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18-21 JULY 2019

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

# CONFERENCE PLANNING

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Thursday, July 18

8:30 am-4:30 pm	Biography Writers' Workshop
12:00-5:30 pm	Salem and Peabody Essex Museum Tours
12:30-4:30 pm	Second-Book Writer's Workshop
12:30-5:30 pm	Adams Papers/Adams NHP Tours
1:00-4:00 pm	Walk the Boston Freedom Trail
5:00-7:30 pm	Conference Registration
6:00-7:30 pm	President's Plenary
7:30-9:30 pm	Plenary Reception

## Friday, July 19

7:30-8:30 am	Coffee and Pop with the <i>JER</i> Editors
8:00 am-4:00 pm	Conference Registration
8:00 am-5:00 pm	Book Exhibit
8:30 am-12:15 pm	Sessions
12:30-2:00 pm	Graduate Research Seminars
12:30-2:00 pm	<i>JER</i> Editorial Board Meeting
2:00-3:45 pm	2020 Program Committee Meeting
2:00-5:45 pm	Sessions
3:15-6:00 pm	<i>USS Constitution</i> Tour
2:30-5:30 pm	MAAH Tour / Black Heritage Trail
6:30-8:30 pm	AAS/MHS Reception
8:30 pm	Grad Student Meet-and-Greet

## Saturday, July 20

7:30-9:00 am	Boydston Women's Breakfast
8:00 am-4:00 pm	Conference Registration
8:30 am-5:00 pm	Book Exhibit
9:00 am-12:45 pm	Sessions
12:30-2:00 pm	SHEAR Advisory Council Meeting
12:30-2:00 pm	Broussard Book Prize Alumni Lunch
2:00-3:45 pm	Sessions
4:00-5:30 pm	Forum: A Useful Revolution?
5:30-6:30 pm	Ice Cream Social
5:30-6:00 pm	SHEAR Business Meeting – open to all
7:00-8:30 pm	Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony
8:30-10:00 pm	Awards Reception

## Sunday, July 21

8:00-10:30 am	Conference Registration
8:30-11:00 am	Book Exhibit
9:00 am-12:45 pm	Sessions
1:30-5:30 pm	Concord Tour
1:30-5:30	Harvard & Slavery Walk; Royall House Tour

# LOCATIONS

**AAS/MHS Reception:** MHS, 1154 Boylston St., Boston

**\*Adams Papers/Peace field:** MHS, 1154 Boylston St., Boston

**Biography Workshop:** Longfellow House, 105 Brattle St.

**Boylston Women's Breakfast:** Salon 4

**Coffee and Pop with the *JER* Editors:** Salon 5

**Common-place.org Editorial Board:** Salon 5

**Exhibit Hall:** Salon 3

**Graduate Research Seminars:** Gather in Front Foyer

**Graduate Student Meet-n-Greet:** The Pour House Bar and Grill, 907 Boylston St., #921, Boston

***JER* Editorial Board Meeting:** Salon 2

**MAAH and Black Heritage Trail:** 46 Joy St., Boston

**President's Plenary:** Salons 4 - 7

**Plenary Reception:** Grand Foyer

**\*Presidential Address:** Milstein West, Harvard Law School

**Program Committee:** Salon 5

**Second-Book Writers' Workshops:** Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 87 Mt. Vernon St., Boston

**SHEAR Advisory Council:** Salon 2

**\*SHEAR Awards Reception:** Milstein East, HLS

**Walk the Boston Freedom Trail:** 73 Tremont St., Boston

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\* Shuttle departs from and returns to conference hotel

## ABOUT SHEAR



Established in 1977, the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic is an association of scholars dedicated to exploring events and meanings of United States history between 1776 and 1861.

SHEAR's mission is to foster the study of the early republican period among professional historians, students, and the general public. It upholds the highest intellectual standards of the historical profession and encourages the broad diffusion of historical insights through all appropriate channels, including schools, museums, libraries, electronic media, public programming, archives, and publications. SHEAR cherishes a democratic ethos in scholarship and cultivates close, respectful, and productive exchanges between serious scholars at every level of experience and recognition.

SHEAR membership is open to all. Most members are professional historians employed in colleges, universities, museums, and historical parks and agencies, as well as independent scholars and graduate students.

The ideas and institutions of the United States' founding era are part of the cultural legacy of every American. The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic seeks to enrich that legacy with the deepest insights of historical research, combined with a spirit of intellectual democracy best expressed in ongoing communication with the public. For more information, please visit [www.shear.org](http://www.shear.org).

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# SHEAR PRIZES

SHEAR presents seven awards after the Presidential Address on Saturday, July 20th.

The SHEAR Book Prize is awarded to an original monograph published in the previous year that deals with the period 1776-1861 in America.

The James H. Broussard Best First Book Prize is awarded to the best monograph by a new author published in the previous calendar year and dealing with any aspect of the history of the early American republic.

The Mary Kelley prize in the History of Women, Gender, and Sexuality honors the best book published on the history of women, gender, or sexuality in the early American republic.

The James C. Bradford Biography Prize is awarded to the author of an original biography, broadly defined, of a person active during the early republic.

The Ralph D. Gray Article Prize honors the best original article published in the previous volume of the *JER*.

The SHEAR Dissertation Prize is presented in cooperation with Penn Press to an exceptional unpublished dissertation pertaining to the history of North America from 1776 to 1861.



## WELCOME TO CAMBRIDGE!

The 41<sup>st</sup> SHEAR annual meeting truly showcases the best our region has to offer. Explore Cambridge—from its closely-knit neighborhoods, amazing restaurants (Indian and Bangladeshi, Korean, Chinese, Middle Eastern, and more) and live music scene, to the campus of MIT and Harvard Yard. Then take the T from Kendall Square (next to the conference hotel) one stop across the Charles River into Boston. Here, you'll find many of America's most revered historic sites associated with the American Revolution, the early republic, and abolition: the Old North Church, Old State House, Faneuil Hall, and the African Meeting House, to name just a few. Boston is also home to some of the nation's most beloved cultural institutions, including the Boston Symphony, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. The research collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Harvard Libraries, Boston Athenaeum, Boston Public Library, New England Historic Genealogical Society, and other local institutions are unrivalled. And, while Boston and Cambridge hum to the academic calendar, our championship pro teams routinely wreak havoc with the seasons: Red Sox baseball is a fall sport, and we follow Bruins hockey well into the spring (we won't mention the team down in Foxborough!).

Yet Cambridge and Boston are also cities brimming with new development, from the science and technology firms of Kendall Square to the Fenway Park neighborhood and across town to the Seaport District, where you'll find the Institute of Contemporary Art and delicious waterfront dining. Wander the quiet, elegant streets of Beacon Hill or enjoy a fresh cannoli in the bustling Italian North End. And don't forget to get ON the water, whether you take a cruise to the Boston Harbor Islands, hop on the MBTA water shuttle to Charlestown and the *USS Constitution*, or rent your own kayak from Charles River Canoe and Kayak back in Kendall Square. This year's meeting also offers the chance to head

north, south, and west on trips to Salem, the Adams family home in Quincy, and Concord.

# WELCOME TO CAMBRIDGE!

All of these opportunities top off a full schedule of workshops and conference sessions that provide the greatest concentration of new scholarship on the early republic to be found anywhere—not to mention the most approachable cohorts of junior and senior scholars in the profession!

Plan to visit **Salem** on Thursday prior to the start of the conference. Join one of two itineraries: a 90-minute walking tour of the waterfront or National Park Service tours of the 1675 Narbonne House, the 1762 Derby House, and the Salem Custom House. Then proceed to the Peabody Essex Museum with time to tour the international collections.

Also on Thursday, conference-goers can explore the **Adams Papers** and the **Adams National Historical Park**. View manuscript treasures at the Massachusetts Historical Society with project editors. Then, board the bus for Quincy and a National Park Service guided tour of *Old House at Peace field*, the home of John and Abigail Adams and John Quincy and Louisa Catherine Adams.

Those who wish to remain a bit closer to the hotel can **Walk the Boston Freedom Trail, SHEAR style!** on Thursday, with stops at two colonial-era burying grounds, the Old State House, and Faneuil Hall.

Join us on Thursday night for the official opening of the SHEAR conference at the **Plenary Reception** in the conference hotel.

Friday afternoon offers another chance to explore historic sites. You might tour the **Boston Museum of African American History** followed with a self-guided walk of the 1.6-mile Black Heritage Trail. Or, get a behind-the-scenes look at the **USS Constitution Museum** archives and a guided tour of “Old Ironsides.”

## WELCOME TO CAMBRIDGE!

On Friday evening, the **Massachusetts Historical Society** and the **American Antiquarian Society** will host an elegant early evening reception at the MHS on Boylston Street.

But the first full day of the conference isn't over yet (at least not for grad students)! Local students will welcome their colleagues at the informal **Graduate Student Meet-n-Greet** just down the street from the MHS at **The Pour House Bar and Grill**.

Saturday begins with the **Boydston Women's Breakfast**, which honors the life and career of long-time SHEAR member and supporter Jeanne Boydston. This is an uplifting event in which senior scholars typically sponsor graduate students and early-career professionals.

Plan to remain in the area for two post-conference tours on Sunday. Begin your visit to historic Concord at the Old North Bridge in **Minuteman National Historical Park**. Tour the Old Manse, home to Ralph Waldo Emerson and Nathaniel Hawthorne, and then the Robbins House, the home of Revolutionary War veteran Caesar Robbins, his descendants, and other African-American families followed by a guided tour of downtown Concord and its Revolutionary landmarks.

Our final event is a **Harvard and Slavery Walk** followed by a tour of the **Isaac Royall House** in nearby Medford, site of the only extant freestanding slave quarters in the northern U.S.

These programs only scratch the surface of all that the Cambridge and Boston region has to offer. Colleagues with an interest in historic house museums won't want to miss the Paul Revere House, Historic New England's Harrison Gray Otis House, the Longfellow House & Washington's Headquarters in Cambridge, the Shirley-Eustis House, or the Nichols House, all easily accessible by public transportation.

# WELCOME TO CAMBRIDGE!

Further afield (roughly an hour's drive) you'll discover the beginnings of the industrial revolution at Slater Mill in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and the Lowell National Historical Park. If you're driving across Massachusetts, consider stopping for an immersive historical experience at Hancock Shaker Village, Old Sturbridge Village, or Fruitlands, the site of a utopian community and now maintained by the Trustees of Reservations. Numerous other sites bring the history of the early republic alive in our region.

It's been twelve years since SHEAR convened in Massachusetts, and twenty-five years since a SHEAR meeting was just a trolley ride away from all that Cambridge and Boston have to offer. We are thrilled to welcome you back and look forward to joining you at a great conference!

Kate Viens, Chair, local arrangements

Linda Thorsen

Steven Bullock

Margherita Desy

Paul Erickson

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John Morton



## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

**Second Book Workshop, Thursday 18 July.** Four senior scholar mentors will each facilitate a workshop session for historians of the early American republic who are currently working on second book projects.

**Salem Maritime National Historic Site and Peabody Essex Museum Tours, Thursday 18 July:** NPS Rangers will lead tours of 1675 Narbonne House, the 1762 Derby House, and the 200-year-old Salem Custom House. Afterwards, visit the Peabody Essex Museum for a presentation by maritime historian George Schwartz, PhD and then self-tour the international collections in the PEM galleries. *Bus departs hotel at 12:00; returns by 5:30.*

**Historic Salem Waterfront and Peabody Essex Museum Tours, Thursday 18 July:** Margherita Desy, maritime and early U.S. Navy historian, leads a 90-minute walking tour of Salem's waterfront. Afterwards, visit the Peabody Essex Museum for a presentation by maritime historian George Schwartz, PhD and self-tour the international collections in the PEM galleries. *Bus departs hotel at 12:00; returns by 5:30.*

**Adams Papers @ MHS and Adams National Historical Park, Thursday, 18 July:** Go behind-the-scenes at Massachusetts Historical Society with Adams Papers' editors who will showcase treasures from the family's manuscripts. Next, enjoy a Park Ranger guided tour through *Old House at Peace field*, home of two presidents, two first ladies and a family dedicated to public service. *Bus departs hotel at 12:30; returns by 5:30.*

**Walk the Boston Freedom Trail – SHEAR Style, Thursday 18 July:** Boston history expert Bob Allison will guide a tour from Boston Common to the North End. Along the way, visit the 1713 Old State House, the 1742 Faneuil Hall, and two colonial-era burying grounds. *Tour sets off from 73 Tremont St at 1:00 pm.*

**President’s Plenary, Thursday, 18 July.** SHEAR’s 41<sup>st</sup> annual conference opens at 6:00 with the President’s Plenary, “Constituting the United States: Living in the Wake of Revolution.”

**Plenary Reception, Thursday 18 July.** In the Marriott immediately following the President’s Plenary, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

**Coffee and Pop with the *JER* Editors, Friday 19 July:** Andy Shankman and David Waldstreicher invite graduate students and early career scholars to meet for an informal early-morning conversation.

**2019 Program Committee Meeting, Friday 19 July.** The Program Committee for the 2019 SHEAR conference in Cambridge will meet beginning at 12:30.

***JER* Editorial Board Meeting, Friday 19 July.** The *JER* editorial board meets at 12:30.

**Graduate Research Seminars, Friday 19 July.** Continuing SHEAR’s long tradition of mentoring graduate students, nine senior scholars will lead four concurrent research seminars for advanced graduate students and recent graduates, devoted to different scholarly topics in the history of the early republic.



**Museum of African-American History and Self-Guided Black Heritage Trail, Friday 19 July:** Ninety-minute guided tour of the Boston Museum of African American History, including the Abiel Smith School (1835) and the adjacent 1806 African Meeting House, the oldest extant black church building in the U.S. and the hub of Boston's nineteenth-century African American community. On their own, participants may follow the 1.6-mile Black Heritage Trail that focuses on Boston's free black community and their efforts in the abolition movement, the Underground Railroad, and early struggles for equality and justice. *Meet at 2:30 at the MAAH, 46 Joy Street.*

**USS Constitution Tour, Friday 19 July:** Kate Monea, archivist, and Harrie Sloopbeek, collections manager, of the USS Constitution Museum share rare materials from the Museum. Next, Margherita Desy, U.S. Navy historian for USS *Constitution*, gives a one-hour tour of "Old Ironsides." **NOTES:** A government-issued photo I.D. is required to board the USS *Constitution*. Tour includes standing and climbing ladderways between decks; comfortable shoes are recommended. Space is limited, and reservations are required. *Bus departs hotel at 3:15 and returns by 6:30.*

**AAS/MHS Reception, Friday 19 July:** The American Antiquarian Society and the Massachusetts Historical Society welcome SHEARites at a reception from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Massachusetts Historical Society (1154 Boylston St.).

**Graduate Student Meet-n-Greet, Friday 19 July.** Graduate students from the area will welcome their colleagues at an informal gathering beginning at 9:00 p.m. at The Pour House Bar and Grill (907 Boylston St.).

**Boydston Women's Breakfast, Saturday 20 July.** The women of SHEAR will gather from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. for their eleventh annual breakfast honoring the life and career of long-time SHEAR member and supporter Jeanne Boydston. Tickets are \$25.00 for a hearty and heartening breakfast; reservations are required. *Please consider sponsoring a graduate student or an early-career scholar this year.*

**SHEAR Advisory Council, Saturday 20 July.** The Advisory Council meets at noon.

**Presidential Address, Saturday 20 July.** The 2019 presidential address begins at 7:00 pm in Milstein Hall at Harvard Law School. President Annette Gordon-Reed will discuss *Jefferson Matters: Situating an Eighteenth-Century Founder in Twenty-First-Century America*. The President's Address is free and open to all conference participants. *Shuttle buses will circle between the hotel and HLS starting at 6:00 and run until 10:00 pm.*

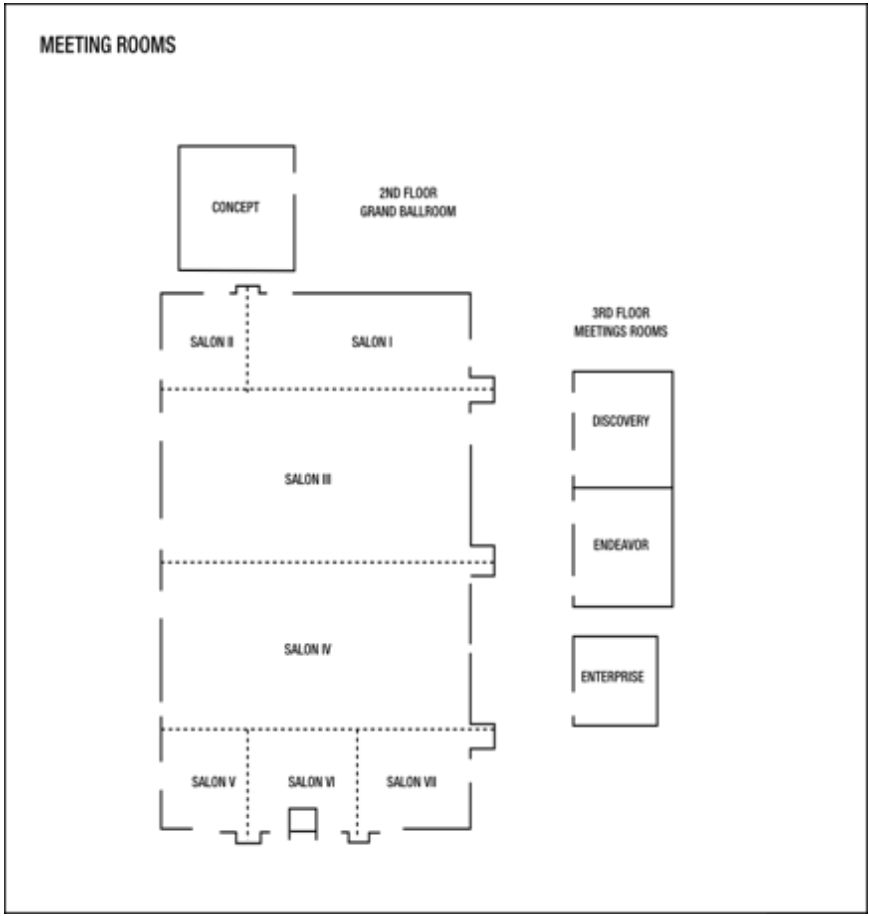
**Awards Reception, Saturday 20 July.** The SHEAR awards reception follows immediately after the presidential address in Milstein Hall at Harvard Law School. *Shuttle buses will circle between hotel and HLS starting at 6:00 and run until 10:00 pm.*

**Tour of Historical Concord, Sunday 21 July.** Led by Concord history expert Bob Gross, tour begins at the Minuteman National Historical Park. Visit the Old North Bridge, the Old Manse (home of Ralph Waldo Emerson and later Nathaniel Hawthorne) and Robbins House (home of multiple African-American families including descendants of Revolutionary War veteran Caesar Robbins). Encounter Revolutionary landmarks such as the Wright Tavern, the First Parish meeting house, and the site of Henry David Thoreau's lectures. Space is limited and reservations are required. *Bus departs hotel at 1:15; returns by 5:45.*

**Harvard and Slavery Walk, and Royall House Tour, Sunday 21 July.** Led by Dr. Caitlin Hopkins, Lecturer and Research Associate at Harvard University and currently investigating Harvard and slavery for the Office of the President. Dr. Hopkins will share recent discoveries on the role of enslaved people and the slave trade in Harvard's long history. After the walk, you'll travel by bus to the Isaac Royall House and Slave Quarters in nearby Medford for a docent-led tour. This eighteenth-century home of the Royall family includes the only extant freestanding slave quarters in the northern United States. Space is limited and reservations are required. *Bus departs hotel at 1:30 pm and returns at approximately 5:30 pm.*



# MARRIOTT BOSTON FLOOR PLANS



## SOCIAL MEDIA

For social media updates  
before and during the meeting



- follow @SHEARites or #SHEAR19 on Twitter
- “Like” the Facebook page for “Society for Historians of the Early American Republic”
- keep up with SHEAR’s blog, “The Republic” at <http://www.shear.org/blog>
- follow @TheJERPano for expansive views from the *JER*; also at “The Panorama” <http://thepanorama.shear.org>

“We had spent some time casting about for a title with no very satisfactory result. We might have called ourselves simply ‘the group between the *William and Mary Quarterly* and *Civil War History*,’ but that lacked a certain ring of authority. For want of anything better we had provisionally settled upon the Early National Historical Society. Perhaps this slighted the Jacksonians a bit, but it was short and descriptive.

But it was not to be...it was a hotel messenger from a representative of another, vastly larger organization with a somewhat similar name. In polite but firm language, the note suggested that we change our proposed name and save both groups some needless trouble. It almost reeked of lawsuits and depositions. And so we became the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic. A mouthful, I grant you, but at least we aren’t dodging subpoenas.”

[James Broussard, “Historians and the Early Republic: SHEAR’s Origins and Prospects,” *Journal of the Early Republic* 2 (spring 1982): 63.]

## SECOND-BOOK WRITERS' WORKSHOP

SHEAR is pleased to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Second-Book Writers' Workshop on Thursday, July 18. Four senior scholar mentors will each facilitate a workshop session for mid-career historians of the early American republic who are currently working on book projects.

**MENTOR:** Kathleen DuVal, University of North Carolina

- Rebecca Brannon, James Madison University
- Jessica Lepler, University of New Hampshire
- Margot Minardi, Reed College
- Mark Schmeller, Syracuse University
- Kara Swanson, Northeastern University

**MENTOR:** Paul Erickson, American Academy of Arts and Sciences

- Joe Adelman, Framingham State University
- Tom Balcerski, Eastern Connecticut State University
- Shelby Balik, Metropolitan State University
- Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University
- Shea Robison, College of Eastern Idaho

**MENTOR:** Christina Snyder, Penn State University

- Eileen Cheng, Sarah Lawrence College
- Matthew Crow, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Honor Sachs, University of Colorado Boulder
- Rachel Stephens, University of Alabama
- Wendy Warren, Princeton University

**MENTOR:** Nick Syrett, University of Kansas

- Zara Anishanslin, University of Delaware
- Aston Gonzalez, Salisbury University
- Brian Murphy, Rutgers University Newark
- Tyson Reeder, University of Virginia
- Julie Sienkewicz, Roanoke College

## GRADUATE RESEARCH SEMINARS

SHEAR is pleased once again to sponsor graduate seminars that bring together early career scholars and senior figures to discuss common research interests. It is our hope that these seminars will foster intellectual exchange and mentoring, while allowing graduate students to meet others working on similar topics. All participants are enrolled in a doctoral or master's program or possess an academic year 2018-2019 degree.

*American Revolution with Ben Irvin (Indiana) and Serena Zabin (Carleton College)*

*Centering Gender in the Early Republic with Rachel Hope Cleves (University of Victoria) and Carolyn Eastman (Virginia Commonwealth)*

*Native American History with Ari Kelman (UC Davis), Julie Reed (Penn State), and Christina Snyder (Penn State)*

*Slavery and Freedom with Martha Jones (Johns Hopkins) and Kate Masur (Northwestern)*

THURSDAY, JULY 18

6:00–7:30 PM

**1 • PRESIDENT’S PLENARY • CONSTITUTING THE  
UNITED STATES: LIVING IN THE WAKE OF  
REVOLUTION**

**WELCOME •** Annette Gordon-Reed, Harvard Law School  
Frank Cogliano, University of Edinburgh  
Sarah Pearsall, Cambridge University

**PRESIDING •** Annette Gordon-Reed, Harvard Law School

**PANELISTS •** Rebecca Brannon, James Madison University  
Kathleen DuVal, University of North Carolina  
Rob Parkinson, Binghamton University  
David Waldstreicher, City University of New York  
Kay Wright-Lewis, Howard University

**COMMENT •** the Audience

**PLENARY RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY TO FOLLOW**

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FRIDAY, JULY 19

8:30–10:15 AM

**2 • ROUNDTABLE: VISUALIZING DEMOCRACY - VOTING,  
POLITICAL PARTIES, AND THE MAPPING EARLY  
AMERICAN ELECTIONS PROJECT**

**PRESIDING •** Jeffrey Pasley, University of Missouri, Columbia

**PANELISTS •** Andrew Robertson, Graduate Center, CUNY  
Philip Lampi, American Antiquarian Society  
Greta Swain, George Mason University  
Jordan Bratt, George Mason University

**COMMENT •** the Audience



FRIDAY, JULY 19

8:30–10:15 AM

**3 • NEGOTIATING RACE IN ANTEBELLUM ERA  
FOODWAYS**

**PRESIDING •** John Bell, Boston University

*Street Food Vending and the Borders of Belonging in  
Antebellum New Orleans*

Ashley Rose Young, Smithsonian Institute

*“Without the intervention of servants”: Agnotology in  
Action at Jefferson’s Presidential Table*

Erika Gibson, Chapman University

*Bowls and the Meaning of Race: Dining in Antebellum  
Charleston, South Carolina*

Kelly Sharp, Luther College

*Sticky Fingers: Southern Barbeque as a Campaign  
Strategy of the Early Republic*

Taylor Haberle, Chef

**COMMENT •** Carla Cevasco, Rutgers University  
John Bell

**4 • AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE URBAN NORTH**

**PRESIDING •** Kate Masur, Northwestern

*Black Exodus and the Origins of Architecture*

Bryan E. Norwood, University of Michigan

*“The Liberatory Limits of Urban Capitalism”: Freedom  
and Property in Seneca Village*

Alexander Manevitz, Trinity College

*Flight or Fight: The Fugitive Slave Law in Boston*

Kellie Carter Jackson, Wellesley College

**COMMENT •** Kate Masur

FRIDAY, JULY 19

8:30–10:15 AM

**5 • FEDERALIST NEW YORK: BUSINESS, POLITICS, AND FAMILY**

**PRESIDING •** Ruma Chopra, San Jose State University

*Theophylact Bache's Water Lots: How Merchants Turned the East River into Exclusive Land*

Kathryn Lasdow, Suffolk University

*The Politics of Women's Inheritance and Class Consolidation in Post-Revolutionary New York City*

Alisa Wade, University of British Columbia

*Angelica Church and Caesar's Daughter: Family and Faction in Federalist New York*

Tom Cutterham, University of Birmingham

**COMMENT •** Brian Murphy, Rutgers University-Newark  
Ruma Chopra

**6 • AFTER DISESTABLISHMENT: CONTINUING BATTLES OVER THE PLACE OF RELIGION IN AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE**

**PRESIDING •** Jonathan Den Hartog, University of Northwestern-St. Paul

*"Formed for the Public Good": The Dartmouth College Controversy and the Debate over Republican Religion in New Hampshire*

Brian Franklin, Southern Methodist University

*"Sunday is not the Sabbath": Mail and Closing Laws in Pennsylvania after Disestablishment*

Rebecca Brenner, American University

*"To Dispense Knowledge without Religion": Disestablishment and Debates over Sunday School Curriculum in Massachusetts Common Schools"*

Elise Leal, Whitworth University

**COMMENT •** Johann Neem, Western Washington University

FRIDAY, JULY 19

8:30–10:15 AM

7 • **COMMUNITY AND SOVEREIGNTY IN THE NORTHERN BORDERLANDS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**PRESIDING** • Elizabeth Mancke, University of New Brunswick

*James Whitelaw, John Witherspoon, and a Presbyterian Scheme for a Protestant Vermont*

Craig Gallagher, Boston College

*“Independence within Independence”: The Vermont Republic in the Revolutionary Atlantic*

Jacqueline Reynoso, Cal State Channel Islands

*“Status Quo Ante Bellum”? Rethinking the Treaty of Ghent*

Lawrence B. A. Hatter, Washington State University

**COMMENT** • Jeffers Lennox, Wesleyan University

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8 • **BEYOND NORTH VERSUS SOUTH: SLAVERY'S LONG LIFE IN THE MID-ATLANTIC STATES**

**PRESIDING** • David Gellman, DePauw University

*Death, Resistance, and Public Order: State Reactions to Slave Suicide in Eighteenth Century New York*

Sarah Pearlman Shapiro, Brown University

*A “Not So Entirely Northern” School: Princeton University and the Antebellum South*

R. Isabela Morales, Princeton University

*“Slavery, That Scourge and Disgrace”: Inventing a “Free State” in the Slaveholding Mid-Atlantic*

Kellen Heniford, Columbia University

**COMMENT** • Sarah Gronningsater, University of Pennsylvania  
Westenley Alcenat, Fordham University

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**9 • STAKING YOUR LIFE ON IT: VAMPIRISM, HEALING,  
AND CONSUMPTION IN THE EARLY NATIONAL ERA**

**PRESIDING •** Joanne Pope Melish, University of Kentucky

*“Consumption’s Vampire Grasp”: A Terrifying Disease  
and Its Terrifying Remedies*

Mary Fuhrer, Public Historian and Author

*“Creatures of the Enlightenment”: Medicine, Migration,  
and Early American Vampires in Regional and  
Transnational Perspective*

Brian D. Carroll, Moravian College

*Exhuming the Past: The Archaeological Evidence for  
Vampire Folk Belief in the Early Republic*

Nicholas Bellantoni, University of Connecticut

**COMMENT •** Michael Bell, Author and Folklorist

**10 • BODY POLITICS: BEAUTY AND FASHION IN EARLY  
AMERICA**

**PRESIDING •** Lynne Zacek Bassett, University of Connecticut

*The Curious Case of the Female Forehead: The Visual  
Politics of Intellectual Equality*

Rachel E. Walker, University of Hartford

*The Rise and Fall of the American Fop: From John Adams  
to Washington*

Irving Eran Zelnik, California State University,  
Chico

*Capricious and Murderous Fashions: Gender and  
Consumerism in the Antebellum Era*

Amy Sopcak-Joseph, University of Connecticut

*“Quite the Appearance of Ladies”: Picturing Mill Girls in  
American Serials*

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Lindsay DiCuirci, University of Maryland Baltimore  
County

COMMENT • Mary Cathryn Cain, Agnes Scott College

**11 • ROUNDTABLE: THE SCHOLARSHIP OF JAN LEWIS**

PRESIDING • Diane Miller Sommerville, Binghamton University

*Jan Lewis's Gender History*

Carolyn Eastman, Virginia Commonwealth  
University

*Jan Lewis's Jefferson*

Peter Onuf, University of Virginia

*Jan Lewis's Constitution*

David Waldstreicher, City University of New York

*Jan Lewis and the Historical Pursuit of Emotion*

Nicole Eustace, New York University

COMMENT • Diane Miller Sommerville

**12 • AFTER THE FIRE: DISASTER RELIEF, REFORM,  
LOCAL POWER IN AMERICAN CITIES**

PRESIDING • Benjamin L. Carp, Brooklyn College, CUNY

*Disaster Relief in the Early Republic: The Portsmouth,  
New Hampshire, Fire of 1802*

Cynthia A. Kierner, George Mason University

*Urban Reform and the Richmond Theatre Fire of 1811*

Jewel L. Spangler, University of Calgary

*Fighting Fire: A Story of Official Liability, Municipal  
Indemnification, and City Power*

Jane Manners, Princeton University

COMMENT • Benjamin L. Carp

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**13 • ROUNDTABLE: GOING PUBLIC – HISTORY AND HUMANITIES BEYOND THE ACADEMY**

**PRESIDING •** Honor Sachs, University of Colorado

Kendra T. Field, Tufts University

Jim Downs, Connecticut College

Nicole Hemmer, Miller Center, University of Virginia

Brandon Proia, University of North Carolina Press

**COMMENT •** the Audience

**14 • TRANSLATING THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND REPUBLIC FOR THE AMERICANS AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND REPUBLIC FOR THE FRENCH**

**PRESIDING •** Gérard Hugues, Professor Emeritus, University of Aix-Marseille

*The French Revolution Debate in the Early Republic  
Media Strategies and the Modelling of Republicanism and  
Citizenship*

Audrey Mallet, University of Paris VII—Denis  
Diderot

*Thomas Paine in France New Directions*

Carine Lounissi, University of Rouen

*Representing the Early Republic(s) Abroad: Philip  
Mazzei's Ambassadorship to Europe between Parallel  
Diplomacy and Propaganda*

Francesca Genesio, University of Aix Marseille

*The Modernity and Morality of the American Revolution  
and Early Republic as displayed by Gouverneur Morris in  
France*

Emilie Mitran, University of Aix-Marseille

**COMMENT •** Linda Garbaye, University of Clermont-Auvergne

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**15 • DIFFERENT DRUMMERS: IMPROVISING SINGULAR CAREERS IN THE NEW NATION**

**PRESIDING •** Katherine Grandjean, Wellesley College

*"A Speckled Bird among the Birds of the Forest": Lorenzo Dow and the Uses of Eccentricity in Early-National Preaching*

Seth Perry, Princeton University

*"Burning with the Book Fever": Parson Weems's extraordinary career*

Steven C. Bullock, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

*Mary Webb and the Performance of Dramatic Reading*

Jennifer L. Brady, Harvard University

**COMMENT •** Katherine Grandjean

**16 • ARISTOCRACY IN AMERICA: OLD WORLD ORIGINS OF POLITICAL CULTURE IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

**PRESIDING •** Daniel Kilbride, John Carroll University

*Material Liaisons: American Parlors, French Décor, and the New Nation*

Nicole Mahoney, University of Maryland, College Park

*Corrupt Bargains (and the Men Who Made Them): Constructing Natural Aristocracy in Early Republican Thought*

Max Matherne, University of Tennessee

*Francis J. Grund's Aristocracy in America: The Backlash to Aristocratic Pretensions*

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Armin Mattes, University of Virginia

COMMENT • Daniel Kilbride

**17 • REVISITING SLAVERY AS AN INSTITUTION:  
ENSLAVED PEOPLE AND STATECRAFT IN THE EARLY  
REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • Rashauna Johnson, Dartmouth College

*“Destroyed for Public Good”: Black Deaths and the  
Creation of the Early National Common Good*

Ryan A. Quintana, Wellesley College

*“The United States Government shall establish a market  
for all the gold dug at the South”: Gold Mining as Central  
Banking in the Age of Hard Money*

Ann Daly, Brown University

*“Government of the Slaves”: Recaptured Black Loyalists  
and the birth of the Virginian State at the Chiswell Lead  
Mines, 1775-1785*

Sean Gallagher, University of California, Davis

COMMENT • Rashauna Johnson

**18 • ROUNDTABLE: JOANNE FREEMAN'S THE FIELD OF  
BLOOD**

PRESIDING • Todd Estes, Oakland University

PANELISTS • David Silkenat, University of Edinburgh  
Amy Greenberg, Penn State University  
Jonathan Earle, Louisiana State University

COMMENT • Joanne Freeman, Yale University

**19 • ROUNDTABLE: TEACHING MAJOR TOPICS TO NON-  
HISTORY STUDENTS**



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**PRESIDING** • John L. Larson, Purdue University

*Fostering Personal Encounters with Slavery*

Anne Twitty, University of Mississippi

*Drawing Students Through Contentious-Consensus History*

Craig Hollander, The College of New Jersey

*Embracing Topicality With Digital Databases*

Steven Carl Smith, Providence College

*Demystifying the Historian's Craft at the High School Level*

Jennifer Muenz, The Dalton School

**COMMENT** • the Audience

**20 • RETHINKING STATE POWER THROUGH INDIVIDUALS  
IN THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE**

**PRESIDING** • Eliga Gould, University of New Hampshire

*"Intrigues of a Foreign Minister": The Free Press and Foreign Intervention in Early U.S. Politics*

Tyson F. Reeder, University of Virginia

*Joel Roberts Poinsett and Martial Capitalism in the Early Republic United States*

Lindsay Schakenbach Regele, Miami University

*"Unless I can interest some of my army friends": Land Speculation by Military Officers in Alabama, 1816-1820"*

Franklin Sammons, University of California-Berkeley

*"I Had Determined to Write No More of These Private Letters": The Quasi-Private Diplomatic Correspondence of Early Republic Politicians*

Thomas Balcerski, Eastern Connecticut State University

**COMMENT** • Eliga Gould

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**21 • BREASTS, BELLIES, AND BARE LEGS: THE GENDERED BODY IN ANTEBELLUM FOOD CULTURE**

**PRESIDING •** Kelsey Brow, King Manor House Museum

*"The Groaning Table": Urban Nostalgia for the Domestic Economy of Farmhouse Food in Antebellum New England*

Elizabeth White Nelson, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

*"The Boundary of the Bottle": Infant Feeding in Early American Vegetarianism, 1817-1850*

Kathryn R. Falvo, Franklin & Marshall College

*"Good Food, Bad Sex": The Links Between Illicit Sexuality and Hedonic Eating in Antebellum Periodicals*

Rachel Hope Cleves, University of Victoria

**COMMENT •** Bonnie M. Miller, University of Massachusetts at Boston

**22 • PUBLIC HISTORY: BEYOND UNIVERSITIES STUDYING SLAVERY**

**PRESIDING •** Nora Murphy, MIT Institute Archives and Special Collections

*Scarlet and Black*

Miya Carey, Rutgers University

*The African American Trail Project*

Kerri Greenidge, Tufts University

*Student Research, Student Activism*

Caitlin Galante-DeAngelis Hopkins, Harvard University

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COMMENT • Nora Murphy

**23 • NAVIGATING CITIZENSHIP: ACCESSIBILITY IN EARLY AMERICA**

PRESIDING • Brian DeLay, UC Berkeley

*Accessing the Material Culture of Physical Disability in the Early Republic*

Nicole Belolan, Rutgers University-Camden

*Invalid Architecture: Navigating the Built Landscape of Philadelphia's Medical World, 1790-1840*

Nicole Schroeder, University of Virginia

*"Denied by Design: Access and Exclusion in Early American Political Architecture*

Erin M. Holmes, American Philosophical Society

COMMENT • Ben Irvin, Department of History Indiana University

**24 • ROUNDTABLE: EARLY AMERICA ON THE OPINION PAGE - WRITING HISTORICALLY-MINDED PIECES FOR CONTEMPORARY MEDIA**

PRESIDING • Jill Lepore, Harvard University/The New Yorker

PANELISTS • Yoni Appelbaum, The Atlantic

Erica Armstrong Dunbar, Rutgers University

John Fea, Messiah College

Gautham Rao, American University

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**25 • MERCHANTS, COMMERCE, AND CONFLICTED 'AMERICAN' IDENTITIES, 1770-1840**

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**PRESIDING** • Joseph P. Slaughter, United States Naval Academy

*“Out of the Jawbones of Scotch Grampius”*: *Scottish Merchants and Personal Identities and Personal Identities in Revolutionary North Carolina, c. 1770-1780*

Kimberly Sherman, Cape Fear Community College

*“Satisfied with their native land”*: *Young American Expatriates in the Early Republic*

Megan R. Brett, George Mason University

*“A very shrewd calculating people:” American Commercial ‘Manliness’ in an Anglo-American World*

Lisa A. Francavilla, International Center for Jefferson Studies

**COMMENT** • Natalie Zacek, University of Manchester

Will B. Mackintosh, University of Mary Washington

**26 • ROUNDTABLE: NEW DIRECTIONS OF MILITARY HISTORY IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

**PRESIDING** • Mark Edward Lender, Kean University

**PANELISTS** • Lindsay M. Chervinsky, White Houe Historical Association

Lauren Duval, American University

Rachel Engl, Lehigh University

Ricardo A. Herrera, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College

Dana Stefanelli, Fred W. Smith Library for the Study of George Washington

**COMMENT** • Mark Edward Lender

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**27 • RETHINKING THE LAW OF ABOLITION: SLAVERY AND POLITICS IN THE AGE OF REVOLUTIONS**

**PRESIDING •** Brian Schoen, Ohio University

*Abolishing Slavery in Motion*

Scott Heerman, University of Miami

*North American Quiet, West Indian Storm: The Constitutional Politics and Legacy of the Somerset Decision*

Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University

*“A Free Soil Caribbean?: Anglo-American Expansion, Abolition, and the Illegal Slave Trade in the 1840s”*

Christa Dierksheide, University of Virginia

**COMMENT •** the Audience

**28 • PRISONERS, POLICING, AND PROFIT: RACE AND LABOR IN EARLY CARCERAL INSTITUTIONS**

**PRESIDING •** Rachel Weil, Cornell University

*“The Product of the Prisoners Labour”: Work and Unfreedom at the Virginia State Penitentiary, 1796-1830*

Alexi Garrett, University of Virginia

*Island Injustice: Race, Punishment, and Hard Labor in Bermuda’s Jails, 1830-1860*

Gregory Wiker, University of Rochester

*“Bars to Freedom”: The Antislavery Roots of Urban Incarceration in New York City, 1828-1860*

Michael Haggerty, University of California-Davis

**COMMENT •** Adam Malka, University of Oklahoma  
Heather Schoenfeld, Boston University

**29 • POWER AND RIGHTS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

**PRESIDING •** Richard Brown, University of Connecticut

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*Municipal Government and Poor Laws*

Gabriel Loiacono, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

*Protest, Power, and Poles in the Whiskey Rebellion*

Shira Lurie, University of Virginia

*Tribes and Crimes*

Daniel Mandell, Truman State University

**COMMENT •** Kyle Volk, University of Montana  
Richard Brown

### **30 • NATIVE AMERICAN STRATEGIES**

**PRESIDING •** Nancy Shoemaker, University of Connecticut

*“Our Children Never Cried with Hunger”: Sauk and  
Meskwaki Strategies on the Mississippi, 1750-1832*

John Ryan Fischer, University of Wisconsin - River  
Falls

*Native Americans of Mixed-Ancestry and Land  
Dispossession: A Family History*

Jameson R. Sweet, Rutgers University

*Tenacious American Indian Women: Thwarting Federal  
Treaty Policies and Dispossession Along the Wabash in  
the 1790s*

Susan Sleeper-Smith, Michigan State University

**COMMENT •** Jacob Lee, Pennsylvania State University

### **31 • BAD BICENTENNIAL: A ROUNDTABLE ON THE PANIC OF 1819 AND THE HISTORY OF CAPITALISM BOOM**

**PRESIDING •** Jessica Lepler, University of New Hampshire

*The Political Economy of Boom and Bust*

Daniel Dupre, University of North Carolina at  
Charlotte

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*Banking on the Public's Trust: Southern Banking and the Panic of 1819*

Sharon Ann Murphy, Providence College

*The Many Promises of 1819*

Scott Reynolds Nelson

*Unruly Workers and Panicking Lawyers: Credit, Panic, and the Legal Boundaries of Labor*

Sarah Winsberg, University of Pennsylvania

**COMMENT** • Scott A. Sandage, Carnegie Mellon University  
Jessica Lepler

**32 • ROUNDTABLE: THE CULTURE OF CONFEDERATION - HOW DID THE 1780S MAKE AMERICA?**

**PRESIDING** • Rosemarie Zagarri, George Mason University

**PANELISTS** • Jane Calvert, University of Kentucky  
Sara Georgini, The Adams Papers  
Robb K. Haberman, Papers of John Jay, Columbia University  
Terrance Evans Rucker, George Washington University

**COMMENT** • Barbara Oberg, Princeton University

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**33 • GENDER, POLITICS, AND THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

**PRESIDING** • Catherine E. Kelly, Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture

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*Crisis in Catawba Territory: Catawba Indian Women's Interactions with Catawba and Non-Catawba Men, 1789-1828*

Brooke Bauer, University of South Carolina

*Before "Women's Work for Women": Gender and Missionary Applications in the Early Nineteenth Century*

Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University

*The Mother Of: Memorializing Mary Washington in Antebellum Virginia*

Kate Haulman, American University

COMMENT • Heather Kopelson, University of Alabama  
Catherine E. Kelly

**34 • LIBERTY, RACE, AND SOCIAL CAPITAL: FREE BLACKS IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • Brooke Newman, Virginia Commonwealth University

*Servants of General Washington? Free Blacks and the Power of Imagined Social Capital*

Cassandra Good, Marymount University

*"They Want Freedom in Africa Just as They Do in America": Black Ideas about African Slavery and Labor*

Kay Wright-Lewis, Howard University

*"I Never Knew the Effect of Color Prejudice": Joseph Balthazar Inginac and the Formation of the Haitian State, 1783-1843*

Robert Taber, Fayetteville State University

COMMENT • Mia Bay, University of Pennsylvania  
Brooke Newman

**35 • ROUNDTABLE: THE MANY FACETS OF HARRIET BEECHER STOWE - LESSONS FROM RECENT RESEARCH**



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**PRESIDING** • Mary Kelley, University of Michigan

*Stowe's Medical Geography*

Sari Altschuler, Northeastern University

*Stowe, Political Crisis, and Cultural Rupture, 1850-1856*

John Brooke, Ohio State University

*"Such an Appropriation Becomes Impossible":*

*Translating the Language of Literary Property in the 1850s*

Nora Slonimsky, Iona College

*Harriet Beecher Stowe on the Continent: Experiences and Implications*

Nadine Zimmerli, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

**COMMENT** • the Audience

**36 • INEQUALITIES AND INTERSECTIONS IN THE ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT**

**PRESIDING** • Stacey Robertson, SUNY Geneseo

*Labor Reformers, Abolitionists, and the 'Agrarian' Origins of Antislavery Politics*

Sean Griffin, Lehman College, CUNY

*Native Women's Activism in the American Antislavery Movement*

Natalie Joy, Northern Illinois University

*Fugitivity, Inequality, and the Law in Abolitionist Jurisprudence*

Evan A. Turiano, The Graduate Center, CUNY

**COMMENT** • Corey M. Brooks, York College of Pennsylvania

**37 • AT THE CROSSROADS OF RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: LITERARY AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON MYSTICISM, SECTARIANISM, POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY, AND PARTISANSHIP**

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**PRESIDING** • Jonathan Sassi, College of Staten Island and Center, CUNY

*Democratic Epiphany: Epistemology, Mysticism, and Identity*

Matthew Rainbow Hale, Goucher College

*Civil Mysticism: Semicentennial Invocations of the American Revolution*

Michelle Sizemore, University of Kentucky

*Universalism versus Federalism in Judith Sargent Murray's Gleaner*

Gretchen Murphy, University of Texas-Austin

*"In Trance-Like Reverie": Meditation, Morality, and Hopes for a Post-Partisan America*

Kirsten Fischer, University of Minnesota

**COMMENT** • Jonathan Sassi

### **38 • INDIAN REMOVAL: A STATE-OF-THE-FIELD ROUNDTABLE**

**PRESIDING** • Christina Snyder, Penn State

**PANELISTS** • John P. Bowes, Eastern Kentucky University  
Emilie Connolly, New York University  
Andrew Denson, Western Carolina University  
John W. Hall, University of Wisconsin-Madison and The Pentagon  
Theda Perdue, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Julie L. Reed, University of Tennessee

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**39 • ROUNDTABLE: MARTHA JONES' BIRTHRIGHT  
CITIZENS**

**PRESIDING •** Andrew Diemer, Towson University

**PANELISTS •** Ousmane Power-Greene, Clark University  
Patricia Reid, Independent Scholar  
Samantha Seeley, University of Richmond  
Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, University of Michigan  
Elizabeth Stordeur Pryor, Smith College

**COMMENT •** Martha Jones, Johns Hopkins University

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**40 • NEW DIRECTIONS IN ABOLITION STUDIES**

**PRESIDING •** Leigh Fought, Le Moyne College

*“Purposeful Womanhood: Race, Reform, and the Female Seminary in Antebellum New York”*

Kabria Baumgartner, University of New Hampshire

*“Parents, Who are the Teachers of Your Children?”:  
Abolitionist Schooling and Black Educational Activism*

Crystal Webster, University of Texas, San Antonio

*“Testimony of a Thousand Witnesses:” Abolitionist Archives*

Julia Bernier, University of North Alabama

*“Student Activism, Radical Politics, and the Abolition Movement”*

Michael E. Jirik, University of Massachusetts  
Amherst

**COMMENT •** the Audience

**41 • AFRICAN COLONIZATION AND MIGRATION:  
RECONCILING RACE AND SPACE IN THE EARLY  
AMERICAN REPUBLIC**

**PRESIDING •** Eric Burin, University of North Dakota

*“That Agitating Element”: African Colonization and the Search for Citizenship*

Kevin Hooper, University of Oklahoma

*Colonizationist Ambitions in the Old Northwest*

Samuel Davis, Temple University

*“Hereby Ordered to Leave This Nation, and Forever to Keep Out of It:” African American Migration to Antebellum Indian Territory*

Nakia Parker, University of Texas, Austin

**COMMENT •** Beverly C. Tomek, University of Houston, Victoria  
Eric Burin

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**42 • ROUNDTABLE: FACING EAST FROM THE (NOT YET)  
AMERICAN WEST**

**PRESIDING •** Craig Thompson Friend, NC State University

**PANELISTS •** Stephen Aron, UCLA  
Anne Farrar Hyde, University of Oklahoma  
Erika Pérez, University of Arizona  
Michael Witgen, University of Michigan  
Virginia Scharff, University of New Mexico

**COMMENT •** the Audience

**43 • ROUNDTABLE: INTEGRATING THE CARIBBEAN INTO  
EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC CLASSROOMS**

**PRESIDING •** Casey Schmitt, McNeil Center for Early American  
Studies

**PANELISTS •** Anne Eller, Yale University  
Erica R. Johnson, Francis Marion University  
Marvin Chochotte, Dartmouth College

**COMMENT •** the Audience

**44 • ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO EMBODIED POLITICS  
OF ANTEBELLUM AMERICA**

**PRESIDING •** Holly M. Kent, University of Illinois Springfield

*The Wild Woman of Cincinnati and the Sex-tional Politics  
of the 1850s*

Michael D. Pierson, University of Massachusetts  
Lowell

*The “Black Douglass” and the “White Douglass”:  
Embodying the Politics of Race and Sexuality in  
Antebellum America*

Joshua A. Lynn, Eastern Kentucky University

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*Commerce and Controversy: The Political Ambivalence of  
Practical Phrenology*

Kathrinne V.W. Duffy, Brown University

COMMENT • Holly M. Kent

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**45 • A USEFUL REVOLUTION?: TELLING THE REPUBLIC'S  
FOUNDING STORY IN ITS MOMENT OF PERIL**

**PRESIDING •** Seth Cotlar, Willamette University

**PANELISTS •** Philip Mead, Museum of the American Revolution  
Rob Parkinson, Binghamton University  
Honor Sachs, University of Colorado  
Chernoh Sesay, DePaul University  
Serena Zabin, Carleton College

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**46 • PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

**PRESIDING •** Douglas Egerton, Le Moyne College

*Jefferson Matters: Situating and Eighteenth-Century  
Founder in Twenty-First-Century America*

Annette Gordon-Reed, Harvard University

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  - The Ralph D. Gray Article Prize
  - The SHEAR Dissertation Prize
  - The Mary Kelley Prize in the History of Women, Gender, and Sexuality
  - The James C. Bradford Biography Prize
  - The SHEAR Best Book Prize
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**47 • RADICAL ARTS AND SMARTS: BLACK INTELLECTUAL PRODUCTION IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

**PRESIDING** • Nancy Hewitt, Rutgers University

*Brilliant Contestations: Black Genius in the Early Republic*

Aston Gonzalez, Salisbury University

*“The Lord gave his hand-maiden power”: The Case for Women’s Equality and Black Freedom in Jarena Lee’s Journal*

Anna Lawrence, Fairfield University

*“How fared the girl who came robed in male attire”? Frances Ellen Watkins’s Literary and Political Examinations of Fugitivity During Her Participation in the Abolition Movement of the 1850s*

Johanna Ortner, University of Massachusetts Amherst

**COMMENT** • Vanessa Holden, University of Kentucky  
Kyle Bulthuis, Utah State University

**48 • RELIGIOUSLY REMEMBERING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**PRESIDING** • Kate Carté, Southern Methodist University

*A “Mirror” on the Revolution: Religious Schisms and Revolutionary Legacies*

Tara Strauch, Centre College

*Making the Revolution Jewish: Patriotism and Citizenship in Early U.S. Synagogues*

Adam Jortner, Auburn University

*“The Cause of their Removal to Pennsylvania”: Anti-Catholicism and Revolutionary Pennsylvania’s Public Debate over Freedom of Conscience*

J.L. Tomlin, University of Tennessee



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COMMENT • Andrew Schocket, Bowling Green State University

**49 • ANTEBELLUM AMERICA IN AN AGE OF ATLANTIC  
REVOLUTIONS**

PRESIDING • Andre M. Fleche, Castleton University

*Begun in Greece and Culminated in our American Civil  
War: Abolitionism and the Greek Revolution, 1821-1860*

Maureen Connors Santelli, Northern Virginia  
Community College

*“The Wreck of European Liberty”: The Nullification Crisis  
and the Revolutions of 1830*

Brian Neumann, University of Virginia  
*“The Science of Human Rights”: Abolition, Human Rights,  
and the Revolutions of 1848*

Bennett Parten, Yale University  
*“Who are we? Enemies of slavery”: French Political Exiles  
and the American Abolition Movement, 1848-1865*

Michaël Roy, Université Paris Nanterre

COMMENT • Ronald Angelo Johnson, Texas State University

**50 • ARDENT SPIRITS AND OPIUM DREAMS:  
UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING •

*Benjamin Rush and the Enlightenment Critique of Habit*

Joseph M. Gabriel, Florida State University  
*Managing Addiction and Reputation: The Case of Charles  
Carroll of Homewood*

Lindsay Keiter, Penn State Altoona  
*“Baseless slander” or “the strange outpourings of an opium  
eater”? : Edgar Allan Poe and Drug Habituation*

Elizabeth Kelly Gray, Towson University

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*T. S. Arthur and the Temperance Novel, 1842–1874*  
Kevin Kaufmann, Loyola University Chicago

**COMMENT •** Renée N. Lafferty-Salhany, Brock University

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**51 • ROUNDTABLE: AT HOME IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

**PRESIDING •** Amy G. Richter, Clark University

**PANELISTS •** Whitney Stewart, University of Texas at Dallas  
Mary T. Freeman, University of Maine  
Shelby M. Balik, Metropolitan State University of  
Denver  
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