Emerging Histories of the Early Modern French Atlantic
October 16-18, 2015, Williamsburg, Virginia
Williamsburg Lodge, Tidewater room
310 S. England Street

Friday, Oct. 16:

8:00: Registration opens outside of Tidewater room, coffee and pastries available

8:15: Welcome
Karin Wulf, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture
Christopher Hodson and Brett Rushforth, Program Committee Co-Chairs

8:30 - 10:30: Session 1—States
Chair: Cécile Vidal, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
Gabriel de Avilez Rocha, New York University: “Institutionalizing Plunder: French and Iberian Triangulations in the Atlantic Commons, 1500-1550”
Alexandre Dubé, Washington University in St. Louis: “Death of a King’s Man”
Comment: Owen Stanwood, Boston College

10:30 - 11:00: Break

11:00 - 12:30: Session 2—Race and Revolution
Chair: Emily Clark, Tulane University
Christina Mobley, University of Virginia: “The French Slave Trade, the Kongoese Atlantic, and the Haitian Revolution”
Manuel Covo, University of Warwick: “Public Authority, Republican Law, and Race in Revolutionary Saint-Domingue: The 1796 Crisis Between Sonthonax and Rigaud”
Comment: Dominique Rogers, Université des Antilles [et de la Guyane]

12:30 – 2:00: Lunch

12:30 - 2:00: Optional Research Portal Meeting
Chair: Rebecca Hartkopf Schloss, Texas A&M University
2:00 – 4:00: Session 3—Legalities

Chair: Catherine Desbarats, McGill University
Laurie Wood, Florida State University: “Codifying Colonization: Inscriptions of Legal Knowledge from below and above in the Early Modern French Atlantic”
Alexandra Havrylyshyn, University of California, Berkeley: “Practitioners and Procurators in the Litigious Society of New France: An Atlantic Perspective”
Marie Houllemare, Université de Picardie Jules Verne: “Penal circulations in the French Atlantic, 18th century”
Comment: Guillaume Aubert, College of William and Mary

6:00 - Reception, Wren Building

Saturday, Oct. 17:

8:00: Registration opens outside of Tidewater room, coffee and pastries available

8:30 - 10:30: Session 4—Cultures

Chair: Giulia Pacini, College of William and Mary
Céline Carayon, Salisbury University: “Embodied Empire?: Communication, Sensitivities, and the Making of the French-Indian Atlantic World”
Mairi Cowan, University of Toronto: “Demons in New France and the Atlantic Anxieties of Early Canada”
Kristen Block, University of Tennessee: “Leprosy and Disgrace in the French Antilles: Jean-André Peyssonnel’s Quest for International Recognition”
Gordon Sayre, University of Oregon: “Of Muses and Mémoires: Literary Textures of Testimony in the French Atlantic World”
Comment: Nicholas Dew, McGill University

10:30 – 11:00: Break

11:00 - 12:15: Session 5—Boundaries

Chair: Christian Crouch, Bard College
Pernille Røge, University of Pittsburgh: “The Place of the Baltic in the Early Modern French Atlantic World”
Thomas Wien, Université de Montréal: “Flows of the Space: New France and Central Europe, même combat?”
Comment: Allan Potofsky, Université Paris-Diderot

12:15 – 1:30: Lunch
12:15 – 1:30: Optional Teaching Session
Chair: Robert Morrissey, University of Illinois

1:30 – 3:30: Session 6—Religion and Power
Chair: Jean-François Lozier, Canadian Museum of History
Helen Dewar, Boston College: “A Collaborative Enterprise: Financiers, Religious Orders, and the Company of New France”
Steve Lenik, St. Mary’s College of Maryland: “French Jesuits as Planters in the Early French Atlantic: From Frontier to Colony to Metropole”
Andrew Dial, McGill University: “Broken Credit?: Father Antoine La Valette and Abraham Gradis Settle Accounts”
Comment: Sophie White, University of Notre Dame

3:30 – 4:00: Break

4:00 – 6:00: Session 7—Approaches
Chair: Laurent Dubois, Duke University
Robert Taber, University of Florida: “Family Formation and Polemics in Saint-Domingue, 1670-1789”
Kenneth Kelly, University of South Carolina: “Sugar Plantations in Guadeloupe and Martinique: Transformations from the Ancien Régime to the Revolutionary Period”
John Garrigus, University of Texas, Arlington: “Twin Pearls of the Antilles: French Saint-Domingue and British Jamaica in the Eighteenth Century”
Comment: Jennifer L. Palmer, University of Georgia

6:30 - Reception, Reves Center

Sunday, Oct. 18:

8:30: Registration opens outside of Tidewater room, coffee and pastries available

9:00 - 12:00: Angles of Vision
Chair: Hilar Jones, Florida International University
Gayle Brunelle, California State University, Fullerton: Sixteenth Century
Sue Peabody, Washington State University: Indian Ocean
Gilles Havard, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique: Les Amérindiens
Ibrahima Thioub, Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar: Africa
Moderator: Gérard Chouin, College of William and Mary

12:00: Conference Adjourns