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)

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
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  
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

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

Session Three     2:00–3:45 p.m.

    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

    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
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

*Presiding:* Karim M. Tiro, Xavier University  
*An Institutional Paradox: The Separate School Controversies in New York and Upper Canada*  
Allison O’Mohen 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

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

   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.

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 2nd Party System: The Argument for an Abolitionist 3rd 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:* Padraig 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 State Constitutional Rights in the Old Northwest
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

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
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 Remmel, 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

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 Zagarri, George Mason University

Presidential Banquet 7:00–9:00 p.m.

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 Bedizzy”: 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 20th 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
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

51. Anglophobia in the Early American Republic  
   Presiding: Sam W. Haynes, University of Texas, Arlington  
   The Paper War and the Problematic Development of American Nationalisms: The Case of Inchiquin’s Letters, 1810-1815  
   Joseph Eaton, National Chengchi University  
   John Bull and the Blind Eye in American Politics, 1806-1812  
   Dinah Mayo-Bobee, University of Massachusetts
The Ambivalent Anglophobia of American Travelers in Europe, 1783-1820
Daniel Kilbride, John Carroll University

Comments: Sam W. Haynes

52. Calculating the Value of Labor in the Early Republic: New Perspectives
Presiding: Caroline Sloat, American Antiquarian Society
Creation, Destruction and the Meaning of Labor in Antebellum Agriculture
Emily Pawley, American Antiquarian Society
Labor, Value, and Household Relations in Nineteenth-Century Massachusetts
Mary Beth Sievens, SUNY Fredonia
Comments: Jack Larkin, Old Sturbridge Village
Caroline Sloat

53. Contesting Domesticity: Varieties of Women’s Political Voice in the Early Republic
Presiding: Janet Coryell, Western Michigan University
Reforming Citizenship: Frances Wright’s Fourth of July Addresses
Alyssa A. Samek, University of Maryland
Is there a Democrat in the House? Or, The Ladies were not all Whigs
Ronald J. Zboray, University of Pittsburgh
Mary Saracino Zboray, University of Pittsburgh
Signers of the Declaration of Sentiments and the Development of a Women’s Political Voice, 1848-1861
Vivien Ellen Rose, Women’s Rights Nat’l Historic Park
Comments: Janet Coryell