



THIRTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL MEETING

16-19 JULY 2015

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

THURSDAY, JULY 16

6:00-7:30 PM

**1 • PRESIDENT'S PLENARY • ENERGY REGIMES OF THE
EARLY REPUBLIC**
Oak Forest B

WELCOME • Ann Fabian, Rutgers University
Seth Rockman, Brown University

PRESIDING • Rachel St. John, New York University

PANELISTS • Thomas Andrews, University of Colorado, Boulder
Thomas Finger, Northern Arizona University
Marisa Fuentes, Rutgers University, New
Brunswick
Christopher Jones, Arizona State University

COMMENT • the Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 17

8:30-10:15 AM

**2 • AMERICANS IN MOTION: CONTESTED MEANINGS OF
MOBILITY IN THE ANTEBELLUM UNITED STATES**
Magnolia II

PRESIDING • Joshua Greenberg, Bridgewater State University

*Vagrant Paupers: Mobility, Residence, and the Politics of
Need in the Early 19th-Century Mid-Atlantic*

Kristin O'Brassill-Kulfan, University of Leicester
*Stagecoaches, Taverns, and Respectability: Travel and
Womanhood on the National Road, 1818-1850*

Hilary Miller, Pennsylvania State University,
Harrisburg

*Footloose Founders: Young Men, Booster Culture, and
Restless Mobility in the Antebellum West*

William Wagner, University of Colorado, Denver

COMMENT • Kirsten E. Wood, Florida International University

FRIDAY, JULY 17

8:30-10:15 AM

- 3 • WHITE FRIGHT: RUMOR, REVOLT, AND MOBILITY IN AMERICAN SLAVERY**
Willow Oak

PRESIDING • Douglas R. Egerton, LeMoyne College

White Fright: Slave Revolts in American Memory

Richard Follett, University of Sussex

Mobility, Messages, and Power: The Problem of Commerce in American Slavery

Susan Eva O'Donovan, University of Memphis

COMMENT • Matt D. Childs, University of South Carolina
Douglas R. Egerton

- 4 • CAPITAL, SPACE, AND CULTURE: NEW APPROACHES TO THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
Magnolia I

PRESIDING • Jessica Lepler, University of New Hampshire

Commerce and Power

Dael Norwood, Binghamton University

Making Money: Coin, Currency, and the Coming of Capitalism

Christine Desan, Harvard Law School

Underwritten States: Marine Insurance and the Making of Bodies Politic in America, 1622-1815

Hannah Farber, Boston College

1812: War and the Passions of Patriotism

Nicole Eustace, New York University

Planners, Planters, and Slaves: The Social Construction of Early National South Carolina

Ryan Quintana, Wellesley College

COMMENT • the Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 17

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5 • WHITE HOUSE PARLOR POLITICS
Hannover III

PRESIDING • Catherine Allgor, Huntington Library

“To Pay the Compliments of the Season”: Scenes from the White House New Year’s Day Receptions

Alexis McCrossen, Southern Methodist University

“Always in the Parlor with Mr. Polk”: Space and Power in the Polk White House

Amy S. Greenberg, Pennsylvania State University

The First First Lady: Harriet Lane in the White House

Thomas J. Balcerski, Eastern Connecticut State University

COMMENT • Charlene Boyer Lewis, Kalamazoo College
Catherine Allgor

6 • VIOLENCE, BELONGING, AND ASYLUM: NEW GEOGRAPHIES OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
Hannover II

PRESIDING • Leigh Fought, LeMoyne College

Louisiana Runaways and the Southern Underground Railroad, 1804-1811

Mekala Audain, College of New Jersey

Violence and the Geographies of the Underground Railroad

Robert H. Churchill, University of Hartford

Runaway Slaves, Citizenship and Belonging in the Early Republic

Scott Hancock, Gettysburg College

COMMENT • Richard J.M. Blackett, Vanderbilt University

FRIDAY, JULY 17

8:30-10:15 AM

- 7 • **DISABILITY, SECULARITY, AND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE EARLY AMERICAN BODY**
Capital Room

PRESIDING • Amanda Stuckey, College of William and Mary

Eighteenth-Century "Epidemics of the Will"

Greta LaFleur, Yale University

Jonathan Plummer's Conversions: Narrating Disability in the Early Republic

Ben Bascom, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Clara Wieland's Palsied Hand and the Problem of the Buffered Self

Scott Larson, George Washington University

COMMENT • Sari Altschuler, University of South Florida

FRIDAY, JULY 17

10:30-12:15 AM

- 8 • **HISTORICAL THINKING AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC**
Hannover II

PRESIDING • David Holland, Harvard University

A Palmyra in the Desert: Cities, Gender, and History in Early American Classicism

Simon Finger, Penn Humanities Forum

Getting Unaccustomed to War: The Historical Imagination of Nineteenth-Century Peace Reformers

Margot Minardi, Reed College

The Peculiar Institution in an Era of Freedom: Slavery and Historical Contingency in Antebellum America

Jordan T. Watkins, University of Nevada

COMMENT • Eran Shalev, Haifa University

FRIDAY, JULY 17

10:30-12:15 AM

**9 • MARITIME AND GENDERED ENCOUNTERS IN THE
PACIFIC DURING THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
Capital Room

PRESIDING • Gene Allen Smith, Texas Christian University

*An Empire of Commerce: "Merchant Navigators" in the
Pacific before Manifest Destiny*

Michael D. Block, University of Southern California

*"A Judicious Exhibition of Maritime Strength": American
Naval Expeditions in the South Pacific and East Indies as
Indian Warfare, 1830-1842*

Michael Verney, University of New Hampshire

*By a Lady: An American Sea Captain's Wife and Moral
Authority in Nineteenth-Century Fiji*

Nancy Shoemaker, University of Connecticut

COMMENT • Dane Morrison, Salem State University

**10 • NEW PERSPECTIVES ON ANTEBELLUM AFRICAN
AMERICAN RELIGION**
Hannover III

PRESIDING • Corey D.B. Walker, Winston-Salem State University

Black Politics and Religion in the World Dred Scott Made

Christopher Bonner, University of Maryland

*"Holy Women Ministered unto Christ": Maria Stewart,
Black Freemasonry, and Black Public Culture*

Chernoh Sesay Jr., DePaul University

*"I Would at Once Confess Myself an Atheist": Slavery,
Religious Skepticism, and African American Freethought*

Christopher Cameron, University of North
Carolina, Charlotte

COMMENT • John Ernest, University of Delaware

FRIDAY, JULY 17

10:30-12:15 AM

**11 • ROUNDTABLE: TEACHING CAPITALISM IN THE EARLY
REPUBLIC**
Magnolia II

PRESIDING • Gary J. Kornblith, Oberlin College

PANELISTS • Courtney Fullilove, Wesleyan University
John Lauritz Larson, Purdue University
Will B. Mackintosh, University of Mary Washington
Joshua Rothman, University of Alabama
Rachel Tamar Van, Cal Poly Pomona

COMMENT • the Audience

**12 • ENSLAVED WOMEN WAGING LAW IN THE NINETEENTH-
CENTURY AMERICAN SOUTH**
Willow Oak

PRESIDING • Martha S. Jones, University of Michigan

*Enslaved Women, Claims-Making, and the Local Courts
in the Antebellum Natchez District*

Kimberly M. Welch, West Virginia University

*Economic Crimes of Enslaved Women in South Carolina's
Court of Magistrates and Freeholders, 1800-1860*

Justene G. Hill, Princeton University

*Routes of Resistance: Enslaved Women's Encounters with
Mobility*

Tamika Y. Richeson, Oberlin College

COMMENT • Annette Gordon-Reed, Harvard University

FRIDAY, JULY 17

10:30-12:15 AM

- 13 • ROUNDTABLE: USABLE PASTS? THE EMERGENCE OF EARLY US LATINA/O HISTORIOGRAPHY**
Magnolia I

PRESIDING • Claudia Milian, Duke University

PANELISTS • Raúl Coronado, University of California, Berkeley
Emily Garcia, Northeastern Illinois State University
Rodrigo Lazo, University of California, Irvine
Raúl A. Ramos, University of Houston
Omar Valerio-Jiménez, University of Iowa

COMMENT • the Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 17

2:00-3:45 PM

- 14 • EARLY AMERICA AND THE OCEANIC WORLD**
Hannover II

PRESIDING • Timothy Marr, University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill

Antebellum Coral

Michele Navakas, Miami University

Hemispheric Archipelagoes

Lindsay Van Tine, Columbia University

Islam and Barbary

Jason M. Payton, Sam Houston State University

COMMENT • Timothy Marr

FRIDAY, JULY 17

2:00-3:45 PM

**15 • A CONVERSATION WITH CLARENCE WALKER ABOUT
BLACK HISTORY**
Willow Oak

PRESIDING • Gregory D. Smithers, Virginia Commonwealth
University

PANELISTS • Nick Salvatore, Cornell University
Alan Taylor, University of Virginia
Jan Ellen Lewis, Rutgers University, Newark
Daniel Littlefield, University of South Carolina
Brian D. Behnken, Iowa State University

COMMENT • Clarence Walker, University of California, Davis

**16 • SLAVERY, VIOLENCE, AND RESISTANCE THROUGH THE
LENS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES**
Hannover III

PRESIDING • Daniel Rood, University of Georgia

*The Collar and the Chain: Mobilizing and Materializing
Labor and Violence in the Lives of the Enslaved*

Darla Thompson, Independent Scholar

*Implacable Enemies: Dogs, Slaves, and Slave Hunters
and the Technologies of the Atlantic World*

Tyler D. Parry, California State University,
Fullerton

Charlton W. Yingling, University of South Carolina

COMMENT • Deirdre Cooper Owens, Queens College, CUNY
Daniel Rood

FRIDAY, JULY 17

2:00-3:45 PM

**17 • NATURE AND THE MARKET IN THE NORTHWESTERN
BORDERLANDS OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
Capital Room

PRESIDING • Martin Hershock, University of Michigan,
Dearborn

*New York's Forests of Sugar: The 1790s Maple Sugar
Boom and the Economic Rhetoric of Preservation*

Hendrik Isom, Brown University

*The Vanishing Landscape: The Forest, Indians, and
Animals in Central and Western New York, 1790-1840*

Chad Anderson, University of California, Davis

*Landscapes of Scarcity: Nature, the Market, and Agro-
Ecological Decline in the Connecticut Western Reserve*

John Henris, University of Arkansas, Monticello

*Frontier Property: Lawyers and the Development of a
Capitalist Environment in the Connecticut Western
Reserve*

Justin Simard, University of Pennsylvania

COMMENT • William Kerrigan, Muskingum University

**18 • ROUNDTABLE: INDIANS, RACE, AND THE U.S. STATE IN
THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
Magnolia II

PRESIDING • Ari Kelman, Pennsylvania State University

PANELISTS • Michael Witgen, University of Michigan
Malinda Maynor Lowery, University of North
Carolina, Chapel Hill
Kiara Vigil, Amherst College
Christina Snyder, Indiana University

COMMENT • the Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 17

2:00-3:45 PM

- 19 • MONEY, MIGRATION, AND MAGIC: RELIGIOUS EXCHANGE IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
Magnolia I

PRESIDING • Jewel Spangler, University of Calgary

Gender Cooperation and the Institutionalization of the New York Sunday School Movement, 1816-1828

Elise Leal, Baylor University

Reconfiguring Faithfulness: Religious Contests in the Mississippi River Valley, 1810-1830

Christine A. Croxall, University of Delaware

Moll Pitcher Speaks: Rethinking Divination and Treasure-Digging in the Early Republic

Adam Jortner, Auburn University

COMMENT • Johann Neem, Western Washington University
Jewel Spangler

FRIDAY, JULY 17

4:00-5:45 PM

- 20 • EXPANDING THE ARCHIVE: VISUAL CULTURE AND SLAVERY IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA**
Hannover II

PRESIDING • Mary Niall Mitchell, University of New Orleans

Freedom in Sight: The Photographic Counter-Archive of Slaves and Freedpeople

Matthew Fox-Amato, Washington University in St. Louis

Expanding the Visual Field: Black Photographers and the Civil War

Aston Gonzalez, Salisbury University

COMMENT • Erica L. Ball, California State University, Fullerton

FRIDAY, JULY 17

4:00-5:45 PM

- 21 • A FRUITFUL MARRIAGE? EXPLORING BIOGRAPHY AND MICRO-HISTORY IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY AMERICAN HISTORY** (*Papers for this session are available at www.shear.org for advanced reading.*)
Capital Room

PRESIDING • Paul E. Johnson, University of South Carolina

Silenced by a Pistol: John Hampden Pleasants, Slavery and the Disappearance of Dissent in Virginia

Suzanne Cooper Guasco, Queens University of Charlotte

Outstanding and Ordinary: Emily Chubbuck Judson and the Advantages of Popular Authorship for Micro-history

Nicholas Marshall, Marist College

The Strange Case of Ichabod Smellfungus: Parody, Politics, and Party in the Early Republic

Patrick Allan Pospisek, Grand Valley State University

COMMENT • C. Dallett Hemphill, Ursinus College
Paul E. Johnson

- 22 • ROUNDTABLE: GENDER AND GENIUS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
Willow Oak

PRESIDING • Barbara Oberg, Princeton University

PANELISTS • Kirsten Fischer, University of Minnesota
Lucia McMahon, William Paterson University
Margaret Sumner, Ohio State University, Marion
Timothy Williams, University of Oregon

COMMENT • Barbara Oberg

FRIDAY, JULY 17

4:00-5:45 PM

**23 • THE CONTOURS OF SECOND SLAVERY: BRAZIL, CUBA,
AND THE UNITED STATES**
Hannover III

PRESIDING • Oscar de la Torre, University of North Carolina,
Charlotte

*The United States and the Contraband Slave Trade of the
Second Slavery, 1820-1867*

Leonardo Marques, Universidade de São Paulo

*Domestic Slavery in Comparative Perspective: Paraíba
Valley and Mississippi Valley, 1820-1860*

Mariana Muaze, Universidade Federal do Estado do
Rio de Janeiro

*“A Thirst for Making Money”: The Role of Cuba in the
Formulation of the Monroe Doctrine*

Stephen Chambers, Independent Scholar

*Fugitive Slave Communities and Economic Investments in
Maranhão Cotton, 1755-1815*

Rejane Valvano Corrêa da Silva, Federal University
of Maranhão

Luiz Alberto Couceiro, Federal University of
Maranhão

COMMENT • Anthony Kaye, Pennsylvania State University

**24 • KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY: GENDER, CREDIT, AND
MARKET CREATION**
Magnolia I

PRESIDING • Catherine Kelly, University of Oklahoma

*The Wife as Manager: Reconsidering the Early American
Household Economy*

Mary Beth Sievens, State University of New York at
Fredonia

FRIDAY, JULY 17

4:00-5:45 PM

Banking on Kinship in Early America

Lindsay Keiter, College of William and Mary

To Have and to Hold: African American Women and Inheritance in Colonial Liberia

Marie Stango, University of Michigan

COMMENT • Cathy Matson, University of Delaware
Catherine Kelly

25 • **REAL ESTATE AND MORALITY IN THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC** (*Primary sources for this session are available at www.shear.org for advanced reading.*)
Magnolia II

PRESIDING • Aaron Wunsch, University of Pennsylvania

No Place to Lay His Head? Western Land, Christian Empire, and the Performance of Poverty in the Early Republic

Seth Perry, Princeton University

Preservation, Sacred Space, and Market Morality in Jacksonian America

Whitney Martinko, Villanova University

Health, Wealth, and the Morality of Sanitation in Antebellum Manhattan

Catherine McNeur, Portland State University

COMMENT • the Audience

SATURDAY, JULY 18

8:30-10:15 AM

- 26 • BY THE HAIR OF THEIR CHINS: MANHOOD, COERCION, AND THE BODY IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
Willow Oak

PRESIDING • Craig Thompson Friend, North Carolina State University

*“The Smooth, Glossy, Untufted Skull of Honest Freedom”:
Wigs, Short Hair, and Early Republican Manhood*
Sarah Gold McBride, University of California,
Berkeley

*Putting the Dash in Mustache: Militarism and the
Reinvention of the Gentleman in Early Nineteenth-
Century Europe and America*

Christopher Oldstone-Moore, Wright State
University

*One Small Step for Beards, One Giant Leap for Misogyny:
Alonzo Lewis and the Imperatives of Manhood*
Sean Trainor, Pennsylvania State University

COMMENT • Stephen Berry, University of Georgia
Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch, University of Toledo

- 27 • ROUNDTABLE: THE LONG EMANCIPATION IN THE
EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC**
Magnolia I

PRESIDING • Jessica Millward, University of California, Irvine

PANELISTS • Patricia A. Lott, College of William and Mary
Kate Masur, Northwestern University
Richard S. Newman, Library Company of
Philadelphia
Paul J. Polgar, University of Mississippi

COMMENT • the Audience

SATURDAY, JULY 18

8:30-10:15 AM

28 • SPECULATING IN NATIONHOOD: INTELLECTUAL HISTORIES OF THE LAND BUSINESS
Hannover III

PRESIDING • Andrew Shankman, Rutgers University, Camden

Exceptional Speculations: Land Speculators and Ideology in the Early American Republic

Michael Blaakman, Yale University

Cultivating “Federal Sentiments” in the West: “A Foreign Spectator” and the Problem of Land Speculators

Mark Boonshoft, Ohio State University

Copyrighting the Yazoo: Literary Speculation in the Federalist Coalition

Nora Slonimsky, The Graduate Center, CUNY

COMMENT • Susan Gaunt Stearns, Northwestern University

29 • NEW PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN AND THE SLAVE TRADE IN EARLY AMERICA
Capital Room

PRESIDING • Steven Deyle, University of Houston

“Patty Cannon is in Custody”: Female Traffickers and the Reverse Underground Railroad

Richard Bell, University of Maryland, College Park

Lady Flesh Stealers, Female Soul Drivers, and She-Merchants: White Women and the American Slave Market

Stephanie Jones-Rogers, University of California, Berkeley

Mrs. Omohundro’s Boarding House: Domestic Economy and the Richmond Slave Market

Alexandra Finley, College of William and Mary

COMMENT • Adam Rothman, Georgetown University

SATURDAY, JULY 18

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**30 • FRANCO-AMERICAN CONNECTIONS AND COMPARISONS,
1815-1848: STATE-BUILDING, RACE, AND REVOLUTION**
Hannover II

PRESIDING • Jeffrey J. Malanson, Indiana University-Purdue
University Fort Wayne

*Abdelkader El Djezairi in Franco-American Relations,
1830-1847*

Timothy M. Roberts, Western Illinois University
*Gustave de Beaumont's Marie or Slavery in the United
States: a French Analysis of Race in Jacksonian America*

Laurence Cossu-Beaumont, Université Paris 3–
Sorbonne Nouvelle

*American Diplomacy and the French Revolution of 1830:
William Cabell Rives's Strategic Negotiations over the
Spoliation Claims*

Yohanna Alimi-Levy, Université Paris Diderot

COMMENT • Niels Eichhorn, Middle Georgia State College
Jeffrey J. Malanson

31 • FOOD POLITICS AND GENDER IN THE ANTEBELLUM ERA
Magnolia II

PRESIDING • Cindy R. Lobel, Lehman College

*Mrs. Bigelow's Fête Champagne: Antebellum Food Politics
Abroad and at Home*

Rachel Hope Cleves, University of Victoria

*Paying the Entertaining "Tax": Washington Society and
Presidential Dining, 1817-1829*

Amanda Milian, Texas Christian University

*"Cabin Raisins" and Harrison Cake: Naming Practices of
Antebellum Political Recipes*

Susan J. Stanfield, University of Iowa

COMMENT • Amanda Moniz, National History Center

SATURDAY, JULY 18

10:30-12:15 AM

**32 • QUEERING THE ARCHIVE: NEW WORK FROM THE
QUEERING SLAVERY WORKING GROUP (#QSWG)**
Hannover II

PRESIDING • Leslie M. Harris, Emory University

*Queer Kinship and African American Strategies of
Resistance and Survival*

Vanessa M. Holden, Michigan State University

Kinship and Intimacy in a World of Slaves

Jessica Marie Johnson, Michigan State University

*The Thrill: Spectacular Risks and the Affective Life of
Racialized Sexual Commerce in Antebellum New Orleans*

Emily A. Owens, Harvard University

Intimate Acts

Lisa Ze Winters, Wayne State University

COMMENT • Leslie M. Harris

**33 • ANTEBELLUM WOMEN REFORMERS: RADICALISM,
REASON, MORALITY, AND ETHICS**
Willow Oak

PRESIDING • Carol Lasser, Oberlin College

*Wife, Mother, Radical: Rethinking Woman's Rights in the
Nineteenth Century*

Nancy A. Hewitt, Rutgers University, New
Brunswick

*"A Moral Failure": Women and the Politics of Slavery in
the 1850s*

Stacey Robertson, Central Washington University

*"The Unwritten Law of Prejudice": Reason, Justice, and
Ethics in Antebellum Northwestern Women's Reform*

Silvana R. Siddali, Saint Louis University

COMMENT • Nikki M. Taylor, Texas Southern University

SATURDAY, JULY 18

10:30-12:15 AM

**34 • ROUNDTABLE: NEW APPROACHES TO THE
CONSEQUENCES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**
Capital Room

PRESIDING • David Waldstreicher, The Graduate Center, CUNY

PANELISTS • Kariann Yokota, University of Colorado, Denver
Nancy Isenberg, Louisiana State University
Benjamin Carp, Brooklyn College, CUNY
Robert G. Parkinson, Binghamton University

COMMENT • the Audience

**35 • SETTLERS AND VIGILANTES: VIOLENCE AND THE
CONTESTED NATURE OF PUBLIC AUTHORITY**
Magnolia I

PRESIDING • Jason Opal, McGill University

*Institutional Violence: State-making and Indian-killing in
the Early West*

Jessica Choppin Roney, Temple University

*Hunting Heads: The Harpe Murders and Keeping Order
in the Early West*

Katherine Grandjean, Wellesley College

*Stories of Indemnity, Stories of Pardon: What the 1835
Baltimore Bank Riot Tells Us about Public Authority in the
Early Republic*

Adam Malka, University at Buffalo, SUNY

COMMENT • Bethel Saler, Haverford College

SATURDAY, JULY 18

10:30-12:15 AM

36 • NORTH CAROLINA'S FREE PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC
Magnolia II

PRESIDING • Julie Winch, University of Massachusetts Boston

Good Neighbors: North Carolina's Free People of Color in the Early Republic

Warren Milteer, Jr., Virginia Tech

"Orderly Good Citizens": Race and Civic Identity in New Bern, North Carolina

Catherine W. Bishir, North Carolina State University

When Africans, Indians, Mulattoes, and Mestizos, too, Became People of Color

Larry E. Tise, East Carolina University

COMMENT • Melvin Patrick Ely, College of William & Mary

37 • PERSPECTIVES ON ENERGY AND THE EARLY REPUBLIC
Hannover III

PRESIDING • David Singerman, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

What Americans Talked about When They Weren't Talking About Energy: Energy History in the Early Republic

Peter Shulman, Case Western Reserve University

Empire's Metabolism: Flesh and Fodder in the British Empire in the Early Nineteenth Century

Rebecca J.H. Woods, Columbia University

Dungeons and Dragons: Work and Power in Antebellum Coal Mines, Gas Works, and Gaslights

Jeremy Zallen, Lafayette College

COMMENT • Sean Adams, University of Florida

SATURDAY, JULY 18

12:30-2:00 PM

38 • GRADUATE SEMINARS

(see descriptions on page 19-22; participants pick up lunch on Mezzanine before joining seminar group)

Slavery and Race Formation (Hannover II)

Thavolia Glymph, Duke University

Craig Steven Wilder, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Capitalism, Labor, and Political Economy (Hannover III)

Christopher Clark, University of Connecticut

Paul Gilje, University of Oklahoma

Cultural History (Magnolia I)

Jay Cook, University of Michigan

Alexis McCrossen, Southern Methodist University

Politics and Political Culture (Magnolia II)

Joanne Freeman, Yale University

Barbara Oberg, Princeton University

SATURDAY, JULY 18

2:00-3:45 PM

**39 • APPROPRIATING DIFFERENCE: PERFORMING
INDIGENEITY AND BLACKNESS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC
Hannover II**

PRESIDING • Catherine María Rodríguez, Yale University

*“The Next in Rank to Human Race”: The Uses of
Indigeneity in Northeastern Almanacs*

Matt DiCintio, Tufts University

*Gothic Native Bodies: Power and Supernatural
Performance in the Early Republic*

Christiana Molldrem Harkulich, University of
Pittsburgh

SATURDAY, JULY 18

2:00-3:45 PM

*Rhythms of Difference: Diasporic Mobility in the Atlantic
Archives*

Esther J. Terry, University of Pittsburgh

COMMENT • Jules Odendahl-James, Duke University
Catherine María Rodríguez

40 • RETHINKING WOMEN'S EDUCATION IN EARLY AMERICA: SCIENCE, RACE, AND BEAUTY
Capital Room

PRESIDING • Sheila Skemp, University of Mississippi

1833-1834: In Loving Memory of a Female Academy
Kabria Baumgartner, The College of Wooster
The Scientific Woman: Education and Scientific Practice in the Early Republic

Jessica Linker, University of Connecticut
The Casket and the Jewel: The Body, the Brain, and the Politics of Female Intelligence

Rachel Walker, University of Maryland

COMMENT • Mary Kelley, University of Michigan

41 • SLAVERY: A STATE OF THE FIELD ROUNDTABLE
Magnolia II

PRESIDING • Julie Saviile, University of Chicago

PANELISTS • Adrienne D. Davis, Washington University in
St. Louis

James T. Downs, Connecticut College

Laurent Dubois, Duke University

Dale Tomich, Binghamton University

COMMENT • the Audience

SATURDAY, JULY 18

2:00-3:45 PM

42 • CITIZENSHIP AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITY: CONTROVERSIES WITH AND AMONG QUAKERS, MORMONS, AND SHAKERS, 1777-1840
Magnolia I

PRESIDING • Bridget Ford, California State University, East Bay

*Open for Business: Philadelphia Quakers, Thanksgiving,
and the Limits of Revolutionary Religious Freedom*

Tara Strauch, College of Wooster

Citizen Shaker

Jennifer Dorsey, Siena College

*When Joseph Smith Met Martin Van Buren: Mormonism
and the Politics of Religious Liberty*

Spencer W. McBride, Joseph Smith Papers

COMMENT • Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University

**43 • THINGS IN MOTION: ACTIVATING THE MATERIAL
CULTURE OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
Hannover III

PRESIDING • J. Ritchie Garrison, University of Delaware

Ribbons of Revolution: Cockades across the Atlantic

Ashli White, University of Miami

Movement in the Row House in Antebellum Boston

Jeffrey Klee, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

*On the Trail of John Brown's Pikes: Assembling the
Future in Antebellum America*

Jason Phillips, West Virginia University

COMMENT • Cynthia Falk, State University of New York College
at Oneonta

SATURDAY, JULY 18

2:00-3:45 PM

44 • ROUNDTABLE: HOW DOES A REPUBLIC BECOME AN EMPIRE?
Willow Oak

PRESIDING • Rosemarie Zagarri, George Mason University

PANELISTS • Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University
Kathleen DuVal, University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill
Eliga Gould, University of New Hampshire
Brandon Mills, University of Colorado, Denver
Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, University of Michigan

COMMENT • the Audience

SATURDAY, JULY 18

4:00-5:00 PM

45 • PECHA-KUCHA
Hannover II & III

PRESIDING • Liz Covart, *Ben Franklin's World*

*The Mercenary Merchant: George Morgan and the Failed
New Madrid Colony, 1786-1789*

Timothy C. Hemmis, University of Southern
Mississippi

Colonization and the Politics of Antislavery Slaveholders
Andrew Hammann, Stanford University

*Men of Sorrow, Objects of Grief: Undertakers and
Funerary Goods, 1820-1860*

Kelly B. Arehart, College of William and Mary

*The Nat Turner Project: The Southampton Revolt in the
Digital Age*

Sarah Roth, Widener University

COMMENT • the Audience

SATURDAY, JULY 18

6:00-7:00 PM

- 46 • PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
Old State Capitol

PRESIDING • Jan Ellen Lewis, Rutgers University, Newark

*The Long Life of William Blanding: Doctor, Apothecary,
Naturalist*

Ann Fabian, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:30-10:15 AM

- 47 • DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, CRITIQUE: A ROUNDTABLE OF
THE STATES AND FUTURES OF THE FIELD**
Hannover III

PRESIDING • Jane Kamensky, Brown University

PANELISTS • Brian Connolly, University of South Florida
Brigitte Fielder, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Jen Manion, Connecticut College
Alyssa Mt. Pleasant, University of Buffalo, SUNY
Elizabeth Pryor, Smith College

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- 48 • THE NORTH AND THE NATION, 1830-1860**
Capital Room

PRESIDING • Michael T. Bernath, University of Miami

The Problem of Northern Nationalism

Ariel Ron, Yale Center for Representative
Institutions

*Farmers and Planters: Soil and the Landscape of
Sectional Difference*

Philip M. Herrington, James Madison University

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Yankee Notions, Yankee Nation: Horace Greeley and the Making of the North

James M. Lundberg, Lake Forest College

COMMENT • Susan-Mary Grant, Newcastle University

**49 • FRAUGHT WITH FEAR, FIGHTING, AND FORGETTING:
UNDERSTANDING REBELLION IN ANTEBELLUM
COMMUNITIES**

Willow Oak

PRESIDING • Lyra Monteiro, Rutgers University, Newark

“Disciples of the Declaration”: Rebels, Resistance, and the Politics of Slave Insurgency

Matthew Clavin, University of Houston

“They Ought All to Be Exterminated”: African American Remembrances and Trauma after Nat Turner’s Insurrection

Kay Wright Lewis, Norfolk State University

“At the Risk of Our Own Lives”: Violence and the Fugitive Slave Law in Pennsylvania

Kellie Carter Jackson, Hunter College, CUNY

COMMENT • Walter Rucker, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

**50 • REVOLUTIONARY ROADS: THE MOVEMENT OF IDEAS IN
THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

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PRESIDING • Robyn Lily Davis, Millersville University

Vessels: An Episode of the Haitian Revolution Comes to the United States

James Alexander Dun, Princeton University

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“Method So Plain, So Easy the Way”: Debating the Movement of Musical Knowledge in the Early Republic

Patrick W. O'Neil, Methodist University
*Mapping Women's Networks: Recipes and the
Negotiation of Domesticity in North America, 1830-1860*
Rachel A. Snell, University of Maine

COMMENT • Sarah J. Purcell, Grinnell College
Robyn Lily Davis

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51 • **SCIENCE, SLAVERY, AND THE STATE: MAKING
SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE IN A SLAVEHOLDING
REPUBLIC**
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PRESIDING • John W. Sweet, University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill

*The Entangled Histories of Antislavery, Republicanism,
and Science: The Strange Science of Dr. Benjamin Rush*

Eric Herschthal, Columbia University

*"To Sponge upon the Planters": Patronage, Conchology,
and Deep History in Antebellum Alabama*

Cameron Strang, University of Nevada, Reno

The Black Afterlives of Early National Science

Britt Rusert, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

COMMENT • Rana Hogarth, University of Illinois, Urbana-
Champaign

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52 • FAMILY TIES IN SLAVERY AND FREEDOM
Hannover III

PRESIDING • Judy Kertész, North Carolina State University

Gender, Family, and Freedom in Post-Revolutionary New England

Gloria McCahon Whiting, Harvard University

Mastering the Unfamiliar

Joanne Pope Melish, University of Kentucky

Enslavement and Emancipation in Indian Territory

Fay Yarbrough, Rice University

COMMENT • Thomas L. Doughton, College of the Holy Cross

53 • PRACTICAL RELIGION IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC
Capital Room

PRESIDING: Jonathan D. Sassi, College of Staten Island and
CUNY Graduate Center

“To make Religion One’s Business”: Practical Piety and Protestant Devotional Literature in the Early Republic

Janet Moore Lindman, Rowan University

The Family that Prays Together: Piety, Authority, and Practice in Early Republican Households

Shelby M. Balik, Metropolitan State University of Denver

The Congregation and Contested Masculinity: Manhood and Religion in the Early Republic

Monica Fitzgerald, St. Mary’s College

COMMENT • Christopher Grasso, College of William and Mary

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**54 • NINE MONTHS IN PHILADELPHIA: BRITISH
OCCUPATION IN AMERICA'S REVOLUTIONARY CAPITAL
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PRESIDING • Benjamin H. Irvin, University of Arizona

*Intimate Occupation: Gender and the Home in British-
Occupied Philadelphia, 1777-1778*

Lauren Duval, American University

*Meschianza Ladies: Young Women, Politics, and the
American Revolution*

Kendra Kennedy, University of Utah

*“That Brilliant Revolution is Accomplished”: The British
Occupation of Philadelphia and the End of the American
Revolution*

Aaron Sullivan, Temple University

COMMENT • Serena Zabin, Carleton College