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PROGRAM OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
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*Registration and all sessions are in Saint Edmunds Hall (STE)
Dinner, Saturday's lunch, and receptions are on the 3rd floor of the Dion Center*

FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER

2:30-5:30 PM: REGISTRATION (Saint Edmunds Hall - Foyer)

4:00-5:30 PM—PANELS

1 - Religious Difference in the Early Modern Atlantic [STE 102]

Commentator/Chair: Holly Snyder (John Hay Library, Brown University)

Dana Rabin (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign): Jews in the Early Modern Caribbean

Brooke Newman (Virginia Commonwealth University): Slavery, Heredity, and the Transformation of English Subjecthood in the Anglo Atlantic

Margaret Brennan (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign): Religion and the Poor Palatine Refugees of 1709

Elizabeth Bouldin (Florida Gulf Coast University): Private Houses Open to the Public: Female Domestic Piety in British Atlantic Dissenting Communities

2 - Childish Things, Family Matters: Material Culture in England, 1660-1860 [STE 104]

Commentator/Chair: Stephanie Koscak (Wake Forest University)

Brendan Gillis (Miami University): "For the Dominion of the World:" Victorian Board Games and the Materiality of Empire

Abby L. Sayers (Indiana University): Romany-Gypsies and the Itinerant Family-Economy in Eighteenth-Century Britain

Robert Wells (Indiana University): "This I Did to Let You See, What Care My Parents Took of Me:" Embroidery Samplers in Early Modern England

3 – Will the Real Britain Please Stand Up? Ideology, Identity, and Radicalism in Empire and Locality [STE 105]

Commentator/Chair: Chris Waters (Williams College)

Edward Guimont (University of Connecticut): From King Solomon to Ian Smith: A Rhodesian Alternate History of Zimbabwe

Matthew Kidd (University of Gloucestershire): Exemplars of Political and Ideological Change in Northampton, 1868-1918

4 – Colonialism and Contested Identities: Colonized Peoples and the Politics of 'British' Identity in the British Empire [STE 107]

Commentator/Chair: Brian Lewis (McGill University)

Sandra den Otter (Queen's University): Conversion, Freedom of Contract, and Marriage Law in Mid-19th Century South Asia

M. Max Hamon (McGill University): British Subjects and Métis Liberties

Elizabeth Elbourne (McGill University): White-Haudenosaunee Military Alliance during the American Revolution and the Politics of Identity

5:30-6:30 – RECEPTION (DION CENTER, 3RD FLOOR)

6:30-8:30 – DINNER (DION CENTER, 3RD FLOOR)

SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER

9:00 – 10:30 - PANELS

5 – Envisioning Empire? Association and (Re)assessment in Eighteenth-Century Society and Politics [STE 102]

Commentator/Chair: Dana Rabin (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

Andrew Gaiero (University of Ottawa): Assessing East India Company Regulation and the Expansion of Empire in India

Robert Shimp (Boston University): A Post-Revolutionary Reassessment: The Adamses and Britain, 1783-88

Catherine Tourangeau (Yale University): An Ocean of Joiners: The Rise of Patriotic Societies in the British Atlantic, 1720-1750

6 – Body, Spirit, and Metaphor in Early Modern England [STE 104]

Commentator/Chair: Craig Koslofsky (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

Andrew Kettler (University of South Carolina): The Devil's Element: Cultural Constructions of Metaphorical Brimstone and Sulfuric Instrumentality in Early Modern England

Tricia Peone (Independent Scholar): "A Sensible Perception of Spirits:" John Beaumont's Experiences with the Invisible World

Jennifer Ingles Wilson (Rutgers University): Death by Torture or Felo de Se?: The Case of Nicholas Owen, Forensic Evidence, Ambiguous Deaths, and Confessional Contests in Early Modern England

7 – Performance, Memory, and Representation in Modern British 'Mass' Media [STE 105]

Commentator/Chair: Bob Niemi (Saint Michael's College)

Jennifer J. Purcell (Saint Michael's College): Finding Talent: The Impact of Amateur Performers on the Development of Comedy on the Fledgling BBC, 1922-1939

Andrea Salter (University of Cambridge): The Long Wartime Present? Mass Observation's Wartime Diaries, 1939-1967

Alexander Zevin (City University of New York): City Liberalism, the First World War, and the *Economist*

8 – Religion, Politics, and Early Modern Empire [STE 107]

Commentator/Chair: Brendan Kane (University of Connecticut)

Kelsey Champagne (Yale University): Balancing Identities: Catholics in the British Empire, 1640-1660

Salvatore Cipriano, Jr. (Fordham University): Order or Uniformity? Charles I, William Laud, and the Universities of Ireland and Scotland

Pádraig Lawlor (Purdue University): Sir Henry Vane's Political Theology: A Case Study

10:30-10:45 – REFRESHMENTS (SAINT EDMUND'S HALL, FOYER)

10:45-12:15 – PANELS

9 – Politics, Letters, and Society in Early Modern Ireland [STE 102]

Commentator/Chair: Eamonn Ó Ciardha (Ulster University)

Vincent Carey (SUNY Plattsburgh): Erasing Gaelic Lordship: The Case of Rory Óg O'More

Wes Hamrick (National University of Ireland, Galway): Roderick O'Flaherty: An Early Modern Intellectual on the Cusp of the Enlightenment

Peter McQuillan (University of Notre Dame): 'Nation' as a Concept in Irish-Language Sources of the Early Modern Period

10 – Ideas and Environment in Early Modern Britain [STE 104]

Commentator/Chair: Brian Cowan (McGill University)

Stefan Brown (Queen's University): Shaftesbury, Latitudinarianism, and Hobbes: Defending and Defining Morality during the Early Enlightenment

Thomas Glasbergen (McGill University): John Wilkes and Demotic Classicism

11 – Relief and Diplomacy in Early Twentieth-Century British Foreign Relations [STE 105]

Commentator/Chair: Mary Conley (College of the Holy Cross)

Katherine Rossy (Queen Mary, University of London): "The Greatest Detective Story in History?" British Occupation Policy Toward Unaccompanied Children in Post-Nazi Germany (1945-1949)

Frank W. Winters (Gordon State College): Reason, Rectitude, and Diplomacy Before the Great War: Lord Lansdowne and the Hazards of Whiggish Detachment

12 – Varieties of Conservatism: Tories and Loyalists in Empire and Exile [STE 107]

Commentator/Chair: Amani Whitfield (University of Vermont)

Christina Carrick (Boston University): “The Earlier We Form Good Connections the Better:” The Expanding Commercial Networks of Loyalist Exiles

Jonathan M. Paquette (University of St. Andrews): John Shebbeare and Struggles of Eighteenth-Century Toryism

Patrick O’Brien (University of South Carolina): Loyalist Refugees and the Creation of British Identity in Nova Scotia, 1783

***12:30-2:00 PM—LUNCH, BUSINESS MEETING, AND PLENARY ADDRESS
(DION CENTER, 3RD FLOOR)***

***BUSINESS MEETING: CHAIRED BY—PAUL DESLANDES (UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT)
NECBS PRESIDENT***

***PLENARY ADDRESS: CHAIRED BY—JENNIFER PURCELL (SAINT MICHAEL'S
COLLEGE)***

SPEAKER: CLAIRE LANGHAMER (UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX)

***“WHO THE HELL ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE?” ORDINARINESS AS A CATEGORY OF
HISTORICAL ANALYSIS***

2:30-4:00 – PANELS

**13 – Political Culture and Cultural Politics in Seventeenth-Century England
[STE 102]**

Commentator/Chair: Robert Tittler (Concordia University)

Nathan Perry (California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo): “Great Britain’s Solomon” Remembered: The Politics of Mourning James I & VI

Timothy Daniels (Ferrum College): “Good Husbandry is as the Sinnewes and Marrow that Holds Together the Joynts of the Common Good:” How Agricultural Writing Promised to Grow a Stronger English State in the Stuart Era

Patrick Ludolph (Georgia Gwinnett College): The Lives of Agents in Seventeenth-Century England

14 – Is There a Doctor in the House? Evolving Medical Knowledge in Britain and the Empire [STE 104]

Commentator/Chair: Zohra Wolters (Claremont Graduate University)

Lucy-Anne Judd (Nottingham Trent University): “Ye Most Happy Effects in Obstinate Coughs:” Illness and Domestic Medicine in Receipt Book Manuscripts, c.1727-1790

Carolyn Roberts (Harvard University): Stirrings of British Medical Imperialism: African Medicine in Eighteenth-Century Travel Narratives

Lacey Sparks (University of Kentucky): “A Nutritional Laboratory”: Experiments on Food as Medicine in Interwar British Africa

15 – Empire, Missions, and British Subjects [STE 105]

Commentator/Chair: Caroline Shaw (Bates College)

Raminder Saini (McGill University): “There is a Work to be Done at Home:” London’s Imperial Subjects and the Missionary Cause

Rhonda Semple (St. Francis Xavier University): Siblings, Children, Partners and Free Radicals: Professionally Personal Mission Connections

Erin Bell (McGill University): Standing Alone: British Missionary Women and the Politics of Girlhood in 1920s Kenya

16 – Women, Bodies, and Beauty in Modern Britain [STE 107]

Commentator/Chair: Janet Watson (University of Connecticut)

Melvyn Lloyd Draper (University of California, Davis): “A Kindly Presence and Courteous Manner:” Women Homeopathic Doctors in Britain, c. 1900-1945

Matthew Dunleavy (York University): From the Streets to the Sheets: The Contagious Diseases Acts and the *Pall Mall Gazette*

John H. Mazaheri (Auburn University): Around Feminine Beauty in *Adam Bede*

4:00-4:15 – REFRESHMENTS (SAINT EDMUND’S HALL FOYER)

4:15-5:45 - PANELS

17 – Influences and Identities within the British Atlantic [STE 102]

Commentator/Chair: Anna Suranyi (Endicott College)

Craig Gallagher (Boston College): Identifying as Exiles: The Scottish Diaspora in the English Atlantic World, 1660-1688

Erin Annis (Binghamton University): Shifting Self-Identity among Scots in the Eighteenth-Century British Atlantic

Stephen Sutherland (Binghamton University): Orthodox and Separatists or Evangelicals and Rationalists? The Case for a Quaker Enlightenment

18 – Welcome to ‘Weirdshire’: Examining Alternative British Modernisms [STE 104]

Commentator/Chair: Paul Deslandes (University of Vermont)

Molly Hall (University of Rhode Island): Modernist Spaces in a Time of Rupture: The Strange Matter and Queer Fantastic in Woolf, West, and Schriener

Kara Watts (University of Rhode Island): Radclyffe Hall and the Queerness of Modernist Feeling

Matt Cheney (University of New Hampshire): Weird Forster: The ‘Letter to Madan Blanchard’

19 – Power, Governance, and Memory in the Late-Medieval/Early Modern Three Kingdoms [STE 105]

Commentator/Chair: Krista Kesselring (Dalhousie University)

James Leduc (Concordia University): Between Sovereignty and Conscience: Archbishop Richard Creagh and the Problem of Government in Tudor Ireland

Marian Toledo Candelaria (University of Guelph): Of Kingmakers and Knights: Macduff of Fife and Sir John Wemyss (c. 1373-1428) in Andrew of Wyntoun's *Orygynale Cronikyl*

Tim Stretton (St Mary's University): Stepmothers at Law in Early Modern England

6:00 – 7:00 RECEPTION (DION CENTER, 3RD FLOOR)



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