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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday 10 July

2:00-4:00 pm Graduate Research Seminars (online)

Thursday, July 13

9:30 am-4:00 pm Biography Workshop

11:00 am OR 2:00pm Revolution & Founders Tour

12:30-4:30 pm Second-Book Writers' Workshop

2:00 pm Lazaretto Tour

2:00-5:00 pm SHEAR Advisory Council Meeting

5:00-7:30 pm Conference Registration

6:00-7:30 pm President's Plenary

7:30-9:00 pm Plenary Reception

Friday, July 14

7:30-8:30 am Perk and Pop with the *JER* Editors

8:30 am-4:00 pm Conference Registration

8:30 am-5:00 pm Book Exhibit

8:30am-12:15 pm Sessions

12:30-2:00 pm *JER* Editorial Board Meeting

2:00-5:45 pm Sessions

9:00 pm Grad Student Meet-n-Greet

Saturday, July 15

7:30-9:00 am Boydston Women's Breakfast

8:30 am-4:00 pm Conference Registration

8:30 am-5:00 pm Book Exhibit

9:00 am-12:45 pm Sessions

12:30-2:00 pm 2024 Program Committee Meeting

2:00-3:45 pm Sessions

4:00-5:30 pm Roundtable: Judging the Early Republic

5:30-6:00 pm Philly Water Ice & Soft Pretzel Social

6:30-8:00 pm Presidential Address & SHEAR Prizes

8:00-9:30 pm Awards Reception

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 24

7:45-8:45 am	SHEAR business meeting - open to all
8:30-10:30 am	Conference Registration
8:30-11:00 am	Book Exhibit
9:00 am-12:45 pm	Sessions

Tuesday, 26 July

9:00am-2:00pm ET	Conference Paper to Journal Article workshop (online)
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Awards Reception: Ormandy East

Biography Workshop: Aria AB

Boydston Women's Breakfast: Orchestra

Exhibit Hall: Symphony Ballroom

Graduate Student Meet-n-Greet: Misconduct Tavern,
1511 Locust Street

JER Editorial Board Meeting: Cassatt House, 1320
Locust Street

Lazaretto Tour: tour bus departs from conference hotel

Perk and Pop with the JER Editors: Assembly E

Philly Water Ice & Soft Pretzel Social: Ormandy Pref.

Plenary Reception: Masonic Temple, 1 N. Broad

Presidential Address: Ormandy East

Presidential Plenary: Ormandy East

Registration: Overture

Revolution and Founders Tour: Independence Visitor
Center doors, 599 Market St.

Second-Book Writers' Workshop: Maestro A and B,
Minuet, Rhapsody

SHEAR Advisory Council Meeting: Cassatt House, 1320
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SHEAR Business Meeting: Orchestra



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I am delighted to welcome you all to Philadelphia for the first time in six years. The chance to gather and share our work with each other is also a chance to share the energy and joy that our community

creates. This year's remarkable program demonstrates that even as our field has increasingly come under political attack, we continue to do innovative, exciting, and fearless scholarship. I hope that you will take advantage of SHEAR's many receptions and workshops to talk together about our work and our lives. Please enjoy this conference as a time to meet new colleagues as well as to reconnect with old friends.

We have many people to thank for this extraordinary meeting, beginning with national conference coordinator Robyn Lily Davis, whose experience and extraordinary competence makes this conference possible. Our Local Arrangements Committee—chaired by Amy Baxter-Bellamy, with assistance from Tara Bynum, Maria Hammack, Emma Hart, Martha King, Philip Mead, and Jessica Roney—have put together a marvelous set of events. They have found wonderful places for us to meet, including the Masonic Temple for our Thursday night reception, the American Philosophical Society for the Presidential Address and Award Ceremony on Saturday night, and the Museum of the American Revolution for the reception that will follow. Each of those institutions deserves our gratitude for donating the use of their beautiful spaces to SHEAR. At these events, we will also raise our glasses in thanks to the Massachusetts Historical Society, Carleton College, the Carleton College American Studies Program, and past SHEAR president Barbara Oberg for co-sponsoring the receptions.

The Program Committee, chaired by Eliga Gould and Manisha Sinha, has created a dizzyingly rich intellectual feast for us. Enormous thanks go to the co-chairs and of the rest of the committee—Thomas Balcerski, Julia Bernier, Corey Brooks, Christopher Cameron, Nneka Dennie, Kathleen Duval, Kate Haulman, Stephanie Jones-Rogers, Phil Mead, Paul Polgar, Ariel Ron, Calvin Schermerhorn, Chernoh Sesay, and Michael Witgen—for their energy in putting together this fabulous weekend.

Of the many wonderful sessions in the program, I will highlight here just two. First, please note the sessions that highlight the work of our inaugural class of DEI Fellows, whose pathbreaking work will both extend our knowledge of the past and our future vitality. Second, we have a wide variety of sessions about and for teachers (both k-12 and post-secondary). They range from discussions of the current political moment to the potential three-way partnerships between museums, scholars, and secondary-school teachers.

On Thursday night, we officially open the conference with the Presidential Plenary, “Judicial Review: Law, Gender, and the Early Republic.” Five spectacular scholars will use court cases and legal history as a springboard for new interpretations of the early republic. At times, the courts and the law have been a bulwark against terrifying change; at other moments, they stood in the way of eagerly anticipated innovations. In addition, the laws themselves do not always end up organizing the world in the ways that their proponents might have hoped. These scenarios are familiar enough to us in the present moment, as many of us have closely followed the rulings of the Supreme Court and local legislatures. With the help of the audience, the panel will tease out the twisted and incomplete histories of gender and its intersections through the legalities of the early republic.

These same themes will continue with the *JER* Saturday afternoon roundtable, “Judging the Early Republic: Today’s Supreme Court and the Responsibilities of Historians.”

SHEAR members know that our research frequently affects cases that come before judges and courts; this session will give attendees an opportunity to reflect on the importance and implications of sharing our expertise.

On Saturday evening, the presidential address, “Everything Must Go: Property, Uncertainty, and Choice in the Evacuation of Boston,” will bring us back to March 1776, at the earliest edge of SHEAR’s chronology. In a story that evokes other refugee evacuations, this one will explore the making and unmaking of families through intertwined accounts of love and loss. We will follow the presidential address with the joyous celebration of the scholarly achievements of our members in the annual prize ceremony.

As ever, this year we continue our commitment to new generations of scholars, beginning with Graduate Research Seminars held online on Monday before the conference officially kicks off. Graduate students who can join us in person are warmly invited to the Graduate Student reception on Friday evening. Among the ways we support each other’s scholarly productions are the “Perk and Pop” continental breakfast with JER editors, the Biography Workshop and the (eighth!) Second Book Writers’ Workshop. There are many other opportunities for informal conversation over coffee, water ice, and Philly soft pretzels, including the Boydston Women’s Breakfast.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as your president at a time of institutional rejuvenation and intellectual energy, and I look forward to celebrating with you in Philadelphia.

Serena Zabin
SHEAR President





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OI Executive Director Catherine E. Kelly and
the staff of the OI invite you to

Meet the OI Editors

at the SHEAR annual meeting

Friday, July 14, 2023

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Book Exhibit Hall, Doubletree Hotel

Carolyn Eastman, incoming Book Review Editor, WMQ

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Paul Erickson, President-elect; Serena Zabin, President; Joanne Freeman, Immediate past president

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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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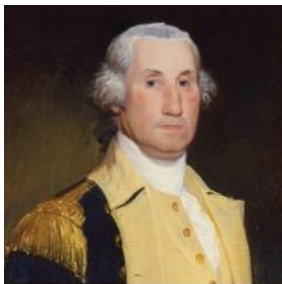
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That it has been the President intended in case of Peace, to find if I am uncertain whether he will fall out on the form entire Treaty from the British to Africa. I shall proceed from this place up to receive the President's orders, and I shall write several times there. If we go to England, I beg you to find my love from

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Art. 10. The members of each House shall receive a compensation for their services, to be ascertained and paid by the House, in which they shall be chosen.

Art. 11. The reading of the laws of the United States shall be. "It is enacted, that every bill, passed by the House of Representatives, and by the Senate of the United States, in Congress assembled.

Art. 12. Each House shall publish the report of originating bills, except in the cases hereinafter mentioned.

Art. 13. Every bill, which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, before it become a law, be presented to the President of the United States, for his review: if, upon such review, he approve it, he shall signify his approbation by signing it: But if, upon such review, it shall appear to him improper for being passed into a law, he shall return it, together with his objections against it, to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall amend the objections as largely on their journal, and proceed to reconsider the bill. But if, after such reconsideration, two thirds of that House shall, notwithstanding the objections of the President, agree to pass it, it shall, together with his objections, be sent to the other House, in which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and, if approved by a majority of that House also, it shall become a law. But, in all such cases, the votes of both Houses shall be determined by Yeas and Nays; and the names of the persons voting for or against the bill shall be entered in the Journal of each House respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the President within ten days (Sundays excepted) he shall have been presented to him, it shall be a law, unless the Legislature, by their adjournment, prevent its operation, in which case it shall not be a law.

Art. 14. The Legislature of the United States shall have the power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises: "The power of laying and collecting taxes, duties, imposts and excises, shall be vested in Congress, to be exercised in conformity with the principles of justice, uniformity and equality."

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To declare the punishment of death and imprisonment; "To declare war, and to grant letters of marque and reprisal;"

To regulate the commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes; "To call forth the militia, to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions;"

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Art. 15. The President of the United States shall consist only in being, was elected, and shall hold his office for four years, and shall be eligible to a second term, but shall not be elected a third time. The Legislature of the United States shall have power to declare the punishment of treason. No person shall be convicted

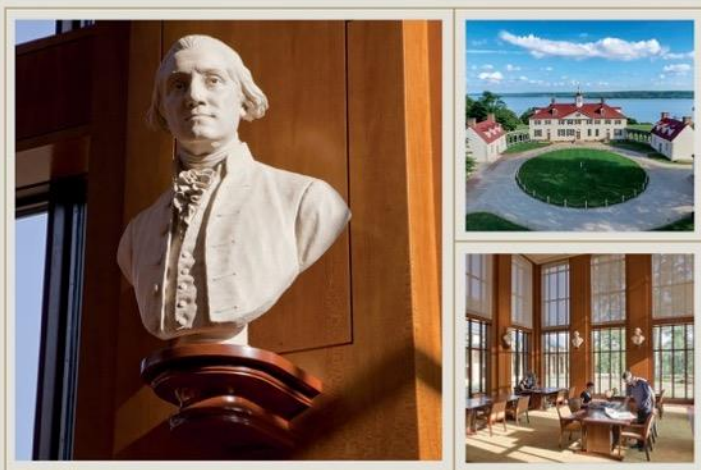
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The SHEAR Book Prize is awarded to an original monograph published in the previous year that deals with the period 1776-1861 in America.

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.

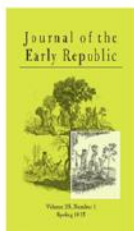
The Ralph D. Gray Article Prize honors the best original article published in the previous volume of the *JER*.

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.



The SHEAR Distinguished Service award recognizes generous and enduring service on behalf of the goals and programs of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic. It recognizes the kind of commitment without which voluntary organizations such as SHEAR could not thrive. Since it was established in 2014, the award has been presented nine times.

Citations of award recipients are at <https://shear.org/awards/>



Journal of the Early Republic

Check out the JER's forums at SHEAR

Judging the Early Republic: Today's Supreme Court and the Responsibility of Historians (Saturday afternoon plenary) – As the Supreme Court articulates a new “history and tradition” standard, jurisprudence has moved beyond the original intents of the Founding Fathers to the broader social, economic, and political practices of the early republic. This panel seeks to help SHEAR-ites understand why the early republic matters so much, how lawyers and jurists gain their knowledge of the period, and how historians can contribute to conversations that will shape the lives of almost every American in the years to come.

Sporting Culture in Black and White- In the 1990s and early 2000s, theatre, sports, gambling, games, and all sorts of entertainment were plumbed for their roles in constructing race, class, gender, and political culture. By bringing together a diverse range of scholars who work on the racialized and gendered “sporting” expressions of popular culture, this panel will explore how cultural history can contribute to the most important questions historians are asking today about the early republic.

Third Annual Conference Paper to Article Workshop (Summer 2023)- For the third year, the JER's editors will convene a workshop to help scholars turn their conference papers into articles! Our goal is to demystify the process and provide every participant concrete advice on how they might revise their papers. A great opportunity for junior scholars. Contact the editors.

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WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA!

Since 2004, SHEAR has returned regularly to Philadelphia and in 2023, we are here for the first time since 2017. Welcome back!

Philadelphia played a central role in the formation of the new nation during the early republic. As the meeting place for both the First and Second Continental Congresses, it drew together leaders from all parts of North America, and the two most historic documents in the history of the United States—the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of 1787—were drafted and signed in the Philadelphia State House, now Independence Hall. The city was also an important leader on other fronts: it was one of North America’s busiest and most profitable seaports, and the site of the first subscription library, hospital, medical school, philosophical society, bank, and government mint. It was home to some of the earliest and most influential salons, writers, and artists in the new United States. It struggled with its darker side too, with rising poverty and income disparity, questions about how to incorporate into the polity emancipated African Americans and new immigrants, and the transition from workshops to factory production.

These themes and more are explored in the 2023 conference panels, all of which are held at the DoubleTree Hotel, our conference headquarters. The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia Center City, located at the intersection of Broad and Locust Streets in Center City, is situated in a vibrant government, business, shopping, cultural, and restaurant district. Philadelphia offers a wealth of cultural and historical gems, many opening their doors and exhibitions to SHEAR this year.

For those arriving early, take advantage of the pre-conference opportunities to tour. Take a walking tour of

historic sites of significance surrounding Independence Hall with the tour guides of Grim Philly, at 11 am or 2 pm. You could also join the tour of the Lazaretto, the oldest surviving quarantine station in the Western Hemisphere.

After the Presidential Plenary on Thursday evening, we head a few blocks north on Broad Street to the stately Masonic Temple on the northeast corner of Penn Square for a reception. The earliest established lodge in Philadelphia dates to 1731. By 1757 there were at least four subordinate lodges in addition to a “Grand Lodge.” The Philadelphia Masons built their first permanent hall in 1755 for their own meetings and to host other voluntary associations and the balls of the Dancing Assembly. The present hall, at the intersection of Broad and Market Streets, dates to 1873 and includes a library with seminal works on freemasonry and a museum with more than 30,000 artifacts including George Washington’s Masonic Apron and Benjamin Franklin’s Masonic Sash.

Saturday evening, SHEAR hosts our traditional awards reception following the presidential address and presentation of SHEAR prizes. We will convene in the Symphony Ballroom at the DoubleTree for the presidential address and move to the Balcony for the reception.

If time permits, we encourage you to take advantage of the research opportunities at the Library Company of Philadelphia and Historical Society of Pennsylvania located next door to the DoubleTree, browse the gastronomic offerings of historic Reading Terminal or nearby Chinatown, or enjoy a summer stroll through stately Rittenhouse Square. If you wish to go further afield, Penn’s city offers historic and cultural sites in all directions. To the east you can take advantage of Independence Mall, the Philadelphia Athenaeum, the President’s House Memorial, the National Constitution Center, the American Philosophical Society, the Independence Seaport Museum, or the splendid Museum of

the American Revolution. Or head just a few blocks north and explore Philadelphia City Hall or the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, or hop a couple subway stops to Fairmount and the infamous Eastern State Penitentiary. To the west Philadelphia offers the Museum of Art (complete with “Rocky” steps), the Rodin Museum, and the Barnes Museum. And to the south, the Italian Market with its offerings of meats, cheeses, pastries, gelato, coffee, and the famous Philly cheesesteaks is a delight for foodies.

There is something for everyone in the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection. We hope you enjoy #SHEAR2023 and are so glad you’re here. Welcome!

The 2023 Local Arrangements Committee:

Amy Baxter-Bellamy, MCEAS, Chair

Tara Bynum, University of Iowa

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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Graduate Research Seminars, Monday 10 July.

Continuing SHEAR's long tradition of mentoring graduate students, senior scholars will lead research seminars for advanced graduate students and recent graduates, devoted to different scholarly topics in the history of the early United States and its world. *To promote accessibility and broad participation, these will be held online before the conference opens.*

Tour by Grim Philly, Thursday 13 July. A leisurely two-hour walk of historic Old Town with Grim Philly tour guides. Historic sites of significance include the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the President's House, the First and Second National Banks, Carpenter's Hall, Dolley Madison's home, and the original Library Company among others.

Lazaretto Tour, Thursday 13 July. Tour the oldest surviving quarantine station in the Western Hemisphere. Built in 1799 after a series of devastating yellow fever epidemics, the Lazaretto protected Philadelphia from imported epidemics from 1801 to 1895. Discover the many layers of suffering, tragedy, hope, and survival embedded in this most unusual historic site. *Sponsored by Department of History and Sociology, UPenn.*

Biography Writers' Workshop, Thursday 13 July.

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.

Second-Book Writers' Workshop, Thursday 13 July.

Senior scholar mentors will each facilitate a workshop

session for historians of the early American republic who are currently working on second book projects.

SHEAR Advisory Council, Thursday 13 July. The Advisory Council meets at 2:00 pm.

President's Plenary, Thursday 13 July. SHEAR's 44th annual conference opens at 6:00 pm with the President's Plenary, "Judicial Review: Law, Gender, and the Early Republic," at the DoubleTree.

Plenary Reception, Thursday 13 July. Immediately following the President's Plenary, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, Masonic Hall, 1 N. Broad St. *Co-sponsored by Carleton College and the McNeil Center.*

Perk and Pop with the JER Editors, Friday 14 July. Ron Johnson, Johann Neem, and Andy Shankman invite graduate students and early career scholars to meet for an informal early-morning conversation.

JER Editorial Board Meeting, Friday 14 July. The JER editorial board meets at 12:30 pm.

Graduate Student Meet-n-Greet, Friday 14 July. Graduate students at the conference can meet and mingle at an informal gathering beginning at 9:00 pm at Misconduct Tavern, 1511 Locust St.

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July. The Program Committee for the 2024 SHEAR conference in Philadelphia will meet at 12:30.

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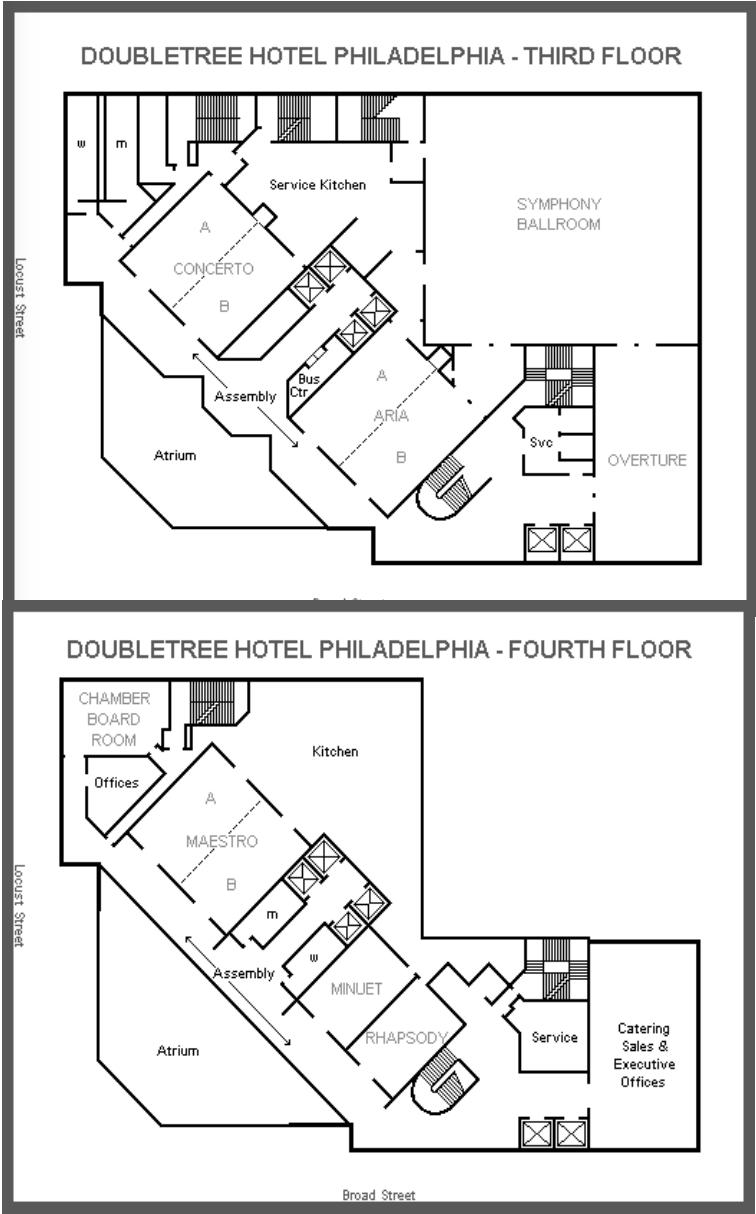
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The World of the United
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Program Schedule

- 9:00 am welcome and introductions
- 9:30 am the importance of selecting your subject
- 10:00 am where to begin and end the story
- 10:45 am finding and refining your narrative voice
- 11:45 am selling the biography
- 12:00 n lunch & conversation
- 1:45 pm discussions of participants' chapters
- 3:45 pm wrap-up

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Black Internationalism with Leslie Alexander (Rutgers University) and Ousmane Power-Green (Clark University)

- Alison McAnn, University of Miami: “Until Freedom Be Done”
- Taneil Ruffin, Princeton University: “Black Refugees and Atlantic Legal Cultures of Slavery and Freedom”
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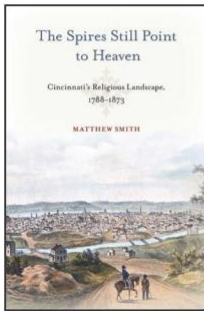
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- Shea Hendry, University of Cambridge: “Divided Loyalties, Exile Communities, and Transnational Exchange in the Transformation of the Anglo-American Relationship, 1783-1825”
- William Kelly, University of Nebraska-Lincoln: “Claiming Property and Seizing Freedom in Maryland, 1783-1832”
- Cody Nager, The Graduate Center CUNY: “Determined to be American: Regulating Migration and Citizenship in the Early American Republic”
- Emily Yankowitz, Yale University: “Documenting Citizens: How Americans Understood the Concept of Citizenship, 1776-1856”
- Stephanie Womack, Auburn University: “Drain the Swamps?: the Politics of Adjudicating Large Land Grants in Louisiana and Florida”

New Midwest / Old Northwest with Peter Onuf (University of Virginia) and Jessica Roney (Temple University)

- Jesse Chariton, Iowa State University: Immigration and Identity in Nineteenth-Century Madison, WI
- Cameron Kline, Syracuse University: “Secondary Figures in the United States' Executive Branch, Indigeneity, and the Atlantic world During the Early Republic”
- Leonard Lederman, Binghamton University: The War of 1812 and Indian Removal
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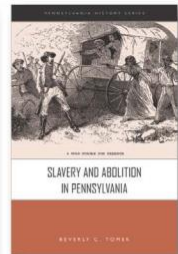
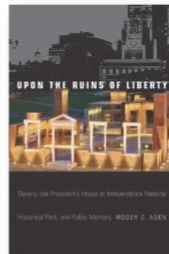
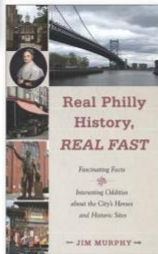
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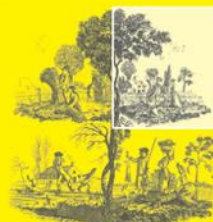
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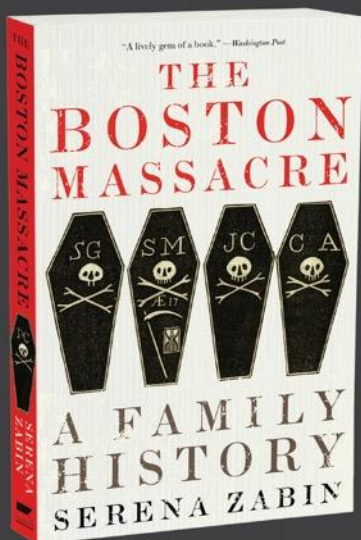
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Revolutionary Colonies: Imagining and Making New States

Jessica Choppin Roney, Temple University

She Carried Her Child with Her: Freedom-Seeking as a Family Endeavor during the American Revolution

Lauren Duval, University of Oklahoma

Peter Johnson's Travels: Networks of Indigenous Mobility, Pan-Indianism, and the Making of the Revolutionary War in the Northeast

Blake Grindon, Princeton University

Mothers and Diplomats: Elite American Women's Mobility in Europe During and After the American Revolution

Miriam Liebman, The Adams Papers, Massachusetts Historical Society

COMMENT • Michael Blaakman

3 • EMPIRE, REFORM, AND COERCED LABOR ACROSS EARLY AMERICA
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PRESIDING • Lori J. Daggar, Ursinus College

Rev. Samuel Hopkins and the 18th Century Missionary Origins of the Federal Indian Boarding Schools

Khalil Anthony Johnson Jr., Wesleyan University

The Third Empire: Abolition in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest

Christina Snyder, Penn State University

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5 • NEW DIRECTION IN GENDER AND PARTY POLITICS

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*Small Families, Nativism, and Republican Policy
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Rebecca Edwards, Vassar College

*Party at the Springs: Democratic Politicians at The
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Amy S. Greenberg, Penn State University

*Domestic Institutions? Polygamy, Slavery, and the
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Lauren N. Haumesser, Independent Scholar

COMMENT • Michael E. Woods, University of Tennessee at
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Emily Yankowitz, Yale University

Kariann Yokota, University of Colorado Denver

Eran Zelnik, California State University, Chico

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8 • EPIDEMIC DISEASE’S IMPACT ON THE POOR AND PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC

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PRESIDING • Rana Hogarth, University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign

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Carolyn Eastman, Virginia Commonwealth University

Reimagining 1793 Philadelphia: Yellow Fever, Race, and Labor in the Early Republic

Michael D. Thompson, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Expansion, Epidemics, and Endemic Fevers: Settler Colonialism and the Spread of Malaria in the Era of the Early Republic

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Zachary Conn, Southern Methodist University

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Alexandra E. Stern, City College of New York, CUNY

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Craig Hollander, The College of New Jersey

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Hector Kilgoe, University of Pennsylvania

Contextualizing Colonizationism within Histories of Colonialism

Brandon Mills, University of Colorado Denver

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Amanda White Gibson, Kenyon College

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Sheri Ann Huerta, George Mason University
The Freedom Petitions: Black Politics, Black Patriotism, and the Abolition of Slavery in Massachusetts, 1773-1783

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PERSPECTIVES ON SLAVERY AND FREEDOM IN THE
EARLY REPUBLIC**
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Swamp*

Christy Hyman, Mississippi State University
*The Capacious Sacrament of Necessity: Community
Formation in Early American Godparentage
Networks*

Maeve Kane, University at Albany
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Carrie Glenn, Niagara University
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Karin Wulf, Brown University

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RADICALISM**
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Keisha Esty, Wesleyan University
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**21 • ON INDIGENOUS LANDS: RESISTANCE, VIOLENCE,
AND MEMORY IN THE NATIVE SOUTHEAST**
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PRESIDING • Cameron Strang, University of Nevada-Reno

*Diplomacy, Identity, and Resistance in Cherokee
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Patricia Dawson, Cherokee Nation, University
of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

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F. Evan Nooe, University of South Carolina-
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Historical Memory and Chickasaw Country

Jeff Washburn, University of Texas Permian
Basin

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Heesoo Cho, Washington Univ. of St. Louis
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Representing the Disposable*

Max Mishler, University of Toronto

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- 24 • THE RATIFICATION DEBATES OF 1787-1788 IN OLD AND NEW CONTEXTS**
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- 25 • “UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR:” THE INTERSECTION OF SLAVERY, ALCOHOL, TEMPERANCE, AND ABOLITION**
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James Foley, St. Andrew’s Episcopal School
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Elizabeth Kelly Gray, Towson University
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Mackenzie Tor, University of Missouri
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Kirsten Wood, Florida International University

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PRESIDING • Johann Neem, Western Washington University

‘Caribbean Crossings: Reframing A Race Meeting in Jacksonville, Alabama, 1841

Jessica Dallow, University of Alabama at Birmingham

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Shakeel Harris, Louisiana State University

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Myra C. Glenn, Elmira College

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Alison L. LaCroix, University of Chicago
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Joel Walker Sturgeon, University of Mississippi

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UNITED STATES**

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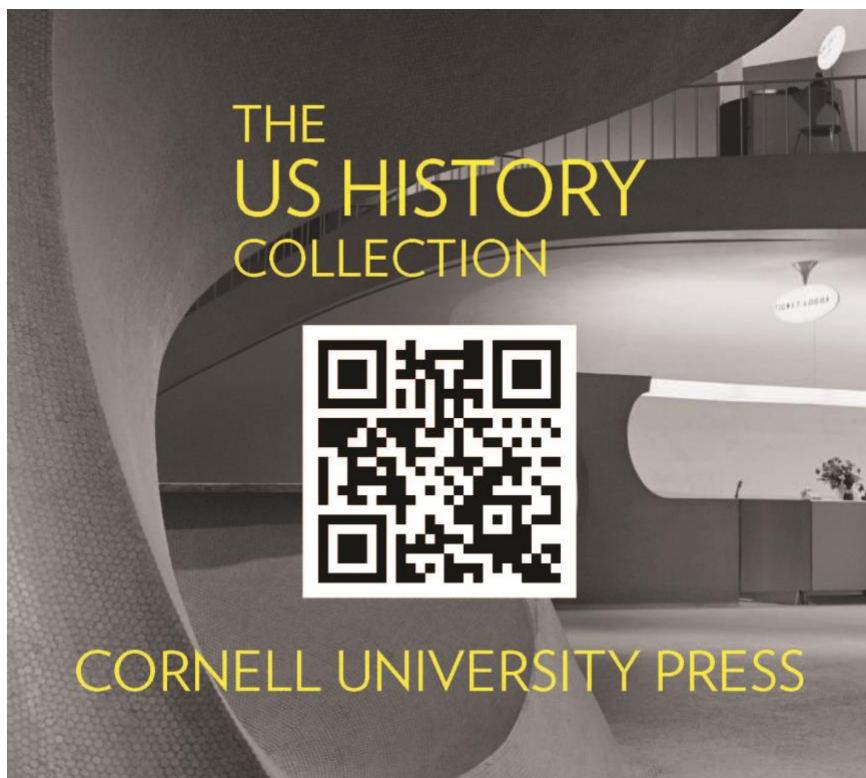
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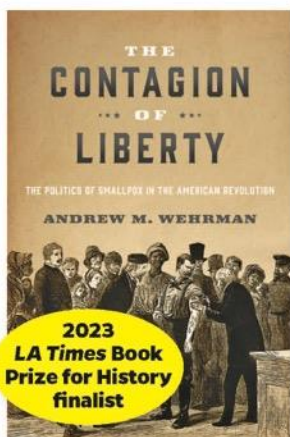
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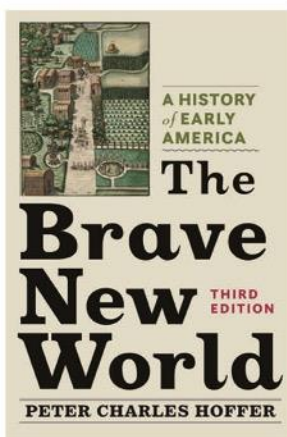
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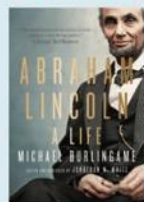


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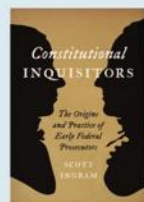


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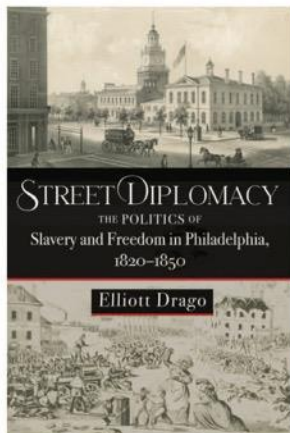
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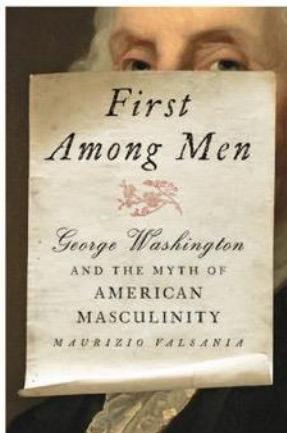
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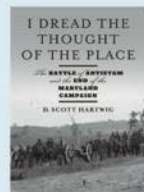
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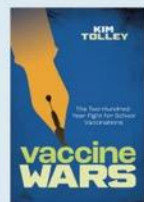
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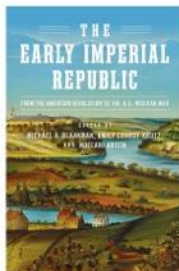
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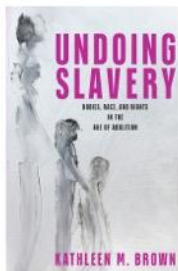
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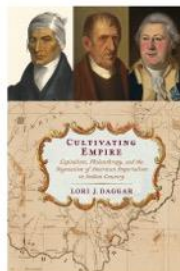
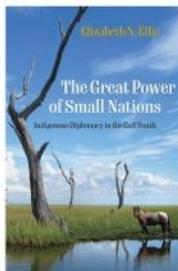
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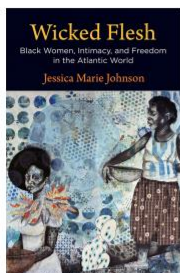
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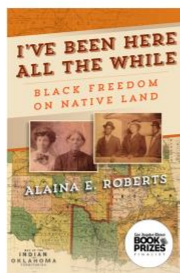


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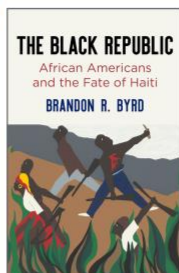
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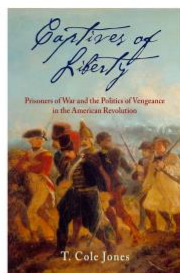
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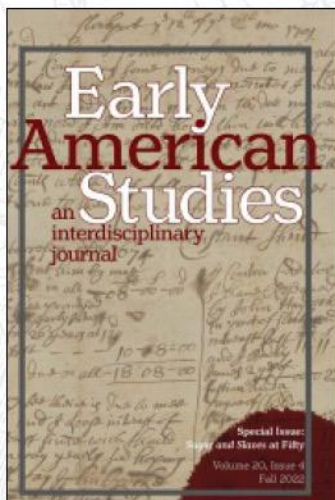
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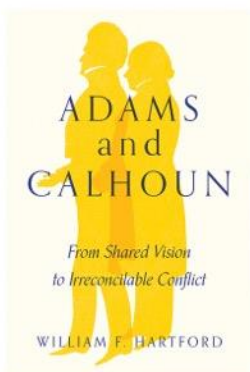
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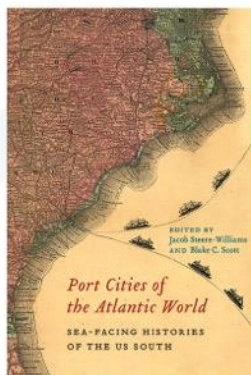
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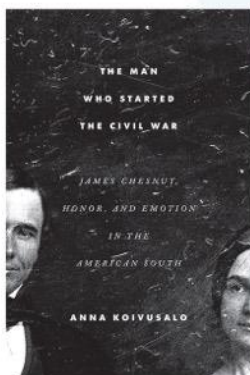
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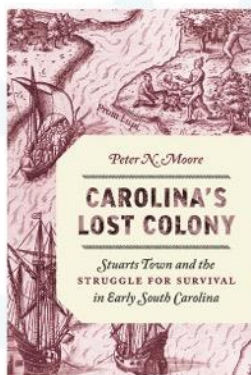
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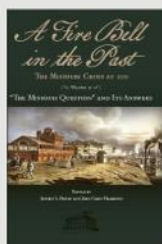
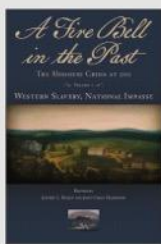
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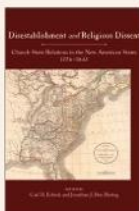
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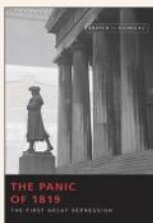
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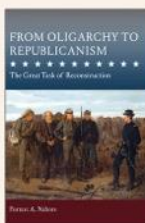
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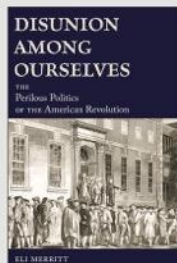
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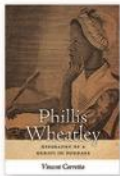
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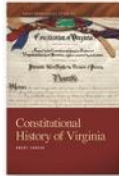
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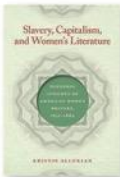
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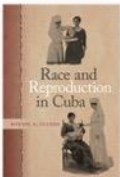
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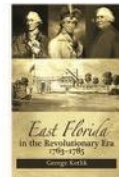
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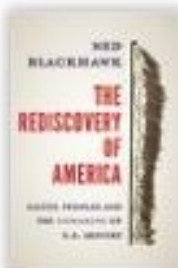
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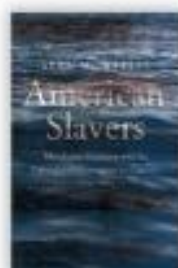
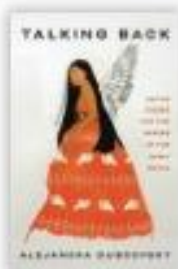
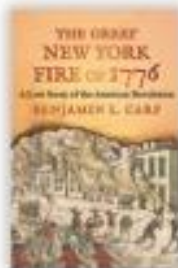
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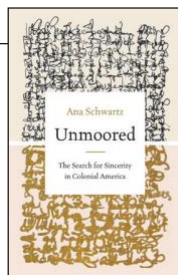
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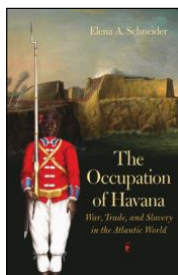
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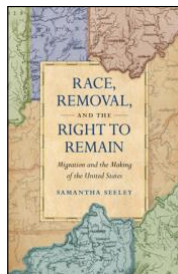


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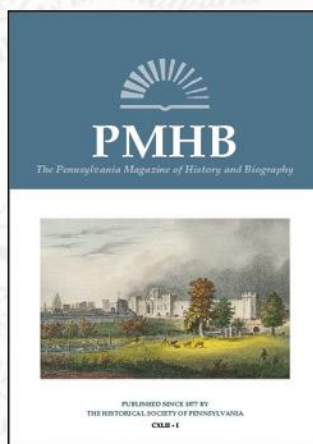
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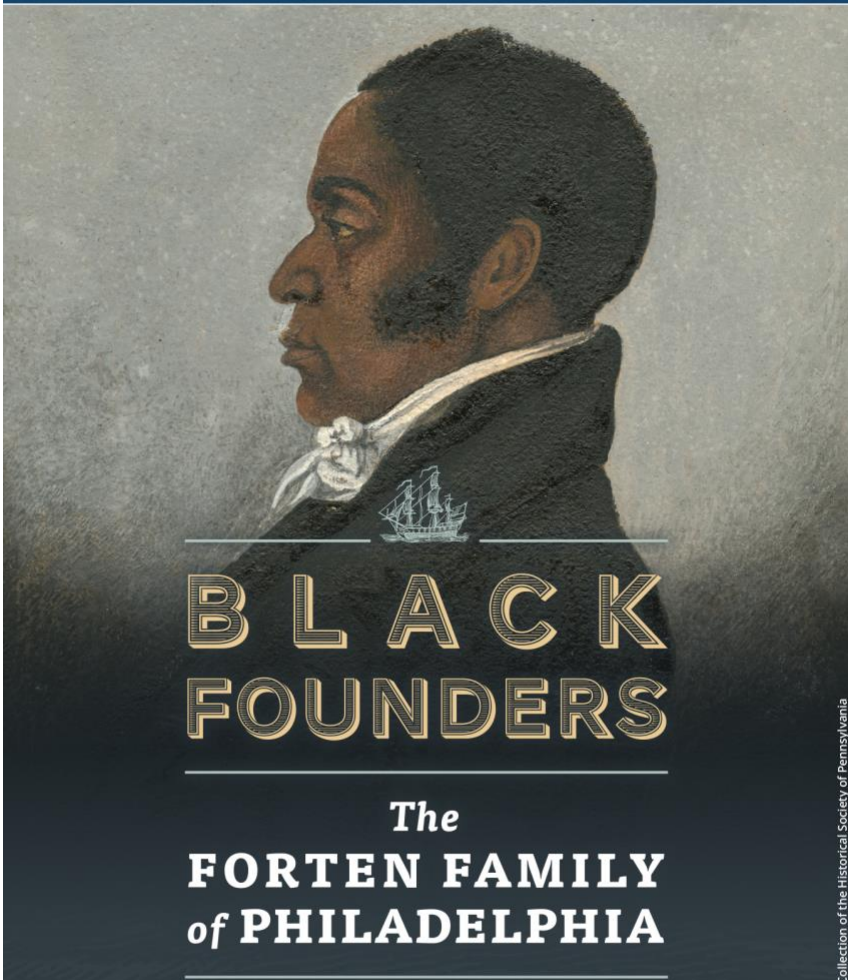
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SHEAR Philadelphia, 18-21 July 2024

The 45th annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic will convene in Philadelphia from 18 to 21 July 2024.

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the meeting of the First Continental Congress at Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia. The Program Committee would like to mark this moment—before the semiquincentennial—as an opportunity to analyze the contingency of 1774 and other turning points in early American history.

The Program Committee invites proposals for sessions and papers exploring all aspects of the history and culture of an expansive early American republic, its transnational connections, and Native nations. We particularly encourage submissions that:

- Analyze unrest, protest, and forms of dissent
- Explore competing notions of sovereignty
- Examine meanings of rights and representation
- Investigate multiple American republics
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