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Multiple sessions K-12 Teacher Professional Development

Workshops

Location: John Brown House, 52 Power

Street, Providence

9:00 am-4:00 pm Biography Workshop

Location: John Carter Brown Library,

Room 011, Brown University

12:00-3:00 pm SHEAR Advisory Council Meeting

Location: South County (Omni)

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

Location: Andrews House, Brown

University

1:00-5:00 pm Tour: Library Crawl

Starting Location: Omni Lobby

3:00-5:00 pm Conference Registration

Location: 3rd Floor Lobby (Omni)

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

Location: Salomon Center for Teaching

Auditorium, Brown University

6:30-8:00 pm Plenary Reception

Location: John Hay Library, Brown

University

Sunset-10 pm WaterFire

Location: Downtown Providence

Friday, July 18	
8:00-9:00 am	Perk Up with the <i>JER</i> Editors Location: South County (Omni)
8:30-10:00 am	Touring Providence's Disappeared Places: Hardscrabble and Snowtown Location: Omni Lobby
8:30-11:00 am	Morning Coffee Break Location: Providence Ballroom (Omni)
8:30 am-4:00 pm	Conference Registration Location: 3 rd Floor Lobby (Omni)
8:30 am-5:00 pm	Book Exhibit Location: Providence Ballroom (Omni)
9:00 am-12:45 pm	Sessions Location: See session schedule
12:45-2:15 pm	JER Editorial Board Meeting Location: Waterplace Ballroom III (Omni)
1:00-2:00 pm	Spotlight Session: Ten Things to Know About the American Revolution Location: Providence Public Library, Seminar Room, 150 Empire Street
1:00-2:00 pm	Graduate Student Lunch Location: Waterplace Ballroom I (Omni)
2:00-4:30 pm	Afternoon Coffee Break Location: Providence Ballroom (Omni)
2:15-6:00 pm	Sessions Location: See session schedule
6:00-7:00 pm	Early Career Mentorship Reception Location: Fleet Library, RISD, 15 Westminster Street, Providence

Saturday, July 19	
7:30-9:00 am	Boydston Women's Breakfast Location: Providence Public Library, Mural Room, 150 Empire Street
8:30-11:00 am	Morning Coffee Break Location: Providence Ballroom (Omni)
8:30 am-4:00 pm	Conference Registration Location: 3 rd Floor Lobby (Omni)
8:30 am-5:00 pm	Book Exhibit Location: Providence Ballroom (Omni)
9:00 am-12:45 pm	Sessions Location: See session schedule
1:00-2:00 pm	2026 Program Committee Meeting Location: John Carter Brown Library, Brown University
1:00-2:00 pm	SHEAR Bylaws Meeting Location: Waterplace Ballroom III (Omni)
2:00-4:30 pm	Afternoon Coffee Break Location: Providence Ballroom (Omni)
2:15 pm-4:00 pm	Sessions Location: See session schedule
4:15-5:45 pm	JER Roundtable: Mid-Career Blues Location: Waterplace Ballroom (Omni)
6:30-7:30 pm	Presidential Address & SHEAR Prizes Location: Salomon Center for Teaching Auditorium, Brown University
7:30-9:00 pm	Awards Reception Location: John Carter Brown Library, Brown University

Sunday, July 20

7:45-8:45 am SHEAR Business Meeting - open to all

Location: Waterplace Ballroom III

(Omni)

8:30-11:00 am Morning Coffee Break

Location: Narragansett Ballroom A

(Omni)

8:30-10:30 am Conference Registration

Location: Narragansett Lobby (Omni)

8:30-11:00 am Book Exhibit

Location: Narragansett Prefunction

(Omni)

9:00 am-12:45 pm Sessions

Location: See session schedule

Wednesday, August 20

9:00 am-2:00 pm Conference Paper to Journal Article

Workshop with the JER

Location: Online







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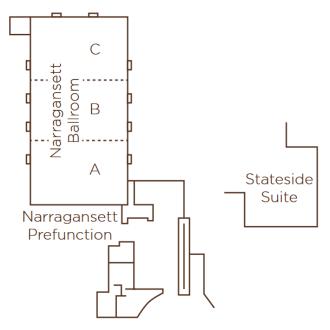




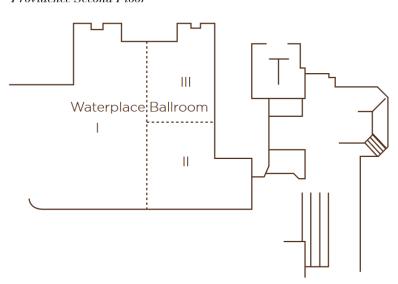


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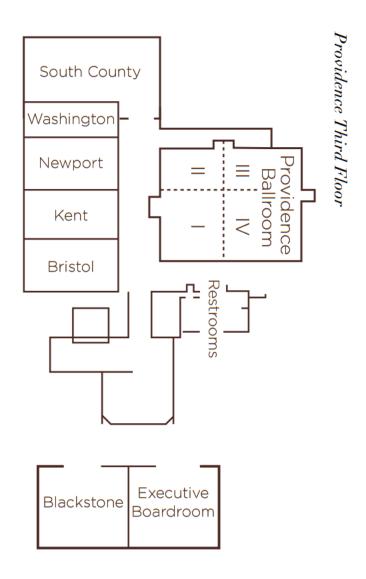
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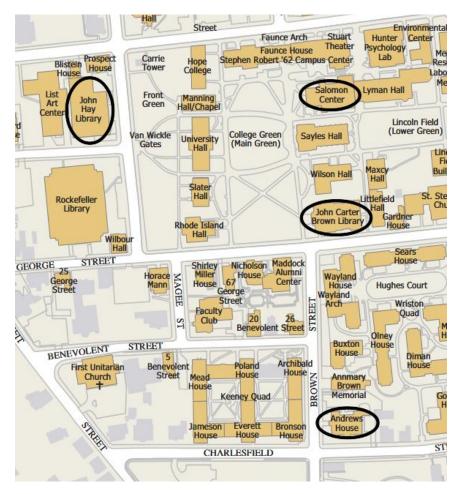




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Welcome "SHEARites" to the Forty-Sixth Annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic in Providence, home to the Narragansett nation, religious dissenters, and my personal favorites, abolitionists Moses Brown, Alfred Niger, Elizabeth Buffum Chace, and in nearby Kingston, Sarah Harris Fayerweather. In these fraught times when academic freedom and the study of history itself is contested, their example of

educational and social activism is inspirational. I hope this conference will provide all of you a space to connect with old friends and welcome new members to our growing professional home of early Americanists. SHEAR prides itself rightfully for its welcoming atmosphere for graduate students, contingent and junior faculty, and in the recent past, schoolteachers from across the nation. The conference reflects this spirit.

Any success of the conference is largely due to our indefatigable conference coordinator, Erika Huckestein, Assistant Teaching Professor of History at Widener University. Erika, who hit the ground running as the SHEAR conference coordinator last year, is already well known for her legendary efficiency. We owe her a huge debt of gratitude for shepherding every aspect of the conference program. This conference would simply not have been possible without her Herculean efforts. A note of thanks to Martha Howard, SHEAR's Executive Coordinator, for not only expertly managing the affairs of our organization but also getting the word out to our vast membership, past and present, on all conference related matters.

I owe a special debt of gratitude to the brilliant scholar and SHEAR friend Karin Wulf, Director of the John Carter Brown Library, who donned multiple hats as Co-Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, member of the Program Committee, and liaison to Brown University's conference and events for her invaluable support. Her liberality has made it possible for us to hold the Thursday Presidential Plenary and Reception and the Saturday Presidential Address, Awards Ceremony, and Reception at Brown University. Shuttles will be available to transport conference attendees from the Omni Providence Hotel, where most of the sessions will be held, to Brown. Thanks also to Morgan Grefe, Co-chair of the Local Arrangements Committee and to all its members, Patrick H. Breen, Linford Fisher, Jordan Goffin, Christopher Grasso, James Kabala, CJ Martin, Sharon Murphy, Marcus Nevius, Emily Owens, and Michael Vorenberg, for the wonderful set of tours, events, and recommendations in Providence that they put together in short order. I want to draw your attention particularly to the "library crawl" scheduled on Thursday and the tour of Providence's historic Hardscrabble (1824) and Snow Town (1831) neighborhoods on Friday.

I would like to express my appreciation to the following organizations for their generous sponsorships of the various receptions, lunch and coffee breaks at the conference: the Draper Endowment at the University of Connecticut, the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History, and the Massachusetts Historical Society. Nora Slonimsky of the Institute for Thomas Paine Studies at Iona University deserves special thanks for continuing to sponsor SHEAR's Early Career Mentorship Reception, which will be held at the Fleet Library, Rhode Island School of Design on Friday evening. The Graduate Student Luncheon will be held earlier that day at the Omni Providence and is generously sponsored by the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello and the American Antiquarian Society. Our annual Boydston Women's Breakfast will be held at the Providence Public Library on Saturday morning, sponsored

by the Omohundro Institute. I would also encourage attendees to meet the editors of the *Journal of the Early Republic* for their coffee "Perk Up" on Friday morning and "Mid-Career Blues" roundtable on Saturday afternoon.

I am deeply grateful to the 2025 SHEAR Program Committee co-chaired by Kabria Baumgartner and Peter Wirzbicki for putting together a stellar program. I can only take credit for appointing them and the members of the Program Committee, Nicole Breault, Tara Bynum, Erik Chaput, Brian DeLay, Thomas A. Foster, Jonathan Gienapp, Sarah Gronningsater, María Esther Hammack, Eric Herschthal, Michael Jirik, Ousmane Power-Greene, Joshua Rothman, Samantha Seeley, Jameson Sweet, and Karin Wulf. They have put together an outstanding conference that reflects the richness and diversity of early American history, showcasing cutting edge and innovative scholarship from graduate students to senior scholars. The depth and reach of the conference program reflect the amount of time and intellectual energy they have contributed to SHEAR. For that. I will forever be in their debt.

It is to the credit of the Program Committee that we received a record number of submissions. In keeping with the conference theme of contestation as we mark the semi quincentennial of the start of the American Revolution this year, I would like to highlight a spotlight session, "Ten Things You Need to know about the American Revolution," on Friday afternoon at the Providence Public Library. The numerous sessions scheduled this year cover a broad range of sub fields, old and new, in early American history, from political economy to disability studies. I am confident that all attendees will find their own intellectual feasts in Providence. On Thursday, they may also attend our regular Second Book and Biography workshops. To these, we have added all day K-12 Professional Development workshops, which schoolteachers can attend for credit.

The conference will officially start on Thursday evening with the Presidential Plenary on "Slavery and Emancipation in the Early American Republic," featuring some of our leading historians on topics dear to my own scholarly trajectory, at the Salomon Center for Teaching Auditorium, Brown University. It will explore the dialectic between the process of emancipation in the United States and beyond from the Revolution to the Civil War and the persistence and expansion of racial slavery and indigenous dispossession and servitude. These constitute some central subjects in early American history and our all-star lineup will trouble conventional wisdom from the vantage of their pathbreaking scholarship. A reception will follow at the John Hay Library, Brown University.

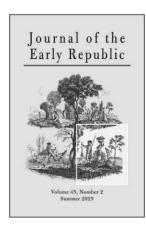
The Presidential Address, "The First American Republic: An Alternative Genealogy," and Awards ceremony will also be held at the Salomon Center for Teaching Auditorium, Brown University on Saturday evening and will follow up on the issues raised at the Presidential Plenary and the conference theme of "sites of contestation, conflict, and contingency." Having recently completed a book on post-Civil War Reconstruction, The Rise and Fall of the Second American Republic, I decided to focus on the First American Republic, when many of the questions I dealt with in my book arose. Paul Erickson's lively presidential address last year did a deep dive into one writer's narratives of the American Revolution. My address will zoom out to examine the ways different Americans of the founding generation sought to will into being their alternative visions of the republic. Following the address, we will get to the best part of the conference, recognizing the wonderful work of SHEAR members at the awards ceremony. A reception will follow at the John Carter Brown Library at Brown University.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve as your President and I would not have been able to do it without the assistance of the Executive Council, the Advisory Council, the Nominations Committee, and staff of SHEAR. I want to thank members of the Investment Committee for jumpstarting our SHEAR250 capital campaign and the ad hoc Bylaws committee, whose proposed changes the membership will be able to discuss at the conference. In addition, I would like to thank the Chairs and members of all the Book and dissertation prize committees, the editors and staff of the *JER*, the DEI Committee, and the Jan Lewis Mentorship Fund Committee. Your service keeps the wheels of SHEAR turning. Above all, I would like to thank all SHEAR members for your commitment and contributions to our organization. I wish you all a wonderful conference and look forward to seeing you in Providence in July.

Manisha Sinha SHEAR President



Check out the JER's plenary at SHEAR



Mid-Career Blues: Lives and Careers across the Academic Historical Profession

(Saturday afternoon plenary) – The goal of this panel is to have an important conversation about things that we as professionals within the academy don't always talk about. What does it mean to be mid-career? How do our diverse institutional and professional—and personal—contexts shape what we are able to do and what matters most to us and our institutions? The JER seeks to open a conversation that recognizes our vulnerability and anxieties, our different and shared professional and personal responsibilities.

What's new in the JER & Panorama?

THE EARLY REPUBLIC TRUTH TRACKER (https://thepanorama.shear. org/2025/04/09/the-early-republic-tracker/) At a time when the Trump Administration is altering public interpretations of history and removing references to the past on websites and public spaces, it is vital that historians keep track of what is changing. The Panorama is providing a space to maintain a record of what is changing and where in early U.S. history (1765–1865). What we need right now is clear documentation. If you have seen a change in how the federal government is representing the past (online, in national parks, or elsewhere), please complete this form: https://forms.gle/GAiwYDmX8k6h8Sy96

FREE STATE SLAVERY (special issue, JER Summer 2025) Too often, historians assume slavery ended with the passage of emancipation laws in northern states. In fact, emancipation was a long, drawn-out process. The essays in this special issue by Andrew Diemer, Richard S. Newman, Cory James Young, Sarah Barringer Gordon, Mycah Conner, and Kathleen M. Brown take the reader from New York and Pennsylvania to Illinois and California to show how enslavers manipulated the law to maintain control over technically free and enslaved people long after states had ostensibly ended slavery. The essays ask us to question the distinction between free and slave states.

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John Banvard's 1848 moving panorama, published in *Scientific American* 4, no. 13 (December 1848).



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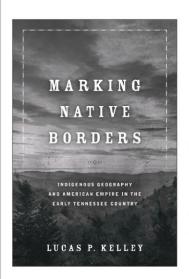
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The Ralph D. Gray Article Prize honors the best original article published in the previous volume of the *JER*.

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Welcome to Providence for SHEAR 2025!

The Local Arrangements Committee has organized two formal tours, an exhibit to show in the coffee break room, and has recommendations for enjoying Rhode Island. The Committee has lots of ideas about where you can eat and how you can see and appreciate our lovely city. We compiled some of our suggestions here.

Karin Wulf, Local Arrangements Chair

Recommendations from some of your 2025 Local Arrangements Committee Members:

Food. Providence is an incredible food city, with most things walkable or a short ride away.

Coffee shops and bakeries:

- Brown Bee at 404 Benefit Street (Karin Wulf)
- Little City Coffee and Kitchen (Emily Owens)
- Ellie's is also great for lunch and has a wine-bar in the evening. (*Emily Owens*)
- Bolt (two locations) (Emily Owens)
- Seven Stars (multiple locations) is Providence's most popular bakery. (*Patrick H. Breen*)

Lunch and dinner options:

- Aguardente on Governor Street for fantastic Portuguese and Azorian food in a cozy setting with great drinks. (Karin Wulf)
- Track 15: In one location you can get the best burger in Providence (There There), some of the best seafood (Dune Brothers) and great tacos (Dolores). (Jordan Goffin)
- For vegetarian and vegan friends Plant City (walkable from the conference site) and Garden Grille (a bit further afield). (Emily Owens)

- CHOMP for a quiet place to write your conference paper over a bite to eat (inside the public library!). (Emily Owens)
- Hometown Poke is Providence's best poke restaurant. (*Patrick H. Breen*)
- Il Fornello, on the Providence/North Providence Line, for a small, authentic, Italian-American-Rhode-Island, off-the-beaten-path spots, nothing beats their homemade bread and old family recipes. (CJ Martin)
- Pedestrian Bridge and park: on the West side of the bridge (the side closer to the conference) there are all kinds of pop ups happening in the park, including The Guild's beer garden pop up and an ice-cream pop up on the east side of the bridge. You can also start the afternoon at the bridge and then mosey over to Bayberry Garden's outdoor patio for drinks and dinner. (Emily Owens)

Drinks:

- Providence is full of fun speakeasies! Here are a few (*Linford Fisher*):
 - Walnut Room (245 S. Main St.), The Eddy (95 Eddy St.), Red Door, Needle and Thread, Justine's
- The Hot Club, a dive bar with one of the few outdoor water views (*Linford Fisher*)

Touring Around. Providence is located in a beautifully watery state, with beaches and rivers, and with lots of compelling museums and historic sites. In addition to the tours we've organized, we'd love you to come early, stay late and get to take in some of this wonderful place.

Parks, museums and historic sites (Linford Fisher):

- Prospect Park, with a view of a rare Roger Williams statue and nice view of the city
- RISD Museum

- Roger Williams National Monument
- India Point Park

Shopping (*Linford Fisher*):

• Shops on Wickenden St.

Activities and excursions:

- Check out the ferry to Newport for a fantastic day trip (with views!) to another very walkable 18th century Rhode Island city. (Karin Wulf)
- The East Bay Bike Path is a great outing on a summer day. The bridge counts as a hill and there is one other notable hill before following a flat abandoned train path taking one through the bedroom community of Barrington and the older ports of Warren and Bristol. (CJ Martin)
- Lippitt Park is where Providence's Saturday morning farmers' market is. (CJ Martin)
- Providence Kayak Company for a unique view of Providence from the water. (*Linford Fisher*)
- Roger Williams Park (not to be confused with the Roger Williams Memorial) is easily accessible if you're looking to get out into a bit of nature for a while. 30 minutes away by bus (the 1 bus), you can visit the zoo, the botanical gardens, natural history museum, or just take the ~3 mile easy hike around the lakes. (*Jordan Goffin*)
- Providence's annual Fringe Festival coincides with this conference. It is hosted by Wilbury Group at Waterfire Arts Center. (CJ Martin)
- On the off chance that Secret Mall Apartment is still playing at Providence Place Mall, I recommend it. It is well worth seeing the movie about an apartment built in the Providence Place Mall in the Providence Place Mall. (CJ Martin)
- For those of you who love looking at beautiful houses and enjoy a stroll, check out Blackstone Boulevard. An

old trolley line, with the stone pavilion still intact, this tree-lined walking path winds down the middle of a residential neighborhood and passes by the beautiful 19th century landscape garden cemetery, Swan Point. Also an arboretum, this is a wonderful place for a walk and exploration. If you're there in the afternoon, take a break at Three Sisters for some local ice cream. (Morgan Grefe)

Providence recommendations by neighborhood

(Patrick H. Breen). Wonderful neighborhoods in Providence all have a different feel, all easily accessible and well worth a visit.

- Thayer Street (which is a main drag that runs through Brown) has the college feel with many popular chains and some great regional cuisine. It is where the Brown Bookstore is. If you are looking for a great wrap place, try East Side Pockets.
- Fox Point is the old Providence Waterfront. Wickenden Street is the main thoroughfare with some great local shops. Unlike Thayer there are no chains here, so the food (and the shopping too) feels a bit more eclectic. Dolores is one of the more popular Mexican places in PVD and nearby Persimmon is a great fine dining option. Ives Street extends north from Wickeden and has some great options including Aleppo Sweets, a Syrian Bakery and Cafe. Yum!
- Downcity has some great options too. Track 15 is super easy with different choices for everyone in a group. This area is especially good for fine dining. This is also where Providence's steakhouses are. One of the best fish places in town is Hemingways, which has great views over the Providence River. Al Forno is a classic—the place where wood fired pizza was first created—and still going strong. Oberlin and Gift Horse are two of the buzziest (in a good way) fine dining establishments in Providence. Plant

- City is a big vegan food hall, with three different restaurant themes under one roof. Harry's is my favorite burger bar in Providence.
- Hope Street is a bit farther away—perhaps two or three miles—but it has more of a neighborhood feel. Some of the best Indian places are here, including Rasoi and for those looking for a more casual setting Not Just Snacks. Providence's best delicatessen, Maven's, is nearby. Little Sister's Ice Cream is a great option for someone who wants something cold after dinner.
- Wayland Square feels a bit more polished. It has several dining options that will please a wide assortment of palates, including Waterman Grille and Red Stripe.
 Madrid European Bakery has lots of treats.
- Federal Hill is the classic place to go get Italian in Providence, Pane e Vino is a favorite, but it also includes a variety of other shops. Venda Ravioli is a place to shop for Italian groceries. Pastiche Fine Desserts is not to be missed for those with a sweet tooth.
- The West End is a gentrifying neighborhood with some of the most creative options. On Broadway, you can find popular dining including Nick's and Julians. It also has Providence's Nitro bar tucked into a bike shop. West Fountain—which is one of Providence's few cobblestone streets—has a hip bar, The Avery, Moniker Brewing, and Tricycle Ice Cream, all of which I highly recommend. There, Three is one of Providence's best places for burgers. Westminster has a co-op coffee shop, White Electric. Ogie's Trailer Park is one-of-a-kind.



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The American Antiquarian Society (AAS), a national research library located in Worcester, Massachusetts, awards fellowships to scholars, graduate students, artists, and writers from around the world whose projects are enhanced through access to collections of early American history and culture. Materials come from what are now the United States, portions of Canada, and the Caribbean, and date through 1900.

One to Two Month Residential Academic Research Fellowships deadline is January 15th.

The Three Month Virtual Academic Research Fellowships deadline is June 30th.

The Creative and Performing Artists and Writers Fellowships deadline is October 5.

The **Hench Post-Dissertation Fellowship** deadline is October 15th.

On-campus housing is available



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Biography Workshop, Thursday 17 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.

SHEAR Advisory Council, Thursday 17 July. The Advisory Council meets at 12:00pm.

Second-Book Writers' Workshop, Thursday 17 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: Library Crawl, Thursday 17 July. The Library Crawl will take participants on a route to view some special items at the Providence Public Library, the Providence Athenaeum, the Rhode Island Historical Society, the John Hay Library at Brown University, and the John Carter Brown Library. FREE. Registration Required.

President's Plenary, Thursday 17 July. SHEAR's 46th annual conference opens at 5:00 pm with the President's Plenary, "Slavery and Emancipation in the Early American Republic," at Salomon Center for Teaching Auditorium, Brown University.

President's Plenary Reception, Thursday 17 July.

Immediately following the President's Plenary, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, at the John Hay Library, Brown University. Cosponsored by the John Carter Brown Library and the Draper Endowment, UConn Foundation. Don't miss WaterFire in downtown Providence after the reception from sundown (8:17pm) to 10:00pm. WaterFire takes place along Memorial Boulevard and the Providence and Woonasquatucket Rivers, from Providence Place to the Crawford Street Bridge.

Coffee Breaks, Friday 18 July – Sunday 20 July. Take a morning or afternoon coffee break to meet and mingle with other conference attendees. *Coffee breaks sponsored by the John Carter Brown Library*.

Perk Up with the *JER* **Editors, Friday 18 July.** Ronald Angelo Johnson and Johann Neem invite graduate students and early career scholars to meet for coffee and an informal early-morning conversation.

Touring Providence's Disappeared Places: Hardscrabble and Snowtown, Friday 18 July. Led by CJ Martin of Holy Cross, a historian of Black history and antebellum Rhode Island, this tour highlights the incidences of racial violence that took place in Providence's Hardscrabble (1824) and Snow Town (1831) neighborhoods. FREE. Registration Required.

JER Editorial Board Meeting, Friday 18 July. The *JER* editorial board meets at 12:45 pm.

Spotlight Session: Ten Things to Know About the American Revolution, Friday 18 July. This spotlight lunch session from 1:00 to 2:00 will feature ten speakers each addressing in three minutes, and a single slide, features of the American Revolution that we hope or wish everyone would know. FREE. Register HERE.

Graduate Student Lunch, Friday 18 July. Graduate students at the conference can meet for lunch and conversation from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. *Co-sponsored by the International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello and the American Antiquarian Society.* FREE. Registration required.

Early Career Mentorship Reception, Friday 18 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*. FREE. Registration required.

Boydston Women's Breakfast, Saturday 19 July. The women of SHEAR will gather from 7:30 to 9:00 am for their sixteenth 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.

2026 Program Committee Meeting, Saturday 19 July. The Program Committee for the 2026 SHEAR conference in Philadelphia, PA will meet at 1:00 pm.

SHEAR Bylaws Meeting, Saturday 19, July. This lunch meeting held at 1:00pm will allow for an open discussion of SHEAR's proposed bylaws changes, which will be circulated in advance.

JER Roundtable: Mid-Career Blues, Saturday 19 July. The goal of this *JER*-sponsored stand-alone session is to create a space to have an important roundtable conversation about the shared and different experiences of being a midcareer scholar of the early republic. The session will be held at 4:15pm.

Presidential Address, Saturday 19 July. The 2025 presidential address begins at 6:30 pm. SHEAR President Manisha Sinha will discuss "The First American Republic: An Alternative Genealogy" at the Solomon Center for Teaching Auditorium at Brown University.

Awards Ceremony, Saturday 19 July. The SHEAR awards ceremony will immediately follow the Presidential Address at the Solomon Center for Teaching Auditorium at Brown University.

Awards Reception, Saturday 19 July. The SHEAR Awards reception follows immediately after the awards ceremony at the John Carter Brown Library at Brown University. Co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Historical Society, the John Carter Brown Library, and the Draper Endowment. UConn Foundation.

SHEAR Business Meeting, Sunday 20 July. Join us at SHEAR's business meeting, open to all.

From Conference Paper to Journal Article Workshop, Wednesday 20 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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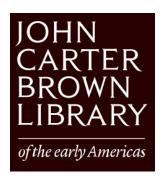


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COVID-19 INFORMATION

SHEAR will follow local guidelines and supports all attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and staff who continue to wear masks in SHEAR meeting spaces (breakout rooms, exhibit hall, receptions, etc.). We will update this as necessary in response to changing health guidelines.



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Boydston Women's Breakfast



Saturday, July 19, 2025 Omni Hotel, Providence, RI



BIOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

The 6th annual Biography Workshop is Thursday, 17 July. The workshop will cover topics related to historical biography, followed by discussions of pre-circulated chapters of participants' projects.

CONVENOR:

Craig Thompson Friend, North Carolina State University

PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR SUBJECTS:

Kevin Burton, Andrews University: William Miller

Michelle Carrigan, Indian River State College: *Alexander Hamilton*

Abigail Christiansen, University of Delaware: *Julia Savage*Smith

Emma Curry-Stodder, University of Pennsylvania: *Catherine Brown*

Robyn Davis, Millersville University: Not yet chosen

Cornelia Dayton, University of Connecticut: John Peters

Janika Dillon, Northeastern University: Not yet chosen

Ningxin Gao, Wuhan University: Ernestine L. Rose

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Jordan B. Smith, Widener University: The Martin Family

Grant Stanton, Drew University: Ezekial Russell & Isaiah Thomas

Erika Vause, St. John's University: James Sawn

Serena Zabin, Carleton College: Mary Fish Noyes Silliman Dickinson

SECOND-BOOK WRITERS' WORKSHOP

The 9th annual Second-Book Writers' Workshop is Thursday, 17 July. Senior scholar mentors will each facilitate a workshop session for mid-career historians of the early American republic who are currently working on book projects.

Co-CHAIRS:

- Aston Gonzalez, Salisbury University
- Katherine Grandjean, Wellesley College

MENTORS:

- Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University
- Craig Steven Wilder, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

PARTICIPANTS:

- Tara Bynum, University of Iowa
- Mary Freeman, University of Maine
- Aston Gonzalez, Salisbury University
- Rebecca Graham, Brown University
- Patrick Lawrence, University of South Carolina, Lancaster
- CJ Martin, College of the Holy Cross
- Hunter Price, Western Washington University
- Honors Sachs, University of Colorado, Boulder
- · Joseph Slaughter, Wesleyan University
- Michael Trapani, Bridgewater Raritan Middle School
- Ben Wright, University of Texas at Dallas

THURSDAY, JULY 17 5:00-6:30 PM

1. President's Plenary: Slavery and Emancipation in the Early American Republic

Location: Salomon Center for Teaching Auditorium, Brown University

Welcome:

Manisha Sinha, University of Connecticut Kabria Baumgartner, Northeastern University Peter Wirzbicki, Princeton University

Chair: Manisha Sinha, University of Connecticut

Panelists:

Mia Bay, Cambridge University Linford Fisher, Brown University James Oakes, CUNY Graduate Center Adam Rothman, Georgetown University Amy Dru Stanley, University of Chicago

Comment: Audience

FRIDAY, JULY 18 9:00–10:45 AM

2. Roundtable: Author Meets Readers: Amrita Myers' The Vice President's Black Wife

Location: South County (Omni)

Chair: Honor Sachs, University of Colorado Boulder

Panelists:

Alison Parker, University of Delaware Mary T. Freeman, University of Maine Nicole Maskiell, Dartmouth College Anastasia Curwood, University of Kentucky

Comment: Amrita Myers, Indiana University

FRIDAY, JULY 18 9:00-10:45 AM

3. New England's South: Guns, Gins, and Spindles

Location: Blackstone (Omni)

Chair: Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, Massachusetts Historical Society

Northern Industry and Southern Slavery: The Case of Guns Lindsay Schakenbach Regele, Miami University

Spindles & Slavery: How Northern Textile Mill Workers Grappled with Ties to the Cotton Kingdom Elizabeth Herbin-Triant, Amherst College

New England's Cotton Gin Makers and the Politics of Slavery

Ian Delahanty, Springfield College

Comment: Seth Rockman, Brown University

4. Servants, Loyalists and Ladies: Negotiating Identity, Labor, and Power during the American Revolution

Location: Newport (Omni)

Chair: Serena Zabin, Carleton College

Servants of War: How the Revolutionary Army Shaped U.S. Military Servitude Policy

Yoav Hamdani, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Sisters in Affliction and Your Real Friends: The Role of Gender and Religion in the Petitions of Quaker Exiles Jordann Heckart, Baylor University

Loyalism, Motherhood, and Memory: How Elizabeth Fisher and Margaret Coghlan Remembered Revolution Emilee Robbins, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Comment: Serena Zabin, Carleton College

FRIDAY, JULY 18 9:00–10:45 AM

5. Science, Sovereignty, and Settler Colonialism in the Early Republic

Location: Washington (Omni)

Chair: Whitney Martinko, Villanova University

The Science of Settlement: Western Land Companies and Eastern Scientific Societies in the early National United States

Laura Clerx, Boston College

"We will stand on the same ground": Broken Promises in Wabanaki Diplomacy, 1775 - 1795 Kevin March, Boston College

Traces of Indigenous Presence in a Colonized Landscape: Lancaster County, PA from 1780 to 1815 Through the Journals of Henry Muhlenberg

Tanya Kevorkian, Millersville University

Visions of Expansion: The Internal Improvements Debate and Native American Dispossession

James Stocker, Trinity Washington University

Comment: Jessica Lepler, University of New Hampshire

6. Queer Bodies, "Leaky" Women, and Caged Animals: The Boundaries of Scientific Knowledge in the Early Republic

Location: Bristol (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Rana Hogarth, University of Pennsylvania

"A (Living) Specimen": Knowledge and its Limits in the American Menagerie

Alexander Clayton, University of Vermont

Nature, Gender, and the Shamed Body Elaine LaFay, Rutgers University

FRIDAY, JULY 18 9:00–10:45 AM

Queer Spirits: Rethinking the Gender Binary in Early America

Rachel E. Walker, University of Hartford

Re-Storying Trans Indigenous Contact on the Northwest Coast, 1774-1890

> Jamey Jesperson, University of Victoria, SHEAR DEI Fellow

Comment: Rana Hogarth, University of Pennsylvania

7. Roundtable: More than a Joke: Humor and **Conflict in the Early Republic**

Location: Kent (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Nan Wolverton, American Antiquarian Society

Nineteenth-Century Cartoons and Women's Emancipation Teresa Prados-Torreira, Columbia College Chicago

Entertainment for the Ladies? Political Caricature and Audience, 1790-1810

> Allison Stagg, Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany

"I Acknowledge the Wheat": Henry Bibb's Rhetoric of Humor in Life and Adventures

Rod K. Taylor, Ball State University

54° 40' or What?: Stumped by the Oregon Question Todd Thompson, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Davy Crockett Comic Almanacs and the Making of a White Man's Democracy

Eran Zelnik, California State University, Chico

Comment: Nan Wolverton, American Antiquarian Society

FRIDAY, JULY 18 11:00 AM-12:45 PM

8. Gendering the Early American Republic: A Roundtable

Location: Blackstone (Omni)

Chair: Craig Thompson Friend, North Carolina State University

Panelists:

Jacqueline Beatty, York College of Pennsylvania Antwain Hunter, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ashley E. Moreshead, University of Central Florida

Comment: Craig Thompson Friend, North Carolina State University

9. Capitalism and the Political Economy of Slavery and Anti-Slavery

Location: Newport (Omni)

Chair: Holly Brewer, University of Maryland

Iron and Intellect in Antebellum Capitalist Development Alec Israeli, University of Chicago

Cotton Union: The Proslavery Political Economy of David Christy

Alex Kueny, University of Connecticut

"Shall We Not Confront Capital?" How Labor Reformers Prompted Abolitionists to Reconsider Capitalism in Antebellum America

Sean Griffin, The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art

Laws of Morality and Economy: Buying Freedom, Abolition, and Complicity

Julia Bernier, Washington and Jefferson College

Comment: Holly Brewer, University of Maryland

FRIDAY, JULY 18 11:00 AM-12:45 PM

10. Circulating Body Parts: Migration, Movement, and the Material Histories of Early America

Location: Washington (Omni)

Chair: Keith Beutler, Missouri Baptist University

"Around This Sacred Sarcophagus": The Bones of George Washington in Debates Over Slavery

Jamie Brummitt, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

Intimate Labors: Caregiving, Bodily Fluids, and the Material Realities of Healthcare in Late Eighteenth-Century Philadelphia

Meg Roberts, Cambridge University

Live Teeth: Live Tooth Transplantation, George Washington, and Interpreting Enslaved Bodies Lucy Smith, University of Michigan

Comment: Keith Beutler, Missouri Baptist University

11. New England's Hidden Histories at 20: The Opportunities and Challenges of Recovering Hidden Sources and Stories

Location: Bristol (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Kyle Roberts, Congregational Library & Archives

Black and Indigenous Voices in Settler Church Archives Richard Boles, Oklahoma State University

Abigail and Ezekiel: Indigenous Congregationalists in Hassanamesit/Grafton

Lori Rogers-Stokes, Independent Scholar

Revolutionizing History: From Textbook to Transcription Helen K. Gelinas, Cairn University

Comment: Tricia Peone, Congregational Library & Archives

FRIDAY, JULY 18 11:00 AM-12:45 PM

12. Roundtable: Assessing the Use of History & Tradition in the U.S. Supreme Court

Location: South County (Omni)

Chair: Jacob Charles, Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law

Panelists:

Saul Cornell, Fordham University Jennifer Tucker, Wesleyan University Gautham Rao, American University Jed Shugerman, Boston University

Comment: Jacob Charles, Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law

13. New Directions in Early U.S. Immigration History

Location: Kent (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Kevin Kenny, New York University

American Nativism, Past and Present Luke Ritter, St. Louis Community College

Refuge of Oppression

Evan Taparata, University of Colorado, Colorado Spring

Citizenship

Connie Thomas, University College London

Comment: Kevin Kenny, New York University

14. Roundtable: Enslaving and Freedom-Seeking Women in the Atlantic World

Location: South County (Omni)

Chair: Fay Yarbrough, Rice University

"I must think favourably of the Slave Trade": Women and

Anti-Slavery in the British Atlantic

Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers, University of California, Berkeley

- Family Freedom Strategies in the French Caribbean Deirdre Lyons, University of Chicago
- Concubinage and Freedom in the Anglo-Atlantic
 J. E. Morgan, Jule Collins Smith Museum, Auburn
 University
- Claiming and Withholding Freedom in St. Croix
 Dana Elizabeth Weiner, Wilfrid Laurier University

Comment: Fay Yarbrough, Rice University

15. New Directions in Early American Carceral History

Location: Blackstone (Omni)

Chair: Melanie Newport, University of Connecticut

"Killing by inches": Class and early Republic Incarceration Kristin O'Brassill-Kulfan, Rutgers University

"Police Officers are Made the Judges of Freedom":

Constructing Race and Legal Status inside the Slave Prison John Bardes, Louisiana State University

The Many Faces of Policing in the Early U.S. Republic Adam Malka, University of Oklahoma

Comment: Melanie Newport, University of Connecticut

16. Precarious Freedoms: Black Families, Legal Struggles, and Activism in the Early Republic

Location: Newport (Omni)

Chair: Grant Stanton, Drew University

"Taken From the Squalid Abode of Misery and Want": Poverty, Disease, and Black Childhood in Orphan Asylums Cameron Sauers, Pennsylvania State University

Manumission, Freedom Suits, and the Precarity of Black Family Freedom in Louisiana

Taneil Ruffin, Princeton University

A Family Affair: Reputation, Honor, and Credit on the New Frontier of Slavery

Ashlea Fishburn-Moore, University of Pittsburgh

The Salem Street Sunday School Fragment Society and the Legacy of School Segregation in Early Republic Boston Janika Isakson Dillon, Northeastern University

Comment: Grant Stanton, Drew University

17. Roundtable: Insights from Indian Country: Rethinking Traditional American History Narratives

Location: Washington (Omni)

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

Mary Peter's America: Indigenous Women's Empowerment in the Early Republic

Kallie Kosc, Oklahoma State University

The Age of Junaluska: Cherokee Alternatives to the Age of Jackson

Stuart Marshall, Sewanee, The University of the South

"Foreign States in the Sense of Our Constitution and Laws": The Law of Nations, Native Americans, and the Marshall Court

Zachary Brown, Yale University

Conflict at the Treaty of Hopewell: Federal Authority, Sovereignty, and the Meaning of Treaties in the Early Republic

Zoe Waldman, University of Michigan

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

18. Reinterpreting and Reconsidering the History of the U.S. Antislavery Movement

Location: Bristol (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University

Black Distributors of Print in the Mid-Atlantic and the Diverse Movements for Black Freedom in and Beyond the Early U.S. Republic

> Nathan Jérémie-Brink, New Brunswick Theological Seminary

A Pioneer of Political Antislavery: Charles Miner and the Abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia Timothy Brown, University of Connecticut

"Worthy to Be Counted": The Postbellum Slave Narrative and Civil War Memory

Lincoln Hirn, University of Connecticut

Attitudes and Activism: The Early Years of the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society

Susan J. Stanfield, University of Texas, El Paso

Comment: Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University

19. Contested Grounds: Britain's and America's Relationship Spanning Before and After the American Revolution

Location: Kent (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Lorri Glover, Saint Louis University

An American Revolutionary in London: William Lee's Wilkite Radicalization, 1765-1777

J. Patrick Mullins, Marquette University

The Church and the State in the British Atlantic: Transatlantic Unitarians and the Development of American Exceptionalism, 1820-1860 Spencer Drake, University of Oxford

Perilous Journeys of the American Revolution: Women Adapting to War while Abroad

Kate Kaitcer, Texas Christian University

Comment: Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch, University of Toledo

FRIDAY, JULY 18 4:15 – 6:00 PM

20. Intersections of Race and Disability in Early America

Location: Blackstone (Omni)

Chair: Dea Boster, Columbus State Community College

Borderland between Earth and Heaven

Legacies of Disability and Enslavement in Boston's Home for Aged Colored Women

Kathryn Angelica, Purdue University Fort Wayne

Critical Bodies: Disability, Gender, and Law in Early Republic Virginia

Kimberly V. Jones, University of Denver

Becoming "Mumbet": Disability, Domestic Labor, and the Limits of Emancipation in the Early Republic

Jennifer W. Reiss, University of Pennsylvania

Comment: Dea Boster, Columbus State Community College

21. Roundtable: Telling Complicated Revolutionary Histories in Public

Location: Newport (Omni)

Chair: Donald F. Johnson, North Dakota State University

Turning Worlds Upside Down: Podcasting Revolutionary Complexities

James P. Ambuske, Roy Rosenzweig Center, George Mason University

Re-Interpreting Patrick Henry's Scotchtown Samantha Dorsey, Heirloom Consulting

Newport 2025: Whose Side are You On?

Donald F. Johnson, North Dakota State University

Too Soon? Historical Memory & Battle over whether a British Encampment should be Preserved as Part of America 250

Sue Kozel, Retired, Kean University

Tory Hunting in the 21st Century: Colonial Revival Mythology versus Presentism

William P. Tatum III, Dutchess County Department of History

Comment: Audience

22. Roundtable: Honoring the Legacy of Jan Ellen Lewis: Developing a SHEAR Mentorship Program for the 21st Century

Location: South County (Omni)

Chair: Carolyn Eastman, Virginia Commonwealth University

Panelists:

Kevin Burton, Andrews University Kenneth Cohen, Smithsonian Institution Brooke Lansing Mai, Johns Hopkins University Deirdre Cooper Owens, University of Connecticut Amy Sopcak-Joseph, Wilkes University Craig Steven Wilder, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Comment: Audience

23. Climate, Empire, and Power from America to the Atlantic World

Location: Washington (Omni)

Chair: Matthew Mulcahy, Loyola University Maryland

New York's Year Without Summer: Connecting Global Phenomena & Local Climate Variations

Jennifer Anderson, State University of New York, Stony Brook

Contagion, Climate, and the Urban Canopy: Environmental Politics in Revolutionary Philadelphia

Blake McGready, City University of New York

Deforestation, Drought, Dependency: West Indian Plantations and Environmental Crisis in the Revolutionary Era

Francesco Yugiro Asano, New York University

Comment: Matthew Mulcahy, Loyola University Maryland

24. Crafting and Commemorating Legacies of American Women in the Revolution and Early Republic

Location: Bristol (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Kate Haulman, American University

"A Testimony of Cherished Affection": Fashioning Legacy in the Early Republic

Samantha Snyder, George Washington Presidential Library at Mount Vernon

"No body in this world can make me so happy, or so miserable as you": Fathers, Daughters, and Memory in the Early American Republic

Elizabeth Reese, Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House

Mercy Otis Warren "On Her Way Up": A Case Study in the Gendered Politics of Revolutionary War Commemoration Sara White, University of South Florida

Gendered Memory in Creating and Contesting Narratives of the American Revolution

Catherine Hutinett, University of Missouri

Comment: Kate Haulman, American University

25. Beyond Stolen Childhood: The Lived Experiences of African American Children and Childhood in the Old South

Location: Kent (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Vanessa M. Holden, University of Kentucky

"If I couldn't fight I'd kick; and if I couldn't kick I'd bite": Enslaved Children and Resistance in the Antebellum South Aisha Djelid, University of Oxford

Punishment and Resistance of the Enslaved Children at the Hampton Plantation

Michael Guy, George Washington University

Poverty, Labor and Sexuality of Free Black Girls in Antebellum Baltimore

Young In Jang, Binghamton University, SUNY

"Dey never wanted us to git no larning": Enslaved Children and Furtive Figures in the Antebellum South

Meagan Wierda, Université de Montréal

Comment: Vanessa M. Holden, University of Kentucky

SATURDAY, JULY 19 9:00 –10:45 AM

26. Educated Voices: The Emotional and Social Labors of Young Women in Early American Contexts

Location: Blackstone (Omni)

Chair: Lucia McMahon, William Paterson University

The Art of Respectability: 19th-Century Black Schoolgirl Needlework

> Kelli Racine Barnes, American Conservation Experience

Between Duty and Inclination: American Girlhood Abroad Katrina Ponti, United States Naval War College

"With my whole heart": Emotions as Resistance in Antebellum Young Women's Educational Writings Sarabeth R. Rambold, University of Rochester

"It Is Not Right or Natural—So They Say": Romantic Attachments Among Female Academy Students, 1780-1870 Jessie Vander Heide, American Antiquarian Society

Comment: Lucia McMahon, William Paterson University

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27. Roundtable: Violence in the Early Republic

Location: Newport (Omni)

Chair: Sam Watson, United States Military Academy

Panelists:

Joshua S. Haynes, Sam Houston State University Kellie Carter Jackson, Wellesley College Robert M. Owens, Wichita State University Adam Pratt, University of Scranton

Comment: Sam Watson, United States Military Academy

28. Native Nations and the Construction of American Empire in the Early Republic

Location: Bristol (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Jessica Choppin Roney, Temple University and PEAES

From Defeated Peoples to Sovereign Nation: Remaking Seneca Land Sovereignty after the American Revolution Elana Krischer, Marist College

An "Ardent Sense of Freedom": The Legal Efforts of the Mashpee Wampanoag against Guardianship, 1788-1834

James Hill, University of Pittsburgh

Republican Monarchy, Indigenous Sovereignty, and the American Revolution's Long-Term International Consequences

Zach Conn, Southern Methodist University

The Shape of States: Territoriality and Protection in the Great Lakes Region after the American Revolution Michael Borsk, University of Toronto, Mississauga

Comment: Jessica Choppin Roney, Temple University and PEAES

SATURDAY, JULY 19 9:00 –10:45 AM

29. Roundtable: Revolutionary Interpretations of Enslavement and Freedom at Early American Historic Sites in New England

Location: Kent (Omni) =, Hybrid

Chair: Kristin Gallas, MUSE Consulting

Panelists:

Kelvis Hernandez, Rhode Island Historical Society Emily Levine, Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site Lauren McCormack, Marblehead Museum Jennifer Steele, Boston African American National Historic Site

Gina Tangorra, Newport Restoration Foundation

Comment: Kristin Gallas, MUSE Consulting

30. Race and Power in Early Liberia

Location: South County (Omni)

Chair: Marie Stango, Idaho State University

Race, Gender, and Power in Early Liberian Missions Ben Wright, University of Texas at Dallas

Black Settler Colonialism in West Africa Khalil A. Johnson Jr., Wesleyan University

Until Freedom is Done: Africa American Placemaking in Liberia

Alison McCann, University of Miami

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Andrew N. Wegmann, Texas Tech University

Comment: Marie Stango, Idaho State University

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31. Learning to Love the Constitution:

Constitutional Veneration and the Politics of Slavery in the Early Republic

Location: Washington (Omni)

Chair: Paul Finkelman, Albany Law School

A Constitution Beyond Redemption: How Political Backlash Against Antislavery Activism Forged the Compromise Constitution

> Nathaniel C. Green, Northern Virginia Community College

Freedom in the Shadows: The Constitution and African American Self-Possession

Lois Brown, Arizona State University

Learning to Follow the Fathers: Constitutional Love in the Time of Slavery

Aaron Hall, University of Minnesota

Comment: Paul Finkelman, Albany Law School

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32. Slavery and the Numbers Game at 50: A Roundtable Discussion

Location: Blackstone (Omni)

Chair: Calvin Schermerhorn, Arizona State University

Panelists:

Sharon Ann Murphy, Providence College Daniel Rood, University of Georgia Jennie Williams, University of Virginia Rosanne Adderley, Tulane University

Comment: Calvin Schermerhorn, Arizona State University

SATURDAY, JULY 19 11:00 AM-12:45 PM

33. Has the Money Been Followed? Finance in the Early Republic

Location: Newport (Omni)

Chair: Brian Luskey, West Virginia University

Luck's Metropolis: Lotteries, Class, and Finance in Early

America

Anders Bright, University of Pennsylvania

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Taking a Toll: Following the (Tax) Money in Indian Country

Emilie Connolly, Brandeis University

"E.W. Bancroft says they are as good as gold": Contested Credit Narratives in the Antebellum R.G. Dun & Company Ledgers

Amanda Mushal, The Citadel

Comment: Brian Luskey, West Virginia University

34. Roundtable: New Directions in Early American Constitutional History

Location: South County (Omni)

Chair: Jane Manners, Temple Beasley School of Law

Panelists:

W. Tanner Allread, UCLA School of Law Mary Sarah Bilder, Boston College Law School Julian Davis Mortenson, University of Michigan Law School Rachel Shelden, Pennsylvania State University

Comment: Jane Manners, Temple Beasley School of Law

SATURDAY, JULY 19 11:00 AM-12:45 PM

35. French and Indigenous Communication Networks and the Construction of Historical Memory in Colonial Louisiana and Texas, 1760s-1820

Location: Washington (Omni)

Chair: Tamara Levi, Jacksonville State University

"Reenter[ed] Upon Its Natural Right": Patrimonial Sovereignty and the 1768 French Creole Revolt in Spanish Louisiana

Charles L. Cox Jr., Texas Christian University

Caddoan Messengers: The Eyes and Ears of an American Intelligence Network in the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands, 1804-1806

Jackson Pearson, University of Texas at Arlington

The Barren Fields of Asylum: A Failed Bonapartist Colony in the Texas Borderlands

Abi G. Schexnider-Scott, Kansas University

Resistance and Resilience: A Case Study of the Karankawa Peoples of Texas

Tim Seiter, University of Texas at Tyler

Comment: Tamara Levi, Jacksonville State University

36. Seeing Stars: Political, Spiritual, and Cultural Dimensions of the Heavens in the Early Republic

Location: Bristol (Omni), **Hybrid**

Chair: Ann Fabian, Rutgers University

Exploring the Collegiate Cosmos in Early Nineteenth-Century America

Alexi Baker, Yale Peabody Museum

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Ruling the Universe: The Republican God and American Governorship

Eran Shalev, University of Haifa

The Cosmic Reformation

Trent MacNamara, Texas A&M University

Imagining Extraterrestrials in Antebellum America: Universalist and Relativistic Perspectives in an Age of Human Difference and Hierarchy

Tamara Plakins Thornton, SUNY, Buffalo

Comment: Gordon Fraser, University of Manchester

37. The Clothes Make the Man: A Material History of Early American Masculinities

Location: Kent (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Zara Anishanslin, University of Delaware and the David Center for the American Revolution at the APS

"To make any figure upon the stage...": Tales of Footwear in the Early Republic

Kimberly Alexander, University of New Hampshire

The Sartorial Legacy of George Washington Chloe Chapin, Independent Scholar

Martial Ideals: Military Dress in the American Republic and the Loyalist Diaspora

Matthew Keagle, Fort Ticonderoga

A Buckskin's Breeches: John Randolph of Roanoke and the Politics of Dress

Kristen Stewart, Virginia Commonwealth University

Comment: Hilary Davidson, Fashion Institute of Technology

SATURDAY, JULY 19 2:15 -4:00 PM

38. Roundtable: LGBTQ Histories: State of the Field

Location: South County (Omni)

Chairs: John Gilbert McCurdy, Eastern Michigan University Patrice Douglass, University of California, Berkeley

Panelists:

Rachel Hope Cleves, University of Victoria Patrice Douglass, University of California, Berkeley John Gilbert McCurdy, Eastern Michigan University Gregory D. Smithers, Virginia Commonwealth University

Jordan Alexander Stein, Fordham University

Comment: Audience

39. The Crisis of Antebellum American Protestantism

Location: Blackstone (Omni)

Chair: Amy S. Greenberg, Pennsylvania State University

Tower and Steeple: Critiques of Disestablishment in the Antebellum US

Sarah Barringer Gordon, University of Pennsylvania

American Romanticism, American Ritualism: The Church of the Advent and the Roots of Anglo-Catholicism in the Northern United States, 1825-1850

Brent S. Sirota, North Carolina State University

Abolitionism's Moral Arc: Theodore Parker's War Against American Churches

Benjamin E. Park, Sam Houston State University

Hannah Caleb's Song, Colonial Cacophony and the Reverberating Village Dish

> Anthony Trujillo, Harvard University, SHEAR DEI Fellow

Comment: Amy S. Greenberg, Pennsylvania State University

SATURDAY, JULY 19 2:15 -4:00 PM

40. Contested Citizenship and Belonging in the United States, ca. 1810s-1830s

Location: Newport (Omni)

Chair: Mark Boonshoft, Virginia Military Institute

The right to remain: The Nature of Government Power in the early 19th century

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A New Birth of Unfreedom: Disenfranchisement and Emerging Racial Nationalism, 1815-1821 Stewart Davenport, Pepperdine University

Comment: Mark Boonshoft, Virginia Military Institute

41. Speculation and International Financial Ties in the Early Republic

Location: Washington (Omni)

Chair: Michael Blaakman, Princeton University

"Impossible For A More Sure Thing": Transatlantic Speculation and James Swan's Compagnie de colonisation americaine in Early Nineteenth Century Appalachia Erika Vause, St. John's University

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Susan Gaunt Stearns, University of Mississippi

Comment: Tom Cutterham, University of Birmingham

SATURDAY, JULY 19 2:15 -4:00 PM

42. Decentering Felicity Merriman: American Girl Dolls, Empire, and Indigenous Resistance at the Semiquincentennial

Location: Bristol (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Allison Horrocks, National Park Service

Kaya'aton'my's Representation and Resistance Emily Dixon Magness, College of William & Mary

Singing Bird and Mariana's Survivance Colette Denali Dion Montoya, Lesbian Herstory Archives

Caroline Abbott's Empire
Emily Wells, College of William & Mary

Comment: Rebecca Brenner Graham, Brown University

43. Roundtable: "The Question of Recovery: Slavery, Freedom, and the Archive": Reflections and Reassessments on the 10-Year Anniversary

Location: Kent (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Greg Childs, Brandeis University

Panelists:

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Comment: Greg Childs, Brandeis University

SATURDAY, JULY 19 4:15-5:45 PM

44. *JER* Roundtable: Mid-Career Blues: Lives and Careers across the Academic Historical Profession

Location: Waterplace Ballroom (Omni)

Chairs: Ronald Angelo Johnson, Baylor University Johann Neem, Western Washington University

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Comment: Audience

SATURDAY, JULY 19 6:30-7:30 PM

45. Presidential Address

Location: Salomon Center for Teaching Auditorium, Brown University

Chair: Carolyn Eastman, Virigina Commonwealth University

The First American Republic: An Alternative Genealogy
Manisha Sinha, University of Connecticut

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SUNDAY, JULY 20 9:00–10:45 AM

46. Roundtable: The 1817 Project: Land, Culture, Memory, and Repair at the University of Michigan

Location: Narragansett Ballroom A (Omni)

Chair: Michael Witgen, Columbia University

Panelists:

Jay Cook, University of Michigan Jonathan Quint, University of Michigan Gabrielle Ione Hickmon, University of Michigan Paul Erickson, William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan

Comment: Michael Witgen, Columbia University

47. Making Much of the Matter of Liberty: Constructing Meanings of Liberty in the Age of the American Revolution in New England

Location: Waterplace Ballroom I (Omni)

Chair: Nathan Braccio, Clark University

"This wild Spirit of liberty": A Frontier Loyalist Considers the Costs of the American Revolution

Richard A. Bailey, Canisius University

No Taxation Without Consternation: The Consequences of Shifting Former Slaves to the Public Payroll in New England

Joanne Pope Melish, University of Kentucky

Beyond Beccaria, Blackstone, and Bentham: The Mythologizing of Black Criminality in Capital Crimes, 1750-1815

Arrannè Rispoli, University of California, Los Angeles Comment: Nathan Braccio, Clark University

SUNDAY, JULY 20 9:00-10:45 AM

48. New Directions in Histories of Women and Politics

Location: Waterplace Ballroom II (Omni)

Chair: Cassandra Good, Marymount University

"Terrible as an army with banners": Women and the Politics of Nativism in the 1840s

Emily Arendt, Montana State University, Billings

The Politics of Sojourner Truth's Portraits

Allison Lange, Wentworth Institute of Technology

"I Have Always Electioneered": Midwestern White Women in the Antebellum Democratic Party

Hope McCaffrey, Northwestern University

Comment: Cassandra Good, Marymount University Catherine Allgor, Tufts University

49. Revolutionary Lives in the Greater Southeast

Location: Waterplace Ballroom III (Omni)

Chair: Kathleen DuVal, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Tejanas in the Era of the American Revolution Amy M. Porter, Texas A&M, San Antonio

The International Politics of Cherokee Hunting and Migration

Austin Stewart, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri

A Revolutionary Quid Pro Quo: Muscogees Politics and the American Revolution

Christopher A. Thrasher, Pennsylvania State University

Comment: Kathleen DuVal, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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50. Mighty Municipalities: Local Governments before, during, and after the American Revolution

Location: Narragansett Ballroom B (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Andrew M. Schocket, Bowling Green State University

Teaching Toryism Through Good Governance in Revolutionary New York

Zachary W. Deibel, Virginia Military Institute

"At a meeting held..." in any English-speaking public building this century or the last: Continuities in Local Government

Gabriel Loiacono, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

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Elliot Warren, College of William & Mary

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Comment: Ruth Wallis Herndon, Bowling Green State University

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51. Race, Law, and the City in the Early American Northeast

Location: Narragansett Ballroom C (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Emily Owens, Brown University

Church Discipline and Legal Order in Antebellum Philadelphia's Free Black Community

Laura Nelson, Princeton University

Marshalling Renditions: Local Policing and Federal Enforcement in 1851 Philadelphia

Henry Dickmeyer, American University

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Simone Gulliver, University of Pennsylvania

How Changing Legal Frameworks Shaped Seneca Village, and How They Didn't

Alexander Manevitz, City University of New York Comment: Emily Owens, Brown University

SUNDAY, JULY 20 11:00 AM-12:45 PM

52. Freedom in the Age of Slavery: Race, Rights, and Liberty in the Early Republic

Location: Narragansett Ballroom B (Omni), Hybrid

Chair: Julie Winch, University of Massachusetts Boston

"A Noble Fight and a Glorious Victory": The African American Struggle for High School Access in Antebellum Connecticut

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"To live and die in the Land of their Nativity": Adaptive Strategies for Protecting Free Status and Black Residency Rights in Virginia, 1816-1840

Sheri Ann Huerta, George Mason University

Settling in a Place Free from Slavery: Free People of Color in the Midwest

Warren Milteer, Jr., George Washington University

Comment: Audience

53. Materializing Women's Textile Labor in the Early Republic

Location: Narragansett Ballroom C (Omni), **Hybrid**

Chair: Laura Edwards, Princeton University

Stephen Girard's Mended Stockings: Labor, Maintenance, and Material Lives

Emily Whitted, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Families, Weave Patterns, and Piecework Rates: Outwork Cotton Weaving Strategies in Preston, Connecticut, 1816-1817

Mary Lycan, Independent Scholar

Sartorial Sedition: How Caribbean Women of Color Revolutionized Fashion in the Colonial Atlantic World Mackenzie Moeller Elmore, University of California, Los Angeles

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Marina Nye, University of California, Los Angeles

Comment: Rebecca Beall & Derek Heidemann, Old Sturbridge Village

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54. Dark Empire: Gothic Storytelling in the Age of Expansion, 1820 – 1850

Location: Waterplace Ballroom I (Omni)

Chair: Erin Dwyer, Oakland University

"The Interminable Wastes of the Prairies": Gothic and Apocalyptic Landscapes in James Fenimore Cooper's The Prairie

Leah Begg, University of Connecticut

Those Infernal Machines: Steam-Powered Monsters on the Frontiers of Greed

Jimmy L. Bryan Jr., Lamar University

Comment: Erin Dwyer, Oakland University

55. Roundtable: New Directions in the Study of Early US Democracy

Location: Waterplace Ballroom II (Omni)

Chair: Jeff Pasley, University of Missouri

Matters of Faith: Democratic Insights from the Spiritual Discourse of Black Modernity

Keidrick Roy, Dartmouth College

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Comment: Jeff Pasley, University of Missouri

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56. The "Local State" on Contested Ground: Municipal Power and Native Governance in the Early American Republic

Location: Waterplace Ballroom III (Omni)

Chair: Jacob Lee, Pennsylvania State University

Sustaining Economies: Myaamia Territoriality and Local Industry

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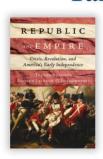
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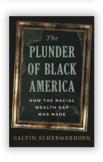
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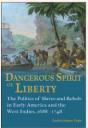
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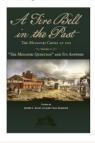
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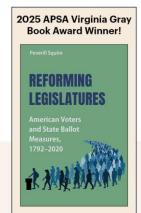
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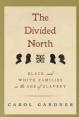
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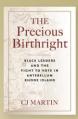
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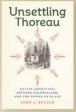
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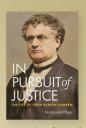
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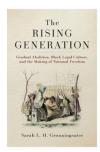
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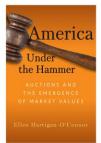
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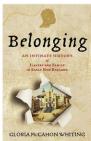


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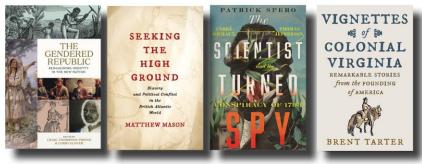


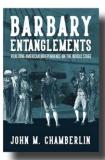
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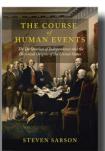
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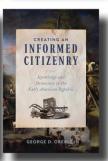
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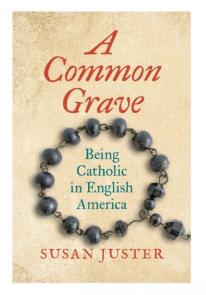


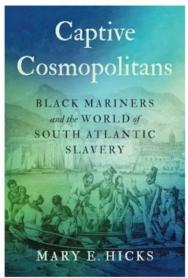




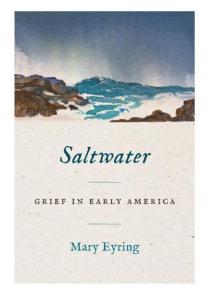


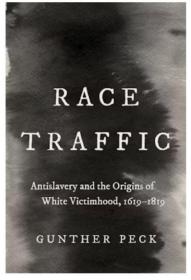
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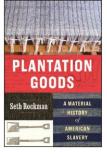
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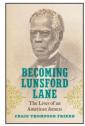
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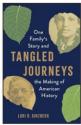
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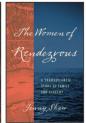
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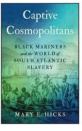
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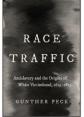
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