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3:00–6:00 p.m.
Arrival and Registration
South Lobby – Third Floor
Newcomb Hall

4:00 p.m.
Advisory Council Meeting
Board Room, Monticello

6:00 p.m.
University of Virginia Reception
Colonnade Club Garden
on the Lawn

8:00 p.m.
Plenary Session
South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall
The American Revolutionary Tradition,
With Some Account of Thomas Jefferson’s Part

Presiding
JOHN M. MURRIN, Princeton University

Panelists
RICHARD K. MATTHEWS, Lehigh University
MARGARET WASHINGTON, Cornell University
RALPH KETCHAM, Syracuse University
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JAN LEWIS, Rutgers University, Newark

Comments
The Audience

FRIDAY

9:00–10:30 a.m.

1. Perspectives on the Second Party System
Peabody 105
Chair:
PHYLLIS F. FIELD, The Ohio University

Papers:
VERNON VOLPE, Kearney State College
“Did the Liberty Party Elect James K. Polk in 1844?”
KENNETH J. WINKLE, University of Nebraska
“Social Foundations of the Second Party System:
Springfield, Illinois, 1828–1848”

Comment:
PAUL H. BERGERON, University of Tennessee
PHYLLIS F. FIELD

2. Afro-American Realities and Visions
Visitors Lounge, Newcomb Hall

Chair:
THOMAS J. DAVIS, State University of New York, Buffalo

Papers:
STEVEN BIELINSKI, New York State Museum
“The Jacksons, the Lattimores, and the Schuylers:
Three Albany Families and the Emergence of
Blacks in Post-Revolutionary Society”

PHILLIP M. RICHARDS, Colgate University
“Abolitionist Evangelism, Douglass’s Narrative,
and Delaney’s Blake”

Comment:
WALDO E. MARTIN, University of Virginia,
Charlottesville
THOMAS J. DAVIS
3. Religious Landscapes in Transition
   Peabody 106

Chair:
   KENNETH H. WINN, Missouri Historical Society

Papers:
   KERRY S. WALTERS, Gettysburg College
   "Elihu Palmer and Militant Deism in the Early Republic"

   PETER W. WILLIAMS, Miami University, Ohio
   "Faith and Architecture: The Religious Landscape of the New Republic"

Comment:
   ROBERT H. ABZUG, University of Texas, Austin

   10:30-11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
   South Lobby, Newcomb Hall

   11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

4. Kinship and Careers
   South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall

Chair:
   PAUL FINKELMAN, State University of New York, Binghamton

Papers:
   DANIEL FELLER, University of New Mexico
   "Blacksheep Brother: Benjamin Tappan, Jacksonian Crusader"

   ROBERT E. McGLONE, University of Hawaii, Manoa

Comment:
   GLENTA RILEY, University of Northern Iowa
   PAUL FINKELMAN

5. The Meaning of Reading
   Peabody 105

Chair:
   MARILYN H. PETTIT, New York University

Papers:
   ISABELLE LEHUU, Cornell University
   "Mammoth Sheets as Popular Reading in Antebellum America"

   WILLIAM J. GILMORE-LEHNE, Stockton State College
   "From a History of the Book to a History of Knowledge: Texts, Teaming, Reading, and Historical Impact"

Comment:
   MARY K. CAYTON, Miami University, Ohio

6. Black Migrations, Forced and “Invited”
   Peabody 106

Chair:
   MARGARET WASHINGTON, Cornell University

Papers:
   STEVEN DEYLE, Columbia University
   "American Independence and the Rise of the Domestic Slave Trade"

   JULIE WINCH, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Comment:
   WILLIAM H. PEASE, College of Charleston
7. The United States Army in the Seminole Wars
Visitors Lounge, Newcomb Hall

Chair:
STEVEN WATTS, University of Missouri

Papers:
JEANNE T. HEIDLER, Salisbury State University
“The Regular Army in the First Seminole War”
DAVID COLES, State of Florida Archives
“The Military Frontier on the Caloosahatchee, 1838–1858”

Comment:
KATHRYN HOLLAND BRAUND, Auburn, AL
12:30–2:00 p.m.
Lunch On Your Own
2:00–5:00 p.m.

8. Panic and Profit: Economic Attitudes in the Early Republic
Peabody 106

Chair:
JOSEPH ERNST, York University

Papers:
MARGARET E. NEWELL, University of Virginia
“The Culture of Economic Development in New England, 1783–1799”
J. DAVID LEHMAN, University of California, Los Angeles
“Political Economy and the Panic of 1819 in Philadelphia”
ROSALIND REMER BURNAM, University of California, Los Angeles
“‘Large Sales and Small Profits’: Distribution, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship in Philadelphia Publishing, 1820–1830”

Comment:
MICHAEL A. BELLESILES, Emory University
JOSEPH ERNST

9. Three Antebellum Frontiers
South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall

Chair:
WILLARD C. KLUNDER, Wichita State University

Papers:
JEFFREY P. BROWN, New Mexico State University
“Governance in Two Frontiers: Winthrop Sargent, the Northwest Territory, and the Mississippi Territory”
J. CHRIS ARNDT, James Madison University
“Panic and Depression on the Urban Frontier: A Case Study of Bangor, Maine, 1835–1840”
KATHERINE H. RICHARDSON, Heritage Preservation Associates
“South Carolina Towns in Transition, 1780–1830”

Comment:
JOAN WELLS COWARD, Rutgers University, Camden

10. Louisiana and the Law
Peabody 105

Chair:
E. LEE SHEPARD, Virginia Historical Society

Papers:
MARK FERNANDEZ, College of William and Mary
“Courts and the ‘Clash of Cultures,’ 1803–1812”
WARREN M. BILLINGS, University of New Orleans
“Crimes and Punishment: Criminal Law in Louisiana”
ELIZABETH GASPARD, Louisana State University
“Policing the Profession: Legal Ethics in Early Louisiana”

Comment:
SANDRA F. VanBURKLEO, Wayne State University
FRIDAY  
JULY 21

5:15 p.m.
Depart for special tours of
Thomas Jefferson Exhibit
and Monticello
Newcomb Hall

6:00 p.m.
Reception
Monticello

7:30 p.m.
Banquet and Presidential Address
Ballroom, Newcomb Hall

SATURDAY  
JULY 22

9:00-10:30 a.m.

11. Germans in the Promised Land
Visitors Lounge, Newcomb Hall

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

Papers:
A. G. ROEBER, University of Illinois, Chicago
“Mr. Jefferson’s Germans: The Evolution of
German-American Legal and Political
Understanding in Madison County, Virginia”

JURGEN HEIDELKING, German Historical
Institute, Washington
“German Language Newspapers in the American
Ratification Debate of 1787–88 and the Party
Struggles of the 1790s”

Comment:
DALE T. KNOBEL, Texas A & M

12. Moral Reform and Sectional Culture
Peabody 105

Chair:
THOMAS A. MASON, Indiana Historical Society

Papers:
DANIEL J. McINERNEY, Utah State University
“The Costs of Liberty: The Abolitionist
Argument on Political Economy”

DOUGLAS CARLSON, The Kings College
“The Ideology of Southern Temperance”

Comment:
JOHN MAYFIELD, University of Baltimore

13. Rebellion in a “Free” Society
Peabody 106

Chair:
J. EDWIN HENDRICKS, Wake Forest University

Papers:
DAVID B. MATTERN, James Madison Papers,
Charlottesville
“The Individual as Actor and Symbol: Benjamin
Lincoln and Shays’ Rebellion”

EDWARD PEARSON, University of Wisconsin
“Denmark Vesey and Black Culture in
Antebellum Charleston”

Comment:
GRAHAM HODGES, Colgate University

10:30-11:00 a.m.
Coffee Break
South Lobby, Newcomb Hall
14. Rhetoric and Reality in Postwar Politics
   Peabody 106

   Chair:
   L. RAY GUNN, University of Utah

   Papers:
   CHRISTOPHER F. LEE, University of Wisconsin
   “Forging a New Republic in Post-Revolutionary South Carolina”
   CYNTHIA A. KIERNER, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
   “The Decline of Republicanism in the Politics of New York”

   Comment:
   J. C. A. STAGG, University of Virginia

15. Improving the Southern Culture and Environment
   Visitors Lounge, Newcomb Hall

   Chair:
   ROBERT F. JONES, Fordham University

   Papers:
   JOYCE E. CHAPLIN, Vanderbilt University
   “Endemic Disease and Cultural Adaptation in the Early Lower South”
   RONALD L. HATZENBUHLER, Idaho State University
   “‘Be Not Weary In Well-Doing.’ Thomas Jefferson’s Life Among the Virginia Gentry”

   Comment:
   DOUGLAS R. EGERTON, LeMoyne College

16. Honor and Opportunity in the New Republic
   Peabody 105

   Chair:
   KERMIT HALL, University of Florida

   Paper:
   CHRISTOPHER NEIL FRITSCH, Temple University
   TIMOTHY SHANON, Northwestern University
   “The Ohio Company and the Meaning of Opportunity in America, 1786-1795”

   Comment:
   PETER S. ONUF, University of Virginia

17. Reading Cultures
   South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall

   Chair:
   WILLIAM J. RORABAUGH, University of Washington

   Papers:
   ROBERT E. CRAY, Jr., Montclair State College
   “The Process of Enshrinement: George Whitefield in the Public Consciousness, 1770-1850”
   SCOTT C. MARTIN, University of Pittsburgh
   “Don Quixote and Leatherstocking: Hunting as a Locus of Class and Sectional Anxiety”

   Comment:
   PAUL A. GILJE, University of Oklahoma

12:30-2:30 p.m.
Luncheon and Business Meeting
Ballroom, Newcomb Hall
2:30–5:00

18. Homes of the Heroes: The Challenges of Interpretation
   South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall

   Chair:
   DANIEL P. JORDAN, Monticello

   Presenters:
   GEORGE ANDERJACK, The Hermitage — Andrew Jackson home
   ALICE ELEY JONES, Stagville Preservation Center — Bennehan Family Plantation
   DAVID G. VANDERSTEL, Conner Prairie — William Conner home

   Comment:
   JOHN D. KRUGLER, Marquette University

19. Politics and the Roots of Bad Feelings
   Peabody 106

   Chair:
   JOHN A. ANDREW, Franklin and Marshall College

   Papers:
   DAVID S. HEIDLER, Salisbury State University
   “Beyond ‘Created Equal’: The Dilemma of Southern Political Dissent in the Era of Good Feelings”

   RUTH ALDEN DOAN, Hollins College
   “Conversion and Culture: William Capers, Methodism, and Proslavery”

   MICHAEL A. MORRISON, University of Michigan
   “‘Milton’s Devil’: Territorial Expansion, Slavery Restriction, and the Sectionalization of Republican Ideology”

   Comment:
   FRED SOMKIN, Cornell University

20. Trading With Dangerous Empires
   Peabody 105

   Chair:
   THOMAS E. JEFFREY, Thomas Edison Papers, Rutgers

   Papers:
   MERVIN B. WHEALY, Towson State University
   “We Are Not Out of Danger: American Commercial Relations with England, 1783–1784”

   DORON BEN-ATAR, Columbia University
   “From Nootka Sound to the XYZ: The Evolution of Jeffersonian Commercial Policy”

   JACK CHATFIELD, Trinity College

   Comment:
   JOHN M. BELOHLAVEK, University of South Florida, Tampa

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