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THURSDAY JULY 21

4:00–7:45 p.m.
Registration
Founders Hall
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)

4:00 p.m.
Advisory Council Meeting
Goddard Daniels House
American Antiquarian Society (AAS)

5:00–6:00 p.m.
Introduction to Collections & Programs
of the AAS
Antiquarian Hall, AAS

8:00 p.m.
Plenary Session
Founders Hall, Study Room, WPI

Presiding
REGINALD HORSMAN, University of
Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Early Republican Conservatism Reconsidered

DANIEL WALKER HOWE, University of
California at Los Angeles

“Religion and Political Culture in the
Antebellum North”

STEVEN WATTS, University of Missouri

“Ministers, Misanthropes, and Mandarins: The
Agony of Early American Conservatism,
1790–1820”

Following the Plenary Session
Old Sturbridge Village Research Library
Society Sherry Reception
Founders Hall, Rooms A & B

FRIDAY JULY 22

8:15 a.m.
Bus leaves Founders Hall
for Old Sturbridge Village

8:45 a.m.
Registration at Conference Center

9:00–11:00 a.m.

A. Rural Society and Economy in Transition,
Massachusetts, 1780–1860
Conference Room, Conference Center

Chair:
JOHN WORRELL, Old Sturbridge Village

Papers:
ANDREW BAKER and HOLLY IZARD
PATERSON, Old Sturbridge Village
“The Marketing Strategies of Worcester County
Farm Families, 1780–1850: A Case Study of the
Wards of Shrewsbury”

JACK LARKIN, Old Sturbridge Village
“Accounting for Change: Exchange and Debt in
the New England Rural Economy”

MARK A. MASTROMARINO, William and
Mary
“’Touching a String Which Never Fails’:
Elkanah Watson and Early Agricultural Fairs in
Massachusetts, 1790–1860”

Commentator:
RICHARD L. BUSHMAN, University of
Delaware

(All sessions at Old Sturbridge Village)

7:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
Main Dining Room, Founders Hall, WPI
B. The Federal Constitution: New Perspectives
   Board Room, Conference Center

   Chair:
   ROBERT A. GROSS, Amherst College

   Papers:
   RUTH HERNDON, American University
   “Popular Reaction to the Constitution: The 1788 Referendum in Rhode Island”

   ROGER H. BROWN, American University
   “ ‘We May Hope for a Reformation of Manners’: The Framers and the Improvability of Man”

   J. EDWIN HENDRICKS, Wake Forest University
   “ ‘Rise it Will’: North Carolina and the Ratification of the Federal Constitution”

   Commentator:
   PATRICK T. CONLEY, Providence College

C. Perspectives on the African Colonization Movement
   Bullard Tavern

   Chair:
   RANDALL MILLER, St. Joseph’s University

   Papers:
   DOUGLAS R. EGERTON, Le Moyne College

   MARIE TYLER McGRAW, Valentine Museum
   “Southern Benevolence: Women, Piety and Anger in Virginia’s Colonization Movement”

   DEBRA L. NEWMAN, Library of Congress
   “Afro-American Settler Women in Liberia”

   Commentator:
   MARY ANTOINETTE BROWN SHERMAN,
   Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Ohio State University

D. The Early Republican Economy: Agriculture, Industry and Bankruptcy
   Research Library

   Chair:
   RALPH GRAY, Indiana University, Purdue University at Indianapolis

   Papers:
   JAMES L. CONRAD, JR., Nichols College
   “The Early Rhode Island Textile Industry Reexamined: Technology Diffusion and the Warwick Mill, 1794-1804”

   PETER C. MANCALL, Harvard University
   “Myth and Reality for the Yeomanry: Economic Opportunity in the Upper Susquehanna Valley After the Revolution”

   CHRISTOPHER NEIL FRITSCH, Temple University
   “Bankruptcy Cases in the Lower Federal Courts: An Initial Look at the Cases under the First Bankruptcy Act, 1800-1803”

   Commentator:
   ROBERT JONES, Fordham University

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Lunch
Conference Center
FRI DAY  J U L Y  2 2

1:00–3:00 p.m.

E. Saving the Republic: Christian Reformism
   Bullard Tavern

Chair:
   LAWRENCE B. GOODHEART, University of
   Connecticut

Papers:
   MARK Y. HANLEY, Purdue University
   “Beyond a Christian Commonwealth: The
   Protestant Quarrel with the American Republic,
   1820–1860”

   DAVID G. VENDERRSTEL, Conner Prairie
   Pioneer Farm
   “A Home Missionary on the Indiana Frontier:
   Edmund O. Hovey and the Quest for a ‘Hoosier
   Zion’ ”

   THOMAS D. HAMM, Earlham College
   “Radical Abolition and Communitarianism in the
   West: The Society for Universal Inquiry and
   Reform”

Commentator:
   WALTER H. CONSER, JR., University of North
   Carolina, Wilmington

F. The Artisans’ World in Eighteenth and
   Nineteenth Century New England
   Board Room, Conference Center

Chair:
   JOHN WORRELL, Old Sturbridge Village

Papers:
   EDWARD COOKE, Boston Museum of Fine
   Arts
   “Social Economy and Preindustrial Craft in
   Western Connecticut”

   MYRON O. STACHIW, Old Sturbridge Village
   “Tradition and Transformation: Emerson Bixby
   and the Social, Material, and Economic World of
   Barre Four Corners”

Commentator:
   RICHARD L. BUSHMAN, University of
   Delaware

G. Loosening the Ties that Bind Us: Crisis of
   Identity in The Early Republic
   Research Library

Chair:
   LAWRENCE F. KOHL, University of Alabama

Papers:
   JENNIFER ROSE CLARK, The University of
   New England, Australia
   “Familial Ideology, the Anglo-Saxon Connection
   and the Early Republic”

   DANIEL E. WILLIAMS, University of
   Mississippi
   “Without Coloring or Darkening Any
   Circumstances: The Textual Relationships of
   Fact and Fiction and Author and Authority in the
   Rogue Narrative of Stephen Burroughs”

   SCOTT C. MARTIN, University of Pittsburgh
   “Fathers Against Sons, Sons Against Fathers:
   Antimasonry in Pittsburgh”

Commentator:
   FREDERICK M. BINDER, The College of Staten
   Island, The City University of New York

H. The Revolutionary Political Economy
   Conference Room, Conference Center

Chair:
   MARY K. BONSTEEL TACHAU, University of
   Louisville

Papers:
   H. JAMES HENDERSON, Oklahoma State
   University
   “Taxes and Politics in Massachusetts and
   Virginia, 1775–1800”

   RICHARD BUEL, JR., Wesleyan University
   “Starving in a Land of Plenty: Reflections on the
   Economy of the Revolutionary War”

Commentator:
   MARK EGNAL, York University, Ontario,
   Canada
3:30-5:00 p.m.

I. Economy and Community on the New England Frontier
   Board Room, Conference Center

Chair:
   JACK LARKIN, Old Sturbridge Village

Papers:
   CHRISTOPHER CLARK, University of York, United Kingdom
   “The Involution of Rural Society: Responses to Land-Shortage in the Connecticut Valley of Massachusetts, 1780-1820”
   ALAN TAYLOR, Boston University
   “The Expansion of Rural Society: Creating Properties and Communities on the New England Frontier, 1780-1820”

Commentator:
   BARBARA RUSSELL KARSKY, Université de Paris VII

J. Depending on the State: Public and Private Perils
   Research Library

Chair:
   DREW R. McCOY, Harvard University

Papers:
   RICHARD JOHN, Harvard University
   “The Lost World of Bartleby the Scrivener: Toward a Cultural History of Officeholding in the Early Republic”
   JOHN LAURITZ LARSON, Purdue University
   “The State as Servant, the State as Thief: Improving North Carolina in the Jefferson-Jackson Era”

Commentators:
   DREW R. McCOY, Harvard University
   HARRY L. WATSON, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

K. Femininity, Imagined and Real
   Conference Room, Conference Center
   H44-45 attending

Chair:
   CONSTANCE B. SCHULZ, University of South Carolina

Papers:
   KAREN J. GREENBERG, Bard College
   “The Revolutionary Era and the Feminine Ideal: Rethinking the Concept of Human Nature in the Eighteenth Century”
   WILLIAM H. AND JANE PEASE, University of Maine
   “The World of Wenches in Boston and Charleston, 1825-1850”

Commentator:
   DEBORAH BINGHAM VAN BROEKHOVEN, Ohio Wesleyan University

L. In the Eye of the Beholder: Republicanism Among the Historians and in the Workplace
   Bullard Tavern

Chair:
   PAUL A. GILJE, University of Oklahoma

Papers:
   MARC W. KRUMAN, Wayne State University
   “Republican Ideology and Nineteenth Century American Political Historiography”
   SETH WIGDERSON, Wayne State University
   “How Republican was Antebellum Working Class Republicanism?”

Commentator:
   GRAHAM HODGES, Colgate University

5:30 p.m.
   Bus leaves OSV for Reception at American Antiquarian Society
FRIDAY

6:00–7:30 p.m.
AAS Reception
Antiquarian Hall

8:00 p.m.
Banquet and Presidential Address
Main Dining Room, Founders Hall

REGINALD HORSMAN, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
“The Dimensions of an ‘Empire of Liberty’: Expansion and Republicanism, 1775–1825”

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
Salisbury, WPI

9:00–11:00 a.m.

M. Fugitive Slave Law in the Early National Period
Salisbury 104, WPI

Chair:
DONALD ROPER, SUNY, New Paltz

Papers:
PAUL FINKELMAN, SUNY, Binghamton
“The Drafting of the First Fugitive Slave Law”

STEPHEN MIDDLETON, University of Cincinnati
“Ohio/Kentucky and the Rendition of Fugitives: ‘The Kidnapping of Jerry Phinney’ ”

Commentators:
ROBERT McGLONE, University of Hawaii
DONALD ROPER, SUNY, New Paltz

N. The Disunited States: The Politics of Particularism
Salisbury 105, WPI

Chair:
JOHN M. BELOHLAVEK, University of South Florida

Papers:
CHARLES H. SCHOENLEBER, University of Wisconsin
“Southern Sectionalism and the Extension of State Jurisdiction Over the Five Civilized Tribes, 1825–1835”

J. CHRIS ARNDT, James Madison University
“Maine and the Northeastern Boundary Controversy: A Study of States’ Rights in Antebellum New England”

C. EDWARD SKEEN, Memphis State University
“The Doctrine of Instruction: The Lost Right of Dual Federalism”

Commentator:
THOMAS E. JEFFREY, Thomas A. Edison Papers, Rutgers University

O. Jacksonian Democracy in the Making and Made Over
Goddard Daniels House, AAS

Chair:
ROBERT O. RUPP, Ohio State University, Marion

Papers:
DONALD J. RATCLIFFE, University of Durham, United Kingdom
“The Court of King Arthur and the Democratic Revolution in Ohio”

EMIL POCOCK, Eastern Connecticut State University
“Popular Roots of Jacksonian Democracy: Robert Skinner’s Critique of the Standing Order in Dayton, Ohio, 1815–1830”

DANIEL FELLER, University of New Mexico
“Beyond Ethnoculturalism: The Emerging Jacksonian Synthesis”

Commentator:
GREGORY H. NOBLES, Georgia Institute of Technology
SATURDAY  

P. The Black Economy: Voluntary and Involuntary
Kinnicutt Hall, Salisbury, WPI

Chair:
JO ANN MANFRA, Worcester Polytechnic
Institute

Papers:
BETTY WOOD, Girton College, Cambridge
University, Cambridge, England
"The ‘Informal’ Slave Economy of Low Country
South Carolina and Georgia, ca. 1760–ca. 1820"
WHITTINGTON B. JOHNSON, University of
Miami
"Regional Employment Patterns of Afro-
Americans, 1750–1830"
STEPHEN A. VINCENT, Brown University
"More Than the Shadow of a Dream: Family and
Community Life at Two Black Farm Settlements
on the Old Northwest Frontier, 1820–1850"

Commentator:
JOHN R. McKIVIGAN, Frederick Douglas
Papers, Yale University

11:15–11:45 a.m.
SHEAR Business Meeting
Kinnicutt Hall, Salisbury, WPI

Q. A New Look at the Old Northwest
Kinnicutt Hall, Salisbury, WPI

Chair:
GEORGE BILLIAS, Clark University

Paper:
ANDREW R. L. CAYTON, Ball State University
and PETER S. ONUF, Southern Methodist
University
"The Old Northwest in American History: Needs
and Opportunities for Research"

Commentators:
JOHN LARSON, Purdue University
ROBERT R. DYKSTRA, SUNY, Albany

11:15–11:45 a.m.
SHEAR Business Meeting
Kinnicutt Hall, Salisbury, WPI

R. Community and Society on the Early Republican
Frontier
Salisbury 104, WPI

Chair:
WILLARD KLUNDER, Wichita State
University

Papers:
LOUIS W. POTT, University of Missouri,
Kansas City
"Community Building on the Missouri Frontier"
BRADLEY SKELCHER, Southeast Missouri
State University
"Cairo: A Historical Study of the Corporation
and Urban Development on the Frontier,
1835–1860"

Commentators:
KENNETH H. WINN, Missouri Historical
Society
WILLARD KLUNER, Wichita State University

S. Early Republican Science, Practical and
Theoretical
Goddard Daniels House, AAS

Chair:
JOHN B. HENCH, American Antiquarian
Society

Papers:
SEYMOUR S. COHEN, Woods Hole,
Massachusetts
"The Context of the Chemical Careers of
Thomas Cooper in England and the United
States"
WILLIAM H. MULLIGAN, JR., Central
Michigan University, STANLEY J. DYL, II,
Michigan Technological University, and
THERESA SANDERSON SPENCE, Michigan
Technological University
"The Field Notes of Douglas Houghton: Science
and Economic Development in the Early
Republic"

Commentator:
JOHN GREENE, University of Connecticut
T. Cautious Reformers in a Volatile Age  
Salisbury 105, WPI

Chair:  
TERRY BILHARTZ, Sam Houston State University

Papers:  
CRAIG HANYAN with MARY HANYAN, Brock University, Ontario, Canada
"De Witt Clinton and the People's Party: Leadership and Purpose in an Early American Reform Movement"
RICHARD A. YANIKOSKI, DePaul University
"Edward Everett on the Proper Nature of Reform"

Commentator:  
MALCOLM SYLVERS, University of Venice, Italy

3:15-5:00 p.m.

U. The Moral Economy of Fashion  
Goddard Daniels House, AAS

Chair:  
DALE T. KNOBEL, Texas A & M University

Papers:  
DANIEL A. COHEN, Brandeis University
"The Murder of Maria Bickford: Passion, Fashion, and the Birth of a Consumer Culture"
WENDY GAMBER, Brandeis University
"Fashion and Respectability: The Milliner and Dressmaker in Nineteenth Century Literature"

Commentator:  
KAREN HALTTUNEN, Northwestern University

V. Kentucky Democracy in Action  
Salisbury 104, WPI

Chair:  
GEORGE GEIB, Butler University

Papers:  
ELLEN ESLINGER, University of Chicago
"Democratic Republicans in Bourbon County, Kentucky"
SANDRA FRANCES VanBURKLEO, Wayne State University
" ‘The Paws of Banks’: Kentucky’s Campaign Against Banks and Common Lawyers, 1818–1823"

Commentator:  
JAMES ROGER SHARP, Syracuse University

W. Women and “Citizenship” in the Constitutional Era  
Salisbury 105, WPI

Chair:  
MARY QUINLIVAN, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

Papers:  
JOANNA B. GILLESPIE, Pembroke Center for Research on Women, Brown University
"Martha Laurens Ramsay (1759–1811) and the ‘Relative Duties’—Women's Calling in the Constitutional Era"
EDITH B. GELLES, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Stanford University
"A Gendered Perspective on the Constitution: The Correspondence of Abigail Adams and Thomas Jefferson"

Commentators:  
JEAN R. SODERLUND, University of Maryland, Baltimore
KAREN WYCHE, Hunter College
1. New Synthesis

2. 2 Parties played to central cliff. Parties appealed to very different visions of economy.

3. Party constituents closely reflected contrasting policies.

4. Class divisions/difference resolutions.

5. Those who sought economic or fundamental change found no relief in catching outside of major parties.

6. Party system defines vitalities, not just new elect techniques, but from urgency of these conflicting goals.

7. Party system shored up these lines (in towns, etc.) went through 8 elections but then lost its power, unable to cope with succeeding twists.

This goes to politics and sociology.

Decline story, about progressive geographical history, this broken - unforeseen beforehand.

If this works - when do we go from here?

1) Reinhardt's national politics.

Bauke War, peace of A Day.

2) Go back in time to 1820's as good period to look at party system. 1830's is good enough. Need to look at national Congress - in Washington.

3) Categorized in weights of transport now. At local and state level to understand rail politics as well. Crucial role in economics. Very nicely. Catalyst quite essential.

4) Move back down to individual level as well as up to national level.

Barney - Passage of the Republic.

Seymour Cohen - Trustee of Woods Hole.

Thomas Cooper (1759-1839)

Thomas Melon, 1826. Ph.D. dissertation on Cooper's biography.

Cooper went to Pa. in 1793 with Priestly to set up a hand-paint in Northumberland. Stayed there in 1794, but migrated away. Married his son in 1803, while in priest's wife died in Northumberland. 1804-11 - was a Pennsylvania judge. Family conservative. Became then chief of chemistry in Carlisle College. 1804-11 - had used Priestly library in Lancaster, Northumberland in American and Gothic literature.

2) Priestly not an active influence on Cooper in chemistry.

Manchester a drain of 18th centuries in 1780's. Cooper lived there as a lawyer in 1780-81. Some active. Chemist experimenting in iron of bleachers from chloride sources or nitric by using indigo in March.
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All correspondence should be addressed to Professor Jo Ann Manfra, Chair, Department of Humanities, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609.

Revision: 1791-1792

New From Princeton

1335 - Prof. of Chemisty 1819 - W. Parkman
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