The Making and Unmaking of Identities and Connections in Early America and the Atlantic World, 1650-1850

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Conference Programme

Friday, December 14, 2018
Queen Mary University of London

15:00 – 18:00: Registration

16:20 – 17:50: Evening Session

Panel 1: Writing the Radical Atlantic in Britain, 1790-1850
Chair: Miles Ogborn (Queen Mary University of London)
❖ Judith Bryan (University of Roehampton), God of Thunder: Re-imagining African Lives in the Atlantic World
❖ Amanda Goodrich (Open University), Henry Redhead Yorke: Politics and Identity
❖ Ryan Hanley (University College London), A Fractured Firebrand: Robert Wedderburn, the Freeborn Formerly-Enslaved Jamaican British Revolutionary Gradualist Emancipationist

Panel 2: Confessional Co-operation, Confusion and Conflict in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World
Chair: Charles Irons (Elon University)
❖ Philip Abraham (British Library), Improvising Anglicanism in ancien régime Barbados
❖ Mary Cornelius (University of Glasgow), Enslaved and Catholic: Religion, Identity, and Agency in Colonial Grenada, 1763-1815
❖ Marie Basile McDaniel (Southern Connecticut State University), To Have and To Hold: Inter-denominational Marriages during Philadelphia’s Great Awakening

Panel 3: Unruly Bodies in the Age of Revolution (roundtable)
Chair: Ben Marsh (University of Kent)
❖ John G. McCurdy (Eastern Michigan University), Prosecuting Sodomy: The Trial of Lieutenant Robert Newburgh
❖ Rachel Herrmann (Cardiff University), “Nor will they ever thrive where the Pine apple does not”: Black Bodies on the Move in the Revolutionary Atlantic
❖ Ann M. Little (Colorado State University), Revolutions and Empires: The Significance of the High-Waisted Gown at the Turn of the Nineteenth Century
Panel 4: Liberty and State Formation in the Borderlands
Chair: Csaba Lévai (University of Debrecen)

- Lawrence Celani (University of Missouri), *The Politics of Slavery and Freedom in the Missouri and Illinois Borderland*
- Jay Donis (Lehigh University), “We are all Englishmen, or, what amounts to the same”: *Forging American Nationalism on the Late-Colonial Frontier*
- Andrea Kökény (University of Szeged), *The Making and Unmaking of Identities on the Oregon Trail*

18:10 – 19:30: Keynote Lecture

Richard Drayton (King’s College London), *The Convergence of Atlantic Politics: The Unmaking and Making of Empires, Nations, and Revolutions, c. 1650-1850?*

19:30 – 20:30: Drinks Reception

Saturday, December 15, 2018
King’s College London

08:30 – 10:30: Registration

09:00 – 10:30: Morning Session

Panel 5: Hemingses and Beyond: Navigating Black Identities in Early America
Chair: Claire Bourhis-Mariotti (Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint Denis)

- Niya Bates (Thomas Jefferson Foundation), “Melancholy Circumstance”: *The Short Life of James Hemings and Navigating Blackness in Early America*
- Chet’la Sebree (Independent Scholar), *From Mountaintop to Metropolis: The Transformation of Sally Hemings and Mary Hemings-Bell*
- Tammy Henderson (University of Maryland), *Unexpected Consequences: How Elizabeth Key’s Freedom Suit Shaped African American Family Identity*

Chair: Bertrand Van Ruymbeke (Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint-Denis)
- Agnès Delahaye (Université Lumière Lyon 2), *Cultural Spaces of Power in the Long Eighteenth Century*
- Iris de Rode (Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint-Denis), *The Gift of Louis XVI (1784): The Franco-American Connections of François Jean de Chastellux in Scientific Societies of the Atlantic World*
- Hend Jabeur (Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint-Denis), *Pierre Eugène Du Simitière and His American Museum*

Panel 7: Displacement and Transience in the Early Atlantic

Chair: TBD
- Rachel Winchcombe (University of Manchester), *“For God’s sake send beef and cheese and butter”: Food and Emotional Comfort in the Early American Colonies*
- Kimberly Nath (University of Wisconsin-Whitewater), *Philadephians Uncomfortably Abroad: Loyalist Exile and Return in the Revolutionary Era*
- Helen Kilburn (University of Manchester), *Itinerant Devotion in Early Maryland: The Knatchbull Catechism*

Panel 8: Militaries as Borderlands: Maneuvering Interests, Ideas, and Identities

Chair: Matthew C. Ward (University of Dundee)
- Huw J. Davies (King’s College London), *Conceptualising the ‘Military Cloud’: Understanding Inter-Military Knowledge Networks in the Revolutionary Era*
- Holly A. Mayer (Duquesne University), *British Subject>Continental Soldier>American Citizen*
- Ricardo A. Herrera (U.S. Army Command and General Staff College), *Manifest Destiny: A View from the Ranks*

10:30 – 11:00: Refreshments
11:00 – 12:30: Midday Session

Panel 9: “What is an American?”
Chair: Allan Potofsky (Université Paris Diderot)
- Konstantin Dierks (Indiana University), What Made an American an American? Americans Abroad and the Construction of Identities, 1789-1861
- Henrik Olav Mathiesen (University of Oslo), The Origin of a Hyphenated Identity: Norwegian Immigrants Confront an Ethnic National Identity in America, 1825-1850
- Angel-Luke O’Donnell (King’s College London), True Americans: Newspapers and the Emergence of the American Demonym, 1765-1776

Panel 10: The Many Meanings of Loyalty: The American Revolution and Personal Identity
Chair: Valérie Capdeville (Université Paris 13)
- Krysten Blackstone (University of Edinburgh), Developing Identities from Local to National: Soldiers in the Continental Army
- Charlene Boyer Lewis (Kalamazoo College), Loyalist Flirt to Patriotic Wife to Traitor’s Wife: Peggy Shippen Arnold

Panel 11: Connected Identities in Early Carolina
Chair: Tim Lockley (University of Warwick)
- Bradford J. Wood (Eastern Kentucky University), A Tale of Two Carolinas: Early North and South Carolina in the British World
- Michelle LeMaster (Lehigh University), “You shall all give the war-hoop”: The Tuscarora World of Violence
- Sean M. Kelley (University of Essex), Becoming Mandingo in Eighteenth-Century South Carolina

Panel 12: Communities in Print/Communities of Print: Periodicals and the Constitution of Community in Early America
Chair: Julia Straub (Universitaet Bern)
- Carra Glatt (Bar-Ilan University), Freedom’s Editors: Mobilizing Poetry in the Antebellum African-American Press
- Laura Ntoumanis (Westfaelische Wilhelms-Universitaet Muenster), The Cherokee Phoenix: From Ashes, to Ashes
- Tim Lanzendorfer (Johannes Gutenberg-Universitaet Mainz), Papers Making People, People Making Papers? Populism and the Press in the Early Republic
Panel 13: Making and Unmaking Sovereignty in the American East

Chair: Pekka Hämäläinen (University of Oxford)

- Heather Hatton (University of Hull), *Narrating Sovereignty: The Covenant Chain Metaphor in Intercultural Diplomacy*
- Mark Millard (University of Hull), *Sovereign Connections: Iroquois Power and the 1722 Albany Treaty*
- Charles Prior (University of Hull), *Rethinking American Settler Colonialism*

12:30 – 13:30: Lunch

13:30 – 15:00: Free Time

15:00 – 16:00: Survey Session

**Improving Gender Balance among Americanists in the UK and Europe**

**Facilitators:** Rachel Herrmann (Cardiff University), Andrea Livesey (Liverpool John Moores University), Kendrick Oliver (University of Southampton)

The gender balance of Americanists working in the UK—from the early modern period up through to the present—is quite poor, and the representation of BAME academics even worse. This session will discuss a survey undertaken jointly by BAAS, BGEAH, BrANCH, and HOTCUS, which corroborates these findings. Attendees from outside of the UK are particularly welcome to share their impressions of the field. Building off of a Royal Historical Society event in spring 2018 and an event in Manchester this autumn, it is hoped that together in this session participants will be able to draw comparisons between Europe and the UK, to think creatively about solutions to address these problems, and to commit to raising awareness about them.

16:00 – 17:30: Evening Session

Panel 14: Inheritance, Itinerancy, and Race in the Atlantic Basin

Chair: TBD

- Yael Ben-zvi (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), *Inheritance and (Dis)Connections Between Black and Indigenous Histories and Politics*
- Matteo Lazzari (Università di Bologna), *Mulattoes' Identity in the Early Iberian Atlantic: The Case of Gaspar Riveros Vazconcelos Between Mexican Inquisition, Politics and Astrology*
- Lucia Bergamasco (Université d’Orléans), *A Historic Divide: Cultural Inheritance and Identity in the New England Federalists’ Historical and Geographical Writings*
Panel 15: Communication, Community, and Identity in the British Atlantic
Chair: JoAnne Mancini (Maynooth University)
- Mark Peterson (University of California, Berkeley), Consumption and Community Identities in the Early Modern Atlantic World: The Puritan Diaspora as a Case Study
- Alyssa Zuercher Reichardt (University of Missouri), Roads to Power, Roads to Crisis: Imperial Rivalry and Infrastructure in the Era of the American Revolution
- Daniel Robinson (Magdalen College, University of Oxford), King Cunobelinus, Juan Ignacio de Madariaga, Charles Willson Peale’s ‘Fidele’, and the Twilight of British Nationalism in the Thirteen Colonies

Panel 16: Age of Association: Education, Benevolence, and Reform
Chair: TBD
- Lisa Rose Lamson (Marquette University), “The education of these poor colored girls”: Catholic Curriculum, Girls of Color, and Community Identity, 1820-1850
- Rebecca Lott (University of St Andrews), European Identity and Charity in Early America: German, English, and Scottish Ethnic Societies in Philadelphia and Charleston, 1740s-1810s
- Serena Mocci (Università di Bologna), Rethinking Gender Identity: Margaret Fuller and the Atlantic Women’s Rights Movement

Panel 17: Gender and Identity in the Post-Revolutionary, Trans-Atlantic World
Chair: Sandra Rebok (Independent Scholar)
- Lisa Francavilla (Thomas Jefferson Foundation), Masculinity, Reputation and National Identity in an Anglo-American Commercial World
- Jonathan Singerton (University of Edinburgh), Maria von Born’s “Abode of Misery” – An Austrian Countess on the American Frontier, 1766-1830

17:40 – 19:00: Keynote Lecture

Catherine Hall (University College London), English, British, European: White Identities in the Eighteenth-Century Caribbean

19:00 – 20:00: Reception

Location: Bush House, Eighth Floor North and Eighth Floor South
08:30 – 10:30: Registration

09:00 – 10:30: Morning Session

Panel 18: Memory and Myth-Making in the Revolutionary Era
Chair: TBD
- Laura A. Macaluso (Independent Scholar), *Benedict Arnold’s House: The Making and Unmaking of an American*
- Bethel Saler (Haverford College), *Mohamet, the Impostor, a Model Treaty and the Radically New World, Newly Independent United States*
- Juliette Trân (École Normale Supérieure de Lyon), *Looking for Daniel Boone: American Historians and the National Legend*

Panel 19: Three Revolutionary Lives: Negotiating Identities in an Age of Upheaval
Chair: Maurizio Valsania (Università di Torino)
- Lorri Glover (Saint Louis University), *Eliza Lucas Pinckney: Provincial in the Metropole*
- Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch (University of Toledo), “What am I but an American?”: *Mary Willing Byrd, Citizenship, and Identity in Post-Revolutionary Virginia*
- Edward E. Andrews (Providence College), *In Occramar Marycoo’s Hand: Naming and the Journey of an African Moses*

Panel 20: Identities and Connections between Britain and the West Indies
Chair: Sara Johnson (University of California, San Diego)
- Madge Dresser (University of the West of England), *Bristol’s Urban Landscape and the Atlantic Slave Economy*
- Natalie Zacek (University of Manchester), *At Home in the Metropole?: West Absentees (try to) Live the Dream*
Panel 21: New Intellectual Histories of Jeffersonian Cosmopolitanism
Chair: Andrew J. O'Shaughnessy (Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, Thomas Jefferson Foundation)
  ❖ Sean P. Harvey (Seton Hall University), *Revolutionary Geneva, Albert Gallatin, and Democratic-Republicanism*
  ❖ Hannah Spahn (University of Potsdam), *Prejudice, Enlightenment, and National Identity in Jefferson's Republic of Letters*
  ❖ Brian D. Steele (University of Alabama-Birmingham), *Empires, Republics, and Universal History: Narratives of the Founding in American Political Discourse (1774-1826)*

10:30 – 11:00: Refreshments

11:00 – 12:30: Midday Session

Panel 22: Letters and Self-Presentation in the Atlantic World
Chair: Oliver Scheiding (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz)
  ❖ Mary S. Draper (Midwestern State University), *The Creolization of Alexander Mountier: Lurid Letters and Polite Commerce in Eighteenth-Century Kingston*
  ❖ Sarah Hall (University of East Anglia), *Shifting Identities and Long-Distance Friendships: New Methods for Understanding the Character and Quality of Transatlantic Connections in the Mid-Seventeenth Century*
  ❖ Niccolò Valmori (Ecole des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales), *Identity and Self-Preservation in the Atlantic Space: Merchant Correspondence and a Memoir from the Late Eighteenth Century*

Panel 23: Violence and the Shaping of Identities in British North America
Chair: Gareth Davis (University College London)
  ❖ Nicola Martin (University of Stirling), *Pacification, Militarisation, and the Making and Unmaking of Identities in the British Atlantic World*
  ❖ Robbie MacNiven (University of Edinburgh), *The Making of a Massacre: Changing Attitudes to Atrocity in North America*
  ❖ Thomas Rodgers (University of Portsmouth), *Responses to the Repression of Rebellion in the Revolutionary British Atlantic World*
Panel 24: Identity, Memory, and Propaganda: Huguenots in the New World
Chair: Emma Hart (University of St Andrews)
- Susanne Lachenicht (Universität Bayreuth), Negotiating Confessional and National Identities in Early America
- Bertrand Van Ruymbekė (Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint-Denis), Un siècle après. Huguenot Diasporic Memory in America in the Revolutionary Era
- Joanne van der Woude (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen), A Knight Errant in the New World: The Religious Propaganda of Durand de la Dauphiné

Panel 25: Europe in American Self-Formation
Chair: Bård Frydenlund (Eidsvoll 1814)
- Alley Marie Jordan (University of Edinburgh), “Pine, lavender and thyme”: Thomas Jefferson’s Changed European and Epicurean Identity, 1787-1826
- Audrey Mallet (Université Paris Diderot), The French Revolution Debate in the Young Republic: Media Strategies at the Service of Political Conflicts, 1796-1800

12:30 – 13:30: Lunch

13:30 – 15:00: Afternoon Session

Panel 26: Imperial Politics, Local Practicalities
Chair: Pierre Gervais (Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle)
- Andy Cabot (Université Paris Diderot), Transforming a Slave Colony in the Age of Abolition: Demerara Between Local Interests and the Global Dynamics of Empire (1796-1807)
- Heather Freund-Carter (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign), Trans-Imperial Connections in the Windward Islands During the American Revolution
- Simon Middleton (College of William and Mary), The “blackest and most detestable practice”? Coining, Counterfeiting, and Monetary Management in the Eighteenth-Century Middle Colonies
Panel 27: Loyalists, Suspected Tories, and their Divided Allegiances in British North America

**Chair:** Christopher Sparshott (Northwestern University in Qatar)

- Timothy Compeau (Huron University College, University of Western Ontario), *A Political Death in the Family: Loyalist Manhood, Dishonor, and Fractured Households in the American Revolution*
- Nancy L. Rhoden (University of Western Ontario), *Divided Loyalties in a Philadelphia Parish: William Smith and the American Revolution*
- Nancy Christie (University of Western Ontario) & Michael Gauvreau (McMaster University), "No More Officers": Loyalist Protests in Quebec, 1786-91

Panel 28: Revolutionaries in the Old World and the New: Polish and Genevan Presences in the Early United States

**Chair:** TBC

- Derek Kane O’Leary (University of California, Berkeley) & Agnieszka Smelkowska (University of California, Berkeley), *Polish Radicals, the Atlantic Panorama of Revolution, and Imperial Crossings*
- Irmina Wawrzyczek (Marie Curie-Skłodowska University) & Zbigniew Mazur (Marie Curie-Skłodowska University), *Thaddeus Kościuszko and Casimir Pulaski as Itinerant Revolutionaries in the Atlantic World*
- Neven Leddy (Concordia University), *The Genevan Atlantic on the Indiana Frontier*

Panel 29: Intimacy, Alliances and Contested Geographies in Louisiana and the French Atlantic World

**Chair:** Marie-Jeanne Rossignol (Université Paris Diderot)

**Commentator:** François Furstenberg (Johns Hopkins University)

- Sophie White (Notre Dame University), *Labors of Love: Slavery, Intimacy and Women’s Work*
- Jean-Pierre Le Glaunec (Université de Sherbrooke), *Performing Resistance and Crafting Rival Geographies: New Orleans, 1811-1820*
- Alexandre Dubé (Washington University in St. Louis), *The Dyes that Bind*

15:00: END OF CONFERENCE
FURTHER DETAILS

Conference Locations:

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Underground: The nearest stations on the London Underground to Queen Mary Mile End campus are Mile End on the Hammersmith and City, District, and Central lines; and Stepney Green on the Hammersmith and City and District lines. Both are approximately an 8 minute walk away from the campus.
Bus: Mile End campus is on the 25 (Ilford-Oxford Circus) and 205 (Bow Church-Paddington) bus routes, with a stop directly outside the campus entrance.

Mile End Campus Map (click for link). A virtual tour of Mile End campus can be found here (click for link).
Registration at Queen Mary will take place in Blomeley Rooms One and Two at the Students Union Hub (number 34 on the map above), which is located behind the ‘Ground’ Cafe. The majority of panels will take place in ArtsOne and ArtsTwo (building numbers 35 and 37). The drinks reception will take place in the ArtsTwo Foyer, next door to the keynote lecture theatre.
Getting There:

**Underground:** The nearest London Underground station to the King’s College Strand campus is **Temple**, on the **District** and **Circle** lines. The campus entrance is approximately a two minute walk away from the station. Other nearby stations are **Charing Cross** (Bakerloo and Northern lines), 10 minute walk; **Embankment** (District, Circle, and Bakerloo lines), 10 minute walk; **Waterloo** (Jubilee, Northern, Bakerloo, Waterloo and City lines), 12 minute walk; **Holborn** (Central and Picadilly lines), 12 minute walk; and **Chancery Lane** (Central line), 15 minute walk.

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All panels will take place in the King’s Building (A – the red building on the campus map above). The reception will take place at Bush House, across the Strand road from the King’s Building (number 3 on the map above).

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The King’s Building also has a virtual tour (click for link).

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