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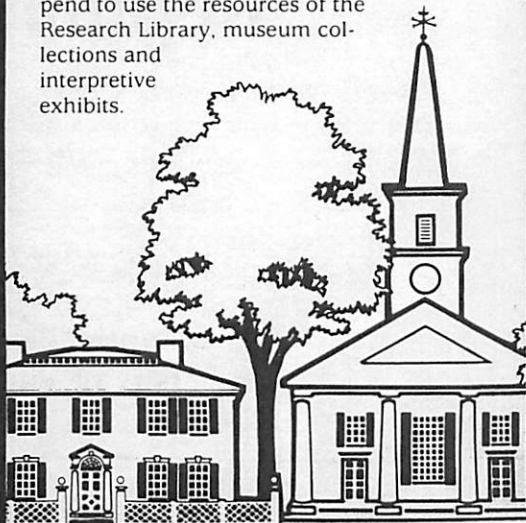
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## Eleventh Annual Meeting



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3:00-6:00 p.m.

**Arrival and Registration**  
South Lobby - Third Floor  
Newcomb Hall

4:00 p.m.

**Advisory Council Meeting**  
Board Room, Monticello

6:00 p.m.

**University of Virginia Reception**  
Colonnade Club Garden  
on the Lawn

8:00 p.m.

**Plenary Session**  
South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall  
**The American Revolutionary Tradition,  
With Some Account of Thomas Jefferson's Part**

*Presiding*

JOHN M. MURRIN, Princeton University

*Panelists*

RICHARD K. MATTHEWS, Lehigh University  
MARGARET WASHINGTON, Cornell  
University  
RALPH KETCHAM, Syracuse University  
LAWRENCE F. KOHL, University of Alabama  
JAN LEWIS, Rutgers University, Newark

*Comments*

The Audience

NO SHOW

9:00-10:30 a.m.

**1. Perspectives on the Second Party System**  
Peabody 105

*Chair:*

PHYLLIS F. FIELD, The Ohio University

*Papers:*

VERNON VOLPE, Kearney State College  
"Did the Liberty Party Elect James K. Polk in  
1844?"

KENNETH J. WINKLE, University of Nebraska  
"Social Foundations of the Second Party System:  
Springfield, Illinois, 1828-1848"

*Comment:*

PAUL H. BERGERON, University of Tennessee  
PHYLLIS F. FIELD

**2. Afro-American Realities and Visions**

Visitors Lounge, Newcomb Hall

*Chair:*

THOMAS J. DAVIS, State University of New York, Buffalo

*Papers:*

STEFAN BIELINSKI, New York State Museum  
"The Jacksons, the Lattimores, and the Schuylers:  
Three Albany Families and the Emergence of  
Blacks in Post-Revolutionary Society"

PHILLIP M. RICHARDS, Colgate University  
"Abolitionist Evangelism, Douglass's *Narrative*,  
and Delaney's *Blake*"

*Comment:*

WALDO E. MARTIN, University of Virginia,  
Charlottesville  
THOMAS J. DAVIS

**3. Religious Landscapes in Transition**

Peabody 106

*Chair:*

KENNETH H. WINN, Missouri Historical Society

*Papers:*

KERRY S. WALTERS, Gettysburg College

"Elihu Palmer and Militant Deism in the Early Republic"

PETER W. WILLIAMS, Miami University, Ohio

"Faith and Architecture: The Religious Landscape of the New Republic"

*Comment:*

ROBERT H. ABZUG, University of Texas, Austin

*Didn't come - Anne Rose replaced, read his comments*

10:30-11:00 a.m.

Coffee Break

South Lobby, Newcomb Hall

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**4. Kinship and Careers**

South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall

*Chair:*

PAUL FINKELMAN, State University of New York, Binghamton

*Papers:*

DANIEL FELLER, University of New Mexico

"Blacksheep Brother: Benjamin Tappan, Jacksonian Crusader"

ROBERT E. McGLONE, University of Hawaii, Manoa

"The Brown 'Connection': Kinship, Life-Cycle Transitions, and Commitment in the Family Orientation of 'Old John Brown' "

*Comment:*GLENDA RILEY, University of Northern Iowa  
PAUL FINKELMAN**5. The Meaning of Reading**

Peabody 105

*Chair:*

MARILYN H. PETTIT, New York University

*Papers:*

ISABELLE LEHUU, Cornell University

"Mammoth Sheets as Popular Reading in Antebellum America"

WILLIAM J. GILMORE-LEHNE, Stockton State College

"From a History of the Book to a History of Knowledge: Texts, Teaming, Reading, and Historical Impact"

*Comment:*

MARY K. CAYTON, Miami University, Ohio

**6. Black Migrations, Forced and "Invited"**

Peabody 106

*Chair:*

MARGARET WASHINGTON, Cornell University

*Papers:*

STEVEN DEYLE, Columbia University

"American Independence and the Rise of the Domestic Slave Trade"

JULIE WINCH, University of Massachusetts, Boston

" 'A Matter of Some Delicacy' — Lord Aberdeen and the Resettlement of American Free Blacks in the British West Indies, 1842-1844"

*Comment:*

WILLIAM H. PEASE, College of Charleston

7. **The United States Army in the Seminole Wars**  
Visitors Lounge, Newcomb Hall

*Chair:*

STEVEN WATTS, University of Missouri

*Papers:*

JEANNE T. HEIDLER, Salisbury State University

"The Regular Army in the First Seminole War"

DAVID COLES, State of Florida Archives

"The Military Frontier on the Caloosahatchee, 1838-1858"

*Comment:*

KATHRYN HOLLAND BRAUND, Auburn, AL

12:30-2:00 p.m.

**Lunch On Your Own**

2:00-5:00 p.m.

8. **Panic and Profit: Economic Attitudes in the Early Republic**  
Peabody 106

*Chair:*

JOSEPH ERNST, York University

*Papers:*

MARGARET E. NEWELL, University of Virginia

"The Culture of Economic Development in New England, 1783-1799"

J. DAVID LEHMAN, University of California, Los Angeles

"Political Economy and the Panic of 1819 in Philadelphia"

ROSALIND REMER BURNAM, University of California, Los Angeles

" 'Large Sales and Small Profits': Distribution, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship in Philadelphia Publishing, 1820-1830"

*Comment:*

MICHAEL A. BELLESILES, Emory University  
JOSEPH ERNST

9. **Three Antebellum Frontiers**  
South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall

*Chair:*

WILLARD C. KLUNDER, Wichita State University

*Papers:*

JEFFREY P. BROWN, New Mexico State University

"Governance in Two Frontiers: Winthrop Sargent, the Northwest Territory, and the Mississippi Territory"

J. CHRIS ARNDT, James Madison University

"Panic and Depression on the Urban Frontier: A Case Study of Bangor, Maine, 1835-1840"

KATHERINE H. RICHARDSON, Heritage Preservation Associates

"South Carolina Towns in Transition, 1780-1830"

*Comment:*

JOAN WELLS COWARD, Rutgers University, Camden

10. **Louisiana and the Law**

Peabody 105

*Chair:*

E. LEE SHEPARD, Virginia Historical Society

*Papers:*

MARK FERNANDEZ, College of William and Mary

"Courts and the 'Clash of Cultures,' 1803-1812"

WARREN M. BILLINGS, University of New Orleans

"Crimes and Punishment: Criminal Law in Louisiana"

ELIZABETH GASPARD, Louisiana State University

"Policing the Profession: Legal Ethics in Early Louisiana"

*Comment:*

SANDRA F. VanBURKLEO, Wayne State University



5:15 p.m.

Depart for special tours of  
Thomas Jefferson Exhibit  
and Monticello  
Newcomb Hall

6:00 p.m.

Reception  
Monticello

7:30 p.m.

Banquet and Presidential Address  
Ballroom, Newcomb Hall

SATURDAY

JULY 22

9:00-10:30 a.m.

11. Germans in the Promised Land  
Visitors Lounge, Newcomb Hall

*Chair:*

FREDERICK M. BINDER, The College of  
Staten Island, City University of New York

*Papers:*

A. G. ROEBER, University of Illinois, Chicago  
"Mr. Jefferson's Germans: The Evolution of  
German-American Legal and Political  
Understanding in Madison County, Virginia"

JURGEN HEIDEKING, German Historical  
Institute, Washington

"German Language Newspapers in the American  
Ratification Debate of 1787-88 and the Party  
Struggles of the 1790s"

*Comment:*

DALE T. KNOBEL, Texas A & M

SATURDAY

JULY 22

12. Moral Reform and Sectional Culture

Peabody 105

*Chair:*

THOMAS A. MASON, Indiana Historical  
Society

*Papers:*

DANIEL J. McINERNEY, Utah State University  
"The Costs of Liberty: The Abolitionist  
Argument on Political Economy"

DOUGLAS CARLSON, The Kings College  
"The Ideology of Southern Temperance"

*Comment:*

JOHN MAYFIELD, University of Baltimore

13. Rebellion in a "Free" Society

Peabody 106

*Chair:*

J. EDWIN HENDRICKS, Wake Forest  
University

*Papers:*

DAVID B. MATTERN, James Madison Papers,  
Charlottesville  
"The Individual as Actor and Symbol: Benjamin  
Lincoln and Shays' Rebellion"

EDWARD PEARSON, University of Wisconsin  
"Denmark Vesey and Black Culture in  
Antebellum Charleston"

*Comment:*

GRAHAM HODGES, Colgate University

10:30-11:00 a.m.

Coffee Break

South Lobby, Newcomb Hall

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**14. Rhetoric and Reality in Postwar Politics**

Peabody 106

*Chair:*

L. RAY GUNN, University of Utah

*Papers:*

CHRISTOPHER F. LEE, University of Wisconsin

"Forging a New Republic in Post-Revolutionary South Carolina"

CYNTHIA A. KIERNER, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

"The Decline of Republicanism in the Politics of New York"

*Comment:*

J. C. A. STAGG, University of Virginia

**15. Improving the Southern Culture and Environment**

Visitors Lounge, Newcomb Hall

*Chair:*

ROBERT F. JONES, Fordham University

*Papers:*

JOYCE E. CHAPLIN, Vanderbilt University

"Endemic Disease and Cultural Adaptation in the Early Lower South"

RONALD L. HATZENBUEHLER, Idaho State University

" 'Be Not Weary In Well-Doing:' Thomas Jefferson's Life Among the Virginia Gentry"

*Comment:*

DOUGLAS R. EGERTON, LeMoyné College

**16. Honor and Opportunity in the New Republic**

Peabody 105

*Chair:*

KERMIT HALL, University of Florida

*Paper:*

CHRISTOPHER NEIL FRITSCH, Temple University

"The First National Bankruptcy Act: A Study of Legal Development and Application, 1800-1803"

TIMOTHY SHANNON, Northwestern University

"The Ohio Company and the Meaning of Opportunity in America, 1786-1795"

*Comment:*

PETER S. ONUF, University of Virginia

**17. Reading Cultures**

South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall

*Chair:*

WILLIAM J. RORABAUGH, University of Washington

*Papers:*

ROBERT E. CRAY, Jr., Montclair State College

"The Process of Enshrinement: George Whitefield in the Public Consciousness, 1770-1850"

SCOTT C. MARTIN, University of Pittsburgh

"Don Quixote and Leatherstocking: Hunting as a Locus of Class and Sectional Anxiety"

*Comment:*

PAUL A. GILJE, University of Oklahoma

12:30-2:30 p.m.

**Luncheon and Business Meeting**  
Ballroom, Newcomb Hall

2:30-5:00

**18. Homes of the Heroes: The Challenges of Interpretation**

South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall

*Chair:*

DANIEL P. JORDAN, Monticello

*Presenters:*

GEORGE ANDERJACK, The Hermitage —  
Andrew Jackson home  
ALICE ELEY JONES, Stagville Preservation  
Center — Bennehan Family Plantation  
DAVID G. VANDERSTEL, Conner Prairie —  
William Conner home

*Comment:*

JOHN D. KRUGLER, Marquette University

**19. Politics and the Roots of Bad Feelings**

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*Chair:*JOHN A. ANDREW, Franklin and Marshall  
College*Papers:*

DAVID S. HEIDLER, Salisbury State University  
"Beyond 'Created Equal': The Dilemma of  
Southern Political Dissent in the Era of Good  
Feelings"

RUTH ALDEN DOAN, Hollins College  
"Conversion and Culture: William Capers,  
Methodism, and Proslavery"

MICHAEL A. MORRISON, University of  
Michigan  
" 'Milton's Devil': Territorial Expansion, Slavery  
Restriction, and the Sectionalization of  
Republican Ideology"

*Comment:*

FRED SOMKIN, Cornell University

**20. Trading With Dangerous Empires**

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*Chair:*THOMAS E. JEFFREY, Thomas Edison Papers,  
Rutgers*Papers:*

MERVIN B. WHEALY, Towson State University  
" 'We Are Not Out of Danger': American  
Commercial Relations with England,  
1783-1784"

DORON BEN-ATAR, Columbia University  
"From Nootka Sound to the XYZ: The Evolution  
of Jeffersonian Commercial Policy"

JACK CHATFIELD, Trinity College

"Connecticut Federalism and the Embargo: The  
Rhetoric and Politics of Conservative Dissent,  
1807-1809"

*Comment:*JOHN M. BELOHLAVEK, University of South  
Florida, Tampa

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