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Advisory Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.
1. Opening Plenary Session

Chair:
Daniel Feller, University of New Mexico

Edward Pessen, "Jacksonian Enormities: Historians' Apologetics"

Commentators:
Donald Cole, Professor Emeritus, Phillips Exeter
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Friday July 17

9:00-11:00 a.m. sessions
2. Inculcating Virtue in the American Republic

Chair:
Anne C. Rose, Pennsylvania State University

"Representative Men: Campaign Biographies and the Creation of American Political Culture, 1824-1860"
Scott E. Casper, University of Nevada, Reno

"Self-Reliance: Thomas Jefferson and the Inculcation of Modern Republican Virtue"
Paul Rahe, University of Tulsa

Commentators:
Richard R. John, University of Illinois at Chicago
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3. Rural Labor in the Early Republic

Chair:
Thomas Dublin, State University of New York at Binghamton

"Men, Women, and Work in an Agricultural Community: Austerlitz, N.Y., in the Early Republic"
Martin Bruegel, Cornell University

"William Otter, Plasterer: The Life and Work of a Rural Artisan in the Early Nineteenth-Century"
Richard Stott, George Washington University

Commentators:
David P. Jaffee, City College of New York
Thomas Dublin
4. 1789 and the Federal Government: Administrative and Judicial Expectations

Chair:
Robert F. Jones, Fordham University

"Federalist Hopes and the Federal Judiciary"
Steven R. Boyd, University of Texas at San Antonio

"Seeking to Serve: Applicants for Office in the New Republic"
Brooks D. Simpson, Arizona State University, Jean Vance Berlin, Asst. Editor, Correspondence of William T. Sherman

Commentator:
Dorothy Twohig, Co-Editor
Papers of George Washington

5. Black Abolitionists in the Antebellum Era

Chair:
John McKivigan, West Virginia University

"Massachusetts Abolitionists Document the Slave Experience"
Robert Hall, Northeastern University

"‘There is a great work for you to do’: The Significance of David Walker’s Years in Denmark Vesey’s Charleston"
Peter Hinks, Associate Editor, Frederick Douglass Papers, Yale University

Commentators:
Mitchell Slay, Dennison University
John McKivigan

Lunch (on your own)

6. Tensions in the Quest for White Southern Manhood

Chair:
Joan Cashin, Ohio State University

"Masculinity, Friendship, and Religion among Antebellum Students at the University of North Carolina"
Judith Ishkanian, University of California, Santa Barbara

"Friendship,Intellectuality, and Mourning in Frontier Alabama: John W. Walker and Thomas George Percy, Planters"
Bertram Wyatt-Brown, University of Florida

Commentators:
Walter Herbert, Professor of English, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas
David Leverenz, Professor of English, University of Florida
Orville Vernon Burton, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign


Chair:
Jack Chatfield, Trinity College

"The Tribulations of Jeremiah Olney: Establishing the Federal Government in Providence, Rhode Island, 1790-1793"
Frederick A.B. Dalzell, Harvard University

"The ‘Professionalization’ of Connecticut Politics, 1798-1818"
Jeffrey L. Pasley, Harvard University

Commentators:
Rosemarie Zagarri, Catholic University
Jack Chatfield
8. Antebellum Appalachia: A Region in Formation

Chair:
Harriet Amos Doss, University of Alabama at Birmingham

"The Antebellum Economy of Southwestern North Carolina"
Tyler Blethen and Curtis Woods, Western Carolina University

"Antislavery Appalachia? Race and Racism in the Slaveholding Highlands"
John Inscoe, University of Georgia

"The Rise and Fall of North-Central West Virginia's Iron Industry, 1798-1868"
Paul Salstrom and Judy Rodd, West Virginia University

Commentators:
Michael Morrison, Purdue University
Harriet Amos Doss

9. Gender and the Ideal of Purity: A Second Look at Antebellum Literature

Chair:
William G. Shade, Lehigh University

"With All the Wild, Trembling, Rapturous Feelings of a Lover': Literary Men, Women, and Sexuality in Nineteenth-Century American Fiction"
Laura McCall, Western State College, Colorado

"The Lady...May be Received in the Gentleman's Arms': Revisiting the Ideal of Purity in Antebellum Conduct Literature"
C. Dallett Hemphill, Ursinus College, Pennsylvania

Commentators:
Isabelle Lehuu, St. Michael's College
William G. Shade

10. Romantic Reform and Self-Transformation

Chair:
Lori Ginzberg, Pennsylvania State University

"A Republic of Women: The Hartford Female Seminary, 1823-1832"
Joan D. Hedrick, Trinity College

"Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison, and Self-Regeneration: Charisma and the Character of Abolitionist Leadership"
James B. Stewart, Macalester College

Commentator:
Lori Ginzberg

11. The Political Economy of Manufacturing

Chair:
Mary Schweitzer, Villanova University

"To form a sort of a republic': E.I. du Pont and American Manufacturing"
John C. Rum, Papers of Joseph Henry, Smithsonian Institution

"Tench Coxe, George Logan, and the Political Economy of Early America"
Brian Greenberg, Monmouth College

Commentators:
Steven Luban, National Museum of American History
12. Revolutionary America Looks at the Old World

Chair:
Doron Ben-Atar, Yale University

"The United States and the Muslim World"
Robert J. Allison, Harvard University

"A Case of Too Much Virtue: The Virginia Republican Critique of Revolutionary France, 1795-1805"
Jeffrey W. Reed, Emory University

Commentators:
Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, Emory University
Doron Ben-Atar


Chair:
Anne Boylan, University of Delaware

"Women and Community in the New England Whalefishery, 1790-1860"
Lisa Norling, University of Minnesota

"Many and Firm Ties: Kinship and Community in Southeastern Ohio, 1788-1850"
Tamara G. Miller, Brandeis University

Commentator:
Carol Lasser, Oberlin University

8:00
Concert Schmucker Recital Hall
Music of the Early Republic

Participants:
Elisabeth H. Null, Chair, Georgetown University
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Neely Bruce, Wesleyan University and Phyllis Bruce, America Music/Theater Group
Arthur Schrader, Singing History
Constance B. Schulz, University of South Carolina and Friends

14. Religion and Schooling in Early National America

Chair:
Frederick M. Binder, College of Staten Island, CUNY

"The Raising up of Zion: Religion and Schooling in Cincinnati, 1800-1850"
F. Michael Perko, Loyola University of Chicago

"Yankees and Catholics: Religion and Education in Boston"
James W. Sanders, College of Staten Island, CUNY

Commentator:
Philip Gleason, University of Notre Dame

15. Whiggery and Reform in the Antebellum South

Chair:
Lawrence Frederick Kohl, University of Alabama

"The People’ versus ‘The Spoilsmen’: The Whig Party in Tennessee, 1836-1851"
Jonathan M. Atkins, Berry College

"The Activities of National and Regional Benevolent Societies in Antebellum Tuscaloosa County, Alabama"
John Quist, University of Michigan

Commentators:
Marc W. Krum, Wayne State University
Lawrence Frederick Kohl

Chair:
William J. Rorabaugh, University of Washington

"Freedom and Imprisonment: The African-American Presence in Walnut Street Prison"
Leslie Partrick-Stamp, Bucknell University

"Capital Punishment in Northern New England"
Randolph Roth, Ohio State University

Commentators:
Philip Schwarz, Virginia Commonwealth University
William J. Rorabaugh

17. The Fiscal Policy of the Madison Administration

Chair:
John Larson, Purdue University

"Financing the War of 1812: Were the Madison Administration's Loan Failures Genuine or Self-Imposed?"
Edwin Perkins, University of Southern California

"The Economic Education of William Findley: Banking and Finance, 1780-1820"
Hans L. Eicholz, University of California at Los Angeles

Commentators:
Mary Schweitzer, Villanova University
John Larson

Lunch (on your own)

18. Evangelical Protestantism on the American Frontier

Chair:
Andrew Cayton, Miami University

"James McGready, Father of the Great Revival"
John T. Scott, Mercer University

"Afro-American Church Membership on the Eighteenth-Century Kentucky Frontier"
Ellen Eslinger, DePaul University

"The Great Revival and the Law in Kentucky, 1792-1810"
Christopher Waldrep, Eastern Illinois University

Commentators:
John Boles, Rice University
Andrew Cayton

19. In Time With the Music: Yankee Doodle and Old Zip Coon Replaced in Time

Chair:
Martha Burns, Brown University

"SHEAR Yankee Doodle"
Arthur Schrader, Singing History

"Old Zip Coon May Be Older Than You Think: Precursors to Minstrelsy"
Robert B. Winans, Gettysburg College

Commentator:
John Mayfield, University of Baltimore
20. Early American Political Economy in Transition

Chair:
Harry Watson, University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill

"Liberals and Republicans: The Paradox of Political
Economy in Revolutionary New England"
Margaret E. Newell, Ohio State University

"Economic Crisis and the Loss of Mastery: The
Panic of 1819 on the Cotton Frontier of Alabama"
Daniel S. Dupre, University of North Carolina,
Charlotte

Commentators:
Cathy Matson, University of Delaware
Harry Watson

21. The Bard and the Bawd: High Brow/Low Brow in
Print Culture of the Early Republic

Chair:
Richard D. Brown, University of Connecticut

"The Female Marine in an Era of Good Feelings:
Seduction, Patriotism, and the Modern Personality"
Daniel A. Cohen, Florida International University

"Capturing the Bard: The American Publication of
Shakespeare's Plays, 1822-1851"
Rosalind Reimer, Moravian College

Commentators:
Susan E. Klepp, Rider College
Richard D. Brown

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"The Monroe Doctrine and the Truman Doctrine:
The Case of Greece"

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22. Law and Policy in Early National Virginia

Chair:
F. Thornton Miller, Southwest Missouri State
University

"Indian Foremothers" Race, Sex, Slavery, and
Freedom in Early National Virginia"
Peter Wallenstein, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
State University

"Judicial Activism, the Common Law, and Emerging
Notions of Popular Sovereignty: The Virginia Expe-
tience, 1776-1830"
J. Thomas Wren, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Commentators:
Ronald L. Hatzenbuehler, Idaho State University
F. Thornton Miller
23. Change and Continuity in Antebellum Calvinism

Chair:
David Hein, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Hood College

"Footstoves to Church Stoves: Ritual, Rank, and Religious Culture in the New England Meetinghouse, 1783-1830"
Robert E. Cray, Jr., Montclair College

"Migration, Settlement, and the Second Great Awakening in New York State, 1780-1860"
Curtis D. Johnson, Mount Saint Mary’s College

"Rebuilding Jericho’s Walls: Anti-evangelicalism among Antebellum Baptists"
David L. Rowe, Middle Tennessee State University

Commentators:
Richard D. Shiels, Ohio State University, Newark
David Hein

24. History of Medicine in the Early Republic

Chair:
Gail S. Murray, Rhodes College

"A Most Dangerous Disease: Abigail Adams, Junior, and Breast Cancer"
Edith B. Gelles, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Stanford University

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