

**NORTHEAST CONFERENCE
ON BRITISH STUDIES**

Annual Meeting, 2008



**Boston College
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts**

**Friday 14th and Saturday 15th
November, 2008**

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Joyce Malcolm – President
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(Boston College)

Program of the Annual Meeting, 2008

Friday 14th November

3:00-5:45 pm – Registration (Devlin Hall, first floor)

4:15-5:45 pm – Panels

1. The State and the Maintenance of Authority, 1500-1800

(Devlin 112)

Chair: *Philippe Rosenberg (Emory University)*

A Crisis of Authority: The Geraldine League and 'Surrender and Regrant' in Mid-Tudor Ireland

John Lash (Fordham University)

Honor, Property Crime and the Middle Class in Eighteenth-Century Scotland

Emily Brimsek (Brown University)

Military Authority and Social Control in the Eighteenth-Century British Atlantic

William P. Tatum III (Brown University)

Commentator: *Philippe Rosenberg (Emory University)*

2. Rethinking Trans-Atlanticism: From Exchange to Circulation

(Devlin 117)

Chair: *Joanne van der Woude (Harvard University)*

Women, the Law and England's Atlantic Empire in the Seventeenth Century

Lindsay Moore (George Washington University)

Mr Weld Goes to London: Antinomians at Home and Abroad

Rachel Schnepfer (Rutgers University)

The American Edgeworth

Joseph Rezek (University of California, Los Angeles)

Commentator: *Joanne van der Woude (Harvard University)*

3. Gender and the Problem of Partnership in British and Irish Radical Politics (Devlin 216)

Chair: *Peter Hansen (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)*

Feminism as Perfectibilism in Late Enlightenment Britain
Arianne Chernock (Boston University)

The Hunger Strikes of Terence and Mary MacSwiney
Kevin Grant (Hamilton College)

Molly & Erskine Childers and the Limits of Individual Agency
Laura Moulton (Brown University)

Comment: *Peter Hansen (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)*

4. British Modernity and the Imagining of Society (Devlin 218)

Chair: *Deborah Valenze (Barnard College)*

A 'society of strangers' or a 'friendly society': Re-fashioning British Society, 1780-1834
Penelope Gwynn Ismay (University of California, Berkeley)

Contesting Civil Society in the Interwar British Mandates
Penny Sinanoglou (Harvard University)

Commercial Society and the 'Military Way'
Daniel Ussishkin (Wellesley College)

Commentator: *Deborah Valenze (Barnard College)*

5:45-7:00 pm – Reception (Burns Library)

7:00-9:00 pm – Dinner and Plenary Address
(McElroy Commons, Faculty Dining Room)

'What the Doctor Ordered: Milk in the Age of Enlightenment'
Deborah Valenze (Barnard College)

[A shuttle bus will be available to return participants to the conference hotel after the evening events.]

Saturday 15th November

8:15-10:00 am – Registration (Devlin Hall, first floor)

[A shuttle bus will be available to take participants to the conference site from the hotel at 8:30 am.]

8:15-9:00 am – Continental Breakfast (Devlin Hall, first floor)

9:00-10:30 am – Panels

5. Representations and Commemorations of Honor in the Early Modern Aristocracy and Court

(Devlin 112)

Chair: *Malcolm Smuts (University of Massachusetts, Boston)*

Aristocratic Honor, Homosexual Slander and the Feminization of a Monarchy: James I and the *Corona Regia*

Michael S. Drake (University of California, Riverside)

The Funeral and Legacy of the Dowager Countess of Derby

Vanessa J. Wilkie (University of California, Riverside)

Models of Courtliness

Mary Partridge (University of Birmingham)

Commentator: *Malcolm Smuts (University of Massachusetts, Boston)*

6. Establishing British Authority Abroad, 1600-1800

(Devlin 117)

Chair: *Philip Stern (Duke University)*

'They keep a commonwealth amongst themselves': Setting up the Factory in Surat

Rupali Mishra (Princeton University)

Long Compasses and Short Admeasurements: Charles Calvert and William Penn, 1680-1686

Antoinette Sutto (Princeton University)

From 'Inhabitants of India' to 'British Subjects': The Supreme Court of Judicature and the Uncertainties of Jurisdiction in Calcutta

Hannah Weiss (Princeton University)

Commentator: *Philip Stern (Duke University)*

7. People, Politics and Parties in Twentieth-Century Britain

(Devlin 216)

Chair: *Paul Deslandes (University of Vermont)*

Re-Gendering Party Politics in Twentieth-Century Britain

Laura Beers (University of Cambridge)

Myth and Counter-Myth in World War II British Politics

Andrew Thorpe (University of Exeter)

The British Legion and the Attlee Government, 1945-1951

Alan Allport (Princeton University)

The Politics of Commemoration: Britain and D-Day, 1984/1994

Janet Watson (University of Connecticut)

Comment: *Paul Deslandes (University of Vermont)*

10:30-10:45 am –Refreshments (Devlin Hall, first floor)

10:45 am -12:15 pm – Panels

8. Vows, Vitriol and Vice: The Ecclesiastical Courts of Late Medieval England
(Devlin 112)

Chair: *F. Donald Logan (Emmanuel College, Boston)*

Speech, *Fama* and Procedure in the Lower Ecclesiastical Courts of Late Medieval England
Esther Liberman-Cuenca (Fordham University)

To Have and to Hold: Crisis and Compromise in Marriage Disputes in the Lower Ecclesiastical Courts of Late Medieval England
Samantha Sagui, (Fordham University)

Surviving the Stake: Routine Procedure in Lollard Prosecution
Kirsti Norris (Fordham University)

Commentator: *F. Donald Logan (Emmanuel College)*

9. Tolerance and Intolerance in Seventeenth-Century England
(Devlin 117)

Chair: *Brendan Kane (University of Connecticut)*

License of Conscience? Liberty and Toleration in the English Civil War
Monica C. Poole (Harvard University)

Anglican 'Intolerance' and the 'Anglican Revolution' Revisited
William J. Bulman (Princeton University)

Repeal and Resistance: Rethinking the Revolution of 1688-9
Scott Sowerby (Harvard University)

Commentator: *Brendan Kane (University of Connecticut)*

10. White Peril and the Dark Continent: Representations of White Danger and Competition among the British in Colonial Africa
(Devlin 216)

Chair: *Deborah Hughes (University of Mississippi)*

Protestant Paranoia and Catholic Conspiracy: Protestant Perspectives on the Second Anglo-Boer War
Bethany Tanis (Boston College)

Where 'unprincipled character is laid bare in all its naked ugliness': African Big Game Hunting and the Assessment of a Nation's Worth
Angela Dowdell (University of Michigan)

Diamonds and Whiteness: The Commodity Chain of Imperial Culture
Danielle Kinsey (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Commentator: *Deborah Hughes (University of Mississippi)*

11. Leisure, Liberties and Lusts: Modern Urban Episodes

(Devlin 218)

Chair: *Chris Waters (Williams College)*

Capital Pleasures: London and the Franco-British Exhibition in 1908

Peter Bailey (University of Manitoba)

Exploring the (Hetero)Sexualities of Urban Abortions, 1920-1960

Judith Allen (Indiana University)

'Slumming' in Swinging London? *Up the Junction* with Nell Dunn

Stephen J. Brooke (York University)

Commentator: *Chris Waters (Williams College)*

**12:15-2:00 pm – Lunch and Plenary Address
(McElroy Commons, Faculty Dining Room)**

**'Mrs Henry Hobhouse Goes to War:
Conscience, Christian Radicalism and Motherhood in World War I Britain'**

Seth Koven (Rutgers University)

2:15-3:45 pm – Panels

12. Faction as Politics in Early Modern England

(Devlin 112)

Chair: *Dave Postles (University of Leicester)*

'No more cakes and ale': Religious Factionalism in Early Elizabethan Hull

Helen Good (University of Hull)

The Royal Faction: Elizabeth I's Family as an Instrument of Royal Will

Kristin Bundesen (University of Nottingham)

Boswell vs. Gibbon: Factions in the Eighteenth-Century Playhouse

Richard Gorrie (University of Guelph)

Commentator: *Dave Postles (University of Leicester)*

13. Devotion, Persecution, Exile; British Catholics at Home and Abroad

(Devlin 117)

Chair: *Stephen Schloesser (Boston College)*

The Garden of Anguish: Representations of Gethsemane in Early Modern Catholic Devotional Writings

Sarah Covington (Queens College, The City University of New York)

'No Common War': British Catholics and the Conflict with Revolutionary France

Mary Sanderson (Vanderbilt University)

Respectability, Poverty and Catholicism in the British Resident Community of Bruges, 1815-1914

Pieter François (Royal Holloway, University of London)

Commentator: *Stephen Schloesser (Boston College)*

14. From British Empire to European Union (via The League of Nations)

(Devlin 216)

Chair: *James Cronin (Boston College)*

The British Empire as a Model for the League of Nations

Martha A. Ebbesen (Tecnológico de Monterrey, Campus Santa Fe)

Ecumenical Internationalism: Willoughby Dickinson, the League of Nations, and the World Alliance for Promoting Friendship through the Churches

Daniel Gorman (University of Waterloo)

Britain and Europe – Neither Friend Nor Foe

Christine Spitzer (University of Leipzig)

Commentator: *James Cronin (Boston College)*

15. Exploring Space and Place in Twentieth-Century Britain

(Devlin 218)

Chair: *James A. Schmiechen (Central Michigan University)*

Locating European Spaces in the British Isles since 1945: Some Problems and Considerations

Andrew D. Devenney (Western Michigan University)

From Red Clydeside to Yuppiewtown: The Spatial Transformation of Glasgow in Scottish Folk Song

Joel A. Lewis (Saginaw Valley State University)

'To Remove the Dark Blot Over Glasgow': The Bruce Report, the Clyde Valley Regional Plan, and the Failure of Town Planning in Glasgow, 1943-1960

Matthew P. McCabe (Central Michigan University)

Commentator: *Peter Weiler (Boston College)*

3:45-4:00 pm –Refreshments (Devlin Hall, first floor)

4:00-5:30 pm – Panels

16. Proximity and Distance: Cultivating, Mobilizing and Preserving Social Connections in Tudor and Early Stuart England

(Devlin 112)

Chair: *Robert Tittler (Concordia University)*

Negotiating Distance and Proximity: Lady Honor Lisle's Networks at the Court of Henry VIII

Courtney Thomas (Yale University)

The Process of Protest: Networks of Proximity in the 1583 Subscription Crisis

Lucy Kaufman (Yale University)

'As nigh as they durst adventure': Proximity and Distance in the Newcastle plague of 1636

Keith Wrightson (Yale University)

Commentator: *Robert Tittler (Concordia University)*

17. Britain and Ireland in the Atlantic World

(Devlin 117)

Chair: *Richard B. Finnegan (Stonehill College)*

Send Them Back to Liverpool: The Irish 'Round-Trip' Migration in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World

Hidetaka Hirota (Boston College)

'Britain's Last Colony': Postcolonial Rhetoric and the Irish-American Movement for Civil Rights in Northern Ireland, 1967-1972

Gráinne McEvoy (Boston College)

The World is Watching: The Media as the Connection between the Local and the International in the Northern Ireland Conflicts, 1969-1998

Megan Myers (Boston College)

Commentator: *Richard B. Finnegan (Stonehill College)*

18. Women, Employment and Voluntary Action in Britain, 1914-45

(Devlin 216)

Chair: *Sandra Dawson (University of California, Santa Barbara)*

'All boloney?' Women, the Post Office Home Guard and Air Raid Precautions during World War Two

Mark J Crowley (Centre for Contemporary British History, Institute of Historical Research)

The WVS, Recycling, and the Militarization of Civilian Life during the Second World War

Peter Thorsheim (University of North Carolina, Charlotte)

Work or Service? The Women's Land Army in Devon, 1917-18

Bonnie White (McMaster University)

Commentator: *Sandra Dawson (University of California, Santa Barbara)*

19. Race, National Identity and the Image of America in the Postwar British Imaginary

(Devlin 218)

Chair: *Susan Pennybacker (Trinity College)*

'A Noble Impulse': Britain, Identity, and the 1948 Olympic Games

Oliver Scholes (University of Connecticut)

'Little Rock in London': The Political Language of Jim Crow in 1950s Britain

Kennetta Hammond Perry (Duke University)

Anglo-American Black Liberation

Howard Malchow (Tufts University)

Commentator: *Susan Pennybacker (Trinity College)*

Historians on front cover of the program: The Venerable Bede, E. P. Thompson, Edward Gibbon, Sir Lewis Namier, and Eileen Power.