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The hottest thing in Washington, D.C. this summer won't be the weather, but the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic. For SHEAR enjoyment, bring your family, your colleagues, and your students to enjoy the multiple opportunities and experiences of this year's conference.

On Friday, meeting participants will be transported by bus twenty miles and two centuries back down the Potomac to Gunston Hall, the home of George Mason, father of the Bill of Rights. Some sessions will be held in the 1755 home itself, and the superb formal gardens overlooking the river and scenic nature trails offer a chance between sessions to stroll quietly or to visit with friends. The day will be climaxed with an early national period banquet buffet, catered by Gadsby's Tavern, a favorite Alexandria hostelry frequently patronized by George Washington.

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FRIDAY JULY 26

All Friday sessions will take place at Gunston Hall.

7:30 a.m.
Buses leave Thurston Hall for
Gunston Hall, Lorton, Virginia

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Registration
Gunston Hall Foyer

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast, Meeting Room
Coffee, juice, sweet rolls (coffee will be
available all day)

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Welcoming Remarks
CONSTANCE B. SCHULZ
Local Arrangements Committee
DONALD R. TAYLOR
Executive Director, Gunston Hall

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Plenary Session
Meeting Room
“Changing Concepts of Historical Restoration:
Gunston Hall, 1860-1985”
BEN BROWN
Architectural Historian
Former Gunston Hall Librarian

10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
A. Research Resources in Washington for the
Early Republic: Where to Turn for Help
Chair:
CHARLENE BICKFORD, Editor,
Documentary History of the First Federal
Congress
George Washington University

Panelists:
RICHARD BAKER,
United States Senate Historical Office
JOHN McDONOUGH,
Manuscript Division, Library of Congress
VIRGINIA PURDY,
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Smithsonian Institution
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Bicentennial Office,
United States House of Representatives

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THURSDAY JULY 25

2:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Registration
Thurston Hall Lobby,
George Washington University

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting
George Washington University

8:30 - 11:59 p.m.
SHEAR Opening Reception
Thurston Hall Reception Rooms
Sponsored by George Washington University
Featuring Tony Scott, guitar, and Connie
Schulz, violin, in an evening of “Songs of the
Early Republic”
B. Frontier, Revival, and Reform

Chair:
PETER ONUF,
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Papers:
“Kentucky Evangelicals and the
Temptations of the Gentry: The Logan
County Revival”
—TED OWNBY, John Hopkins University

“The Social Origins of Religious Revival:
Goshen, Connecticut in 1798-1799”
—RICHARD D. SHIELS,
Ohio State University at Newark

Comment:
FREDRIKA TEUTE,
Institute for Early American History and
Culture

C. Virginia Issues in the Early Republic

Chair:
JON KUKLA,
Virginia State Library

Papers:
“The Fate of Revolutionary Republicanism
in Early National Virginia”
—KATHRYN R. MALONE,
Pacific Lutheran University

“Geographical Mobility Among Virginia
Veterans of the War of 1812”
—JAMES W. OBERLY, University of
Wisconsin — Eau Claire

Comment:
LAWRENCE CRESS,
Texas A&M

12:45 - 2:15 p.m.
LUNCH

2:15-4:15 p.m.
D. Antislavery Historiography: The Last
Twenty Years

Chair:
LAWRENCE J. FRIEDMAN,
Bowling Green State University

Panel:
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University of Texas at Austin

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Macalester College

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Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on
Women, Brown University

Comment:
Audience

E. Jefferson’s Foreign Policy Revisited

Chair:
ROBERT M. McCOLLEY,
University of Illinois

Papers:
“The Monroe-Pinkney Treaty of 1806:
A Reappraisal”
—DONALD R. HICKEY, Wayne State College

“The United States, Canada and the
Embargo”
—CLIFFORD L. EGAN, University of Houston

Comment:
LAWRENCE KAPLAN,
Kent State University

C. EDWARD SKEEN,
Memphis State University

F. Voluntary Associations and the
Emerging Middle Class

Chair:
DON HARRISON DOYLE,
Vanderbilt University

Paper:
“From ‘Self-Culture’ to Bourgeois ‘Culture’:
The Transformation of the Lyceum on the
Mid-western Frontier”
—MARY K. CAYTON, Miami University

“The Antebellum Organizational Revolution
and the Origins of Middle-Class
Consciousness”
—JOHN S. GILKESON, JR., DePauw University

Comment:
DONALD M. SCOTT, Brown University

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Wine Reception
Gunston Hall Open House sponsored by
The Colonial Dames Gunston Hall Regents
FRIDAY  JULY 26

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
18th Century Banquet Buffet
Presidential Address:
BETTY FLADELAND,
Southern Illinois University
"Revisionists vs. Abolitionists: The
Historiographical Cold War of the 1930's
and 1940's"

SATURDAY  JULY 26

All Saturday Sessions will be at the Intercultural
Center Galleria, Georgetown University.

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.
BREKKFAST
Sponsored by Georgetown University
Department of History

8:45 - 10:45 a.m.
G. Federalism and the Common Law
Chair:
R. KENT NEWMYER,
University of Connecticut

Papers:
"The Broadest Grant of Federal
Jurisdiction: The Judiciary Act of 1801 and
the Death Rattle of the Federalists"
—WYTIE W. HOLT, JR., School of Law,
University of Alabama

"We Have Clipped the Wings of the
Legislatures': Article V on the Impairment
of the Obligation of Contracts and State
Economic Policy, 1789-1815"
—STEVEN R. BOYD, University of Texas
at San Antonio

"Federal Authority & the Criminal Law in
the Early Republic"
—KATHERYN PREYER, Wellesley College

Comment:
RICHARD ELLIS,
SUNY at Buffalo
SANDRA F. VANBURKLEO,
Wayne State University

SATURDAY  JULY 27

H. The Making of a Scientific Elite: The Case of
American Astronomy
Chair:
NATHAN REINGOLD,
The Joseph Henry Papers, The Smithsonian
Institution

Papers:
"Learning Astronomy: The Case of the
Antebellum American Astronomers"
—MARC ROTHENBERG, The Joseph Henry
Papers, The Smithsonian Institution

"Problems of Professionalization:
Antebellum Astronomers and Scientific
Patrons"
—MARY ANN JAMES, Rutgers University

Comment:
BERNARD MERGEN,
George Washington University

I. Slavery Attacked and Defended
Chair:
ALAN KRAUT,
The American University

Papers:
"Schism: Non-Ideological Factors
Underlying the Factionalization of the
American Antislavery Movement"
—JOHN R. McKIVIGAN, Frederick Douglass
Papers, Yale University

"The ‘Light of Nature and the Law of God':
Michael Willis and the British Roots of
Canadian Antislavery"
—ALLEN P. STOUFFER,
St. Francis Xavier University

"The Coalescence of a Proslavery Ideology
as a Response to Antislavery
Constitutionalism"
—CHARLES K. PILKINGTON,
Charlottesville, Virginia

Comment:
C. DUNCAN RICE,
Hamilton College
11:00 - 12:45 p.m.

J. Constitutional Issues in the New Republic
Chair:
MARK TUSHNET, University Law Center, Georgetown University

Papers:
“The Twelfth Amendment and the Jeffersonian Revolution”
—BERNARD FRIEDMAN, Indiana-University at Indianapolis

“George Mason, James Madison, and the ‘Original Meaning’ of the Second Amendment to the Federal Constitution, 1787-1789”
—JOHN K. ROWLAND, Arlington, Virginia

—OWEN S. IRELAND, SUNY at Brockport

Comment:
GEORGE DARGO
New England School of Law

K. Two Rural Americas: The Western Frontier and the Industrializing East
Chair:
RICHARD BUSHMAN, University of Delaware

Papers:
“The Frontier Across Two Eras: Colonial to National”
—MARC HARRIS, Division of Research Services, Louisiana State University

“Ironic Industrialists: Rural Artisans and Transformation of Commerce in the Early Republic”
—DAVID P. JAFFEE, Georgetown University

Comment:
RICHARD BUSHMAN
STEPHEN INNES,
University of Virginia

L. Studies in Migration: The Late Colonial and Early National Periods
Chair:
RICHARD STECKEL,
Department of Economics, Ohio State University

Papers:
“The Social Origins of Eighteenth Century German Immigrants”
—FARLEY GRUBB, Department of Economics
University of Delaware

“‘The Politics of Frontier Migration: Kennebec County, Maine, 1790-1810’”
—ALAN S. TAYLOR, Colby College

—HENRY A. GEMERY, Department of Economics, Colby College

Comment:
MARILYN BASELER,
Harvard University

12:45 - 2:30 p.m.
LUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING

3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
SHEAR Aftermath
For those who would like an opportunity to see two of the most popular Washington tourist attractions without competing with the summer crowds, the local arrangements committee has made special arrangements for private tours, led by professional historians rather than by volunteer tour guides. Members of SHEAR and their families who wish to visit the United States Capitol, or Mount Vernon, are urged to register for the tour of their choice when sending in pre-registration information. Normal summer waiting periods to enter the house at Mount Vernon can be as long as two hours; regular summer tours of the Capitol are little more than a rapid walk-through of public areas. Each of these tours will be limited to the first twenty persons who register. The tours will be cancelled if fewer than 12 register.
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