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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS [CENTRAL TIME]

Wednesday, July 20
10:00 am-12:00 pm  Graduate Research Seminars (online)

Thursday, July 21
9:00 am-4:00 pm  Biography Workshop
10:00 am-3:00 pm  Tour of Whitney Plantation
12:30-4:30 pm  Second-Book Writers’ Workshop
5:00-7:30 pm  Conference Registration
6:00-7:30 pm  President’s Plenary
7:30-9:30 pm  Plenary Reception

Friday, July 22
7:30-8:30 am  Coffee and Pop with the JER Editors
8:30 am-4:00 pm  Conference Registration
8:30 am-5:00 pm  Book Exhibit
9:00-10:45 am  Sessions
11:00 am-12:45 pm  Forum: Indigenous Histories of the Gulf
12:30-2:00 pm  JER Editorial Board Meeting
12:30-2:00 pm  2023 Program Committee Meeting
2:00-3:45 pm  Sessions
4:15-4:45 pm  SHEAR Business Meeting – open to all
5:00-6:45  Forum: The Material Conditions of Historians’ Labor

7:00 pm  Tour of Old New Orleans Mint
9:00 pm  Grad Student Meet-n-Greet

Saturday, July 23
7:30-9:00 am  Boydston Women’s Breakfast
8:30 am-4:00 pm  Conference Registration
8:30 am-5:00 pm  Book Exhibit
9:00-12:45  Sessions
12:30-2:00 pm  SHEAR Advisory Council Meeting
2:00-3:45 pm  Sessions
4:00-5:30 pm  Forum: Teaching History Amidst the History Wars: A Conversation with Secondary School History Teachers

6:00-7:30 pm  Presidential Address & SHEAR Prizes
7:30-9:00 pm  Closing Reception

Sunday, July 24
8:30-10:30 am  Conference Registration
8:30-11:00 am  Book Exhibit
9:00 am-12:45 pm  Sessions
1:00-4:30 pm  Chalmette Battlefield Tour
CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Graduate Research Seminars, Wednesday 20 July. Continuing SHEAR’s long tradition of mentoring graduate students, senior scholars will lead concurrent research seminars for advanced graduate students and recent graduates, devoted to different scholarly topics in the history of the early United States and its world. To promote accessibility and broad participation, these will be held online before the conference opens.

Tour Whitney Plantation, Thursday 21 July. Research Director Dr. Ibrahima Seck will lead the tour. Whitney Plantation in Edgard is unique, the only museum in Louisiana with an exclusive focus on the lives of enslaved people. Founded in 1752 as Habitation Haydel by one of the many German immigrants to colonize the River Parishes in the 18th century, the labor camp was a main site of the 1811 German Coast Uprising, the largest slave insurgency in U.S. history. Bus departs from the hotel at 10:00 am; returns by 4:00

Biography Writers’ Workshop, Thursday 21 July. Presenters will cover topics related to historical biography followed by breakout working groups that have read and will offer feedback on each other’s projects.

Second-Book Writers’ Workshop, Thursday 21 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.

President’s Plenary, Thursday 21 July. SHEAR’s 43rd annual conference opens at 6:00 pm with the President’s Plenary.

Plenary Reception, Thursday 21 July. In the Intercontinental immediately following the President’s Plenary, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

Coffee and Pop with the JER Editors, Friday 22 July: Johann Neem and Andy Shankman invite graduate students and early career scholars to meet for an informal early-morning conversation.
Forum: Indigenous Histories of the Gulf, Friday 22 July. This panel will center Indigenous histories and explore how the narratives historians tell about the U.S. and Indigenous past shape the present and the future.

JER Editorial Board Meeting, Friday 22 July. The JER editorial board meets at 12:30 pm.

2023 Program Committee Meeting, Friday 22 July. The Program Committee for the 2023 SHEAR conference in Philadelphia will meet at 12:30.

Business Meeting, Friday 22 July. Join us at SHEAR’s business meeting, open to all.

Forum: Material Conditions in the Production of Early American History Today, Friday 22 July. Who gets to produce scholarship on early America? This panel will discuss changing material conditions affecting historians’ labor. The stakes are real: if we seek a diverse and vibrant scholarly community, what happens when growing numbers of historians lack the time and resources to produce scholarship? What should SHEAR do?

Tour of Old New Orleans Mint/New Orleans Jazz Musuem, Friday 22 July. The New Orleans Mint operated in New Orleans as a branch mint of the United States Mint from 1838-1861 and from 1879-1909. During its years of operation, it produced over 427 million gold and silver coins of nearly every American denomination, with a total face value of over US$ 307 million. Today the mint houses the New Orleans Jazz Museum, which celebrates jazz in the city where it was born. The tour begins at 7:00 pm.

Graduate Student Meet-n-Greet, Friday 22 July. It’s in the works. HMU if you can help.

Boydston Women’s Breakfast, Saturday 23 July. The women of SHEAR will gather from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. for their thirteenth annual breakfast honoring the life and career of long-time SHEAR member and supporter Jeanne Boydston. Tickets are $30.00 for a hearty and heartening breakfast; reservations are required.
SHEAR Advisory Council, Saturday 23 July. The Advisory Council meets at 12:30 pm.

Forum: Teaching History Amidst the History Wars, Saturday 23 July. The last several years have seen a sharp rise across the nation in the politicization of history education. This forum brings together secondary school teachers who will offer reflections on how teachers have approached historical content amid shifting legal, political, and cultural contexts.

Presidential Address, Saturday 23 July. The 2022 presidential address begins at 6:00 pm. SHEAR President Joanne Freeman will discuss “The Politics of Outrage.”

Awards Ceremony, Saturday 23 July. The SHEAR awards ceremony will immediately follow the Presidential Address.

Closing Reception, Saturday 23 July. The SHEAR closing reception follows immediately after the Awards ceremony.

Tour of Chalmette Battlefield, site of the Battle of New Orleans, Sunday 24 July. The last land battle ever fought on American soil between the United States and a foreign enemy took place just outside of New Orleans on a site now known as the Chalmette Battlefield. The Battle of New Orleans, which occurred nearly 2 weeks after the Treaty of Ghent ended the War of 1812, kept the British from capturing New Orleans and elevated Andrew Jackson to national prominence. Tour leaves from the hotel at 1:00 pm

From Conference Paper to Journal Article Workshop, 26 July. The JER editors and peers will meet online to discuss feedback and plans for revising conference papers into publishable journal articles. Post-conference online workshop.
SHEAR 2022 will meet in person in the Crescent City this July. All events will take place at the conference hotel, the Intercontinental New Orleans, located at 444 St. Charles Avenue, steps away from the French Quarter and the riverfront. À bientôt!

General Sessions will be held on the 11th floor of the Pan Am Life Center, connected via atrium from the 2nd floor of the Intercontinental.
SOCIAL MEDIA

OFFICIAL ANNUAL MEETING HASHTAG: #SHEAR2022

SHEAR welcomes real-time social media posting and sharing during the conference. Presenters who do not wish for their content to be shared on social media should make an announcement at the start of the session.

Sessions have unique hashtags; these can be found in the program. Please use the annual meeting hashtag plus the session hashtag (e.g., #SHEAR 2022 #S1).

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COVID-19 INFORMATION

Masks encouraged.

Under current guidelines the city of New Orleans encourages but does not require wearing masks in indoor spaces. The city also encourages all residents and visitors to be vaccinated, including booster shots as appropriate, and suggests that all assess individual risks and consider face coverings in public.

SHEAR will follow local guidelines for our conference in July and encourages all attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and staff to continue to wear masks in any SHEAR designated space (breakout rooms, exhibit hall, lobby areas outside these spaces) for the safety of others.

We will update this as necessary in response to changing health guidelines.
Greetings, all! Welcome to New Orleans and the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early Republic. A vibrant city known for its hospitality, it’s an ideal place for SHEAR members to come together and reconnect after our long separation. The conference hotel -- the Hotel Intercontinental – is steps away from the French Quarter and the riverfront. You’ll have a chance to delve deeper into the area’s past through a series of tours: to the Whitney Plantation, the only museum in Louisiana with an exclusive focus on the lives of enslaved people; to the Old New Orleans Mint, a branch mint of the U.S. Mint from 1838-1861 (and the home of the New Orleans Jazz Museum!); and to Chalmette Battlefield, the location of the Battle of New Orleans. In addition, our receptions will give you a chance to sample local foods while mingling with friends. So let the good times roll!

There are many to thank for this conference. A big thank you to National Conference Coordinator Robyn Davis, who kept countless wheels spinning for months on end, all while transitioning us back into meeting in person. The great Jonathan Earle chaired the Local Arrangements Committee, joined by Randy S. Sparks and Erin Greenwald; together, they’ve made wonderful use of our locale and laid out a big welcome. Program Committee co-chairs Caitlin Fitz and Christopher Bonner were stellar in casting a bold and innovative conference vision, along with the essential work and insights of Committee members Brooke Bauer, Jonathan Earle, Justene Edwards, Brian Franklin, Jessica Marie
Johnson, Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers, Lindsay Keiter, Adam Xavier McNeil, Hayley Negrin, Erika Pani, Sarah Weicksel, and Shane White. We owe all of these people a tremendous debt of gratitude for giving so much of their time and energy to making this conference happen.

Things get underway on Thursday night with the President’s Plenary, titled “Violence as Politics.” The panel explores the history of an issue with gripping relevance in the present day: the place of violence in a democratic politics. A functioning democracy is grounded on conflict. Electoral contests, legislation, protest, and activism are tools -- even weapons -- of the democratic process. But what does it mean when violence gets deliberately yoked into the political process itself? In the past, we’ve seen failures of constitutional and legislative politics lead to the adoption of violent measures to counter repressive powerholders -- as with abolitionism. We’ve seen violence encoded into electoral politics as a tool of exclusion. We've seen violence as statecraft, masked as policy and marked by mirages of choices and options for those affected and afflicted -- as with the United States seizing western lands. We've seen violence taken up as a tool of revolution, as in the North American colonies and Haiti. What can we learn from moments when violence was adopted as an acceptable and even praiseworthy form of politics? What do they tell us about the nexus of democracy and power? What insights might they offer into the violence-hedged politics of today? Ranging from the eastern seaboard to the western frontier to the southern border, from on the ground protestors and victims to government policymakers, from the Revolution through the years leading up to the Civil War, this panel will explore these and other questions, joined by the participation of the audience.
We’ll also be tying together past and present at some special forums this year. On Friday, we’ll have a discussion of Indigenous Histories of the Gulf, including local scholars with local insights. That same day, we’ll have a forum focused on the challenges inherent in diminishing resources and contingent teaching positions in the production of history content. On Saturday, we have a special panel featuring secondary school history teachers who will discuss the challenges of teaching history during the “History Wars” — a vital topic that teachers and historians of all kinds should address together.

This year’s Presidential Address, “The Politics of Outrage,” will link past and present in yet another way, looking at the power and play that outrage has had in the politics of the past. The address will be followed by our annual recognition of the scholarly achievements of our members: the awarding of the SHEAR Book Prize and James C. Bradford Biography Prize -- Christopher Grasso (Chair), Laurel Shire, Craig Friend; the James H. Broussard Best First Book Prize – Christine Sears (chair), Kellie Carter Jackson, Karin Wulf; the Mary Kelley Prize in Gender and Women’s History – Nora Doyle (chair), Kabria Baumgartner, Lucia McMahon; along with the Ralph D. Gray Article Prize, and the SHEAR Dissertation Prize.

As ever, this year we continue our commitment to new generations of scholars, beginning with Graduate Research Seminars being held online on Wednesday, July 20. We also have three workshops: a Biography Workshop; a Second-Book Writers’ Workshop; and – online on July 26, after the conference – a timely workshop titled “From Conference Paper to Journal Article,” held by the editors of the Journal of the Early Republic.
Finally, there will be social sessions for meeting, sharing, and learning about each other and our scholarship: a Coffee and Pop session with the *JER* editors (SODA, people! Soda!); a Graduate Student Meet-n-Greet on Friday night; and the Boydston Women’s Breakfast on Saturday morning, as well as informal refreshment breaks throughout the conference.

One final note: sadly, this will be our first in-person SHEAR conference without its founder, Jim Broussard. We look forward to commemorating him and his many contributions in Philadelphia next year.

All in all, this promises to be a wonderful opportunity for us to gather as a community; learn about each other’s work and new directions in scholarship; reconnect with old friends and make new ones; and explore the history, culture, and entertainment of our vibrant host city. After a period of being apart, it will be wonderful to come together. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Joanne Freeman*
SHEAR President
Check out The Panorama, the digital platform of The Journal of the Early Republic and a hub for the @SHEARites virtual community. It is a place for early Americanists to hold informal conversations of issues raised by the cutting-edge scholarship published in the JER and discussed at SHEAR.

Think of The Panorama as inhabiting the space between the freewheeling eclecticism of a traditional blog and the stately formalism of a traditional scholarly journal. Our conversations will be timely but not reactive. In this quiet corner of the early Americanist internet, we invite SHEAR’s deep intellectual bench to let its hair down just a bit.

Our mission is to surround the scholarship in the JER with supplementary materials and related discussions, and to immerse readers in the process of researching, writing, and teaching the early American republic.

Over the past half decade, these discussions have encompassed the pedagogical challenges and opportunities of teaching the latest research in the field; the research methodologies and archival techniques behind these new findings; and the moral, political, and philosophical imperatives of being a scholar of early America in the twenty-first century.

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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.

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SHEAR PRIZES

SHEAR presents six awards after the Presidential Address on Saturday, July 23rd.

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.
JER Panels at SHEAR 2022

Plenary: The Material Conditions of Historians’ Labor: A Roundtable
Friday July 22, 5-6:45pm
This panel addresses the labor conditions that shape who has the resources, time, and incentive to produce scholarship in early American history. Drawing on the expertise and experiences of scholars outside the tenure line, we ask tough questions about how changing material conditions will impact scholarship, and what organizations like SHEAR might do about it. This forum will be published in the JER Winter 2023.

Critical Engagements: What’s in a Name?
Friday July 22, 2-3:45pm
The terms we use to describe people in the past and the present are changing around us. What’s at stake in whether we describe people in the past as disabled, enslaved, or Indigenous? This panel explores the fraught territory of how we name people in the past and why it matters. An expanded version of this forum will be published in JER Spring 2023.

Second Annual Conference Paper to Article Workshop
For the second year, the JER’s editors will convene a virtual workshop at the end of July to help scholars turn their conference papers into articles! Our goal is to demystify the process and provide every participant concrete advice on how they might revise their papers. A great opportunity for junior scholars. Please contact the editors to learn more.

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THURSDAY, JULY 21  6:00–7:30 PM

1 • PRESIDENT’S PLENARY • VIOLENCE AS POLITICS  
#SHEAR2022 #S1

WELCOME • Joanne Freeman, Yale University  
Christopher Bonner, University of Maryland  
Caitlin Fitz, Northwestern University

PRESIDING • Ronald Angelo Johnson, Baylor University

PANELISTS • Woody Holton, University of South Carolina  
Erika Pani, El Colegio de México  
Joshua Rothman, University of Alabama  
Manisha Sinha, University of Connecticut  
Christina Snyder, Penn State

COMMENT • The Audience

PLENARY RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY TO FOLLOW

FRIDAY, JULY 22  9:00–10:45 AM

2 • ROUNDTABLE: WRITING AS RIGHTING: DOING HISTORY FOR A BETTER FUTURE  
#SHEAR2022 #S10

PRESIDING • Shira Lurie, Saint Mary’s University

PANELISTS • Kellen Heniford, Richards Civil War Era Center at Penn State University  
Adam McNeil, Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
Nicole Schroeder, Kean University

COMMENT • The Audience
3 • ROUNDTABLE: CREATING CONNECTIONS, TELLING HARD TRUTHS: PUBLIC HISTORY OF SLAVERY  
#SHEAR2022 #S3

PRESIDING • Jody Lynn Allen, College of William and Mary

Finding Comfort in Your Story  
Janice Canaday, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

Why Talk About This?: This is Not a Good Story  
Robert Watson, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

TOPIC TBD  
Ibrahima Seck, Whitney Plantation

Comprehensive and Conscientious Interpretation of Slavery at Museums and Historic Sites  
Kristin Gallas, Interpreting Slavery

When Founding Fathers and Mothers Are Unmasked  
Heidi Hill, Crailo and Schuyler Mansion State Historic Sites

COMMENT • The Audience

4 • INDUCED ABORTIONS BEFORE 1860: PUBLICITY, THE PUBLIC, AND THE LAWS  
#SHEAR2022 #S4

PRESIDING • Amy S. Greenberg, Pennsylvania State University

Seduction, Abortion, and the Moral Panic of the 1840s  
C. Brooke Lansing, Johns Hopkins University

Married Women: Miscarriage and Induced Abortion  
Patricia Cline Cohen, UC Santa Barbara

COMMENT • April R. Haynes, University of Wisconsin
FRIDAY, JULY 22  9:00–10:45 AM

5 • ROUNDTABLE: WRITING FAMILY HISTORY: SUBJECTS, SOURCES, AND SIGNIFICANCE
#SHEAR2022 #S5

PRESIDING • Nemata Blyden, The George Washington University

Discovering the Lives of Free People of Color through Family History
Warren Eugene Milteer Jr., University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Happy Dreams of Liberty: An American Family in Slavery and Freedom
R. Isabela Morales, Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum
“Freedom by a Judgment”: An Afro-Indian Family’s Story
Honor Sachs, University of Colorado Boulder
A Question of Freedom: The Families Who Challenged Slavery from the Nation’s Founding to the Civil War
William Thomas III, University of Nebraska

COMMENT • The Audience

6 • ENSLAVER CAPITALISM AND THE GROWTH OF SOUTHERN DISTINCTIVENESS
#SHEAR2022 #S6

PRESIDING • Kelly M. Kennington, Auburn University

Stabilizing Plantation Economies through Mercantile Capitalism
Sharon Ann Murphy, Providence College
“The Moderns Assume it is Wrong”: Modernity and the Political Economy of Slavery in a Transnational Perspective, 1820-1861
Daniel Ferrell, University of Cincinnati
Invention and Innovation in Slave Cities before the Civil War
John Majewski, UC, Santa Barbara

COMMENT • Kelly M. Kennington
FRIDAY, JULY 22  9:00–10:45 AM

7 • EMPIRE’S SHADOW: FAILED IMPERIALISTS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC
#SHEAR2022 #S7

PRESIDING • Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University

The Limits of Enlightenment Imperialism: Thomas Law in Colonial British India and the Early American Republic
Rosemarie Zagarri, George Mason University

Jeremiah Reynolds and the Empire of Knowledge
Michael Verney, Drury University

“Undeveloped Prosperity”: William F. Lynch, American Empire, and Colonizationism in Africa and the Middle East
Roger Bailey, U.S. Naval Academy

COMMENT • Emily Conroy-Krutz

FRIDAY, JULY 22  11:00 AM–12:45 PM

8 • ROUNDTABLE: INDIGENOUS HISTORIES OF THE GULF
#SHEAR2022 #S8

PRESIDING • Hayley Negrin, University of Illinois Chicago

PANELISTS • John Barbry, Tunica-Biloxi Language & Culture Revitalization Program
Elizabeth Ellis, New York University

COMMENT • The Audience
FRIDAY, JULY 22  2:00–3:45 PM

9 • BLACK RESISTANCE AND BLACK REVOLUTION: REMEMBERING DR. SYLVIA FREY AND WATER FROM THE ROCK: BLACK RESISTANCE IN A REVOLUTIONARY AGE
#SHEAR2022 #S9

PRESIDING • Karin Wulf, Brown University

Bountiful Water: Revisiting Frey On Black Women’s Resistance in Vast Early America
Maria Esther Hammack, McNeil Center for Early American Studies
From Revolution to Resistance: Frey Between Historiographic Generations
Sean Gallagher, American Philosophical Society
Black Revolution in the Revolutionary Era Chesapeake
Adam Xavier McNeil, Rutgers University

COMMENT • Karin Wulf

10 • NEW INTELLECTUAL HISTORIES OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC
#SHEAR2022 #S2

PRESIDING • Kate Haulman, American University

Weaving Black Mathematics
Hampton Smith, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
The Methodist Movement, the Medical Profession, and the Human Body, 1770s-1810s
John Ellis, Bemidji State University

COMMENT • Tamara Plakins Thornton, SUNY Buffalo
FRIDAY, JULY 22   2:00–3:45 PM

11 • ROUNDTABLE: SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN ACADEMIA
#SHEAR2022 #S11

PRESIDING • Joanne Freeman, Yale University

PANELISTS • Gautham Rao, American University – Moderator
Kellen Heniford, Richards Civil War Era Center at Penn State University
Erika Perez, University of Arizona
Emma Hart, University of Pennsylvania
Kirsten Wood, Florida International University

COMMENT • The Audience

12 • A PEOPLE ARMED: FIREARMS IN ANTEBELLUM AMERICA
#SHEAR2022 #S12

PRESIDING • Mary Niall Mitchell, University of New Orleans.

The Second Amendment at Sea: Regulating (or not) the Armed Trade and the Arms Trade to Haiti
Andrew J.B. Fagal, Princeton University
“The arms are scattered about, frequently falling into the hands of slaves, free negroes, and dissipated white people...”: Slaves and North Carolina's Illegal Gun Trade, 1816-1858
Antwain K. Hunter, University of North Carolina
Selling White Supremacy: The Domestic Arms Trade in Antebellum America
Tracy L. Barnett, University of Georgia

COMMENT • Jonathan E. Gienapp, Stanford University
FRIDAY, JULY 22  2:00–3:45 PM

13 • ROUNDTABLE: WHAT’S IN A NAME?: THE WORDS WE USE WHEN WE WRITE HISTORY
#SHEAR2022 #S13

PRESIDING • Jessica Chopin Roney, Temple University
Nora Slonimsky, Iona College

“Native American/Indigenous”
Brooke Bauer, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Elizabeth Ellis, New York University

“Survivance”
Christian Crouch, Bard College

“White”
Whitney Stewart, University of Texas, Dallas

COMMENT • The Audience

14 • RACE AND EMPIRE IN NORTH AMERICA AND BEYOND
#SHEAR2022 #S14

PRESIDING • Erika Pani, El Colegio de México

“Bona Terra, Mala Gens”, or, Good Land, Bad Race: United States Consuls to the Barbary Coast and the Colonization of the American West
Matthew Goetz, George Washington University

“Those From Louisiana, Who Are To Be Considered as Brothers”: Southern Expansion, Mexican Federalism, and the 1835 Secret Pact of New Orleans
Kyle Jackson, University of California, Berkeley

Race and Empire in the Executive: The Case of Joel Roberts Poinsett, Ambassador to Mexico, Secretary of War, Plantation Owner, Land Speculator
Lindsay Schakenbach Regele, Miami University

COMMENT • Erika Pani
Friday, July 22   4:15–4:45 PM

SHEAR business meeting open to all

Friday, July 22   5:00–6:45 PM

15 • The Material Conditions of Historians’ Labor: A Roundtable
#SHEAR2022 #S15

Presiding • Johann Neem, Western Washington University

Panelists • Erin Bartram, Contingent Magazine and Mark Twain House and Museum
Liz Covart, Ben Franklin’s World Podcast and Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture
Simon Finger, The College of New Jersey (non-tenure track)
Hank Reichman, California State University-East Bay (Emeritus) and Former Chair AAUP
Stacey Robertson, Widener University
Jessica Serfilippi, National Park Service, Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site
Kanisorn Wongrichanalai, Director of Research, Massachusetts Historical Society

Comment • The Audience
SATURDAY, JULY 23  9:00–10:45 AM

16 •  THE U.S. ARMY AND SLAVERY: OFFICERS AS ENSLAVERS AND THEIR PERCEPTIONS OF RESISTANCE
#SHEAR2022 #S16

PRESIDING • Alice Baumgartner, University of Southern California

Vouching for Military Slavery: Uncovering the History of Enslaved Servants in the United States Army
Yoav Hamdani, Columbia University

“A Case of So Much Importance to the Public Service”: The U.S. Army, Slave Revolts, and the Founding of Jackson Barracks, 1825-1832
Andrew Hargroder, Louisiana State University

Dutifully Defending Slavery: Institutional Preferences and the Politics of Army Responses to Slave Insurrection Panics
Sam Watson, United States Military Academy

COMMENT • Marcus Nevius, University of Rhode Island

17 •  ROUNDTABLE: HISTORICAL SOURCES, DIGITAL ANALYSIS: POSSIBILITIES AND PRACTICES FOR STUDYING THE AGE OF REVOLUTIONS IN THE DIGITAL AGE
#SHEAR2022 #S17

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The 44th annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic will return to its home in Philadelphia, 13-16 July 2023. The Program Committee invites proposals for sessions and papers exploring all aspects of and approaches to the history and culture of the early American republic, c. 1776-1861. We particularly encourage submissions that:

- fill gaps in historical narratives, speak to key historiographical questions, and/or address pressing contemporary issues;
- reflect the diversity of the past and expand narratives of the early American republic to highlight Indigenous, Black, and global histories;
- focus on pedagogy and/or public history, as well as on digital humanities and other alternative methodologies;
- take nontraditional forms, such as centering audience participation, sharing pre-circulated papers, or assessing the state of a given field.

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- Panel title, one-paragraph description of panel topic, and one-paragraph panel diversity statement
- Email addresses and institutional affiliations (if applicable) for all participants
- Title and 100-word abstract for each paper
- One-page curriculum vitae for each participant, including chairs and commentators
- Indication of any needs for ADA accommodation
- Indication of any audio-visual requests (please request only if A/V is essential to a presentation)

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