

NORTH EAST CONFERENCE ON BRITISH STUDIES

October 27 – 28, 2000

Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Registration, 2:30 – 5:30 pm, Room 765, The Hall Building, Concordia University (downtown campus), 1440 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West

SESSION I: Friday, October 27th, 3:30 – 5:30 pm

MAKING AND BREAKING THE RULES IN FIFTEENTH-CENTURY ENGLAND (Room 771)

Chair: Sara Butler, Dalhousie University

Derek Neal, McGill University, “Masculinity and Legal Evidence in Later Medieval England.”

Joel T. Rosenthal, SUNY Stony Brook, “Over-Hearing the Pastons: John II and John III About their Mother.”

Shannon McSheffrey, Concordia University, "Sexual Misconduct and the London Clergy in the Late Middle Ages."

Michael Bennett, University of Tasmania, "Adultery and Anxieties about Paternity in Late Medieval England."

Comment : Nancy Partner, McGill University.

PEOPLE MANAGEMENT: ORPHANS, ADULTS, AND MIGRATION IN MODERN BRITAIN (Room 760)

Chair: Susan Hoecker-Drysdale, Concordia University

Susan Tananbaum, Bowdoin College, “‘Lifted Out of Their Evil Environments’: Religious Orphanages in Nineteenth-Century Britain.”

Kathleen Paul, University of South Florida, “From Potential Paupers to Children in Need: Child Emigrants and the Welfare State.”

Karl Ittmann, University of Houston, “‘To People the Empire’: Empire, Migration and

British Population Science, 1890-1945."

Comment: Lydia Murdoch, Vassar College

THE COLD WAR IN BRITAIN (Room 769)

John T. Callaghan, University of Wolverhampton, "The British Left and the Soviet Union in the 1950s."

Tony Shaw, University of Hertfordshire, "The Cold War, Government and the Mass Media, 1945-64."

Mark Phythian, University of Wolverhampton, "Securing Allies: The Role of Arms Sales in British Cold War Foreign Policy, 1945-60."

Chair and Comment: Peter Weiler, Boston College

Reception (cash bar)

5:45 – 6:30 pm, Friday, October 27th, (Room 765)

Dinner

6:30 pm, Friday, October 27th

Dining Room (Room 763)

Plenary Address:

8:00 pm

“The Problem of Urban Crime: London, 1660-1760.”

John Beattie, University of Toronto

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Registration, 8:00 – 9:30 am, (Coffee and Danish) Room 765, Hall Building

SESSION II: Saturday, October 28th, 8:45 – 10:45 am

TWO CULTURES OR ONE? BLURRING THE BOUNDARIES OF NONCONFORMITY IN RESTORATION ENGLAND (Room 771)

Chair: Ben Lowe, Florida Atlantic University

Philippe Rosenberg, Center for 17th and 18th Century Studies, UCLA, “Nero Resuscitated: Quakers, Cameronians, and the Response to Punitive Violence, 1660-1689.”

Elizabeth Lane Furdell, University of North Florida, “Profit and Principle: Religious Nonconformists in the Restoration Medical Marketplace.”

Samuel S. Thomas, Washington University, “‘The Grand Controversie of the Time’: Anglicans and Dissenters Defend the Church of England.”

Comment: Jeffrey Collins, Harvard University

THE AESTHETICS OF HISTORY: ART, STATUARY AND LANDSCAPE IN VICTORIAN AND EDWARDIAN BRITAIN (Room 762)

Chair: Brian Foss, Concordia University

Kristina Huneault, “Imag(in)ing Industry: Order and Beauty on the Factory Floor in Late Victorian and Edwardian Visual Culture.”

Kim Wahl, Queen’s University, “Wyndham Lewis’ Crowd: Mechanical Metaphors for Aesthetic (Social) Control.”

Kirsty Robertson, Queen’s University, “Changing Landscapes: The Effects of Social Reforms and the First World War on British Landscape Painting.”

Comment: Peter Hansen, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

GENDER AND MIGRATION AFTER WORLD WAR (Room 760)

Chair: Michael Dawswell, University College, University of London

James Hammerton, La Trobe University, “Reconstructing Post-War Lives: Gender and Family in Men’s and Women’s Narratives of British Migration to Australia, 1945-1971.”

Julia Drake, University College, London, “Redefining Identity: Black Caribbean Women and Community Formation in Brixton and Notting Hill, 1958-1981.”

Comment: Joseph Behar, Mt. Allison University

MIDDLE-CLASS NARRATIVES OF RUIN AND REDEMPTION: CONVERSION, COMMERCE, CIVILISATION(Room 769)

Chair : Colin Duncan, McGill University

Elizabeth Elbourne, McGill University, “Saving Aborigines, Saving Britain: Ruin and Redemption in the Report of the House of Commons Select Committee on the Status of Aborigines in the British Empire, 1835-36.”

Susan Brown, University of Prince Edward Island, “‘The Credit of the House’: Ruin, Reputation and Theatrical Commerce on the Eighteenth-Century London Stage.”

Brian Lewis, McGill University, “Swimming, Floundering or Sinking: Clerics in the Christianisation of Early Industrial England.”

Comment: Donna Andrew, University of Guelph

Saturday, October 28th, 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

PLENARY ROUNDTABLE: (Room 760)

TRANSATLANTIC IN TRANSITION:

**RETHINKING PROBLEMS OF MIGRATION AND IDENTITY WITHIN
THE BRITISH EMPIRE**

Deborah Valenze, Barnard College, Moderator

Susan Amussen, The Union Institute

Elizabeth Mancke, University of Akron

Nicholas Rogers, York University

LUNCH

12:30 – 1:45 pm

Room 763 (Dining Room)

SESSION III: Saturday, October 28th, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

PREROGATIVE, POWER AND ROYAL AUTHORITY IN TUDOR ENGLAND (Room 771)

Chair: Robert Tittler, Concordia University.

Lisa Ford, University of St. Andrews, “Henry or the Lawyers? Questions of Power and Authority in the Work of the Council Learned.”

Margaret McGlynn, Wellesley College, “‘A Mischief to the Lord’: The Prerogative and the Problem of Uses.”

Krista Kesselring, Queen’s University, “Mercy and Authority in Tudor England: The Prerogative of Pardon.”

Comment: David Dean, Carleton University.

GENDER AND THE LEFT IN LABOUR PARTY STRATEGIES, 1920-1950 (Room 760)

Chair: Jonathan Schneer, Georgia Institute of Technology

Andrew Thorpe, Exeter University, “The Role of the Communist Party in Labour Party Strategy, 1920-1945.”

Stephen Brooke, York University, “Abortion and Labour Politics in the 1930s.”

Deborah Osmond, York University, “Socialist Zionism and the Labour Party during the Interwar Years.”

Comment: Susan Pennybacker, Trinity College

CLEO AND PSYCHE MEET THE DOCTORS: REDEFINING PATHOLOGY IN GEORGIAN AND VICTORIAN ENGLAND (Room 769)

Chair: Chris Waters, Williams College

Miriam Jones, University of New Brunswick-Saint John, “William Hunter and William Cummin: the “Partisan” and the “Man of Science.”

David Wright, McMaster University, “Lacemakers and Lunatics: The Social, Economic, and Demographic Origins of the Confinement of the Insane in Victorian England.”

Jonathan York, American University in Bulgaria, “Pleasuring J.S. Mill: Utility, Hysteria, and the Poetic Sublime.”

Comment: Joseph Meisel, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

IDENTITIES FOR WOMEN: GENDER AND POLITICS IN THE ERA OF THE GREAT WAR (Room 762)

Chair: Deborah Gorham, Carleton University

Karen Lewis, Graduate School and University Center, CUNY, “‘Is There Another Script?’: Women’s Identities and the Great War.”

JuNelle Harris, Harvard University, “‘The Women’s Way’: Gender and Political Protest in Suffragette Hunger Strikes, 1909-1914.”

Marion Girard, Yale University, “‘These Women are Doing Their Bit’: Representations of Women in World War I British Posters.”

Comment: Amy H. Bell, Queen’s University

4:00 – 4:30 pm, Saturday, October 28th

End of Conference: Coffee and Tea (Room 765)

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