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President’s Welcome

Welcome to the 38th Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic. We gather in July in New Haven, Connecticut, our first time ever in a state rich in colonial and early national American history. Many thanks to Joanne B. Freeman and Edward Rugemer of Yale University for co-chairing the local arrangements committee and Robyn Lily Davis, our new national conference coordinator (who steps into the figuratively large shoes of Craig Thompson Friend), for handling the logistics – and making my dream come true by treating SHEARites to New Haven-style pizza at the Friday-night reception.

This is the year of “Hamilton” the musical, and so the President’s Plenary at the Omni Yale begins by showing the interview with the play’s creator and star, Lin-Manuel Miranda, conducted late this spring by Joanne Freeman and Brian Murphy, which will be followed by a panel that Ada Ferrer and Annette Gordon-Reed will join and, we hope, a robust discussion by the audience. Then, on Friday afternoon, another panel on the musical, this one “A Critical Roundtable.”

Of course, the program is going to be much more than founding fathers and rap battles. Thanks to the hard and brilliant work of the Program Committee, led by Seth Cotlar
and Carolyn Eastman, and building on the excellent work of last year’s committee, led by Seth Rockman, this year’s program is wonderfully wide-ranging and inclusive. As always, the most senior and distinguished scholars in our field will mix with those just beginning their careers, revisiting old topics and methodologies and embarking on journeys into new territories. Panels will examine politics, economic development, religion, slavery, race, gender, Native Americans, environmental history, transnational history, political culture, popular culture, digital humanities, and history beyond the academy. This dry listing of topics does not do justice to a program that crackles with excitement. My only complaint is that I can’t be in five places at once to attend each and every session. We will focus also on two important new books, Daniel Ratcliffe’s The One-Party Presidential Contest and Manisha Sinha’s The Slave’s Cause, and we will say goodbye to two of our dearest colleagues, Drew Cayton and Dallett Hemphill, who left us far too soon.

This summer we’re continuing last year’s wonderful innovation, the Graduate Research Seminars, which offer a new way to mentor graduate students and recent PhDs and introduce them to each other and to SHEAR. On Friday, eight senior scholars will host four concurrent seminars devoted to different scholarly topics in the history of early republic – History of Capitalism; Politics and Political Culture; Slavery and Race Formation; and Women, Gender, and Sexuality. Each will welcome up to twelve younger scholars. We’re grateful to Ellen Hartigan-O’Connor and Joshua Rothman, François Furstenberg and Rosemarie Zagarri, Thavolia Glymph and Craig Steven Wilder, and Kathleen M. Brown and Erica Armstrong Dunbar, who have
agreed to host these seminars. This sort of generosity to younger scholars is one of the hallmarks of SHEAR.

We come to SHEAR each year not only to immerse ourselves in the latest research but also to meet old friends and make new ones. There will be plenty of opportunities to eat, drink, talk, and just hang out. We continue the tradition of the Women’s Breakfast, in honor of my dear friend Jeanne Boydston, this year moved to Saturday. The annual SHEAR banquet will be back on Saturday evening. We will be joined at the banquet by the recipients of the graduate student conference travel awards. For the breakfast and the Saturday evening banquet, SHEAR officers strongly encourage established scholars to sponsor our junior colleagues by buying them a ticket and introducing them around.

The local arrangements committee has also arranged for a field trip on Thursday (registration required) to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center led by Ned Blackhawk. The Friday night reception – with pizza – will be at the St. Thomas More Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale University. It will be followed by a meet and greet for graduate students at Gryphon’s Pub at GPSCY.

I look forward to seeing all of you in New Haven! And get ready to Tweet it all at #SHEAR16.

Jan Ellen Lewis
SHEAR President
Established in 1977, the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic is an association of scholars dedicated to exploring events and meanings of United States history between 1776 and 1861.

SHEAR’s mission is to foster the study of the early republican period among professional historians, students, and the general public. It upholds the highest intellectual standards of the historical profession and encourages the broad diffusion of historical insights through all appropriate channels, including schools, museums, libraries, electronic media, public programming, archives, and publications. SHEAR cherishes a democratic ethos in scholarship and cultivates close, respectful, and productive exchanges between serious scholars at every level of experience and recognition.

SHEAR membership is open to all. Most members are professional historians employed in colleges, universities, museums, and historical parks and agencies, as well as independent scholars and graduate students.

The ideas and institutions of the United States’ founding era are part of the cultural legacy of every American. The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic seeks to enrich that legacy with the deepest insights of historical research, combined with a spirit of intellectual democracy best expressed in ongoing communication with the public. For more information, please visit www.shear.org.
SHEAR PRIZES

SHEAR presents seven awards at its annual banquet on Saturday, July 23rd.

The SHEAR Book Prize is awarded to an original monograph published in the previous year that deals with the period 1776-1861 in America. Within that period, the book may treat virtually any aspect of history, including political, economic, social, or cultural history, but the book must be an original monograph or a collection of original essays.

The James H. Broussard Best First Book Prize is awarded annually to the best “first book” by a new author published in the previous calendar year and dealing with any aspect of the history of the history of the early American republic.

The SHEAR biography prize is awarded annually to the author of an original biography, broadly defined, published in the previous year, of a person active during the era of the Early Republic.

This year SHEAR will award the inaugural Mary Kelley prize, honoring the best book published on the history of women, gender, or sexuality in the Early American Republic.

The Ralph D. Gray Article Prize is awarded annually for the best original article published in the previous volume of the JER.

SHEAR awards the SHEAR Manuscript Prize in cooperation with Penn Press to an exceptional unpublished dissertation pertaining to the history of North America from 1776 to 1861.

The SHEAR Distinguished Service Award recognizes generous and enduring service in behalf of the goals and programs of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, and the kind of institutional service and commitment without which voluntary societies such as SHEAR cannot thrive.
Thursday, July 21
10:30 am-4:00 pm  Mashantucket Pequot Museum Tour
5:30-7:30 pm     Conference Registration
6:00-7:30 pm     President’s Plenary
7:30-9:00 pm     Plenary Reception

Friday, July 22
8:00 am-4:00 pm  Conference Registration
8:00 am-5:00 pm  Book Exhibit
8:30 am-12:15 pm Sessions
10:30 am-noon   2017 Program Committee Meeting
12:15-2:00 pm    Graduate Seminars
12:30-2:00 pm    JER Editorial Board Meeting
2:00-5:45 pm     Sessions
6:30-8:00 pm     Reception
8:30 pm          Grad Student Meet-and-Greet

Saturday, July 23
8:00-9:00 am     Boydston Women’s Breakfast
8:00 am-4:00 pm  Conference Registration
8:30 am-5:00 pm  Book Exhibit
9:00 am-12:45 pm Sessions
12:30-2:00 pm    SHEAR Advisory Council Meeting
2:00-3:45 pm     Sessions
4:00-5:30 pm     Film Screening
5:30-6:00 pm     SHEAR Business Meeting - Public
6:30-7:30 pm     Presidential Address
7:30-9:30 pm     Banquet

Sunday, July 24
8:00-10:30 am    Conference Registration
8:30-11:00 am    Book Exhibit
9:00 am-12:45 pm Sessions
CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Guided Tour of Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, Thursday, July 21. Includes a guided tour led by Ned Blackhawk, Professor of History at Yale University, lunch of Native American cuisine, and a presentation at the Research Center and Archives. Gather at Phelps gate (344 College Street) at 10:15 am, return by 4:00 pm. Transportation provided by Yale’s Center for Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration. Tickets are $15.00; registration is required and seating is limited.

President’s Plenary, Thursday, July 21. SHEAR’s 38th annual conference opens with the President’s Plenary, A Conversation with Lin-Manuel Miranda, Creator of the Musical “Hamilton” with Joanne B. Freeman and Brian Phillips Murphy, Filmed in New York April 2016. Begins at 6:00 pm in the Omni Hotel at Yale.

Plenary Reception, Thursday, July 21. In the Omni Hotel at Yale immediately following the Plenary, from 7:30 to 9:00.

Graduate Research Seminars, Friday, July 22. Continuing SHEAR’s long tradition of mentoring graduate students, eight senior scholars will host four concurrent research seminars, each with twelve advanced graduate students, devoted to different scholarly topics in the history of the early republic.

Friday Evening Reception, July 22. The Friday reception will be held at St. Thomas More Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale University (268 Park Street), a half-mile walk from the conference hotel, beginning at 6:30 pm. Pizza &c. provided by Big Green Truck Pizza, run by descendants of the Coffin whaling family.

Graduate Student Meet-n-Greet, Friday, July 22. Graduate students from the area will welcome their colleagues at an

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informal gathering immediately after the Friday reception.
Gryphon’s Pub at GPSCY (204 York Street), beginning at 8:30 pm.

Boydston Women’s Breakfast, Saturday, July 23. The women of SHEAR will gather for their eighth annual breakfast honoring the life and career of long-time SHEAR member and supporter Jeanne Boydston. Reservations required. Tickets are $25.00 for a delicious, hearty, and heartening breakfast. Scheduled from 8:00 to 9:00 in the Omni, this event is sponsored by the Women’s Faculty Forum at Yale.

Film Screening, Saturday, July 23. A screening of Ghosts of Amistad: In the Footsteps of the Rebels, directed by Tony Buba and produced by Marcus Rediker. Winner of the 2015 John E. O’Conner Prize for best documentary film, awarded by the American Historical Association. Running time, 56 minutes. Begins at 4:00 pm with a discussion following the screening led by Markus Rediker, University of Pittsburgh, and Joseph Yannielli, Princeton University. For more information, go to www.ghostsofamistad.com

Presidential Address, Saturday, July 23. The 2016 presidential address begins at 6:30 in the Omni Hotel Grand Ballroom. The President’s Address is free and open to all conference participants but please arrive early to ensure a good seat. President Jan Ellen Lewis will discuss What Happened to the Three-Fifths Clause: The Relationship Between Women and Slavers in Constitutional Thought, 1787-1868.

Banquet, Saturday, July 23. The SHEAR awards banquet follows immediately after the presidential address, in the Omni Hotel Grand Ballroom. Tickets are $65.00 per person and include dinner and wine. A cash bar will also be available. Seating is limited and reservations are required.
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WELCOME TO NEW HAVEN

On behalf of the local arrangements committee, we would like to welcome you to New Haven for the 38th annual meeting of SHEAR, July 21-24, 2016! New Haven has a lot to offer: centuries of history, world-class museums, cultural attractions, a bevy of fine restaurants, and a cluster of colleges and universities, including Albertus Magnus College, Gateway Community College, Southern Connecticut State University, and Yale University.

Most of the conference will take place in the newly renovated Omni New Haven Hotel at 155 Temple Street in downtown New Haven, across from the Town Green. The Yale University campus is a few blocks away; SHEAR's Friday night reception will be at Yale's St. Thomas More Catholic Chapel and Center on 268 Park Street, within walking distance of the hotel. In true New Haven style, we'll be serving pizza!

Within blocks of the hotel are dozens of restaurants of all kinds featuring cuisine from around the world: Malaysian, Ethiopian, Spanish, French, Latin American, Italian, Thai, Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Jamaican, Cuban, Turkish, and more. A short walk away in Wooster Square, you'll find New Haven's two famous pizzerias: Sally's and Pepe's, each with its own loyal fans. (If you head to Pepe's, try the white clam pie. Trust us!) There's also the famous Louis' Lunch, which claims to have invented the "hamburger sandwich." You'll find more information on restaurants in the conference packet.

The "Elm City" has a long history. Home to the Quinnipiac for centuries, English settlers began to establish the New Haven Colony in 1638 in the immediate aftermath of the Pequot War. In 1665, New Haven was absorbed by the colony of Connecticut, and in 1784 it incorporated as a city, with Declaration of Independence signer Roger Sherman as its first mayor. New Haven became the home of the Collegiate School in 1716, renamed Yale College two years later in honor of benefactor Elihu Yale. A thriving port and mercantile center, New Haven received an economic boost from cotton gin creator Eli Whitney, who began manufacturing guns in the city in 1798. By the late nineteenth century, New Haven --
home to the Winchester Repeating Arms Company -- had become an arms manufacturing center with a large working-class community.

Noteworthy in New Haven's history is the *Amistad* trial. In 1839, a group of enslaved Africans from Sierra Leone mutinied against the Cuban slave traders transporting them around the island to a sugar region. After the *Amistad* had been adrift several days, a U.S. coast guard ship captured them and the Africans -- charged with murder -- were imprisoned in New Haven. The mutineers were brought to trial in the New Haven U. S. District Court and the three-year trial drew national attention to their case and to the city. Ultimately, the court ruled that the mutineers had been kidnapped into slavery in violation of Spanish law, so they were freed and allowed to return to Sierra Leone. You'll find a statue of mutiny leader Cinque at the *Amistad* Memorial in front of New Haven City Hall, across from the Green. There will be a screening of "Ghosts of Amistad," a documentary based on Marcus Rediker's book of the same name, on Saturday afternoon.

The city boasts many world-class museums, including the Peabody Museum of Natural History, the British Art Center, the New Haven Museum and Historical Society, and the Yale Art Gallery; the Art Gallery's remarkable collection of John Trumbull paintings shouldn't be missed. (Trumbull, who asked to be buried beneath his paintings, is entombed under the Art Gallery.) Just outside New Haven is the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, covering 20,000 years of Native American and natural history; there will be a field trip to the museum on Thursday afternoon.

Also worth visiting is the impressive Grove Street Cemetery, incorporated in 1797 because of burial crowding on the Town Green, and home to people such as William and Clarissa Grimes, Mary Goodman, Jedidiah Morse, Ada Comstock Notestein, David Humphreys, Lyman Beecher, Eli Whitney, Noah Webster, Timothy Dwight, Amos Doolittle, Roger Sherman, Mary Lucas, and Ezra Stiles. Free guided tours of the cemetery are available on Saturday morning at 11:00 AM and Sunday at noon. You're also free to wander around the cemetery on your own; it opens at 9:00
AM and closes at 3:00 in the afternoon. Call 203-787-1443 to check on hours before you visit.

Again — welcome to New Haven, and enjoy your stay!

Joanne Freeman and Ed Rugemer
Local Arrangements Co-Chairs
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SHEAR is pleased once again to sponsor four graduate seminars that bring together early career scholars and senior figures to discuss common research interests. It is our hope that these seminars will foster intellectual exchange and mentoring, while allowing graduate students to meet others working on similar topics. All participants are enrolled in a doctoral or master’s program, or possess an academic year 2015-2016 degree.

Slavery and Race Formation with Thavolia Glymph (Duke University) and Craig Steven Wilder (MIT)

- John Bell, Harvard University, “Equality by Degrees: Abolitionist Colleges and the Dilemmas of Racial and Gender Integration”
- Julia Bernier, University of Massachusetts – Amherst, “A Papered Freedom: Self-Purchase and Compensated Manumission in the Antebellum United States”
- Max Forrester, Washington University in St. Louis, “Competing Destinies: Religious and Political Conflict in the Southwest Borderlands, 1803 – 1848”
- Aaron Hall, University of California, Berkeley, “A Constitutional Sublime: Claiming the Founding in Antebellum America”
- Timothy Holliday, University of Pennsylvania, “The Appearance of Evil’: Cosent, Coercion, and Intimate Violence in Early America”
- Erin M. Holmes, University of South Carolina, “Within the House of Bondage: Constructing and Negotiating the Plantation Landscape in the British Atlantic World, 1670 – 1820”
- Jeanne Pickering, Salem State University, “Rural Slavery in Eighteenth Century Massachusetts”
- Kyle Repella, University of Pennsylvania, “‘They shall be servants till they accept it’: Slavery in New Netherland and Pennsylvania, 1650 – 1750”
- Justin Isaac Rogers, University of Mississippi, “Southern Confluence: Sacred Transformations in the Hill Country to World War II”
- Joshua Wood, Ohio State University, “The Specter of Freedom: Community and Race in Ross County, Ohio, 1800 – 1855”
GRADUATE RESEARCH SEMINARS

History of Capitalism with Ellen Hartigan-O’Connor (University of California, Davis) and Joshua Rothman (University of Alabama)

- Jonathan Derek Awtrey, Louisiana State University, “A (Not-So) Holy Experiment: Jewish-Gentile Relations and William Penn’s Legacies of Freedom in Early Pennsylvania”
- Patrick Callaway, University of Maine, “Feeding the Empire: Grain, Warfare, and the Persistence of the British Atlantic Economy, 1765 – 1815”
- Kathryn Lasdow, Columbia University, “Spirit of Improvement: Construction, Conflict, and Community in Early-National Port Cities”
- Max Matherne, University of Tennessee, “The Jacksonian Character: Patronage and Ideology in the Early American Republic”
- Danya Pilgrim, Yale University, “Gastronomic Alchemy: How Black Philadelphia Caterers Turned Taste into Capital, 1790 – 1925”
GRADUATE RESEARCH SEMINARS

Politics and Political Culture with François Furstenberg (Johns Hopkins University) and Rosemarie Zagarri (George Mason University)

- Lindsay M. Chervinsky, University of California, Davis, “The First Presidential Cabinet: Military, State, and British Origins”
- Emilie Connolly, New York University, “Indian Trust Funds and the Routes of American Capitalism, 1795 – 1865”
- Michael Hattem, Yale University, “Past and Prologue: History Culture and the American Revolution, 1730 – 1800”
- Andrew Johnson, Louisiana State University, “That Diabolical Sect: Antimasonry and the Remaking of Citizenship in Antebellum America”
- Nicole Mahoney, University of Maryland, College Park, “Liberty, Libertines, and Dangerous Liaisons: French Literature and Virtue in Revolutionary America”
- Catherine Murray, Temple University, “Women’s Captivity and the Emergence of an American Identity, 1787 – 1848”
- Michael Verney, University of New Hampshire, “‘A Great and Rising Nation’: American Naval Exploration and the Forging of a Global Maritime Empire, 1815 – 1860’
- Tao Wei, SUNY at Stony Brook, “Henry Laurens and his Transatlantic Encounters in the Eighteenth Century, 1744 – 1784”
GRADUATE RESEARCH SEMINARS

Women, Gender, and Sexuality with Kathleen M. Brown (University of Pennsylvania) and Erica Armstrong Dunbar (University of Delaware)

- Jacqueline Beatty, George Mason University, “In Dependence: Women’s Protection and Subordination as Power in Early America, 1750 – 1820”
- Cassandra Berman, Brandeis University, “Motherhood and the Court of Public Opinion: Transgressive Maternity in America, 1768 – 1868”
- Signe Peterson Fourmy, University of Texas – Austin, “‘A Hard Kind of Freedom’: Enslaved Women, Reproductive Resistance, and Infanticide
- Melissa J. Gismondi, University of Virginia, “The Time of Retribution: Rachel Jackson and American Expansion, 1760s – 1820s”
- Emily Macgillivray, University of Michigan, “I do not know any such woman’: Native Women Traders’ Property and Self-Determination in the Great Lakes from 1740 to 1840”
- Nakia Parker, University of Texas – Austin, “Trails of Tears and Freedom: Slavery, Migration, and Emancipation in the Southwest Borderlands, 1830 – 1887”
- Kent Peacock, Florida State University, “Sexual Struggles in the New Nation: Defining and Ordering Sex in the Law and Lives of Americans in the First American West”
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Best wishes to a brilliant librarian and respected colleague,

David Gary
Kaplanoff Librarian for American History
THURSDAY, JULY 21

1 • President’s Plenary • A Conversation with Lin-Manuel Miranda, creator of the musical “Hamilton” • with Joanne B. Freeman and Brian Phillips Murphy • filmed in New York, April 2016

Grand Ballroom B

Welcome • Jan Ellen Lewis, Rutgers University
Carolyn Eastman, Virginia Commonwealth University
Seth Cotlar, Willamette University

Presiding • Joanne B. Freeman, Yale University

Panelists • Ada Ferrer, New York University
Joanne B. Freeman, Yale University
Annette Gordon-Reed, Harvard University
Brian Phillips Murphy, Baruch College

Comment • The Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 22

2 • In the City Streets of the Early American Republic

Temple

Presiding • Gloria L. Main, University of Colorado

Mapping the Boston Poor: Inmates of the Boston Almshouse in the Early Republic
Ruth Wallis Herndon and Amilcar Challu, Bowling Green State University

Ethnic Diversity in Early Republic Philadelphia
Paul Sivitz, Idaho State University and Billy G. Smith, Montana State University

Stories of Seneca Village in Early Republic New York City

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Friday, July 22 8:30–10:15 AM

Alexander Manevitz, New York University
The Threat of Capture: Fugitive Slaves in Eighteenth Century Anglo-American Cities
Michael Dickinson, University of Delaware

Comment • Gloria L. Main

3 • Disease, Public Health, and Citizenship

Wooster

Presiding • Kirsten Fischer, University of Minnesota

“Health is Wealth”: Valuing Health in Antebellum Cities
Melanie Kiechle, Virginia Tech

Immunocapital, State Absence, and Yellow Fever: Becoming a Citizen of New Orleans, 1796 to 1840
Kathryn Olivarius, University of Oxford

Pocky Constitutions: Smallpox Inoculation and the Law in Revolutionary Connecticut
Andrew Wehrman, Central Michigan University

Comment • Michael D. Thompson, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

4 • Native American Sovereignties

George

Presiding • Melissah J. Pawlikowski, Ohio Dominican University

Persisting Sovereignty: Ojibwe Mobility, Kinship, and Resistance around Lake Superior, 1821-1850
Michael Hughes, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Finding Refuge in the Wigwam: Native Americans and the Underground Railroad
Natalie Joy, Northern Illinois University

The Missionary Ground: Wyandot-Missionary Relations in Nineteenth-century Ohio

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FRIDAY, JULY 22  8:30–10:15 AM

Grace Richards, Ohio State University
*The Antebellum Indian Territory: A Southern Native Colony in the West? (1830-1861)*
Augustin Habran, Université de Paris-Diderot

**COMMENT** • Melissah J. Pawlikowski

5 • LAW, DIFFERENCE, AND INEQUALITY IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC
Church

**PRESIDING** • Sarah Barringer Gordon, University of Pennsylvania Law School

*Coverture for Men: Shakerism, Gender, and the Law*
Kara French, Salisbury University

*Coverture and Contract: Enforcing Wives’ Dependence in the Early Republic*
Lindsay Keiter, College of William and Mary

*Land, American Indian Policy, and Creating a Legal Culture of Inequality*
Zach Isenhower, Louisiana State University

*African Americans, American Law, and Liberian Sovereignty*
Marie Stango, University of Michigan

**COMMENT** • Kelly A. Ryan, Indiana University, Southeast

6 • ORGANIZING DEMOCRACY: TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE HISTORY OF POLITICAL ORGANIZING
York

**PRESIDING** • Michael Morrison, Purdue University

*The Organizational Sublime: Towards a New History of Organizing*
Maartje Janse, Leiden University

*Before Tocqueville: Politics and Association in Eighteenth-Century America*
FRIDAY, JULY 22 8:30–10:15 AM

Jessica Choppin Roney, Temple University  
*The Law and Technology of Association in the Early Republic*  
Kevin Butterfield, University of Oklahoma  
*Philanthropy and Political Cultures*  
Kathleen D. McCarthy, CUNY Graduate Center  
*Reforging American Democracy: The Transformation and Fragmentation of American Political Practices, 1825–1828*  
Reeve Huston, Duke University  
*What Shall We Call Anti-Masonry?*  
Albrecht Koschnik, Independent Scholar

COMMENT • the Audience

7 • **AFRICAN AMERICAN NETWORKS OF CITIZENSHIP**  
Chapel

PRESIDING • Martha J. King, Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Princeton University

*Racial Borders of Belonging: Community Networks of Care, African Americans and Citizenship in Massachusetts, 1780–1810*  
Angela Keysor, Allegheny College  
*“No Admittance for Unprotected Females”: African American Entrepreneurial Networks and Discourses of Respectability in Antebellum New York City*  
Jennifer Hull, Colgate University

COMMENT • Mitch Kachun, Western Michigan University
FRIDAY, JULY 22
10:30 AM–12:15 PM

8 •  **ROUNDTABLE: THE PROS AND CONS OF SOCIAL MEDIA**
Wooster

**PRESIDING •** Mark R. Cheathem, Cumberland University

**PANELISTS •**
- Liz M. Covart, Ben Franklin’s World
- Kenneth Owen, University of Illinois, Springfield
- Jonathan W. Wilson, University of Scranton
- Whitney Martinko, Villanova University

**COMMENT •** the Audience

9 •  **MEMORIES AND HistORIES: A Roundtable in Memory of Alfred F. Young**
Temple

**PRESIDING •** David Blight, Yale University

*Daughters’ Memories: Gender, Generation, and the Genealogy of Archives*
Jane Kamensky, Harvard University

*Captain Cooper Rides Again: Memory and Veterans’ Disability in the Revolutionary War Pension Archive*
Benjamin Irvin, University of Arizona

*The Enduring Moundbuilders: Deep History and Indian Removal*
Christina Snyder, Indiana University

*“to the Colored Citizens of the World”: Abolition, Memory, Gender and the Idea of Africa in Early Black Print Culture*
Chernoh Sesay, DePaul University

*Remembering the U.S.-Mexican War*
Omar Valerio-Jimenez, University of Texas, San Antonio

*Remembering the Civil War as an Indian War*
Ari Kelman, Penn State University

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10 • IN THE WAKE OF SLavery: VICISSITUDES OF POST-REVOLUTIONARY LIFE FOR NORTHERN PEOPLE OF COLOR AND THEIR WHITE NEIGHBORS
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PRESIDING • Ann Marie Plane, University of California, Santa Barbara

North to Bondage—Loyalist Slavery in the Maritimes, 1783-1815
Harvey Amani Whitfield, University of Vermont

“Massa done had da meat, now he got dem bones”: Providing for Former Slaves in Rural Eighteenth-Century Massachusetts
Thomas Doughton, College of the Holy Cross

African American Religious Affiliation and the Limits of Northern Freedom, 1780-1820
Richard J. Boles, City College of New York

Reconstructing Whiteness in the Era of Gradual Emancipation
Joanne Pope Melish, University of Kentucky

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11 • ON THE ROCKS: TESTING THE BONDS OF EARLY REPUBLICAN RELATIONSHIPS
George

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“In a Manner Forsaken”: Romantic Courtship and Marital Disillusionment in an Eighteenth-Century Philadelphian Marriage
Richard Godbeer, Virginia Commonwealth University

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Charlene Boyer Lewis, Kalamazoo College
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Barbara Oberg

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York

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Amherst

Sexual Violence and Race-Making in the Era of Indian Removal
Dawn Peterson, Emory University

Drawing the Color Line(s): Race, Religion, and Chickasaw Slaveholding in Antebellum Mississippi
Justin Isaac Rogers, University of Mississippi

“Some of the Indians have stolen some fine horses and some negroes”: Slavery, Captivity, Kinship, and Freedom in the Southwest Borderlands
Nakia Parker, University of Texas, Austin

From Border to Center: Manifest Destiny, Abolitionism, and Racial Identity in the Choctaw Election of 1860
Derrick D. McKisick, Texas A & M University, Commerce

COMMENT • Barbara Krauthamer

13 • PETITIONS, RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC
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PRESIDING • Richard Brown, University of Connecticut

Petitioning and the separation of Church and State in Massachusetts, 1829-1832
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Alexander Campbell and the Sabbath
Matt McCook, Oklahoma Christian University

The Anti-Abolitionism of the Congregational Church of Massachusetts and the Women’s Petitions Campaign of 1837
Louise W. Knight, Northwestern University

COMMENT • James Kabala, Rhode Island College
Richard Brown

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14 • MASCULINITY AND SLAVERY IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC
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"The Ball of Liberty," Congress, and the Problem of Saint Domingue: Re-Shaping an American Discourse on Black Masculinity
A. Kristen Foster, Marquette University

“We would sit up en look for daddy”: Enslaved Fatherhood in the Antebellum South
John P. Riley, State University of New York, Binghamton

“Submit Like a Man”: Negotiating (White) Manhood in Barbary Captivity
Christine E. Sears, University of Alabama, Huntsville

Lunsford Lane: Entrepreneurialism and Black Manhood in Slavery and Freedom
Craig Thompson Friend, North Carolina State University

COMMENT • Patrick H. Breen, Providence College
15 • **Costly Improvements: The Promises and Pitfalls of Early National Development**  
Temple

**Presiding** • William Rankin, Yale University

*Sovereign Debts: Indian Trust Funds and the Midwest’s Transportation Revolution*  
Emilie Connolly, New York University

*Wives, Widows, Wharf-owners: Female Property Ownership on Boston’s Waterfront, 1790-1820*  
Kathryn Lasdow, Columbia University

*“Bind the Republic Together”: The Dark Underbelly of Progress On America’s Western Transportation Frontiers*  
Ryan Dearinger, Eastern Oregon University

**Comment** • Tamara P. Thornton, State University of New York, Buffalo

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**Presiding** • Alexis Boylan, University of Connecticut

*A More Faithful Sketch*: Politics, Gender, and Portraits of Mary Wollstonecraft  
Allison Lange, Wentworth Institute of Technology

*The Face of Slavery: Hair, Body Care, and American Slavery*  
Sean Trainor, Freelance Scholar

*The “Faces of the Sexes”: Physiognomy and the Science of Sexual Difference*  
Rachel Walker, University of Maryland

**Comment** • Alexis Boylan
17 • INFORMING THE EARLY REPUBLIC: PRINT, PUBLICITY, AND POLITICS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ATLANTIC WORLD
Church

PRESIDING • Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy, University of Virginia and the International Center for Jefferson Studies

The Bosom of Pure Democracy: Settlement Projects and Transatlantic Politics
Anthony DiLorenzo, Loyola University, Chicago

Reprinting Revolution: The Politics of Newspaper Reprinting in North America during the French Revolution
Jordan E. Taylor, Indiana University

Sentiment, Security, and Slavery: Print Politics beyond Partisanship in the Transatlantic Age of Revolution
Wendy H. Wong, Temple University

COMMENT • Gregory Nobles, Georgia Tech
Patrick Rael, Bowdoin College

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PRESIDING • Lisa Wilson, Connecticut College

Defining the “Family of WASHINGTON”
Cassandra Good, Papers of James Monroe, University of Mary Washington

Fit to be Kin: Heredity, Marriage, and Family, 1820-1850
Jessie Regunberg, University of Pennsylvania

Unlanded Independence: Tenancy and the Making of Agricultural Households Before the Civil War
Adam Wolkoff, Visiting Scholar, State University of New York, Buffalo Law School
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Lisa Wilson

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Chapel

PRESIDING • R.B. Bernstein, City College of New York

Hamilton and Gender
Catherine Allgor, Huntington Library and University of California, Riverside

Hamilton and the American Revolution
Benjamin L. Carp, Brooklyn College-CUNY

“Make ‘em Laugh”: Why History cannot be reduced to Song and Dance
Nancy Isenberg, Louisiana State University

Crooked Histories: Race, Federalism, and Re-presenting Alexander Hamilton
Heather Nathans, Tufts University

“The Revolution’s Happening in New York”...and on a Screen Near You: The Birth of a Nation Genre
Andrew Schocket, Bowling Green State University

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PRESIDING • Jessica Lepler, University of New Hampshire

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Joshua Rothman, University of Alabama
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Lincoln Mullen, George Mason University

Mapping “The Lost Atlantis of American Politics”
Andrew W. Robertson, CUNY Graduate Center

The Seductions of 0/1: Digital Storytelling and the Boston Massacre
Serena Zabin, Carleton College

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21 • CULTURAL POLITICS AND POLITICAL CULTURES IN THE AGE OF REVOLUTION
Wooster

PRESIDING • Kariann Akemi Yokota, University of Colorado, Denver

Our Federal Sun: Planetary Politics in the Early American Republic
Eran Shalev, Haifa University

Beyond Harmony: The Politics of Making Music in the Early Republic
Glenda Goodman, University of Pennsylvania

How to Do Things With Letters: Epistolarity and Politics in the American Revolution
Nathan Perl-Rosenthal, University of Southern California

COMMENT • James E. Lewis, Jr., Kalamazoo College
Kariann Akemi Yokota

22 • DREW CAYTON: TEACHER, MENTOR, COLLEAGUE, AUTHOR, FRIEND, AND CITIZEN OF SHEAR
York

PRESIDING • François Furstenberg, Johns Hopkins University

PANELISTS • Brad Jones, California State University, Fresno
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Carla Gardina Pestana, UCLA
Fred Anderson, University of Colorado, Boulder
Mary Kelley, University of Michigan

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PRESIDING • David Gellman, DePauw University

Samuel Hopkins and Revolutionary-Era Antislavery
Moral and Political Economy
Michael Crowder, CUNY Graduate Center
“Know All Men”: Compensated Manumission, Legal
Freedom, and Abolition in the Early Republic
Julia Bernier, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Recording Freedom: The Manumission Register and
Black Ohio, Ross County, 1800-1820
Joshua Wood, Ohio State University

COMMENT • Rashauna R. Johnson, Dartmouth College
David Gellman

24 • GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS AND CIVIC IDEALS: THE LONG VIEW

George

PRESIDING • Jerry L. Mashaw, Yale University Law School

Policing the Peculiar Institution: Fugitive Slaves and State
Power in the American South, 1789-1860
Gautham Rao, American University
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Lawrence Peskin, Morgan State University

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PRESIDING • Michelle Craig McDonald, Stockton University

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Manuel Covo, University of Warwick

Grain, Warfare, and the Persistence of Trade: The United States and the Peninsular War, 1810-1814
Patrick Callaway, University of Maine

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Julia Mansfield, Stanford University

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PRESIDING • Paul Erickson, American Antiquarian Society

PANELISTS • Douglas Bradburn, Founding Director, Washington Library at Mount Vernon
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Nancy Davis, Curator, Division of Home and Community Life, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution
Marla Miller, Professor of History and Director, Public History Program, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Walter Woodward, Associate Professor of History, University of Connecticut, Connecticut State Historian, and co-editor of Common-place: The Journal of Early American Life

COMMENT • Peter S. Onuf, University of Virginia

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Garrett Wright, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Equity, Masculinity, and the Shame of Parsimony: “Visiting” American Indians and British Policy in the 1820s Great Lakes
Elspeth Martini, Montclair State University

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Michelle Cassidy, University of Michigan

Intermarriage, Colonization, and Native Revitalization in Central California, 1839-1851
Ashley Riley Sousa, Middle Tennessee State

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PRESIDING • Patricia Cline Cohen, University of California, Santa Barbara

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Cassandra N. Berman, Brandeis University
The Female Poisoner and the Partisan Political Press in Jacksonian America
Sara Crosby, Ohio State University, Marion
Painted Women and Veiled Nuns: Images of Women in Nineteenth-Century City Mysteries and Convent Narratives
Cassie L. Yacovazzi, University of Missouri

COMMENT • Daniel A. Cohen, Case Western Reserve University

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Church

PRESIDING • Erica Armstrong Dunbar, University of Delaware

Punishment and Liberal Freedom in the New Republic
Max Mishler, New York University
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Ryan A. Quintana, Wellesley College
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Aaron Hall, University of California, Berkeley

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Presiding • Kirsten Wood, Florida International University

Race, Property, and Widowhood in Revolutionary Virginia: Mary Willing Byrd and Slavery
Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch, University of Toledo

White Women, Slaves, and the Law and Order Campaign in the Post-Revolutionary South
Emily Margolis, Duke University

“Her title to said negroes is perfect & complete”: Slavery, Marriage, and Women’s Challenges to Coverture in the Nineteenth-Century South
Stephanie Jones-Rogers, University of California, Berkeley

Comment • Nik Ribianszky, Georgia Gwinnett College
Kirsten Wood

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George

Presiding • Timothy Leech, Ohio State University

Panelists • Barry Levy, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Edward Countryman, Southern Methodist University
Rosemarie Zagarri, George Mason University
Steven Pincus, Yale University

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Wooster

PRESIDING • Christine DeLucia, Mount Holyoke College

Sites of Possibility, Sites of Violence: Gender, Enslavement, and Settler Colonialism in the Great Lakes, 1775–1820
Emily Macgillivray, University of Michigan
Enslaved Native American Women in the Early South and the Case of Robin v. Hardaway
Hayley Negrin, New York University
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Christine DeLucia

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The Legal Culture of Slavery: Suing for Freedom in a Border South City
Kelly Kennington, Auburn University
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Signe Peterson Fourmy, University of Texas, Austin

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Matt Cohen, University of Texas, Austin

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Michael Emmons, University of Delaware

The Canon Comes Home: Preserving Authorship in Nineteenth-Century New England
Kate Silbert, University of Michigan

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Caroline Wigginton, University of Mississippi

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Shannon C. Eaves, University of North Florida

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Katherine Hijar, California State University, San Marcos

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   Sherry Johnson, Florida International University

   The Climate of the Early Republic in Perspective
   Sam White, Ohio State University

   Maybe the Fault is in Our Stars: Astronomical Phenomena and Environmental Consciousness in the Year Without Summer
   Sean Munger, University of Oregon

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            John Brooke

37 • Blood, Belonging, Citizenship, and Legal Personhood in the Early Republic: A Roundtable
   George

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Panelists • Kathleen M. Brown, University of Pennsylvania
            Jessica M. Johnson, Michigan State University
            Derrick Spires, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
            Nicholas L. Syrett, University of Northern Colorado

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Sarah Templier, Johns Hopkins University

*Genuine Pinchbeck: Cheap Jewelry in the Early Republic*

Wendy A. Woloson, Rutgers University, Camden

*Turning Readers into Consumers: Advertising in Godey’s Lady’s Book*

Amy Sopcek-Joseph, University of Connecticut

**COMMENT** • Zara Anishanslin, University of Delaware

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Rebecca A. R. Edwards, Rochester Institute of Technology

*Those “Presiding [Geniuses]”: Black Waiters Transforming Place in the Antebellum Dining Room*

Danya Pilgrim, Yale University

*Educating Philadelphia’s Black Community: A Generational Approach*

Elise Kammerer, University of Cologne

**COMMENT** • Andrew Diemer, Towson University

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Matt Gallman, University of Florida

To “Shrink From the Title of Blue-stocking”: Recasting Women’s Literary Reputations
Lucia McMahon, William Patterson University

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Daniel Richter, McNeil Center for Early American Studies and University of Pennsylvania

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Holly Nicole Stevens White, College of William and Mary

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John Frederick Bell, Harvard University

COMMENT • Corinne T. Field, University of Virginia
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Meggan A. Farish, Duke University
Redefining Slavery as a National Institution: Freed Blacks, Sharp v. Allein, and Roger Taney, 1830-1840
Patricia A. Reid, University of Dayton
“They Would Die There as Soon as Anywhere”: Black Iowans’ Physical and Legal Resistance to Slavery, 1844-1860
David Brodnax, Trinity Christian College

COMMENT • Martha S. Jones, University of Michigan
Kay Wright Lewis

43 • TEACHING SLAVERY: A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
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Vanessa M. Holden, Michigan State University
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Edward E. Baptist, Cornell University
The Persistent Propaganda of History
Jason Young, State University of New York, Buffalo
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Navigating Emotional Triggers for Black Students in the Multicultural Classroom
Brenda Stevenson, UCLA

Humanity as a Thing Unraced: Classroom Conversations on the History of Slavery
Elizabeth Stordeur Pryor, Smith College

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GHOSTS OF AMISTAD: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF REBELS
directed by Tony Buba, produced by Marcus Rediker

PRESIDING • Marcus Rediker, University of Pittsburgh
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46 • Regulating Maritime Migrants in the Early National and Antebellum Eras
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The Crew of the Higginson: Race, Rights, and Border Control in Antebellum South Carolina
Michael Schoeppner, University of Maine, Farmington

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PRESIDING • Daniel Feller, University of Tennessee
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Sharon Ann Murphy, Providence College
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Jim Downs, Connecticut College
Slavery, Sugar, and Landscapes of Fever in New Orleans, 1796-1830
Urmic Engineer, Murray State University
African Recaptives and Racial Science in Nineteenth-Century Slave Trade Suppression
Sharla Fett, Occidental College
The Commoditization of Bodies: Physicians and the Business of Healing in the Economics of Slavery
Savannah Williamson, University of Houston

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PANELISTS • Graham R. Hodges, Colgate University
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W. Caleb McDaniel, Rice University
Craig Steven Wilder, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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Eric Burrin, University of North Dakota
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Writing about Africa
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Ben Wright, University of Texas, Dallas

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Joseph M. Rizzo, Drayton Hall Preservation Trust
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Joshua A. Lynn, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
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Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University

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Mary B. Fuhrer, Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area

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Stephanie J. Richmond, Norfolk State University

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Ben Mutschler, Oregon State University

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Presiding • Leslie Choquette, Assumption College

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Alexander Macomb, Pontiac, and the Renaming of Fenriochtown: Souvenirs of the Pays d’en Haut after the War of 1812
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