

**BRITISH GROUP OF EARLY AMERICAN HISTORIANS
Annual Conference 2014**

Better Together? Union and Disunion in the Early Modern Atlantic

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PROGRAMME

All academic events will take place in the William Robertson Wing, Old Medical School, Teviot Place.

Registration, lunches, coffee will be in rooms G13 and 14

Academic sessions will be held in Middle Meadow Lecture Theatre

Dinner on Thursday will be held at Spoon (Ticket)

Dinner on Saturday at La Garrigue (Ticket)

THURSDAY 4th September

2.00-3.00 Registration

3.00 Welcome

3.15-4.45 Transatlanticism after independence

Chair: David Silkenat, University of Edinburgh

Hannah Hawkins, University of Nottingham

John Jay: Ambassador Extraordinary

Gaye Wilson, International Centre for Jefferson Studies

United in cause but opposed in polity: the uneven friendship of Thomas Jefferson and John Trumbull

Tom Cutterham, Oxford University

Sex, lies and international finance: Angelica Schuyler's revolution

4.45-5.00 Coffee break

5.00-6.00

Keynote address

Chair: Ned Landsman, Stony Brook University

Tom Devine, University of Edinburgh

The foundation of Scotland's dual identity within the Union state, 1707-1815

6.00-7.00

Reception, Jim McMillan Room

7.15

Dinner at Spoon

FRIDAY 5th September

9.15-10.45

Competing identities

Chair: Emma Hart, University of St Andrews

Craig Gallagher, Boston College

Covenanted, commercial, clannish? How Scots formed alliances in the early modern Atlantic world

Jonathan Chandler, University College London

To become our brethren: deserting armies and telling stories during the American War of Independence

Zachary Conn, Yale University

The era of mixed feelings: personal friendship and sectional politics in the American Republic, 1815-1823

10.45-11.00

Coffee break

11.00-12.30

Contested rites

Chair: Alasdair Raffe, University of Edinburgh

Philip Williamson, University of Durham

"The entire English Israel": special worship in the British North Atlantic World

Sara Georgini, Boston University

Fasts, feasts and freedoms in colonial New England

Simon Lewis, Oxford University

Transatlantic anti-revivalism: opposition to the Great Awakening in the British Atlantic world

12.30-2.00 Lunch

2.00-3.30 Scottish Atlantic

Chair: Alex Murdoch, University of Edinburgh

Robert Olwell, University of Texas at Austin

Scottish adventurers in East Florida and the colonial origins of British identity

Brad Wood, Eastern Kentucky University

Scottish Atlantic, Carolina communities and fragmentation in Gabriel Johnston's North Carolina

James Ambuske, University of Virginia

Selling British landscapes: projecting Scotland and America in the 1770s

3.30-3.45 Coffee break

3.45-4.45 Transatlantic contexts for the right to bear arms: Separating historical myth and reality

Chair: Simon Newman, University of Glasgow

Nathan Kozuskanich, Nipissing University

'To bear or not to bear: the question of arms in the founding era'

Saul Cornell, Fordham University

The right to travel armed in early America: from English restrictions to southern rights

5.00-6.00 Book Club Discussion

Chair: Phil Morgan, Johns Hopkins University

Simon Newman, University of Glasgow, will present

A new world of labour. The development of plantation slavery in the British Atlantic

SATURDAY 6TH September

9.15-10.45 The profit and loss of imperial union

Chair: Peter Thompson, Oxford University

Ryan Mc Guinness, University of Edinburgh

"To pare us close and keep us low": the price of the economic 'union' between England and Barbados, 1680-1700

Nuala Zahedieh, University of Edinburgh
'The capital and slavery. London and the profits of imperial union before the American Revolution

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 Labour and the allocation of resources

Chair: Ben Marsh, University of Kent

Emma Hart, University of St Andrews
From field to plate: livestock trading and economic cultures in the British Atlantic world

Rachel Herrmann, University of Southampton
The appeal of Indians for food: the rise of food diplomacy in eighteenth century America

Simon Middleton, University of Sheffield
Marx, Franklin and the labour theory of value in early Pennsylvania

12.30-2.00 Lunch

2.00-3.30 Gender

Chair: Matt Ward, University of Dundee tbc

Julia James, Syracuse University
Drowned, battered and scalded: inter-war violence and indifference toward Algonquian women in the colonial Northeast

Michelle LeMaster, Le High University
A tale of two massacres: the Tuscarora war in gendered perspective

Karin Wulf, OIEAHC and College of William and Mary
Gender and local cultures of genealogy in early British America

3.30-3.45 Coffee break

3.45-4.45

Revolution in the British Atlantic

Chair: Frank Cogliano, University of Edinburgh

Darren Reid, University of Dundee

Anti-Indian radicalism as revolutionary change: a different type of revolution in the early American west, 1774-1795

Colin Nicolson, University of Stirling, and Owen Dudley Edwards, University of Edinburgh

John Adams and the British question

5.00-6.00

Keynote address

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Philip Morgan, Johns Hopkins University

Mapping the Caribbean

6.00-7.00

Reception, Jim McMillan Room

7.15

Dinner at La Garrigue

SUNDAY 7TH September

9.15-10.45

Religion, class and visions of union

Chair: Gwenda Morgan, University of Newcastle

Roy Rogers, CUNY Graduate Centre

Agreeable by Law. Politics, law and denominationalization in the early national Chesapeake, 1783-1811

Matthew Ward, University of Dundee

Better apart? The Whiskey Rebels' alternative vision for the western backcountry

Blair Smith, University of Dundee

'Such is the example of the officers'. 'Such is the behaviour of the men'. Popular protest and the militia in the Virginia backcountry

10.45-11.00

Coffee break

11.00-12.30 The ties that bind? Slavery, commerce and the rise and fall of the first British empire

Chair: Natalie Zacek, University of Manchester

John Donoghue, Loyola University, Chicago

The politics of free trade, the slave trade, and the origins of imperial union and disunion

Charlotte Carrington, Roger Williams University

Slave horse: the Narragansett pacer in Rhode Island and the early Atlantic world

Antony Di Lorenzo, Loyola University, Chicago

A union of democrats: American political societies and British radicalism, 1793-1796