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# Program of the Forty-Fifth Annual Meeting, 2014

## FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER

Hotel Vans (complimentary):

3:00 pm - Hotel to Bates, pick up in front of the Hampton Inn

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8:15 pm - Bates to Hampton Inn, pick up behind New Commons on Central Ave. (will make additional runs as needed)

*3:00-5:30 pm: Registration (Roger Williams Lobby)*

*Refreshments (Roger Williams, Room 113)*

## 4:00-5:45 PM—PANELS

### **1) Rhetoric Recycled: Transatlantic Meanings and Nineteenth-Century North American Identities (Roger Williams, G18)**

Chair/Commentator: Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre (Trinity College)

Michael T. Perry (University of Maine), "Bordering a Turbulent Republic: Anti-Democracy, British Identity, and the Anglo-American Boundary"

Cory Wells (University of Texas, Arlington), "Catholics, Protestants, and Long-Distance Irish Nationalism in the Nineteenth Century"

### **2) Nineteenth-Century Perspectives on Ireland and Irishness (Roger Williams, 215)**

Chair/Commentator: Mo Moulton (Harvard University)

Richard Butler (St. John's College, Cambridge), "Constructing Urban Spaces in Ireland: Travel-Writers Accounts of Urban Precincts, 1800-50"

Caoimhin De Barra (University of Delaware), "The Irish Question and the Birth of Welsh Nationalism"

Hanna Clutterbuck (Independent Scholar), "Memes in Irish Autobiography"

**3) Marriage and the Law in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries (Roger Williams, 315)**

Chair/Commentator: Allison Anna Tait (Columbia University)

Krista Kesselring (Dalhousie University), "Licensed or Licentious? Divorce with Remarriage in the English Reformation"

Marisha Caswell (Algoma University), "Determining Marital Status in the Eighteenth-Century Criminal Justice System"

Tim Stretton (Saint Mary's University), "Married Women and Legal Intermediaries in the Eighteenth Century"

**4) Community and Belonging in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries (Roger Williams, 413)**

Chair/Commentator: Sarah Wiggins (Bridgewater State University)

Cathrine Frank (University of New England), "Gossip, Hearsay, and the Character Witness in Victorian Law and Literature"

Raminder K. Saini (McGill University), "The Unintended 'Immigrants' of London's East End: Asian Britons in the Nineteenth Century"

*5:45-7:00 pm—Reception (Fireplace Lounge, Commons)*

*7:00-8:30 pm—Dinner (Commons, 226)*

**SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER**

Hotel Vans (complimentary):

7:45 am - Hotel to Bates, pick up in front of the Hampton Inn

8:15 am - Hotel to Bates, pick up in front of the Hampton Inn

7:15pm - Bates to Hampton Inn, pick up behind New Commons on Central Ave. (will make additional runs as needed)

*8:00-8:45 am—Continental Breakfast (Roger Williams, Room 113)*

*8:30-10:00 am—Registration (Roger Williams, Lobby)*

**8:45-10:15 AM—PANELS**

**5) Exploring Perceptions of Women in Nineteenth-Century England (Roger Williams, G18)**

Chair/Commentator: Carolyn Betensky (University of Rhode Island)

Barbara Farnworth (University of Rhode Island), "Surplus Spinsters in *He Knew He Was Right*"

Ashton Foley (University of Rhode Island), "The Victorian Woman as Prescribed by Medical Science"

Beth Leonardo (University of Rhode Island), "Victorian Mean Girls: Exploring Female Enmity in George Eliot's *Mill on the Floss*"

**6) Britishness and Conceptions of Empire in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries (Roger Williams, 215)**

Chair: Timothy Baughman (University of Maryland, Eastern Shore)

Jeff Grooms (University of Arkansas, Fayetteville), "'The One Bright Spot Where All Else is Dark and Hopeless': Images of Class, Race, and Culture in Britain's Imperial Education System During the Nineteenth Century"

Edward Guimont (University of Connecticut), "Re-conceptualizing Imperialism and Internationalism in Interwar Britain"

Joel Hebert (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Britishness After Empire? Representing and Commemorating the Falklands War"

Commentator: Ellen Boucher (Amherst College)

**7) Knowledge and Politics in Early Modern England and Ireland (Roger Williams, 315)**

Chair/Commentator: Meghan Roberts (Bowdoin College)

Nicholas Popper (College of William and Mary), "The Social Production of Political Knowledge in Elizabethan England"

Brendan Kane (University of Connecticut), "Institutions and the Making of Legitimacy in Early Modern Ireland"

William Bulman (Lehigh University), "Hobbes's Publisher and the Politics of Enlightenment"

**8) Memory and Place in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries (Roger Williams, 413)**

Chair/Commentator: Robert Tittler (Concordia University)

Mark T. Duggan, (Rutgers University), "'Though men take thy husband, they cannot take thy God': The Contestable Martyrdom of a 'Presbyterian Royalist', 1642-1660"

Deirdre O'Rourke (Independent Scholar), "Restoration restorations: Reconstructing Edinburgh's Palace of Holyroodhouse"

Doreen Skala (Independent Scholar), "A London Quaker in Woodford: Silvanus Grove and the Origins of Elmhurst"

*10:15-10:30 am—Coffee/Tea (Roger Williams, 113)*

**10:30 AM-12:15 PM—PANELS**

**9) Pluralism and Its Discontents: Revising Histories of British and Imperial Law (Roger Williams, G18)**

Chair/Commentator: James Epstein (Vanderbilt University)

Brendan Gillis (Indiana University), "Actuating Union: Finding Magistrates for the Scottish Highlands, 1745-1766"

Andrew Nicholls (SUNY-Buffalo State), "'So Very Unequal to the Place'? The Legal Apprenticeship of Lord Keeper John Williams, c. 1605-1621"

Dana Rabin (University of Illinois), "*Wedding and Bedding*: Making the Union with Ireland, 1800"

**10) Female Entertainers, Celebrity, and the BBC, 1939-1985 (Roger Williams, 215)**

Chair/Commentator: Lucy Curzon (University of Alabama)

Jen Purcell (St. Michael's College), "'Like Everyone Else, I was born...at an extremely tender age...(for the usual reasons)': Early BBC Comediennes Autobiographies, 1945-1976"

Jenna Bailey (University of Lethbridge), "'Musical Workers': Playing Music for a Living in the Ivy Benson Band, 1940-1985"

Christina Baade (McMaster University), "Bigger than the Beatles? Vera Lynn After the War and the Limits of Cultural Memory"

**11) Commodities, the Natural World, and Power in Britain and the Empire (Roger Williams, 315)**

Chair/Comment: Paul A. Fideler (Lesley University)

Zachary Dorner (Brown University), "The General Change of Commerce that Must Take Place': British Political Economy and the Development of a Pharmaceutical Industry, 1730-1800"

J'Nese Williams (Vanderbilt University), "The Texture of Empire: Colonial Botanic Gardens in India in the Nineteenth Century"

John Leazer (Carthage College), "Who's in Charge Anyway? The Herring Fishery and the Growth of Scottish Political Power in Great Britain"

**12) Imperial Engagements: The Late-Nineteenth to the Late-Twentieth Century (Roger Williams, 413)**

Chair: Susan Pennybacker (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Scott Spencer (Tufts University), "Building a Greater Britain from the Ground Up: Imperial Police and Imperial-National Allegiances in the Early Twentieth Century"

Kevin Q. Doyle (Brandeis University), "Guy Fawkes and Union Jacks: Anti-Catholicism, Festivity, and Nationalism in 'The Empire Where the Sun Never Set'"

Tobias Harper (Providence College), "Imperial Service and the Honours System, 1868-1993"

Mark Reeves (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "The India League and the Anticolonial Atlantic Charter"

Commentator: Stephen Miller (University of Maine)

***12:15-2:00 pm—Lunch, Business Meeting, and Plenary Address (Mays Center)***

***Business Meeting: Chaired by—Krista Kesselring (Dalhousie University), NECBS President***

***Speaker: Donna Andrew (University of Guelph), "Mixed Messages: Newspaper Advertisements in Eighteenth-Century London"***

## 2:15-3:45 PM—PANELS

### **13) Roundtable: When Was Market Society? Narrating the Cultural History of Economic Life in Britain, c. 1700-1900 (Roger Williams, G18)**

Chair: Donna Andrew (University of Guelph)

Nick Valvo (Bates College), "Who Thinks Abstractly? Eighteenth-Century Economic Sociability"

Penelope Ismay (Boston College), "Friendly Society and What a Social History of the Economy in Britain Might Look Like"

Desmond Fitz-Gibbon (Mount Holyoke College), "The Work of Abstraction in Property Market Journalism, 1850-1920"

Comment: The Audience

### **14) Examining Skin in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries (Roger Williams, 215)**

Chair/Commentator: Sujata Iyengar (University of Georgia)

Craig Koslofsky (University of Illinois), "Johann Nicolas Pechlin's *De habitu et colore Aethiopum qui vulgo nigritae...* (1677) in English Discussions of Skin Color and Race"

Cristina Malcolmson (Bates College), "'The Fairest Lady': Gender and Race in William Byrd's *Account of a Negro-Boy that is Dappl'd in Several Places in his Body*"

Rana Asali Hogarth (University of Illinois), "Disrupting Whiteness: The Strange Case of Hannah West"

### **15) British Intellectuals, Society, and Economy in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries (Roger Williams, 315)**

Chair/Comment: Krista Kesselring (Dalhousie University)

Andrew Gaiero (University of Ottawa), "Fleecing the Nation: Joseph Massie's Rebuke of the Sugar Plantation Complex"



Matthew Wyman-McCarthy (McGill University), "Edmund Burke and the Politics of Slavery Reform"

Katie LaPlant, (University of Michigan), "Locke the Feminist"

**16) Violence, War, and Institutional Reform in Britain and the Empire (Roger Williams, 413)**

Chair/Commentator: Nicoletta Gullace (University of New Hampshire)

Darcy Kern (Folger Shakespeare Library), "Reconsidering the Engagement at Machias and the Onset of the American War for Independence"

Luke A.L. Reynolds (Graduate Center, City University of New York), "A Rank Injustice? The Crimean War and Efforts to Reform the British Purchase System in the 1850s"

Jacob Ivey (West Virginia University), "'Crime is the natural effect of continued contact with civilization': Africans in the Natal Constabulary and the Prominence of Violence in the Formation of Colonial Natal"

*3:45-4:00 pm—Coffee/Tea (Roger Williams, Room 113)*

**4:00-5:30 PM—PANELS**

**17) Ways of Seeing, Being, and Healing in Wartime and Interwar Britain (Roger Williams, G18)**

Chair/Commentator: Chris Waters (Williams College)

Melvyn Lloyd Draper (University of California, Davis), "Homeopathy, Heresy, and Heterodoxy in British Medical Care, 1918-1948"

Lucy Curzon (University of Alabama), "William Coldstream and Graham Bell: The Euston Road in Worktown"

**18) Reforming Irishness in the British World (Roger Williams, 215)**

Chair/Commentator: Brendan Kane (University of Connecticut)

Ruth Canning (National University of Ireland, University College Cork), "'May she be rewarded in heauen for righting her poor subjects in Irelande': Richard Hadsor's Treatise for the Reformation of Ulster, 1598"

Ted McCormick (Concordia University), "Governing Ireland in Restoration and Revolution: Two Projects of Scientific Colonialism"

Jane G.V. McGaughey (Concordia University), "Controlling Violence: Rebellion and the Irish in the Transatlantic World, 1798-1838"

**19) Female Agency and Representations of Femininity in Early-Modern and Modern Britain and the Empire (Roger Williams, 315)**

Chair/Commentator: Jen Purcell (St. Michael's College)

Anna Suranyi (Endicott College), "'Unduly Enticed': Early Modern Women and Indentured Servitude"

Carolyn Anne Day (Furman University), "'A Flattering Malady': Cosmetics and Consumption in Early Victorian England"

Kathryn Lamontagne (Boston University), "Margaret Fletcher: Gender, Catholicism, and Conversion in Edwardian Britain"

**20) Political and Social Identities in Nineteenth-Century Britain (Roger Williams, 413)**

Chair/Commentator: Brian Lewis (McGill University)

Anthony Daly (Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts), "'You feel, and justly, that you have not equal justice either in the formation or administration of the laws at present': William Sharman Crawford and Early Chartism"

David Speicher (Massasoit Community College), "The Apolitical Anarchist: Ideology and Spectacle in the Walsall Outrage, 1892"

***5:30-7:00 pm—Closing Reception (Commons 221/222)***

The 2015 annual meeting of the NECBS will be held at the University of Ottawa on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.



English Map of Maine, c 1670