massachusetts  
*“For their own use and benefit”*: *The Brothertown Indians and the Difficulties of Land Ownership in the Old Northwest*

Brad D. E. Jarvis, Saginaw Valley State University  
*Indian Removal in the Old Northwest*

John P. Bowes, Eastern Kentucky University  
*“Indians are neither Whigs nor Tories”*: *The Brothertown Indians’ Challenge to American Notions of Race and History*

David J. Silverman, George Washington University  
*Comments:* The Audience

**50. Re-examining Violence and Negotiation in the Trans-Appalachian West**

*Presiding:* Greg W. O’Brien, Univ. of North Carolina, Greensboro  
*Vigilante for Peace: General James Robertson and the Curious Case of Lame Will*

Robert M. Owens, Wichita State University  
*The Powerful Weakness of the Frontier State: Manipulative Mobilization and the 1786 Clark-Logan Expeditions*

Rob Harper, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point  
*Comments:* Lisa Ford, University of New South Wales

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