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Detail from J. Russell, A General Map of North America (London, 1794),
The Library Company, Philadelphia.
SCHEDULE NOTES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

REGISTRATION
Vartan Gregorian Quad
8:00 am – 10:00 pm
Beginning 3:00 pm, Thursday

BOOK EXHIBIT
Sayles Hall
Friday/Saturday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am – Noon
(Book Sale)

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Pavilion Room, Peter Green House
Friday, 12:30 pm

JOURNAL OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC
Editorial Board Meeting
Pavilion Room, Peter Green House
Saturday, 12:30 pm

SHEAR BUSINESS MEETING
Smith-Buonanno 106
Saturday, 4:15 pm

OPENING RECEPTION
Honoring SHEAR’s Past, Welcoming Its Future
The John Carter Brown Library
Thursday, 9:00 – 10:30 pm

RECEPTION
Slater Mill Historic Site
Pawtucket, Rhode Island
Friday, 5:30 – 7:00 pm

PLENARY PUBLIC SESSION
Race and Justice—Slavery and Its Legacies in New England
Salomon 101
Saturday, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
A New Republican Order, Letter by Letter
Barbara Oberg, Princeton University
Smith-Buonanno 106
Saturday, 6:00 pm

BANQUET
Andrews Dining Hall
Saturday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Please note: All panels will be held in rooms on the Brown Campus, except for most of the Friday afternoon panels, which will be held at selected historic sites within walking distance.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS INFORMATION

The 26th Annual Meeting of SHEAR will convene this July 22nd through 25th at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. The city of Providence and nearby communities offer a rich variety of historic sites with particular meaning for the history of the early republic. Please feel free to contact either of the Local Arrangement Co-Chairs: Joanne Pope Melish, at (859) 257-1014 or jmelish@uky.edu; and Michael Vorenberg, at (401) 863-9577 or Michael_Vorenberg@Brown.edu. Information regarding the conference will be available at the Journal of the Early Republic website: http://jer.pennpress.org.

PLEASE NOTE THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE OF JUNE 11

Conference Site: The conference will take place at Brown University, which is located within a mile of the heart of downtown Providence, close to shops, museums, cultural activities and public transportation. A number of restaurants are located around the campus, especially along Thayer Street, which runs between the Vartan Gregorian Quad and the main campus of Brown. The Providence Performing Arts Center, historic Benefit Street, the Rhode Island School of Design, shops, and galleries are all within walking distance. Except for a few special events, all of the SHEAR events will be located within a 10-minute walk between the Vartan Gregorian Quad along Thayer Street and the classroom buildings on the main green of the Brown Campus just south of Waterman Street. For more information on places to stay and things to do in Providence, visit Brown’s web page at: www.Brown.edu/webmaster/visitors.html.

Special Events:
Receptions. There will be two receptions at this year’s conference—an opening reception, “Honoring SHEAR’s Past, Welcoming Its Future,” on Thursday from 9:00 to 10:30 pm in the John Carter Brown Library, and a Friday evening reception at the Slater Mill Historic Site, birthplace of the American industrial revolution, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Machinery Curator William F. Johnson will be available at Slater Mill to discuss the renovation of the water wheel, machine shop, and textile machinery. Bus transportation will
Sessions at Historic Sites. Friday afternoon panel sessions have been scheduled at five important historic sites on and near the Brown campus: the Providence Athenaeum, America’s fourth oldest library, founded in 1753; the First Baptist Church in America, founded by Roger Williams in 1638; the Old State House, built 1760–62; the John Carter Brown Library, housing a world-renowned collection of pre-1825 documents and maps pertaining to the Americas; and the John Nicholas Brown Center for the Study of American Civilization, housed in the 1792 Nightingale-Brown house.

Special Plenary Public Session. In recognition of the public interest in the important role of slavery and the slave trade in the commercial and social development of Rhode Island, SHEAR will host its first Plenary Public Session, “Race and Justice—Slavery and Its Legacies in New England,” on Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The session will be a roundtable with a panel of six scholars and local specialists.

Banquet. The banquet will be held at the Andrews Dining Hall on the Pembroke Campus of Brown University on Saturday at 7:00 pm. The Pembroke Campus, which is accessible from Meeting Street, is just north of the main campus, about a 15-minute walk from the Vartan Gregorian Quad. The price will be $42 per person, beer and wine included.

Note: For those who happen to be in Providence on Wednesday evening, July 21, there will be a “Waterfire” in the downtown area. “Waterfire,” which began as an art installation, is now a renowned institution of the city. During a “Waterfire,” which takes place about ten times during the year, small bonfires, elevated above the water, are lit along the downtown rivers, ethereal music plays, and performers line the river banks. If you are in the area, it is an event not to be missed.

Housing: Housing will be available at three price levels at two locations:

Vartan Gregorian Quadrangle

The Inn at Brown. 24 air-conditioned, hotel-style rooms at a per-room rate, regardless of occupancy. The Inn features private bathrooms, televisions, telephones, and seasonal heating and cooling controls in each room. Daily housekeeping service, overnight parking, and morning coffee are provided. Rate is $110/room/night single or double occupancy. Most rooms have two beds. Reservations will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once the Inn is booked, any remaining will be accommodated in the air-conditioned dormitory rooms.

Air-Conditioned Dormitory Rooms. 300 air-conditioned, single occupancy dormitory rooms with semi-private bathrooms at $40/person/night. (Sorry, but there are no double rooms or rooms with double beds.) Each room is equipped with a single-sized bed, pillow, desk and chair, floor lamp, dresser, bookcase, and closet. Rooms are furnished with bed linen, towels, pillow and case, blanket, drinking glass and soap. The rooms are air-conditioned and each has individual heating and cooling controls. Bathrooms are located on each floor. The bathroom has four sinks, stalls and showers. The bathrooms are cleaned daily. Wake-up service is not available. Coin-operated laundry facilities are located in the basement of the dormitories. Irons are not available. There are no telephones in the rooms.

Wriston Quadrangle

Non-Air-Conditioned Dormitory Rooms. Note: These dormitories do not have elevators, and most of them have four floors. All rooms are single dormitory rooms that are not air-conditioned (you may wish to bring a small fan). The rate is $32/person/night. All rooms share community bathrooms. Each room is equipped with a single-sized bed, pillow, desk and chair, dresser, bookcase, and closet. Rooms are made up with linen, pillow and case, blanket, two towels, drinking glass and soap. Bathrooms are located on each floor. The bathroom has two or three sinks and stalls and a shower. The bathrooms are cleaned daily. There is an overhead light in your room. However, an extra lamp would be helpful, especially if you wish to study in your room. Wake-up service is not available. Coin-operated laundry facilities are located in the basement of the dormitories. Irons are not available. There are no telephones in the rooms.

Registration and Check-In for all housing locations is at the Vartan Gregorian Quad Office in Building A at 101 Thayer Street near Charlesfield Street daily between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm.

Parking for all locations can be provided in a Brown University owned lot across the street from the Gregorian Quadrangle. Parking is $5.00 per car per night. Parking permits can be purchased at check-in. Note: Overnight parking on city streets is prohibited by Providence City Ordinance.

Other Housing: For those preferring to stay in a hotel, there are several located near the campus. SHEAR has reserved 20 rooms at the Providence Biltmore at a rate of $149/room, single or double occupancy. To reserve one of these rooms, all hotel reservations must be made at (603) 597-2900 or (603) 460-9050. After the 20 rooms, if still available, rates go up.

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the rooms will be released to the general public. Other hotels are also located within a mile of campus: the Marriott (800) 228-9290; the Holiday Inn (800) 465-4329; the Westin (800) 228-3000; and the Radisson (800) 528-9931. Call the hotel directly for reservations.

Transportation to Conference:

Airplane. The Brown University campus is located about 10 miles from Providence's T. F. Green Airport, which is accessible by most of the major airlines, including Southwest, US Airways, Delta, United, and American. Taxi fare to Brown is about $27.00 one way. The most economical transportation ($9.00 one way) is Airport Taxi (401-737-2868), which is actually a shuttle service. Tickets can be purchased on the lower level of the airport near the exits. The shuttle van will take you to Faunce House Arch on the Brown Campus or, upon request, the Vartan Gregorian Quad, 101 Thayer Street.

From Logan International Airport (Boston), take the Bonanza bus (401-751-8800) to Providence ($19.00 one way or $34.00 round trip). For current schedules and rates, visit www.bonanzabus.com. Buses run almost hourly and circulate throughout the terminal area. The Bonanza bus will drop you off at Kennedy Plaza in the heart of downtown, and you can then take a cab or walk (10–15 minutes) to the Brown campus.

Bus. Bonanza and Greyhound bus lines provide service to downtown Providence. From downtown Providence, you can take a cab or walk (10–15 minutes) to the Brown campus.

Train. Providence is on the Northeast Corridor Amtrak route. The train station is located in the center of Providence's downtown, just south of the State House. It is a brief walk (10–15 minutes) or taxi ride to the Brown campus.

Car. If you are traveling by car, Providence is located on Interstate Route 95, the major East Coast interstate. Providence is three hours from New York City and less than one hour from Boston. Brown University is situated on College Hill, overlooking Benefit Street.

Directions from the north: Take Interstate 95 south to Exit 20 (Cape Cod, East Providence), onto Interstate 195 East. Take Interstate 195 East to Exit 2. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left onto Wickenden Street. At the second traffic light, turn left onto Brook Street. Continue on Brook until you see a parking garage on your left and a fire station on your right. At this intersection, turn left onto Power Street. At the first stop sign, turn right onto Thayer Street.

Directions from the south: Take Interstate 95 north to Exit 20 (Cape Cod, East Providence), onto Interstate 195 East. Once on Interstate 195 East, follow the same directions above (see "Directions from the North"). Directions are also available at:


Note: In the conference registration area there will be information on numerous local attractions of historical interest in and near the city of Providence.

DOWNTOWN PROVIDENCE
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2004

Plenary Session  7:00 – 9:00 pm

Peaceable Kingdoms? Harmony and Hostility in the Early American Family
   (Solomon 101)
Chair: Elaine Forman Crane, Fordham University
Panelists:
   Irene Brown, University of Connecticut, Storrs
   Richard Brown, University of Connecticut, Storrs
   Patricia Cohen, University of California, Santa Barbara
   Randy Roth, Ohio State University

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FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2004

SESSION ONE  8:30 – 10:15 am

1. Religion on the Margins: Politics, Faith, and Reason in Early Republican New York (Fordham Auditorium)
Chair: William Shade, Lehigh University
Federalists and Tories Carrying Everything With a High Hand: New York Catholics and the Politics of the 1790s
Jason Duncan, Aquinas College
Speculations on the Genealogy of Deism in New York, 1700–1850
Thomas Baker, State University of New York, Potsdam
New Data on the Contacts and Activities of Thomas Cooper
Seymour Cohen
Comment: TBA
2. Remembering the Revolution: Commemoration and Historic Memory in the Early Republic (Salomon 001)
Chair: Gregory Nobles, Georgia Institute of Technology
"Forsaken Graves": Early Republic Tourists and the Commemoration of Revolutionary War Battlefields
Thomas Chambers, Niagara University
Memory and Commemoration: Revolutionary War Prisoners and the Early Republic
Francis Cogliano, University of Edinburgh
Commemorating the American Revolution: Secret Fraternal Organizations and Civic Brotherhood in Antebellum Virginia
Amy Pfugrad-Jackisch, State University of New York, Buffalo
Comment: Nicholas Westbrook, Fort Ticonderoga

3. The Federalists, Race, and Expansion in the Early Republic (MacMillan 115)
Chair: Daniel Richter, University of Pennsylvania
Indians, Federalists, and Kentuckians: The Ironies of Governance and Security on the Post-Revolutionary Frontier
David Nichols, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
Their Fathers' Sons, Their Fathers' Sins: New England Federalists and Radical Abolitionists
Kevin Gannon, Merrimack College
Race, Slavery, and Party during the First Party System in the North
John Craig Hammond, University of Kentucky
Comment: Doron Ben-Atar, Fordham University

4. Civil Society and Civic Culture in the Early Republic: Retrospect and Prospect (MacMillan 117)
Chair: Nancy Isenberg, University of Tulsa
Panelists:
Albrecht Koschnik, Florida State University
John Brooke, Ohio State University
Richard Brown, University of Connecticut

SESSION TWO 10:30 am – 12:15 pm

5. Visions of Nation and Nature in the Early Republic (Salomon 101)
Chair: Karen Halltunen, University of California, Davis
The Father’s Faces
Catherine Kelly, University of Oklahoma
Venus, Science, and Race in the Enlightenment
Caroline Winterer, National Humanities Center, San Jose State University
Ornithological Gothic: John James Audubon and the Tale of the Golden Eagle

6. Jews in the Early Republic (Folsom Auditorium)
Chair: Edith Gelles, Stanford University
Judah Touro and the Construction of the Bunker Hill Monument
Elizabeth Covart, University of Wisconsin
"Most Beautiful Fagan": Images of Jewish Women on the Early American Stage
Heather Nathans, University of Maryland
Remembering and Forgetting: The Newport, Rhode Island Touro Synagogue in the Early Republic
William Pencak, Pennsylvania State University
Comment: Frederic Cople Jaber, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana

7. Congressmen and Their World: Lawmaking and Society in the Early Republic (MacMillan 115)
Chair: Joanne B. Freeman, Yale University
Minnows, Spies, and Aristocrats: The Social Crisis of Congress in the Age of Martin Van Buren
Jeffrey L. Pasley, University of Missouri
Virtue Enough to Be Mere Statesmen? Continental Congressmen Learning to Live by the Articles of Association
Benjamin H. Irvin, McNeil Center for Early American Studies
Born, Made, Self-Made: Antebellum Senators and the Social Reproduction of Leadership
Susan Radomsky, University of Chicago
Comment: Andrew Burstein, University of Tulsa

8. Nature’s Resources: Narratives of Commodification, Consumption, and Indigation (Salomon 001)
Chair: Charlene Lewis, Kalamazoo College
Vitriol Vagabonds, Aercbic Naturalists, and Befouled Women: The Contested Discourse of Nuisance
Donna Rilling, State University of New York, Stony Brook
Nature for Sale: While Supplies Last
John Larson, Purdue University
Inculcating the Principles of an Efficient Morality: Philanthropy and Fuel in the Early Republic
Sean Adams, University of Central Florida
Comment: Karl Jacoby, Brown University
9. The Empire of Liberty: Race and the Making of the American North
   (MacMillan 117)
   Chair: Walter Johnson, New York University
   Colonial Legacies: Tocqueville's Democracy in America and the Debate over the Nation's
   Racial Past and Future
   John Wood Sweet, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
   Abolition, Citizenship and Satire: Race, Order and
   Popular Performance in the Early Republican North
   Corey Capers, University of California, Santa Cruz
   Boundaries of Belonging: Struggles over Race and Nation in Early Ohio
   Kirsten Fischer, University of Minnesota
   Comment: Clarence Walker, University of California, Davis

SESSION THREE  2:30 – 4:30 pm

10. Roundtable: Gordon Wood and the Early Republic (Salomon 101)
    Chair: Paul Gilje, University of Oklahoma
    Panelists:
    Joyce Appleby, University of California, Los Angeles
    Peter Onuf, University of Virginia
    Jack Rakove, Stanford University
    Respondent: Gordon Wood, Brown University

11. Race, Revolution, Remembrance: African Americans and Competing
    Epistemologies of Memory in the Early Republic (Old State House, Providence)
    Chair: Bruce Dain, University of Utah
    "Everybody has heard of Toussaint": Narrating the Haitian Revolution in the New Republic and Atlantic World
    Matt Clavin, American University
    "I have felt the ball in his leg": Black Revolutionary Veterans' Self-Presentation, and Shifting
    Mnemonic Theory in the Early American Republic
    Keith Beuiler, Washington University in St. Louis
    Commemorating Bunker Hill: Daniel Webster, Abolitionists, and Competing Visions of National Identity
    Jeff Koriocik, University of Southern California
    Comment: Sarah Purcell, Grinnell College

12. Imagining the World: The Ideological Work of Missionary Representations
    (The John Carter Brown Library)
    Chair: Mark Y. Hanley, Truman State University
    Frontiers of Reformation: The Protestant Battle against the Bishop of Rome and the Bishop of Constantineople in the Ottoman Balkans
    Barbara Reeves-Ellington, Siena College
    Southern Barbarians and Northern Brahmins: Foreign Missions and Racial Politics in Antebellum America
    Erik Alite, University of California, Long Beach
    Missionaries, Evangelical Identity, and the Religious Ecology of Early Nineteenth-Century South Carolina and the British Caribbean
    Christa Dierkerhilde, University of Virginia
    Comment: R. Bryan Bademan, Princeton University

13. Fruits of Their Honest Labour: New England Work Culture
    in the Early Republic (John Nicholas Brown Center)
    Chair: Anthony Rotundo, Phillips Academy, Andover
    Agricultural Work in the New Republic: Samuel Pierce of Dorchester, Massachusetts
    Susan Walston, Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities
    A Work Culture in Place: The Building Craftsmen of Charlestown, 1790–1820
    Laura Driemeyer, Boston University
    The Work Culture of Domestic Service in the New Republic
    Susan Porter, Brandeis University and Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities
    Comment: Anthony Rotundo, Phillips Academy, Andover

14. Rethinking Periodical Culture in the Early Republic
    (Providence Athenaeum)
    Chair: Simon Finger, Princeton University
    Gift Economics and Magazine Publishing in Jacksonian America
    Leon Jackson, University of South Carolina
    Republic Culture and Early American Magazines, 1750–1820
    Bruce Weiner, St. Lawrence University
    Magazines into Books: Jeremy Belknap and the Benefits of Periodical Promotion
    Robb Haberman, University of Connecticut
    Comment: Catherine Kaplan, Arizona State University

15. Religion and Politics in the Early Republic (First Baptist Church in America)
    Chair: Robert M. Calhoun, North Carolina State University, Greensboro
    "Dictated by Christ: The Problem of Revelation in American Democracy"
    Steven Harper, Brigham Young University
    Religion and Politics in the Early Republic: The Case of Elias Boudinot
    Jonathan Hartog, University of Notre Dame
    Comment: Nathan Sassi, City University of New York, Staten Island
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SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2004

SESSION FOUR  8:30 – 10:15 am

16. Whither the Early Republic: A Roundtable Prognostication (Salomon 101)
Chairs: John Larson, Purdue University
       Michael Morrison, Purdue University
       A panel discussion of research needs and opportunities on five topics: continental
       possessions; pursuing happiness; interactive landscapes; commodification of people; and
       private, public, and spirit worlds

17. Communications and Public Life in Antebellum America (Salomon 001)
Chair: Kenneth Silverman, New York University
Communications and Union: The Politics of Electric Telegraphy, 1845–1861
       Richard R. John, University of Illinois, Chicago
Going Postal: Was There a Communications Revolution in Antebellum America?
       David Henkin, University of California at Berkeley
Criminal Communications: Counterfeiting, Markets, and the
       Rise of a Shadow Economy
       Stephen Mihm, Harvard University
Comment: Jane Kamensky, Brandeis University

18. Manufacturing Identities: Artisans, Promoters, and the Interests of a Nation
       (MacMillan 115)
Chair: Gary Kornblith, Oberlin College
The Javanese Face of Merchant-Millers: Identities and
       Interests in the Mid-Atlantic World
       Richard Demirjian, University of Delaware
Mapping a Working Identity: Locating Manufacturers in
       Late Eighteenth Century Charleston, South Carolina
       Emma Frances Hart, University of St. Andrews
Discourse, Class, and Industrialization in Early America
       Louise P. Perkins, Museum State University

SESSION FIVE  10:30 am – 12:15 pm

20. The Globalizing Imagination of Antebellum Reform (Salomon 101)
Chair: Carol Sheriff, College of William and Mary
"Stronger ties than those of consanguinity": Elisha Burritt and the Work of
       International Friendship
       Robert K. Nelson, College of William and Mary
"Talents Much Above Mediocrity, Even of White Men":
       Emancipation, Social Reform, and Liberian Colonization
       Jeffrey A. Mullins, St. Cloud State University
American Missionaries and Manifest Destiny in the Hawaiian Islands
       Amy S. Greenberg, Pennsylvania State University
Comment: Jonathan A. Glickstein, University of California, Santa Barbara

21. Government: Form and Function in the New Republic (Salomon 001)
Chair: Gordon Wood, Brown University
Alexander Hamilton and the Creation of the Fiscal-Military State
       Max Edling, Uppsala University
Framing The Federalist: Rhetorical Strategies in the Ratification Debate
       Todd Estes, Oakland University
Financial Warfare: The Founding of the Manhattan Company and the Rise of Partisan
       Banking and the Democratic-Republican Party in New York City, 1789–1806
       Brian Murphy, University of Virginia
Comment: Richard R. John, University of Illinois, Chicago
22. The Limits of the “Extended Republic”: War, Peace, and American Indians in the Early American Nation (MacMillan 117)
Chair: John Murrin, Princeton University
From the Farewell Address: The Treaty of Cowpens (1796)
and the Unraveling of Federalist Statecraft
Leonard Sadowsky, Iowa State University
Perpetual Enemies? Britain, the Indians, and the Revolutionary War After Yorktown
Robert Parkinson, University of Virginia
Survival of the Tuscarawas Community Following the War of 1812
Kari Davis, State University of New York, Oswego
Comment: Alan Taylor, University of California, Davis

23. Class: A Useful Category of Analysis for the Early Republic? (Foxboro Auditorium)
Chair: Sven Beckert, Harvard University
The Working Classes of the Early Republic City
Seth Rockman, Occidental College
The Early American Middle Class
Jennifer Golob, Colorado College
Thinking about Elites in the Early Republic
Andrew Schocket, Bowling Green State University
Comment: Sven Beckert, Harvard University

24. Early American Expansion (MacMillan 115)
Chair: Dane Hartgrove, National Historical Publications and Records Commission
The Imperialist Impulse in Early America: The Case of Thomas Pain
David Fitzsimons, University of Rhode Island
The Foreign Intercourse Bill of 1790 and the Nature of Early American Foreign Relations
Robert Smith, Worcester State College
American Relations with the Ottoman Empire from the Early Republic to the Civil War
Timothy Roberts, Bilkent University
Comment: James Lewis, Kalamazoo College
Christopher Arndt, James Madison University

SHEAR Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting
SESSION SIX  2:00 – 4:00 pm

Plenary Public Session
Roundtable: Race and Justice—Slavery and Its Legacies in New England
Salomon 101
Moderator: Joanne Pope Melish, University of Kentucky
Panelists:
Robert P. Forbes, Gilder-Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance and Abolition, Yale University
Margaret Newell, Ohio State University
Ella Wilcox Sekatoo, Narragansett Tribal Historian and Medicine Woman
James Brewer Stewart, Macalester College
Keith Stokes, Newport Chamber of Commerce
Joaquina Bala Teixeira, Rhode Island Black Heritage Society
SESSION SEVEN  8:30 – 10:15 am

25. New Light on Military Experience in the Early Republic (Salomon 001)
Chair: James Broun, Lebanon Valley College
Refitting the Federalist Ship of State: Jefferson’s Reform of the Civil and Military Establishments
Theodore J. Cracker, East Stroudsburg University
The Top Ten Naval Myths of the War of 1812
Don Hickey, Wayne State College
A “Species of milito-antico-guerrilla-plundering warfare”: Admiral Alexander Cochrane’s Naval Campaign against the United States, 1814–1815
Gene Smith, Texas Christian University
Comment: James Bradford, Texas A & M University

26. The Problem of Slavery in the Early American Republic (MacMillan 117)
Chair: Herbert Sloan, Barnard College
French Counterpoint: White American Perspectives of the Haitian Revolution
Ashli White, Columbia University
The Dead, the Living, and the Socially Dead: Slavery and Generations in Early American Political Discourse
Francois Furstenberg, University of Montreal
“Though we are slaves, we are gentlemen”: John Foss, Honor and Barbary Captivity
Martha Rojas, Sweet Briar College
Comment: Michael Zuckerman, University of Pennsylvania

27. Reassessing the American System (Foxboro Auditorium)
Chair: Michael Morrison, Purdue University
Songho Ha, University of New Brunswick
“A Lawless Rabble”: Squatters’ Rights as a Threat to Clay’s American System
John Van Atta, Brunswick School
Encouraging Improvements: Gibbons v. Ogden and the Promotion of the American System
Thomas Cox, University of Nebraska, Kearney
Comment: Michael Morrison, Purdue University

28. The Early Republic and the Black Transnational World (MacMillan 115)
Chair: TBA
African Colonization Movements in Rhode Island and Nova Scotia in the Black Atlantic
Bryan Rommel-Ruis, Colorado College
From African American to African Nova Scotian
Heman Whitefield Dalhousie University

SESSION EIGHT  10:30 am – 12:15 pm

29. What in the World Was the Early United States? (Salomon 101)
Moderator: Alan Taylor, University of California, Davis
A Transnational History of the United States, 1783–1819
Adam Rothman, Georgetown University
Panels
James Sidbury, University of Texas, Austin
Alan Taylor, University of California, Davis
Kariann Yokota, Yale University

30. Digital Searches (MacMillan 117)
Chair: Calvin Johnson, University of Texas
How Metaphors Were Used in the Ratification Debate, How Anti-Federalist Interpreted the “Necessary and Proper” Clause
John Kaminski, Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution Project, University of Wisconsin
Debates Over “Gun Rights”
Scott Cornwell, Ohio State University
Trying to Measure Secularism by Digital Searches for “God”
Eric Slaeter, University of Chicago

31. Wielding the Scepter of Race and Privilege: Whiteness, Gender, and Power in Antebellum America (MacMillan 115)
Chair: Jeffrey Young, Emory University
Jefferson’s Daughters and the American Republic of Letters
Catherine Kerrison, Villanova University
Unmasking Whiteness: Race, Gender and the Politics of Beauty in Antebellum America
Mary C. Cain, Agnes Scott College
Constructing Gender, Claiming Power: Women in the Upper South
Mary Carroll Johansen, Holy Family University
Comment: Jeffrey Young, Emory University

32. Religion and Reform Among Indians in the Early Republic (Foxboro Auditorium)
Chair: Greg O’Brien, University of Southern Mississippi
Cherokee Converts to Christianity: American Board Missions, 1817–1839
Meg Devlin, University of North Carolina
Religion and Reform Among Southern New England Indians, 1790–1830
Daniel Mandell, Truman State University
A Reservation Divided: Joseph Elkingston, the Limits of Quaker Reform, and the Schoolhouse Controversy Among Allegheny Senecas, 1816–1825
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