



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

**ANNUAL MEETING
2009**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, July 16

President's Plenary

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

Lincoln and the Legacies of the American Revolution

Chair: Thomas F. Schwartz, Illinois State Historian

Panelists: Daniel Walker Howe, Oxford University

Vernon Burton, Coastal Carolina University

Catherine Clinton, Queen's University Belfast

Kenneth Winkle, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Comment: Audience

Plenary Reception

9:00-10:30 pm

Lincoln Reception Room

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

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FRIDAY, July 17

Session One

9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

1. Divided Communities on a Middle Ground

Chair: Sarah E. Miller, University of South Carolina–Salkehatchie

Panelists:

"I never will unloose my hold": The Politics of Religion and Removal on the Wyandot Reserve

Jim Buss, Oklahoma City University

Our Father in Detroit: Instructing William Hull in Borderland Politics

Brad Jarvis, Saginaw Valley State University

A New Imperial Presence? A Native Understanding of the Significance of the Confederate States of America

Daniel Flaherty, University of Oklahoma

Prophetic Tools: Miami Factionalism, Their French Brethren, and the Construction of Prophetstown

Patrick Bottiger, University of Oklahoma

Comment: Sarah E. Miller

2. Whither the Evangelical Revolution: New Work in Southern Religious History

Chair: Mitchell Snay, Denison University

Panelists:

"I must flatter myself, that my country increases in humanity": Black Evangelicals, Slaveholders, and the Legacy of the American Revolution

Charles Irons, Elon University

Searching for the Evangelical South: Churches, Authority, and the Unsaved

Monica Najar, Lehigh University

"Trouble Times Indeed": Southern Baptists and the American Revolutionary War

Janet Moore Lindman, Rowan University

Domestic Devotion and Moral Authority among Southern Evangelicals in the Antebellum Era

Scott M. Stephan, Ball State University

Comment: Mitchell Snay

3. Women Challenging Societal Conventions: Issues of Property, Identity, and Gender in the Early Nineteenth-Century South

Chair: Craig Thompson Friend, North Carolina State University

Panelists:

A Grandmother's Love? Miscegenation, Manumissions, and Property Rights in the Wickliffe Family of Antebellum Kentucky

Andrea Watkins, Northern Kentucky University

Wealthy Free Black and Brown Women in Antebellum Charleston, South Carolina

Rita Reynolds, Wagner College

"Considered Her Entirely Unfit for Society": Gender, Impairment, and Inherited Property in Early Kentucky

Yvonne M. Pitts, Purdue University

Comment: Lorri M. Glover, University of Tennessee

4. Lincoln in the Antebellum Decade

Chair: James E. Davis, Illinois College

Panelists:

The Foundational Speeches for Fusion by Abraham Lincoln and Owen Lovejoy in the Illinois State Capitol

William F. Moore, The Lovejoy Society

A Change in Parties: Lincoln as a Whig and Republican

John A. Lupton, Papers of Abraham Lincoln

Lincoln, the Founders, and the Logic of Equality

Glenn W. LaFantasie, Western Kentucky University

Comment: Richard Striner, Washington College

James E. Davis

5. Perfecting the Body Social: The Interplay of Health, Religion, and Reform in the Early Republic

Chair: Bret Carroll, California State University, Stanislaus

Panelists:

The Social Vision of Sanitary Reform

A. J. Aiséirithe, Papers of Abraham Lincoln

Health, Sentiment, and the Appeal of Mormonism

Nicholas Marshall, Marist College

Healthy Body, Healthy Spirit: Medicine and Communitarianism

Gwynne Langley Rivers, University of Illinois at Chicago

Comment: Lawrence Foster, Georgia Institute of Technology

Session Two

11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

6. Expansionists and Expatriates: Beyond the Bounds of the Early American Republic

Chair: Alan Taylor, University of California Davis

Panelists:

A British Socialist in the Republic of Mexico: Robert Owen and the Cosmopolitan Sources of Early National Expansion

Eric R. Schlereth, University of Texas at Dallas

Freeborn Outlaws: Travel Rights and National Sovereignty in Jacksonian America, 1800s-1830s

Jason M. Opal, Colby College

“The American and Foreign Agency”: Profit and a Prophet of American Commercial Expansionism

Jessica M. Lepler, University of New Hampshire

Comment: Alan Taylor

7. **“The Union was made to subserve the cause of liberty”: The American Revolution, Abolition, and the Politics of Antislavery**
Chair: James Brewer Stewart, Macalester College
Panelists:
Joshua Giddings and the Emancipation of a Political Abolitionist
 Cathy Rodabaugh, West Virginia University
The Revolution within the Man: The Intellectual Emancipation of Frederick Douglass
 L. Diane Barnes, Youngstown State University
*“Let Every American . . . Swear by the Blood of the Revolution”:
 The Origins and Limits of Abraham Lincoln’s Antislavery Politics*
 Michael A. Morrison, Purdue University
Comment: Nicole Etcheson, Ball State University
 Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University
8. **The True Heirs of the Revolution? New Perspectives on Federalists and Anti-Federalists in the New York Ratification Debates**
Chair: John P. Kaminiski, University of Wisconsin
Panelists:
No Taxation without Representation: The “Antifederalists,” Rights, and the Ratification of the Constitution, 1787-1788
 Pauline Maier, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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 Calvin H. Johnson, University of Texas at Austin
Comment: John P. Kaminiski
9. **Revolutionary Legacies in the Jay Family and Beyond: Religion, Abolition, and Reform**
Chair: Randolph Ferguson Scully, George Mason University
Panelists:
Religious Transformations in the Jay Family: From Providential Nationalism to Moralism and Voluntarism
 Jonathan Den Hartog, Northwestern College
Abolitionism Makes Strange Bedfellows: George Bush, Gerrit Smith, William Jay, Charles Ball, and Thomas Clarkson in The Cabinet of Freedom
 David Gellman, DePauw University
Comment: Mark Y. Hanley, Truman State University
 Randolph Ferguson Scully

10. Cultural Resistance to Indian Removal, 1830-1860

Chair: Linda Clemmons, Illinois State University

Panelists:

Demanding and Preserving Nationhood: The Cherokee Trail of Tears through Southern Illinois, 1838-1839

Rowena McClinton, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

“Half-Civilized Men”: Property, Slavery and Indian Removal, 1828-1832

Natalie Joy, Georgia State University

The Unconquered Seminoles: Prophetic Resistance from Neolin to Abiaka

Kathleen Hladky, Florida State University

Comment: Frederick E. Hoxie, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Linda Clemmons



Session Three

2:00-3:45 p.m.

11. Shaping the New Nation’s Political Economy In Midst of War

Chair: Robert E. Wright, New York University

Panelists:

Revolutionary Ideologies and Wartime Economic Regulation

Daniel Mandell, Truman State University

Un-continental Congresses: Experiments with Interstate Coordination in Revolutionary America

Cheryl Collins, University of Virginia

A Matter of Great Delicacy and Danger: Banks and the Search for Stabilizing the Values of Money during the Confederation

Jonathan M. Chu, University of Massachusetts Boston

Comment: Robert E. Wright

12. Parlor and Bedroom Politics: Heterosociability in the Early Republic

Chair: Rodney Hessinger, Hiram College

Panelists:

“The Union of Reason and Love”: Reading and Writing Courtship in the Early American Republic

Lucia McMahan, William Patterson University

“The soft whispers of private friendship”: Heterosocial Friendships among the Political Elite in the Early Republic

Cassandra Good, University of Pennsylvania

“A Brilliant Assemblage of Both Sexes”: Youthful Heterosociability
and the Magazine in the Early Republic

Katherine Jorgensen Gray, Johns Hopkins University

Comment: Charlene M. Boyer Lewis, Kalamazoo College

**13. Exploring “Whither the Revolution?” Research Opportunities
Using the Founding Era Papers**

Chair: Patrick Griffin, University of Notre Dame

Panelists:

George Washington Lived in a Complicated World

William M. Ferraro, Papers of George Washington, University of
Virginia

Founding Fathers’ Projects and Early Republican Women

Sara Martin, The Adams Papers, Massachusetts Historical Society

*Ousting the Monarchy: Jefferson and the Charges against Arthur St. Clair
Reconsidered*

Tom Downey, Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Princeton University

Comment: Daniel Feller, Andrew Jackson Papers, University of Tennessee

14. Conceptualizing the Backcountry in the Early Republic

Chair: Stephen Aron, University of California at Los Angeles

Panelist:

*Looking Back at the Backcountry: A Reflection on Agrarian Unrest
in the Revolutionary Era*

Gregory Nobles, Georgia Institute of Technology

Comment: Kim Gruenwald, Kent State University

Malcolm J. Rohrbough, University of Iowa

Daniel J. Richter, University of Pennsylvania

15. Women’s Legal Troubles in the Early Republic

Chair: Patricia C. Cohen, University of California, Santa Barbara

Panelists:

*“8 weeks gone when it happn’d:” Miscarriage in Late Eighteenth-Century
and Early Nineteenth-Century America*

Wendy L. Castro, University of Central Arkansas

*Pelagre Farribault’s Island: Property, Kinship, and the Contested
Meaning of Marriage in Dakota Country, Fort Snelling, 1820-1838*

Catherine Denial, Knox College

*Madame Ester v. Sieur Clamorgan: The “Ester Claims” and the
Concubine’s Revenge*

Julie P. Winch, University of Massachusetts Boston

Rape Law and Judicial Review: Remolding English Common Law Doctrines

Mary Block, Valdosta State University

Comment: David T. Konig, Washington University in St. Louis
Patricia C. Cohen

Session Four

4:00-5:45 p.m.

16. Memory, the Revolution, and the Religious Outsider

Chair: John L. Brooke, Ohio State University

Panelists:

“A Libel upon Our Fathers”: Views of the Ancestral Religious Heritage in State Constitutional Debates of the Early Nineteenth Century

James S. Kabala, Brown University

“Sabbath of Liberty”: Religion and the Fourth of July, 1827-1857

Adam J. Criblez, Purdue University

Protestantism and Political Memory in Mid-Nineteenth-Century North America

Allison O’Mahen Malcom, University of Illinois at Chicago

Comment: Gretchen A. Adams, Texas Tech University

17. “Revolutionary Visions of a Second Founding”: New Perspectives on Antislavery and Proslavery Politics in the 1850s

Chair: Bruce Levine, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Panelists:

“The Rescue of the Country from the Domination of Slavery”: Congress, Abolitionists, and the “Appeal of the Independent Democrats”

Corey Brooks, University of California, Berkeley

“We Will Subdue You”: The Influence of Gendered and Sexualized Rhetoric about the Kansas Crisis on National Antislavery Politics 1854-1860”

Brie Swenson Arnold, Augsburg College

Our British Brothers: The Deep South’s Quest for Natural Allies Abroad

Brian Schoen, Ohio University

Comment: Elizabeth Varon, Temple University

18. Not a Nation but an Empire: Another View of the American West

Chair: James Lewis, Kalamazoo College

Panelists:

The Insatiable Republic: The Contentious Legacy of Expansionism after the American Revolution

Daniel P. Glenn, Washburn University

“in the midst of the wilderness”: Alternative Conceptions of Center and Periphery in the Mississippi Valley, 1779-1825

Stephen A. Martin, University of Oklahoma

Lincoln and the Legacy of the Revolution: A Culture of Empire Arrives on the Great Plains, 1854-1860

Doug Harvey, Fort Hays State University

Comment: Christopher Morris, University of Texas at Arlington

19. Foreign Policy Post 1845

Chair: Robert E. May, Purdue University

Panelists:

“The very life of liberty”: Abraham Lincoln and Whig Opposition to the Mexican War

Kelley Boston Clausing, Papers of Abraham Lincoln

*“We will feel for those who are fighting for their lives and their freedom”:
Anti-Imperialism and American Press Coverage of the “Circassian War,”
1838-1859*

Christopher Miller, University of Texas–Pan American

“Intervention for Non-Intervention”: Yucatan, Hungary, and American Principles, 1848-1852

Jeffrey J. Malanson, Boston College

Comment: Kenneth R. Stevens, Texas Christian University

20. The Papers of Abraham Lincoln: Resources for Historians of the Early American Republic

Chair: A. Glenn Crothers, University of Louisville

Panelists:

The Lincoln Legal Papers: More than Just the Law

Stacy Pratt McDermott, Papers of Abraham Lincoln

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln: More than Just Biography

Daniel W. Stowell, Papers of Abraham Lincoln

Comment: John Hoffmann, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Reception

7:00-10:00 p.m.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
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and Common-Place*
free admission to museum; families welcome

SATURDAY, July 18

Session Five

9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

21. Citizenship in the Early Republic and the Legacy of the American Revolution

Chair: Douglas Egerton, Le Moyne College

Panelists:

Citizens and Citizens, King's Subjects and Aliens: Migrant Response to the Alien and Sedition Acts and the Naturalization Act of 1798

John O'Keefe, George Washington University

After Statehood: Race and Politics in Illinois and Missouri

John Reda, University of Illinois at Chicago

To Repent Her Humanity: The 1838 Disfranchisement of Pennsylvania Blacks

Nicholas Wood, University of Virginia

Sons of Africa: Colonization and Citizenship, 1780-1830

Matthew J. Hudock, University of Delaware

Comment: Margot Minardi, Reed College

22. The Constitution and Stability in the South Carolina Lowcountry

Chair: Peter A. Coclanis, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Panelists:

The Letters of John and Susan Kean, 1787-1788

Jonathan Mercantini, Kean University

"Ruined by the late Cruel War": Josiah Smith and Economic Independence

Jennifer S. Goloboy, Independent Scholar

"All Society Seems at an End": Religious and Social Anomie in the Postwar Lowcountry, 1783-84

Peter N. Moore, Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi

Comment: Ellen Hartigan-O'Connor, University of California Davis

23. Debating the Meaning of the Revolution: Will the Real Revolution Please Stand Up?

Chair: Edward Countryman, Southern Methodist University

Panelists:

The Economic and Iconic Power of Lighthouses in the Early Republic

Nora Pat Small, Eastern Illinois University

America's Many Revolutions: Civil War and the "Right to Revolution"

Robert J. Gamble, Johns Hopkins University

The Politics of Military Martyrdom: Revolutionary Memory at the Outset of the U.S. Civil War

Sarah J. Purcell, Grinnell College

Celebrating the Revolution: Presidential Hopefuls in Antebellum Politics and Beyond

Sandy Moats, University of Wisconsin–Parkside

Comment: Matt Mancini, Saint Louis University

Edward Countryman

24. The Market Giveth and Taketh Away: Entrepreneurs and Dissenters

Chair: Harry L. Watson, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Panelists:

The Gift

Stephan Schwartz, Independent Scholar

From Paternalist to Industrialist: The Complex Career of Thomas

Gibbons

Thomas H. Cox, Sam Houston State University

"Citizens of a free and independent republic": Artisan Republicanism and the Transformation of the Craft Tradition in the United States

Joseph H Wycoff, University of Washington

Thomas Paine, the Legacy of the Revolution, and the Transition to Capitalism in the Early Republic

Matteo Battistini, University of Bologna

Comment: John L. Larson, Purdue University

Harry L. Watson

25. The Honor Paradigm for the Early Republic: Whither the Interpretation?

Chair: James Broussard, Lebanon Valley College

Panelist:

Does "Honor" Hold the Key to Understanding Violence in the Early Republic?

Randolph A. Roth, Ohio State University

Comment: Anne C. Rose, Penn State University
Dickson D. Bruce, University of California–Irvine
Chris Olsen, Indiana State University

Session Six

11:00 -12:45 p.m.

26. Teaching the Early Republic: A Roundtable

Chair: Carol Lasser, Oberlin College

Panelists:

John Belohlavek, University of South Florida
Laura McCall, Metropolitan State College of Denver
John W. Quist, Shippensburg University
Tamara Plakins Thornton, State University of New York at Buffalo
Serena Zabin, Carleton College

Comment: Audience

**27. The Culture of Capitalism in Antebellum America: Views from
“Underground”**

Chair: Stephen Mihm, University of Georgia

Panelists:

Black Markets: Race, Slavery, and Illicit Economies

Kathleen Hilliard, Iowa State University

Fencing Lessons: Junk Dealing in Antebellum America

Wendy A. Woloson, EBSCO Publishing

Another Dishonest Clerk

Brian P. Luskey, West Virginia University

Comment: Stephen Mihm

**28. Joseph Smith, the *Joseph Smith Papers*, and the Mormons
in Illinois and America**

Chair: Alex Smith, Joseph Smith Papers

Panelists:

An Introduction to The Joseph Smith Papers

Mark Ashurst-McGee, Joseph Smith Papers

Joseph Smith Goes to Washington

Ronald O. Barney, Joseph Smith Papers

*Ideology, Politics, and the Conditions for Violence in the Illinois of
Stephen Douglas and Joseph Smith*

Bryon Andreasen, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
& Museum

Comment: Glenna Schroeder-Lein, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

29. Coming to Terms with the Slave Power: Northern Responses to the Politics of Slavery

Chair: Marc Egnal, York University

Panelists:

Forgetting the Slave Power's Critical Victories

Robin Einhorn, University of California, Berkeley

Between Consent and Coercion: A New Look at Black Philadelphians'

Rejection of African Colonization

Andrew Diemer, Temple University

Natural Rights for Whites Only: How Northern Politics Retained and Remolded the Legacy of the Revolution

Frank Towers, University of Calgary

Comment: Mark Voss-Hubbard, Eastern Illinois University

30. Women and their Revolution(s)

Chair: Anne M. Boylan, University of Delaware

Panelists:

"What Would Washington Say?" Ordinary New England Women and the Revolutionary Imaginary in the Early Republic

Ron Zboray and Mary Zboray, University of Pittsburgh

Remember the Ladies

M. Susan Anthony, Depauw University

Rethinking the Seneca Falls Convention: Lucretia Mott in 1848

Carol Faulkner, Syracuse University

Comment: Anne M. Boylan



Session Seven

2:00-3:45 p.m.

31. The Revolutionary Legacy in the 1850s Writings of Melville, Douglass, and Delany

Chair: Susan Pearson, Northwestern University

Panelists:

"A Fraternal Melancholy": Melville's "Bartleby" and the Revolution in Social Relations in the Early Republic

Brian D. Steele, University of Alabama at Birmingham

David J. Voelker, University of Wisconsin–Green Bay

Frederick Douglass, Martin Delany, and the Romantic Refashioning of the American Revolution

Ethan Kyle, California State University, Fresno

Liberty or Death: The Revolutionary Legacy in Frederick Douglass's The Heroic Slave and Herman Melville's Benito Cereno

Daniel S. Malachuk, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities

Comment: Adam Tuchinsky, University of Southern Maine

**32. *Jeanne Boydston Memorial Session*
*Exploring Multiplicities, Embracing Messiness in the Early Republic: One Mentor, Many Paths***

Chair: Rob Harper, University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point

Panelists:

South Pacific Captivity: L. Maria Child's "Mary Howard" and the Construction of White Girlhood in Transnational Context

Kathryn Tomasek, Wheaton College, Massachusetts

Ascending the Santee: Understanding the Lowcountry Landscape, 1776-1827

Ryan A. Quintana, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Exchanging Names (Or, Mis-Translations and Desires among the "Republican Citizens" of "Madisonville"): Taiohae, Nukuhiva 1813

Hannah Nyala West, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Comment: Rob Harper

In recognition of Jeanne Boydston who served SHEAR in many capacities, including most recently as co-chair of the program committee for SHEAR's 2007 meeting in Worcester, Mass.



33. Archetypes in Print: Constructing Categories in the Early Republic

Chair: William Huntting Howell, University of Delaware

Panelists:

Categorization of Places and Peoples in the Global Geographic

Imagination of the Early American Republic

Konstantin Dierks, Indiana University

Constructing a Common Template: The Celebrated Print Careers of Benjamin Franklin, David Garrick and George Whitefield

Sara Babcox First, University of Michigan

I'll Picturesque It Everywhere: The Archetype of the Tourist in Satire, 1800-1860

Will Mackintosh, University of Michigan

Comment: William Huntting Howell

34. Unionism and Secession in the North

Chair: Stephanie Kermes, Boston University

Panelists:

"Our Pig is as Good as Scotch Pig": Republican Ascendancy in the Iron Regions of Ohio, 1855-1860

Christine Dee, Fitchburg State College

"Why will people be so blinded?" Dealing with Secession in the Central Ohio Valley

Timothy M. Jenness, University of Tennessee

Comment: Mark W. Summers, University of Kentucky

35. Crafting Identities: Gender, Power, and Reform

Chair: Edward E. Baptist, Cornell University

Panelists:

"Saviors of Many of Their Own Sex": Benevolence, Gender, and Power in Early National New York City

Amy M. Godfrey, Waubonsee Community College

Building Republican Manhood: Gendered Discipline in an Early United States Penitentiary

Jonathan Nash, University of Albany-SUNY

Working Women and Emerging Elite in the Early Imperial Pacific, 1763-1850

Evan Lampe, Endicott College

Comment: Edward E. Baptist

Presidential Address
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Hall of Representatives
Old State Capitol Historic Site

**Free Trade and Sailors' Rights: Commerce and Common Folk
in the Political Rhetoric of the Early Republic**
Paul R. Gilje, University of Oklahoma

Presidential Banquet
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Museum Plaza
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

SUNDAY, July 20

Session Eight

9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

36. Identity and Reputation on the Southern Frontier, 1780-1820

Chair: Mark Cheatham, Cumberland University

Panelists:

Without the "unrestrained use of the Mississippi . . . we shall be poor and oppressed": Markets and Liberal Rhetoric in Post-Revolutionary Kentucky

Susan Gaunt, University of Chicago

Cherokee and Chickasaw approaches to "Civilization," Commerce, & Slavery on the Southern Frontier, 1780-1820

Natalie Inman, Vanderbilt University

"My Reputation is to me my only treasure": John Sevier, the State of Franklin, and Political Evolution on the Tennessee Frontier, 1780-1790

Kristofer Ray, Austin Peay State University

Comment: Mark Cheatham, Cumberland University

**37. The Domestic Economy and Market Culture of Slavery and Freedom
in the Early United States, 1815-1860**

Chair: John Campbell, Winona State University

Panelists:

Economy, Law, and Social Organization among Upcountry South Carolina Slaves, 1815-1860

Erica Bruchko, Emory University

“Sugar Ball and Taffy Ladies”: African American Market Women in Antebellum Philadelphia

Candice Harrison, University of San Francisco

Urban Labor, Gender and the Domestic Economy of Black Household in the District of Columbia, 1820-1860

Katherine Chilton, Carnegie Mellon University

Comment: John Campbell

38. What Makes an Antebellum Democrat?

Chair: Kay J. Carr, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Panelists:

“The Land Belongs to the People”: Thomas Hart Benton’s Master Race Democracy

Ken Mueller, Ivy Tech Community College

Andrew Jackson, George Washington, and the Alteration of the Revolutionary Tradition

Tom Kanon, Tennessee State Library and Archives

The Constitutionalism of Stephen Douglas

Martin Quitt, Emeritus, University of Massachusetts Boston

Comment: Graham Peck, Saint Xavier University, Chicago

39. The Early Republic and the Development of the West

Chair: Gene Smith, Texas Christian University

Panelists:

The Bounds of Acceptability in the Early South: Zachary Estes and His Family, 1770-1850

Thomas Daniel Knight, University of Texas–Pan American

“Western Patriarchs”: Leadership, Identity, and Print in the Early Republic’s West

Christopher M. Osborne, University of Notre Dame

“Imitating the Example of our Forefathers”: The Texas Revolution as Historical Re-enactment

Sam W. Haynes, University of Texas at Arlington

Comment: Ellen Eslinger, DePaul University

40. The Legal Framework of the West and Its Operation

Chair: Linda C. A. Przybyszewski, University of Notre Dame

Panelists:

Democracy, Equality, and Representation in the Old Northwest: Capitals, Courts, Prisons, and Schools

Silvana R. Siddali, Saint Louis University

Making Bordered Lands: State, Market, and Border Formation at Detroit, 1783-1815

Lawrence B. A. Hatter, University of Virginia

Law Lectures and the Dissemination of Legal Ideas, 1800-1850

Steven J. Macias, California Western School of Law

Comment: David J. Bodenhamer, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Linda C. A. Przybyszewski

Session Nine

11:00 - 12:45 p.m.

41. Reconstructing Empire: Race and Power in the Post-Revolutionary Ohio Valley

Chair: Andrew Cayton, Miami University

Panelists:

A Tale of Two Treaties: The Fort Stanwix Cessions of 1768 and 1784

Robert M. Owens, Wichita State University

Surveyors and Informal Indian Diplomacy in Northwest Pennsylvania during the 1790s

Marcus Gallo, University of California Davis

“They Want to Do You Justice”: The Northwest Indian War as a Just War

Kristopher Maulden, University of Missouri

Comment: Andrew Cayton

42. Extralegal Violence and Rights in the Early Republic

Chair: John R. McKivigan, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Panelists:

Vigilantes, Criminal Justice, and Antebellum Cultural Conflict

Michael J. Pfeifer, The City University of New York

The Right to Violence: Dismissed Assault Cases and the Emergent Tolerance of Violence in New York Courts, 1801-1840

Joshua Stein, University of California at Los Angeles

Fighting for the Right to Speak: Lecturing against Slavery in the Old Northwest, 1830-1861

Dana Elizabeth Weiner, Wilfrid Laurier University

Comment: Christopher R. Waldrep, San Francisco State University

43. Middle-Class Identity and Social Mobility in the Antebellum South

Chair: Daniel Kilbride, John Carroll University

Panelists:

The Lie, the Duel, and the Middle Class: Honor and Social Mobility in the Antebellum South

Amanda R. Mushal, University of Virginia

The Value of a Profession in the Antebellum Emerging Southern Middle Class

Jennifer R. Green, Central Michigan University

“To Keep Her In The Station In Which She Was Raised”: Class Identity and Matrimony on the Plantation Frontier

Gary T. Edwards, Arkansas State University

Comment: Daniel Kilbride

44. Racism in the Republic

Chair: Robert P. Forbes, University of Connecticut, Torrington

Panelists:

Chipping Away at Racism in 1855 in the Illinois Legislature

Jane Ann Moore, The Lovejoy Society

Liberia and the Politics of Slavery during the Era of the Missouri Crisis

Eric Burin, University of North Dakota

“I Used to Think No Other Religion was Good Like Mine”: Roman Catholic Catechization Among Antebellum Slaves

Tammy K. Byron, University of Arkansas

Comment: Chandra Manning, Georgetown University

Robert P. Forbes

45. The Continuing Impact of the Enlightenment: American Politics, Science, and Religion

Chair: Stewart Winger, Illinois State University

Panelists:

“Apt emblem of our life”: Christian Laity and the Natural Sciences in the Early Republic

Lily Santoro, University of Delaware

Richard Hildreth (1807-1865) and a Whig Quest for a Philosophy of Democratic Reform

Richard P. Gildrie, Austin Peay State University

Comment: J. David Hoeveler, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee