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Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

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"A Planter, a Planter, and a Nation of Farmers"

Richard E. Bushman, Columbia University

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THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1998

PLENARY SESSION

8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Public History and the Early Republic

Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

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Historical Park

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David Waldstreicher, Yale University

Antislavery Women and Nationalism

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CHAIR

James Brewer Stewart, Macalester College

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Beth Salerno, University of Minnesota
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Stacey Robertson, Bradley University
*Western Women and the Execution of John Brown:
Violence, Gender, and Nationalism*

COMMENTS

Laura McCall, Metropolitan State College of Denver
James Brewer Stewart

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Howard Rock, Florida International University

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Consciousness in Petersburg, Virginia*

Thomas Carney, West Virginia University
Artisan Republicanism: A Claim to Ownership

COMMENTS

James Watkinson, Library of Virginia
Howard Rock

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CHAIR

Robert Cray, Montclair State University

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Wayne Franklin, Northeastern University
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John Resch, University of New Hampshire
*Suffering Soldiers: Moral Sentiment, Political Culture,
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Sarah Purcell, Central Michigan University

Away from Home in the Early Republic

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Shirley Teresa Wajda, Kent State University

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Molly W. Berger, Case Western Reserve University
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Wendy Gamber, Indiana University
*Tarnished Labor: The Home, the Market, and
the Boardinghouse in Antebellum America*

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Scott C. Martin, Bowling Green State University
Shirley Teresa Wajda

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William J. Rorabaugh, University of Washington

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Reeve Huston, University of Arizona

*Land and Freedom: The New York Anti-Rent Wars and the
Constuction of Free Labor in Antebellum New York*

Jonathan Earle, University of Kansas

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Christopher Clark, University of Warwick

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Anya Jabour, University of Montana

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Jan Lewis

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Bridget Ford, University of California, Davis

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Randolph Scully, University of Pennsylvania

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John McKivigan, West Virginia University

Christopher Waldrep

Pennsylvania Radicalism in the 1790s

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Paul D. Newman, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

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Whitman H. Ridgway, University of Maryland

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Margaret McAleer, Library of Congress

*In Defense of Civil Society: Irish Radicals in Philadelphia
during the 1790s*

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Owen S. Ireland, State University of New York, Brockport

Paul D. Newman

James Monroe and John Quincy Adams: Restrained Nationalists

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Mary A. Giunta, National Historical Publication and
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William Earl Weeks, San Diego State University

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Lawrence Kaplan, Kent State University

J.C.A. Stagg, University of Virginia

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Sean Patrick Adams, University of Wisconsin, Madison
A Northern or Southern Prometheus: Virginia Bituminous versus Pennsylvania Anthracite Coal in the Early Republic

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Albrecht Koschnik, University of Virginia
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Marion Nelson Winship, University of Pennsylvania
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Andrew Robertson, University of California, Los Angeles

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Dickson D. Bruce, University of California, Irvine

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Anna M. Speicher, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

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Carol Lasser, Oberlin College
Abolitionist Appeals to Women: Gender and Rhetoric in the Early Writings of James Thome and Angelina Grimké

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Deborah Van Broekhoven, Ohio Wesleyan University
 Dickson D. Bruce

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Ruth Alden Doan, Hollins College

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Jonathan Sassi, College of Staten Island, City University of New York

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Mark G. Jaede, State University of New York at Buffalo
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Edward Tang, Colgate University
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Thomas J. Brown, University of South Carolina
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Mitchell Snay, Denison University
Drew Gilpin Faust

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Doron Ben-Atar, Fordham University

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Catherine Kelly, Case Western Reserve University
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David Hochfelder, Case Western Reserve University
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Adam Rothman, Columbia University
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Robert Forbes, Wesleyan University
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Chandos Brown, College of William and Mary

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David Brett Mizelle
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Robert F. Jones, Fordham University

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Samuel J. Watson, University of St. Thomas
*Travel and the Formation of American Nationalism:
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*"Not to spare one white skin alive, as this was the plan they
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 Black Atlantic*

Douglas Egerton, Le Moyne College
*"Why they did not preach up this thing":
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 Alan Galloway, Western Washington University

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Joyce Appleby, University of California, Los Angeles

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Robert McDonald, University of North Carolina,
 Chapel Hill
A Conditional Love: Jefferson as "Man of the People"
 Rosemarie Zagari, George Mason University
Romeo, Juliet, and the First Political Parties

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Cynthia A. Kierner, Univ. of North Carolina, Charlotte
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John L. Larson, Purdue University
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*"The Good of the Nation": Power and Democracy in
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Art and Culture in Early Nineteenth-Century America

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Paul Shackel, University of Maryland
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Hannah Geffert, Shepherd College
Peter Wallenstein, Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Peggy Russo, Penn State University at Mount Alto

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Taxation, Politics, and Economic
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University

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Andrew Shankman, Princeton University

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Marjoleine Kars, University of Maryland, Baltimore Co.

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Michael Vorenberg, State University of New York at
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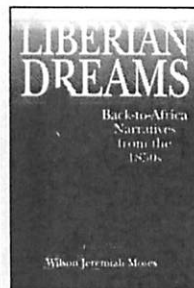
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