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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, July 19
12:30-4 pm  Second-Book Writers’ Workshop
1:30-4:30 pm  Tour of Kirtland Temple
5-7:30 pm  Conference Registration
6-7:30 pm  President’s Plenary
7:30-9:30 pm  Plenary Reception @The Arcade

Friday, July 20
7:30-8:30 am  Investment Committee Mtg.
8 am-4 pm  Conference Registration
8 am-5 pm  Book Exhibit
8:30 am-12:15 pm  Sessions
12:30-2 pm  2019 Program Committee Mtg.
12:30-2 pm  Graduate Research Seminars
12:30-2 pm  JER Editorial Board Meeting
2-5:45 pm  Sessions
4-5:30 pm  Social Media Committee Mtg.
6-8 pm  Tour of Historic Downtown
6-9 pm  Tour of American Wing @CMA
9 pm  Grad Student Meet-and-Greet

Saturday, July 21
7:30-9 am  Boydston Women’s Breakfast
8 am-4 pm  Conference Registration
8:30 am-5 pm  Book Exhibit
9:00 am-12:45 pm  Sessions
12-2 pm  SHEAR Advisory Council Mtg.
12:30-2 pm  Broussard Prize Alumni lunch
2-3:45 pm  Sessions
2-5:45 pm  Whither the Early Republic, Revisited
4-6 pm  Tour of Special Collections @WRHS
5:30-6 pm  SHEAR Business Meeting—open to all
6:30-8 pm  Presidential Address/Awards Ceremony
8-9:30 pm  Awards Reception
Sunday, July 22

7:30-9 am    Founder's Breakfast
8-10:30 am   Conference Registration
8:30-11am    Book Exhibit
9 am-12:45 pm Sessions
2-5 pm       Tour of Shandy Hall

LOCATIONS

2019 Program Committee: Huron Room
2019 Local Arrangements Committee: Ontario Board Rm.
Awards Reception: East Foyer
Boydston Women’s Breakfast: East Foyer
Cleveland Museum of Art: 11150 East Blvd.
   JCU bus departs from and returns to conference hotel
Common-place.org Editorial Board: Huron Room
Exhibit Hall: Salons A-B-C
Founder’s Breakfast: Salon H
Graduate Research Seminars: Salon D Foyer
Graduate Student Meet-n-Greet: The Corner Alley,
   402 Euclid Avenue
Historic Downtown Walking Tour: Meet @ Registration
JER Editorial Board Meeting: Huron Room
Kirtland Temple: 9020 Chillicothe Rd., Kirtland, OH.
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Plenary Reception: The Arcade Cleveland, 401 Euclid Ave.
President’s Plenary: Salon D
Presidential Address: Salons D-E
Second-Book Writers’ Workshops: West Foyer
Shandy Hall: 6333 S Ridge Rd W in Geneva, OH.
   JCU bus departs from and returns to conference hotel
SHEAR Advisory Council: Huron Room
SHEAR Awards Reception: East Foyer
SHEAR Business Meeting: Huron Room
Western Reserve Historical Society: 10825 East Blvd.
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Our mission is to surround the scholarship in the JER with supplementary materials and related discussions, and to immerse readers in the process of researching, writing, and teaching the early American republic.

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Greetings! I am delighted to welcome you to the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic. The Society’s 2000 conference originally was to be in Cleveland but moved to Buffalo. So, eighteen years later, we finally will gather in Cleveland. Let’s make the most of it.

For the year-round work needed for a successful conference, SHEAR is indebted to Robyn Lily Davis, our incredible national conference coordinator. Rodney Hessinger, Daniel Kilbride led the Local Arrangements Committee (Daniel Cohen, Marcus Gallo, John Grabowski, Thomas Humphrey, Gary Kornblith, and Ami Plugrad-Jackisch) in planning an exceptional conference, packed with receptions, tours, and other events. Lorri Glover and Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch chaired the Program Committee (Sean Adams, Christopher Bonner, Emily Conroy-Krutz, Vanessa Holden, Johann Neem, Honor Sachs, Christine Sears, Chernoh Sesay, and Christina Snyder), which created an intellectually diverse and exciting program. We are most grateful to both committees for their hard work.

I hope that you will join the President’s Plenary on Thursday evening. The stories of the early American republic—from the origins of American capitalism to the rise of the carceral state, the evolution of American enslavement, the formation of

Craig Thompson
Friend, SHEAR
President

Did you know?
We are in the midst of a multi-year anniversary celebration. SHEAR was founded in 1977 and its first conference was in 1979. To commemorate our 40th Annual Meeting, this program is filled with historical trivia and quizzes. Enjoy!
gendered and racial binaries, the constitutional structures meant to sustain and protect a republican government, and the mythologizing of the founding generations—have never been more relevant to our contemporary political culture. Titled “Public Histories and the Early Republic Historian,” the plenary invites us to explore how and why scholars must inform public consumption and usage of history.

Late on Saturday afternoon, “Whither the Early Republic, Revisited: A Forum on the Future of the Field” will be held in memory of Michael Morrison, former editor of the Journal of the Early Republic and SHEAR president-elect who died unexpectedly in 2017. In 2005, Mike and his co-editor John Lauritz Larson published Whither the Early Republic? Larson will chair a panel of some of our most dynamic younger scholars who will revisit the forum to explore how the historiography has evolved.

We also continue SHEAR’s commitment to the next generation of scholars by hosting a Second Book Workshop and Graduate Research Seminars. For the generosity of their time and energies, SHEAR thanks the leaders of these sessions: John Larson, Marla Miller, Andrew Shankman, Rosemarie Zagarri, Tamara Plakins Thornton and Christopher Clark, Charlene Boyer Lewis (who will be teaming with me), and Honor Sachs and Sarah Barringer Gordon.

This is a special year in SHEAR’s history as we celebrate the Society’s 40th anniversary conference. I am reminded of Benjamin Franklin’s quip in Poor Richard’s Almanack (1741): “At 20 years of the age the Will reigns; at 30 the Wit; and at 40 the Judgment.” To reach our fifth decade, the Society has certainly been determined and clever in the past. As a result, we have inherited an organization that is a leader in the profession. Now, all we must do is determine what we do with that legacy. So, as we gather in Cleveland, I hope that you will explore intellectual avenues, renew old friendships, make new ones, and consider more active citizenship in SHEAR in order to shape its future.— Craig
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 era 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 in universities, colleges, museums, and historical parks and agencies, as well as independent scholars & 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 http://www.shear.org.
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On Naming SHEAR

“We had spent some time casting about for a title with no very satisfactory result. We might have called ourselves simply ‘the group between the William and Mary Quarterly and Civil War History,’ but that lacked a certain ring of authority. For want of anything better we had provisionally settled upon the Early National Historical Society. Perhaps this slighted the Jacksonians a bit, but it was short and descriptive.

But it was not to be . . . it was a hotel messenger from a representative of another, vastly larger organization with a somewhat similar name. In polite but firm language, the note suggested that we change our proposed name and save both groups some needless trouble. It almost reeked of lawsuits and depositions. And so we became the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic. A mouthful, I grant you, but at least we aren’t dodging subpoenas.”

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The Mary Kelley Prize in the History of Women, Gender, and Sexuality honors the best book published on the history of women, gender, or sexuality in the early American republic.

The James Bradford Best Biography Prize is awarded to the author of an original biography, broadly defined, of a person active during the early republic.

The Ralph D. Gray Article Prize honors the author of the best original article published in the previous volume of the JER.

The SHEAR Dissertation Prize is presented in cooperation with Penn Press to an exceptional unpublished dissertation pertaining to the history of North America between 1776 to 1861.

The SHEAR Distinguished Service Award recognizes generous and enduring service in behalf of the Society’s goals and programs. It recognizes the kind of institutional service and commitment without which voluntary societies such as SHEAR cannot thrive.

What is the most influential book to win SHEAR’s Best Book Prize? Pop culture-wise, it must be Joanne Freeman’s Affairs of Honor (2001) which inspired a song in the musical “Hamilton”!

SHEAR awards seven prizes after the annual presidential address on Saturday, July 21st.
WELCOME TO CLEVELAND

We are delighted to show off our hometown to you. Starting as an important lake, canal, and river port, Cleveland emerged as a bustling center of commerce and culture in the Early Republic. Growing into a major industrial center in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Cleveland benefited from the philanthropy of capitalists such as John D. Rockefeller who helped endow the city with world-class cultural institutions such as the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Cleveland Orchestra. While retaining its industrial roots, in recent years Cleveland has reinvented itself as a center for medical innovation, education, and the culinary arts. Evidence of Cleveland’s history and culture will surround you. We invite you to partake in the fun and fascinating local events we have planned for you.

The first event on Thursday will be a tour of the magnificent Kirtland Temple. Dedicated in 1836, this is the first temple constructed by the Mormons. A fascinating and revealing structure, the Temple today operates as a National Historic Landmark. After being transported by bus to Kirtland, we will be given a tour by Director Seth Bryant. Using the built environment of the church itself as illustration, he will highlight the events and controversies that unfolded within the church walls during a time when Joseph Smith received many of his most important revelations and erected his system of priesthood.

Thursday night join us for the official kickoff of the SHEAR conference as we gather for drinks, appetizers, and conversation at the Plenary Reception at the Cleveland Arcade. A stunning glass Victorian-era shopping mall, the Arcade will provide a lovely backdrop to opening remarks and will position you well to go out for dinner on East 4th Street or other neighboring downtown streets.

On Friday evening we offer two options to explore local culture. You might join the Cleveland Walking Tour. Departing from the conference hotel and led by historian John Grabowski of the WRHS and CWRU, this tour will take conference participants on a tour of downtown Cleveland. It will focus on the areas of downtown on and proximate to its 10+ acre “Public Square,” laid out during the community’s founding in 1796. It will include the “warehouse” district and a tour of the city’s Soldiers and Sailors Monument, one of the largest Civil War memorials constructed in the United States.
In 2012, the inaugural SHEAR Manuscript Prize went to Sari Altschuler for her 2012 dissertation titled “National Physiology: Literature, Medicine, and the Invention of the American Body, 1789-1860.”

Alternatively, you might take the bus departing the conference hotel to the Cleveland Museum of Art. Attendees will be led on a tour by curator of American paintings and sculpture, Mark Cole. This tour will focus on three major early American rooms: one dedicated to the colonial and revolutionary eras, another focusing on the Federalist era, and the third focusing on 19th-century landscape paintings. Holdings include portraits by John Singleton Copley, an iconic portrait of Nathaniel Olds in green spectacles (to prevent eye damage from whale oil lamps!), and a series of breathtaking Hudson River School landscapes. Attendees will then be free to explore the rest of this world-class museum, which closes at 9:00 pm.

Following the tours of the Art Museum and the streets of Cleveland, graduate students are invited to join the Graduate Student Meet and Greet at the Corner Alley on East 4th Street. Within this stylish bowling alley (because nothing says Cleveland like bowling!), we have ordered pizza and reserved some lanes and a game room as an alternative way to mingle and relax while at the conference.

On Saturday, you can be introduced to the Western Reserve Historical Society. Bus transport from the hotel will be provided. The tour will serve as an introduction to the important archival and material culture holdings of the Cleveland History Center. The focus will be on resources relating to the early republic, including collections such as the renowned Shaker Manuscript Collection, material relating to the War of 1812, and portraiture from the period.

Finally, if you can stick around on Sunday, we have one final local opportunity for you. Join us on a bus trip out to Shandy Hall. Located in Geneva, Ohio, Shandy Hall is a property of the Western Reserve Historical
Society. It was built by Robert Harper in 1815 and his descendants occupied the structure until the 1930s, expanding it to seventeen rooms and accumulating a wide variety of furniture and household items. Most of them remain in the house. This is a special opportunity to visit one of the most important historical structures in northeastern Ohio. We can cater the length of this tour to the needs of conference participants, depending on when they must get to the airport. Thank you for joining us. We hope you enjoy your stay in Cleveland.

Rodney Hessinger, local arrangements
Daniel Kilbride, local arrangements
Tour: Kirtland Temple, Thursday 19 July. Sponsored by The Papers of Joseph Smith. Dedicated in 1836, Kirtland is the first temple constructed by the Mormons. The complete tour (including time in the material culture exhibit space) should last about two hours. Bus seating is limited, and reservations are required. Bus departs hotel at 1:30, returns before 5:00.

Second Book Workshop, Thursday 19 July. Four senior scholar mentors facilitate workshop sessions for historians who are currently working on second projects.

President’s Plenary, Thursday, 19 July. SHEAR’s 40th annual conference opens at 6:00 with the President’s Plenary, “Public Histories and the Early Republic Historian,” inviting us to explore how and why academic history must expand beyond universities and colleges to inform public consumption of history.

Plenary Reception, Thursday 19 July. Sponsored by MCEAS. At The Arcade of Cleveland, immediately following the Plenary, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

2019 Program Committee Meeting, Friday 20 July. The Program Committee for the 2019 SHEAR conference in Cambridge will meet beginning at 12:30

JER Editorial Board Meeting, Friday 20 July. The JER editorial board meets at 12:30.
Graduate Research Seminars, Friday 20 July. Sponsored by Case Western Reserve University. Continuing SHEAR’s long tradition of mentoring graduate students, six senior scholars will host three concurrent research seminars for advanced graduate students, devoted to different scholarly topics in the history of the early republic.

Tour: Cleveland Museum of Art, Friday 20 July. Led by curator of American paintings and sculpture Mark Cole, this tour will last an hour; attendees will then be free to explore the rest of this world-class museum. Bus seating is limited and reservations are required. Bus departs hotel at 6:00; makes two return trips (after tour and again when museum closes at 9:00).

Walking Tour: Downtown Cleveland, Thursday 19 July. Historian John Grabowski of the Western Reserve Historical Society and Case Western Reserve University lead a tour of historic downtown Cleveland and its “Public Square.” Reservations requested. Departs hotel at 6:00, lasts about 100 minutes.

Graduate Student Meet-n-Greet, Friday 20 July. Graduate students from the area will welcome their colleagues at an informal gathering and bowling party beginning at 9:00 p.m.

Boydston Women’s Breakfast, Saturday 21 July. Sponsored by the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture and the History Department of Oberlin College. The women of SHEAR will gather from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. for their tenth annual breakfast honoring the life and career of long-time SHEAR member and supporter Jeanne Boydston. Tickets are $25.00 for a hearty and heartening breakfast; reservations are required. Please consider sponsoring a graduate student or an early-career scholar this year.

SHEAR Advisory Council, Saturday 21 July. The Advisory Council meets from noon to 2:00 pm.

Whither the Early Republic, Revisited: A Forum on the Future of the Field, Saturday 21 July. John Larson revisits the historiography explored in Larson and Morrison’s Whither the Early Republic (2005) with a group of young scholars to explore how the historiography has evolved.
Tour: Western Reserve Historical Society, Saturday 21 July. A one-hour introduction to the archival and material culture holdings of the WRHS’s Cleveland History Center. Bus seating is limited, and reservations are required. *Bus departs hotel at 4:00; begins return at 5:45.*

Presidential Address, Saturday 21 July. The 2018 presidential address begins at 6:30. President Craig Thompson Friend will discuss *Lunsford Lane and Me: Life-Writings and Public Histories of an Enslaved Other.* The President’s Address is free and open to all conference participants. It is followed immediately by the SHEAR Awards Ceremony and then the Awards Reception, sponsored by Case Western Reserve University and Oberlin College.

Founders’ Breakfast, Sunday 22 July. *Sponsored by Friends of SHEAR.* Forty years into the enterprise that they conceived, SHEAR’s founding members will be honored at a breakfast on Sunday morning, from 7:30–9:00 am.

Tour: Shandy Hall, Sunday 22 July. This is a very special opportunity to visit one of the most important historical structures in northeastern Ohio. Seating is limited; reservations are required. *Bus departs at 2, returns at 5 – timing can be adjusted to cater to participants’ travel needs.*
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Constance E. Schulz (2014)

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SECOND-BOOK WORKSHOP

SHEAR is pleased to host the 2nd annual Second-Book Writers’ Workshop on Thursday, July 19. Four senior scholar mentors will each facilitate a workshop session for mid-career historians of the early American republic who are currently working on book projects.

MENTOR: John Larson, Purdue University
- Tom Cutterham, Univ. of Birmingham
- Catherine Denial, Knox College
- Andrew Diemer, Towson University
- Jeffrey Malanson, Purdue Univ., Ft. Wayne

MENTOR: Marla Miller, Univ. of Massachusetts
- Jonathan Den Hartog, Northwestern Univ.–St. Paul
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- Joseph Stoltz, III, Fred W. Smith Library at Mount Vernon

MENTOR: Andrew Shankman, Rutgers Univ. Camden
- Thomas Balcerski, Eastern Connecticut State Univ.
- Robyn Lily Davis, Millersville University
- Kara Swanson, Northeastern University
- Lindsay Schakenbach Regele, Miami University

MENTOR: Rosemarie Zagarri, George Mason Univ.
- Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State Univ.
- Seth Cotlar, Willamette University
- David Head, University of Central Florida
- Jessica Lepler, Univ. of New Hampshire
- Benjamin Park, Sam Houston State Univ.

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Concert
Devlin Hall, Room 008
3:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Host: Elisabeth Null, Georgetown University

Performances: Narenboga Harmony, Stephen A. Marini, Wellesley College, Sining Master
“A Singing-School Concert: New England Fuguing Tunes, Anthems, and Set-Pieces”
David Hildbrand, University of Maryland-Baltimore
“Genius Music-Making in the New Republic”
Arthur Schneider, Singing History
“A Few Songs in Vogue with the Vulgar:
Boston, 1813”

Nooty Bruce, Wesleyan University, and Phyllis Bruce, American Voices
“Music During the Time of Thomas Cole:
Forgotten Landmarks (1826-1842)”

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The history department is proud to co-sponsor the Women’s Breakfast, while the dean of the college is pleased to sponsor the SHEAR Awards Reception.

Top: 1855 Lady Graduates of Oberlin College (with Marianne Parker Dascomb and Elizabeth Atkinson Finney in front row).
Bottom: Oberlin-Wellington Rescuers at the Cuyahoga County Jail, April 1859.
SHEAR is pleased once again to sponsor 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 2017-2018 degree.

**Capitalism and Market Culture with Christopher Clark (University of Connecticut) and Tamara Plakins Thornton (University at Buffalo)**
- Anthony Padovano, Michigan State Univ.: “State Building: Internal Improvements in the Old Michigan Territory”
- Sarah Winsberg, Univ. of Pennsylvania: “Making Work: Lawyers and the Boundaries of Labor, 1780-1860”
- Cory Young, Georgetown Univ.: “For Life and Otherwise: Abolition and Slavery in South Central Pennsylvania”

**Legal History and Culture with Sarah Barringer Gordon (University of Pennsylvania) and Honor Sachs (Western Carolina University)**
- Aaron Hall, Univ. of California at Berkeley: “Claiming the Founding: Slavery and Constitutional History in Antebellum America”
- Nina Halty, Harvard University: “From Slaves to Subjects: Forging Freedom in the Canadian Legal System”

In 2015, the inaugural Mary Kelley Prize went to Jan Manion for her book titled *Liberty’s Prisoners: Carceral Culture in Early America*. 
• Jason Herbert, University of Minnesota: “Bovine Borderlands: Cattle and Consequences in Indigenous Florida, 1585-1858”
• Idolina Hernandez, Saint Louis University: “Exiled Abroad: Refugees in the Making of Early America”
• Timothy Leech, Ohio State University: “The Continental Army and American State Formation”
• Muiris MacGiollabhui, Univ. of California at Santa Cruz: “Sons of Exile: The Transnational History of the United Irishmen, 1791-1827”
• Kent Peacock, Florida State University: “Contacts and Consent: Sex and the Creation of American Men, Women and State West of the Appalachians after the Revolution”
• Frank Sammons, Univ. of California at Berkeley: “Yazoo’s Settlements: Finance, Law, and the Political Economy of Dispossession”

In 1990-91, Laurel Ulrich’s *A Midwife’s Tale* won SHEAR’s Best Book Prize, the Pulitzer Prize, and the Bancroft. Alan Taylor replicated that feat with *William Cooper’s Town* in 1995-96. In 2007-08, Daniel Walker Howe won the SHEAR Best Book Prize and the Pulitzer Prize for *What Hath God Wrought*. Annette Gordon-Reed also won the SHEAR Best Book Prize and the Pulitzer Prize for *The Hemingses of Monticello* in 2009-10.
Joseph G. Tregle Jr. won the first award for best article in the *Journal of the Early Republic* with “Andrew Jackson and the Continuing Battle of New Orleans” (vol. 1: winter 1981). His citation was the first use of the iconic journal logo.

Women, Gender, and the Family in the Era of the American Revolution with Craig Thompson Friend (North Carolina State University) and Charlene Boyer Lewis (Kalamazoo College)

- Gloria Bell, Univ. of British Columbia: “Sculpting Indigenous Women: Ferdinand Pettrich and Edmonia Lewis”
- Cheryl Coulthard, Texas A&M Univ.: “The Quest for a Utopian Solution to Social Problems of Race, Gender, and Social Inequality: A Comparative Study of Communal Societies in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries”
- Elizabeth Eubanks, University of Tennessee: “Benevolent Patriarchs: Gender and Charity in Early America”
- Abigail S. Gruber, Temple University: “The Politics of Sexual Violence during the American Revolution”
- Gabrielle Guillerm, Northwestern University: “The Forgotten French: Catholicism, Colonialism, and Americanness on the Early Trans-Appalachian Frontier”
- Laura McCoy, Northwestern University: “In Distress: Family and a Marketplace of Feeling in the Early American Republic”
Another SHEAR 40th Anniversary Trivia Quiz!

1. Name SHEAR’s first female president and male president.
2. Who was SHEAR’s first “conference coordinator”? 
3. SHEAR has held its conference twice outside of the United States. What were the locations?
4. If you attended the Presidential Address at the 2009 annual meeting in Springfield, IL (or read the President’s book), you should be able to fill in the blank: “Free Trade and ________ Rights!”
5. Sojourner Truth, Thomas Skidmore, and Nicholas Biddle are the categories for Friends of SHEAR. Most of us know Truth and Biddle, but who was Thomas Skidmore?
6. There have been thirty-nine SHEAR presidents. How many have been women?
7. Who was the founding editor of the Journal of the Early Republic? Extra credit if you give the year in which the journal first appeared.
8. The National Park Service has hosted the SHEAR conference once. In what town was the meeting held?
9. What does the eagle hold in its claws in the SHEAR logo?
10. What made the 2002 meeting in Berkeley most unique among the forty SHEAR conferences?
11. How many SHEAR conference videos are available on C-SPAN? Extra credit if you can name one of the topics.
12. You may know that Penn Press publishes The Journal of the Early Republic, but do you know which Philadelphia partner houses the journal’s editorial office?
13. Let’s see who reads their program when we are in Philadelphia. The conference hotel sits on the site of Adams Express Freight Depot. What notable historical event happened there in 1849?
14. From the mission statement: SHEAR is an association of scholars dedicated to exploring the events and the meaning of United States history between ________ and ________.
15. Where did SHEAR hold its first annual meeting in 1979?
16. What song was inspired by the 2001 SHEAR Best Book, Joanne Freeman’s Affairs of Honor?
17. SHEAR’s southernmost meeting was in which town?

Answers on page 83.
CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Thursday, July 19 6:00-7:30 PM

1 • PRESIDENT’S PLENARY •
PUBLIC HISTORIES AND THE EARLY REPUBLIC HISTORIAN
Salon D

WELCOME • Craig Thompson Friend,
North Carolina State Univ.
Lorri Glover, St. Louis Univ.
Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch,
University of Toledo

PRESIDING • Patrick Spero, American Philosophical Society

PANELISTS • Ashley Bouknight, The Hermitage
Philip Mead, Museum of the American Revolution
Marla R. Miller, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Robert Parker, United States Navy Memorial
Katheryn P. Viens,
Massachusetts Historical Soc.

COMMENT • the Audience

PLENARY RECEPTION
IMMEDIATELY TO FOLLOW
Friday, July 20 8:30-10:15 AM

2 • GENDER AND RELIGION IN THE POLITICS OF THE 1830S
Erie-Superior Room

PRESIDING • Kirsten E. Wood, Florida International Univ.

“A Petticoat is at least equal to a trouserloon traitor”: Anne Royall and the Politics of the 1830s
Elizabeth J. Clapp, University of Leicester

“A thorough going loco foco Fanny Wright democrat”: Women’s Political Activity in the 1832 and 1836 Presidential Elections
Mark R. Cheathem, Cumberland University

Plain Catholics of the North: Martin Van Buren and Religion in the Making of the Democratic Party
Jason Duncan, Aquinas College

COMMENT • Kirsten E. Wood

3 • SEVEN WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL: LIFE, DEATH, RITUALS, AND MEANING IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC
Salon F

PRESIDING • Catherine Denial, Knox College

“Ninety-two jigs, fifty-two contra-dances, and seventeen hornpipes”: Being Merry and Becoming Married Among Lower Classes in the Early Republican Era
Stephanie McKellop, University of Pennsylvania

P.T Barnum, Tom Thumb, and the Embourgeoisification of the American Wedding
Patrick W. O’Neil, Methodist University

Henry Clay’s Coffin—Material Culture and Politicized Mourning in 1852
Sarah J. Purcell, Grinnell College

COMMENT • Elizabeth Freeman, University of California-Davis
Daniel Kilbride, John Carroll University
Friday, July 20 8:30-10:15 AM

4 • COMPLICATED HISTORIES OF PEOPLE FREE UNFREE, AND IN-BETWEEN
Salon G

PRESIDING • James E. Seelye, Jr., Kent State Univ., Stark

Slavery’s Refugees: The Boston Fugitive Community, 1846-1850
Margaret E. Newell, The Ohio State University
From Indentured Servants to Hommes Libres: French Canadian Men in the Great Lakes Borderland
Nicole St-Onge, University of Ottawa, Canada
Apart from Their Families: Child Servants and Slaves in the Antebellum Great Lakes Borderland
Lucy Eldersveld Murphy, Ohio State Univ., Newark

COMMENT • Joanne Pope Melish, University of Kentucky

5 • REMAPPING THE BOUNDARIES OF INDIGENITY
Salon H

PRESIDING • C. Joseph Genetin-Pilawa, George Mason Univ.

National Borders and Native Sovereignty at Akwesasne Mohawk Territory, 1815-1837
Loren Michael Mortimer, University of California-Davis
Cherokee Leader Chuquileatgue or Doublehead (c. 1744-1807): His Odyssey from Warrior to Diplomat to Pariah
Rowena McClinton, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Indigenizing the Story of Neoclassicism in the Eternal City: Ferdinand Pettrich and Edmonia Lewis
Gloria Bell, University of British Columbia

COMMENT • David Nichols, Indiana State University
6 • Early Republic Encounters in the Wider World
Salon D

Presiding • Gary Kornblith, Oberlin College

American Investigative Commissions Sent Abroad in the Early American Republic
Konstantin Dierks, Indiana University
“The Country was Impassable”: The Private American Mission to Survey a Nicaraguan Transoceanic Canal
Jessica Lepler, University of New Hampshire
“But One Step More”: The American Peace Society’s Campaign for a Congress of Nations
Margot Minardi, Reed College
Importing the World’s Fair
Michael Zakim, Tel Aviv University

Comment • Gary Kornblith

7 • Roundtable: The First Seminole War at 200: New Perspectives on Race, Empire, and Law
Salon E

Presiding • Andrew Frank, Florida State University

Race and the Threat of Floridian Borderlands
Timothy Fritz, Mount St. Mary’s University
Bovine Borderlands: Seminoles in the Age of Atlantic Empire
Jason Herbert, University of Minnesota
Seminoles, African Americans, and Law in the Florida Borderlands
Nancy Gallman, McNeil Center for Early American Studies
The Seminole War and the Rise of American Empire
Eliga Gould, University of New Hampshire
Action Jackson, Federal Filibustering, and the Apogee of Settler Colonialism
John Hall, University of Wisconsin

Comment • the Audience
Friday, July 20

10:30 AM-12:15 PM

8 • CONSTITUTIONAL INVENTIONS
   Erie-Superior Room

PRESIDING • Mary Sarah Bilder, Boston College Law School

The Constitutional Corporation
   Nikolas Bowie, Harvard Law School

Imagining the Archival Constitution
   Jonathan Gienapp, Stanford University

Constructing a Constitution of States
   Maeve Glass, Columbia Law School

Equality Among the States: The Constitution’s Phantom Menace
   Jane Manners, Princeton University

COMMENT • Jud Campbell, University of Richmond School of Law

9 • STEAMED UP: SCIENCE, POLITICS, AND POPULAR CULTURE IN THE AGE OF STEAM
   Salon F

PRESIDING • Thomas J. Humphrey, Cleveland State Univ.

“No steamboat or Sea Serpent”: Steam Technology and American Culture
   Susan Branson, Syracuse University

“Awful Conflagration... Melancholy Occurrence”: Steamboat Explosions and the Popular Culture of Disaster
   Cynthia A. Kierner, George Mason University

Governing Steam: The 1838 Steamboat Safety Act
   Alicia Maggard, Brown University

COMMENT • Gregory Nobles, Georgia Institute of Technology
Friday, July 20

10 • BUILDING STATES AND MAKING EMPIRES IN INDIAN COUNTRY
Salon G

PRESIDING • Karim Tiro, Xavier University

“To Resemble the Cantonments of an Army”: Weaponizing Loyalist Settlement in Eastern British America
Alexandra Montgomery, University of Pennsylvania
Lori Daggar, Ursinus College
American Insecurities: States’ Sovereign Debt Crisis and Fiduciary Colonialism
Emilie Connolly, New York University

COMMENT • Gautham Rao, American University

11 • THE ORIGINS OF CELEBRITY IN THE REVOLUTION AND THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC
Salon H

PRESIDING • Charlene Boyer Lewis, Kalamazoo College

John Dickinson, the “Divine Farmer”: The Rise and Fall of America’s First Political Celebrity
Jane Calvert, University of Kentucky
What was Celebrity Good For? The Case of Phillis Wheatley
David Waldstreicher, CUNY Graduate Center
How to Build Celebrity in the Early Republic
Carolyn Eastman, Virginia Commonwealth University
Tracking the Language of Celebrity in the Early Republic
Kenneth Cohen, Smithsonian Institution/ National Museum of American History

COMMENT • Charlene Boyer Lewis
12 • Labor Markets Created by, for, and in Women
Salon D

Presiding • Ellen Hartigan-O’Connor, Univ. of California-Davis

Female Intelligence Offices and Domestic Labor Markets, 1810-1850
April Haynes, University of Wisconsin-Madison
“She could...spare one ample breast for the profit of her owner”: White Mothers and Enslaved Wet Nurses’ Invisible Labor in American Slave Markets
Stephanie Jones-Rogers, University of California-Berkeley
The Pennsylvania Abolition Society as a Labor Broker in the Civil War Era North
Brian Luskey, West Virginia University

Comment • Ellen Hartigan-O’Connor
Carol Lasser, Oberlin College

13 • The Language of Politics and the Politics of Language
Salon E

Presiding • Phillipp Ziesche, Papers of Benjamin Franklin

Dupes and Demagogues: The Political Language of Trickery in the Early Republic
Shira Lurie, University of Virginia
The Politics of Nostalgia in the Age of Jackson
Seth Cotlar, Willamette University
The Invention of the American Democrat: Rhetoric and Embodiment
Matthew Rainbow Hale, Goucher College

Comment • Andrew W. Robertson, Graduate Center, City University of New York
14 • REGULATING THE DEAD: CULTURAL VALUES IN BURIAL GROUNDS AND CEMETERIES
Erie-Superior Room

PRESIDING • Rodney Hessinger, John Carroll University

“Negroes and Mulatoes Expected”: How Burial Rights, Protected Borders, and Slave Cemeteries Founded Baltimore’s African Burying Ground in 1807
Kami Fletcher, Delaware State University

Regulating Cities of the Dead
Jeffrey Smith, Lindenwood University

Forgetting and Remembering: Commemorating African-Americans’ Grave Markers from Early Nineteenth-Century New Jersey
Richard Veit, Monmouth University

COMMENT • Erik Seeman, University at Buffalo (SUNY)

15 • AMERICAN SETTLER STATE FORMATION IN THE MIDWEST, 1776-1841
Salon F

PRESIDING • Bethel Saler, Haverford College

In Search of Competency; The Battle for the American Backcountry, 1776-1795
Ashley Sanders Garcia, University of California-Los Angeles

The Portage des Sioux Land Grab: A Cartographic History
Robert Lee, Harvard University

Women’s Support of the American State in Frontier Indiana
Kent Peacock, Florida State University

COMMENT • Tom Kanon, Tennessee State Library & Archives
Graham Peck, Saint Xavier University
Friday, July 20
2:00-3:45 PM

16 • STONES AND BONES: NEGOTIATING MEMORY AND POLITICS IN EARLY AMERICAN MONUMENTS
Salon G

PRESIDING • Andrew Schocket, Bowling Green State Univ.

Sermons in Stone: Monuments and Their Meanings in Revolutionary and Early Republican America, 1770-1800
James R. Wils, North Carolina State University

The Fruits of Women’s Industry and Ingenuity: Politics, Gender, and the Bunker Hill Monument
Amy Sopeak-Joseph, University of Connecticut

“Papa, Had He Hair?”: Collecting George Washington’s Relics as Religious and Political Objects of the American Republic
Jamie L. Brummitt, Duke University

COMMENT • Mark Boonshoft, Norwich University
Andrew Schocket

17 • STATES OF SPECULATION: WESTERN LANDS AND THE FORGING AND FRACTURING OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC
Salon H

PRESIDING • Christopher Clark, University of Connecticut

“It is very tangled business”: Native Power and Federal Authority in the Yazoo Land Sales of 1789
Franklin Sammons, Univ. of California-Berkeley

Western Land, Eastern Money: Financial Panics and the Commodification of the West
Susan Stearns, University of Mississippi

Land Fevers: Western Relief Rhetoric in an Age of Boom and Bust
Daniel Dupre, University of North Carolina-Charlotte

COMMENT • Daniel Mandell, Truman State University
Friday, July 20
2:00-3:45 PM

18 • ROUND TABLE: TEACHING THE EARLY REPUBLIC IN THE AMERICAN HEARTLAND
Salon D

PRESIDING • Joseph M. Adelman, Framingham State Univ.

PANELISTS • Sara Lampert, University of South Dakota
Kyle Bulthuis, Utah State University
Amanda Hendrix-Komoto, Montana State University
Noël Mellick Voltz, University of Utah
Jenny Hale Pulsipher, Brigham Young University

COMMENT • the Audience

19 • THE FORGOTTEN FRENCH IN THE CONTINENTAL INTERIOR
Salon E

PRESIDING • Jay Gitlin, Yale University

Spiritual Contests in the American Interior; Francophone Catholicism in the Illinois Parishes, 1795-1806
Christine Croxall, Washington University in St. Louis

Critical Intermediaries: Francophone Catholic Women of Mixed Ancestry and Frontier Life in the Old Northwest
Gabrielle Guillerm, Northwestern University

Three French Catholic Religious Slaveowners—A Bishop, a Priest, and a Sainted Nun: Their History and Legacy of Louisiana
Emory C. Webre, Independent Scholar

COMMENT • Catherine Cangany, University of Notre Dame
Maxime Dagenais, McMaster University
Friday, July 20

4:00-5:45 PM

20 • REVOLUTIONS ACROSS BORDERS: JACKSONIAN AMERICA AND THE CANADIAN REBELLION
Erie-Superior Room

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PRESIDING • Amy Greenberg, Pennsylvania State University

Patriots No More: The Political Economy of Anglo-American Rapprochement, 1815-1846
Jason Opal, McGill University
The Lure of a Canadian Republic: Recreating America across the Northern Border, 1837-1842
Thomas Richards, Jr., Clements Center for Southwest Studies
Reconsidering the 1840 Presidential Election from a Canadian Perspective
Julien Mauduit, McMaster University

COMMENT • Amy Greenberg

21 • ON THE MOVE AND IN THE MARKET: SLAVERY, MOBILITY, AND POWER
Salon F

PRESIDING • Richard Bell, University of Maryland

The Contingencies of Mobility in the Black Atlantic World
Rashauna Johnson, Dartmouth College
Enslaved Women, Money, and the Law in Antebellum South Carolina
Justene Hill, University of Virginia
Black Subjectivity and Racial Migration in Patrick Henry Reason’s Portrait Work and Family Life 1835-1898
Philip Troutman, George Washington University

COMMENT • Kate Masur, Northwestern University
Friday, July 20 4:00-5:45 PM

22 • Morality and Markets: Regulating Capitalism in the Early Republic
Salon G

Presiding • Whitney Martinko, Villanova University

Property in People and the Complexities of Capitalism
Holly Brewer, University of Maryland

The “Holy Alliance”: Christian Reform Capitalism of the Early Republic
Joseph Slaughter, U.S. Naval Academy

“He had the face of religion”: Merchants and Church Attendance, 1765-1776
Kirsten Beales, College of William and Mary

Comment • Stephen Mihm, University of Georgia
Jessica Choppin Roney, Temple University

23 • Intellectual History Meets Cultural Diversity in the Early American Republic
Salon H

Presiding • Maureen Konkle, University of Missouri

Catholics Cut Categories: Complicating the Metanarrative of Ideas and Culture in Early America
Jeff Appelhans, University of Delaware

From Black Activists to American Thought Leaders: Re-Conceptualizing African American Intellectual History in the Early Republic
Richard Newman, Rochester Institute of Technology

Voices from California: Spanish-Mexican and Indigenous Women’s Interventions on Empire and Manifest Destiny
Erika Pérez, University of Arizona

Comment • Maureen Konkle
Friday, July 20
4:00-5:45 PM

24 • LEGAL LEGACIES OF SLAVERY AND FREEDOM IN THE
ANGLO-ATLANTIC WORLD
Salon D

PRESIDING • Chris Magra, University of Tennessee

This Man Is Here: Somerset’s Case and Enslaved Subjecthood in the Anglo-Atlantic World
Derek Litvak, University of Maryland, College Park
Mansfield’s Somerset Decision as Postcolonial Legacy in the Early Republic
Henry Buehner, Chestnut Hill College
Black Skin, Red Coats: The Carolina Corps and Legal Liminality in the Revolutionary Era British Caribbean
Gary Sellick, University of South Carolina

COMMENT • Lee B. Wilson, Clemson University

25 • ROUNDTABLE: TO TRADE OR NOT TO TRADE? A DISCUSSION ABOUT WRITING THE HISTORY OF THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC FOR POPULAR AUDIENCES
Salon E

PRESIDING • Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University

PANELISTS • Caitlin A. Fitz, Northwestern University
François Furstenberg, Johns Hopkins University
Brian Distelberg, Basic Books
Adina Berk, Yale University Press

COMMENT • the Audience
Saturday, July 21 9:00-10:45 AM

26 • METAL, MACHINERY, AND MANPOWER: FREE AND COERCED LABOR IN THE EARLY INDUSTRIAL SOUTH
Salon D

PRESIDING • Frank Byrne, SUNY Oswego

Slavery, Southern Gold Mining, and the Making of American Currency, 1827-1848
Ann Daly, Brown University

“With an avowed intention to beat down all its competitors”: Unfree Labor and Market Competition in the Richmond, Virginia Nail-making Industry, 1800-1815
Alexi Garrett, University of Virginia

“The best and cheapest means of effecting Public Works, are by steam and slave labour”: Public Slaveholding and Public Works in Louisa, 1833-1861
Aaron Hall, McNeil Center of Early American Studies

COMMENT • Ryan Quintana, Wellesley College
Eric Kimball, University of Pittsburgh-Greenberg

27 • RETHINKING AMERICA: A ROUNDTABLE IN HONOR OF JOHN M. MURRIN
Salon E

PRESIDING • Andrew Shankman, Rutgers University-Camden

PANELISTS • Zara Anishanslin, University of Delaware
Brendan McConville, Boston University
Daniel Richter, University of Pennsylvania
Alan Taylor, University of Virginia

COMMENT • the Audience
28 • Revolution, Memory, and Identity
Erie-Superior Room

Presiding • Thomas A. Chambers, Niagara University

Lafayette and “The Arkansaw Traveler”: Revolutionary Memory, National Music, and Western Tropes in Jacksonian Cincinnati
James J. Ashton, Loyola University Maryland

Pensioners as Propaganda: Revolutionary War Memory and Early National Politics, 1818–1832
Duncan M. Knox, Texas Tech University

William Lyon Mackenzie and the Memory of the American Revolution
Joshua Steedman, University of Toledo

Comment • Barbara Oberg, Princeton University
Thomas A. Chambers

29 • John Jay and the Construction of America
Foreign Policy in the Early Republic
Salon F

Presiding • Todd Estes, Oakland University

The Law of Nations in John Jay’s Diplomacy
Benjamin Lyons, Columbia University

John Jay’s Grand Strategy for American Diplomacy
Jonathan Den Hartog, University of Northwestern – St. Paul

Clarets, Cards, and Country Houses: Strategic Sociability and the Jay Treaty Negotiations
Jennifer Steenshorne, Papers of George Washington

“Profit is every hour becoming capital”: Jay’s Treaty and the Federalist Political Economy
Samuel Negus, Atlanta Classical Academy

Comment • Todd Estes
Saturday, July 21 9:00-10:45 AM

30 • GRASSROOTS POLITICS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC
Salon G

PRESIDING • Kyle G. Volk, University of Montana

African American Mobility, Residency, and Communities of Protection in the Early Republic
Samantha Seeley, University of Richmond

Squatter Democracy: The Lure of Land in Jacksonian Constituency-Building
John Suval, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Grassroots Politics and Party Development
Donald Ratcliffe, University of Oxford

COMMENT • Reeve Huston, Duke University

31 • REGENERATING VIOLENCE: ANGLO-INDIAN TRAUMA AND ITS USES IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC
Salon H

PRESIDING • Patrick Bottiger, Kenyon College

“Nor get another trophy”: Remembering and Re-thinking the Meaning of Survival
Mairin Odle, University Alabama

A State Suffering: Petitions and Memorial from the Borderland in the Early Republic
Michael Read, University of Rochester

Reading Captivity in the Early Republic
Catherine Murray, Temple University

COMMENT • Dawn Peterson, Emory University
Saturday, July 21

32 • THE INVISIBLE INDIGENOUS MIDWEST: NATIVE NETWORKS, URBAN ENTANGLEMENTS, AND SLAVERY IN THE MAKING OF THE MIDCONTINENT
Erie-Superior Room

PRESIDING • Gregory Evans Dowd, University of Michigan

Disguising Slavery: Native and Euro-American Unfree Labor and the Rise of the Urban Midwest
Alexis Smith, Indiana University

Chicago’s Good Indians: A Settler Colonial Tale of Justification for Indian Dispossession
Aaron Karl Luedtke, Michigan State University

“That the Roads and Waters may be free and open to us all”: Haudenosaunee Pathways and Politics in the Eastern Great Lakes, 1763-1794
Alyssa Zuercher Reichardt, University of Missouri

COMMENT • Rob Harper, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

33 • ROUNDTABLE: NEW INTELLECTUAL HISTORIES OF EARLY AMERICAN WOMEN
Salon D

PRESIDING • Rosemarie Zagarri, George Mason Univ.

PANELISTS • Tom Cutterham, University of Birmingham
Sara Georgini, Massachusetts Historical Soc.
Lucia McMahon, William Paterson Univ.
Sarah Pearsall, University of Cambridge

COMMENT • the Audience
Saturday, July 21 11:00 AM-12:45 PM

34 • **SOCIABILITY AND MATERIAL CULTURE IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC: PUBLIC DISPLAY AND CONSUMERISM IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY**
*Salon E*

**PRESIDING** • Daniel Preston, University of Mary Washington

“His dignity should be adorned by his house, but not derived from it”: Rufus King and Consumerism in Post-Revolutionary America
Kelsey Brow, King Manor Museum

*Patterned Republic: The Neoclassicism of the Early Presidential Material Culture*
Amanda Milian, Texas Christianity University

*Black Broadcloth and Purple Velvet: Those Who Formed and Protected the Ideologies of the Republican Party*
Merry Ellen Scofield, Princeton University and the Papers of Thomas Jefferson

**COMMENT** • Emily Arendt, Montana State University-Billings

35 • **NO SAFE SPACE: EARLY AMERICAN FEARS OF MORAL DANGER IN THE CITY, SMALL TOWNS, AND ON THE WESTERN FRONTIER**
*Salon G*

**PRESIDING** • Marise Bachand, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières

*Tracing the Seduction of “Fallen Women” in Antebellum New York City*
Mark Bernhardt, Jackson State University

“To live partly in the country, and partly in the city”: *Domestic Perils of Clerking in the Nation’s Capital, 1830-1850*
Heath Bowen, St. Thomas Aquinas College

*Deviant Frontiers: The Sentimental Critique of the California Gold Rush*
Adam Q. Stauffer, University of Rochester

**COMMENT** • Marise Bachand
Saturday, July 21  

36 • LAW, DIPLOMACY, AND THE CULTURE OF SETTLER COLONIALISM IN AMERICAN EMPIRE  
Salon F

PRESIDING • Joshua J. Jeffers, Middle Tennessee State University

Civilizing Space: Seneca Sovereignty, Quaker Missionaries, and the Great Survey, 1797-1800  
Elana Krischer, University at Albany (SUNY)

“Actual Settlers,” “White Borderers,” and Colonists: Contested Belonging in the Pennsylvania Borderlands  
Zach Isenhower, Louisiana State University

In the Land of the Three Miamis: Indian Agents as Diplomats in Ohio Territory  
Katrina Ponti, University of Rochester

Defining the Law on the Frontier: Native Americans and Capital Punishment in Territorial Wisconsin  
Daniel Belczak, Case Western Reserve University

COMMENT • John Reda, Illinois State University

37 • CREATING CITIZENSHIP: ESTABLISHING BELONGING IN THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC  
Salon H

PRESIDING • James Bratt, Calvin College

Empire Through Birth Rights: Naturalization, Citizenship, and Refugees in Early America  
Idolina Hernandez, Saint Louis University

Treason Worthy Women: Female Loyalists During the American Revolution  
Brett Palfreyman, Wagner College

The Origin of Blood: Citizenship, Color, and the American Regime in Creole New Orleans, 1803-1815  
Andrew N. Wegmann, Delta State University

COMMENT • James Brett
Saturday, July 21  
2:00-3:45 PM

38 • NEW CONNECTIONS IN ANTISLAVERY POLITICS: THE LOCAL AND TRANSNATIONAL  
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Robert Gioielli, University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College

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  David Head, University of Central Florida

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  Stephanie Lawton, University of Virginia

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  Martha J. King

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  Brandon Mills, University of Colorado Denver

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Cheryl Coulthard, Texas A&M University

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Ashley E. Moreshead, Univ. of Central Florida

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