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## Program

Thursday

July 16

3:00-6:00 p.m.

Arrival and Registration

Lobby

Weidensall Hall

Gettysburg College

4:00 p.m.

Advisory Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.

### 1. Opening Plenary Session

Chair:

Daniel Feller, University of New Mexico

Edward Pessen, *"Jacksonian Enormities; Historians' Apologetics"*

Commentators:

Donald Cole, Professor Emeritus, Phillips Exeter

John Belohlavek, University of South Florida

Friday

July 17

9:00-11:00 a.m. sessions

### 2. Inculcating Virtue in the American Republic

Chair:

Anne C. Rose, Pennsylvania State University

*"Representative Men: Campaign Biographies and the Creation of American Political Culture, 1824-1860"*

Scott E. Casper, University of Nevada, Reno

*"Self-Reliance: Thomas Jefferson and the Inculcation of Modern Republican Virtue"*

Paul Rahe, University of Tulsa

Commentators:

Richard R. John, University of Illinois at Chicago

Anne C. Rose

### 3. Rural Labor in the Early Republic

Chair:

Thomas Dublin, State University of New York at Binghamton

*"Men, Women, and Work in an Agricultural Community: Austerlitz, N.Y., in the Early Republic"*

Martin Bruegel, Cornell University

*"William Otter, Plasterer: The Life and Work of a Rural Artisan in the Early Nineteenth-Century"*

Richard Stott, George Washington University

Commentators:

David P. Jaffee, City College of New York

Thomas Dublin

#### 4. 1789 and the Federal Government: Administrative and Judicial Expectations

##### Chair:

Robert F. Jones, Fordham University

*"Federalist Hopes and the Federal Judiciary"*

Steven R. Boyd, University of Texas at San Antonio

*"Seeking to Serve: Applicants for Office in the New Republic"*

Brooks D. Simpson, Arizona State University,

Jean Vance Berlin, Asst. Editor,

Correspondence of William T. Sherman

##### Commentator:

Dorothy Twohig, Co-Editor

Papers of George Washington

#### 5. Black Abolitionists in the Antebellum Era

##### Chair:

John McKivigan, West Virginia University

*"Massachusetts Abolitionists Document the Slave Experience"*

Robert Hall, Northeastern University

*"'There is a great work for you to do': The Significance of David Walker's Years in Denmark Vesey's Charleston"*

Peter Hinks, Associate Editor, Frederick Douglass Papers, Yale University

##### Commentators:

Mitchell Snay, Dennison University

John McKivigan

Lunch (on your own)

12:30-2:30 sessions

#### 6. Tensions in the Quest for White Southern Manhood

##### Chair:

Joan Cashin, Ohio State University

*"Masculinity, Friendship, and Religion among Antebellum Students at the University of North Carolina"*

Judith Ishkanian, University of California, Santa Barbara

*"Friendship, Intellectuality, and Mourning in Frontier Alabama: John W. Walker and Thomas George Percy, Planters"*

Bertram Wyatt-Brown, University of Florida

##### Commentators:

Walter Herbert, Professor of English, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas

David Leverenz, Professor of English, University of Florida

Orville Vernon Burton, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

#### 7. Political Culture, Political Reality: National Government and Local Politics in New England, 1790-1818

##### Chair:

Jack Chatfield, Trinity College

*"The Tribulations of Jeremiah Olney: Establishing the Federal Government in Providence, Rhode Island, 1790-1793"*

Frederick A.B. Dalzell, Harvard University

*"The 'Professionalization' of Connecticut Politics, 1798-1818"*

Jeffrey L. Pasley, Harvard University

##### Commentators:

Rosemarie Zaggarri, Catholic University

Jack Chatfield



## 8. Antebellum Appalachia: A Region in Formation

## Chair:

Harriet Amos Doss, University of Alabama at Birmingham

*"The Antebellum Economy of Southwestern North Carolina"*

Tyler Blethen and Curtis Woods, Western Carolina University

*"Antislavery Appalachia? Race and Racism in the Slaveholding Highlands"*

John Inscoc, University of Georgia

*"The Rise and Fall of North-Central West Virginia's Iron Industry, 1798-1868"*

Paul Salstrom and Judy Rodd, West Virginia University

## Commentators:

Michael Morrison, Purdue University  
Harriet Amos Doss

## 9. Gender and the Ideal of Purity: A Second Look at Antebellum Literature

## Chair:

William G. Shade, Lehigh University

*"'With All the Wild, Trembling, Rapturous Feelings of a Lover': Literary Men, Women, and Sexuality in Nineteenth-Century American Fiction"*

Laura McCall, Western State College, Colorado

*"'The Lady... May be Received in the Gentleman's Arms': Revisiting the Ideal of Purity in Antebellum Conduct Literature"*

C. Dallett Hemphill, Ursinus College, Pennsylvania

## Commentators:

Isabelle Lehuu, St. Michael's College

William G. Shade

3:00-5:00 sessions

## 10. Romantic Reform and Self-Transformation

## Chair:

Lori Ginzberg, Pennsylvania State University

*"A Republic of Women: The Hartford Female Seminary, 1823-1832"*

Joan D. Hedrick, Trinity College

*"Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison, and Self-Regeneration: Charisma and the Character of Abolitionist Leadership"*

James B. Stewart, Macalester College

## Commentator:

Lori Ginzberg

## 11. The Political Economy of Manufacturing

## Chair:

Mary Schweitzer, Villanova University

*"'To form a sort of a republic': E.I. du Pont and American Manufacturing"*

John C. Rumm, Papers of Joseph Henry, Smithsonian Institution

*"Tench Coxe, George Logan, and the Political Economy of Early America"*

Brian Greenberg, Monmouth College

## Commentators:

Steven Lubar, National Museum of American History

*has studied manners; morals from late 17th c. to late 19th c.*

## 12. Revolutionary America Looks at the Old World

## Chair:

Doron Ben-Atar, Yale University

*"The United States and the Muslim World"*

Robert J. Allison, Harvard University

*"A Case of Too Much Virtue: The Virginia Republican Critique of Revolutionary France, 1795-1805"*

Jeffrey W. Reed, Emory University

## Commentators:

Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, Emory University

Doron Ben-Atar

## 13. Gendered Connections: Kinship and Community in the Early Republic

## Chair:

Anne Boylan, University of Delaware

*"Women and Community in the New England Whalefishery, 1790-1860"*

Lisa Norling, University of Minnesota

*"'Many and Firm Ties': Kinship and Community in Southeastern Ohio, 1788-1850"*

Tamara G. Miller, Brandeis University

## Commentator:

Carol Lasser, Oberlin University

8:00

**Concert Schmucker Recital Hall  
Music of the Early Republic**

## Participants:

Elisabeth H. Null, Chair, Georgetown University

Robert B. Winans, Gettysburg College

Neely Bruce, Wesleyan University and Phyllis

Bruce, America Music/Theater Group

Arthur Schrader, Singing History

Constance B. Schulz, University of South Carolina  
and Friends

9:00-11:00 sessions

## 14. Religion and Schooling in Early National America

## Chair:

Frederick M. Binder, College of Staten Island, CUNY

*"The Raising up of Zion: Religion and Schooling in Cincinnati, 1800-1850"*

F. Michael Perko, Loyola University of Chicago

*"Yankees and Catholics: Religion and Education in Boston"*

James W. Sanders, College of Staten Island, CUNY

## Commentator:

Philip Gleason, University of Notre Dame

## 15. Whiggery and Reform in the Antebellum South

## Chair:

Lawrence Frederick Kohl, University of Alabama

*"'The People' versus 'The Spoilsmen': The Whig Party in Tennessee, 1836-1851"*

Jonathan M. Atkins, Berry College

*"The Activities of National and Regional Benevolent Societies in Antebellum Tuscaloosa County, Alabama"*

John Quist, University of Michigan

## Commentators:

Marc W. Kruman, Wayne State University

Lawrence Frederick Kohl

# 16. Crime, Punishment, and the Social Order in the Early Republic

## Chair:

William J. Rorabaugh, University of Washington

*"Freedom and Imprisonment: The African-American Presence in Walnut Street Prison"*

Leslie Partrick-Stamp, Bucknell University

*"Capital Punishment in Northern New England"*

Randolph Roth, Ohio State University

## Commentators:

Philip Schwarz, Virginia Commonwealth University

William J. Rorabaugh

# 17. The Fiscal Policy of the Madison Administration

## Chair:

John Larson, Purdue University

*"Financing the War of 1812: Were the Madison Administration's Loan Failures Genuine or Self-Imposed?"*

Edwin Perkins, University of Southern California

*"The Economic Education of William Findley: Banking and Finance, 1780-1820"*

Hans L. Eicholz, University of California at Los Angeles

## Commentators:

Mary Schweitzer, Villanova University

John Larson

**Lunch (on your own)**

1:00-3:00 sessions

# 18. Evangelical Protestantism on the American Frontier

## Chair:

Andrew Cayton, Miami University

*"James McGready, Father of the Great Revival"*

John T. Scott, Mercer University

*"Afro-American Church Membership on the Eighteenth-Century Kentucky Frontier"*

Ellen Eslinger, De Paul University

*"The Great Revival and the Law in Kentucky, 1792-1810"*

Christopher Waldrep, Eastern Illinois University

## Commentators:

John Boles, Rice University

Andrew Cayton

# 19. In Time With the Music: Yankee Doodle and Old Zip Coon Replaced in Time

## Chair:

Martha Burns, Brown University

*"SHEAR Yankee Doodle"*

Arthur Schrader, Singing History

*"Old Zip Coon May Be Older Than You Think: Precursors to Minstrelsy"*

Robert B. Winans, Gettysburg College

## Commentator:

John Mayfield, University of Baltimore

**20. Early American Political Economy in Transition**

*Chair:*

Harry Watson, University of North Carolina,  
Chapel Hill

*"Liberals and Republicans: The Paradox of Political  
Economy in Revolutionary New England"*

Margaret E. Newell, Ohio State University

*"Economic Crisis and the Loss of Mastery: The  
Panic of 1819 on the Cotton Frontier of Alabama"*

Daniel S. Dupre, University of North Carolina,  
Charlotte

*Commentators:*

Cathy Matson, University of Delaware

Harry Watson

**21. The Bard and the Bawd: High Brow/Low Brow in  
Print Culture of the Early Republic**

*Chair:*

Richard D. Brown, University of Connecticut

*"The Female Marine in an Era of Good Feelings:  
Seduction, Patriotism, and the Modern Personality"*

Daniel A. Cohen, Florida International University

*"Capturing the Bard: The American Publication of  
Shakespeare's Plays, 1822-1851"*

Rosalind Remer, Moravian College

*Commentators:*

Susan E. Klepp, Rider College

Richard D. Brown

3:30

**Annual Business Meeting**  
West Hall

6:00-7:15

**Reception**  
Gettysburg Hotel

7:30

**Banquet and Awards**  
Camalier Center  
Gettysburg College

*Presidential Address*

Lawrence S. Kaplan, Kent State University

*"The Monroe Doctrine and the Truman Doctrine:  
The Case of Greece"*

9:00-11:00 sessions

**22. Law and Policy in Early National Virginia**

*Chair:*

F. Thornton Miller, Southwest Missouri State  
University

*"Indian Foremothers" Race, Sex, Slavery, and  
Freedom in Early National Virginia"*

Peter Wallenstein, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and  
State University

*"Judicial Activism, the Common Law, and Emerging  
Notions of Popular Sovereignty: The Virginia Expe-  
rience, 1776-1830"*

J. Thomas Wren, University of Alabama in Huntsville

*Commentators:*

Ronald L. Hatzenbuehler, Idaho State University

F. Thornton Miller



### 23. Change and Continuity in Antebellum Calvinism

Chair:

David Hein, Department of Religion and Philosophy,  
Hood College

*"Footstoves to Church Stoves: Ritual, Rank, and  
Religious Culture in the New England Meetinghouse,  
1783-1830"*

Robert E. Cray, Jr., Montclair College

*"Migration, Settlement, and the Second Great Awak-  
ening in New York State, 1780-1860"*

Curtis D. Johnson, Mount Saint Mary's College

*"Rebuilding Jericho's Walls: Anti-evangelicalism  
among Antebellum Baptists"*

David L. Rowe, Middle Tennessee State University

Commentators:

Richard D. Shiels, Ohio State University, Newark  
David Hein

### 24. History of Medicine in the Early Republic

Chair:

Gail S. Murray, Rhodes College

*"A Most Dangerous Disease: Abigail Adams, Junior,  
and Breast Cancer"*

Edith B. Gelles, Institute for Research on Women and  
Gender, Stanford University

*"Dirt, Disease, and Disenchantment: The  
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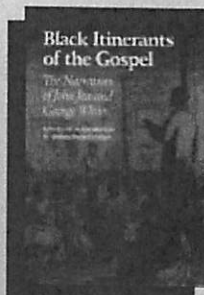
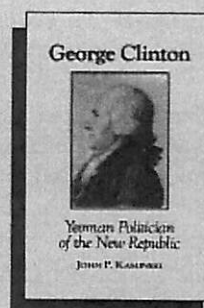
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