

**British Group in Early American History
Annual Conference
University of Manchester
September 12-14, 2008**

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Friday 12 September

1:30pm-3:45pm

Registration

4:00pm-5:30pm

Panel 1: TRANSNATIONAL DEBATES IN THE AGE OF
REVOLUTION

“Ideologies of Coercion in the Eighteenth-Century British Atlantic World”

Tom Rodgers, University of Warwick

“The Poor Man’s Friend in America: Proslavery and Anti-Black Sentiment”

Noema Seddiki, University of Algiers

“The Uses of Antiquity: Ancient Rome and Antebellum America”

Margaret Malamud, University of Cambridge

6:00pm-8:00pm

Keynote

Peter Onuf, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Professor of History,
University of Virginia, and Harold Vyvyan Harmsworth Visiting Professor of
American History, University of Oxford
Reception to follow

8:00pm-?

Dinner and nightlife

Saturday 13 September

7.30am-8.45am

Breakfast

9.00am-10.30am

Panel 2: ATLANTIC EXCHANGES

**“By Shewing Power Purchasing Authority: Status, Authority, and Exchange in the
English Atlantic World, 1585-1611”**

Michael A. LaCombe, Adelphi University

**“Landscape and Identity in Late Seventeenth- and Early Eighteenth-Century Indian
Captivity Narratives”**

Catherine Armstrong, Manchester Metropolitan University

**“Transatlantic Appropriation and Acculturation in the Early Eighteenth-Century
Novel: William Chetwood’s *Richard Falconer* (1720)”**

Rowland Hughes, University of Hertfordshire

10.30am-10.45am

Tea/coffee break

10.45am-12.15pm Panel 3: A REVOLUTIONARY ERA AND ITS DISCONTENTS

“Benjamin Franklin and the Leather Apron Men: The Politics of Class in Eighteenth-Century Philadelphia”

Simon P. Newman, University of Glasgow

“Building a Political Community in 1790s Philadelphia”

Kenneth Owen, University of Oxford

“A Nation Born in Blood: Violence, Trauma, and the American Revolution”

Andrew M. Schocket, Bowling Green State University

12.15pm-1.15pm Lunch

1.30pm-3:00pm Panel 4: NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE STUDY OF SLAVERY

“A Conspiracy of Silence: Women and Slavery in the South Carolina Low Country, c. 1730-1775”

Inge Dornan, Brunel University

“Transplanting Silk: The Theory and Practice of British American Sericulture in the Colonial South”

Ben Marsh, University of Stirling

“Two Perspectives on the Slave Debate: Alexander Campbell and Ottobah Cuguano”

Mark Quintanilla, Hannibal-Lagrange College

3.00pm-3.15pm Tea/coffee break

3.15pm-4.45pm Panel 5: RADICALISM AND DISSENT IN THE SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY ATLANTIC WORLD

“Secular Dissent in New England, 1620-1689”

Charlotte Carrington, University of Cambridge

“Empire and Abolition in the Revolutionary Atlantic, 1630-1661”

John Donoghue, Loyola University Chicago

“George Keith and the Peaceable Kingdom, 1690-1696”

Michael Goode, University of Illinois at Chicago

5.00pm-7:00pm Book Club: Tim Lockley (University of Warwick), on *Welfare and Charity in the Antebellum South*

Chair: David Brown, University of Manchester

Valedictory session honouring Gwenda Morgan (Sunderland University), on her impending retirement

7:30pm-?

Conference dinner

Manchester nightlife

Sunday 14 September

7.30am-8.45am Breakfast

9.00am-10.30am Panel 6: SETTLING THE LAND: A ROUNDTABLE
“New Light on the Pilgrims and Plymouth Colony: The Case of Scituate, Massachusetts”

Jeremy Bangs, Leiden American Pilgrim Museum

“A Crease in the Landscape: The Struggle for Settlement along the New York-Vermont Border”

Paul Hancock, Green Mountain College

“The English Common-Law and Private Ownership in Revolutionary Virginia”

Christopher M. Curtis, Claflin University

“Living in French on the Edges of Anglo-American Empires: The French People of the Detroit River Region, 1760s-1820s

Guillaume Teasdale, York University

10.30am-11.45am Panel 7: BODY AND MIND IN THE NEW REPUBLIC

“Humane Societies and the Cultural Significance of Suicide in America, 1760-1830”

Richard J. Bell, University of Maryland/University of Cambridge

“‘She supposes herself cured’: Prostitutes and Venereal Disease in Early National Philadelphia”

Jacqueline Cahif, University of Glasgow

“Climates of War: Climate Theory, Moral Sentiments, and Colonialism in the American War of 1812”

Nicole Eustace, New York University

11:45am-1:00pm Lunch/Business meetings (BGEAH/postgraduates)

1:00pm-2.30pm Panel 8: GENDER TROUBLE

“‘He Hath Absented Himself from Her’: Saints and Strangers in Plymouth Colony”

Abigail Chandler, University of Maine

“‘She will cause his confusion by her seducement’: Gender, Race, Power, and the Role of the Irish ‘Wench’ in Seventeenth-Century Barbados

Jenny Shaw, New York University

“A Meeting of Warriors: Manhood, War, and Diplomacy in the Colonial Southeast”

Michelle LeMaster, Lehigh University

3pm Conference ends