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JULY 18-21, 2024

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CONFERENCE PLANNING

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 17

12:00-2:00 pm Graduate Research Workshops (online)

Thursday, July 18

9:00 am-4:00 pm Biography Workshop

11:00 am-12:30 pm Tour: Philly Gayborhood Tour: Telling
LGBTQ Stories with Pride

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

2:00-4:00 pm Tour: Religious Diversity and the
Struggle for Freedom in the Nation's
Birthplace

1:00-4:00 pm SHEAR Advisory Council Meeting

4:00-6:30 pm Conference Registration

5:00-6:30 pm President's Plenary

6:30-8:00 pm Plenary Reception

Friday, July 19

8:00-9:00 am Perk Up with the *JER* Editors

8:30 am-4:00 pm Conference Registration

8:30 am-5:00 pm Book Exhibit

9:00 am-12:45 pm Sessions

11:30 am-12:30pm Tour: Rare Books Tour at the Parkway
Central Branch, Free Library of
Philadelphia

12:45-2:15 pm *JER* Editorial Board Meeting

1:00-2:00 pm Graduate Student Lunch

1:00-2:00 pm Public Historians Lunch

2:15-6:00 pm Sessions

6:00-7:00 pm Early Career Mentorship Reception

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 20

- 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 -10:30 am Tour: Carpenters' Hall
9:00 am-12:45 pm Sessions
12:45-2:15 pm 2025 Program Committee Meeting
2:15-3:45 pm Forum: Women at the Center
4:30-6:00 pm Presidential Address & SHEAR Prizes
6:00-7:30 pm Awards Reception

Sunday, July 21

- 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

Thursday, August 8

- 9:00am-2:00pm Conference Paper to Journal Article
workshop with the *JER* (online)

LOCATIONS

Awards Reception: Athenaeum of Philadelphia,
219 S. 6th Street, Philadelphia

Biography Workshop: TBD

Boydston Women's Breakfast: Orchestra

Early Career Mentorship Reception: Balcony

Exhibit Hall: Symphony Ballroom

Graduate Student Lunch: Library Company of
Philadelphia, 1314 Locust Street

JER Editorial Board Meeting: TBD

Tours:

Philly Gayborhood Tour: Meet at corner of 13th and
Locust, by Bud & Marilyn's restaurant, Philadelphia

Religious Diversity Tour: Meet at Independence
Visitors Center at 599 Market Street, Philadelphia

Rare Books Tour: Meet at Parkway Central Branch,
Free Library of Philadelphia, 1901 Vine Street

Carpenters' Hall Tour: Meet at Carpenters' Hall, 320
Chestnut Street, Philadelphia

Perk Up with the JER Editors: Assembly E

Presidential Address: American Philosophical Society,
104 S. 5th Street, Philadelphia

Presidential Plenary: Ormandy East

Presidential Plenary Reception: Kimmel Center,
300 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia

Public Historians Lunch: TBD

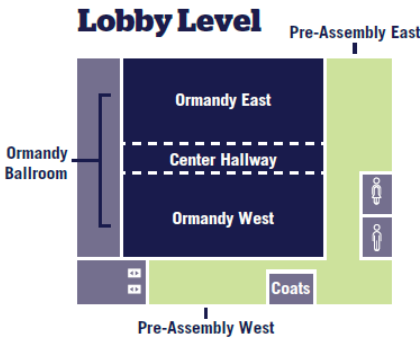
Registration: Overture

Second-Book Writers' Workshop: TBD

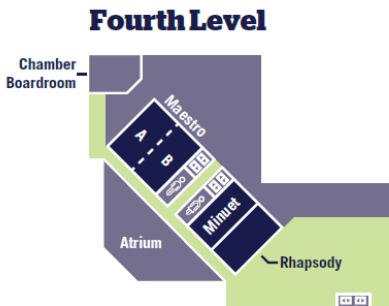
SHEAR Advisory Council Meeting: TBD

SHEAR Business Meeting: Orchestra

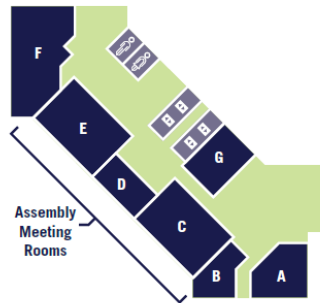
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SHEAR PRIZES

SHEAR presents six awards after the Presidential Address on Saturday, July 20th.

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 the University of Virginia 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/>

WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA

Welcome to Philadelphia for SHEAR 2024!

We are fortunate to be gathering in the heart of Center City with so much great food, nightlife, art, architecture, and history within walking distance. Be sure to get out of the conference hotel and enjoy the surrounding neighborhood! We have arranged for a variety of tours to help you explore including tours of the Philadelphia gayborhood, religious diversity in early Philadelphia in Old City, rare books collection at the Free Library of Philadelphia on the Parkway, and Carpenters' Hall. Attendees are all invited to the opening night reception at the Kimmel Center following the Thursday night plenary. Friday evening is free for people to venture out on their own. On Saturday evening, we will head to the American Philosophical Society for the Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony, followed by a reception at the Philadelphia Athenaeum. If only the Phillies were playing at home this weekend! Our local arrangements committee has shared some of their favorite spots for you as well and I'll be available all weekend to answer any questions you might have. Philadelphia has so much to offer – let us help you make the most of your time at SHEAR 2024!

Jen Manion, Local Arrangements Chair

Recommendations from some of your 2024 Local Arrangements Committee Members:

From Zara Anishanslin:

Great coffee shop: La Colombe

Great restaurant: Zama (sushi)

Great dessert spot: Embrace your inner French person and go have cheese at Tria

Great bookstore: Head House Books

Great historic site: Powel House

Great museum: Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Great archives: American Philosophical Society
Great place to walk: Schuylkill River Trail
Great bar: Charlie was a Sinner
Great musical venue: Tavern on Camac
Great neighborhood: Chestnut Hill
Favorite thing about SHEAR: SHEARites! No more sociable bunch around
Anything else: Philly is a great walking city--just go out and explore

From Bruce Dorsey:

Great coffee shop: Good Karma Cafe
Great restaurant: Suraya
Great dessert spot: Federal Donuts
Great bookstore: The Book Trader
Great bar: The Ranstead Room
Great musical venue: Chris' Jazz Café, Twisted Tail
Great cocktail Bar: Writer's Block Rehab
Great mocktails: Wilder
Great breakfast/brunch: Sabrina's Café, The Dandelion, Green Eggs Café

From Beth Hessel:

Great coffee shop: Talula's Daily
Great restaurant: Freida
Great dessert spot: Gran Caffè L'Aquila
Great bookstore: Head House Books
Great neighborhood: Chestnut Hill/Wissahickon Park/Forbidden Drive
Favorite thing about SHEAR: Opportunities to meet, learn, and share research and ideas with amazing scholars

From Jen Manion:

Great coffee shop: Rival Bros.
Great restaurant: Sally's Pizza; Kalaya
Great lunch: Middle Child
Great prepared foods: Talula's Daily
Great dessert spot: John's Water Ice

Great bookstore: House of Our Own
Great historic site: Eastern State Penitentiary
Great museum: The Barnes; The Fabric Workshop and Museum
Great archives: Historical Society of Pennsylvania
Great place to walk: Rittenhouse Sq. to look at dogs
Great musical venue: Union Transfer
Great neighborhood: Art Museum/Fairmount
Favorite thing about SHEAR: the people
Anything else: Rent a bike from Fairmount Bicycles or use the bikeshare Indego and ride from the Philadelphia Museum of Art along the Schuylkill River (8-mile loop). My favorite unique activity is sitting in the café at Ikea on Columbus Blvd. and staring out at the SS United States, the 1952 ocean liner docked at Pier 82. I also love sitting in the gardens outside the Rodin Museum with a cappuccino.

From Whitney Martinko:

Great coffee shop: Newer: Habitat Coffee House; Classic: Last Drop
Great restaurant: Rex at the Royal
Great dessert spot: P.S. & Co. (allergen friendly)
Great bookstore: A Novel Idea
Great historic site: Sparks Shot Tower
Great museum: Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center
Great archives: Philadelphia City Archives
Great place to walk: Spruce Street, east, to Spruce Street Harbor Park
Great bar: Hi: Andra Hem; Lo: Dirty Frank's
Great musical venue: Solar Myth
Great neighborhood: Spruce Hill - Cedar Park
Favorite thing about SHEAR: All the fellow nerds!
Anything else: Feel free to flag me down or email for local recommendations

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Graduate Research Seminars, Wednesday 17 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.*

Biography Writers' Workshop, Thursday 18 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.

Philly Gayborhood Tour: Telling LGBTQ Stories with Pride, Thursday 18 July.

Get under the skin of queer Philly. Discover the controversies, paradoxes, and hidden histories of the only formalized Gayborhood in the country. Let's talk and spill all that historical tea hunny! Led by a Beyond the Bell Tours co-founder. Tour begins at 11:00 am. \$30 per person. Registration required.

Second-Book Writers' Workshop, Thursday 18 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.

Tour: Religious Diversity and the Struggle for Freedom in the Nation's Birthplace, Thursday 18 July.

This tour of historic Philadelphia highlights the religious and cultural diversity of the city where the nation's founding documents were written. This tour covers sites in Old City Philadelphia and will include visits to several religious sites representing the presence of Protestants,

Catholics, Jews, Freethinkers, and Muslims. The tour will be led by Dr. David Krueger, historian of American religion and executive director of the Dialogue Institute at Temple University. Tour begins at 2:00 pm. \$25 per person. Registration required.

SHEAR Advisory Council, Thursday 18 July. The Advisory Council meets at 1:00 pm.

President's Plenary, Thursday 18 July. SHEAR's 45th annual conference opens at 5:00 pm with the President's Plenary, "The Thrill of the Old; or, Reframing Research on Early America," at the DoubleTree.

President's Plenary Reception, Thursday 18 July. Immediately following the President's Plenary, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Kimmel Center, 300 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia. *Co-sponsored by the William L. Clements Library and Amherst College.*

Perk Up with the JER Editors, Friday 19 July. Ronald Angelo Johnson and Johann Neem invite graduate students and early career scholars to meet for coffee and an informal early-morning conversation.

Rare Books Tour at the Parkway Central Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia, Friday 19 July. Since its opening in 1949, the Rare Book Department of the Philadelphia Free Library has offered free tours of its collections. Take a tour of this remarkable trove to see 5,000-year-old clay tablets, the raven that inspired Poe's famous poem, paintings by N.C Wyeth and Kate Greenaway, relics of Beatrix Potter and Charles Dickens, and an original engraving by Paul Revere. Tour led by Alison Freyermouth, head of the Rare Book Department. FREE. Registration required.

JER Editorial Board Meeting, Friday 19 July. The JER editorial board meets at 12:45 pm.

Graduate Student Lunch, Friday 19 July. Graduate students at the conference can meet for lunch and conversation from 1:00 to 2:00 pm at the Library Company of Philadelphia, 1314 Locust Street. *Sponsored by the Library Company's Program in African American History.* FREE. Registration required.

Public Historians Lunch, Friday 19 July. *Sponsored by Saratoga 250.* FREE. Registration required.

Early Career Mentorship Reception, Friday 19 July. Reception from 6:00 to 7:00 pm for those participating in the mentorship program or interested in participating in the future. *Sponsored by the Institute for Thomas Paine Studies at Iona University.* Registration required.

Boydston Women's Breakfast, Saturday 20 July. The women of SHEAR will gather from 7:30 to 9:00 am for their fifteenth annual breakfast honoring the life and career of long-time SHEAR member and supporter Jeanne Boydston. *Sponsored by the Omohundro Institute.* Tickets \$35.00. Registration required.

Tour: Carpenters' Hall, Saturday 20 July. Join your fellow SHEAR attendees for a private tour of historic Carpenters' Hall, the site of the First Continental Congress in 1774, where delegates including George Washington, John Adams, Samuel Adams and Patrick Henry formed the colonial coalition that declared independence, fought the Revolution and founded a new nation. Tour led by Michael Norris, Carpenters' Company Executive Director. \$25 per person. Registration required.

2025 Program Committee Meeting, Saturday 20 July. The Program Committee for the 2025 SHEAR conference in Providence, RI will meet at 12:45 pm.

Presidential Address, Saturday 20 July. The 2024 presidential address begins at 4:30 pm. SHEAR President Paul Erickson will discuss “Revolutionary Gothic: A Philadelphia Story” at the American Philosophical Society, 104 S. 5th Street, Philadelphia.

Awards Ceremony, Saturday 20 July. The SHEAR awards ceremony will immediately follow the Presidential Address.

Awards Reception, Saturday 20 July. The SHEAR Awards reception follows immediately after the awards ceremony at the Athenaeum of Philadelphia, 219 S. 6th Street. *Co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Historical Society and the Athenaeum of Philadelphia.*

Coffee & Business Meeting, Sunday 21 July. Join us at SHEAR’s business meeting, open to all.

From Conference Paper to Journal Article Workshop, Thursday 8 August. The *JER* editors and peers will meet online to discuss feedback and plans for revising conference papers into publishable journal articles. *Post-conference online workshop.*

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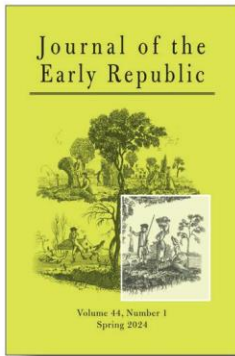
COVID-19 INFORMATION

Masks encouraged.

Under current guidelines the city of Philadelphia encourages but does not require wearing masks in indoor spaces. The city also encourages all residents and visitors to be vaccinated, including booster shots as appropriate, and suggests that all assess individual risks and consider face coverings in public.

SHEAR will follow local guidelines and encourages all attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and staff to continue to wear masks in any SHEAR designated space (breakout rooms, exhibit hall, lobby areas outside these spaces) for the safety of others.

We will update this as necessary in response to changing health guidelines.



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Check out these *Journal of the Early Republic* forums at the 2024 SHEAR Conference

Women at the Center: Rethinking the Place of Women in the Early Republic, Saturday afternoon plenary

Despite an outpouring of new work on women, gender, and sexuality, women's history in the early republic is still dominated by decades-old understandings. Why? How does new work on women, gender, and sexuality change our understanding of the early republic? How can scholars construct a new narrative incorporating new work that recasts our views of women's history? In short, what does putting women at the center do to the history of the era of the early republic?

Composing the Early Republic: Music and Community-Making in Early America and Today

Music served as a form of belonging and distinction. This panel brings together scholars from history, musicology, and digital humanities to consider the ways in which musical traditions simultaneously contributed to the formation of the early republic while preserving the individual and collective sovereignty of people not included in that project.

Fourth Annual Conference Paper to Article Workshop, Summer 2024

The JER 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. This is a great opportunity for junior scholars. Contact the editors.

Join the conversation at The Panorama
<https://thepanorama.shear.org/>
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THURSDAY, JULY 18 5:00–6:30 PM

**President's Plenary: The Thrill of the Old; or,
Reframing Research on Early America**

Location: Ormandy East

Welcome:

Paul Erickson, The William Clements Library,
University of Michigan in Ann Arbor
Honor Sachs, University of Colorado, Boulder
Christina Snyder, Pennsylvania State University

Chair: Paul Erickson, The William Clements Library,
University of Michigan in Ann Arbor

Panelists:

Christine DeLucia, Williams College
Rob Townsend, American Academy of Arts & Sciences
Jennifer Van Horn, University of Delaware
Karin Wulf, John Carter Brown Library, Brown
University
Jason Young, University of Michigan

Comment: Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 19 9:00–10:45 AM

Walter Johnson's *Soul by Soul* at 25

Location: TBD (hybrid)

Chair: Kimberly Welch, Vanderbilt University

The Hinge: Soul by Soul at 25

Eric Herschthal, University of Utah

The Markets that Made New Orleans: Reflections on Soul by Soul at 25

Rashauna Johnson, University of Chicago

Writing New Orleans, with Empathy & Precision

Kathryn Olivarius, Stanford University

Comment: Walter Johnson, Harvard University

Roundtable: Pedagogy & Digital Tools

Location: TBD

Chair: Lindsay Keiter, Pennsylvania State University-Altoona

Using the 1790 Census for Studying Slavery in a Small Northern Town

Sherri Cash, Utica University

Evidence and the AI Essay: Addressing the Limits of ChatGPT

Lindsay Keiter, Pennsylvania State University-Altoona

Pocket Photogrammetry for the Classroom

Jessica Parr, Northeastern University

Building Bridges K-16 via Digital Scholarship

Annie Evans, University of Richmond

Why TikTok Needs Historians: Assessing Sources in the Past and Present

Susan Gaunt Stearns, University of Mississippi

Comment: Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 19 9:00–10:45 AM

**The Nature of Knowledge: Environments, Ecologies,
& Foodways**

Location: TBD

Chair: Christopher M. Parsons, Northeastern University

*'In common use amongst us': Almanac Marginalia &
Horticultural Knowledge*

Holly Grunter, College of William & Mary

*The Built Environment of Foodways in New York's Public
History*

Sara Evenson, University of Albany

*Environmental Knowledge & Nation-Making in
Revolutionary New York*

Blake McGready, City University of New York

*Black Women & Insurgent Ecology: Woods, Water, &
Gendered Rebellion in the Great Dismal Swamp*

Kathryn Benjamin Golden, University of Delaware

Comment: Audience

**The Haitian Revolution & its Impact & Afterlives in
Early American History**

Location: TBD

Chair: Julia Gaffield, College of William & Mary

Haiti & 1898

Anne Eller, Yale University

*"Haiti Must Be Acknowledged": The Fight for Haitian
Recognition in the United States*

Leslie M. Alexander, Rutgers University

*Island Interrupted: The Impact of the Caribbean
Revolutions in the Island of Trinidad (1789–1797)*

Cristina Soriano, University of Texas-Austin

FRIDAY, JULY 19 9:00–10:45 AM

1804/1806 and the Origins of the Haitian Republic
Chelsea Stieber, Tulane University

Comment: Julia Gaffield, College of William & Mary

Roundtable: Reconsidering the First Continental Congress at the Semiquincentennial

Location: TBD

Chair: Peter S. Onuf, University of Virginia

“If they may be called laws”: Abolitionism and Resistance to Independence

Jane E. Calvert, University of Delaware

The First Continental Congress as a Diplomatic Encounter
Karen Barzilay, Massachusetts Historical Society

“That we may serve and guard her as our mother”: John Dickinson’s Affective Theory of Imperial Union

Ian Iverson, University of Delaware

The Challenge of Moderation at the Time of the First Continental Congress

Nathan Kozuskanich, Nipissing University

Comment: Peter S. Onuf, University of Virginia

National History Day Session

Location: TBD

The Fall of the Second American Republic

Manisha Sinha, University of Connecticut

FRIDAY, JULY 19 11:00 AM–12:45 PM

**The American Hemisphere as Political Laboratory:
The Production, Collection, and Circulation of
Republican Ideals, Part 1**

Location: TBD (hybrid)

Chair: Lina del Castillo, University of Texas-Austin

*Constituting Socially Heterogenous Republics: Political
Languages and Social Difference in Colombia during the
Age of Revolutions*

Francisco A. Ortega, Universidad Nacional de
Colombia-Bogotá

Debating 'the Paper Question' in Early Republican Mexico

Corinna Zeltsman, Princeton University

*Centennial Threads: Archival Diplomacy, Repatriation
Negotiations, & the Tapestry of Mexico-U.S. Diplomatic
Relations (1846–1941)*

Camila Ordorica, University of Texas-Austin

Comment: Audience

**Roundtable: Public History Perspectives on the U.S.
250th**

Location: TBD

Chair: Anne Lindsay, Consulting Historian

Panelists:

Amy Speckart, Independent Scholar/Rare Book
School at University of Virginia

Kristin O'Brassill-Kulfan, Rutgers University

Sara Evanson, University at Albany

Hilary Miller, National Park Service

Comment: Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 19 11:00 AM–12:45 PM

Roundtable: Twin Sins: The Intertwined Histories of Slavery & Indigenous Dispossession

Location: TBD

Chair: Alexandra E. Stern, City College of New York

Beyond Slavery Freedom, & Expansion

John Craig Hammond, Pennsylvania State University-
New Kensington

*Before Morrill: Native Dispossession and American
Education in the Early Nineteenth Century*

Lucas Kelley, Valparaiso University

*Dispossession and Slavery in the Antebellum Missouri River
Valley*

Robert Lee, Cambridge University

Racial Categories and Native Stories in the Southeast

Nikki Locklear, Duke University

*States' Rights Ideology & Indigenous Nationalism in the
Removal Era*

Joel Walker Sturgeon, University of Mississippi

Comment: Audience

Constructing Useful Knowledge in Early America

Location: TBD

Chair: Tamara Plakins Thornton, SUNY-Buffalo

*Plants "Of Great Service to Poor Slaves": Enslaved Peoples'
Botanical Knowledge of Alimentary Plants in the Caribbean
and American South*

Hannah Anderson, University of Arkansas-Little Rock

*"Inestimable Acquisitions and Common Commodities":
Muskets and the Making of Middle Grounds in Southeastern
America and the Gold Coast*

Beth Pryor, SUNY-Buffalo

FRIDAY, JULY 19 11:00 AM–12:45 PM

“To Extirpate from the Face of the Earth Such a Race of Monsters”: Enslaved Experts, Fédon’s Rebellion, and the Limits of Commodity Substitution

Jordan Smith, Widener University

Recategorizing Early American Law: Legal Literature and Knowledge Formation in the Early Republic

Sarah Winsberg, Brooklyn Law School

Comment: Jim Downs, Gettysburg College

Forgotten Histories of the American Revolution

Location: TBD

Chair: Andrew Shankman, Rutgers University-Camden

Erasing the Loyalists: The Revolutionary Tradition and Political Conflict in the Early American Republic

Eileen Ka-May Cheng, Sarah Lawrence College

Whatever Happened to the Requisitions?

Charlotte Crane, Northwestern University

Petitions & Passes: Women & State Authority during the American Revolution

Camille Kaszubowski, Seton Hill University

Illusions of Security, Geographies of Care: Protecting Black Children in the Aftermath of the American Revolution

Erica Duncan, New York University,
2023-2024 SHEAR DEI Fellow

Comment: Audience

Other Abolitions: Slavery & Abolitionist Policies in the U.S., Mexican, & Colombian Republics

Location: TBD

Chair: Leslie M. Alexander, Rutgers University

FRIDAY, JULY 19 11:00 AM–12:45 PM

Reclamando su Libertad: Black American Liberation Practices under Mexican Law

Maria Esther Hammack, The Ohio State University

“Take Refuge Under the Laws of [Columbia]”: Slavery, Emigration, and Political Abolitionism in the Hemispheric 1850s

Yesenia Barragan, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Slavery in Late Antebellum Washington, D.C: Evidence from the Compensation Petitions

Adam Rothman, Georgetown University

Comment: Caitlin Fitz, Northwestern University

FRIDAY, JULY 19 2:15 –4:00 PM

Indigenous Republics

Location: TBD

Chair: Lori Daggar, Ursinus College

*“My Land Overwhelmed by Strangers From All Parts”:
Cherokee Nation-Building in Arkansas & Missouri
Territories*

Frankie Bauer, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

*“All the power ought not to be in the hands of one man, nor all the money at the control of a few”:
Choctaw Removal as Domestic Crisis, 1820-1833*

Edward P. Green, Pennsylvania State University

Refusing the Republic: Native Nations against Kansas Taxation, 1854-1868

Emilie Connolly, Brandeis University

Comment: Maggie Blackhawk, New York University

FRIDAY, JULY 19 2:15 –4:00 PM

**The American Hemisphere as Political Laboratory:
The Production, Collection, and Circulation of
Republican Ideals, Part 2**

Location: TBD (hybrid)

Chair: Caitlin Fitz, Northwestern University

*From Columbia to Colombia: The Poetics & Politics Making
a ‘Liberated’ Hemisphere Imaginable*

Lina del Castillo, University of Texas-Austin

*An Arduous Peregrination Through the Shelves: Books,
Catalogs, & the Public Library of Bogotá, 1790-1897*

Javier Ricardo Ardila, University of Pennsylvania

Hemispheric Objects in a Revolutionary City

Ashli White, University of Miami

Comment: Audience

What Comes Next: Commemoration After 2026?

Sponsored by *The New England Quarterly*

Location: TBD

Chair: Joseph M. Adelman, Framingham State University

*A Movement or a Moment: Commemorating the Long
Revolution*

Morgan Grefe, Rhode Island Historical Society

Commemorating Black Women, Remembering Slavery

Kyera Singleton, Royall House & Slave Quarters

*“Every one of us feels more Important than ever”:
Remembering When Independence was Declared in New
England*

Emily Sneff, Historian of the Declaration of
Independence

Comment: Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 19 2:15 –4:00 PM

Roundtable: Environment & the Age of Revolutions

Location: TBD

Chair: Joyce Chaplin, Harvard University

Panelists:

Jennifer Anderson, Stony Brook University

Woody Holton, University of South Carolina

David Hsiung, Juniata College

Matthew Mulcahy, Loyola University Maryland

Ryan Quintana, Wellesley College

Comment: Audience

Material History of Slave Resistance & Rebellion

Location: TBD

Chair: Vanessa M. Holden, University of Kentucky

*“What they could save”: Black Home & Community during
Slave Rebellions, 1811-1832*

Marley Lix-Jones, Harvard University

*Fragments of Freedom: Crafting Afro-Crucian Legacies of
Freedom & Resistance*

Gabrielle Miller, National Museum of African
American History & Culture

*“The Darkey Did not Take to Machinery”: Exploring
Unconventional Pathways to Resistance*

Alexis Morris, National Park Service

Insurgent Making: Tools as Weapons in Slave Revolts

Hampton Smith, Massachusetts Institute of
Technology

Comment: Vanessa M. Holden, University of Kentucky

FRIDAY, JULY 19 4:15 –6:00 PM

Roundtable: Composing the Early Republic: Music and Community-Making in Early America & Today

Location: TBD (hybrid)

Chairs: Nora Slonimsky, Iona University & Ronald Angelo Johnson, Baylor University

Music & the Politics of Possibility in Early America
Billy Coleman, University of Missouri

Using & Refusing Protestant Hymnody
Glenda Goodman, University of Pennsylvania

Exploring the Hymnody Tradition of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
Matthew Morrison, New York University

Building & Teaching the Colonial Music Institute
David Hildebrand, George Washington Presidential Library, Alexandra Montgomery, George Washington Presidential Library, Adam Rosado, Iona University

Comment: Audience

Slavery, Personhood, & Political Power in the Early U.S. Constitution

Location: TBD

Chair: Dana Elizabeth Weiner, Wilfrid Laurier University

“Three-Fifths of This Southern Stock is Represented on the Floor of Congress”: Federalist Backlash Against the Three-Fifths Clause in the Aftermath of the “Revolution of 1800”
Nathaniel C. Green, Northern Virginia Community College

Many Ways to Count: How Revolutionary-Era Americans Considered Categories of the Represented
Andrew Schocket, Bowling Green State University

FRIDAY, JULY 19 4:15 –6:00 PM

The Administration of the Constitution and the Participatory Nature of the Constitution in Federalist Political Thought

Tingfeng Yan, University of Chicago

Comment: Todd Estes, Oakland University

Race, Gender, & Nationhood: Visual & Material Culture in Early America

Location: TBD

Chair: Emily Owens, Brown University

Nursing, Race, & the Erasure of Violence in Imagining Early America

Katherine Johnston, Montana State University

“They give to Statues, Passion, Life & Thought”: The Lovell Sisters & the Business of Waxwork Exhibitions in the Eighteenth Century

Laura Earls, Independent Scholar

Vanderlyn’s Jane McCrea: A Neoclassical Heroine for the New Republic?

Blake Z. Grindon, John Hopkins University

Bodies of Knowledge: Race, Gender, & Labor in 18th-Century Craft Recipes

Alexandra Macdonald, McNeil Center for Early American History

Comment: Emily Owens, Brown University

State of the Field Roundtable: Slavery, Race, & the University

Location: TBD

Chair: Craig Steven Wilder, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

FRIDAY, JULY 19 4:15 –6:00 PM

Yale, Andover Theological Seminary, & Racial Separatism
Andy Hammann, University of Virginia

Is There a Finish Line? Fifteen Years & Counting
Jody Allen, College of William and Mary

*Beyond Our Campus Gates: Exploring the Legacies of
Slavery at the University of the South*
Tiffany Momon, University of the South

Slavery & Higher Education: Beyond & Between Campuses
Anne Twitty, Stanford University

*Rethinking the Public University's Historic Relationship to
American Democracy—Slavery, Racism, & Education at
UVA*

Kirt von Daacke, University of Virginia

Comment: Audience

New Histories of the Body in Early America

Location: TBD

Chair: Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, Massachusetts Historical
Society

*Undone Bodies and Bodies Undone: The Gendered
Disablement of Early Modern Reproduction*
Jennifer W. Reiss, University of Pennsylvania

*The Consequences of Coquetry: Disease, Desire, and
Menstruation in the Early Republic*
Julia Bouwkamp, University of Pennsylvania

Gay Bodyminds: An Early National Genealogy
Don James McLaughlin, University of Tulsa

*Mouth to Mouth: The Tooth Trade in George Washington's
World*
Lucy Smith, University of Michigan

SATURDAY, JULY 20 9:00 –10:45 AM

Comment: Rachel Walker, University of Hartford

Extraction & Resistance in the Early Republic

Location: TBD (hybrid)

Chair: Tatiana Seijas, Rutgers University

A Long View: Lead and Its Impact on the Village des Mines Community and Beyond

Mark Chambers, Stony Brook University

Come By Water and Not By Land: Water Sovereignty & Rival Ecologies in Mid-Atlantic Iron Country

Sophie Hess, University of Maryland

Extraction, Resistance, and the Costs of Fleeing Enslavement in the Great Dismal Swamp

Christy Hyman, Cornell University/Mississippi State University

Comment: Tatiana Seijas, Rutgers University

Native American Turning Points: Existence, Persistence, & Resilience, 1763-1848

Location: TBD

Chair: Jason Herbert, United States Forest Service

The Metaphysical in the Cherokee Resistance to Christianization and ‘Civilization,’ 1794-1828

Dixie Ray Haggard, Valdosta State University

“The supply of ammunition will have a great effect on the Indians”: Gunpowder and Native Diplomacy during the Long Revolutionary Period

Jennifer Monroe McCutchen, University of St. Thomas-Minnesota

Remembering Solomon Wood’s Fort: Georgia’s Landscapes of Indigenous Erasure

F. Evan Nooe, University of South Carolina-Lancaster

SATURDAY, JULY 20 9:00 –10:45 AM

“Educating them in their own country & among their own people”: *Muskoke Language Interpreters and Christian Conversion during the Era of Forced Removal*

Keely Smith, Princeton University

Comment: Kristalyn Marie Shefveld, University of Southern Indiana

Roundtable: Chains of the Past & the Present: The Afterlives of Slavery & Reparative Justice

Location: TBD

Chair: Dexter Gabriel, University of Connecticut

Panelists:

Westenley Alcenat, Fordham University

Elsa Mendoza, Middlebury College

Tyler Parry, University of Las Vegas

Kyera Singleton, University of Michigan

Adrienne Whaley, Museum of the American Revolution

Comment: Dexter Gabriel, University of Connecticut

Roundtable: Queering Early American History: Archiving and Interpreting the LGBTQ+ Past

Location: TBD

Chair: Nick Syrett, University of Kansas

Panelists:

Em Ricciardi, Library Company of Philadelphia

Greta LaFleur, Yale University

Chip Badley, University of California, Davis

Scott Larson, University of Michigan

Comment: Audience

SATURDAY, JULY 20 9:00 –10:45 AM

Founding Memories: Constructing Histories of the Revolution and the Constitution in the Early United States

Location: TBD

Chair: Sarah J. Purcell, Grinnell College

How the Constitution Got its Fathers: Making Popular Constitutional Memory in the Early Republic

Aaron Hall, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Rejecting the Revolution: Peace Reformers' Critiques of the War for Independence

Margot Minardi, Reed College

The Memory of Lexington and Concord and the Making of a White Man's Democracy

Eran Zelnik, California State University-Chico

Comment: Sarah J. Purcell, Grinnell College

SATURDAY, JULY 20 11:00 AM–12:45 PM

On Gradations of Freedom & Labor before the Civil War

Location: TBD

Chair: Richard Bell, University of Maryland-College Park

“Turbulent and Vicious”: Enslaved Labor Negotiations in Maryland

Griffin A. Brunk, University of California-Berkley

Slavery Planted in Free Soil

Kyle DeLand, University of California-Berkley

“To Sell His Interest in Said Negro Apprentice”: Free Black Apprenticeship in the Antebellum Baltimore

Young In Jang, Binghamton University

SATURDAY, JULY 20 11:00 AM–12:45 PM

Comment: Seth Rockman, Brown University and Kevin Waite, Durham University

Transnational Perspectives on Black Childhood in the Nineteenth Century

Location: TBD (hybrid)

Chair: Corinne Field, University of Virginia

The Adultification of Black Children within New York's Colored Orphan Asylum

Kathryn Angelica, University of Connecticut

"I Ain't Forgot What They Teach Me in Sunday School": Black Childhood and Religious Agency in Antebellum America

Elise Leal Henreckson, Whitworth University

Honorable Black Girlhood in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1870-1880

Constance Holden, University of Connecticut

Locating Black Children in the U.S. Abolition Movement

Michaël Roy, Université Paris Nanterre

Comment: Audience

Roundtable: *Ghost River*: Restorative Storytelling and Indigenous Consultation

Location: TBD

Chair: Nicole Eustace, New York University

Panelists:

Will Fenton, Independent Scholar

Katelyn Lucas, Temple University

Curtis Zunigha, Lenape Center

Mark Stetina, The Shipley School

Comment: Audience

SATURDAY, JULY 20 11:00 AM–12:45 PM

Seeking—and Finding—Wider Audiences: A Roundtable

Location: TBD

Chair: Serena Zabin, Carleton College

Panelists:

Carolyn Eastman, Virginia Commonwealth University

Tamika Nunley, Cornell University

Adam Smith, University of Oxford

Maurizio Valsania, University of Turin

Comment: Audience

Sheriffs, Magistrates, and Citizens: Local Law Enforcement & the Day-to-Day Work of American Justice

Location: TBD

Chair: Jane Manners, Temple University

“As if to shew the obligation of coolness”: Sheriffs and Public Violence during the Jacksonian Era

Chad Holmes, West Virginia University

Isaac Sherman, Bounty Hunter; or, how an amoral, libertarian, capitalist helped defeat the slave trade in early national Boston, New York, and Philadelphia (but not Newport, R.I.)

Andrew J. B. Fagal, Princeton University

Modern Local Justice: The County Magistrate in the Early Republic, Reconsidered

Hannah Farber,

Comment: Jane Manners, Temple University

SATURDAY, JULY 20 11:00 AM–12:45 PM

Interrogating the Category of ‘Im/migrant’ in the Early Republic

Location: TBD

Chair: Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University

Immigrant or Internationalist? Christopher Oscanyan & the Language of American Immigration (1834-1861)

Nora Lessersohn, Harvard University

Would a Migrant by Any Other Name Plan to Settle Permanently? Addressing Terminology & Immigration Scholarship in the Early American Republic

John O’Keefe, Ohio University-Chillicothe

Reimagining Migration: Giles, Dexter, & the 1795 Naturalization Act

Connie Thomas, Queen Mary University of London

Comment: Samantha Seeley, University of Richmond

SATURDAY, JULY 20 2:15–3:45 PM

JER Roundtable: Women at the Center: Rethinking the Place of Women in the Early Republic

Location: TBD

Chair: Jessica Roney, Temple University

Panelists:

Lauren Duval, University of Oklahoma

Laura Edwards, Princeton University

Elizabeth (Liz) Ellis, Princeton University

Ellen Hartigan O’Connor, University of California-Davis

Emily Owens, Brown University

Comment: Audience

SATURDAY, JULY 20 4:30-6:00 PM

Presidential Address

Location: American Philosophical Society

Chair: Manisha Sinha, University of Connecticut

Revolutionary Gothic: A Philadelphia Story

Paul Erickson, The William Clements Library,
University of Michigan in Ann Arbor

SHEAR Awards Reception Immediately to Follow

- The James H. Broussard Best First Book Prize
- The Ralph D. Gray Article Prize
- The SHEAR Dissertation Prize
- The Mary Kelley Prize in the History of Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- The James C. Bradford Biography Prize
- The SHEAR Best Book Prize

SUNDAY, JULY 21 9:00–10:45 AM

Southern Borderlands in the Revolutionary Era

Location: TBD (hybrid)

Chair: Bryan C. Rindfleisch, Marquette University

“You Come to Lengthen Our Petticoats”: *Recentering Cherokee Women’s Role in Rebuilding After the Chickamauga Wars*

Patricia Dawson, Mount Holyoke University

Plants for Pounds and Progress: John and William Bartram’s Visions of Perfectibility from Philadelphia to Florida

Shannan C. Mason, University of Missouri

Walking the Crooked Path: Chota and Augusta in the Summer of 1773

Christopher Thrasher, Pennsylvania State University

The Kidnapping of Charles Thomas: A Black Seafarers’ Diplomatic Struggle in the Gulf of Mexico

Zaria Sawdijah El-Fil, University of Chicago,
2023-2024 SHEAR DEI Fellow

Comment: Bryan C. Rindfleisch, Marquette University

Roundtable: Understanding Washington Politically & Personally through His Relationships

Location: TBD

Chair: Craig Bruce Smith, National Defense University

An Unlikely Military Family: George Washington & Tench Tilghman

Jessica J. Sheets, Marine Corps History Division

When a Quiet Man Finally Speaks: Key Moments from 1772–1775 in Washington’s Political Transformation

Camille Marie Davis, Center for Presidential History

SUNDAY, JULY 21 9:00–10:45 AM

Giving Meaning to the Revolution: The Post-Revolutionary Experience of Washington & Veterans of the Continental Army

Rachel Engl, Moravian Academy

Ending the War in Peace: George Washington's Political Skill in the Revolution's Last Days

David Head, University of Central Florida

Inventing Friendship: Indian Diplomacy and the Indigenous Cooptation of George Washington's Legacy

John C. Winters, University of Southern Mississippi

Comment: Audience

Roundtable: History at Work

Location: TBD

Chair: Michelle McDonald, American Philosophical Society

Engaging Public Memory

Kristin O'Brassill-Kulfan, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

How We Use Marketing Techniques to Bring People to History

Michiko Quinones and Morgan Lloyd, The Philadelphia 1838 Black Metropolis

Whose Revolution: Interpreting the American Revolution at 250

Reed Gochberg, Concord Museum

Public Engagement: The Slavery Adverts 250 Project

Carl Robert Keyes, Assumption University

NPS Strategies for America's 250th

Taylor Brookins, National Park Service

Comment: Audience

SUNDAY, JULY 21 9:00–10:45 AM

Forging National Identity in Music & Drama

Location: TBD

Chair: Martha J. King, Princeton University

*Madame Celeste's Frontier Maids: Gender in Anglo-Atlantic
"Indian" Drama*

Sara E. Lampert, University of South Dakota

Before He Was Bloody Bloody: Andrew Jackson Onstage

Jason Shaffer, United States Naval Academy

Compositions for Lafayette in Women's Music Collections

Virginia E. Whealton, Texas Tech University

*Festivals of White Identity and Black Suffering: The
Blackface Bands of the 1840s*

Ric N. Caric, Morehead State University

Comment: Audience

**Revolution Revisited: Diverse Approaches in
Cornerstone Archival Collections**

Location: TBD

Chair: Maggie Vanderford, University of Michigan

*Contested Liberty: Black Tidewater Women's Refugee
Experiences in a Revolutionary Age*

Adam McNeil, Rutgers University

*American Timelines: Imperial Communications, Colonial
Time-Consciousness, and the Coming of the American
Revolution*

Helena Yoo Roth, City University of New York

*Documenting Citizenship: How Early Americans
Understood the Concept of Citizenship, 1776-1868*

Emily Yankowitz, Yale University

Comment: Scott Larson, University of Michigan

SUNDAY, JULY 21 9:00–10:45 AM

Complicating the Politics of Slavery and Anti-Slavery

Location: TBD

Chair: Manisha Sinha, University of Connecticut

“Mr. Van Buren-No Abolitionist”: The 1836 Presidential Campaign in the South

Jason K. Duncan, Aquinas College

Absentee Enslavement and Jeffersonian Antislavery: Albert Gallatin’s Unknown Plantation in Dutch Suriname

Sean P. Harvey, Seton Hall University

Commerce & Agriculture: The Vision of the Charleston Empire

Khalid Rosenbaum, Lehigh University

Comment: Manisha Sinha, University of Connecticut

SUNDAY, JULY 21 11:00 AM–12:45 PM

The Built Environment of Cities

Location: TBD

Chair: Whitney Martinko, Villanova University

On Complaint: Architects, Failure, and Capitalism in the 1840s

Bryan E. Norwood, University of Texas

Necessary Steps: Urban Privies, Social Anxieties, and the Remaking of Philadelphia, 1793-1854

Donald Dostie, Temple University

The Age of Renovation: Maintaining Federal Structures in Antebellum Philadelphia

Moyra Williams Eaton, Pennsylvania State University

Comment: Audience

SUNDAY, JULY 21 11:00 AM–12:45 PM

The Aftermath of Loyalism: Memory, Migration, and Loss

Location: TBD (hybrid)

Chair: Kacy Tillman, University of Tampa

The Second Exile: Scottish Loyalists in British Canada after the American War for Independence

James Ambuske, George Mason University

“Wishes for Pictures”: Silhouettes, Portraits, and a Loyalist Family’s Desire for Likenesses

Sarah Beth Gable, Brandeis University

Walking the Crooked Path: Chota and Augusta in the Summer of 1773

MaryKate Smolenski, Boston University

“Extremely Painful in the Recollection”: Refugee Memories of Religious Violence in the American Revolution

Peter Walker, University of Wyoming

Comment: Rebecca Brannon, James Madison University

Roundtable: Enslavement in Bristol, RI, on the Eve of the American Revolution

Location: TBD

Chair: Catherine W. Zipf, Bristol Historical & Preservation Society

Panelists:

Lynn Smith, Linden Place Museum

Isabella J. Courtney, Research BIPOC History

Courtney Garrity, Providence College

Eleanor Langham, Research BIPOC History

Comment: Audience

SUNDAY, JULY 21 11:00 AM–12:45 PM

Productive Public Engagement in an Era of Polarization: A Roundtable Discussion

Location: TBD

Chair: Spencer McBride, The Joseph Smith Papers

Panelists:

Kate Carte, Southern Methodist University

Adam Jortner, Auburn University

Joseph P. Slaughter, Wesleyan University

Tara Thompson Strauch, Centre College

Comment: Audience

Empire, Statecraft, & Identity from the Imperial Crisis through the War of 1812

Location: TBD

Chair: Kieran John O’Keefe, Lyon College

Subjects of the Empire: Examining Loyalist perception of Empire from the Pamphlet Debates between Seabury & Hamilton

Cho-Chien Feng, Fu Jen Catholic University

Markets, Trade, & the Problem of Empire in the 1790s

Keith Harris, Kenyon College

South Carolina Jeffersonians, the Neutrality Proclamation, & the Federal Government

Benoit Leridon, University of Birmingham

Merchants & Diplomats: Reassessing U.S.-Russian Relations Through the War of 1812

Jamie Weiss, University of Georgia

Comment: Kieran John O’Keefe, Lyon College

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We particularly encourage submissions that:

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- Feature interdisciplinary methods and wide-ranging sources.
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- One-page curriculum vitae for each participant, including chairs and commentators
- Indication of any needs for ADA accommodation
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