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13-16 JULY 2023

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday | Tuesday, 10 | 11 July

Times TBD Graduate Research Seminars (online)

Thursday, July 13

9:00 am-4:00 pm Biography Workshop
11:00 am or 2:00pm Revolution & Founders Tour*
12:30-4:30 pm Second-Book Writers' Workshop
2:00 pm Lazaretto Tour**
2:00-5:00 pm SHEAR Advisory Council Meeting
5:00-7:30 pm Conference Registration
6:00-7:30 pm President's Plenary
7:30-9:00 pm Plenary Reception

Friday, July 14

7:30-8:30 am Perk and Pop with the *JER* Editors
8:30 am-4:00 pm Conference Registration
8:30 am-5:00 pm Book Exhibit
8:30am-12:15 pm Sessions
12:30-2:00 pm *JER* Editorial Board Meeting
12:30-2:00 pm 2024 Program Committee Meeting
2:00-5:45 pm Sessions
9:00 pm Grad Student Meet-n-Greet

Saturday, July 15

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 am-12:45 pm Sessions
2:00-3:45 pm Sessions
4:00-5:30 pm Roundtable: Judging the Early Republic
5:30-6:00 pm Philly Water Ice & Soft Pretzel Social
6:30-7:30 pm Presidential Address & SHEAR Prizes
7:30-9:00 pm Awards Reception

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 24

7:45-8:45 am SHEAR business meeting - open to all
8:30-10:30 am Conference Registration
8:30-11:00 am Book Exhibit
9:00 am-12:45 pm Sessions

Tuesday, 26 July

9:00am-2:00pm ET Conference Paper to Journal Article
workshop (online)

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- * Walking tours meet @ Market Street doors of Independence Visitor Center (599 Market Street)
 - ** Lazaretto tour bus will depart from and return to the hotel.



LOCATIONS

Awards Reception: M*AR, 101 S. 3rd Street

Biography Workshop:

Boydston Women's Breakfast:

Exhibit Hall:

Graduate Student Meet-n-Greet: Misconduct Tavern,
1511 Locust Street

***JER* Editorial Board Meeting:**

Lazaretto Tour: tour bus departs from conference hotel

Perk and Pop with the *JER* Editors:

Philly Water Ice & Soft Pretzel Social:

Plenary Reception: Masonic Temple, 101 N. Broad

Presidential Address: Franklin Hall, APS, 427 Chestnut

Presidential Plenary:

Revolution and Founders Tour: Independence Visitor
Center doors, 599 Market St.

Second-Book Writers' Workshop:

SHEAR Advisory Council Meeting:

SHEAR Business Meeting:

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Serena Zabin, President; Joanne Freeman, Immediate past president; Paul Erickson, President-elect

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.

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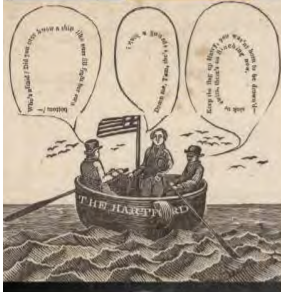
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A Treaty of Peace between the United States and Great Britain and American Negotiations at this place. It is to Secretary of the American Mission, who is to put in the French single journals. Letter accepting this, but I request you to inform Letter of 2 October brought by Mr William Mear to France. I by answer by the same, the second Dutch vessel arrived from the later than that of 1 day.

that it is to be sent to the President enclosed in case of Peace, in form official. I am uncertain whether he will still retain the same intention. I shall proceed from this place up to receive the President's orders, and I shall write several more times. If you go to England, I beg you to find my Love from

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Sect. 10. The members of each House shall receive a compensation for their services, to be ascertained and paid by the House, in which they shall be chosen.

Sect. 11. The ending file of the laws of the United States shall be, "Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the House of Representatives and by the Senate of the United States, in Congress assembled."

Sect. 12. Each House shall possess the right of originating bills, except in cases where otherwise provided.

Sect. 13. Every bill, which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a law, be presented to the President of the United States; for his review: if upon such review, he approve of it, he shall signify his approbation by signing it: But if, upon such review, it shall appear to him improper for being passed into a law, he shall return it, together with his objections against it, to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall amend the objections as large on their journal, and proceed to reconsider the bill: But if, after such reconsideration, two thirds of that House shall, notwithstanding the objections of the President, agree to pass it, it shall, together with his objections, be sent to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and, if approved by a majority of that House also, it shall become a law. But, in all such cases, the votes of both Houses shall be determined by Yeas and Nays, and the names of the persons voting for or against the bill shall be entered in the Journal of each House respectively. If any bill that has not been returned by the President within ten days (exclusive of that day) shall have been presented to him, it shall be a law, unless the Legislature, by their adjournment, prevent its return: in which case it shall not be a law.

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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.



The SHEAR Distinguished Service award recognizes generous and enduring service on behalf of the goals and programs of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic. It recognizes the kind of commitment without which voluntary organizations such as SHEAR could not thrive. Since it was established in 2014, the award has been presented nine times.

Citations of award recipients are at <https://shear.org/awards/>

WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA!

Since 2004, SHEAR has returned regularly to Philadelphia and in 2023, we are here for the first time since 2017.

Welcome back!

Philadelphia played a central role in the formation of the new nation during the early republic. As the meeting place for both the First and Second Continental Congresses, it drew together leaders from all parts of North America, and the two most historic documents in the history of the United States—the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of 1787—were drafted and signed in the Philadelphia State House, now Independence Hall. The city was also an important leader on other fronts: it was one of North America’s busiest and most profitable seaports, and the site of the first subscription library, hospital, medical school, philosophical society, bank, and government mint. It was home to some of the earliest and most influential salons, writers, and artists in the new United States. It struggled with its darker side too, with rising poverty and income disparity, questions about how to incorporate into the polity emancipated African Americans and new immigrants, and the transition from workshops to factory production.

These themes and more are explored in the 2023 conference panels, all of which are held at the DoubleTree Hotel, our conference headquarters. The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia Center City, located at the intersection of Broad and Locust Streets in Center City, is situated in a vibrant government, business, shopping, cultural, and restaurant district. Philadelphia offers a wealth of cultural and historical gems, many opening their doors and exhibitions to SHEAR this year.

- For those arriving early, take advantage of the pre-conference opportunities to tour. Take a walking tour of historic sites of significance surrounding Independence Hall with the tour guides of Grim Philly, at 11 am or 2 pm. You could also join the tour of the Lazaretto, the oldest surviving quarantine station in the Western Hemisphere.
- After the Presidential Plenary on Thursday evening, we head a few blocks north on Broad Street to the stately Masonic Hall on the northeast corner of Penn Square for a reception. The earliest established lodge in Philadelphia dates to 1731. By 1757 there were at least four subordinate lodges in addition to a “Grand Lodge.” The Philadelphia Masons built their first permanent hall in 1755 for their own meetings and to host other voluntary associations and the balls of the Dancing Assembly. The present hall, at the intersection of Broad and Market Streets, dates to 1873 and includes a library with seminal works on freemasonry and a museum with more than 30,000 artifacts including George Washington’s Masonic Apron and Benjamin Franklin’s Masonic Sash.
- Saturday evening, SHEAR hosts our traditional awards reception following the presidential address and presentation of SHEAR prizes. We will convene at Franklin Independence Hall at the American Philosophical Society for the Presidential Address and move across the street to the Museum of the American Revolution for the reception.

If time permits, we encourage you to take advantage of the research opportunities at the Library Company of Philadelphia and Historical Society of Pennsylvania located

next door to the DoubleTree, browse the gastronomic offerings of historic Reading Terminal or nearby Chinatown, or enjoy a summer stroll through stately Rittenhouse Square. If you wish to go further afield, Penn's city offers historic and cultural sites in all directions. To the east you can take advantage of Independence Mall, the Philadelphia Athenaeum, the President's House Memorial, the National Constitution Center, the American Philosophical Society, the Independence Seaport Museum, or the splendid Museum of the American Revolution where your SHEAR conference badge will allow you to purchase a discounted entrance ticket. Or head just a few blocks north and explore Philadelphia City Hall or the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, or hop a couple subway stops to Fairmount and the infamous Eastern State Penitentiary. To the west Philadelphia offers the Museum of Art (complete with "Rocky" steps), the Rodin Museum, and the Barnes Museum. And to the south, the Italian Market with its offerings of meats, cheeses, pastries, gelato, coffee, and the famous Philly cheesesteaks is a delight for foodies.

There is something for everyone in the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection. We hope you enjoy #SHEAR2023 and are so glad you're here. Welcome!

The 2023 Local Arrangements Committee:

Amy Baxter-Bellamy, MCEAS, Chair

Tara Bynum, University of Iowa

Maria Hammack, The Ohio State University

Emma Hart, University of Pennsylvania

Martha King, Princeton University

Philip Mead, Museum of the American Revolution

Jessica Roney, Temple University

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Graduate Research Seminars. Continuing SHEAR's long tradition of mentoring graduate students, senior scholars will lead 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 by Grim Philly, Thursday 13 July. A leisurely two-hour walk of historic Old Town with Grim Philly tour guides. Historic sites of significance include the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the President's House, the First and Second National Banks, Carpenter's Hall, Dolley Madison's home, and the original Library Company among others.

Lazaretto Tour, Thursday 13 July. Tour the oldest surviving quarantine station in the Western Hemisphere. Built in 1799 after a series of devastating yellow fever epidemics, the Lazaretto protected Philadelphia from imported epidemics from 1801 to 1895. Discover the many layers of suffering, tragedy, hope, and survival embedded in this most unusual historic site. *Sponsored by Department of History and Sociology, UPenn.*

Biography Writers' Workshop, Thursday 13 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 13 July. Senior scholar mentors will each facilitate a workshop session for historians of the early American republic who are currently working on second book projects.

SHEAR Advisory Council, Thursday 13 July. The Advisory Council meets at 2:00 pm.

President's Plenary, Thursday 13 July. SHEAR's 44th annual conference opens at 6:00 pm with the President's Plenary, "Judicial Review: Law, Gender, and the Early Republic," at the DoubleTree.

Plenary Reception, Thursday 13 July. Immediately following the President's Plenary, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, Masonic Hall, 1 N. Broad St. *Sponsored by Carleton College.*

Perk and Pop with the JER Editors, Friday 14 July. Ron Johnson, Johann Neem, Andy Shankman invite graduate students and early career scholars to meet for an informal early-morning conversation.

JER Editorial Board Meeting, Friday 14 July. The JER editorial board meets at 12:30 pm.

2023 Program Committee Meeting, Friday 14 July. The Program Committee for the 2024 SHEAR conference in Philadelphia will meet at 12:30.

Graduate Student Meet-n-Greet, Friday 14 July. Graduate students at the conference can meet and mingle at an informal gathering beginning at 9:00 pm at Misconduct Tavern, 1511 Locust St.

Boydston Women's Breakfast, Saturday 15 July. The women of SHEAR will gather from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. for their fourteenth 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.

Philly Water Ice and Soft Pretzel Social, Saturday 15 July. Join us for traditional Philadelphia treats.

Presidential Address, Saturday 15 July. The 2023 presidential address begins at 6:30 pm. SHEAR President Serena Zabin will discuss “Everything Must Go: Property, Uncertainty, and Choice in the Evacuation of Boston,” in Benjamin Franklin Hall Auditorium, American Philosophical Society, 427 Chestnut Street.

Awards Ceremony, Saturday 15 July. The SHEAR awards ceremony will immediately follow the Presidential Address from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at the Museum of the American Revolution, 101 S. 3rd Street.

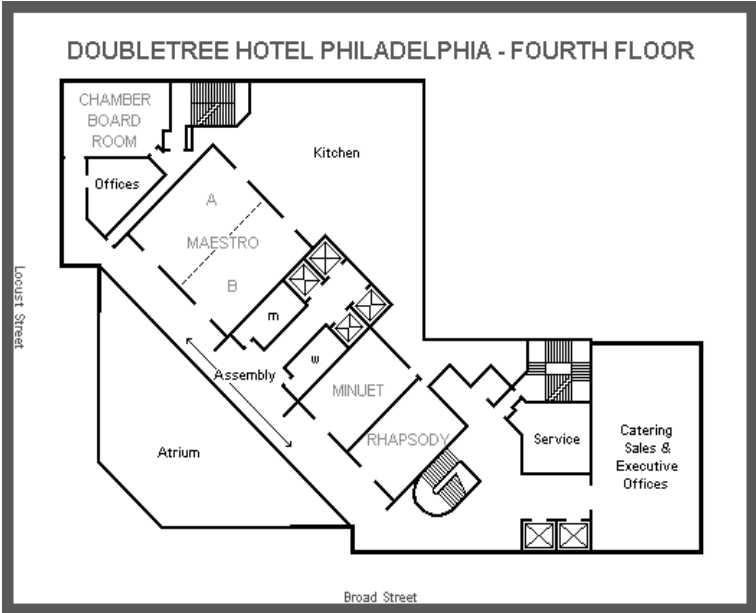
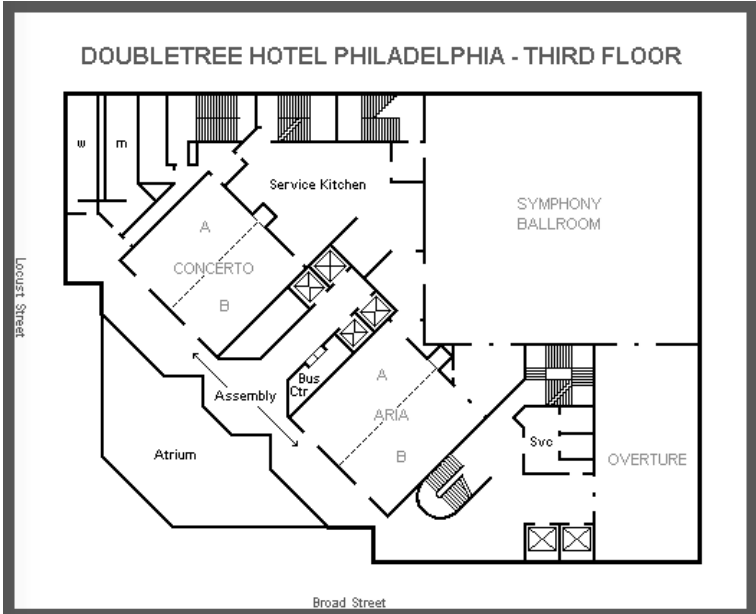
Closing Reception, Saturday 15 July. The SHEAR closing reception follows immediately after the Awards ceremony at the Museum of the American Revolution, 101 S. 3rd Street. *Co-sponsored by the American Studies Program at Carleton College and The Massachusetts Historical Society.*

Coffee & Business Meeting, Sunday 16 July. Join us at SHEAR’s business meeting, open to all.

From Conference Paper to Journal Article

Workshop, Thursday 29 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.*

DOUBLETREE CITY CENTER FLOOR PLANS



ON THE SITE OF THE DOUBLETREE IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC



Adam's Express Freight Depot, a distribution center for one of the first and largest shipping companies in the United States once stood at Broad and Locust Streets, on the current site of the DoubleTree, SHEAR's conference hotel.

David Johnson Kennedy, *Southeast Corner of Broad and Locust Streets, 1859. Adams Express Freight Depot*, watercolor, 1859, electronic resource, Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

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Black Internationalism with Leslie Alexander (Rutgers University) and Ousmane Power-Green (Clark University)

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New Midwest / Old Northwest with Peter Onuf (University of Virginia) and Jessica Roney (Temple University)



THURSDAY, JULY 13 6:00–7:30 PM

**1 • PRESIDENT’S PLENARY • JUDICIAL REVIEW: LAW,
GENDER, AND THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
#SHEAR2023 #S1

WELCOME • Serena Zabin, Carleton College
Eliga Gould, University of New Hampshire
Manisha Sinha, University of Connecticut

PRESIDING •

PANELISTS • Maggie Blackhawk, New York University
Holly Brewer, University of Maryland
Laura F. Edwards, Princeton University
Gautham Rao, American University
Will Thomas, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

COMMENT • the Audience

**PLENARY RECEPTION
IMMEDIATELY TO FOLLOW**



FRIDAY, JULY 14 8:30–10:15 AM

**2 • REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS: MOBILITY AND MOTION
DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

#SHEAR2023 #S2

PRESIDING • Michael Blaakman, Princeton University

Revolutionary Colonies: Imagining and Making New States

Jessica Choppin Roney, Temple University

*She Carried Her Child with Her: Freedom-Seeking as a Family
Endeavor during the American Revolution*

Lauren Duval, University of Oklahoma

*Peter Johnson's Travels: Networks of Indigenous Mobility, Pan-
Indianism, and the Making of the Revolutionary War in the
Northeast*

Blake Grindon, Princeton University

*Mothers and Diplomats: Elite American Women's Mobility in
Europe During and After the American Revolution*

Miriam Liebman, The Adams Papers, Massachusetts
Historical Society

COMMENT • Michael Blaakman

**3 • EMPIRE, REFORM, AND COERCED LABOR ACROSS
EARLY AMERICA**

#SHEAR2023 #S3

PRESIDING • Lori J. Daggar, Ursinus College

*Rev. Samuel Hopkins and the 18th Century Missionary Origins of
the Federal Indian Boarding Schools*

Khalil Anthony Johnson Jr., Wesleyan University

The Third Empire: Abolition in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest

Christina Snyder, Penn State University

*'The motive is that of sordid gain': Native American Children,
Mission Schools, and Unfree Labor in the Upper Midwest, 1830-
1854*

Vivien Tejada, Duke University

COMMENT • Lori J. Daggar

FRIDAY, JULY 14 8:30–10:15 AM

4 • ROUNDTABLE: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND HISTORIES OF CAPITALISM

#SHEAR2023 #S4

PRESIDING • Jessica Lepler, University of New Hampshire

PANELISTS • Andrew Edwards, University of St. Andrews
Hannah Farber, Columbia University
Sean Gallagher, Colorado Mesa University
Emma Hart, University of Pennsylvania
Cathy Matson, University of Delaware-Emerita and
Director, Program in Early American
Economy and Society, Library Company of
Philadelphia

COMMENT • the Audience

5 • NEW DIRECTION IN GENDER AND PARTY POLITICS

#SHEAR2023 #S5

PRESIDING • Judith A. Giesberg, Villanova University

Small Families, Nativism, and Republican Policy Goals in the 1850s, and Beyond

Rebecca Edwards, Vassar College

Party at the Springs: Democratic Politicians at The Bedford Springs, 1820-1870

Amy S. Greenberg, Penn State University

Domestic Institutions? Polygamy, Slavery, and the Fight Over Popular Sovereignty

Lauren N. Haumesser, Independent Scholar

COMMENT • Michael E. Woods, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

FRIDAY, JULY 14 8:30–10:15 AM

- 6 • **ROUNDTABLE: UNDERSTANDING THE PERSISTENCE OF BONDAGE IN ‘FREE’ REGIMES**
#SHEAR2023 #S6

PRESIDING • Dael A. Norwood, University of Delaware

PANELISTS • Christy Clark-Pujara, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Linford D. Fisher, Brown University
Kellen Heniford, National Park Service
Marcus P. Nevius, University of Missouri
Cory James Young, University of Iowa

COMMENT • the Audience

- 7 • **ROUNDTABLE - BRINGING THE NATION BACK IN: HOW TO TALK ABOUT NATIONALISM AFTER THE POST-NATIONALIST TURN**
#SHEAR2023 #S7

PRESIDING • David Waldstreicher, Graduate Center, CUNY

PANELISTS • Andrew Robertson, Graduate Center & Lehman College, CUNY
Ben Park, Sam Houston State University
Emily Yankowitz, Yale University
Kariann Yokota, University of Colorado Denver
Eran Zelnik, California State University, Chico

COMMENT • the Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 14 10:30–12:15 PM

- 8 • **EPIDEMIC DISEASE’S IMPACT ON THE POOR AND PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
#SHEAR2023 #S8

FRIDAY, JULY 14 10:30–12:15 PM

PRESIDING • Rana Hogarth, University of Illinois Urbana -
Champaign

*The Women's Plague: Poor Black and White Women
during New York's 1798 Yellow Fever Epidemic*
Carolyn Eastman, Virginia Commonwealth
University

*Reimagining 1793 Philadelphia: Yellow Fever, Race, and
Labor in the Early Republic*

Michael D. Thompson, University of Tennessee

*Expansion, Epidemics, and Endemic Fevers: Settler
Colonialism and the Spread of Malaria in the Era of the
Early Republic*

Urmi Engineer Willoughby, Pitzer College

COMMENT • Rana Hogarth

**9 • AMERICAN NATIONS: INTERNATIONAL APPROACHES TO
US-INDIGENOUS HISTORY**
#SHEAR2023 #S9

PRESIDING • Joshua Piker, College of William and Mary

*'Nations in the Sense of Our Constitution and Laws': The
Law of Nations, Native Americans, and the Marshall
Court*

Zachary Brown, Yale University

Early Federal Indian Agencies as U.S. Embassies

Zachary Conn, Ross School

*'At a Spot Most Important': The Confederate Search for
International Allies in Indian Country*

Alexandra E. Stern, City College of New York,
CUNY

COMMENT • Joshua Piker

FRIDAY, JULY 14 10:30–12:15 PM

10 • ROUNDTABLE - LIBERIA AND THE COLONIZATION MOVEMENT

#SHEAR2023 #S10

PRESIDING • Beverly Tomek, University of Houston-Victoria

Matilda: The Life, Times, and Legacy of a Liberian Founder

Eric Burin, University of North Dakota

This Detestable Commerce

Craig Hollander, The College of New Jersey

Liberia, “a Divine-Sanctioned Manual Laboring School”?

Hector Kilgoe, University of Pennsylvania

Contextualizing Colonizationism within Histories of Colonialism

Brandon Mills, University of Colorado Denver

Women’s Reform Organizations and the Politics of Black Womanhood in Liberia’s Early Republic

Marie Stango, Idaho State University

COMMENT • Beverly Tomek

11 • CURRENCIES OF CAPITALISM

#SHEAR2023 #S11

PRESIDING • Stephen Mihm, University of Georgia

‘Worthy of Public Sympathy and Benevolence’: The Creative Use of Subscription Schemes in Black Communities

Amanda White Gibson, Kenyon College

Dead Presidents: Money, Mediums, and Madness at the Bank of Chicago

Joshua Greenberg, Independent Scholar

New Light on Jamaica’s Baptist Rebellion: Slave Tithing, Church Property and Ownership in the in the Baptist War of 1831

Christopher Todd, University of North Texas

COMMENT • Stephen Mihm

FRIDAY, JULY 14 10:30–12:15 PM

12 • THE BLACK POLITICS OF EARLY AMERICA
#SHEAR2023 #S12

PRESIDING • Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University

'To petition for redress of Grievances': Emancipation, Birthrights, and Black Political Activism in Virginia's General Assembly and County Courts, 1806-1820

Sheri Ann Huerta, George Mason University

The Freedom Petitions: Black Politics, Black Patriotism, and the Abolition of Slavery in Massachusetts, 1773-1783

Grant Stanton, University of Pennsylvania

Biblicism, Providentialism, and War in Early Black Abolitionist Thought

Nicholas P. Wood, Spring Hill College

COMMENT • Karen Cook, Bowie State University

**13 • ROUNDTABLE – HISTORIANS AND THE CONSTITUTION:
THE PAST FACES THE PRESENT**
#SHEAR2023 #S13

PRESIDING • Rosemary Zagarri, George Mason University

PANELISTS • *On the Federal Courts*

Kevin Arlyck, Georgetown University Law School
On Capacity

Jennifer W. Reiss, University of Pennsylvania
On the Census

Andrew Schocket, Bowling Green State University
On Popular Sovereignty

Anne Twitty, Kinder Institute

COMMENT • the Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 14 2:00–3:45 PM

14 • ROUNDTABLE: MATERIAL CULTURE OF PHILANTHROPY
#SHEAR2023 #S14

PRESIDING • Sarah Weicksel, American Historical Association

PANELISTS • Aston Gonzalez, Salisbury University
Amanda Moniz, Smithsonian's National Museum of
American History
Clare Nelson, Old Sturbridge Village

COMMENT • the Audience

**15 • CHARTING THE AMERICAN PARADOX: DIGITAL
PERSPECTIVES ON SLAVERY AND FREEDOM IN THE
EARLY REPUBLIC**
#SHEAR2023 #S15

PRESIDING • Alexandra L. Montgomery, Center for Digital
History, Fred W. Smith National Library for the
Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon

Wilderness Isles of Freedom in the Great Dismal Swamp

Christy Hyman, Mississippi State University

*The Capacious Sacrament of Necessity: Community
Formation in Early American Godparentage Networks*

Maeve Kane, University at Albany

*Tyranny, Oppression, and Africans: Shifting Conceptions
of Slavery in Anglo-American Corpora, ca. 1760-1820*

Mark L. Thompson, University of Groningen

COMMENT • Jeffrey W. McClurken, University of Mary
Washington

16 • RELIGION IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC
#SHEAR2023 #S16

PRESIDING • Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University

FRIDAY, JULY 14 2:00–3:45 PM

“That I may become useful to my dear people:” Catharine Brown, the Brown Family, and Cherokee Christianity in the Early Republic

Emma Curry-Stodder, University of Pennsylvania
The Political Economy of Format: Books, Tracts, and the American Tract Society's Complicity in Slavery

Sonia Hazard, Florida State University
"Here Triumphed in death ninety Christian Indians:" Meaning and Identity in Remembering the 1782 Massacre at Gnadenhutten, Ohio

Karin L. Huebner, University of Southern California
Cincinnati: Crucible of Religious Pluralism in the Early Republic

Matthew Smith, Miami University

COMMENT • Emily Conroy-Krutz

17 • **THE PROBLEM OF INHERITANCE IN THE AGE OF EQUALITY**

#SHEAR2023 #S17

PRESIDING • Cassandra Good, Marymount University

Hereditary Power and the Challenge of Democracy

Tom Cutterham, University of Birmingham
A Clandestine Marriage, a Transatlantic Cover-Up: Family Secrets and Inheritance Disputes After the Haitian Revolution

Carrie Glenn, Niagara University
Power, Privilege, and Legacy: Gendered Patterns of Inheritance Among New York Mercantile Families

Alisa Wade, California State University, Chico
Inheriting the Revolution?

Karin Wulf, Brown University

COMMENT • Cassandra Good

FRIDAY, JULY 14 2:00–3:45 PM

18 • ROUNDTABLE – EARLY BLACK WOMEN’S RADICALISM
#SHEAR2023 #S18

PRESIDING • Kellie Carter Jackson, Wellesley College

PANELISTS • Denise Burgher, Pennsylvania State University
Keisha Esty, Wesleyan University
Danielle Procope Bell, University of Tennessee-
Knoxville

COMMENT • the Audience

19 • FEDERALISM ON THE UNITED STATES WATERFRONT
#SHEAR2023 #S19

PRESIDING • Brian Rouleau, Texas A&M University

*The Water Ground: A New Account of the Origins of
American Federalism*

Maeve Glass, Columbia Law School

*Federalism on the Schuylkill: U.S. Naval Asylum
Pensioners, Jurisdiction, and Crime in Philadelphia*

Moyra Williams Schauffler, Pennsylvania State
University

*Federalism and the Maritime Underground Railroad in
Coastal Virginia and Massachusetts, 1853-1856*

Cooper Wingert, Georgetown University

COMMENT • Brian Rouleau

FRIDAY, JULY 14 4:00–5:45 PM

20 • TEACHING AMERICAN ABOLITIONISM
#SHEAR2023 #S20

PRESIDING • Peter Wirzbicki, Princeton University

Teaching Early American Abolitionism

John Blanton, City College of New York, CUNY

Teaching Antislavery as Social Reform

Margot Minardi, Reed College

Teaching Black Women's Post-Emancipation Abolitionist Activity

Tiffany A. Player, Georgia State University

Disrupting the Narrative of American Abolitionism

Julie Winch, University of Massachusetts-Boston

COMMENT • Peter Wirzbicki

21 • ON INDIGENOUS LANDS: RESISTANCE, VIOLENCE, AND MEMORY IN THE NATIVE SOUTHEAST
#SHEAR2023 #S21

PRESIDING • Cameron Strang, University of Nevada-Reno

Diplomacy, Identity, and Resistance in Cherokee Women's Cotton Cloth Production

Patricia Dawson, Cherokee Nation, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Consecrating Dispossession: Settler Death in the Native South

F. Evan Nooe, University of South Carolina-Lancaster

Historical Memory and Chickasaw Country

Jeff Washburn, University of Texas Permian Basin

COMMENT • Cameron Strang

FRIDAY, JULY 14 4:00–5:45 PM

22 • MEMORIAL SESSION IN HONOR OF JIM BROUSSARD
#SHEAR2023 #S22

PRESIDING • Gene A. Smith, Texas Christian University

PANELISTS • Dara Baker, U. S. National Archives and Records
Administration
Jonathan Earle, Louisiana State University
Catherine E. Kelly, Omohundro Institute
Constance B. Schulz, University of South Carolina
Craig Thompson Friend, North Carolina State
University
John Van Atta, The Brunswick School
John Quist, Shippensburg University

COMMENT • the Audience

**23 • GEOGRAPHIES OF POWER: INFORMATION AND
INSTITUTIONS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
#SHEAR2023 #S23

PRESIDING • Asheesh Kapur Siddique, University of
Massachusetts-Amherst

*Looking for a Market: Surveyors, Property, and
Paperwork in the Western Great Lakes Region, 1815-1840*

Michael Borsk, Queen's University

*From Sea to Paper: The Many Voyages of the Ship Ann &
Hope, 1798-1800*

Heesoo Cho, Washington University of St. Louis,
*Settler Sovereignty, Market Sovereignty, and
Representing the Disposable*

Max Mishler, University of Toronto

COMMENT • Asheesh Kapur Siddique

FRIDAY, JULY 14 4:00–5:45 PM

24 • THE RATIFICATION DEBATES OF 1787-1788 IN OLD AND NEW CONTEXTS

#SHEAR2023 #S24

PRESIDING • Todd Estes, Oakland University

PANELISTS • Mark Boonshoft, Virginia Military Institute
Katlyn Marie Carter, University of Notre Dame
Todd Estes, Oakland University
Lorri Glover, Saint Louis University
Grace Mallon, Oxford University

COMMENT • the Audience

25 • “UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR:” THE INTERSECTION OF SLAVERY, ALCOHOL, TEMPERANCE, AND ABOLITION

#SHEAR2023 #S25

PRESIDING • Scott Martin, Bowling Green University

The Challenge of Teaching the Use and Abuse of Alcohol in the Classroom: Solomon Northup’s Twelve Years a Slave and Melton McLaurin’s Celia: A Slave

James Foley, St. Andrew’s Episcopal School

‘Crazy with drink and rage’: The Consequences of Slaveholders’ Alcohol Use

Elizabeth Kelly Gray, Towson University

The Radicalism of Antebellum Black Temperance Ideology

Mackenzie Tor, University of Missouri

Tavern-Going While Black: The Racial Politics of Drinking and Temperance in the Early Republic

Kirsten Wood, Florida International University

COMMENT • Scott Martin

SATURDAY, JULY 15 9:00–10:45 AM

26 • SPORTING CULTURE IN BLACK AND WHITE
#SHEAR2023 #S26

PRESIDING • Johann Neem, Western Washington University

‘Caribbean Crossings: Reframing A Race Meeting in Jacksonville, Alabama, 1841

Jessica Dallow, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Black Self-Preservation as ‘Sport’: The Actions of Enslaved People Under the White Gaze

Shakeel Harris, Louisiana State University

‘Above All Puny Rivalry’: Challenge Dancing in Antebellum America

April F. Masten, Stony Brook University

Sports of New York: Stage Europeans Designed for Afro and Euro Manhattan

Marvin McAllister, Winthrop University

COMMENT • Kenneth Cohen, University of Delaware

27 • ROUNDTABLE - TEACHING HISTORY IN THE AGE OF HISTORICAL CENSORSHIP
#SHEAR2023 #S27

PRESIDING • Barry Bienstock, Horace Mann School – New York

PANELISTS • Natalia Allen, iPrep Academy North – Miami, Florida

Barry Bienstock, Horace Mann School – New York

Juan P. Carmona, Donna High School & South Texas College – Alamo, TX

Ed Donnellan, Gonzaga College High School – Washington, D. C.

Georgette Hackman, Cocalico School District – Denver, Pennsylvania

Lois Macmillan, Grants Pass High School – Grants Pass, Oregon

SATURDAY, JULY 15

9:00—10:45 AM

COMMENT • the Audience

28 • AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S STRUGGLES AGAINST SLAVERY IN THE TRANSATLANTIC WORLD, 1780S TO 1850S

#SHEAR2023 #S28

PRESIDING • Vanessa M. Holden, University of Kentucky

Sarah Parker Remond: Voice for Freedom

Katrina Anderson, University of Delaware

A Free Woman of Color in 1850s Salem: Charlotte Forten's Struggles against Slavery and Racism

Myra C. Glenn, Elmira College

Black Tidewater Women's Wartime Labor and Survival in a Revolutionary Age

Adam Xavier McNeil, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

COMMENT • Donna J. Rilling, State University of New York - Stony Brook

29 • LOYALISM AND MEMORY: A ROUNDTABLE ON THE PLACE OF LOYALIST STORIES IN THE COMING 2026 ANNIVERSARY

#SHEAR2023 #S29

PRESIDING • Benjamin Carp, Brooklyn College, CUNY

PANELISTS • Jim Ambuske, George Mason University
Bankhurst, Shepherd University & Maryland
Loyalist Project Digital Fellow

Eileen Cheng, Sarah Lawrence College

Katherine Grandjean, Wellesley College

Michael Idris, Museum of the American Revolution,
African American Interpretative Fellow

COMMENT • the Audience

SATURDAY, JULY 15 9:00—10:45 AM

**30 • RACE, GENDER, AND FIREARMS IN THE EARLY
REPUBLIC**
#SHEAR2023 #S30

PRESIDING • Andrew Shankman, Rutgers University-Camden

Land Reform, Free Soil, and Emancipation

Richard R. John, Columbia University

*The Political-Economic Implications of Anti-Banking in
the 1840s on the Southern Frontier*

Sharon Ann Murphy, Providence College

A Reassessment of the Nullification Crisis

Lindsay Schakenbach Regele, Miami University

COMMENT • Andrew Shankman

**31 • ROUNDTABLE - THE INDIAN QUESTION: THE HISTORY
OF INDIGENOUS AND MIXED-RACE INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES IN THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC**
#SHEAR2023 #S31

PRESIDING • Anne Hyde, University of Oklahoma

PANELISTS • Lucy Murphy, Ohio State University
Susan Sleeper-Smith, Michigan State University
Jameson Sweet, Rutgers University

COMMENT • the Audience

SATURDAY, JULY 15 11:00 AM—12:45 PM

**32 • FREEDOM AND UNFREEDOM: WHITE ENSLAVERS AND
AFRICAN AMERICAN ENSLAVED MIGRATION TO POST-
REVOLUTIONARY KENTUCKY AND OHIO**
#SHEAR2023 #S32

PRESIDING • Walter Greason, Macalaster College

SATURDAY, JULY 15 11:00 AM—12:45 PM

Challenging Slavery and the Interstate Slave-Trade in the Ohio Valley: 1780-1848

Lucien Holness, Virginia Tech

Charles Bristler & Derrick Barkalow: Unfree African Americans & Free Whites Relocating from New Jersey to Kentucky and Ohio Post-Revolutionary War

Sue Kozel, Independent Scholar

Politics of Land Speculation and Migration: An Analysis of the Symmes Purchase in the Northwest Territory

Nicole Skalenko, Rutgers University-Camden

COMMENT • Jonathan Mercantini, Kean University

33 • ROUNDTABLE – LOOKING BACKWARD FROM RECONSTRUCTION AND FORWARD FROM THE EARLY REPUBLIC

#SHEAR2023 #S33

PRESIDING • Amy Dru Stanley, University of Chicago

PANELISTS • Van Gosse, Franklin and Marshall College
Sarah L.H. Gronningsater, University of Pennsylvania

Kate Masur, Northwestern University

Ousmane Power-Greene, Clarke University

COMMENT • the Audience

34 • NEW LENSES ON REBELS AND REBELLIONS IN THE GULF SOUTH

#SHEAR2023 #S34

PRESIDING • Justin Iverson, Langley Air Force Base

In Response to Indigenous Rebellion: The Development of U.S. Cavalry, 1836-1841

Jacob Hagstrom, The Citadel

Unsung Rebels: The life and times of two Black Women and how they led the Underground Railroad to Mexico

SATURDAY, JULY 15 11:00 AM—12:45 PM

Maria Hammack, The McNeil Center for Early
American Studies

*Filibusters, Refugees, and Land Speculation in the
Louisiana-Texas Borderland, 1812-1821*

Jackson Pearson, Texas Christian University

Troubled Trio: Reuben, Samuel, and Nathan Kemper

Jane Plummer, Texas Christian University

COMMENT • Paul Barba, Bucknell University

**35 • NEW HISTORIES OF RACE-MAKING IN SLAVERY AND
FREEDOM: A STATE OF THE FIELD ROUNDTABLE**

#SHEAR2023 #S35

PRESIDING • Amrita Chakrabati Myers, Indiana University-
Bloomington

PANELISTS • Jenifer Barclay, University of Buffalo
Kathleen Brown, University of Pennsylvania
Dann J. Broyld, UMass Lowell
Warren Milteer, Jr. George Washington University
Samantha Seeley, University of Richmond

COMMENT • the Audience

**36 • ROUNDTABLE - SLAVERY, DISPOSSESSION, AND THE
STATE: NEW DIRECTIONS IN FINANCIAL HISTORY**

#SHEAR2023 #S36

PRESIDING • Emilie Connolly, Brandeis University

PANELISTS • Emilie Connolly
Ann Daly, Mississippi State University
Brian Gettler, University of Toronto
K-Sue Park, Georgetown Law
Noah Ramage, UC Berkeley

COMMENT • the Audience

SATURDAY, JULY 15 11:00 AM—12:45 PM

**37 • STATES' RIGHTS, IDEOLOGY, CHEROKEE NATIONALISM,
AND FEDERALISM IN THE 1820S AND '30S**
#SHEAR2023 #S37

PRESIDING • Ned Blackhawk, Yale University

*No Relation or Connection to a State': Cherokee Theories
on Sovereignty and States' Rights*

W. Tanner Allread, Stanford University and 2022-
2023 SHEAR DEI Fellow

*Fractal Federalism: Cherokee Nation v. Georgia v. United
States*

Alison L. LaCroix, University of Chicago

States' Rights

Joel Walker Sturgeon, University of Mississippi

COMMENT • Gerald F. Leonard, Boston University

**This panel includes the pathbreaking work of one of the
inaugural cohort of SHEAR DEI Fellows.**

[See Panel 42 for the others]

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SATURDAY, JULY 15 2:00—3:45 PM

38 • ABOLITIONIST FEMINISTS IN THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC

#SHEAR2023 #S38

PRESIDING • Lori Ginzburg, Pennsylvania State University

Charlotte Forten and Female Anti-Slavery Societies in Boston, Salem, and Philadelphia

Kathryn Angelica, University of Connecticut

The Other Hiltons: A Black Activist Family in Nineteenth Century Boston

Kabria Baumgartner, Northeastern University

Charlotte Forten-Grimke, Black Women's Respectability, and the Ante-Bellum "Colored Elite"

Kerri K. Greenidge, Tufts University

Maria W. Stewart: Gendering the Abolitionist Agenda

Kristen Waters, Worcester State University

COMMENT • Lori Ginzberg

39 • ROUNDTABLE - WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH FLORIDA?: THE WEAPONIZATION OF EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY IN THE RIGHT'S LATEST ROUND OF CULTURE WARS

#SHEAR2023 #S39

PRESIDING • Seth Cotlar, Willamette University

PANELISTS • Lindsay Chervinsky, Southern Methodist University

Seth Cotlar, Willamette University

Joanne Freeman, Yale University

Thomas Zimmer, Georgetown University

COMMENT • the Audience

40 • INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE, GENDER, AND LAND

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PRESIDING • Brooke M. Bauer, Catawba, University of Tennessee

SATURDAY, JULY 15

2:00—3:45 PM

The Sweets of Civilized Life': Native and Anglo-American Conceptions of Landed Property in the Struggle for the Arkansas Valley

Andrew Miller, Tulane University

'Some of These Midwives Are Very Knowing in Several Medicines that Carolina Affords': Native Women, Health Care, and Botanical Remedies in the US South up to 1860

Jewel Parker, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

Indigenous Women's Labor, Credit, and Motherhood in the Hudson's Bay Company Fur Trade, 1760-1790

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41 • SHADES OF NATIVE SOVEREIGNTY IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC

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PRESIDING • Daniel Mandell, Truman State University

The Limits of Settler Power: Federal, State, and Land Company Constructions of Law, Property, and Sovereignty in Debates Over Seneca Lands

Elana Krishner, Siena College

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"Remember your old Friend": Junaluska's Odyssey from Battlefield to Ballot Box, 1814-1855

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PRESIDING • Nathan Perl-Rosenthal, University of Southern California

SATURDAY, JULY 15

2:00—3:45 PM

Assembling an American Hemispheric Archive: Democracy, Race, and Print Culture in the Americas, 1830-1870

Alexander Chaparro-Silva, The University of Texas at Austin, 2022-2023 SHEAR DEI Fellow

Until Freedom is Done: Black American Colonization to Liberia

Alison McCann, University of Miami, 2022-2023 SHEAR DEI Fellow

'My Two Lassies: Enslavement and the Creation of Family Narratives in Scotland and Florida

Desha A. Osborne, Hunter College, City University of New York, 2022-2023 SHEAR DEI Fellow

COMMENT • Nathan Perl-Rosenthal

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- 43 • PHYSICIANS AND COMPETING UNDERSTANDINGS OF ABORTION IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
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PRESIDING • Mary Kelley, University of Michigan

Opposing Arguments on Abortion in the Antebellum United States

Patricia Cline Cohen, University of California, Santa Barbara

‘A Most Perilous Situation’: Physicians and Women in Antebellum Abortion Narratives

C. Brooke Lansing, Johns Hopkins University

Female Physicians, Illegitimacy, and Abortion in Antebellum New York

Nicholas L. Syrett, University of Kansas

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PRESIDING • Jonathan Gienapp, Stanford University

PANELISTS • Julie Mortensen, University of Michigan Law School

Rachel Sheldon, Pennsylvania State University

Reva Siegal, Yale Law School

Franita Tolson, USC Gould School of Law

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PRESIDING • Paul Erickson, The William Clements Library at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor

Everything Must Go: Property, Uncertainty, and Choice in the Evacuation of Boston”

Serena Zabin, Carleton College

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PRESIDING • Adrienne Whaley, Museum of the American Revolution

PANELISTS • J. Allen Bryant, Appalachian State University
Akeia de Barros Gomes, Mystic Seaport Museum
Tramia Jackson, George Washington's Mount Vernon
Jennifer Jaso, Florida History Council for Education
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- 47 • BLACK THOUGHT IN AND BEYOND THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
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PRESIDING • Mia Bay, University of Pennsylvania

Obour Tanner's Archive

Tyra Bynum, The University of Iowa

Whispers Amidst the Silences: Uncovering and Preserving Black Voices in the Archive

Michael Dickinson, Virginia Commonwealth University

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Tracy L. Barnett, University of Georgia
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Brennan Gardner Rivas, Independent Historian
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Antwain K. Hunter, University of North Carolina

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Elizabeth Herbin-Triant, Amherst College

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Gabriel Loiacono, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
Royal Subjects or Quasi Slaves?: Free Blacks and Belonging in pre-Revolutionary North Carolina

Andrea Miles, University of Louisville

“he is as poor as a man can be”: Citizenship, Marginality, and the Fight for Federal Pensions

Benjamin Remillard, University of New Hampshire

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