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SESSION ONE 8:15 - 10:15 am

1. FROM EMERSON TO JEFFERSON: TWO ROMANTICS AND RACE
Room 102

CHAIR: Mary Cayton, Miami University of Ohio

“Jefferson’s ‘Enlightened’ Resolution of Honor and Slavery”
Darren Staloff, City University of New York

“Citizen and Slave: Emerson and Herrenvoll Democracy”
Peter Field, University of Canterbury

COMMENT: Scot French, Carter Woodson Institute, University of Virginia
Jean Soderlund, Lehigh University

2. CULTURAL IMAGININGS OF GOLD RUSH CALIFORNIA
Room 104

CHAIR: Brett Mizelle, California State-Long Beach

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Jen A. Huntley-Smith, University of Nevada, Reno
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Krystyn R. Moon, Johns Hopkins University

"Imagining the Urban Frontier"
Paul J. Erickson, University of Texas, Austin

COMMENT: Brett Mizelle

3. SEX REFORMERS AND RADICALS

CHAIR: Patricia Cline Cohen, UC-Santa Barbara

"Free Love, Radical Politics, and Contraception in 1831: Why Robert Dale Owen Wrote Moral Physiology"
Gail Bederman, University of Notre Dame

"The Man on the Make in the Popular Health Movement: The Cultural Anatomy of Dr. Hollick's Lectures"
April Haynes, UC-Santa Barbara

COMMENT: Susan Klepp, Temple University
Patricia Cline Cohen

4. ETHNIC POLITICS IN PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK

CHAIR: Todd Estes, Oakland University

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William Pencak, Penn State University

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Margaret McAleen, Library of Congress

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Heather S. Nathans, University of Maryland

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5. NEW PERSPECTIVES ON JACKSONIAN POLITICS

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Tom Coens, Harvard University

"Fusion’s Failure in Massachusetts: Free Soilers, Democrats, and the Politics of Coalition in 1850"
Yonatan Eyal, Harvard University

"Defending Self, Defining Self: Native Americans and the Problem of American Citizenship During the Jacksonian Era"
Dara Baker, Harvard University

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6. ‘UNNATURAL’ SEX AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC: CASES FROM CONNECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS

CHAIR: John Murrin, Princeton University

"Dr. John Farrell, Sodomite: To Hang or to Pardon?"
Richard D. Brown, University of Connecticut

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Doron Ben-Atar, Fordham University

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John Murrin
7. COMMERCE, VIOLENCE, AND MARRIAGE IN THE MULTINATIONAL WEST

Room 203

CHAIR: Kathleen DuVal, McNeil Center for Early American Studies

“Raiding, Trading, and Trapping: Environmental and Cultural Change in the Multinational West, 1700-1850”
Steve Fountain, UC-Davis

“Emblem of Liberty: Sacagawea and Slavery in Lewis and Clark’s West”
Brett Rushforth, UC-Davis

“Foreigners in the Land: Traders, Trappers and Soldiers in Alta California, 1821-1848”
Rosamaria Tanghetti, UC-Davis

COMMENT: Lisbeth Haas, UC-Santa Cruz

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Room 204

CHAIR: Mary Ryan, UC-Berkeley

“Honorable Violence: Youth Culture, Masculinity, and Contested Authority in Liberal Education”
Jeffrey A. Mullins, St. Cloud State University

“A Violent Coming of Age: Street Gangs in the Urban South”
Frank Towers, Colorado State University

“A New England Discourse on Fashion in Northern Youth Periodicals, 1800-1850”
Ramon C. Veloso, UC-Irvine

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9. EMBODIED POLITICS: JEFFREY PASLEY’S THE TYRANNY OF PRINTERS: NEWSPAPER POLITICS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC

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David S. Shields, The Citadel

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Susan Stabile, Texas A&M University, College Station

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Catherine E. Kelly, University of Oklahoma

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Denise Bossy, Yale University

" ‘No foreign tars...allow’d... on American trips to ‘Chinesian shores’: The Use of China and Remote Locations in Debates over American Identity"
James Egan, Brown University

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Joanne Pope Melish, University of Kentucky

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14. NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE WAR OF 1812

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Christopher T. George, Editor of the Journal of the War of 1812

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Matthew S. Warshauer, Central Connecticut State University
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Alison M. Parker, SUNY Brockport

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Mary Cathryn Cain, Agnes Scott College

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Brian P. Luskey, Emory University

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David Quigley, Boston College

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Edward B. Rugemer, Boston College

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