



THIRTY-SIXTH  
ANNUAL MEETING

17-20 JULY 2014

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

FRIDAY, JULY 18

8:30-10:15 AM

**1 • THE HISTORIOGRAPHY OF SLAVERY AND POLITICS,  
1770–1860: PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS**

PRESIDING • Adam Rothman, Georgetown University

*Slavery, Capitalism, and Free Labor in the Early Republic*  
Eva Sheppard Wolf, San Francisco State University

*Slavery, Free Labor, and Empire: Imperial and Popular  
Conflict for the North American Continent, 1770-1830*  
John Craig Hammond, Penn State University, New  
Kensington

*Party Politics and the Destruction of American Slavery, 1830-  
1865*  
Jonathan Earle, University of Kansas

*Bringing the Voters Back In: Rethinking the Career of the  
Slave Power*  
Frank Towers, University of Calgary

COMMENT • Amy Greenberg, Penn State University

**2 • ROUNDTABLE: NEW APPROACHES TO THE EARLY  
AMERICAN CONTINENT**

PRESIDING • Alan Taylor, University of Virginia

PANELISTS • Elizabeth Fenn, University of Colorado  
Edward Gray, Florida State University  
Sarah Pearsall, Cambridge University  
Michael Witgen, University of Michigan

COMMENT • the Audience

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**3 • THE ART OF DEMOCRATIC POWER: ANDREW JACKSON AS WRITER FOR NEWSPAPERS, LAND SPECULATOR, AND POLITICIAN-IN-CHIEF**

PRESIDING • Daniel Feller, University of Tennessee

*Andrew Jackson and the Press*

Thomas Coens, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

*Andrew Jackson and the Financing of Slavery's Expansion*

Brenden E. Kennedy, University of Florida

*"Fraught with Disastrous Consequences for our Country": Cherokee Sovereignty and Nullification, 1831-1833"*

Nancy Morgan, Temple University

COMMENT • Harry L. Watson, University of North Carolina  
Mark R. Cheatham, Cumberland University

**4 • SPECTERS OF THE 1790S**

PRESIDING • Seth Cotlar, Willamette University

*Paine and Property: Radicalism and Anti-Radicalism in Property-owning Democracy*

Alex Gourevitch, Brown University

*A Tale of Two Liberties: Melville, Republicanism, and the Radical Past*

Anthony Galluzzo, City University of New York

*Cosmopolitanism Constrained: Slavery, Citizenship, and the American Nation-State*

Padraig Riley, Dalhousie University

COMMENT • Jan Ellen Lewis, Rutgers University-Newark

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**5 • BEYOND THE “EVANGELICAL THESIS”: RADICAL RELIGION IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • Susan Juster, University of Michigan

*Joseph Smith: The Anti-“sectarian” Crusader*  
Max Mueller, Harvard University,

*Domestic Order and Spiritual Authority in the Society of Universal Friends*

Paul B. Moyer, The College at Brockport: State University of New York

*Native Spirits, Shaker Visions: Speaking with the Dead in the Early Republic*

Erik R. Seeman, University at Buffalo

COMMENT • Johann N. Neem, Western Washington University  
Susan Juster

**6 • ROUNDTABLE: DRUGS, ALCOHOL, & GENDERED AND RACIAL EXPERIENCES OF ADDICTION**

PRESIDING • Carolyn Eastman, Virginia Commonwealth University

PANELISTS • W. J. Rorabaugh, University of Washington  
Elizabeth Kelly Gray, Towson University  
Matthew Warner Osborn, University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Thomas Augst, New York University  
Diana L. Ahmad, Missouri University of Science and Technology

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**7 • AFRICAN AMERICAN INTELLECTUALS AND  
TRANSNATIONAL IDENTITY IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • L. Diane Barnes, Youngstown State University

*Whither Paul Cuffe? African American Historians in Africa  
and America*

Matthew Hetrick, Loyola University of Maryland

*An Uneasy Alliance: Black Colonizationists and the Making of  
Liberia*

Ousmane Power-Greene, Clark University

*Black Abolitionists in Ireland and the Challenge of Universal  
Reform*

Angela F. Murphy, Texas State University

COMMENT • Richard Newman, Library Company of Philadelphia

**8 • FACING EAST FROM MIAMI COUNTRY**

PRESIDING • John L. Larson, Purdue University

*Imagined Worlds and Archival Realities: (Re) Reading  
Myaamia History in the Archive*

James Buss, Salisbury University

*Misremembering Tippecanoe: Fighting a Battle through  
Memory*

Patrick Bottiger, Kenyon College

*A Republic of Bad Birds? Oral and Written Indigenous  
Politics*

Cameron Shriver, Ohio State University

COMMENT • John W. Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
John L. Larson

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**9 • THE BODY POLITIC AND THE BODILY SELF**

PRESIDING • Andrew O'Shaughnessy, Robert H. Smith  
International Center for Jefferson Studies

*Healthy Mind in the Healthy Body: Exercise of the Moral  
Sense in Jefferson's Imagination*

Ari Helo, University of Oulu

*Jefferson's Bodily Discourses*

Maurizio Valsania, University of Turino

*Depictions of Body: Images of Thomas Jefferson and George  
Washington Prior to the Election of 1800*

Gaye Wilson, Robert H. Smith International Center for  
Jefferson Studies

COMMENT • Kathleen Brown, University of Pennsylvania  
Robert M. S. McDonald, U.S. Military Academy

**10 • DISSENT IN WARTIME AMERICA**

PRESIDING • Thomas A. Chambers, Niagara University

*Quids, the War of 1812, and Shaping Antebellum Trade  
Policy*

John Moore, Walsh College

*The Anti-War Activism of the Washington Benevolent  
Society*

Jennifer Dorsey, Siena College

*"Thou Shalt Not Follow a Multitude to Do Evil": The "Come-  
Outer" Movement and the Theology of Secession*

Kevin Gannon, Grand View University

COMMENT • A. Glenn Crothers, University of Louisville  
Thomas A. Chambers

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**11 • FAITH, POLITICS, AND LAW AFTER THE FOUNDING**

PRESIDING • Christopher Grasso, College of William and Mary

*The African Supplement: Corporate Law, Race, and Religion in Early National Philadelphia*

Sarah Barringer Gordon, University of Pennsylvania

*The Founders Speak: Spiritualist Visitations from the Revolutionary Generation in the Mid-Nineteenth Century*

Ryan K. Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University

*The Myth of American Religious Coercion: The New Nation's Un-official Religious Establishment and Its Paradoxes*

Chris Beneke, Bentley University

COMMENTS • Mary Kupiec Cayton, Miami University  
Christopher Grasso

**12 • MEANINGS OF MASCULINITY IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • Lorri Glover, Saint Louis University

*The Waiting Man: The Black and White Masculinities of Male Enslaved Domestic in Virginia, 1750-1799*

Cathleene Hellier, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

*An Honorable Death? The Stuart-Bennett Duel of 1819*

Matthew Byron, Young Harris College

*Calculated Murders of Intimate Partners in Early Nineteenth-Century Ballads*

Daniel Belczak, Case Western Reserve University

COMMENT • Craig Thompson Friend, North Carolina State University  
Lorri Glover

FRIDAY, JULY 18

12:15-2:00 PM

**13 • SUBMITTING YOUR FIRST ARTICLE: ADVICE FROM THE EARLY REPUBLIC EDITORS** (graduate students only; reservations required)

HOSTS • Dallett Hemphill, Ursinus College  
editor of *Early American Studies*  
David Waldstreicher, Temple University  
co-editor of the *Journal of the Early Republic*

COMMENT • the Audience

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**14 • SETTLER COLONIALISM: A FRAMEWORK FOR INTERROGATING THE EARLY REPUBLIC'S FRONTIERS**

PRESIDING • David Nichols, Indiana State University

*“Barbarians in 1779, Civilization in 1879”: The Sullivan Campaign Centennial Celebrations and the Production of Settler Myth and Memory*  
Dean Bruno, Vanderbilt University

*“The Isle shall wait for his law”: Missionaries, Kapu, and Settler Colonization in Hawaii*  
Noelani Arista, University of Hawaii-Manoa

*“A Plea for Oregon”: U.S. Congressional Petitions and the Settler Colonial Imagination*  
Margot Minardi, Reed College

*“To discover the antiquities of Our Continent”: Settler Colonialism and the Dead Body Politics of Early American Archaeology*  
Judy Kertész, North Carolina State University

COMMENT • Christina Snyder, Indiana University



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**15 • ROUNDTABLE: OPPORTUNITIES AND OUTCOMES—  
PHILADELPHIA'S PLACE IN EARLY AMERICA**

PRESIDING • Roderick A. McDonald, Rider University  
Michelle Craig McDonald, Richard Stockton  
College

PANELISTS • Michael Jacobs, University of Wisconsin Colleges  
Joseph Wojcie, Camden Community College  
Robert Smith, Northampton Community College  
Shannon Duffy, Texas State University  
Brian Hendricks, Benedictine University  
Terri York, Kilgore College

COMMENT • Michael Zuckerman, University of Pennsylvania

**16 • BOUNDARIES OF CITIZENSHIP IN THE NEW AMERICAN  
REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • Douglas Bradburn, Binghamton University

*The Loyalist Problem in New York and Pennsylvania*  
Brett Palfreyman, Binghamton University

*The Argument against Confiscation in South Carolina and  
New York*  
Tom Cutterham, New College, Oxford University

*Native Citizenship, Sovereignty, and the Law of Nations in  
the New Republic*  
Greg Ablavsky, University of Pennsylvania Law School

*"Creating an Order of Citizens": Black Northerners and  
Civic Status in the Early Republican North*  
Sarah Levine-Gronningsater, University of Chicago

COMMENT • Holly Brewer, University of Maryland

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**17 • RETHINKING REALIGNMENT AND THE RISE OF THE  
REPUBLICANS**

PRESIDING • Randall Miller, St. Joseph's University

*"A New Era in Our History": Political Abolitionists, Anti-Slave Power Politics, and the Founding of the Republican Party*

Corey Brooks, York College of Pennsylvania

*Bringing the Whigs Back In: Slavery, Economy and Government in the Origins of the Republican Party*

Ariel Ron, Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions

*"Tell Us About State Rights!" Republicans, States' Rights, and Antebellum Political Realignment*

Michael E. Woods, Marshall University

COMMENT • Elizabeth Varon, University of Virginia  
Randall Miller

**18 • FOR GOD AND MAMMON: MISSIONARIES AND  
CONSULS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • Rosemarie Zagarri, George Mason University

*Citizens of the World? American Consuls and the Problem of Citizenship, 1789-1832*

Lawrence A. Peskin, Morgan State University

*Creating a Hierarchy of Heathenism: American Missionaries Map the World, 1790-1840*

Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University

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*Commercially Informed: The Political Consequences of the Early American Consular Network in Asia*

Dael Norwood, Yale University

COMMENT • Christine Heyrman, University of Delaware  
Rosemarie Zagarri

**19 • CONTEST 1856: YEAR OF MEN, YEAR OF WOMEN**

PRESIDING • John Belohlavek, University of South Florida

*Electing Old Buck: Democratic Manhood in the Election of 1856*

Thomas Balcerski, Cornell University

*Women, Morality, and Politics: Jessie Fremont and the Election of 1856*

Stacey Robertson, Bradley University

*Stumping from the Bench: Presidential Elections and the Supreme Court in the Antebellum Era*

Rachel Shelden, Georgia College and State University

COMMENT • Douglas Egerton, Le Moyne College  
John Belohlavek

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FRIDAY, JULY 18

4:00 -5:00 PM

**20 • PECHA-KUCHA** (to inspire a lively atmosphere, bringing a drink from the bar is encouraged)

PRESIDING • Robyn Lily Davis, Millersville University

*Mapping the Louisiana Purchases of Indian Country*

Robert Lee, University of California, Berkeley

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*Unrolling the Past: Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Petitions*  
Nicole Topich, Harvard University

*The Visual Legacy of Benjamin Lay: Disabled Quaker Abolitionist*  
Nathaniel Kogan, University of Texas at Arlington

*The Art of Removal: Portraiture, History, and Reform in McKenney and Hall's History of the Indian Tribes of North America*  
Sarah Matherly, Princeton University

COMMENT • the Audience

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FRIDAY, JULY 18

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**21 • PRESIDENT'S PLENARY • SHEAR MEETS STEM**

(College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 South 22nd Street; see description on pages 17-18)

WELCOME • John L. Larson, Purdue University  
Charlene Boyer Lewis, Kalamazoo College

PRESIDING • Seth Rockman, Brown University

PANELISTS • *Science*: Adam Nelson, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
*Technology*: Nina Lerman, Whitman College  
*Engineering*: Ann Johnson, University of South Carolina  
*Math*: Caitlin Rosenthal, University of California, Berkeley

COMMENT • the Audience

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SATURDAY, JULY 19

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**22 • EARLY AMERICAN CONTACT WITH THE MUSLIM WORLD**

PRESIDING • Kariann Akemi Yokota, University of Colorado, Denver

*The Ideological Origins of U.S. Orientalism as an Antebellum Phenomenon*

Christopher L. Miller, University of Texas-Pan American

*“Depart from that Retired Circle”: Women’s Support of the Greek War for Independence and Antebellum Reform*

Maureen Connors Santelli, George Mason University

*American Muslim or Anti-Zionist Jew? George Bethune English in the Ottoman World*

Eric Covey, University of Texas at Austin

COMMENT • Robert J. Allison, Suffolk University  
Kariann Akemi Yokota

**23 • ROUNDTABLE: THE POLITICS OF AND IN WOMEN’S HISTORY IN THE ERA OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • Carol Lasser, Oberlin College

PANELISTS • Lori D. Ginzberg, Pennsylvania State University  
Erica Armstrong Dunbar, University of Delaware  
Amy Dru Stanley, University of Chicago  
Thavolia Glymph, Duke University

COMMENT • the Audience

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**24 • THE POLITICS OF DOUGHFACEISM: PROSLAVERY, STATES' RIGHTS, AND COMPROMISE IN ANTEBELLUM POLITICS**

PRESIDING • Joanne Freeman, Yale University

*The Federalist Origins of the Doughface Epithet*  
Nicholas Wood, University of Virginia

*The Doughface Meter: Southerners' Views of Doughfaces, and Vice Versa*  
Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University

*Dough in the Hands of the Voters? How Doughfaces Obtained Office in the 1850s*  
Michael Landis, Tarleton State University

COMMENT • Nicole Etcheson, Ball State University  
Joanne Freeman

**25 • VALUING INTANGIBLES: EXPERIMENTING WITH MARKETS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • Wendy Woloson, Rutgers University at Camden

*Early American Tourism and the Pricing of Experience*  
Will Mackintosh, University of Mary Washington

*Seeing Past the Forest: Selling Future Landscapes in Antebellum New York*  
Emily Pawley, Dickinson College

*Small Town Values: Creating a Paper Economy in Monroe, Michigan*  
Joshua Greenberg, Bridgewater State University

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*The Rise and Fall of the Railroad Note: Property, Specie, and Value in Baltimore, 1837-1842*

David Schley, New York University-Shanghai

COMMENT • Brian Luskey, West Virginia University

**26 • MOBILITY AND THE MAKING OF EARLY NATIONAL RELIGIOUS IDENTITY**

PRESIDING • Dee Andrews, California State University, East Bay

*A Nation of Circuits: Methodist Mobility and the Winning of the Frontier*

Charlie McCray, Florida State University

*Political Movement: Jews, Citizenship, and Difference in 1850s Europe and America*

Shari Rabin, Yale University

*To “become the pride of your patrons and the boast of religion”: Reputation, Law, and Gender in Ministerial Recruitment in the Early National Chesapeake*

Roy Rogers, The Graduate Center, CUNY

COMMENT • Eric R. Schlereth, University of Texas, Dallas  
Dee Andrews

**27 • POLITICAL PICTURES: VISUAL CULTURE AND POLITICS IN EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY**

PRESIDING • Margaretta Lovell, University of California-Berkeley

*“Just published and to be Sold”: The Visual Culture of Making Revolution*

Zara Anishanslin, City University of New York, Staten Island

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*"You have no flag out yet!" Seeing Displays of Patriotism in Civil War America*

Joanna Cohen, Queen Mary University of London

*Gendering Antebellum Politics through Caricature*

Allison Lange, Brandeis University

COMMENT • David Waldstreicher, Temple University  
Margaretta Lovell

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**28 • A PLAGUE IN FOUR PARTS: YELLOW FEVER IN THE 1790S**

PRESIDING • Jeffery G. Strickland, Montclair State University

*Against "The Vanity of Systems": Charles Brockden Brown's Medical Imagination*

Sari Altschuler, University of South Florida

*Treating and Debating Yellow Fever in Jamaica's Credit Economy, 1788-1794*

Claire Gherini, Johns Hopkins University

*To Stay or to Flee? Moral Confrontations with the Yellow Fever in 1790s Philadelphia*

Philippa Koch, University of Chicago Divinity School

*Disease Control in Atlantic Trade: The Response in Europe to America's Epidemics*

Julia Mansfield, Stanford University

COMMENT • Cristobal Silva, Columbia University



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**29 • SLAVES NAMED AND UN-NAMED: DIGITAL EDITION  
TOOLS FOR IDENTIFYING THE ENSLAVED IN THE EARLY  
NATIONAL PERIOD**

PRESIDING • Douglas M. Arnold, The Public Records of the State  
of Connecticut

*Enslaved Experience and Identity in the Eliza  
Pinckney/Harriott Pinckney Horry Digital Edition*  
Constance B. Schulz, University of South Carolina

*“The Little Bricklayers”: The Challenge of Identifying the  
Enslaved Community at the University of Virginia*  
Susan H. Perdue, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities

COMMENT • the Audience

**30 • NATIVE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTHEAST IN THE EARLY  
REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • Daniel K. Richter, University of Pennsylvania

*Catawba Indian Land Leasing System in South Carolina,  
1790-1840*  
Brooke Bauer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

*The Nottoway Indians of Virginia: Cultural Survival in a  
Binary Racial Society*  
Royce Gildersleeve, George Mason University

*Life after the Reservation: Chowans as Free People of Color  
in North Carolina*  
Warren Milteer Jr., University of North Carolina, Chapel  
Hill

COMMENT • Andrew K. Frank, Florida State University  
Daniel K. Richter

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**31 • THE CONSTRUCTION OF RADICAL NETWORKS IN THE ANTEBELLUM ERA**

PRESIDING • Catherine E. Kelly, University of Oklahoma

*Radical Correspondents: Associationist Journalists and the French Revolution of 1848*

Megan Perle Bowman, Georgia State University

*Women's Networks: Fourierism and Reform in the 1840s*

Kathryn Tomasek, Wheaton College

*Reconstructing Bohemian Networks: Print, Social Capital, and the Radical Counterculture of Antebellum New York*

Edward Whitley, Lehigh University

COMMENT • Adam-Max Tuchinsky, University of Southern  
Maine  
Catherine E. Kelly

**32 • A REPUBLIC OF SEAFARERS, CA. 1776-1815**

PRESIDING • Myra Glenn, Elmira College

*"Git you at Liberty": How "the People" Understood State and Citizens' Obligations*

Christine Sears, University of Alabama-Huntsville

*"Arrest All the Anglophones": Views of American Sailors and Citizenship Abroad*

Nathan Perl-Rosenthal, University of Southern California

*"Warranted American": Marks, Images, and the Nationalization of Commercial Property*

Hannah Farber, University of California, Berkeley

COMMENT • Matthew Taylor Raffety, University of Redlands  
Myra Glenn

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**33 • RELIGION, RACE, AND THE LIMITS OF REFORM**

PRESIDING • Ruth Alden Doan, Hollins University

*Integrated Churches and the Politics of Race in the North, 1790-1820*

Richard Boles, City College of New York

*Gospel Bonds, Gospel Boundaries: Missionaries Grapple with Class, Race, and Cultural Difference on the Antebellum Prairie*

Joshua Rice, University of Missouri

*Subversive Geographies: Space and the Sacred in American Protestant Missions*

Andrew Witmer, James Madison University

COMMENT • Jewel Spangler, University of Calgary  
Ruth Alden Doan

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**34 • ENGAGING THE EARLY BLACK ATLANTIC: VOYAGES AND ENCOUNTERS IN AFRICANA HISTORY**

PRESIDING • François Furstenberg, Johns Hopkins University

*"[Im]passive to the Spirit of the times": Black Loyalist Transformations in Kingston, 1782-1823*

Kameika S. Murphy, Clark University

*"The reliance that was to be placed in letters": Print and the Circulation of Liberian Letters in Antebellum America*

Marie Stango, University of Michigan

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*“The Absurdity and Wickedness of Making a Man’s Freedom Depend Upon the Color of His Skin or The Quality of His Hair”*: *Fugitive Slave Law, the Claim of Native American Ancestry, and Indian Slaveholding in the 1850s*  
Arika Easley Houser, Rutgers, the State U. of New Jersey

COMMENT • Ronald Johnson, Texas State University  
Jessica Millward, University of California, Irvine

**35 • WOMEN AND ECONOMIC SPACES IN EARLY REPUBLICAN PHILADELPHIA** (papers pre-circulated at SHEAR conference website)

PRESIDING • Dallett Hemphill, Ursinus College

*Medicinal Marketing and Family Legacies: Apothecary Elizabeth Weed’s Economic Strategies during the American Revolution*  
Susan Brandt, Temple University

*“Housekeeper, . . . wife and all”*: *Sally Bickham and Urban Women’s Economic Strategy in Early National Philadelphia*  
Brenna O’Rourke Holland, Temple University

*Widows and War: Gender, Property and Relief in Revolutionary Southeastern Pennsylvania*  
Camille Kaszubowski, University of Delaware

*More than a Pleasant Stroll: Interpreting Women in Early Republican Philadelphia’s Street and Garden Spaces*  
Anne Lindsay, University of Central Florida

*“Amos Strutel . . . sed the money muste be paid so wente down and paid him the 18 pounds”*: *Mapping the Economic World of Deborah Franklin*  
Vivian Bruce Conger, Ithaca College

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**36 • THE ART OF ANTI-CATHOLICISM: THE AESTHETICS  
AND MASS APPEAL OF AN ANTEBELLUM GENRE**

PRESIDING • Bruce Dorsey, Swarthmore College

*Fifty Shades of Maria Monk: Prejudice, Profit, and  
Antebellum Publishing*

Kara French, Salisbury University

*Playing for Keeps: Gender, Iconography, and the Anti-  
Catholic Social Imaginary*

Monica Najar, Lehigh University

*“Pressed Flowers from Italy”: Harriet Beecher Stowe’s  
Italian Poems and the Aesthetic Lures of Catholicism*

Nancy Lusignan Schultz, Salem State University

COMMENT • Daniel A. Cohen, Case Western Reserve University  
Maura Jane Farrelly, Brandeis University

**37 • FINE AND POPULAR: THE COMMERCE OF ART IN  
ANTEBELLUM PHILADELPHIA** (Pennsylvania Academy for the  
Fine Arts, Historic Landmark Building, Hamilton Auditorium, 118  
North Broad Street; see description on page 24)

PRESIDING • Sarah Weatherwax, The Library Company of  
Philadelphia

*When Prints Shape Paintings: Thomas Sully: A Case Study*  
Carol Soltis, Philadelphia Museum of Art

*Through the Looking Glass: Antebellum Frame Makers and  
the Philadelphia “Picture” Market*

Erika Piola, The Library Company of Philadelphia

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*The Business of Daguerreotypy: Strategies for a New Medium*

Anne Verplanck, Penn State University

COMMENT • Michael Leja, University of Pennsylvania  
Susanna W. Gold, Temple University

**38 • EMPLOYING FRIENDS, STRUCTURING FAMILIES, AND  
MANAGING MOBILITY IN THE OHIO VALLEY**

PRESIDING • Andrew Cayton, Miami University

*The Labor of “Civilization”: The Society of Friends and the War Department in the Ohio Country*

Lori Daggar, University of Pennsylvania

*All in the Family: Female Poverty, Patriarchal Authority, and State Formation in Eighteenth-Century Kentucky*

Honor Sachs, Western Carolina University

*“Our Modes of Population”: Managing Mobile People in the Ohio Country*

Samantha M. Seeley, New York University

COMMENT • Rob Harper, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
Andrew Cayton

**39 • THE EMANCIPATION PROCESS IN THE ANTEBELLUM PERIOD**

PRESIDING • Barbara Krauthamer, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*Immediate, Not Gradual: Achieving African American Freedom during the First Emancipation*

Paul Polgar, College of William and Mary

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*Come-Outerism versus Disunionism: A Founding Family  
Confronts the Crises of the 1840s*

David N. Gellman, DePauw University

*Reducing Freeman to Slavery: Reversing Emancipation in  
Antebellum America*

M. Scott Heerman, Johns Hopkins University

COMMENT • James Downs, Connecticut College  
Barbara Krauthamer

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**40 • THE SOUTH AMERICAN QUESTION IN THE EARLY  
REPUBLIC: DIPLOMACY, STATE BUILDING, AND POLITICAL  
ECONOMY**

PRESIDING • Brian Rouleau, Texas A&M University

*Contracted Weaponry: The Law of Nations and the U.S.-  
Latin American Arms Trade, 1793-1818*

Andrew Fagal, Binghamton University

Edward Pompeian, College of William and Mary

*“An universal alteration in the commercial relations of the  
universe”: U.S. Political Economy and South America, ca.  
1815-1825*

Martin Öhman, University of Virginia

*“Anywhere where we have diplomatic powers we can affect  
regulation”: Managing New Markets in an Age of Latin  
American Revolutions, 1810-1830*

Lindsay Schakenbach, Brown University

COMMENT • Andrew Shankman, Rutgers University at Camden  
Brian Rouleau

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**41 • NEGOTIATED FREEDOM: AFRICAN AMERICANS  
CONFRONT POLITICS AND VIOLENCE**

PRESIDING • Kate Masur, Northwestern University

*“It was a glorious resurrection”*: *Slave Violence in  
Antebellum Slave Narratives*

Chris Bouton, University of Delaware

*“This mysterious affair”*: *The disappearance of Henry  
Hudson and Pennsylvania’s 1820 Anti-kidnapping Law*

Elliott Drago, Temple University

*The Limits of Violent Resistance: Black Politics and the  
Christiana Riot*

Andrew Diemer, Towson University

COMMENT • Scott Hancock, Gettysburg College  
Kate Masur

**42 • POLITICAL ECONOMIES OF ART IN AN AGE OF  
REVOLUTIONS**

PRESIDING • Cathy Matson, University of Delaware & Program  
in Early American Economy and Society

*Art in a Season of “War and Desolation”*: *Copley and the  
Seven Years War*

Jane Kamensky, Brandeis University

*Washington Allston: The Social Roots of His Gothic Vision*

Marc Egnal, York University

COMMENT • Robert St. George, University of Pennsylvania  
Cathy Matson



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**43 • THE MATERIAL CULTURE OF DISABILITY IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • David Jaffee, Bard Graduate Center

*Disability in the Marketplace: Revolutionary War Veterans and Their Cabinetmakers*

Laurel Daen, College of William and Mary

*Shawnee Captive, Unhealthy Sister, and Infirm Shaker: Constructing Histories about People with Disabilities through the Things They Used at Home*

Nicole Belolan, University of Delaware

*“The Preparation of Various Necessaries for an Invalid”:  
Producing and Procuring Clothing for Nineteenth-Century People with Disabilities*

K. A. Woytonik, University of New Hampshire

COMMENT • Rebecca R. Noel, Plymouth State University  
David Jaffee

**44 • MOTHERHOOD AND THE FEMALE BODY IN THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • Richard Godbeer, Humanities Research Center,  
Virginia Commonwealth University

*“A Good Breast of Milk”:  
Wet Nurses and Family Intimacy in Massachusetts*

Cassandra N. Berman, Brandeis University

*Living and Writing the Body: Corporeality in American Childbearing Narratives, 1750-1850*

Nora Doyle, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

SATURDAY, JULY 19

3:45-5:30 PM

*Textualized Bodies and Imagined Community in Samuel  
Bard's Compendium of the Theory and Practice of Midwifery*  
Marcia D. Nichols, University of Minnesota, Rochester

COMMENT • Susan E. Klepp, Temple University  
Richard Godbeer

**45 • TRANS-APPALACHIA AND THE ATLANTIC WORLD**

PRESIDING • James E. Lewis, Jr., Kalamazoo College

*Trans-Appalachian Conspiracies in the Age of Revolutions:  
The Western Limits of American Patriotism*  
Jacob F. Lee, University of California, Davis

*Anxious Americans, Belligerent Britons, and Credulous  
Canadiens: American Empire and Atlantic Revolutions in  
the Northern Borderlands*  
Lawrence B. A. Hatter, Washington State University

*Western Cotton, World Markets: Trade and Geopolitics of  
the West*  
Susan Gaunt Stearns, Northwestern University

COMMENT • Ashli White, University of Miami  
James E. Lewis, Jr.

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**46 • PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS** (Racquet Club of Philadelphia,  
215 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street; see description on page 18)

PRESIDING • Ann Fabian, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

*An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of  
Nations*  
John L. Larson, Purdue University

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8:30 -10:15 AM

**47 • REPRESENTING AND RESISTING VIOLENCE: AFRICAN AMERICANS, NORTH AFRICAN “PIRATES,” AND VIOLENCE IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • James Brewer Stewart, Macalester College

*Trauma and Narratives of Slavery*

Kathleen Kennedy, Missouri State University

*Seeking Justice: African American Resistance to Violence in the Northeast, 1780-1830*

Kelly A. Ryan, Indiana University Southeast

*American Manhood and the Barbary Pirates: Gender, Sodomy, and Women’s Rights during the Algerian Captivity Crisis*

Jason Zeledon, University of California, Santa Barbara

COMMENT • Nikki Taylor, Texas Southern University, Houston  
James Brewer Stewart

**48 • DEFINING AND DEFENDING FREEDOM IN A RACIALIZED REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • Joanne Pope Melish, University of Kentucky

*Runaways, or Citizens Claimed as Such: The Rule of Law in Antebellum Black Protest*

Christopher Bonner, Yale University

*“We will throw back on them all these black free incendiaries”: The Impact of South Carolina’s Negro Seamen Acts upon Charleston’s Waterfront Workers*

Michael Thompson, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

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*Southern Realpolitik: The Legacy of Antebellum Free-Black Voting in Eastern North Carolina*

Leonard Lanier, Louisiana State University

COMMENT • Leslie Patrick, Bucknell University  
Joanne Pope Melish

**49 • DORR AND HIS DISCIPLES: PROMISES OF REVOLUTION**

PRESIDING • Graham Russell Hodges, Colgate University

*Thomas Wilson Dorr: Equal Rights Democrat*

Erik J. Chaput, The Lawrenceville School

*Imaginary Paupers and Real Paupers in the Dorr War*

Gabe Loiacono, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

*Dorr's Unlikely Apostle: Aaron White's Path from Privilege to Exile*

Mary Fuhrer, Independent Scholar

*"Determined to Do the Controlling": Ann Parlin's Public Faces*

Ronald J. Zboray and Mary Saracino Zboray,  
University of Pittsburgh

COMMENT • Jessica Lepler, University of New Hampshire

**50 • RUMOR, GENDER, AND INTERRACIAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

PRESIDING • Steven H. Deyle, University of Houston

*"A Mixture of the Anglo-Saxon with Anglo-African": The Interracial Experience and Gender in Antebellum America*

Danielle Demianschuk, University of Western Ontario

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*“No Wonder He Avoids Decent Ladies”: Gossip about  
Interracial Mixing*

Lynn Kennedy, University of Lethbridge

*In the Shadow of the Quadroon: Writing the History of  
White Creole Women after the Louisiana Purchase*

Marise Bachand, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières

COMMENT • Lucia McMahon, William Paterson University  
Steven H. Deyle

**51 • THE BOOK TRADES, GENTILITY, AND THE NEW  
ENGLAND FAMILY**

PRESIDING • Karin Wulf, Omohundro Institute of Early  
American History and Culture

*Gentility, Genealogy, and the New England Family Register*  
Molly McCarthy, University of California, Davis

*The Juvenile Miscellany and the Genteel Child Reader in New  
England*

Paul Ringel, High Point University

*Phillis Wheatley in the 1830s: Northern Gentility and the  
Effacement of Slavery*

Jennifer Thorn, St. Anselm College

COMMENT • Beth A. Salerno, St. Anselm College  
Karin Wulf

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**52 • NEITHER MANIFEST, NOR DESTINY: THE  
CONTINGENCIES OF WESTERN EMPIRE**

PRESIDING • Michael A. Morrison, Purdue University

*“Forsaking the American Republic”: Mormon Geopolitics  
and the Western Counter-narrative to Manifest Destiny,  
1844-1848*

Thomas Richards, Temple University

*Dysfunctional Empire: The Utah War and Sectional Politics*  
Glen Olson, Graduate Center, CUNY

*Filibusters against Slavery: The Pursuit of Black Colonies in  
the Americas and the Re-imagination of U.S. Expansion,  
1850-1865*

Brandon Mills, University of Colorado-Denver

COMMENT • Rachel St. John, New York University  
Michael A. Morrison

**53 • MADISON THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: INTELLECTUAL  
AND POLITICAL CONTOURS**

PRESIDING • Drew R. McCoy, Clark University

*James Madison and the Republican War Dilemma:  
Problems in Application*

Alexander V. Marriott, Wiley College

*“I am an irreclaimable heretic”: John Randolph, James  
Madison, and the American Revolutionary Legacy during  
the War of 1812*

Aaron Scott Crawford, Southern Methodist University

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*Managing Military Talent and Tactics in Defense of a National Capital: Madison's "Lessons Learned" from Napoleon's Capture of Moscow*

Peter J. Aschenbrenner, Purdue University

*The Resources with Which to Fight: The United States Government and the Failure of American Economic Strategy, 1807-1815*

Patrick Callaway, University of Maine

COMMENT • Ralph Ketcham, Syracuse University

## **54 • WOMEN AND PROPERTY IN EARLY AMERICA**

PRESIDING • Kirsten E. Wood, Florida International University

*"Great Value in the Personal Property Here": Elite Women's Ownership in Early National New York City*

Alisa Wade Harrison, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

*"The consideration due to him as the head of his family": Hostility to Women's Separate Estates in the Early National South*

Lindsay Keiter, College of William and Mary

*Widows and Waste: Disputing Dower Rights in Early National New Jersey*

Eleanor McConnell, Frostburg State University

COMMENT • Stephen A. Mihm, University of Georgia  
Kirsten E. Wood

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**55 • THE USES AND MISUSES OF ANTI-CATHOLICISM:  
ABOLITIONISM, NUNNERIES, AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN  
THE EARLY REPUBLIC AND ANTEBELLUM ERA**

PRESIDING • Kathleen Sprows Cummings, University of Notre  
Dame

*Elijah Lovejoy: Publishing, Faith, and Abolitionism in Early  
Nineteenth Century St. Louis*

Paula Hunt, University of Missouri

*Our Country, Our Women: Anti-Convent Propaganda and  
the Massachusetts Know-Nothing Party*

Cassandra L. Yacovazzi, University of Missouri

*“Reviving a Spirit of Controversy”: The Anti-Catholic  
Origins of American Religious Freedom, 1787-1792*

Nicholas Pellegrino, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

COMMENT • Katie Oxx, St. Joseph’s University  
Kathleen Sprows Cummings

**56 • THE REPUBLICAN COURT REVISITED: TWENTY YEARS  
LATER** (paper pre-circulated at SHEAR conference website)

PRESIDING • David Waldstreicher, Temple University

*The Republican Court*

Fredrika J. Teute, Omohundro Institute of Early  
American History and Culture

PANELISTS • Toby Ditz, Johns Hopkins University  
Amy H. Henderson, independent scholar  
Sophia Rosenfeld, University of Virginia  
Jason Shaffer, United States Naval Academy

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