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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

Monday, July 12

10:00 am-5:00 pm Biography Writers' Workshop

Tuesday, July 13

10:00 am-2:30 pm Public History Workshop

Wednesday, July 14

10:00 am-12:00 pm Graduate Student Workshops
1:00-4:00 pm Second-Book Writer's Workshops
3:00 pm Grad Student Meet-n-Greet
6:00-7:30 pm President's Plenary
7:30-8:30 pm Plenary Reception

Thursday, July 15

9:00 am-12:45 pm Sessions
1:00-2:00pm Brown bag with the *JER* Editors
2:00-3:45 pm Sessions
4:00-5:45 pm Forum: Scholarly Orgs and Diversity
7:00-8:15 pm An Evening at the M*AR

Friday, July 16

8:30 am-12:15 pm Sessions
12:30-2:00 pm *JER* Editorial Board Meeting
12:30-2:00 pm Working Lunch Grad Studies during COVID
2:00-5:45 pm Sessions
7:00 pm SHEAR Awards Presentation
8:15 pm Anti-Temperance League

Saturday, July 17

7:30-9:00 am Boydston Women's *BYOBagel* Breakfast
9:00 am-12:45 pm Sessions
12:30-2:00 pm SHEAR Advisory Council Meeting
2:00-3:45 pm Sessions
4:00-5:30 pm Forum: SHEARites Confront Covid
5:30-6:00 pm SHEAR Business Meeting – open to all
7:00-8:00 pm Presidential Address
8:00-9:00 pm Closing Reception

* All times EDT.

LOCATION

SHEAR 2021 will be held fully online, streamed directly from our conference platform Pheedloop, using Zoom as our livestream provider. It should be reasonably straightforward, and a modestly successful simulacrum of an in-person meeting.

After you register for the conference

(<https://shear.ticketleap.com/2021-shear-annual-meeting/>) you will receive full details about using Pheedloop to present, attend breakout sessions and workshops, and meet colleagues at informal gatherings.



SOCIAL MEDIA

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SHEAR welcomes real-time social media posting and sharing during the conference. Presenters who do **NOT** wish for their content to be shared on social media should make an announcement at the start of the session.

Sessions have unique hashtags; these can be found in the program or the PheedLoop session. Please use the annual meeting hashtag plus the session hashtag (*e.g.*, #SHEAR 2021 #S1).

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Welcome to the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, our first virtual conference and the most ambitious in SHEAR's history. Four full days of events accessible via our conference platform, Phedloop, showcase not just this year's program, but also the 2020 program that was sidelined by COVID. Best of all, conference registration is free for SHEAR members and graduate

students (\$20 or less for everyone else)!

Drawing on presidential prerogative, I proclaim the theme of this year's conference to be rebirth. If you are reading this it means you've survived a truly terrible year full of unforeseen challenges. Congratulations, and condolences. Like the Brood X Cicadas providing our summer soundtrack, let us join together with optimism, enthusiasm, and new perspectives on the most important and fascinating period of America's past (and yes, Cicadas also do history. Maybe.)

Our annual conference couldn't happen without the year-round and largely invisible work of national conference coordinator, Robyn Lily Davis. She deserves particular thanks both for her heroic management of conference logistics over the past year and a half, and for handling the entirely new challenge of taking the conference online. Emily Conroy-Krutz and Vanessa Holden chaired the 2021 Program Committee (Michael Blaakman, Lori Daggar, Brian DeLay, Tamika Nunley, Emily Owens, Julie Reed, Whitney Stewart), and went above and beyond the normal duties of program chairs to bring you a full slate of remarkable programming during a very uncertain time. John Belohlavek and Nancy Isenberg chaired the 2020 Program Committee (Andrew Burstein, Richard Blackett, Mark Cheatham, Emily Conroy-Krutz, Lori J. Daggar, Andrew Frank,

Sarah Gronningsater, Vanessa Holden, Alexis McCrossen, Beverly Tomek, Elizabeth Varon) and also deserve our thanks for putting together a marvelous program just before the world turned upside down. Thanks as well to Executive Coordinator, Amy Baxter-Bellamy and the rest of the staff in the SHEAR office for keeping the organization running.

As has been our custom, we kick off the conference with writers' workshops. Given the popularity of these events, the isolation so many of us have recently experienced, and the flexibility provided by the online format, we've expanded the slate of workshops to encompass as many people as possible this year. Participants in the highly regarded Biography Workshop, organized by Craig Friend and featuring Lorri Glover, Caleb McDaniel, and Jeffrey C. Stewart, will meet Monday. An inaugural Public History Workshop, organized by Amanda B. Moniz and Sarah Jones Weicksel, takes place on Tuesday. Wednesday features the fifth annual, and much loved, Second-Book Writers Workshop, organized by Honor Sachs and Tom Balcerski and featuring Catherine E. Kelly, Jim Downs, and Serena Zabin as mentors, as well as an inaugural article workshop, "From Conference Paper to Journal Article," organized by the editors of the *Journal of the Early Republic*, Johann Neem and Andrew Shankman.

SHEAR has also expanded our offerings to graduate students. This year students and recent Ph.D.'s could choose from six Graduate Research Seminars led by leading historians. Seminar mentors include Vanessa Holden and Tamika Nunley on the History of Slavery, Elizabeth Ellis and Jeffrey Ostler on Indigenous History, Melanie Kitchel and Tamara Plakins Thornton on History of Science, Kate Carte and Ben Wright on Religious History, Eliga Gould and Rosemarie Zaggari on Transnational History, and Kabria Baumgartner and Sarah Knott on Women, Gender, and Sexuality. Students are also invited to two events organized by their peers, Evelyn Strobe of Cambridge University and Aaron Chin of the University of New Hampshire: a virtual meet & greet on Wednesday afternoon, and a working lunch on Friday focusing on "Navigating Graduate Studies during Covid."

Many thanks to the mentors who make these workshops and graduate seminars possible. Your generosity to the next generation of scholars is one of the hallmarks of SHEAR.

May 25, 2021, marked the one-year anniversary of George Floyd's murder by white police officer Derek Chauvin. Wednesday evening's Presidential Plenary acknowledges the historical significance of this event with a panel on Black Resistance in the Early American Republic. Other panels in this year's program addressing our particular historical moment include a roundtable on diversity, equity, and inclusion in scholarly organizations featuring members of SHEAR's newly formed D/E/I Committee, and a panel on SHEARites confronting COVID. Additional highlights include standout panels on Transnational History, Indigenous History, Practices of Democracy, on Public History, on Race in the Early Republic, on Women's History, Popular Sovereignty, the Underground Railroad, and Digital History, among others. It's a great program. Although the format may be unusual, the intellectual engagement and welcoming spirit that characterize the SHEAR conference remain unchanged. If possible, take the opportunity to introduce yourself to someone new, and be sure to let your colleagues know how happy you are to see them again.

Best wishes for a wonderful conference. And welcome back!

Amy S. Greenberg,
SHEAR President



ABOUT SHEAR

Established in 1977, the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic is an association of scholars dedicated to exploring events and meanings of United States history between 1776 and 1861.

SHEAR's mission is to foster the study of the early republican period among professional historians, students, and the general public. It upholds the highest intellectual standards of the historical profession and encourages the broad diffusion of historical insights through all appropriate channels, including schools, museums, libraries, electronic media, public programming, archives, and publications. SHEAR cherishes a democratic ethos in scholarship and cultivates close, respectful, and productive exchanges between serious scholars at every level of experience and recognition.

SHEAR membership is open to all. Most members are professional historians employed in colleges, universities, museums, and historical parks and agencies, as well as independent scholars and graduate students.

The ideas and institutions of the United States' founding era are part of the cultural legacy of every American. The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic seeks to enrich that legacy with the deepest insights of historical research, combined with a spirit of intellectual democracy best expressed in ongoing communication with the public. For more information, please visit www.shear.org.

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SHEAR PRIZES

SHEAR announces its 2021 awards on Friday, 16 July.

The SHEAR Book Prize is awarded to an original monograph published in the previous year that deals with the period 1776-1861 in America.

The James H. Broussard Best First Book Prize is awarded to the best monograph by a new author published in the previous calendar year and dealing with any aspect of the history of the early American republic.

The Mary Kelley prize in the History of Women, Gender, and Sexuality honors the best book published on the history of women, gender, or sexuality in the early American republic.

The James C. Bradford Biography Prize is awarded to the author of an original biography, broadly defined, of a person active during the early republic.

The Ralph D. Gray Article Prize honors the best original article published in the previous volume of the *JER*.

The SHEAR Dissertation Prize is presented in cooperation with Penn Press to an exceptional unpublished dissertation pertaining to the history of North America from 1776 to 1861.





Check out [The Panorama](#), the digital platform of *The Journal of the Early Republic* and a hub for the [@SHEARites](#) virtual community. It is a place for early Americanists to hold informal conversations of issues raised by the cutting-edge scholarship published in the *JER* and discussed at SHEAR.

Think of *The Panorama* as inhabiting the space between the freewheeling eclecticism of a traditional blog and the stately formalism of a traditional scholarly journal. Our conversations will be timely but not reactive. In this quiet corner of the early Americanist internet, we invite SHEAR's deep intellectual bench to let its hair down just a bit.

Our mission is to surround the scholarship in the *JER* with supplementary materials and related discussions, and to immerse readers in the process of researching, writing, and teaching the early American republic.

Over the last four years, these discussions have encompassed the pedagogical challenges and opportunities of teaching the latest research in the field; the research methodologies and archival techniques behind these new findings; and the moral, political, and philosophical imperatives of being a scholar of early America in the twenty-first century.

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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Biography Writers' Workshop, Monday 12 July. Three presenters will cover topics related to historical biography followed by breakout working groups that have read and will offer feedback on each other's projects.

Public History Workshop, Tuesday 13 July. Participants will learn about issues shaping public history as they discuss and receive feedback on their work from mentors working in public history settings.

Graduate Research Seminars, Wednesday 14 July. Continuing SHEAR's long tradition of mentoring graduate students, twelve senior scholars will lead six concurrent research seminars for advanced graduate students and recent graduates, devoted to different scholarly topics in the history of the early republic.

Second-Book Writers' Workshop, Wednesday 14 July. Four senior scholar mentors will each facilitate a workshop session for historians of the early American republic who are currently working on second book projects.

Graduate Student Meet-n-Greet, Wednesday 14 July. Graduate students will enjoy an informal virtual gathering beginning at 3:00 pm EDT.

President's Plenary, Wednesday 14 July. SHEAR's 42nd annual conference opens at 6:00 pm EDT with the President's Plenary.

Meet the *JER* Editors, Thursday 15 July: Johann Neem and Andy Shankman invite graduate students and early career scholars to meet for an informal brown bag lunchtime conversation.

Scholarly Organizations and Diversity, Thursday 15 July. Members of SHEAR's DEI committee, a founding member of

AAIHS, and a representative from WHA will discuss efforts to diversify membership and scholarship in organizations such as SHEAR.

An Evening at the Museum of the American Revolution, Thursday 15 July. Live from the galleries at M*AR, a behind-the-scenes tour of exhibitions, discoveries from the collection, and online interactive resources. 7:00-8:15 pm EDT.

JER Editorial Board Meeting, Friday 16 July. The *JER* editorial board meets at 12:30 pm EDT.

Working Lunch: Navigating Graduate Studies during COVID. A space for graduate students to share strategies for navigating the teaching, research, and writing obligations of grad school during a global pandemic and to brainstorm about next steps as archives begin to open. 12:30 to 2:00 pm EDT.

Awards Program, Friday 16 July. The SHEAR awards program for 2020 and 2021 will begin at 7:00 pm.

SHEAR Anti-Temperance League, Friday 16 July. The League will have its annual gathering beginning at 8:30 pm EDT and ending ... whenever. Join us to remember departed colleagues, celebrate our achievements and laugh/kvetch about life.

Boydston Women's Breakfast, Saturday 17 July. *BYOB*agel. The women of SHEAR will gather online from 7:30 to 9:00 am EDT for their twelfth annual breakfast.

Forum: SHEARites Confront COVID, Saturday 17 July. An exploration of how the work of journals, presses, research institutions, and universities has changed during COVID, and a wide-ranging discussion of their responses to the crisis. 4:00 to 5:30 EDT.

SHEAR Advisory Council, Saturday 17 July. The Advisory Council meets at 12:30 pm EDT.

Business Meeting, Saturday 17 July. Join us at SHEAR's business meeting, 5:30 pm EDT, open to all.

Presidential Address, Saturday 17 July. The 2021 presidential address begins at 7:00 pm EDT. President Amy Greenberg will discuss "Cuba and the Failure of Manifest Destiny."

From Conference Paper to Journal Article Workshop, 26 July. The *JER* editors and peers will meet online to discuss feedback and plans for revising conference papers into publishable journal articles.



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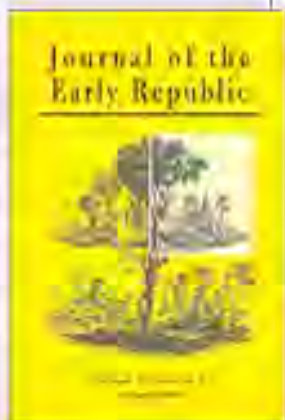
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BIOGRAPHY WRITERS' WORKSHOP

The Second Annual SHEAR Biography Writers' Workshop is Monday, 12 July. Three presenters will cover topics related to historical biography, followed by breakout working groups that have read and will offer feedback on each other's projects.

PRESENTERS:

Lorri Glover, Saint Louis University

Caleb McDaniel, Rice University

Jeffrey C. Stewart, University of California at Santa Barbara

PARTICIPANTS:

Steven C. Bullock, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Meghan Callahan, Syracuse University London

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Julie Holcomb, Baylor University

Brenna Holland, American Philosophical Society

Robert Imholt, Albertus Magnus College

Martha J. King, Princeton University

Adam Laats, Binghamton University

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BIOGRAPHY WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Sara Lampert, University of South Dakota

Belle Long, independent scholar

Ben Lyons, independent scholar

Kristopher Maulden, Yeshiva Tiferes Torah Boca Raton

Catherine McNeur, Portland State University

R. Isabela Morales, Princeton University

Amanda Moniz, Smithsonian Institution National Museum of American History

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The inaugural Public History Workshop is Tuesday, 13 July. Participants will learn about issues shaping public history as they discuss and receive feedback on their work from mentors working in public history settings.

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Hilary Miller, Pennsylvania State University and SHEAR Social Media Coordinator

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SECOND-BOOK WRITERS' WORKSHOP

SHEAR is pleased to host the 5th annual Second-Book Writers' Workshop on Wednesday 14 July. Senior scholar mentors will each facilitate a workshop session for mid-career historians of the early American republic who are currently working on book projects.

MENTOR: Catherine E. Kelly, Omohundro Institute

- Joanna Cohen, Queen Mary University of London
- Matthew Crow, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Eric Herschtal, University of Utah
- Ann Ostendorf, Gonzaga University
- Susan Stanfield, University of Texas, El Paso
- Ryan Hall, Colgate University

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- Seth Archer, Utah State University
- Rana Hogarth, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
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- Kim Welch, Vanderbilt University



GRADUATE RESEARCH SEMINARS

SHEAR is pleased once again to sponsor graduate seminars that bring together early career scholars and senior figures to discuss common research interests. It is our hope that these seminars will foster intellectual exchange and mentoring, while allowing graduate students to meet others working on similar topics. All participants are enrolled in a graduate program or possess an academic year 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 degree.

History of Slavery, led by Vanessa Holden (University of Kentucky) and Tamika Nunley (Cornell University)

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- Derek Litvak, University of Maryland
- J.P. Fetherston, University of Maryland
- Kendra Amiee Kennedy, University of Utah
- Yevan Terrien, Drexel University
- Candice D. Lyons, University of Texas at Austin
- Amber Neal, University of Georgia

Indigenous History, led by Elizabeth Ellis (New York University) and Jeffrey Ostler University of Oregon)

- Keely Smith, Princeton University
- Katie E Duckworth, UNC Greensboro
- Michael Albani, Michigan State University
- Alison Russel, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- John Wendt, Texas A&M
- Ryan Bachman, University of Delaware
- Patricia Dawson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

History of Science, led by Melanie Kiechle (Virginia Tech) and Tamara Plakins Thornton (SUNY at Buffalo)

- Gustave Lester, Harvard University
- Elizabeth Root, University of Oklahoma

Religious History, led by Kate Carte (Southern Methodist University) and Ben Wright (University of Texas, Dallas)

- J. T. Jamieson, University of California, Berkeley
- Elliott Cramer, Yale University
- Michael Baysa, Princeton University
- Minami Nishioka, University of Tennessee

Transnational History, led by Eliga Gould (University of New Hampshire) and Rosemarie Zagarrí (George Mason University)

- Nora Lessersohn, University College London
- Helena Yoo Roth, CUNY Graduate Center
- Katrina Ponti, University of Rochester
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- Andrew Nelson, Western Washington
- Heesoo Cho, Washington University in St. Louis
- Zachary Deibel, Binghamton University
- Patrice Dallaire, Laval University and University of Paris
- Cody Nager, CUNY Grad Center

Women, Gender, and Sexuality, led by Kabria Baumgartner (Northeastern University) and Sarah Knott (University of Indiana)

- Emily Wells, William and Mary
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- JER EDITORS:** Johann Neem, Western Washington University
Andrew Shankman, Rutgers University – Camden
- PARTICIPANTS:** Adam Costanzo, Texas A&M University
Robyn Lily Davis, Millersville University
Alexi Garrett, Institute for Thomas Paine Studies
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 14 6:00–7:30 PM EDT

1 • **PRESIDENT’S PLENARY • BLACK RESISTANCE IN THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC**

#SHEAR2021 #S1

WELCOME • Amy Greenberg, Penn State University
Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State
Vanessa Holden, University of Kentucky

PRESIDING • Vanessa Holden

PANELISTS • Chris Bonner, University of Maryland
Kellie Carter Jackson, Wellesley College
Martha Jones, Johns Hopkins University
Manisha Sinha, University of Connecticut
Jonathan Wells, University of Michigan

COMMENT • the Audience

THURSDAY, JULY 15 9:00–10:45 AM EDT

2 • **NEW PERSPECTIVES ON CATHOLICS AND ANTI-CATHOLICISM IN AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE**

#SHEAR2021 #S2

PRESIDING • Kara M. French, Salisbury University

Anti-Catholicism and Gender Disorder on the 1830s Stage; or, How Love Conquered a Convent

Sarah E. Lampert, University of South Dakota

The Economic Origins of Anti-Immigrant Rioting in America

Luke Ritter, New Mexico Highlands University

Mass Demonstrations: Catholic Rituals as Political Theatre at the End of the Napoleonic Wars

Mitchell Edward Oxford, William and Mary

COMMENT • Kara M. French

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**3 • CONTESTING TIME IN ANTEBELLUM DOMESTICITY,
PROPERTY, AND TECHNOLOGY**
#SHEAR2021 #S3

PRESIDING • Jennifer Black, Misericordia University

Antebellum Slavery, Abolition, and the Law's Clock

Justin Clark, Nanyang Technological University

Telegraphic Time: Instants in Sequence

Thomas Allen, University of Ottawa

*The True Woman: A National Symbolic of Antebellum
America*

Charlotte Hand, University of Oxford

COMMENT • Kevin Birth, Queens College

**4 • IN THE WAKE: AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES AND
EMANCIPATION STRUGGLES IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
#SHEAR2021 #S4

PRESIDING • Tamika Nunley, Oberlin College

*Laudable Exertions: The Transitions to a Politics of
Citizenship in Providence, Rhode Island's Free Black
Community*

Kevin Vrevich, Wesleyan University

*The Afterlife of Reproductive Slavery in Vincennes,
Indiana, 1816-1830*

Bridgett Williams-Searle, College of Saint Rose

*"An intire tax": Enslaved Community and Resistance in
the Early Republic's Great Dismal Swamp*

Marcus P. Nevius, University of Rhode Island

COMMENT • Tamika Nunley

THURSDAY, JULY 15 9:00–10:45 AM EDT

5 • ROUNDTABLE: THE PROBLEM OF “ISMS”: DEMOCRACY AND ITS MYTHS

#SHEAR2021 #S5

PRESIDING • Nancy Isenberg, Louisiana State University

PANELISTS • Eliga Gould, University of New Hampshire
Nicholas Guyatt, University of Cambridge
Reeve Huston, Duke University
Laurel Clark Shire, Western University

COMMENT • the Audience

6 • GEOGRAPHY LESSONS: SPATIAL THINKING BEYOND THE MAP

#SHEAR2021 #S6

PRESIDING • Christopher Apap, Oakland University

Routes to the Pacific: Terraqueous Mobility Geographic Imagination, and American Westward Expansion, 1776-1846

Sean Fraga, University of Southern California

Beyond the Classroom: Reconstructing the Spatial Imaginations of Girls in the Early Republic

Emily Wells, University of William and Mary

How to Think about Human Difference: The Antipodes in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century American Spatial Imagination

Tamara Plakins Thornton, SUNY, Buffalo

COMMENT • Christopher Apap

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- 7 • **RE-CONTEXTUALIZING THE AMERICAN WEST:
HEMISPHERIC, ATLANTIC, GLOBAL**
#SHEAR2021 #S7

PRESIDING • Honor Sachs, University of Colorado Boulder

*The Pacific Ocean in the Atlantic World: How
Transatlantic Print Culture Shaped Pacific Knowledge,
1760-1820*

Heesoo Cho, Washington University in St. Louis
*“To Diminish the Seeds & Sources of Danger”: Saint
Domingue and the Louisiana Purchase*

Joseph Ross, University of Missouri
*Hemispheric Slave Revolts, Cuba, and the Evolution of
U.S. Expansionism, 1820-1835*

Nicholas DiPucchio, Saint Louis University

COMMENT • Honor Sachs

THURSDAY, JULY 15 11:00AM–12:45 PM EDT

- 8 • **SLAVERY AND THE PROCESS OF EMANCIPATION IN NEW
ENGLAND**
#SHEAR2021 #S8

PRESIDING • Jared Ross Hardesty, Western Washington
University

*Making the Case for Freedom in Revolutionary
Massachusetts: Black Activists, Bound Families
and the Arguments for Abolition*
Gloria McCahon Whiting, University of Wisconsin,
Madison

Gender, Race, and Labor in 18th Century Massachusetts
Felicia Y. Thomas, Morgan State University

*Liberty’s Daughters? : African American Women and
Gradual Emancipation in Early Republic New England*
Jerrad P. Pacatte, Rutgers University

COMMENT • Jared Ross Hardesty

THURSDAY, JULY 15 11:00AM–12:45 PM EDT

**9 • REASSESSING POLITICAL COMMUNICATIONS IN THE
EARLY REPUBLIC**
#SHEAR2021 #S9

PRESIDING • Joseph M. Adelman, Framingham State University

*Committees and the Politics of Information in the
American Revolution*

Catherine Treesh, Yale University

*The Democratic- Republican Societies and the Print Media
in 1790s America*

Michelle Orinel, Southern Utah University

Ignorance of Law in a Federal Republic

Grace Mallon, Oxford University

COMMENT • Joseph M. Adelman

10 • STATE POWER AND STATE BOUNDARIES
#SHEAR2021 #S10

PRESIDING • Jane Calvert, University of Kentucky

*The Founders and the Problem of Monopoly: The Making
of an American Tradition?*

Richard R. John, Columbia University

Patrick Henry and the Crisis of Union that Died in 1799

John A. Ragosta, Robert H. Smith International

Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello

*Historical Literacy's Highest Stakes: The Early Republic
and the Citizenship Test*

Glen Olson, Immigration Institute of the Bay Area

COMMENT • Peter Onuf

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11 • TRAVEL, TRADE, AND FAITH: U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE OTTOMAN WORLD IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC
#SHEAR2021 #S11

PRESIDING • Ussama Makdisi, Rice University

Unholy Lands: Early American Constructions of “Turkish Tyranny”

Dane Morrison, Salem State University

Overcoming “an exceeding antipathy to Republicans in general and Americans in particular:” Early American challenges at Negotiating an Ottoman Trade Agreement, 1811-1830

Maureen Santelli, Northern Virginia C.C.

“Negotiating Faith and Empire: The Navy’s Holy Land Expedition and U.S. Relations with the Ottoman World, 1847-1848”

Michael Verney, Drury University

COMMENT • The Audience

12 • TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS IN THE EARLY AMERICAN WEST
#SHEAR2021 #S12

PRESIDING • Julia Lewandoski, Cal State, San Marcos

Wood Scarcity, Intergroup Conflict, and Technological Transfer in the Great Basin, 1840s-1850s

Sophie FitzMaurice, UC, Berkeley

Steam Technology, Native Labor, and Maritime Mobility in the Pacific Northwest, 1846–1860

Sean Fraga, University of Southern California

Natural Knowledge, Geopolitics, and the 1806 American Survey of the 33rd Parallel

Jackson Pearson, Texas Christian University

Indigenous Peoples’ Adaptations of early Firearms on the Northern Plains and the Subarctic

Roland Bohr, University of Winnipeg

THURSDAY, JULY 15 11:00AM–12:45 PM EDT

COMMENT • Julia Lewandoski

13 • LOYALISTS AND THEIR LEGACY

#SHEAR2021 #S13

PRESIDING • Benjamin L. Carp, Brooklyn College, CUNY

Plagiarism and the Patriotic Uses of Loyalist History

Eileen Ka-May Cheng, Sarah Lawrence College

The Politics of Prison: Loyalists, Criminals, and Profit in the Revolution's Copper Mine Prison

David Thomas, Pierce College Fort Steilacoom

Beheading King George III: Revolutionary Monument Removal in American History Museums

J. Patrick Mullins, Marquette University

COMMENT • Edward Larkin, University of Delaware &
Benjamin L. Carp

THURSDAY, JULY 15 2:00–3:45 PM EDT

14 • ROUNDTABLE: THE COLOR OF JUSTICE: A ROUNDTABLE
ON RACE AND RIGHTS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC

#SHEAR2021 #S14

PRESIDING • Sally Hadden, Western Michigan University

PANELISTS • *Martin R. Delany and the Promise of Equality*

Desmond Jagmohan, UC, Berkeley

*So Sayeth the Slave Driver: The White 'Eyewitness'
and Fear of Black Testimony in Proslavery Novels*

Nicole Mansfield Wright, University of
Colorado at Boulder

*Legal Learning through Slave Courts: Developing
Racialized Legal Knowledge in the Eighteenth
Century*

Geneva Smith, Princeton University

*Black Legal Rights and the Contested Origins of
the 1793 Fugitive Slave Law*

Evan Turiano, The Graduate Center, CUNY

THURSDAY, JULY 15 2:00–3:45 PM EDT

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**15 • CREATING PROTESTANT SAINTS: FEMALE ICONS IN
PRINT AND MATERIAL CULTURE**

#SHEAR2021 #S15

PRESIDING • Mary Kupiec Cayton, Ohio State University

*“Allure them into the Paths of Piety”: Constructions of
Sainly Girlhood in Protestant Children’s Memoirs*

Elise Leal, Whitworth University

*Stuff of Saints: Personal Missionary Material Culture at
Home and Abroad*

Christopher Allison, University of Chicago

*Martyrs, Mothers, Teachers, and Preachers: The Many
and Varied Heroines of Foreign Missions*

Ashley E. Moreshead, University of Central Florida

COMMENT • Lucia McMahon, William Paterson University
Mary Kupiec Cayton

**16 • ROUNDTABLE: SOURCES, METHODS,
INTERPRETATIONS - DIGITAL HUMANITIES AND EARLY
AMERICAN ARCHIVES**

#SHEAR2021 #S16

PRESIDING • Amanda Moniz, Smithsonian Institution

PANELISTS • Benjamin Bankhurst, Shepherd University,
Maryland Loyalism Project

Sabrina Bocanegra, American Philosophical
Society, *Revolutionary City: A Portal to the
Nation’s Founding*

Peter J. Kastor, Washington University in St. Louis,
*Computational Jefferson: the Familiar Corpus as
Innovative Digital Text*

Bayard Miller, American Philosophical Society,
*Revolutionary City: A Portal to the Nation’s
Founding*

Kyle Roberts, American Philosophical Society,
Maryland Loyalism Project

COMMENT • the Audience

THURSDAY, JULY 15 2:00–3:45 PM EDT

**17 • ROUNDTABLE: LIBERTY’S DAUGHTERS AND WOMEN OF
THE REPUBLIC AT 40: THE PAST, PRESENT, AND
FUTURE OF REVOLUTIONARY WOMEN’S HISTORY**
#SHEAR2021 #S17

CHAIRS • Mary Beth Norton, Cornell University &
Linda Kerber, University of Iowa

PRESIDING • Charlene Boyer Lewis, Kalamazoo College

PANELISTS • Jacqueline Beatty, York College of Pennsylvania
Lauren Duval, University of Oklahoma
Maeve Kane, University of Albany, SUNY
Adam McNeil, Rutgers University

COMMENT • the Audience

**18 • ROUNDTABLE: RETHINKING THE FEDERALIST PARTY:
PLACING EARLY AMERICAN POLITICS IN GLOBAL
PERSPECTIVE**
#SHEAR2021 #S18

PRESIDING • Ronald Angelo Johnson, Baylor University

PANELISTS • *A Curious Convergence: Federalist and Jacobin
Conceptions of Democratic Government*
Katlyn Carter, University of Notre Dame
*Copyright Considered: Partisan Literary
Properties in the 1790s*
Nora Slonimsky, Iona College
*Peter Porcupine’s Long Strange Trip: William
Cobbett’s Journey from High Federalism to British
Radicalism*
David Houpt, UNC, Wilmington
*Black but not Jacobins? Federalists and Haitian
Independence*
Asaf Almog, University of Virginia
*Neutrality and the Federalist Party’s Politics of
Slavery*
Wendy Wong Schirmer, Temple University

COMMENT • Philipp Ziesche, Yale University

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**19 • THE EXTRATERRITORIAL EARLY REPUBLIC:
CONSULATES, DIPLOMACY, AND THE STATE IN THE AGE
OF REVOLUTIONS (1786-1815)**

#SHEAR2021 #S19

PRESIDING • Simeon Simeonov, Brown University

Unsung Ambassadors: American Women in Europe

Katrina Ponti, University of Rochester

American Families in the Mediterranean, 1790-1810

Lawrence Peskin, Morgan State University

*The Consuls' Independence: How Consuls Negotiated the
Meaning of American Sovereignty (1776-1789)*

Simeon Simeonov, Brown University

COMMENT • Nicole M. Phelps, University of Vermont

THURSDAY, JULY 15 4:00–5:45 PM EDT

20 • SCHOLARLY ORGANIZATIONS AND DIVERSITY

#SHEAR2021 #S20

PRESIDING • Amy Greenberg, Pennsylvania State University

PANELISTS • Ashley Farmer, University of Texas, Austin

Cassandra Good, Marymount University

Ryan Quintana, Wellesley College

Virginia Scharff, University of New Mexico

COMMENT • The Audience

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- 21 • CONSENSUS AND CONGESTION: EARLY REPUBLICAN PROTESTANTS NAVIGATING CHURCH, STATE, AND CORPORATIONS**
#SHEAR2021 #S21

Presiding • Chris Beneke, Bentley University

Tower and Temple: Liberal Critiques of Disestablishment in the Early Republic

Sarah Barringer Gordon, U Penn

Behaving Seriously: The Ritual Life of Protestant Benevolence

Dana Wiggins Logan, Connecticut College

“A Great Curse to the Nabourhood”: Church Schisms and State Authority

Jeffery Thomas Perry, Tusculum University

Comment • Chris Beneke

- 22 • COMMUNITIES AND SOCIAL NETWORKS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**
#SHEAR2021 #S22

Presiding • Jessica Choppin Roney, Temple University

The Key to Early American Success: DuSable’s Social Networks in Eschikagou

Courtney Joseph, Lake Forest College

The American Museum’s National Network: A Story of a Magazine Published in Philadelphia and the Advertising Ephemera Distributed with It

Carl Robert Keyes, Assumption College

Networks of Need: Community Care and Belonging in 18th Century Massachusetts

Angela Keysor, Allegheny College

Polly Kenton and Familial Economic Networks in Early National Philadelphia

Brenna Holland, American Philosophical Society

Comment • Jessica Choppin Roney

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**23 • LOCAL OFFICIALS, LEGAL PROFESSIONALIZATION, AND
“WELL-REGULATED” GOVERNANCE IN EARLY AMERICA**
#SHEAR2021 #S23

PRESIDING • Kristin O’Brassill-Kulfan, Rutgers University

*Between Country Squire and Agent of Mob Rule: Justices
of the Peace, Popular Constitutionalism, and the “Well-
Regulated” Society in Early America*

Sung Yup Kim, Seoul National University

*For the Better Regulation of the Town: Night Watches in
Post-Revolutionary and Antebellum Boston*

Nicole Breault, University of Connecticut

*Creating a Profitable Profession: Sheriffs, Court Officers
and Early Republic Compensation*

Chad Holmes, West Virginia University

COMMENT • Kristin O’Brassill-Kulfan

**24 • THE PARTISAN PRESS: ABOLITIONISM, POPULISM, AND
PROSLAVERY IN ANTEBELLUM AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS**
#SHEAR2021 #S24

PRESIDING • Jeffrey L. Pasley, University of Missouri

*Invoking Jefferson’s Children: Abolitionists and the Fight
over Historical Memory*

Frank J. Cirillo, University of Bonn

*Pennsylvania and the Power of Populism: The
Presidential Election of 1832*

Laura Ellyn Smith, Oxford University

*Lords of the Lash and Lords of the Ledger: Northern
Proslavery Journalism and the Whig Origins of the New
York Day Book*

Michael E. Woods, UT - Knoxville

COMMENT • Rachel A. Sheldon, Penn State University

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25 • ROUNDTABLE: WASHINGTON'S MANY AFTERLIVES IN THE ANTEBELLUM UNITED STATES
#SHEAR2021 #S25

PRESIDING • Scott Casper

Painting Red Jacket: George Washington, the Iroquois, and the "Patriotic" Legacy of Native American Stereotypes

John C. Winters, Iona College

The Washington Empire

Cassandra Good, Marymount University

George Washington's Picturesque Virginia: Biography and Landscape Painting of the 1820s

Lydia Mattice Brandt, University of South Carolina

Crafting Origin Myths: Black Longevity and Washington's Memory in Antebellum America

Jill Vaum Rothschild, University of Pennsylvania

Translating and reading Washington in Europe

Derek Kane O'Leary, Bard High School Early College

COMMENT • The Audience

26 • SPEAKING ILL OF THE DEAD: WRITING APPEALING BIOGRAPHIES OF THE DEPLORABLE
#SHEAR2021 #S26

PRESIDING • Will Mackintosh, University of Mary Washington

The Worst Book Ever Written? Or, How Not to Respond to Critics

Carolyn Eastman, Virginia Commonwealth

Writing Lives, Writing Lies: Marla Monk and Her Covert Narrative

Monica Najar, Lehigh University

COMMENT • Susan Johnson, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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27 • ROUNDTABLE: THE EARLY REPUBLIC AND THE PACIFIC WORLD

#SHEAR2021 #S27

PRESIDING • Konstantin Dierks, Indiana University

PANELISTS • Kariann Akemi Yokota, University of Colorado
Dael Norwood, University of Delaware
Minami Nishioka, University of Tennessee
Amanda Hendrix-Komoto, Montana State

COMMENT • The Audience

28 • CLASSICAL PERCEPTIONS OF LIBERTY IN THE AMERICAN FOUNDING AND EARLY REPUBLIC

#SHEAR2021 #S28

PRESIDING • Catherine E. Kelly, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

Antiquity and Loyalist Dissent: Britannia's Proponents in Revolutionary Discourse

Daniel R. Moy, US Air Force Academy

A Classical Perception of Liberty: The Loyalists' Rebuttal of "Common Sense"

Cho-Chien Feng, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

Classical Representation and Legitimacy in the Early National Period

Camille Davis, Southern Methodist University

COMMENT • Edward Larkin, University of Delaware

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**29 • ROUNDTABLE: REFLECTIONS ON TEACHING NEVER
CAUGHT AND CRITICAL TEXTS ON RACE AND GENDER IN
EARLY AMERICA**
#SHEAR2021 #S29

PRESIDING • Tamika Nunley, Oberlin College

PANELISTS • Catherine Adams, SUNY Geneseo
Christian Ayne Crouch, Bard College
Courtney Joseph, Lake Forest College

COMMENT • The Audience

**30 • NATURE AND PLACE: COMMUNITY BUILDING AND
PLACE-MAKING THROUGH DESCRIPTION AND CONTROL
OF THE NATURAL WORLD**
#SHEAR2021 #S30

PRESIDING • Steven Carl Smith, Providence College

*Collecting Seeds and Controlling Nature: The Columbian
Institute and Local Efforts to Promote the National
Capital: 1816-1838*

Adam Costanzo, Texas A&M, Corpus Christi
*Grand Designs: Urban Water Systems as Recreational
Spaces*

Susan Branson, Syracuse University
*"You have given a pledge to the future": Magnolia
Cemetery and Middle Class Aspiration in Charleston
South Carolina*

Anne Marie Martin, Catawba College
*"Spies in the land of Canaan": Migrant Letters,
Promotion, and Place-Making on the Trans-Appalachian
West, 1815-1850*

William Wagner, University of Colorado, Denver

COMMENT • Bret E. Carroll

FRIDAY, JULY 16 2:00–3:45 PM EDT

31 • THE DAKOTA NATION CONFRONTS AMERICAN COLONIALISM: A ROUNDTABLE ON DAKOTA RESISTANCE AND PERSEVERANCE IN THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC

#SHEAR2021 #S31

PRESIDING • Gwen Westerman, Minnesota State University

PANELISTS • Linda M. Clemmons, Illinois State University
John R. Legg, George Mason University
Jameson Sweet, Rutgers University

COMMENT • The Audience

32 • FAMILY AND PROPERTY IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC

#SHEAR2021 #S32

PRESIDING • Maeve Kane, University at Albany

“An Awkward Dilemma”: Women and Family Property in the Antebellum Era

Mandy L. Cooper, UNC, Greensboro

“The Creole Marriage . . . had no legal value”: Family, Race, and Inheritance Disputes After the Haitian Revolution

Carrie Glenn, Niagara University

The Meanings of the Matrimonial Lottery

Lindsay Keiter, Penn State University

What’s in a Name?: Name Changing, Family, and Property in Early America

Anna Leigh Todd, University of Pennsylvania

COMMENT • Maeve Kane

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33 • ROUNDTABLE: SETTLER COLONIALISM AND POPULAR HISTORY: ENGAGING WITH DAVID MCCULLOUGH'S *PIONEERS*

#SHEAR2021 #S33

PRESIDING • Stephen Aron, Autry Museum of the American West

PANELISTS • Michael Blaakman, Princeton University
Whitney Martinko, Villanova University
Honor Sachs, University of Colorado, Boulder
Anne Twitty, University of Mississippi
Michael Witgen, Columbia University

COMMENT • the Audience

34 • ROUNDTABLE: ANIMALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC

#SHEAR2021 #S34

PRESIDING • Etienne Benson, University of Pennsylvania

PANELISTS • Abraham Gibson, Arizona State University
Jason Herbert, University of Minnesota
Lindsay Marshall, University of Illinois
Whitney Barlow Robles, Dartmouth College
Jeremy Zallen, Lafayette College

COMMENT • the Audience

35 • THE MANY MEANINGS OF MIGRATION

#SHEAR2021 #S35

PRESIDING • Kristen Tegtmeier Oertel, University of Tulsa

Theory Mongers and Mock-Philanthropy: Organizing Emigration in Antebellum America

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J.T. Jamieson, University of California Berkley
*Fleeing the “Enemy”: The Book of Negroes, the British
Offer to Freedom, and Virginia’s Runaway Slaves*

Kaelyn Grace Apple, University of Oxford
*“We are all whites here in Liberia” Conflicting Social
Hierarchies on the Coast of Africa*

Patrick Luck, Florida Polytechnic University

COMMENT • Kristen Tegtmeier Oertel

**36 • PEACE AND VIOLENCE IN THE 19TH CENTURY NATIVE
SOUTH**

#SHEAR2021 #S36

PRESIDING • Kathleen DuVal, UNC, Chapel Hill

*The Cherokee King William McIntosh, Escotchaby &
Intra-Indigenous Diplomacy, c. 1800-1830*

Bryan C. Rindfleisch, Marquette University
*“When at a distance, friendship always remains firm and
secure”: Chickasaw Peace and Friendship in the
Nineteenth Century American South*

Jeff Washburn, University of Texas, Permian Basin
*Creek Indians, Guns, and Citizenship in the Early
American Republic*

Jennifer McCutchen, University of Southern Maine

COMMENT • Julie Reed, Penn State University

FRIDAY, JULY 16 4:00–5:45 PM EDT

37 • THE ARCHIVES OF THE FOUNDING IN THE DIGITAL AGE
#SHEAR2021 #S37

PRESIDING • Holly Rine, Le Moyne College

What is Still Left to Find in the Archives of the Founding?

William Ewald, Penn Law

New Approaches to Digital Editing in the 21st Century

Neal Millikan, Massachusetts Historical Society

Using Computers to Support Qualitative Judgements: The Case of Constitutional Law

Nicholas Cole, Pembroke College, Oxford

COMMENT • Holly Rine

38 • TRANSNATIONAL HISTORIES OF ATLANTIC REVOLUTION
#SHEAR2021 #S38

PRESIDING • Jorge Cañizares-Esguerra, UT, Austin

Things and Revolutions

Ashli White, University of Miami

The Contingency of Allegiance: Royalism and the Politics of Monarchical Loyalty in the Haitian Revolution, 1791-1795

Jesús Guillermo Ruiz, Duke University

New Dispositions for New Regimes: Washington and Cuzco, ca. 1800-1815

Nathan Perl-Rosenthal, USC

Arms Trading and American Revolutions

Brian DeLay, University of California, Berkeley

COMMENT • Janet Polasky, UNH, Durham

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**39 • ROUNDTABLE: THE PRESENT AND FUTURE HISTORIES
OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD**

#SHEAR2021 #S39

PRESIDING • Manisha Sinha, University of Connecticut

PANELISTS • Alice Baumgartner, USC
Graham Hodges, Colgate University
Amy Murrell Taylor, University of Kentucky

COMMENT • the Audience

**40 • THERMOMETER AT SUNRISE: DIGITIZING
METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

#SHEAR2021 #S40

PRESIDING • James P. McClure, Princeton University

Capturing Jefferson's Weather Records

Alison E. Dolbier, Managing Editor, Jefferson
Meteorological Records Project

*Opening Historical Meteorological Records at the
American Physical Society*

Bayard Miller, American Philosophical Society

*Creating Digital Records from Early Records of Weather
and Climate*

Jennifer E. Stertz, Washington Papers

*Reconstructing Early National Era Environments Using
Meteorological Records and Tree Ring Data*

Daniel Druckenbrod, Rider University

COMMENT • Jason Hauser, Auburn

FRIDAY, JULY 16 4:00–5:45 PM EDT

- 41 • ROUNDTABLE: CAPITALISM, CLASS, RACE, AND GENDER
IN THE SECOND SEMINOLE WAR: SOLDIERS,
SEMINOLES, SLAVERY, AND SUPPLY**
#SHEAR2021 #S41

PRESIDING • Sam Watson, United States Military Academy

PANELISTS • Lindsay Schakenbach Regele, Miami University
John Wendt, Texas A&M University
Justine Meberg, Columbia University

COMMENT • John W. Hall, University of Wisconsin

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 - The SHEAR Best Book Prize
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42 • NORTHERN FREE LABOR IDEOLOGY, AND THE MAKING OF EMANCIPATION, ABOLITION, AND FREE SOIL: 1766-1841

#SHEAR2021 #S42

PRESIDING • Corey Brooks, York College of Pennsylvania

“He may put an end to [it] when he pleases”: Slavery, Servitude, and Free Labor in Massachusetts Freedom Suits 1766- 1785

John N. Blanton, City University of New York

“The Product of Free Labor”: How Capitalists and Abolitionists Made the “Free State”

Kellen Heniford, Columbia University

African American Rural Communities and the Making of Free Soil and Free Labor in the Old Northwest, 1804-1841

Lucien Holness, Virginia Tech

COMMENT • Andrew K. Diemer, Towson University

SATURDAY, JULY 17 9:00–10:45 AM EDT

43 • MONEY MADE AMERICAN: NEW APPROACHES TO WRITING MONEY INTO EARLY AMERICAN HISTORIES
#SHEAR2021 #S43

PRESIDING • Hannah Farber, Columbia University

The Currency Act Crisis: Prologue to Revolution

Katie Moore, UC, Santa Barbara

Republic of Creditors: Pelatian Webster, Alexander Hamilton, and the Making of a Moral American Economy 1775-1791

Jonah Estess, American University

William M. Gouge, Federal Regulator

Ann Daly, Brown University

Capital, Dependency, and the American Exception: Re-Examining the Trans-American Relation before the Civil War

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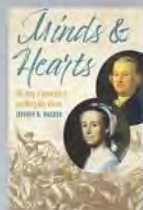
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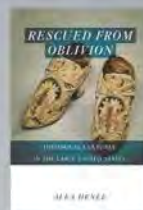
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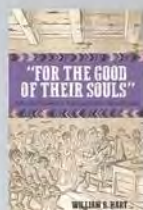
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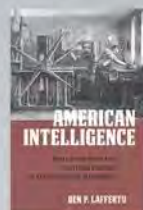
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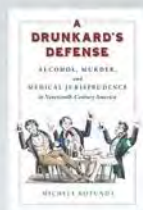
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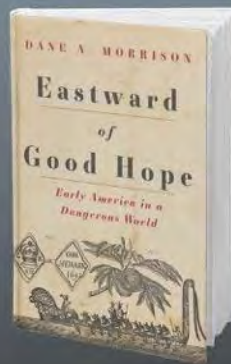
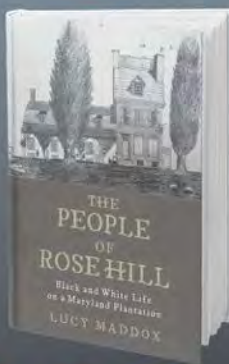
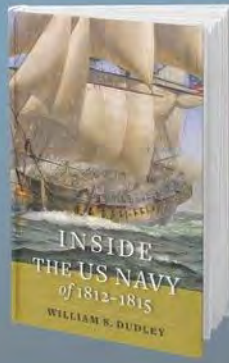
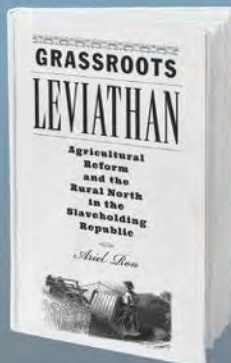
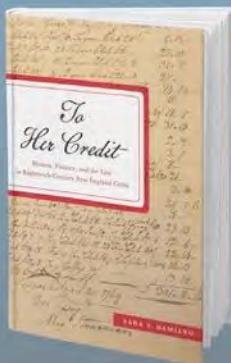
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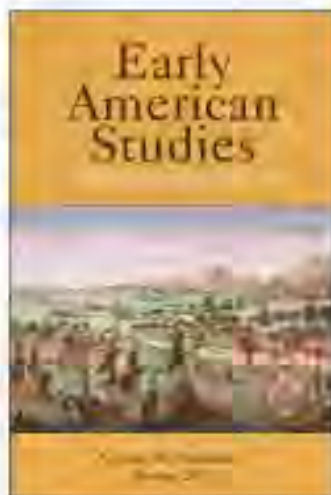
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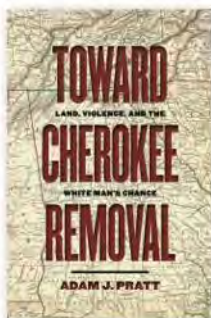
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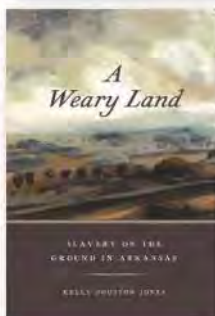
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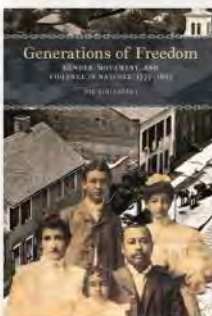


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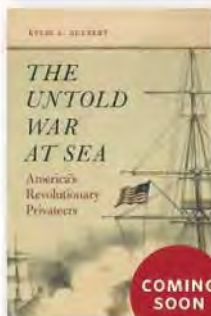
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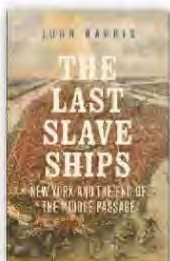
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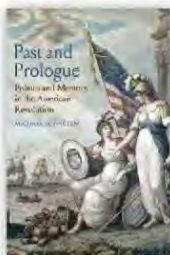
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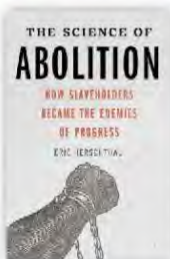


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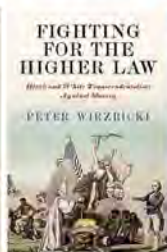
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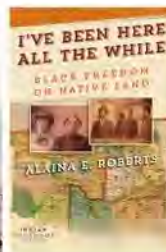
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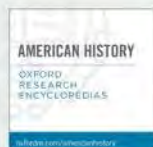
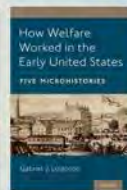
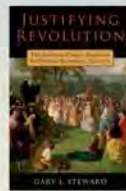
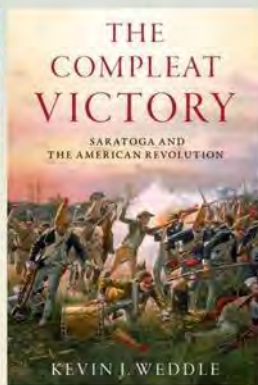
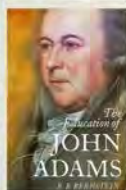
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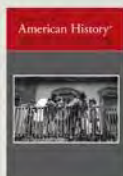
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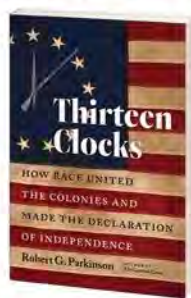
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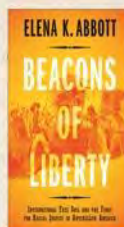


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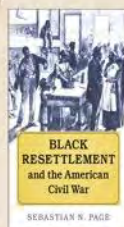


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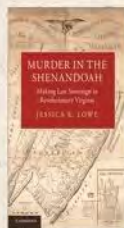
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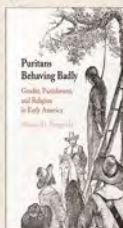
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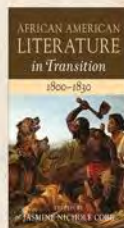


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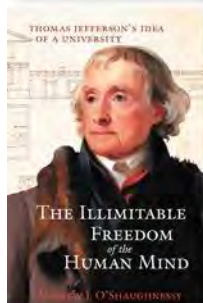
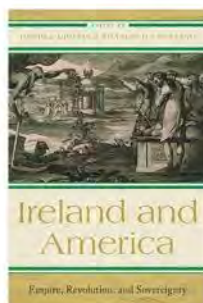


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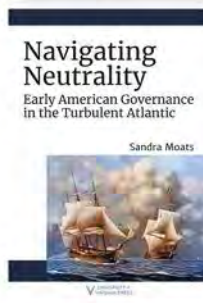
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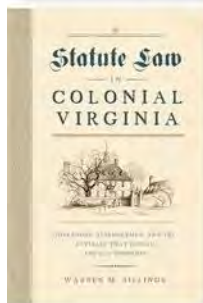
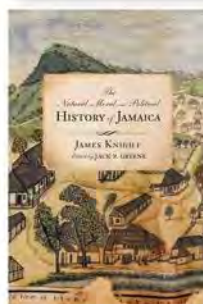
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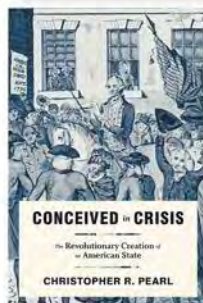
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