The *Journal of the Early Republic* is a quarterly magazine devoted to the study of the early national period of the United States. Established in 1981, the *Journal* publishes articles related to all aspects of the history and culture of the United States for the period from 1789 to 1848. Published by the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), it is sponsored by Indiana University at Indianapolis where the editorial offices are located.

Topics considered in the early volumes have included economic and political, diplomatic and military, legal and social history, including various aspects of black, educational, religious, and women's history. Other regular features of the *Journal* are book reviews, publication notices, and listings of recent articles and dissertations related to United States history, broadly interpreted, for the period of the early republic.

Individual subscriptions to the *Journal*, which also include membership in the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, are scaled according to annual income: $15—under $30,000; $25—between $30,000 and $40,000; and $30—over $40,000. Institutional or library subscriptions are $40 per year.

Direct inquiries about manuscript submissions and free sample copies to the editorial office of the *Journal of the Early Republic*, Indiana University at Indianapolis, Indiana 46202-5140. Membership inquiries and dues should be sent directly to Professor James H. Broussard, Executive Secretary, SHEAR, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania 17003.

---

**Society for Historians of the Early American Republic**

**PROGRAM**

**Thursday, 14 July**

Registration, Gasson Hall, Honors Library

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Opening Session, Devlin 008

8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

**Chair:** Lewis Perry, Vanderbilt University

**Keynote:** Mary Kelley, Dartmouth College  
"Reading Women/Women Reading: (Re)Constructing the House of Intellect in Nineteenth-Century America"

**Comments:** Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, Emory University  
Mary Cayton, Miami University  
Lewis Perry
Friday, 15 July

Book Exhibits, Gasson Hall, Honors Library
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration, Gasson Hall, Honors Library
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Session I
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Panel 1: Rethinking Framing Concepts
Devlin Hall, Room 117

Chair: Peter Onuf, University of Virginia
Papers: Peter Wallenstein, Virginia Polytechnic
Institute and State University
"Frontiers and Windfalls: The Significance
of the Frontier in the Early Republic"
John Lauritz Larson, Purdue University
"Liberals, Nationalists, and Republicans:
The Perils of Historical Taxonomy"

Comments: Major Wilson, University of Memphis
Peter Onuf

Panel 2: Between Frontier and City: Ohio Women, 1788-1860
Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair: Martha Hodes, New York University
Papers: Marion Brown, University of Cincinnati
"Because I Was But a Woman: Genteel Iron
on the Ohio Frontier"
Suzanne M. DeBerry, Miami University
"In Search of Cincinnati's Women Workers, 1788-1860"

Comments: Joan Cashin, Ohio State University
Martha Hodes

Panel 3: The Arts and Religious Life in Antebellum New England
Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair: Lawrence Buell, Harvard University
Papers: Martha Dennis Burns, Brown University
"Serving the Lord Through Song: Lowell
Mason's Boston Years"
Thomas E. Jenkins, Yale University
"The Character of God in the Print Culture
of Early Nineteenth-Century New England"

Comments: Anne M. Boylan, University of Delaware
Lawrence Buell

Panel 4: George Washington: Pioneer Farmer
Devlin Hall, Room 112

Chair: Don Higginbotham, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Papers: Terry Gibson, Mount Vernon Ladies Association
"Agricultural Theory and Farming Reality at
Washington's Mount Vernon"
John P. Riley, Mount Vernon Ladies Association
"Washington as Agricultural Revolutionary"

Comments: Frank Grizzard, Papers of George Washington
Don Higginbotham
Session II
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Panel 5: **Frontiers of the Union: Ideology and Race in American Policymaking, 1818-1823**
Devlin Hall, Room 117

Chair: Lawrence S. Kaplan, Kent State University
Papers: Michael S. Fitzgerald, Pikeville College
"Opposition to the First Seminole War: Partisan or Principled?"
Rubil Morales, Rutgers University
"Race, Republicanism, and Recognition: The United States and the Creation of Colombia, 1819-1822"
James E. Lewis, Jr., University of Virginia
"The American Neighborhood Redefined: The Recognition Decision and the Monroe Doctrine"

Comments: Drew McCoy, Clark University
Lawrence S. Kaplan

Panel 6: **Sociability, Gender, and Consumer Behavior in New England, 1790-1850**
Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair and
Comment: Richard L. Bushman, Columbia University
Papers: Mitchell Slay, Denison University
"Sensibility and Sociability in Late Eighteenth-Century New England"
Catherine E. Kelly, Case Western University
"Fashioning Consumption in the Countryside: Languages of Consumption in Provincial New England, 1810-1850"
Deborah Bingham Van Broekhoven, Ohio Wesleyan University
"The Political Economy of Benevolent Fairs"

Panel 7: **Class and Cultural Transformation in American Musical Life**
Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair and
Comment: Ron Johnson, Georgetown University
Presenter: Elisabeth Null, Georgetown University
Papers: Michael Broyles, University of Maryland-Baltimore
"Mozart, America's First Waltz King"
David Hildebrand, University of Maryland-Baltimore
"Music and the Emerging Professional in the New Republic"
Katherine K. Preston, College of William & Mary
"What a Long, Strange Trip It's Been: The 1838-1840 American Concert Tours of Jane Shirreff and John Wilson, British Vocal Stars"

Session III
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Panel 8: **The Republican Court**
Devlin Hall, Room 117

Chair and
Comment: Mary Kelley, Dartmouth College
Papers: David Shields, The Citadel, and Fredrika Teute, Institute of Early American History and Culture
"The Republican Court and the Historiography of a Women's Domain in the Public Sphere"
Daphne O'Brien, North Carolina State University
"The First Congress, Polite Society, and Courtship in New York City: the Case of Margaret Lowther [Page]"
Susan Stabile, University of Delaware
"'T Saw Great Fabius Come in State': Philadelphia Women's Court Poetry in the Age of Washington"
Panel 9: Lone Star Rising: The Politics of Expansion and Slavery in Jacksonian America
Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair: John M. Belohlavek, University of South Florida
Papers:
Lelia Roceckell, St. Peter's College, University of Oxford
"Anglophobia and the Annexation of Texas"
Michael A. Morrison, Purdue University
"Bailie Peyton's Steer: Martin Van Buren, the Democracy, and the Partisan Politics of Annexation"
Jonathan M. Atkins, Berry College
"Texas or Disunion!: Tennessee Whigs and the Expansion Issue"

Comments: Harvey J. Strum, Sage Junior College
John M. Belohlavek

Panel 10: Abolitionism, Race, and Nationalism
Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair: James Stewart, Macalester College
Papers:
Paul Teed, University of Connecticut
"Ours Is the Only Tongue in Which Liberty Can Speak: Race and Romantic Nationalism in Theodore Parker's Thought, 1840-1860"
Michael D. Pierson, Illinois State University
"Separating Morality and Politics: The Impact of the 1848 Buffalo Convention on Antislavery Rhetoric"
Donald M. Jacobs, Northeastern University

Comments: Jane Pease, College of Charleston
James Stewart

Board Meeting
Devlin Hall, Room 220
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Reception
Massachusetts Historical Society
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Concert
Devlin Hall, Room 008
8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Host: Elisabeth Null, Georgetown University

Performances: Nurembega Harmony, Stephen A. Marini, Wellesley College, Singing Master
"A Singing-School Concert: New England Fugueing Tunes, Anthems, and Set-Pieces"
David Hildebrand, University of Maryland-Baltimore
"Genteel Music-Making in the New Republic"
Arthur Schrader, Singing History
"A Few Songs in Vogue with the Vulgar: Boston, 1813"
Neely Bruce, Wesleyan University, and Phyllis Bruce, American Voices
"Music During the Time of Thomas Cole: Forgotten Landmarks (1826-1848)"
Saturday, 16 July

Book Exhibits, Gasson Hall, Honors Library
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration, Gasson Hall, Honors Library
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Session IV
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Panel 11: Sovereignty and Sociability under the Constitution and in the Courts
Devlin Hall, Room 117

Chair: Richard D. Brown, University of Connecticut
Papers: Marc L. Harris, Pennsylvania State University
"How Does the Sovereign Speak?: Associationism and Popular Sovereignty in the Early Republic"
David Thomas Konig, Washington University in St. Louis
"The Jurisprudence of Sociability in the Early Republic"

Comments: Herbert A. Johnson, University of South Carolina
Richard D. Brown

Panel 12: Anti-Catholicism in Post-Revolutionary New England
Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair: Joseph M. McCarthy, Suffolk University
Papers: Charles P. Hanson, University of Nebraska-Kearney
"Papists in Disguise: Universalists and Anti-Universalists in Early National New England"
Francis D. Cogliano, La Sainte Union College-University of Southampton
"How Would Our Fathers Have Stared: John Thayer and the Decline of Anti-Popery in New England"

Comments: Mark Hanley, Northeast Missouri State University
Joseph M. McCarthy

Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair: Herbert Sloan, Barnard College
Papers: Joanne Freeman, University of Virginia
"We Are All Cowards: Alexander Hamilton and the Curious Logic of the Duel"
Robert M. S. McDonald, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
"Thomas Jefferson's Reluctant Rise to Republican Leadership"

Comments: Jan E. Lewis, Rutgers University, Newark
Alan Taylor, Boston University
Devlin Hall, Room 112

Chair: Elizabeth Blackmar, Columbia University
Papers: Thomas D. Beal, State University of New York, Stony Brook
"The Commercial Culture of New York City's Public Markets, 1820-1850"
Louis P. Tremante, Iowa State University
"Farms and Markets on the Urban Fringe: New York City, 1820-1850"

Comments: Graham Hodges, Colgate University
Elizabeth Blackmar

Panel 15: Financial Failure in the Early Republic
Devlin Hall, Room 117

Chair and Comment: John Brooke, Tufts University
Papers: Barbara A. Mathews, Brown University
A "Partial and Immoral" System: The American Bankruptcy Problem and Its Origins
James M. Pearson, University of California-Los Angeles
"Who Needed Soup?: An Analysis, New York's Humane Society Soup Lists, 1805-1816"
Scott A. Sandage, Rutgers University
"Early Credit Reporting and the American Language of Failure"

Panel 16: Gendered Modes of Religious Expression in Antebellum America
Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair: Julie Roy Jeffrey, Goucher College
Papers: June Namias, University of Alaska-Anchorage
"Women as a Moral Force: Indian-White Relations in the Dakota War of 1862"
Daria Donnelly, Boston University
"The Naughty Girl Persona in Emily Dickinson's Religious Lyrics"
Susan E. Gray, Arizona State University
"'Hast thou not a controversy with us?' The Diaries of George Nelson and Arvilla Powers Smith, Missionaries to the Ottawa Indians, 1840-1845"

Comments: Susan M. Juster, University of Michigan
Julie Roy Jeffrey

Panel 17: Representing America: Cultural Constructions of an American Self
Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair and Comment: Charles Capper, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Papers: John Seelye, University of Florida
"Monumental Trivia: The Iconography of Plymouth Rock"
Michael A. Lofaro, University of Tennessee
"Half-Horse, Half-Alligator, or Riproarious Shemale: Heroics and Gender in the Davy Crockett Almanacs"
Ronald A. Bosco, State University of New York at Albany
"Visionary Poetics and Nationalism in Ralph Waldo Emerson's 'Orientalist'"
Session VI
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Panel 18: Shaping History and Manipulating Identity in the Early National Period
Devlin Hall, Room 112

Chair: Louis Tucker, Massachusetts Historical Society
Papers: Christopher D. Felker, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Philip Gould, DePaul University
"The New Ebenezer Stone: Civic Virtue, the Puritan Fathers, and Early National Historiography"
Thomas Brown, University of Detroit Mercy
"John Pendleton Kennedy's Quodlibet and the Culture of Jacksonian Democracy"

Comment: William J. Gilmore, Stockton State College

Panel 19: Drawing the Boundaries of the Sacred: Religion in American Culture
Devlin Hall, Room 117

Chair and Comment: Stephen Marini, Wellesley College
Papers: Steven C. Bullock, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
"An Appearance of Sanctity: Masonry and Post-Revolutionary Religion"
Cathy Brekus, University of Chicago Divinity School
"Sounding the Midnight Cry: Female Preachers in the Millerite Movement"
Douglas M. Strong, Wesley Theological Seminary
"A Political Millennium: Evangelical Perfectionism and the Liberty Party"

Panel 20: Roundtable Discussion on "The Life and Career of John Adams"
Devlin Hall, Room 010

Moderator: John Ferling, West Georgia College
Discussants: Joseph J. Ellis, Mount Holyoke College
Edith B. Gelles, Stanford University
Drew R. McCoy, Clark University
Richard A. Ryerson, Massachusetts Historical Society
Rosemarie Zagarri, Catholic University of America

Business Meeting
Devlin Hall, Room 008
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Reception
Devlin Hall
Boston College Museum of Art
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Awards Dinner and Presidential Address
The Heights Room of the New Dining Facility
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

William Rorabaugh, University of Washington
"The Political Duel in the Early Republic: Burr V. Hamilton"
Sunday, 17 July

Book Exhibits, Gasson Hall, Honors Library
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Session VII
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Panel 21: Between God and Mammon: Faith and Consumption in Virginia, 1790-1850
Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair and
Comment: Douglas Egerton, LeMoyne College

Papers: Douglas Ambrose, Hamilton College
"Proslavery Christianity in Early National Virginia"
Joseph T. Rainer, College of William & Mary
"Yankee Notions and Cavalier Consumers: Peddlers and the Rituals of Consumption in Antebellum Virginia"
Phillip Hamilton, Washington University
"Slavery and the Tucker's of Virginia: Emancipation, Resignation, Justification"

Panel 22: Transformations of Labor and Economics Through the Early Republic and Jacksonian Responses
Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair and
Comment: Scott Martin, Bowling Green State University

Papers: Debra Meyers, University of Rochester
"The Evolution of the Labor Structure in Maryland, 1634-1830"
James R. Karmel, State University of New York at Buffalo
"Banks, Politics, and the Public Interest in Early National Pennsylvania"
Pamela L. Baker, University of Illinois at Chicago
"The Buffalo and New Orleans Road Bill, Internal Improvement, and Jacksonian Democracy"

Devlin Hall, Room 112

Chair and
Comment: Don Hickey, Wayne State College

Papers: Alfred A. Cave, University of Toledo
"The Failure of the Shawnee Prophet's Witch Hunt"
Samuel J. Watson, Rice University
"So disastrous and unfortunate a contest': U.S. Army Officers React to the Second Seminole War"
Cheri Wolfe, University of Texas at San Antonio
"Ethnologist on the Southern Frontier: Gideon Lincecum and the Choctaw Indians"
Panel 24: Poverty and Partisanship in the Early Urban Republic
Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair: Bill Pencak, Pennsylvania State University, Ogantz
Papers: Donna J. Rilling, University of Pennsylvania
"Notwithstanding his want of funds: Speculation and the Paradox of Independence among Philadelphia Building Artisans"
Michael Kaplan, New York University
"Tammany's B'hoys: Partisan Violence and the Creation of a Popular Political Culture in Antebellum New York City, 1834-1852"

Comments: Richard John, University of Illinois at Chicago
Bill Pencak

Panel 25: Tumultuous Lives in the Early Republic
Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair: Eugene Genovese, Georgia University Center
Papers: Junius P. Rodriguez, Eureka College
"Ombudsman to Orleans: The Tumultuous Career of Pennsylvanian George Thompson Ross in the Territory of Orleans, 1803-1816"
Robert E. Cray, Jr., Montclair State College
"Policing the Preacher: The Scandal Plagued Career of John N. Maffitt, 1794-1850"

Comments: Bruce Dorsey, University of California, Santa Cruz
Eugene Genovese

Panel 26: Roundtable Discussion on The Early Republic in the Classroom (Note: This panel is cosponsored by the Committee on History in the Classroom, an affiliate of the American Historical Association)
Devlin Hall, Room 112

Moderator: Robert Hall, Northeastern University
Discussants: Lisa Lubow, University of Hartford
Lisa Null, Georgetown University
Mark Hilgendorf, Milton (MA) Academy
Winifred Rothenberg, Tufts University
John Anthony Scott, Independent Scholar