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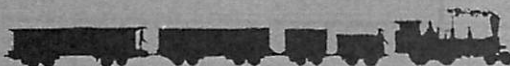


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On Friday, meeting participants will be transported by bus twenty miles and two centuries back down the Potomac to Gunston Hall, the home of George Mason, father of the Bill of Rights. Some sessions will be held in rooms of the 1755 home itself, and the superb formal gardens overlooking the river and scenic nature trails offer a chance between sessions to stroll quietly or to visit with friends. The day will be climaxed with an early national period banquet buffet, catered by Gadsby's Tavern, a favorite Alexandria hostelry frequently patronized by George Washington.

Conference housing at Thurston Hall dormitory of George Washington University, a lovingly restored Art Deco residence hotel with air conditioning, two blocks from a station of the Washington METRO system, gives access to all of the wonders of the nation's capital. For scholars, the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and the Smithsonian Institution's fine collections beckon. For all, the free museums of the Smithsonian, the city's many fine art galleries, the summer concerts at the Kennedy Center, the national monuments, the chance to visit the places where history was and is still being made, are nothing short of SHEAR opportunity. Or stay around after the end of Saturday morning's sessions and business meeting at the solar-energy powered Intercultural Center Galleria of Georgetown University, and take advantage of specially arranged tours of the United States Capitol or Mount Vernon.

The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, established in 1977, is a non-profit organization of professional and avocational historians interested in the encouragement of studies in the history of the United States for the period 1787-1850. Membership in the Society includes a subscription to the *Journal of the Early Republic*, published four times a year at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. Known familiarly as SHEAR, the organization has grown in less than a decade from a core group of eight at its organizational meeting in December of 1977 to over a thousand at the end of 1984. Annual meetings have been held at Annapolis, Urbana, Loudonville, Memphis, Waltham, and Indianapolis.

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## THURSDAY

JULY 25

2:00 - 9:00 p.m.

### Registration

Thurston Hall Lobby,  
George Washington University

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### Board Meeting

George Washington University

8:30 - 11:59 p.m.

### SHEAR Opening Reception

Thurston Hall Reception Rooms

Sponsored by George Washington University  
Featuring Tony Scott, guitar, and Connie  
Schulz, violin, in an evening of "Songs of the  
Early Republic"

## FRIDAY

JULY 26

All Friday sessions will take place at Gunston Hall.

7:30 a.m.

Buses leave Thurston Hall for  
Gunston Hall, Lorton, Virginia

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

### Registration

Gunston Hall Foyer

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

### Continental Breakfast, Meeting Room

Coffee, juice, sweet rolls (coffee will be  
available all day)

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

### Welcoming Remarks

CONSTANCE B. SCHULZ

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DONALD R. TAYLOR

*Executive Director, Gunston Hall*

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

### Plenary Session

Meeting Room

"Changing Concepts of Historical Restoration:  
Gunston Hall, 1860-1985"

BEN BROWN

*Architectural Historian*

*Former Gunston Hall Librarian*

10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

### A. Research Resources in Washington for the Early Republic: Where to Turn for Help

#### Chair:

CHARLENE BICKFORD, *Editor*,  
Documentary History of the First Federal  
Congress  
George Washington University

#### Panelists:

RICHARD BAKER,  
United States Senate Historical Office  
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VIRGINIA PURDY,  
National Archives  
BARBARA SMITH,  
Smithsonian Institution  
RAYMOND SMOCK,  
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United States House of Representatives

#### Comment:

Audience



**B. Frontier, Revival, and Reform***Chair:*

PETER ONUF,  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

*Papers:*

"Kentucky Evangelicals and the  
Temptations of the Gentry: The Logan  
County Revival"

—TED OWNBY, John Hopkins University

"The Social Origins of Religious Revival:  
Goshen, Connecticut in 1798-1799"

—RICHARD D. SHIELS,  
Ohio State University at Newark

*Comment:*

FREDRIKA TEUTE,  
Institute for Early American History and  
Culture

**C. Virginia Issues in the Early Republic***Chair:*

JON KUKLA,  
Virginia State Library

*Papers:*

"The Fate of Revolutionary Republicanism  
in Early National Virginia"

—KATHRYN R. MALONE,  
Pacific Lutheran University

"Geographical Mobility Among Virginia  
Veterans of the War of 1812"

—JAMES W. OBERLY, University of  
Wisconsin — Eau Claire

*Comment:*

LAWRENCE CRESS,  
Texas A&M

12:45 - 2:15 p.m.

LUNCH

2:15-4:15 p.m.

**D. Antislavery Historiography: The Last Twenty Years***Chair:*

LAWRENCE J. FRIEDMAN,  
Bowling Green State University

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ROBERT H. ABZUG,  
University of Texas at Austin

MERTON L. DILLON,  
Ohio State University

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Macalester College

DEBORAH BINGHAM VAN BROEKHOVEN,  
Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on  
Women, Brown University

*Comment:*

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**E. Jefferson's Foreign Policy Revisited***Chair:*

ROBERT M. MCCOLLEY,  
University of Illinois

*Papers:*

"The Monroe-Pinkney Treaty of 1806:  
A Reappraisal"

—DONALD R. HICKEY, Wayne State College

"The United States, Canada and the  
Embargo"

—CLIFFORD L. EGAN, University of Houston

*Comment:*

LAWRENCE KAPLAN,  
Kent State University

C. EDWARD SKEEN,  
Memphis State University

**F. Voluntary Associations and the Emerging Middle Class***Chair:*

DON HARRISON DOYLE,  
Vanderbilt University

*Paper:*

"From 'Self-Culture' to Bourgeois 'Culture':  
The Transformation of the Lyceum on the  
Mid-western Frontier"

—MARY K. CAYTON, Miami University

"The Antebellum Organizational Revolution  
and the Origins of Middle-Class  
Consciousness"

—JOHN S. GILKESON, JR., DePauw University

*Comment:*

DONALD M. SCOTT, Brown University

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Wine Reception**

**Gunston Hall Open House** sponsored by  
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**FRIDAY****JULY 26****7:00 - 9:00 p.m.****18th Century Banquet Buffet**

Presidential Address:

**BETTY FLADELAND,**

Southern Illinois University

"Revisionists vs. Abolitionists: The  
Historiographical Cold War of the 1930's  
and 1940's"

**SATURDAY****JULY 26**

*All Saturday Sessions will be at the Intercultural  
Center Galleria, Georgetown University.*

**8:00 - 8:45 a.m.****BREAKFAST**

Sponsored by Georgetown University  
Department of History

**8:45 - 10:45 a.m.****G. Federalism and the Common Law***Chair:*

R. KENT NEWMYER,  
University of Connecticut

*Papers:*

"The Broadest Grant of Federal  
Jurisdiction: The Judiciary Act of 1801 and  
the Death Rattle of the Federalists"  
—WYTHE W. HOLT, JR., School of Law,  
University of Alabama

"'We Have Clipped the Wings of the  
Legislatures': Article V on the Impairment  
of the Obligation of Contracts and State  
Economic Policy, 1789-1815"  
—STEVEN R. BOYD, University of Texas  
at San Antonio

"Federal Authority & the Criminal Law in  
the Early Republic"  
—KATHERYN PREYER, Wellesley College

*Comment:*

RICHARD ELLIS,  
SUNY at Buffalo  
SANDRA F. VanBURKLEO,  
Wayne State University

**SATURDAY****JULY 27****H. The Making of a Scientific Elite: The Case of  
American Astronomy***Chair:*

NATHAN REINGOLD,  
The Joseph Henry Papers, The Smithsonian  
Institution

*Papers:*

"Learning Astronomy: The Case of the  
Antebellum American Astronomers"  
—MARC ROTHENBERG, The Joseph Henry  
Papers, The Smithsonian Institution

"Problems of Professionalization:  
Antebellum Astronomers and Scientific  
Patrons"

—MARY ANN JAMES, Rutgers University

*Comment:*

BERNARD MERGEN,  
George Washington University

**I. Slavery Attacked and Defended***Chair:*

ALAN KRAUT,  
The American University

*Papers:*

"Schism: Non-Ideological Factors  
Underlying the Factionalization of the  
American Antislavery Movement"  
—JOHN R. McKIVIGAN, Frederick Douglass  
Papers, Yale University

"The 'Light of Nature and the Law of God':  
Michael Willis and the British Roots of  
Canadian Antislavery"

—ALLEN P. STOUFFER,  
St. Francis Xavier University

"The Coalescence of a Proslavery Ideology  
as a Response to Antislavery  
Constitutionalism"

—CHARLES K. PILKINGTON,  
Charlottesville, Virginia

*Comment:*

C. DUNCAN RICE,  
Hamilton College

11:00 - 12:45 p.m.

**J. Constitutional Issues in the New Republic***Chair:*

MARK TUSHNET, University Law Center,  
Georgetown University

*Papers:*

"The Twelfth Amendment and the Jeffersonian  
Revolution"

—BERNARD FRIEDMAN, Indiana University  
at Indianapolis

"George Mason, James Madison, and the  
'Original Meaning' of the Second Amendment  
to the Federal Constitution, 1787-1789"

—JOHN K. ROWLAND, Arlington, Virginia

"Pennsylvania Politics and the Federal  
Constitution: 1787-1791"

—OWEN S. IRELAND, SUNY at Brockport

*Comment:*

GEORGE DARGO  
New England School of Law

**K. Two Rural Americas: The Western Frontier and the Industrializing East***Chair:*

RICHARD BUSHMAN, University of Delaware

*Papers:*

"The Frontier Across Two Eras:  
Colonial to National"

—MARC HARRIS, Division of Research Services,  
Louisiana State University

"Ironie Industrialists: Rural Artisans and  
Transformation of Commerce in the Early  
Republic"

—DAVID P. JAFFEE, Georgetown University

*Comment:*

RICHARD BUSHMAN  
STEPHEN INNES,  
University of Virginia

**L. Studies in Migration: The Late Colonial and Early National Periods***Chair:*

RICHARD STECKEL,  
Department of Economics,  
Ohio State University

*Papers:*

"The Social Origins of Eighteenth Century  
German Immigrants"

—FARLEY GRUBB, Department of Economics  
University of Delaware

"The Politics of Frontier Migration:  
Kennebec County, Maine, 1790-1810"

—ALAN S. TAYLOR, Colby College

"The Character of British Immigration to  
the U.S., 1772-1812: Evidence from the  
Marshal's Returns of Enemy Aliens"

—HENRY A. GEMERY, Department of  
Economics, Colby College

*Comment:*

MARILYN BASELER,  
Harvard University

12:45 - 2:30 p.m.

**LUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING**

3:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**SHEAR Aftermath**

For those who would like an opportunity to see two of the most popular Washington tourist attractions without competing with the summer crowds, the local arrangements committee has made special arrangements for private tours, led by professional historians rather than by volunteer tour guides. Members of SHEAR and their families who wish to visit the United States Capitol, or Mount Vernon, are urged to register for the tour of their choice when sending in pre-registration information. Normal summer waiting periods to enter the house at Mount Vernon can be as long as two hours; regular summer tours of the Capitol are little more than a rapid walk-through of public areas. Each of these tours will be limited to the first twenty persons who register. The tours will be cancelled if fewer than 12 register.

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