

OI 23^rd Annual Conference
Ann Arbor, MI
June 16-17, 2017

Thursday, June 15

5:00-7:00 Informal social
Michigan League
911 N. University Ave.
Michigan Room, 2nd floor
Ann Arbor, Michigan
**The Michigan League is across the street from Rackham Hall.*

Come register early and meet other attendees.

Friday, June 16

8:00 Registration opens in the Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington Street,
University of Michigan, Assembly Hall, 4th floor,

8:30-10:00

SESSION 1—The New Sensory History

Rackham East Conference Room, 4th floor

Chair: George Boudreau, LaSalle University

David Weimer, Harvard University, “To Touch a Map: Cartographic Illusions of Tactility in the Eighteenth Century”

Craig Koslofsky, University of Illinois, “A Deep Surface? Taking Stock of the History of Skin in Early American Studies”

Andrea Pappas, Santa Clara University, “Through the Eye of the Needle: Materiality of Vision in Early American Embroidered Landscapes”

Comment: The Audience

SESSION 2—Early American Literatures

Rackham West Conference Room, 4th floor

Chair: Susan Scott Parrish, University of Michigan

Philipp Reisner, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, “Recasting the Jeremiad: Interpreting Isaiah in Early Modern New England”

Jessica Wallace, Georgia College, “Travel Narratives and Indian Policy: William Bartram and John Pope’s Influence on American Perceptions of the Creek Indians”

Jennifer Desiderio, Canisius College “Taking Stock of Life Writing in Early America

Comment: The Audience

SESSION 3— Everyday Economies

Rackham Amphitheater, 4th floor

Chair: Christine Desan, Harvard School of Law

Caitlin DeAngelis Hopkins, Harvard University, “‘A Negro Man, by Trade a Silversmith’: Enslaved Artisans in the Northern Anglo-American Colonies, 1700-1785”

Zachary Dorner, Stanford University, “‘There being no Trust to his Promises’: The Problem of Getting Paid in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World”

Jonathan Barth, Arizona State University, “How Many Shillings are in a Piece of Eight?: Intercolonial Currency Warfare in the Seventeenth Century”

Comment: Lindsay Schakenbach Regele, Miami University

SESSION 4— Taking Stock of 18th-Century African American Literature in Transition

Rackham Earl Lewis Room, 3rd floor

Chair: Sandra Gustafson, University of Notre Dame

Tara Bynum, The College of Charleston and AAS-NEH Fellow, “Lists, Letters, and a Pig Roast: Or, Why Early African American Literature Matters”

Joseph Rezek, Boston University, “The Lost Sermon of David Margrett, ‘Second Moses’”

Comment: Rhondda Robinson Thomas, Clemson University

10:00-10:30 Break

10:30-12:00

SESSION 5—THIS Camp with Liz Covart, “Creating a podcast”

Rackham East Conference Room, 4th floor

Registration required

SESSION 6—Roundtable: “Clearing a Path: Methods, Materials, Training, and Publications in Native American Scholarship”

Rackham Amphitheater, 4th floor

Chair: Alyssa Mt. Pleasant, SUNY Buffalo
Christine DeLucia, Mount Holyoke College
Neal Salisbury, Smith College
Michael Witgen, University of Michigan

ALTERNATIVE OPTION

Take a guided tour of the Clements Library. These tours are offered exclusively for OI conference attendees and will focus on the collections with an academic framework in mind. Tours leave at 10:30 and 11:30 and are limited to 30 people each. **Registration required.**

12:00-2:00 Lunch

2:00-4:00

SESSION 7— Island-Hopping: Inter-imperial connections in the early modern Caribbean Rackham East Conference Room, 4th floor

Chair: Alison Games, Georgetown University

Andrew Rutledge, University of Michigan, “‘The trade of the island is become the property of the men of war’: The Royal Navy and Inter-imperial trade in the Eighteenth Century Caribbean”

Casey Schmitt, William & Mary, “Captive Voices: Pilot Testimonies in the Early Seventeenth-Century Caribbean”

Comment: Kevin McDonald, Loyola Marymount University

SESSION 8— Reconsidering Frameworks for Native and Imperial History Rackham West Conference Room, 4th floor

Chair: Doug Kiel, Northwestern University

Alejandra Dubcovsky, University of California, Riverside, “Native and Imperial Frameworks through a Gendered Lens”

Katherine Grandjean, Wellesley College, “Up In Arms: The Violent 1640s and the Shape of Native Resistance in the East”

Sean Harvey, Seton Hall University, “‘Without intercourse they cannot understand them’: Native Testimony and the Problem of the Language Family in C.C. Trowbridge's Ethnographies”

Daragh Grant, Harvard University, “Colonization and Cultural Difference”

Comment: Doug Kiel, Northwestern University

SESSION 9—Pushing the Northern Boundary: Canada in Early America

Rackham Earl Lewis Room, 3rd floor

Chair: Catherine Cangany, University of Notre Dame

Jeffers Lennox, Wesleyan University, “North of America: Early Canada and the Revolution”

Jonathan Quint, University of Michigan, “Families, Class, and Power in Turn of the 19th Century Detroit”

Guillaume Teasdale, University of Windsor, “United and Divided Families: The French of the Detroit River Border Region, 1796-1815”

Scott Berthelette, University of Saskatchewan, “New France and the Contest for the Hudson Bay Watershed, 1731-1743”

Comment: Lawrence Hatter, Washington State University

SESSION 10— Revolutionary Lives: Biography in an Age of Transformation

Rackham Amphitheater, 4th floor

Chair: David Hancock, University of Michigan

Travis Glasson, Temple University, “‘Two Extremes Which I Would Avoid’: Peter Van Schaack and the Costs of Neutrality in the American Revolution”

Christopher Hodson, Brigham Young University, "Becoming Count Rumford: Revolution and Reconciliation in the Life of an American Loyalist"

Gregory O'Malley, University of California, Santa Cruz, "The Escapes of David George: Agency and Its Limits in Colonial and Revolutionary America"

Rosemarie Zagarrri, George Mason University, "Creature of Empire: Thomas Law in Colonial British India and the Early American Republic"

Comment: Annette Gordon-Reed, Harvard School of Law

SESSION 11—Roundtable on the Moral Economy of Antislavery: Human Bondage and Economic Development in the Anglophone Atlantic

Room D, Michigan League, 911 N. University Ave., 3rd floor

Chair: James Oakes, City University of New York

John Blanton, City University of New York, “‘Leveling Labour at the Price of Bondslaves’: Slavery, Economic Development, and the Creation of Free Labor Ideology in Late Colonial Anglo-America”

Michael Crowder, City University of New York, “Moses Brown and Antislavery Capitalism in the Revolutionary Era and Early Republic”

Max Mishler, New York University, “Illegitimate Bonds: Credit-Debt and Antislavery”

Marcus Nevius, University of Rhode Island, “A ‘city of refuge’ in the Great Dismal Swamp: Abolitionists, Slave Labor Camps, and the Slave Economy of Southside Virginia”

Nora Slonimsky, City University of New York, “The First Possessor: Labors of Land and Literature in the Formation of Individual Sovereignty”

Comment: Steven Pincus, Yale University

4:00-4:45 Break

4:45-6:00 Plenary session
“In the Beginning: An American Origins Story”
Peter C. Mancall, University of Southern California
Rackham Amphitheater, 4th floor

6:00-7:30 Reception
Michigan Union
530 S. State Street
Pendleton Room, 2nd floor

Saturday, June 17, 2017

8:00 Registration opens in the Rackham Building, University of Michigan

Book Exhibits open, Rackham Assembly Hall, 4th floor

8:30-10:00

SESSION 12— Proclaiming Independence: Taking Stock of the American Revolution
Rackham East Conference Room, 4th floor

Chair: Patrick Griffin, University of Notre Dame

Danielle Allen, Harvard University, and Emily Sneff, Declaration Resources Project, “The Sussex Declaration”

Shira Lurie, University of Virginia, “Liberty Trees and Sedition Poles: The Struggle for Popular Politics in the Early Republic”

Lindsay Chervinsky, University of California, Davis, “The Room Where It Happened: How George Washington’s Private Office Shaped the Evolution of the President’s Cabinet and the Executive Branch”

Comment: Serena Zabin, Carleton College

SESSION 13— Recent Developments in Mission Studies and the Writing of Early American History

Rackham West Conference Room, 4th floor

Chair: Edward Andrews, Providence College

Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University, “Foreign Missions and Foreign Engagement in the Early Republic”

Mark Dixon, Princeton Theological Seminary, “Mission Archives and the Historiography of African American Slavery”

Rachel Wheeler, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, “Into and Out of Mission Archives: A Quarter Century of Scholarship on Native American History”

Comment: Katharine Gerbner, University of Minnesota

SESSION 14— Recasting an Old Standby: Locating the American Revolution in a Vast Early America

Rackham Earl Lewis Room, 3rd floor

Chair: Eliga Gould, University of New Hampshire

Sam Fisher, University of Notre Dame, “Gaelic and Indian Royalism in the Revolution: Or, the Empire Turned Upside Down”

Jonathan Singerton, University of Edinburgh, “‘Some here are warm for the part of America’: The Habsburg Monarchy and the American Revolution, ca. 1776-1789”

Comment: Karen Racine, University of Guelph

SESSION 15— Taking Stock of Communications Histories: New Directions in the Social Life of Media, 1730-1775

Rackham Amphitheater, 4th floor

Chair: Mary Kelley, University of Michigan

Stephen Hay, University of British Columbia, “Silence and Violence in Labrador’s Inuit-British Borderlands, 1759-1770”

Carl Robert Keyes, Assumption College, “‘The late total Stop to Business, and other Discouragements’: Responses to the Stamp Act in Advertisements for Consumer Goods and Services”

Justin Pope, Beloit College, “Peter Fleet: The First Black Printer in Colonial North America and Manufacturer of Reports of Slave Rebellion, 1743”

Comment: Lynda Yankaskas, Muhlenberg College

10:00-10:30

Break

10:30-12:00

SESSION 16— Rethinking the Religious Landscape of Early New England

Rackham West Conference Room, 4th floor

Chair: Susan Juster, University of Michigan

Richard Cogley, Southern Methodist University, “Samuel Sewall and the Mexican Millennium”

Jenny Pulsipher, Brigham Young University, “Reading Conversion through a Native Lens”

Adrian Chastain Weimer, Providence College, “‘The Advice of the Reverend Elders’: Religion and Political Culture in Early Massachusetts”

Comment: Susan Juster, University of Michigan

SESSION 17— Histories of Sexuality in the Wake of the Postsecular Turn

Rackham East Conference Room, 4th floor

Chair: Greta LaFleur, Yale University

Peter Coviello, University of Illinois at Chicago, “Bad Belief”

Scott Larson, George Washington University, “‘Strange Effects upon the Body:’ Rethinking Religion Before Sexuality”

Wendy Roberts, University at Albany, “Seductive Verse: Evangelical Poetry and Early American Sexuality”

Comment: Brian Connolly, University of South Florida

SESSION 18—Familial Connections of Race, Place, and Loyalty

Rackham Earl Lewis Room, 3rd floor

Chair: Barbara Oberg, Princeton University

Dan Livesay, Claremont McKenna College, “Re-Approaching Slavery in Early America through the Life Cycle”

Kimberly Sherman, University of St. Andrews, “‘To whose care shall I leave them in this heathenish place?’: Family Strategy among Scots in North Carolina, 1735-1775”

Donald Johnson, North Dakota State University, “Making Loyalty a Family Business”

Comment: John McCurdy, Eastern Michigan University

SESSION 19— Centering Jamaica: New Directions in the Histories of Gender, Violence, and Illicit Trade

Rackham Amphitheater, 4th floor

Chair: Roderick McDonald, Rider University

Shauna Sweeney, Omohundro Institute, “Market-women and the Military: The West Indies Regiments and the Informal Economy in Eighteenth-Century Jamaica”

Nuala Zahedieh, University of Edinburgh, “Defying mercantilism. Illicit trade, trust and the Sephardim in early English Jamaica”

Comment: Trevor Burnard, University of Melbourne

12:00-2:00 Lunch

Optional lunch workshop with Sam Haselby, Senior Editor of *Aeon*, on how to write op-ed pieces for the educated but non-scholarly audience. Registration required. Lunch included.

Boxed lunches will be available starting at 12:15 in the East and West Conference rooms. Seating for lunch will be in the East and West conference rooms and in Assembly Hall. Please join us at 12:45 in the Rackham Amphitheater for Sam Haselby’s talk. (Food is not allowed in the Amphitheater.)

Location: Rackham Amphitheater, 4th floor

2:00-4:00

SESSION 20— Mapping and Spatial Practices in Early America

William L. Clements Library Conference Room, 909 S. University Avenue

Chair: Brian Dunnigan, University of Michigan

S. Max Edelson, University of Virginia, “The Eye of Empire: Representing Conquest, Population, and Landscape on the Murray Map, ca. 1760-1761”

Philip Morgan, Johns Hopkins University, “Caribbean Mapping, 1490-1810”

Mary Pedley, William L. Clements Library, “Map Reproduction: Methods and Meaning in Eighteenth-Century Cartography”

Nina Nazionale, New York Historical Society, “The Lay of the Land: Studying the Revolutionary War through Maps”

Comment: Matthew Edney, University of Southern Maine

SESSION 21— Re-Assessing 1763: A View from Beyond the Thirteen Colonies
Rackham Earl Lewis Room, 3rd floor

Chair: Gregory Dowd, University of Michigan

Rachel Banke, University of Notre Dame, “‘The Cloven Foot’ of Lord Bute: Confronting the Expanded Empire”

Garrett Fontenot, McGill University, “A Continental Forest Obscured by the Trees of Quebec: Canadian Policy and the Forging of the Revolutionary Crisis, 1763-1775”

Heather Freund, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, “Property and Popery: Debating the Rights of Subjecthood for French Catholics in the Ceded Islands, 1763-1770”

Cam Shriver, Ohio State University, “British Surveillance in the Wake of Pontiac’s War”

Comment: Eliga Gould, University of New Hampshire

SESSION 22—Digital Revolution: a Roundtable on Big Data Analysis of Eighteenth-Century America

Rackham West Conference Room, 4th floor

Chair: Ben Wright, University of Texas at Dallas

Loren Moulds, University of Virginia & Randall Flaherty, University of Virginia—Scottish Court of Session Digital Archive

Nicholas Bonneau, University of Notre Dame, “Founding Fathers, Fallen Children: Uncovering the Consequences of North America’s Invisible Eighteenth-Century Throat Distemper Epidemics”

Sean Morey Smith, Rice University, “Testimonies against Slavery: Text Mining Revolutionary Pennsylvania’s Antislavery Discourse”

Comment: Melissa N. Morris, Columbia University

SESSION 23—Possible Futures: Culture and the American Revolution after *Possible Pasts*
Rackham Amphitheater, 4th floor

Chair: Michael Meranze, University of California, Los Angeles

Participants: Elizabeth Dillon, Northeastern University; Sarah Knott, Indiana University; Catherine O'Donnell, Arizona State University; David Waldstreicher, City University of New York; Kariann Akemi Yokota, University of Colorado, Denver

SESSION 24—Rethinking Runaway Slave Advertisements

Rackham East Conference Room, 4th floor

Registration limited to 20

Roundtable participants: Antonio Bly, Appalachian State University; Nicole Maskiell, University of South Carolina, Columbia; Stephen Mullen, University of Glasgow; Nelson Mundell, University of Glasgow; Hayley Negrin, New York University; Simon Newman, University of Glasgow; Billy Smith, Montana State University

4:00-4:45 Break

4:45-6:00 Plenary session
Tiya Miles, University of Michigan
“Slavery and Freedom in the Detroit River Region”
Rackham Amphitheater, 4th floor

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