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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JULY 22
3:00–6:00 p.m.

Arrival and Registration
Lobby, Carmichael Dormitory, Stadium Drive
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Opening Plenary Session, 8:00 p.m.

1. Public Universities in the Early Republic: A Bicentennial Appraisal

Chair: John Hope Franklin, Duke University

Higher Education in the Formation of the Pro-Slavery Ideology of the Old South
Eugene D. Genovese, University Center in Georgia

Comments: John Hope Franklin
Anne Loveland, Louisiana State University
Robert Brugger, Johns Hopkins University Press
FRIDAY, JULY 23

8:30 a.m.
Advisory Council Meeting

8:30-10:30 a.m. Sessions

2. *Thomas Jefferson and His Families*

**Chair:** Michael W. Zuckerman, University of Pennsylvania

*Heart Over Head: Thomas Jefferson and Women*
Ronald Hatzenbuehler, Idaho State University

*Shifting the Debate: Thomas Jefferson and the Hemings Family*
Douglas R. Egerton, LeMoyne College

**Comments:** Michael W. Zuckerman
Sally G. McMillen, Davidson College
Robert M. McClell, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

3. *Race and Identity in Antebellum America*

**Chair:** Rita Roberts, Scripps College

*Rending the Veil: Meanings of Race for Black and White Sailors in Dartmoor Prison, 1814-1815*
W. Jeffrey Bolster, University of New Hampshire

*The Rhetoric of National Identity in Early African-American Colonization*
Dickson D. Bruce, Jr., University of California-Irvine

*Shaping Identities and Developing Strategies: The Nexus between Blacks and Whites, 1830-1842*
Judith Luckett, United States Military Academy

**Comment:** Carol Wilson, Washington College

Chair: Jeffrey Crow, North Carolina Division of Archives and History

The Historiography of the Antimasonic Period
Douglas K. Fidler, University of New Hampshire

Artisans and Reaction: Democratic Party Ideology and Its Impact on Racial Attitudes in Antebellum New York City
Anthony Gronowicz, Penn State-Hazleton

Friends of Van Buren and the Nullification Crisis
William S. Hoffmann, Saginaw Valley State University

Comment: William Pencak, Penn State-Ogontz

10:45 a.m. –12:45 p.m. Sessions

5. Political Culture in Jeffersonian Virginia

Chair: David Chesnutt, University of South Carolina

Education in the St. George Tucker Household: Change and Continuity in Jeffersonian Virginia
Phillip Hamilton, Washington University in St. Louis

James Monroe and Personal Patronage in Jeffersonian Virginia
Daniel Preston, James Monroe Papers

Comment: Richard A. Ryerson, Massachusetts Historical Society

6. Women, Work, and Ethnicity in the Early National South

Chair: Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Women Artisans in the Southern City: Charleston, Norfolk, and Alexandria, 1782-1808
Mary Ferrari, Radford University

Images of Women in a Multicultural Society: Louisiana, 1800-1830
Dolores Egger Labbé, University of Southwestern Louisiana

Comment: Johanna Miller Lewis, University of Arkansas-Little Rock


Chair: Sylvia Frey, Tulane University

The Receding Shadow of Slavery: The Emergence of African-American Freedom in New York and New Jersey, 1784-1860
Graham Hodges, Colgate University

"Sweep Ho, Sweep Ho": African-American Chimney Sweeps in New York City
Paul A. Gilje, University of Oklahoma

Comment: Leonard P. Curry, University of Louisville
8. Roundtable:  
*Frederick Jackson Turner and the Early Republic*

**Chair:** John L. Larson, Purdue University

**Participants:**
- Lacy K. Ford, Jr., University of South Carolina
- Martin Ridge, Huntington Library
- Glenda Riley, Ball State University
- Margaret Washington, Cornell University

**2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Sessions**

9. **Mission, Slavery, Removal:**  
*Southern Native Americans*

**Chair:** Stephen Aron, Princeton University

*Living Under the Threat and Promise of Removal: Conflict and Cooperation in the Cherokee Country During the 1830s*
- David Kleit, Duke University

*Slavery: The Dilemma of Wheelock Mission, 1832-1861*
- Justin D. Murphy, Howard Payne University

**Comment:** Joel W. Martin, Franklin and Marshall College

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10. **Erring Women: Testing Female Virtue, 1790-1850**

**Chair:** Wylma Wates, Columbia, SC

*Conflicting Voices in Judith Sargent Murray's The Gleaner*
- Julie Amberg, University of New Orleans

*Domesticity in the Novels of Catherine Maria Sedgwick*
- Barbara Ryan, University of North Carolina

*Fourier in the Parlor: The Trials of Catharine Forrest*
- Thomas Baker, University of North Carolina

**Comment:** Edith Gelles, Stanford University

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11. **Internal Improvements and Slavery Again: Redefining Issues in American Party Politics, 1817-1850**

**Chair:** Paul H. Bergeron, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

*Calhoun versus Madison on the Bonus Bill*
- Trenton Hizer, University of South Carolina

*Maysville Revisited: Andrew Jackson, Internal Improvements, and the Twenty-First Congress*
- Daniel M. Jansen, National Archives

*Party Politics and the Defense of Slavery, 1845-1850*
- Larry K. Menna, State University of New York-Farmingdale

**Comment:** Thomas Jeffrey, Thomas Edison Papers, Rutgers University
12. Toward a Republic of Letters: Print and Communication in the Early Republic

Chair: Isabelle Lehuu, St. Michael's College

The Economics of Printing and the Establishment of Printed Discourse in the Ohio Valley, 1786-1810
Mary Kupiec Cayton, Miami University

A Republic of Knowledge Expands: The Evolution and Impact of Illinois Print Communication Systems through 1850
William Gilmore-Lehne, Stockton State College

Religious Reading and Readers in Early Nineteenth-Century America
David Paul Nord, Indiana University

Comment: Robert A. Gross, College of William and Mary

5:00–6:30 p.m.
Reception
Louis Round Wilson Library

8:00 p.m.
Concert
Music of the Early Republic
Rosenau Hall Auditorium

Coordinator: Elizabeth Huggins Null, Georgetown University

Participants: Robert Hall
Constance Schultz
Deborah Van Broekhoven
The Chapel Hill Shape Note Singers

13. Thomas Jefferson:
Self-Expression and Self-Conception

Chair: Peter Onuf, University of Virginia

Jefferson, Letter-Writing, and Self-Expression
Andrew Burstein, University of Virginia

The Search for a Usable Past: Jefferson as Autobiographer
Herbert Sloan, Barnard College, Columbia University

Comments: Frank Shuffelton, University of Rochester
Michael Lienesch, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

14. Organizing Public Opinion, 1791-1824

Chair: Thomas Leonard, University of California-Berkeley

Radical Politics and the Jeffersonians in Early National Connecticut
Stephen R. Grossbart, University of Florida

Polls and Campaign Strategies: What Were Such Modern Ideas Doing in the Presidential Election of 1824?
Stuart Seely Sprague, Morehead State University

Comment: Constance Schultz, University of South Carolina
15. Gendered Rituals in Virginia and Massachusetts

Chair: Jean E. Friedman, University of Georgia

Gender and Civic Ritual in Postrevolutionary Virginia
Cynthia A. Kiernan, University of North Carolina-Charlotte

Cattle Shows and Culture: Gender, Class, and Ritual Connecticut River Valley, 1818-1860
Catherine E. Kelly, Case Western Reserve University

Comment: Randolph Roth, Ohio State University

16. The Right to Consent: The Limits of Political Participation in the Early Republic

Chair: Daniel Jones, New Jersey State Archives

Limiting and Developing Individual Consent: Children and Eighteenth-Century Political Thought
Holly Brewer, University of California-Los Angeles

Charles Brockden Brown's Alcuin: A Dialogue (1798): An Early American Consideration of the Rights of Women
M. Jane Lewis, Wise, Virginia

Comment: Michael Grossberg, Case Western Reserve University

17. Slavery and Race in the Age of Thomas Jefferson

Chair: Margaret Newell, Ohio State University

Thomas Jefferson and Antislavery: Exploring an Idea or Debunking a Myth
Paul Finkelman, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

"Colour was the cause of...being neglected": The American Revolutionaries and the Revolution in Saint Domingue
Julius Scott, Duke University

Flawed Keepers of the Flame: Myth, History, and the Founders and Their Interpreters
Peter Wallenstein, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Comment: Catherine Clinton, Harvard University

18. The Settlement of the Trans-Appalachian Frontier

Chair: John Guice, University of Southern Mississippi

Geographic Mobility and Social Conservatism in the Debate over Antebellum Planter Migration
James Miller, Emory University

Power in Motion in the Trans-Appalachian West: The Case of Thomas Worthington
Marion Nelson Winship, University of Pennsylvania

Comment: Robert Durden, Duke University
19. Masculinity and Sex Roles in the Early Republic

Chair: Bruce A. Glasrud, California State University-Hayward

William Wirt and the Contradictions of Masculinity, 1802-1817
Anya Jabour, Rice University

B'hoys will be B'hoys: Tavern Violence and the Creation of a Working-Class Male Identity in Antebellum New York City
Michael Kaplan, New York University

Comment: John Inscoe, University of Georgia


Chair: Michael Morrison, Purdue University

Need for a Synthesis of American Foreign Relations, 1815-1861
Kinley Brauer, University of Minnesota

Interests, Values, and the Prism: The Sources of American Foreign Policy
Bradford Perkins, University of Michigan

Jefferson, Hamilton, and the Neutrality Proposal
Lawrence S. Kaplan, Kent State University

Biography and the Early Republic
John M. Belohlavek, University of South Florida

American Nation, American Empire
William Earl Weeks, San Diego State University

21. The Early National Militia, North and South

Chair: John Chatfield, Trinity College

William H. Sumner and the Paradox of Militia Reform in Massachusetts
Mark Pitcavage, Ohio State University

The Black Militia in the Battle of New Orleans
W.A. Vaughan, University of Southern Mississippi

Comment: Don Higginbotham, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

22. Women, Free Blacks, and Evolutions in Republican Conceptions of Citizenship

Chair: Deborah Van Broekhoven, Ohio Wesleyan University

Citizens and Cyphers: Feminist Critiques of War and Empire in Antebellum America
Nancy Isenberg, University of Northern Iowa

"Eradicating the Offensive Color": Political-Economic Thought and Free People of Color in Early National Baltimore
T. Stephen Whitman, Johns Hopkins University

Comment: William G. Shade, Lehigh University
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July 24

23. Society in Tune: Social Analyses of Antebellum Songs

Chair: Elizabeth Higgins Null, Georgetown University

The Role of Shape-Note Singing in the Antebellum South
Daniel Watkins Patterson, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

The Setting of a Down-East Tunebook: The Reverend D.H. Mansfield’s The American Vocalist
David W. Deacon, Biltmore House

Origins and Implications of Old Baptist Songs
Beverly Bush-Patterson, North Carolina Arts Council

Comment: David Shields, The Citadel

4:15 p.m.
Annual Business Meeting
Rosenau Hall Auditorium

6:30–7:30 p.m.
Reception and Cash Bar
Carolina Inn

7:30 p.m.
Banquet and Awards
Carolina Inn

Presidential Address
Massachusetts and South Carolina: Catalytic Agents for American Revolutions?
R. Don Higginbotham
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Sunday
July 25

SUNDAY, JULY 25
9:00–11:00 a.m. Sessions

24. The Commercial Frontier in the Early Republic

Chair: Elizabeth Ann Perkins, Centre College

For God, Goods, and Governments: The Rise and Fall of a Trans-Appalachian Entrepreneur
Andrew R.L. Cayton, Miami University

William Cooper’s Store; Market Development on the New York Frontier
Alan Taylor, Boston University

Comment: Peter A. Coclanis, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

25. Abolition, Gender, and Reform in the Early National Period

Chair: Marie Tyler McGraw, Smithsonian Institution

“But the Poison is Spreading”: Gender and Slavery in the Works of Louisa McCord and the Grimké Sisters
Susan A. Eacker, Miami University

Religion and Women’s Activism in the Antislavery Movement: Lucretia Mott and the Grimké Sisters
Anna Speicher, George Washington University

Comment: Nancy Hewitt, Duke University
26. Property Law in the Old South

Chair: Walter Pratt, Notre Dame University

Custom and Law: The Legal Underpinnings of the Southern Range
Benjamin Brown, Northwestern University

Rights, Obligations, and Dependency in Antebellum Property Law
Emily Van Tassel, Widener University

Comment: John Orth, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

27. Nationalism as Civic Religion

Chair: Ruth Alden Doan, Hollins College

Traveling, Feasting, and Fasting: Popular Celebrations and the Rise of American Nationalism, 1789-1798
David Waldstreicher, Yale University

Antebellum Protestants and the Process of Cultural Dissent: The Case of Francis Wayland, 1825-1855
Mark Hanley, Northeast Missouri State University

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