

SHEAR Thirtieth Annual Meeting



**SOCIETY FOR HISTORIANS OF  
THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC**

**ANNUAL MEETING  
2008**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

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**TUESDAY, July 15**

**Pre-Conference Lecture**  
**Historical Society of Pennsylvania**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

*Lawyers, Guns, and Historians: The Second Amendment Goes to Court*  
Saul Cornell, Ohio State University  
**sponsored by SHEAR and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania**

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**THURSDAY, July 17**

**Plenary**  
Houston Hall 100, Bodek Lounge  
5:15 - 7:15 p.m.

***Untangling the Myths of the American Revolution***

*Moderator:* David Waldstreicher, Temple University

*Panelists:* Michael A. McDonnell, University of Sydney  
Marla R. Miller, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Peter C. Messer, Mississippi State University  
Sylvia Neely, Penn State University  
Loretta Valtz Mannucci, University of Milan

*Comment:* Audience

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**Plenary Reception**

The McNeil Center for Early American Studies  
7:30 – 9:00 pm  
**sponsored by the McNeil Center and the University of Pennsylvania Press**

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**FRIDAY, July 18**

**Session One**

**9:00 - 10:45 a.m.**

**1. Putting “Same-Sex” into the Narrative: A Discussion of *Long Before Stonewall: Histories of Same-Sex Sexualities in the Early Republic***

*Moderator:* Bruce Dorsey, Swarthmore College

*Panelists:* Thomas A. Foster, DePaul University  
Clare A. Lyons, University of Maryland  
John Daniel Salliant, Western Michigan University  
Anne G. Myles, University of Northern Iowa  
Rachel H. Cleves, Northern Illinois University

*Comment:* Audience

**2. Remembering the Revolution: Symbols, Myths and Reputations**

*Chair:* Sean Busick, Athens State University

*Benedict Arnold and the Struggle for Collective Memory*  
Gretchen A. Adams, Texas Tech University

*“Lie there my darling, while I revenge ye!”: The Legend of Molly Pitcher*  
Emily Lewis, Arizona State University

*Revolutionary Reputations: The Dearborn-Putnam Controversy, 1818*  
Patricia Roeser, Arizona State University

*Comment:* Robert Parkinson, College of William and Mary

**3. Audiences in the Early American Republic**

*Chair:* Catherine E. Kelly, University of Oklahoma

*Reading Readers: The Problem of Audience in the Social Library*  
Lynda K. Yankaskas, Brandeis University

*Art Circulation and Audience Formation at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts*

Yvette R. Piggush, Florida International University  
*“Smoking the Pipe of Peace”: Thomas Jefferson and Native American*

*Audiences*

Natalie D. Spar, Washington University

*Comment:* François Furstenberg, Université de Montréal

**4. Mythology, Money, and Manumission: Venture Smith's Saga of Enslavement and Self Emancipation**

- Chair:* Robert L. Hall, Northeastern University  
*Keeping His Word: Money, Love, and Power in Venture Smith's Narrative*  
Anna Mae Duane, University of Connecticut, Torrington  
*Venture Smith's Family: "Race," Genealogy, and the Promise and Pitfalls of Genomic Science*  
Linda D. Strausbaugh, University of Connecticut, Storrs  
*Venture Smith and Changing Conceptions of the Human and Human Rights*  
Anne L. Hiskes, University of Connecticut, Storrs  
*Venture Smith as Representative Man*  
Robert P. Forbes, University of Connecticut, Torrington  
*Comment:* Audience

**5. Visualizing American Myths**

- Chair:* Georgia B. Barnhill, American Antiquarian Society  
*Visualizing the Nation's Discovery and Founding*  
Cathy Cherbosque, Huntington Library  
*"A True Picture of Real Life": Imagining Social Space in Tabitha Tenney's Female Quixotism*  
Christopher Lukasik, Purdue University  
*Becoming American: The Myth of the "Indian Princess" in Eighteenth-Century Prints*  
Nancy Siegel, Juniata College  
*Comment:* Karen Kupperman, New York University



**Session Two**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**6. Double Lives: Sex, Love and Biography**

- Chair:* Elizabeth Varon, Temple University  
*Dearest Friends: Abigail and John Adams*  
Edith Gelles, Stanford University  
*Married Advocates of Free Love: Mary S. Gove and Thomas L. Nichols*  
Patricia Cline Cohen, University of California at Santa Barbara  
*Dashed Expectations in Love, Race, and Biography*  
Martha Hodes, New York University  
*Comment:* Annette Gordon-Reed, New York Law School/Rutgers University  
Rosemarie Zagari, George Mason University

**7. Mythic Republic, Global Republic: Misperception, Jacksonian America, and the World**

- Chair:* James E. Lewis Jr., Kalamazoo College  
*American Opiate Addiction in a Global Context, 1800-1860*  
Elizabeth Kelly Gray, Towson University  
*Nicholas P. Trist and the Captains of the Flag: Perceptions and Evidence of American Involvement in the Transatlantic Slave Trade at Havana, 1834-1841*  
Amy Van Natter, City University of New York  
*Who's Afraid of Anglophobia? The Earnestness of British Antislavery in the Age of Jackson*  
Steven Heath Mitton, Utah State University  
*Comment:* John M. Belohlavek, University of South Florida

**8. Unmasking Men: How Assumptions about Race and Violence Helped Shape the Early American Republic**

- Chair:* Kathleen Brown, University of Pennsylvania  
*A Question of Arming Black Men: L'Ouverture, Douglass, and the Problem of Black Masculinity in America's Early Republic*  
Kristen Foster, Marquette University  
*Black Savages, White Citizens: Race, Violence, and Contests of Masculinity in Abolitionist and Proslavery Narratives of the 1830s*  
Sarah N. Roth, Widener University  
*The Lynching of Francis McIntosh and the Boundaries of Solidarity in Jacksonian America*  
Daniel A. Graff, University of Notre Dame  
*Comment:* E. Anthony Rotundo, Phillips Academy

**9. The Culture of Seeing in Antebellum America**

- Chair:* Martin Brückner, University of Delaware  
*The Real Me: Looking at Daguerreotype Portraits*  
Michael Zakim, Tel Aviv University  
*Seeing Others: Visual Herstories in the Early American Republic*  
Jasmine Nichole Cobb, University of Pennsylvania  
*"The Greatest Man in the Country": Antebellum New England Women and the Making of the Daniel Webster Mythology*  
Ronald J. Zboray and Mary Saracino Zboray, University of Pittsburgh  
*Comment:* Jonathan Prude, Emory University

**10. African American Ideology and Political Culture in the Urban North**

- Chair:* Elsa Barkley Brown, University of Maryland  
*Hearts and Souls: African American Deathways in the Urban North*  
Erik R. Seeman, State University of New York at Buffalo  
*Making the Personal Political: Antebellum Conduct Discourse and the Emergence of the Black Middle Class*  
Erica L. Ball, California State University at Fullerton  
*Faith in the Ballot: Black Church Voting and the Rise of African American Politics*  
Richard S. Newman, Rochester Institute of Technology  
*Comment:* Elsa Barkley Brown, University of Maryland

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**Session Three**

**2:00 – 3:45 p.m.**

**11. Beyond Portraits of Dead White Men: Art History as Social History**

- Moderator:* Saul Cornell, Ohio State University  
*Panelists:* Joshua Brown, The Graduate Center, CUNY  
April F. Masten, State University of New York at Stony Brook  
Vivien Green Fryd, Vanderbilt University  
*Comment:* Audience

**12. Jefferson's Way: Calculations and Collaborations**

- Chair:* Andrew Burstein, University of Tulsa  
*Mr. Jefferson Goes Shopping*  
Herbert Sloan, Barnard College  
*Measured Collaborations: The Construction of Jefferson's First Annual Message to Congress*  
James McClure, Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Princeton University  
*"The Routine of this Department": Forging the Gallatin-Jefferson Partnership*  
Elaine Pascu, Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Princeton University  
*Comment:* Andrew Burstein, University of Tulsa

**13. Patricide and American Public Opinion about the French Revolution**

- Chair:* Michael Meranze, University of California at Los Angeles  
*The Guillotine Comes to Connecticut: French Revolutionary Violence and Popular Culture*  
Robert J. Imholt, Albertus Magnus College

*The Death of Louis XVI, the Neutrality of George Washington,  
and the Fight for Public Opinion*

Christopher J. Young, Indiana University Northwest

*Comment:* Seth Cotlar, Willamette University

**14. Power Contests and Multinational Interactions in the Lower South**

*Chair:* Daniel H. Usner Jr., Vanderbilt University

*Fighting for the Hearts and Minds in the Gulf South*

Vanessa Mongey, University of Pennsylvania

*Relationships & Rhetoric in the Old Southwest: The Competition for  
Regional Dominance*

Natalie Inman, Vanderbilt University

*Red, Black, and Seminole: Personal Identity and Community*

*Convergence in Florida, 1780-1830*

Andrew Frank, Florida State University

*Comment:* Nancy Shoemaker, University of Connecticut, Storrs

**15. Sectarian Violence in Burned-Over America: Contested Meanings  
and Memories of Religious Freedom**

*Chair:* Randolph Roth, Ohio State University

*Tarring and Feathering a Prophet: The Symbolism of a Violent  
Assault in Ohio's Western Reserve*

Rodney Hessinger, Hiram College

*The Professor and the Riot—Sectarian Religion on Trial, 1847*

Margaret Sumner, Ohio State University

*Religious Violence, Historical Myth, and Early Nineteenth-Century  
Origins of the Evangelical Right*

Keith Beutler, Missouri Baptist University

*Comment:* Chris Beneke, Bentley College

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**Session Four**

**4:00 - 5:45 p.m.**

**16. The Private and Public Meaning of Sentiment and Seduction**

*Chair:* Sarah Knott, Indiana University

*"Awaken Such Emotions": Hairwork and the Business of Sentiment*

Helen Scheumaker, Miami University

*Head and Heart: Moral Sentiment and the Formation of Public Policy*

John P. Resch, University of New Hampshire

*Seducers and Subscribers: Boston Audiences and the Politics of the  
"First American Novel"*

Bryan Waterman, New York University

*Comment:* Konstantin Dierks, Indiana University

**17. Politics by Other Means: Imagining Violence in Early American History**

- Chair:* Matthew Dennis, University of Oregon  
*“Female Energy Rousing Manly Vigor”: Linking the Sexual and Martial in the War of 1812*  
Nicole Eustace, New York University  
*What’s Colonial about the Early Republic? Violence and the Boundaries of Early American History*  
John Smolenski, University of California at Davis  
*Jailbreak in Worcester: The Prisoner of War Debate and Federalist Opposition to the War of 1812*  
David J. Dzurec III, Ohio State University  
*Comments:* Matthew Dennis, University of Oregon

**18. “Good Feelings” Aside: Reconsidering the Monrovia Era**

- Chair:* Gene Allen Smith, Texas Christian University  
*“Among Other Things Submitted,” or the Forgotten 48 Paragraphs: A Reconsideration of the Monroe “Doctrine”*  
Richard Demirjian Jr., University of Delaware  
*James Monroe and the Missouri Crisis: An Activist President with an Eye to the Future*  
Michael J. McManus, Independent Scholar  
*James Monroe and American Foreign Policy: Florida*  
Brook Poston, Texas Christian University  
*Comment:* Dan Preston, University of Mary Washington

**19. The Politics of Myth Making in the Early Republic**

- Chair:* Martin Hershock, University of Michigan at Dearborn  
*Preserving Old Hickory: Myth and Memory in Andrew Jackson’s Family*  
Mark R. Cheatham, Southern New Hampshire University  
*Inventing Johnny Appleseed: Sowing Whig and Republican Values in the Developing Midwest*  
William Kerrigan, Muskingum College  
*John Adams and the Politics of Mythmaking*  
Richard Samuelson, California State University, San Bernardino  
*Comment:* John Quist, Shippensburg University

**20. Practicing History in the Town Square**

- Moderator:* Steven Conn, Ohio State University  
*Panelists:* Ira Harkavy, University of Pennsylvania  
David Young, Cliveden of the National Trust  
Sharon Ann Holt, Rutgers University at Camden  
**sponsored by and held at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania**



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**Reception**

The Library Company of Philadelphia and the Cassatt House  
6:00 – 7:30 pm

sponsored by *Common-place* and the Library Company of Philadelphia

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**SATURDAY, July 19**

**Session Five**

**9:00 - 10:45 a.m.**

**21. Where is Labor History of the Early Republic? A Roundtable**

*Moderator:* Amy Greenberg, Penn State University

*Panelists:* Richard Stott, George Washington University  
Alexis McCrossen, Southern Methodist University  
Leslie M. Harris, Emory University  
Seth Rockman, Brown University

*Comment:* Audience

**22. The Profession Comes Around? Staughton Lynd's *Slavery, Class Conflict, and the Constitution after 40 Years***

*Chair:* David Waldstreicher, Temple University

*After Forty Years: Reintroducing an Old Book*  
Staughton Lynd

*Comment:* Edward Countryman, Southern Methodist University  
Robin Einhorn, University of California at Berkeley  
John M. Murrin, Princeton University

**23. Internal Improvements and Agricultural Innovation: The Domestication of Animals, Plants, and Labor in Antebellum America, 1820-1860**

*Chair:* John Lauritz Larson, Purdue University

*Agricultural and Internal Improvement: Philadelphia Agriculturalists and the Improvement of Domestic Animals, 1817-1839*

Eric Stoykovich, University of Virginia

*The U.S. Patent Office and the Cultivation of Tea Plants in the American South*

Courtney Fullilove, Columbia University

*Making Your "Deserts to Bloom as the Rose": Agricultural Improvement and Antislavery in Antebellum Northern Virginia*

A. Glenn Crothers, University of Louisville

*Comment:* John Lauritz Larson, Purdue University

**24. Civil Theatrics: Dress, Plays, and Constitutions**

- Chair:* Jane Kamensky, Brandeis University  
*“These Streets We’ll Pave with Many a Human Skull”:* Theatre and Imperial Myth-Making in the Age of Revolution  
Douglas Harvey, University of Kansas  
*Citizenship’s Corset: Fashion and the Body Politic*  
Kate Haulman, American University  
*Benjamin Franklin, the Mythical Founders, and the Mythical People in the Pennsylvania Constitutional Ratification Convention*  
Stephanie R. Hurter, George Mason University
- Comment:* Eric Slauter, University of Chicago  
Jane Kamensky, Brandeis University

**25. The Political Revealed/The Personal Concealed: Quakers, Print Culture, and Antislavery History in the Era of Gradual Emancipation**

- Chair:* Christopher Densmore, Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College  
*Uncovering Anthony Benezet’s Quaker Antislavery Print Networks*  
Jonathan D. Sassi, College of Staten Island & the Graduate Center, CUNY  
*Strategic Deceptions and the Memory of Eighteenth-Century Antislavery*  
Kirsten Sword, Indiana University  
*Abigail Mott’s Biographical Sketches of Persons of Color: A Quaker Compiler, Her New York Editor, and the Beginnings of American Black Biography*  
Dee E. Andrews, California State University at East Bay
- Comment:* Karin Wulf, College of William and Mary



**Session Six**

**11:00 -12:45 p.m.**

**26. The Origins of the Constitution: Beyond Beard?**

- Moderator:* Alan Taylor, University of California at Davis  
*Panelists:* Terry Bouton, University of Maryland-Baltimore County  
Jane Calvert, University of Kentucky  
Holly Brewer, North Carolina State University  
Todd Estes, Oakland University
- Comment:* Audience

**27. (Extra) Ordinary Philadelphians in Early America**

- Chair:* Tamara Miller, Historical Society of Pennsylvania  
*Notorious: Ann Carson, Governor Simon Snyder, and a Conspiracy that Fascinated the Nation*  
Susan Branson, Syracuse University

*Go Ask Alice: The Life and Legacies of Alice, "A female Slave"*

Susan Klepp, Temple University

*Triumph Over Injustice: The Narrative of Patrick Lyon, Blacksmith*

Leslie Patrick, Bucknell University

*Sexual Harassment or Anti-Semitism: David Seixas and the Pennsylvania Institute for Deaf and Dumb*

William Pencak, Penn State University

*Comment:* Andrew Shankman, Rutgers University at Camden

### **28. Sex and Science in the Early Republic**

*Chair:* Mary Kelley, University of Michigan

*Incest, Hereditary Science, and the Nation in the Early Republic*

Brian Connolly, Philadelphia University

*"Science . . . sets her sons among the stars": Songs of Art, Pedagogy, and Nationalism in the Young Republic*

Robyn D. McMillin, University of Oklahoma

*Comment:* Chandos Michael Brown, College of William and Mary

### **29. New Perspectives on Print and Politics in the 1790s**

*Chair:* Trish Loughran, University of Illinois

*Seduction Novels and Seditious Acts*

Sari Edelstein, Brandeis University

*Political Fever: The Democratic-Republican Societies, Philadelphia's Yellow Fever Outbreak, and the Limitation of Print Networks in the 1790s*

Michelle Orihel, Syracuse University

*Building a Political Community in 1790s Pennsylvania*

Kenneth Owen, University of Oxford

*The Literary Politics in 1790s New York: The Writings of Ann Julian Hatton and Richard Bingham Davis*

Robb Haberman, University of Connecticut, Storrs

*Comment:* Catherine O'Donnell Kaplan, Arizona State University

### **30. Building an Urban Landscape**

*Chair:* Cathy Matson, University of Delaware

*Robert Morris's Folly: A Loss of Fortune in the Early American Republic*

Ryan K. Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University

*Jefferson's Western Men and Early Washington City: Towards a New View of the Muddy Metropolis*

Marion C. Nelson, Virginia Commonwealth University

*The Semiotics of the Manufacturing Revolution: Cultural Identification and Economic Realities in Early U.S. City Directories*

Richard S. Chew, Virginia State University

*Comment:* Timothy J. Gilfoyle, Loyola University Chicago

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**Session Seven**

**2:15-4:00 p.m.**

**31. Rethinking John Marshall: Slaveholder, Politician, and Speculator**

- Chair:* Charles F. Hobson, College of William and Mary  
*“Extravagant Pretension”:* *John Marshall and the Judicial Conquest of Native America*  
Lindsay Robertson, University of Oklahoma College of Law  
*John Marshall and the Slaveholders’ Union: Sacred Rights, Seduction, and Duty*  
George Van Cleve, University of Virginia
- Comment:* Bruce H. Mann, Harvard Law School  
Charles F. Hobson, College of William and Mary

**32. Maritime Worlds, Racial Myths, and National Identity**

- Chair:* Bethel Saler, Haverford College  
*Militarism Made Easy: The War Establishment in Jacksonian America, 1815-40*  
Jason Opal, Colby College  
*“They are much like our own Indians”:* *Transporting the Idea of North America’s Indigenous Peoples Abroad*  
Brian Rouleau, University of Pennsylvania
- Comments:* Bethel Saler, Haverford College

**33. Revolutionary Relations: The Saint-Dominguan Influence on Early American Policy**

- Chair:* David Barry Gaspar, Duke University  
*The St. Dominguan Refugees, the Genet Affair, and American Neutrality, 1793-1794*  
Wendy H. Wong, Temple University  
*Diplomacy in Black and White: A Distinctive U.S. Foreign Policy toward Revolutionary Saint-Domingue*  
Ronald A. Johnson, Purdue University  
*The Armed Haiti Trade and the Failure of Jefferson’s Embargo*  
Gautham Rao, University of Chicago
- Comment:* David Barry Gaspar, Duke University

**34. Toppling Statues? Young Northern Men Evaluate Famous Men**

- Chair:* Michael Morrison, Purdue University  
*“A Man’s Work in a Man’s Way”:* *Oscar Learnard and the Transmission of Masculine Culture to Bleeding Kansas*  
Cathy Rodabaugh, West Virginia University

*How the Dunn Brothers Went to College: Negotiating Expectations from Boyhood to Manhood*

Kenneth H. Wheeler, Reinhardt College

*Contested History: New England College Students Evaluate the Foundations of the American Republic*

Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, University of Virginia

*Comment:* C. Dallett Hemphill, Ursinus College

Michael Morrison, Purdue University

**35. American Civic Identity and Practice in Comparative Perspective**

*Chair:* J. Chris Arndt, James Madison University

*European Travel as Cultural Criticism in the Early Nineteenth Century*

Daniel Kilbride, John Carroll University

*An Uneasiness Arose: Civic Identities and Charitable Institutions*

Amanda Bowie Moniz, University of Michigan

*“In this Assembly the Most Perfect Ease of Manners Prevailed”:*

*American Travel in Great Britain and Conceptions of Civil Society*

Albrecht Koschnik, Charles Warren Center, Harvard University

*Comment:* William Caleb McDaniel, University of Denver

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**Presidential Address**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Racquet Club of Philadelphia

*Cultures of Nationalism, Movements of Reform, and the Composite-Federal Polity:*

*From Revolutionary Settlement to Antebellum Crisis*

John L. Brooke, Ohio State University

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**Presidential Banquet**

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Racquet Club of Philadelphia

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**SUNDAY, July 20**

**Session Eight**

**9:00 - 10:45 a.m.**

**36. SHEAR Mellon Summer Seminar: Identifying and Empowering the Next Generation of Scholar/ Teachers of the Early Republic**

*Chair:* James Brewer Stewart, Macalester College

*Panelists:* Kathryn A. Ostrofsky, University of Pennsylvania

Jayne Ptolemy, Yale University

Will Mackintosh, University of Michigan

Jennifer E. Schaaf, Pennsylvania State University at Abington

**37. Demons, Deists, and Fist-Throwing Moral Philanthropists: The Early Republic's Politics of Religious Truth**

*Chair:* Monica Najjar, Lehigh University

*"Tho but an Atom . . . in the Universe": Deistic Worldviews and Radical Reform in the Early Republic*

Kirsten Fischer, University of Minnesota

*"Sometimes like Baal's worshippers": Demons and Politics at Cane Ridge, 1801-1815*

Adam Jortner, University of Virginia

*Civil Society and the Political Reconstitution of Religious Truth in the Early Republic*

Eric Schlereth, Brandeis University

*Comment:* Monica Najjar, Lehigh University

**38. Unmasking Discourses of Race: The Bobalition Broadside and Nationalistic Vindictory Literature**

*Chair:* Phillip Lapsansky, Library Company of Philadelphia

*Unmasking Bobalition: Satiric Public Blackness and the Practice of Racial Print in the Early Republic North, 1760s-1820s*

Corey Capers, University of Illinois at Chicago

*"On Which We Appear Most Vulnerable": The Slavery Problem in American Vindictory Literature, 1810-1825*

Joseph Eaton, National Chengchi University

*Comment:* Joanne Pope Melish, University of Kentucky

**39. Myths and Realities of a Well-Regulated Society (pre-circulated papers)**

*Chair:* David T. Konig, Washington University

*Democratic Republican Police: The Role of Constituent Assemblies in Regulating Popular Sovereignty in the Whiskey Rebellion*

Shawn Kimmel, University of Michigan School of Public Health

*Rhetoric and Reality of the Well-Regulated Militia in Pennsylvania*

Nathan Kozuskanich, Nipissing University

*A Common Law of Membership: Expulsion, Regulation, and Civil Society in the Early Republic*

Kevin Butterfield, Washington University

*Comment:* Birte Britta Pflieger, California State University

Kirsten E. Wood, Florida International University

**40. Reforming the Revolution: Religion and Politics in the 1790s**

- Chair:* Robert M.S. McDonald, United States Military Academy  
*Choosing Righteousness: Joseph Buckminster's Duty of Republican Citizens in the Choice of their Rulers*  
Sarah A. Morgan, Gilder Lehrman Institute of America  
*Disestablishment and the Definition of Democracy in the 1790s*  
Kathryn Ashmun Pitrone, Ashland University  
*Comment:* Constance B. Schulz, University of South Carolina



**Session Nine**

**11:00 - 12:45 p.m.**

**41. Biography and the Politics of Slavery**

- Chair:* Jan Ellen Lewis, Rutgers University at Newark  
*The Lonely Congressman: John Taylor in Public and Private*  
Padraig Griffin Riley, Eugene Lang College  
*"Doughface of Doughfaces": John Holmes of Maine, Pioneering Northern Man of Southern Principles*  
Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University  
*Abolitionist Whig in the U.S. House: Representative Seth M. Gates and Liberty Party Lobbyists, 1839-1844*  
Corey Brooks, University of California at Berkeley  
*Comment:* Jan Ellen Lewis, Rutgers University at Newark

**42. Friendships and Associations in Antebellum America**

- Chair:* Harry S. Watson, University of North Carolina  
*Friendship and Political Morality in the American Political Class, 1815-1820*  
Reeve Huston, Duke University  
*Watchdogs of Democracy: Rights Associations & Constitutional Politics in the 1850s*  
Kyle G. Volk, University of Montana  
*Comment:* Manisha Sinha, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**43. Exclusion and Inclusion in the Democratizing Process: New Research on Voting Behavior using A NEW NATION VOTES Database**

- Chair:* Jeffrey L. Pasley, University of Missouri  
*Massachusetts Towns and Their Leaders: Political Change in the Commonwealth, 1780-1800*  
Jennifer M. Metz, University of California at Davis

*Democratizing Inequality: The Politics of Partisanship and Race in Early National New York*

Paul J. Polgar, The Graduate Center, CUNY

*Using "A New Nation Votes" for Research: An Update*

Philip J. Lampi and Krista Ferrante, American Antiquarian Society

*Comment:* Andrew W. Robertson, Leman College/The Graduate Center, CUNY

**44. Rethinking Race and Region in the Old Northwest, 1800-1860**

*Chair:* Nikki Marie Taylor, University of Cincinnati

*The Politics of Race, Slavery, and Freedom in the Old Northwest, 1800-1830*

John Craig Hammond, Purdue University at Calumet

*Black Churches and the Making of an Antebellum Borderland, 1840-1860*

Bridget Ford, California State University at East Bay

*"Travelers of the night-line": Fugitive Slaves and Cooperative Abolitionism in the Old Northwest*

Stacey Robertson, Bradley University

*Comment:* Christopher Clark, University of Connecticut, Storrs

**45. Defining Freedom: Slavery and Emancipation in Early National Philadelphia**

*Chair:* Emma Jones Lapsansky-Werner, Haverford College

*Cultural Ideals and Social Realities: The Assimilation of Black Saint Domingans in Black Philadelphia, 1804-1850*

John Davies, University of Delaware

*Elizabeth Drinker's Haitian Revolution ("times is much altered with the black folk")*

James Alexander Dun, Princeton University

*Freedom in Revolutionary Philadelphia: James Forten and Stephen Decatur's Prize Negroes*

Charles R. Foy, Eastern Illinois University

*Comment:* Emma Jones Lapsansky-Werner, Haverford College

