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PROGRAM

Thursday, 14 July

Registration, Gasson Hall, Honors Library

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Opening Session, Devlin 008

8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Chair: Lewis Perry, Vanderbilt University

Keynote: Mary Kelley, Dartmouth College
"Reading Women/Women Reading:
(Re)Constructing the House of Intellect in
Nineteenth-Century America"

Comments: Elizabeth Fox-Genovese,
Emory University
Mary Cayton, Miami University
Lewis Perry

Friday, 15 July

Book Exhibits, Gasson Hall, Honors Library
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration, Gasson Hall, Honors Library
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Session I

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Panel 1: Rethinking Framing Concepts
Devlin Hall, Room 117

Chair: Peter Onuf, University of Virginia
Papers: Peter Wallenstein, Virginia Polytechnic
Institute and State University
"Frontiers and Windfalls: The Significance
of the Frontier in the Early Republic"
John Lauritz Larson, Purdue University
"Liberals, Nationalists, and Republicans:
The Perils of Historical Taxonomy"

Comments: Major Wilson, University of
Memphis
Peter Onuf

**Panel 2: Between Frontier and City: Ohio Women,
1788-1860**

Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair: Martha Hodes, New York University
Papers: Marion Brown, University of Cincinnati
"Because I Was But a Woman: Genteel Iron
on the Ohio Frontier"
Suzanne M. DeBerry, Miami University
"In Search of Cincinnati's Women Workers,
1788-1860"

Comments: Joan Cashin, Ohio State University
Martha Hodes

**Panel 3: The Arts and Religious Life in
Antebellum New England**

Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair: Lawrence Buell, Harvard University
Papers: Martha Dennis Burns, Brown University
"Serving the Lord Through Song: Lowell
Mason's Boston Years"
Thomas E. Jenkins, Yale University
"The Character of God in the Print Culture
of Early Nineteenth-Century New England"

Comments: Anne M. Boylan, University of
Delaware
Lawrence Buell

Panel 4: George Washington: Pioneer Farmer
Devlin Hall, Room 112

Chair: Don Higginbotham, University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill
Papers: Terry Gibson, Mount Vernon Ladies
Association
"Agricultural Theory and Farming Reality at
Washington's Mount Vernon"
John P. Riley, Mount Vernon Ladies
Association
"Washington as Agricultural Revolutionary"

Comments: Frank Grizzard, Papers of George
Washington
Don Higginbotham

Session II

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Panel 5: Frontiers of the Union: Ideology and Race in American Policymaking, 1818-1823

Devlin Hall, Room 117

Chair: Lawrence S. Kaplan, Kent State University**Papers:** Michael S. Fitzgerald, Pikeville College"Opposition to the First Seminole War:
Partisan or Principled?"

Rubil Morales, Rutgers University

"Race, Republicanism, and Recognition:

The United States and the Creation of
Colombia, 1819-1822"

James E. Lewis, Jr., University of Virginia

"The American Neighborhood Redefined:

The Recognition Decision and the Monroe
Doctrine"**Comments:** Drew McCoy, Clark University
Lawrence S. Kaplan**Panel 6: Sociability, Gender, and Consumer Behavior in New England, 1790-1850**

Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair and**Comment:** Richard L. Bushman, Columbia
University**Papers:** Mitchell Snay, Denison University"Sensibility and Sociability in Late
Eighteenth-Century New England"

Catherine E. Kelly, Case Western University

"Fashioning Consumption in the
Countryside:Languages of Consumption in Provincial
New England, 1810-1850"Deborah Bingham Van Broekhoven, Ohio
Wesleyan University"The Political Economy of Benevolent
Fairs"**Panel 7: Class and Cultural Transformation in American Musical Life**

Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair and**Comment:** Ron Johnson, Georgetown
University**Presenter:** Elisabeth Null, Georgetown University**Papers:** Michael Broyles, University of Maryland-
Baltimore

"Mozart, America's First Waltz King"

David Hildebrand, University of Maryland-
Baltimore"Music and the Emerging Professional in the
New Republic"Katherine K. Preston, College of William &
Mary"What a Long, Strange Trip It's Been: The
1838-1840 American Concert Tours of Jane
Shirreff and John Wilson, British Vocal
Stars"

Session III

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Panel 8: The Republican Court

Devlin Hall, Room 117

Chair and**Comment:** Mary Kelley, Dartmouth College**Papers:** David Shields, The Citadel, and Fredrika
Teute, Institute of Early American History
and Culture"The Republican Court and the
Historiography of a Women's Domain in the
Public Sphere"Daphne O'Brien, North Carolina State
University"The First Congress, Polite Society, and
Courtship in New York City: the Case of
Margaret Lowther [Page]"

Susan Stabile, University of Delaware

"I Saw Great Fabius Come in State":
Philadelphia Women's Court Poetry in the
Age of Washington"

**Panel 9: Lone Star Rising: The Politics of
Expansion and Slavery in Jacksonian
America**

Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair: John M. Belohlavek, University of South
Florida

Papers: Lelia Roeckell, St. Peter's College,
University of Oxford
"Anglophobia and the Annexation of Texas"
Michael A. Morrison, Purdue University
"Bailie Peyton's Steer": Martin Van Buren,
the Democracy, and the Partisan Politics of
Annexation"
Jonathan M. Atkins, Berry College
"Texas or Disunion!": Tennessee Whigs and
the Expansion Issue"

Comments: Harvey J. Strum, Sage Junior
College
John M. Belohlavek

Panel 10: Abolitionism, Race, and Nationalism
Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair: James Stewart, Macalester College

Papers: Paul Teed, University of Connecticut
"Ours Is the Only Tongue in Which Liberty
Can Speak": Race and Romantic
Nationalism in Theodore Parker's Thought,
1840-1860"
Michael D. Pierson, Illinois State
University
"Separating Morality and Politics: The
Impact of the 1848 Buffalo Convention on
Antislavery Rhetoric"
Donald M. Jacobs, Northeastern University
"Malcolm X, David Walker, and William
Lloyd Garrison: The Struggle to Gain
Freedom by Any Means Necessary"

Comments: Jane Pease, College of Charleston
James Stewart

Board Meeting

Devlin Hall, Room 220

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Reception

Massachusetts Historical Society

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Concert

Devlin Hall, Room 008

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Host: Elisabeth Null, Georgetown University

Performances: Nurembega Harmony, Stephen A.
Marini, Wellesley College, Singing Master
"A Singing-School Concert: New England
Fugueing Tunes, Anthems, and Set-Pieces"
David Hildebrand, University of Maryland-Baltimore
"Genteel Music-Making in the New Republic"
Arthur Schrader, Singing History
"A Few Songs in Vogue with the Vulgar:
Boston, 1813"
Neely Bruce, Wesleyan University, and Phyllis Bruce,
American Voices
"Music During the Time of Thomas Cole:
Forgotten Landmarks (1826-1848)"

Saturday, 16 July

Book Exhibits, Gasson Hall, Honors
Library

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration, Gasson Hall, Honors Library

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Session IV

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Panel 11: Sovereignty and Sociability under the
Constitution and in the Courts

Devlin Hall, Room 117

Chair: Richard D. Brown, University of
Connecticut

Papers: Marc L. Harris, Pennsylvania State
University

"How Does the Sovereign Speak?:
Associationism and Popular Sovereignty in
the Early Republic"

David Thomas Konig, Washington
University in St. Louis

"The Jurisprudence of Sociability in the
Early Republic"

Comments: Herbert A. Johnson, University of
South Carolina
Richard D. Brown

Panel 12: Anti-Catholicism in Post-Revolutionary
New England

Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair: Joseph M. McCarthy, Suffolk University

Papers: Charles P. Hanson, University of
Nebraska-Kearney

"Papists in Disguise: Universalists and
Anti-Universalists in Early National New
England"

Francis D. Cogliano, La Sainte Union
College-University of Southampton

"How Would Our Fathers Have Stared: John
Thayer and the Decline of Anti-Popery in
New England"

Comments: Mark Hanley, Northeast Missouri
State University
Joseph M. McCarthy

Panel 13: Political Leadership in the New
Republic: The Strange Cases of Alexander
Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson

Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair: Herbert Sloan, Barnard College

Papers: Joanne Freeman, University of Virginia

"We Are All Cowards': Alexander Hamilton
and the Curious Logic of the Duel"

Robert M. S. McDonald, University of
North Carolina at Chapel Hill

"Thomas Jefferson's Reluctant Rise to
Republican Leadership"

Comments: Jan E. Lewis, Rutgers University,
Newark
Alan Taylor, Boston University

Panel 14: Exploring New York City's Public Markets: Urban Farming and Commercial Culture, 1820-1850

Devlin Hall, Room 112

Chair: Elizabeth Blackmar, Columbia University
Papers: Thomas D. Beal, State University of New York, Stony Brook
 "The Commercial Culture of New York City's Public Markets, 1820-1850"
 Louis P. Tremante, Iowa State University
 "Farms and Markets on the Urban Fringe: New York City, 1820-1850"

Comments: Graham Hodges, Colgate University
 Elizabeth Blackmar

Session V

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Panel 15: Financial Failure in the Early Republic
Devlin Hall, Room 117

Chair and

Comment: John Brooke, Tufts University
Papers: Barbara A. Mathews, Brown University
 A "Partial and Immoral" System: The American Bankruptcy Problem and Its Origins
 James M. Pearson, University of California-Los Angeles
 "Who Needed Soup?: An Analysis, New York's Humane Society Soup Lists, 1805-1816"
 Scott A. Sandage, Rutgers University
 "Early Credit Reporting and the American Language of Failure"

Panel 16: Gendered Modes of Religious Expression in Antebellum America
Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair: Julie Roy Jeffrey, Goucher College
Papers: June Namias, University of Alaska-Anchorage
 "Women as a Moral Force: Indian-White Relations in the Dakota War of 1862"
 Daria Donnelly, Boston University
 "The Naughty Girl Persona in Emily Dickinson's Religious Lyrics"
 Susan E. Gray, Arizona State University
 "'Hast thou not a controversy with us?' The Diaries of George Nelson and Arvilla Powers Smith, Missionaries to the Ottawa Indians, 1840-1845"

Comments: Susan M. Juster, University of Michigan
 Julie Roy Jeffrey

Panel 17: Representing America: Cultural Constructions of an American Self
Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair and

Comment: Charles Capper, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Papers: John Seelye, University of Florida
 "Monumental Trivia: The Iconography of Plymouth Rock"
 Michael A. Lofaro, University of Tennessee
 "Half-Horse, Half-Alligator, or Riproarious Shemale: Heroics and Gender in the Davy Crockett Almanacs"
 Ronald A. Bosco, State University of New York at Albany
 "Visionary Poetics and Nationalism in Ralph Waldo Emerson's 'Orientalist'"

Session VI
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Panel 18: Shaping History and Manipulating
Identity in the Early National Period

Devlin Hall, Room 112

Chair: Louis Tucker, Massachusetts Historical Society

Papers: Christopher D. Felker, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

"The Genealogy of Federalist

Antiquarianism: Thomas Robbins and the Formation of the Connecticut Historical Society"

Philip Gould, DePaul University

"The New Ebenezer Stone: Civic Virtue, the Puritan Fathers, and Early National Historiography"

Thomas Brown, University of Detroit Mercy

"John Pendleton Kennedy's Quodlibet and the Culture of Jacksonian Democracy"

Comment: William J. Gilmore, Stockton State College

Panel 19: Drawing the Boundaries of the Sacred:
Religion in American Culture

Devlin Hall, Room 117

Chair and

Comment: Stephen Marini, Wellesley College
Papers: Steven C. Bullock, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

"An Appearance of Sanctity: Masonry and Post-Revolutionary Religion"

Cathy Brekus, University of Chicago Divinity School

"Sounding the Midnight Cry: Female Preachers in the Millerite Movement"

Douglas M. Strong, Wesley Theological Seminary

"A Political Millennium: Evangelical Perfectionism and the Liberty Party"

Panel 20: Roundtable Discussion on "The Life
and Career of John Adams"

Devlin Hall, Room 010

Moderator: John Ferling, West Georgia College

Discussants: Joseph J. Ellis, Mount Holyoke College

Edith B. Gelles, Stanford University

Drew R. McCoy, Clark University

Richard A. Ryerson, Massachusetts Historical Society

Rosemarie Zagari, Catholic University of America

Business Meeting
Devlin Hall, Room 008
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Reception
Devlin Hall
Boston College Museum of Art
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Awards Dinner and Presidential Address
The Heights Room
of the
New Dining Facility
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

William Rorabaugh, University of Washington
"The Political Duel in the Early Republic: Burr V. Hamilton"

Sunday, 17 July

Book Exhibits, Gasson Hall, Honors
Library

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Session VII

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

Panel 21: Between God and Mammon: Faith and
Consumption in Virginia, 1790-1850

Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair and

Comment: Douglas Egerton, LeMoyne College

Papers: Douglas Ambrose, Hamilton College

"Proslavery Christianity in Early National
Virginia"

Joseph T. Rainer, College of William &
Mary

"Yankee Notions and Cavalier Consumers:
Peddlers and the Rituals of Consumption in
Antebellum Virginia"

Phillip Hamilton, Washington University

"Slavery and the Tuckers of Virginia:

Emancipation, Resignation, Justification"

Panel 22: Transformations of Labor and
Economics Through the Early Republic and
Jacksonian Responses

Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair and

Comment: Scott, Martin, Bowling Green State
University

Papers: Debra Meyers, University of Rochester

"The Evolution of the Labor Structure in
Maryland, 1634-1830"

James R. Karmel, State University of New
York at Buffalo

"Banks, Politics, and the Public Interest in
Early National Pennsylvania"

Pamela L. Baker, University of Illinois at
Chicago

"The Buffalo and New Orleans Road Bill,
Internal Improvement, and Jacksonian
Democracy"

Panel 23: Between Worlds: Witches, Warriors, and
Ethnologists in the Early Nineteenth
Century

Devlin Hall, Room 112

Chair and

Comment: Don Hickey, Wayne State College

Papers: Alfred A. Cave, University of Toledo

"The Failure of the Shawnee Prophet's
Witch Hunt"

Samuel J. Watson, Rice University

"So disastrous and unfortunate a contest":

U.S. Army Officers React to the Second
Seminole War"

Cheri Wolfe, University of Texas at San
Antonio

"Ethnologist on the Southern Frontier:

Gideon Linccum and the Choctaw Indians"

Session VIII

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Panel 24: Poverty and Partisanship in the Early
Urban Republic**

Devlin Hall, Room 010

Chair: Bill Pencak, Pennsylvania State University,
Ogantz**Papers:** Donna J. Rilling, University of
Pennsylvania"Notwithstanding his want of
funds"; Speculation and the Paradox of
Independence among Philadelphia Building
Artisans"

Michael Kaplan, New York University

"Tammany's B'hoys: Partisan Violence and
the Creation of a Popular Political Culture
in Antebellum New York City, 1834-1852"**Comments:** Richard John, University of Illinois at
Chicago
Bill Pencak**Panel 25: Tumultuous Lives in the Early Republic**

Devlin Hall, Room 026

Chair: Eugene Genovese, Georgia University
Center**Papers:** Junius P. Rodriguez, Eureka College"Ombudsman to Orleans: The Tumultuous
Career of Pennsylvanian George Thompson
Ross in the Territory of Orleans, 1803-
1816"

Robert E. Cray, Jr., Montclair State College

"Policing the Preacher: The Scandal Plagued
Career of John N. Maffitt, 1794-1850"**Comments:** Bruce Dorsey, University of
California, Santa Cruz
Eugene Genovese**Panel 26: Roundtable Discussion on The Early
Republic in the Classroom** (Note: This
panel is cosponsored by the Committee on
History in the Classroom, an affiliate of the
American Historical Association)

Devlin Hall, Room 112

Moderator: Robert Hall, Northeastern University**Discussants:** Lisa Lubow, University of Hartford

Lisa Null, Georgetown University

Mark Hilgendorf, Milton (MA) Academy

Winifred Rothenberg, Tufts University

John Anthony Scott, Independent Scholar