Thirty-Third Annual Meeting

July 14-17, 2011

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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
   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  
   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

*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

    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.

*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*

Mark 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 Zagarri, 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 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
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

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
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