

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE ON BRITISH STUDIES
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
October 12-13, 2007

FRIDAY, October 12

Registration: 12:00-6:30 Lord Nelson Hotel, Mezzanine

2:15-3:45 pm Panels Session I:

1. Law, Justice and Murder in Late Medieval and Early Modern England (Vanguard I)

Sara Butler, Loyola Univ., New Orleans, "A Case of Indifference? Child Murder in Later Medieval England"

Margaret McGlynn, Univ. of Western Ontario, "All its laws entire and all its liberties inviolate': Common lawyers on clerical rights in Pre-Reformation England"

Krista J. Kesselring, Dalhousie University, "Forfeiting Justice? Felonies and their Penalties in Early Modern Law"

Commentator: **Tim Stretton**, St. Mary's University

2. Breaking Ranks: Union and Disunion in the Armed Services, 1660-1783 (Britannia)

William Miles, Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland, "Sea-Officers and Imperial Authority, 1660-1739"

Martin Hubley, University of Ottawa, "The lower kind of People...are not very well inclined to his Maj's. Govt." Desertion at Halifax and the North American squadron of the Royal Navy, 1765-1783"

Commentator: **Christopher Bell**, Dalhousie University

3. After Slavery: The British and Forced Labour in Africa, c. 1840-1930 (Vanguard II)

Elizabeth Elbourne, McGill University, "Debating Freedom in the Aftermath of Abolition: The Gurney and Buxton Families and the Niger Expedition of 1841"

Matthew Schnurr, University of British Columbia, "The Failure of Forced Zulu Cotton Cultivation in Natal, South Africa, 1855-1862"

Brian Lewis, McGill University, "Sunlight for Africans: Lever Brothers and Forced Labour in the Congo, 1910-1930"

Commentator: **Richard Price**, University of Maryland

3:45-4:00 pm Break (Coffee on Mezzanine)

FRIDAY 2:

4:00-5:30 pm Panels Session II:

4. The English and the Scots: Union, Rebellion and Sovereignty (Vanguard I)

Chair: **Cynthia Neville**, Dalhousie

Diana Newton, University of Teesside, “Scottish Influences on England’s North-East, Before and After the Union of the Crowns”

Sarah Brand, University of Alberta, “Analysing the Scot: English print negotiations of the meaning of Scottish rebellion during the Bishops’ Wars and the Cameronian Crisis”

Kelly De Luca, Columbia University, “Sovereignty, Legal Authority and the Regal Union of 1603”

Commentator: **Brian Levack**, University of Texas, Austin

5. British Colonies? Nova Scotia, Quebec, and the Struggle for Authority, 1710-1783 (Britannia)

Chair: **Jerry Bannister**, Dalhousie

Keith Mercer, Dalhousie, “Imperial Intrusions: Press Gangs in Halifax during the American Revolution”

Roger Marsters, Dalhousie, “Currents of Empire: British State Hydrography, War, and Commerce, 1758-1783”

Jeffers Lennox, Dalhousie, “Creating a Pale: Eighteenth-Century Nova Scotia and the Red Herring of Halifax”

Commentator: **Isaac Land**, Indiana State University

6. Beyond 'Sweet Ordering, Arrangement, and Decision': Victorian Women in the Public Sphere (Vanguard II)

George Robb, William Paterson University, “Women and Investment at Home and Abroad: A Victorian Controversy”

Rebecca Granato, CUNY Graduate Center, “Missionary Vaccination Campaigns: Negotiating Space between London and Cairo”

Deirdre d’Albertis, Bard College, “The Curious Career of Margaret Harkness: Socialism and Its Discontents”

Commentator: **Susan Mumm**, Mount Saint Vincent University

5:30-6:30 pm Reception, Georgian Room

6:30-8:30, Dinner with Plenary Address, Admiral Room

Plenary Speaker: **John Crowley**, Dalhousie, "Landscape Art and the Anxieties of Conquest in India"

SATURDAY, October 13:

Registration: 8:15-10:30 am Lobby of the Kenneth C. Rowe Building, Dalhousie Campus

Coffee and Refreshments, 8:15-8:45 Rowe Lobby

8:45-10:15 am Panels Session III:

7. New Work on Henrietta Maria and Her Entourage (Rowe 1007)

Caroline Hibbard, University of Illinois, "Versatility and Service at the Early Stuart Court: Ludovick and Joan Carlisle"

Malcolm Smuts, University of Massachusetts, Boston, "The Queen, the Duke and the French: Henrietta Maria's Early Years in London Re-examined"

Nile Blunt, University of Illinois, "The Chapel and the Chamber: Religious Ritual and Ceremonial Dining at the Court of Charles I"

Commentator: **Charles Carlton**, North Carolina State University

8. States, Subjects and the Empire: The 1707 Union in the Eighteenth Century (Rowe 1014)

R.S. Taylor Stoermer, University of Virginia, "The Beginning of the End of British Virginia: The Imperial Political Implications of the Union of 1707"

Ralph Stewart, Acadia University, "The State of the Union Thirty Years on"

Mary Sanderson, Vanderbilt University, "Religion and Subjecthood in the British Empire, 1760-1775: The Problem of Quebec"

Commentator: **Richard Connors**, University of Ottawa

9: Culture, National Identity and Citizenship in Britain in the 1940s and 1950s (Rowe 1016)

Chair: **Peter Weiler**, Boston College

Stephen Brooke, York University, "Landscape with Figures: national identity in the post-war photography of Bill Brandt"

Ben Lander, York University, "Citizenship, Landscape and Everyday Life: Visions of the Nation in the Mass-Observation Diaries"

Amanda Bidnall, Boston College, "I Am Glad to Know My Mother Country": Trinidadian Calypso in 1950s London"

Commentator: **Amy Bell**, Huron College, University of Western Ontario

10:15-10:30 am Refreshment Break, Rowe Lobby

SATURDAY 2:

10:30-11:45 am Panels Session IV:

10: The Publics of Print in Early Modern England (Rowe 1007)

Leah Knight, Brock University, “Parkinson’s *Paradisi in Sole* and the Cultivation of an English Horticultural Public”

Leigh Yetter, McGill University, “The Public(s) of Crime Writing in Seventeenth-Century England”

Brian Cowan, McGill University, “John Tutchin’s *Observer* and the Limits of Propaganda in Early Eighteenth-Century England”

David Randall, Concordia “From Ballad to Newspaper: Rhetorics of Partiality and Impartiality in Early Modern England”

Commentator: **Robert Tittler**, Concordia University

11: Roundtable on Simon Schama's *Rough Crossings: Britain, the Slaves, and the American Revolution* (Rowe 1014)

Moderator: **Jerry Bannister**, Dalhousie University

Participants:

Jean-Pierre LeGlaunec, Dalhousie University

Elizabeth Mancke, University of Akron

James Morrison, Saint Mary's University

Daniel Vickers, University of British Columbia

12: Celtic Answers to the 'British Question': Unionism and Devolution (Rowe 1016)

Graham Sinclair Walker, Queen’s University of Belfast, “Northern Ireland, Scotland and Devolution, 1945-79”

Eric Zuelow, West Liberty State College, “The Watch Groups, the 'British Question' and Scottish Identity”

Ewen A. Cameron, Scottish Historical Review, “Putting the Unionism back into the history of the Union in the Twentieth Century”

Commentator: **M.A. Ramsay**, Kansas State University

12:00-2:00 pm Lunch with Plenary Address, Cameron Dining Room, Howe Hall

Plenary Speaker: **Jenny Wormald**, Edinburgh University, “The union which shouldn’t have worked: Scotland and England, 1603-1707”

SATURDAY 3:

2:15-3:45 pm Panels Session V:

13: Race, Religion and Identity in the Early Modern Atlantic World (Rowe 1007)

- Rebecca Goetz**, Rice University, “A Puritan Virginia? Rethinking English Identities in the Early Chesapeake, 1607-1644”,
Scott Sowerby, Harvard University, “Of Different Complexions: Natural Law, Skin Tone and Religious Toleration in James II’s Speech at Chester”
Travis Glasson, Temple University, “Slaves, Masters and Missionaries: Religious and Cultural Encounters on Codrington Plantation, Barbados”
Commentator: **Jonathan Scott**, University of Pittsburgh

14: Union and Gender: England, Scotland, and Nova Scotia in the Eighteenth Century (Rowe 1014)

- Maureen Martin**, William Paterson University, “Narrating National Union: Marriage, Rape, or Male Bonding?”
Joseph Rochon, University of Toronto “Dutiful Sons, Worthy Patriots and Honest Country-men: The Gendering of National Imagery and the Anglo-Scottish Union of 1707”
J. MacLean, Yale University, “Mirth, Peace, Union and Chowder Hodgepodge: Ethnic friendly societies and elite activism in colonial Nova Scotia”
Commentator: **Arianne Chernock**, Boston University

15: Constructing Britishness in the Twentieth Century (Rowe 1016)

- Jennifer Susan Marotta**, Queens University, “A People of Many Races and Varied Tongues but Britons All”: Unifying Canadian Identity and Empire in the *Family Herald and Weekly Star*, 1874-1914”
Sarah Wiggins, Bridgewater State College, “Revisiting Women’s Colleges and the Suffrage Campaign: 1909-1914”
Eileen Groth Lyon, SUNY at Fredonia, “Constructions of National Identity and Debates about Contraception in Inter-War Britain”
Arthur Aughey, University of Ulster, “Twentieth Century Britishness: The Politics of Synthesis and Separation”
Commentator: **Matthew Hendley**, SUNY Oneonta

3:45-4:00 pm Refreshment Break, Rowe Lobby

SATURDAY 4:

4:00-5:30 pm Panels Session VI:

16: Representing and Re-representing the Turks and Others in the Early 17th Century
(Rowe 1007)

Melinda J. Gough, McMaster University, “Jesuits, 'Italiennes,' and Turks in Marie de Medici’s 1605 French Court Ballet”

Linda McJannet, Bentley University, “Purchas his Pruning: Refashioning 17th-Century English Travel Narratives about the Turks”

Anna Suranyi, Northeastern University, “Fierceness and Degeneration: Gendered Representations of Turkey in Early Modern England”

Commentator: **Arthur Kinney**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

17: Screening the Waves: Historical Perspectives on Maritime Film (Rowe 1014)

Moderator: **David Dean**, Carleton University

Participants:

Isaac Land, Indiana State University

Timothy Jenks, East Carolina University

Mary Conley, College of the Holy Cross

18: World War and British Diplomacy: Public, Secret, and the B.B.C. (Rowe 1016)

Paul Phillips, St. Francis Xavier University, “Their Finest Hour: Barbara Ward, the Sword of the Spirit, and the B.B.C.”

Peter K. Parides, New York City College of Technology, “Sir John Anderson, Wallace Akers, and the Effort to Pursue a Secret British Atomic Diplomacy at the End of World War II”

Commentator: **John Mackey**, Boston University

5:35 Bus to the Citadel

5:45 – 7:00pm Reception at the Halifax Citadel

(A guide will be available for tours of the facility at 6:00 and again at 6:30.)

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