

54th Annual Conference of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850

Louisiana State University & Louisiana State University-Shreveport

**February 22-24, 2024
Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

THURSDAY, February 22

Registration: 3-6 pm

Welcome Reception: 5:30-6:30 pm

Opening Keynote Address, 7:00 pm: David Blackburn, Vanderbilt University

FRIDAY, February 23

Session 1 8:30-10:15 (5 sessions)

Session 1A: Problems of Citizenship and Sovereignty in the Revolutionary Era

Chair: Peter Messer, Mississippi State University

Sydney Watts, University of Richmond, "Channel Island Privateers and Free-Traders: Local Sovereignty under Imperial Rule, 1750-1815"

Nicolás Alejandro González Quintero, University of Sao Paulo, "Exile and Slavery after the Spanish-American Revolutions"

Emily Yankowitz, Yale University, "Malleable Boundaries, Inchoate Belonging: Citizenship in Texas, 1827-1848"

Commentator: Tyson Reeder, Brigham Young University

Session 1B: Madame Junot's Napoleon

Chair: J. David Markham, International Napoleonic Society

Doina Pasca Harsanyi, Central Michigan University, "The Duke and Duchess

d'Abrantès: A Napoleonic Marriage”

Thomas C. Sosnowski, Emeritus, Kent State University, “Honoring Napoleon’s Memory in the 1830s: Mme Junot’s Memoirs Kindle Napoleonic Nostalgia”

Commentator: Rosamond Hooper-Hamersley, Independent Scholar

Session 1C: Soldiers Behaving “Badly” in Early Modern Europe

Chair: John Protevi, Louisiana State University

Alexander Burns, Franciscan University, “Disobeying the Officers: Common Soldiers as Reformers rather than Robots, 1733-1783”

Logan J. Connors, University of Miami, “Soldiers and (Un)Sociability at the Théâtre de la Marine (Brest, France)”

Julia Osman, Mississippi State University, “Their Just Deserts: Deserting Soldiers and Military Agency in the Early Modern French Army”

Commentator: John Protevi, Louisiana State University

Session 1D: Impacts of Enlightened Ideas

Chair: David Ellis, Augustana College

Nicholas Scamardo, Southeastern Louisiana University, “Thomas Paine's Impact on American Government and Constitutional Theory Leading up to the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776”

George Williamson, Florida State University, “An Enlightenment at War With Itself: Kotzebue, Zimmerman, and the Dr. Bahrdt Affair (1790-1793)”

William Oaks, Florida State University, “Privileges and Rights in Revolutionary Alsace”

Comment: David Ellis, Augustana College

Session 1E (HGSA Panel): War and Literature in US History

Chair: Marco Cabrera Geserick, Northern Arizona University

Chloe Pellegrin, Louisiana State University, “In Defense of the General: George Washington's Aides-de-Camp and Their Campaign to Protect the

Commander-in-Chief”

Charles Sexton, Kansas State University, “The Letter That Fed the Army: The K-Ration and Its Contribution to the United States War Effort”

Katelyn Spencer, Louisiana State University, “The Founder: Tom Horner and the Birth of FM Books”

Comment: Aaron Sheehan-Dean, Louisiana State University

BREAK: 10:15-10:30 am

Session 2 10:30-12:15 (5 sessions)

Session 2A: New Intellectual Histories

Chair: David Blackbourn, Vanderbilt University

Claudio Man, Independent Scholar, “Opening Jobs to Talent and Virtue: The Tallest Order of the Enlightenment

David Meola, University of South Alabama, “Judaism on Public Display and the Advent of Jewish “Modernity”

Commentator: Celia Applegate, Vanderbilt University

Session 2B: Roundtable: Beyond 1619

Moderator: John Bardes, Louisiana State University

Paul Hoffman, Louisiana State University

Marc Lerner, University of Mississippi

Jenny Shaw, University of Alabama

James Sidbury, Rice University

Session 2C: Roundtable ‘He Conquered Everything’: The Napoleonic Era in Popular Imagination

Moderator: Alexander Mikaberidze, Louisiana State University-Shreveport

Beatrice de Graaf, University of Utrecht

Luke Reynolds, University of Connecticut-Stamford

Séverine Angers, University of York, United Kingdom

Session 2D: Naval Military History

Chair : Samantha Cavell, Southeastern Louisiana University

Izidor Janžekovič, Central European University, “The Balance of Sea Power in the Early Modern Era”

Jennifer Tellman, LSU, “The Hakluyt Renaissance: Re-envisioning Richard Hakluyt in Nineteenth-Century Britain”

Tri Tran, University of Tour, “Woolwich Arsenal & the Royal Navy, 1803-1914”

Commentator: Samantha Cavell, Southeastern Louisiana University

Session 2E: Marriage, Sexuality, and Women’s Rights

Chair: Carol Harrison, University of South Carolina

Kirsten Smitherman, University of North Carolina - Charlotte, ““In this Enlightened Age’: Contesting the Divine Right of Husbands”

Laura Williamson, University of South Alabama, “Sexual Debauchery and Orientalist Desires: French Fetishization of Algerian Women and the Harem”

Commentator: Carol Harrison, University of South Carolina

Friday Luncheon 12:30-2:15 pm

Luncheon Address:

Elizabeth Cross, Georgetown University
"The French East India Company in the Revolutionary Era"

Session 3: 2:30-4:15 pm (5 sessions)

Session 3A: “Seditious Inspiration:” The Meeting of Revolutionary and Counter-Revolutionary Conspiracies

Moderator: Suzanne Marchand, Louisiana State University

Beatrice de Graaf, Utrecht University, “Hotbed Brussels: The Failings of the European Security Culture, 1815-1830”

Erik de Lange, King’s College London/Utrecht University, “A Bay of Intrigue: Carbonari Plots and Mutinous Ships during the Neapolitan Revolution”

Christopher Mapes, “Plots Revealed: Central European Conspiracy Culture during the 1820s”

Aggelis Zarokostas, Utrecht University, “From the London Corresponding Society to the Illuminati Conspiracy Theories in the Pages of the Anti-Jacobin Review”

Commentator: James Brophy, University of Delaware

Session 3B: Peripheries of the American Revolution

Chair: Rachel Harmeyer, Southeastern Louisiana University

Chloe Northrop, Tarrant County College, Admiral Rodney in Jamaica and the Aftermath of the Battle of the Saintes

Kimberly Nath, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, An Opportunity for Independence: Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson

Nicholas Bonneau, Franklin and Marshall College, Enough to Melt a Heart of Stone: Rethinking the Role of Smallpox in the Retreat from Quebec

Commentator: Sarah Naramore, Northwest Missouri State University

Session 3C: Letters and Politics

Chair: Denise Davidson, Georgia State University

Caleb Longacre, University of California Berkeley, “Atheism and Apophasis: Spinoza, the Kabbalah, and Early-Modern Discourse”

Caroline Hackett, Florida State University, “Epistolary Bonds: Fraternal Friendship and Social Status in 18th-Century France”

Maria Betlem Castellà Pujols, Universitat Pompeu Fabra–Barcelona, Spain, “Managing the Voice of the People: Letters, Mémoires and Petitions in the Hands of the Committee of Reports in the First Years of the French Revolution”

Commentator Denise Davidson, Georgia State University

Session 3D: French Identity, and Politics

Chair: Alexander Mikaberidze, Louisiana State University-Shreveport

Irene Kim, Independent Scholar, Seoul, South Korea, “Mapping the Discourse of the *Grand Dérangement*: The Political Frenchification of Diasporic Acadians after the French and Indian War”

James Lavelle, Binghamton University, “The Executive Directory and One of its Jacobin Commissioners: The Revolutionary Career of Charles-Raymond Latapy”

Commentator: Elizabeth Cross, Georgetown University

3E (HGSA Panel): Political and Domestic Violence in the Reconstruction Carolinas

Chair: Gaines Foster, Louisiana State University

Phoenix Riesing, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, “The Modern Three-Fifths Compromise: Felony Disenfranchisement in North Carolina”

Lesley Chapel, Wayne State University, “‘He Was in the Habit of Beating Her’: Domestic Violence, Murder, and the Reconfiguration of the Household in Postbellum South Carolina”

Comment: Gaines Foster, Louisiana State University

BREAK 4:15-4:30 pm

Session 4 4:30-6:15 pm (5 Sessions)

Session 4A: Roundtable on Ridley Scott’s “Napoleon”

Moderator: Samantha Cavell, Southeastern Louisiana University

Kalling Heck, Louisiana State University

Michael Leggiere, University of North Texas

Christine Haynes, University of North Carolina - Charlotte

Margaret Crosby-Arnold, Liberty University

Session 4B: Religious Interpretations of The Seven Years War

Chair: Bryan A. Banks, Columbus State University

J. L. Tomlin, Fairmont State University, “A Dreadful, but most Just Settlement of Their Sins:” New England Congregationalism, Holy War, and Religious Identity in the French and Indian War, 1750-1765

Thomas Lecaque, Grand View University, “To remove the Encroachments our antichristian Neighbours, who also are our great Enemies”: Theodorus Frielinghuysen, the Seven Years War, and Apocalyptic Holy Wars in the Reformed Tradition

Commentator: Bryan A. Banks, Columbus State University

Session 4C: “The Military Enlightenment in Theory and Practice”

Chair: Mark Gerges, US Army Command and General Staff College

Jonathan Abel, US Army Command and General Staff College, “Towards a Republic of Doctrine”

Benjamin Goff, University of Saskatchewan, “The French Military Enlightenment in Practice: Healthcare and the Fiscal-Military State”

Michael Bonura, US Army Command and General Staff College, “Clausewitz’s “The Most Important Principles for the Conduct of War:” A Different Napoleonic Interpretation than *On War*”

Commentator: Julia Osman, Mississippi State University

Session 4D: Race, Colonialism, and “The Other”

Chair: James Sidbury, Rice University

Daniel Russell, Independent Scholar, “A Legacy of Love: How David Zeisberger's Intellectual Influences and Personal Challenges Shaped His Interactions with Indigenous People in 18th Century America”

James Bland, University of Oklahoma, “Indigeneity on Trial at the California Borderlands”

Joanna Gorska, Queen’s University, “Identifying the Siberian Indigene: The Intersection of Class and Ethnicity in mid-19th Century Russia”

Commentator: Samantha Billing, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Session 4E: Politics and Memory Across Twentieth-Century Empires and Wars

Chair: Susan Grunewald, Louisiana State University

Bruno Rios De Fuente, California State University, Northridge, “Revolt and Suppression: Uprisings, Responses, and the Fall of the Soviet Empire”

Andrea Wisinewski, Louisiana State University, “Kurt Ziesché’s Das Königtum Christi in Europa and the Crisis of Christianity in Weimar Germany”

Lauren Guillory, Southeastern Louisiana University, “The ‘Lone Eagle’ vs. The ‘Knight of the German Eagle’: Charles Lindbergh and Ambiguity in American History”

Comment: Craig Saucier, Southeastern Louisiana University

Friday Evening

Enjoy local Louisiana restaurants; see suggested recommendations in your welcome folder.

SATURDAY, February 24

Session 5, 8:30-10:15 am (5 sessions)

Session 5A: The Uses of Antiquity in the Enlightenment

Chair: Jeffrey D. Burson, Georgia Southern University

Frederic Clark, University of Southern California, “From Humanist Pedagogy to the Enlightened Narrative: The End of Antiquity and the Onset of Modernity in Eighteenth-Century Historical Writing”

Anton Matytsin, University of Florida, “The Uses of Ancient Politics in Absolutist France”

Suzanne Marchand, Louisiana State University, “The Uses and Abuses of Athens in the Eighteenth Century”

Commentator: Darrin M. McMahon, Dartmouth College

Session 5B: Memory and Memorialization

Chair: Luke Reynolds, University of Connecticut-Stamford

Connor Naylor, Fresno State University, “Recollections of Defeat: The 1780 Siege of Charleston in Historical Memory, 1785-1815”

Séverine Angers, University of York, “Grasping the Laurels: British Soldiers’ Memorialization and the Military Hero in the Napoleonic Era”

Alex Belovsky, Vanderbilt University, “The Controversial Lion of Waterloo: European Memory Politics during the Belgian Revolution”

Commentator: Luke Reynolds, University of Connecticut-Stamford

Session 5C: Diplomacy and Politics during the Napoleonic Empire

Chair: Beatrice de Graaf, Utrecht University

Ethan Soefje, University of North Texas, “Prussian Reformist Sentiment Before 1806”

Jordan R. Cleveland, University of Mississippi, “Securing Geneva After Napoleon: Examining the Austrian Occupation of Geneva, 1813-1814”

Joshua Meeks, US Naval War College, “The Copenhagen Dilemma: Neutrality, Peace, and International Order”

Kendall Witt, Independent Scholar, “Spain’s Irregular War in British Strategic Planning During the Peninsular War, 1808-1814”

Commentator: Erik de Lange, King’s College London/Utrecht University

Session 5D: Slavery and Abolitionism in the Americas

Chair: John Bardes, Louisiana State University

Robert Swanson, University of Missouri, “The Early American Abolitionist Jeremiad”

Deborah Bauer, Valencia College, “To Fetch Corn from Thompson’s Creek: Emelia Davis, Molly Glass, & Murder in the Anglo-Iberian Borderlands of West Florida”

Ana Joanna Vergara Sierra, University of Minnesota, “In Accordance with the System We Have Adopted: Abolitionism and Early Republicanism in Venezuela (1816-1821)”

Commentator: Zach Isenhower, Louisiana State University

Session 5E (HGSA PANEL): Identity and Religion in the Pre-Modern Atlantic World

Chair: Victor Stater, Louisiana State University

Augusto Rocha, University of Colorado, Boulder, “Atlantic Connections: Dutch Brazil, a Sephardic Paradise?”

Alex Whitley, Louisiana State University, “In the English Tongue: Cornish Theatre and the Prayer Book Rebellion of 1549”

Chris Jordan, Louisiana State University, “Man, Myth, and Legend: How the tale of William Wallace was created”

Comment: Bill Robison, Southeastern Louisiana University

BREAK 10:15-10:30 am

Session 6 10:30am - 12:15 pm (5 sessions)

Session 6A: Command and Control in early 19th Century American & British Navies

Chair: Kenneth Johnson, Air University

Lt. Col. John “Garick” Chamberlin, Ph.D., Air Command and Staff College, “US-British Naval Interaction 1798-1807: Between Cooperation and Conflict”

Samantha Cavell, Southeastern Louisiana University, “Servant of the Board”: Admiralty Secretary John Croker’s Influence on the War at Sea, 1809-1815”

Kevin McCranie, Naval War College, “Systems of Control: The Interaction of Decision-Making Structures with Naval Strategy in the War of 1812”

Commentator: Kenneth Johnson, Air University

Session 6B: Rethinking Nature and Reimagining Religion across a Revolutionary Age: Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Imaginaries

Chair: Anton M. Matytsin, Associate Professor of History, University of Florida

Hanna Roman, Dickinson College, “A New Type of Universal History: Imaginaries of Ruins in Late-Enlightenment Earth Sciences”

Dean Kostantaras, Louisiana Scholars’ College, “Prophets of Regeneration: Enlightenment and the Orthodox Clerisy in the Eastern Mediterranean”

Jeffrey D. Burson, Georgia Southern University, “From Histories of Fables to the Myth of the Incrédule, c. 1650-1815”

Dzavid Dzanic, Austin Peay State University, “Anti-Jansenism and Catholic sanculotismo in Italy during the 1790s”

Commentator: Carol Harrison, Professor of History, University of South Carolina

Session 6C: Ideas and Ideals at the Enlightenment’s End

Chair: James Brophy, University of Delaware

Joey Dykes, University of Alabama, “The Birth of a Philanthropic Society: Alternative Attitudes Towards Charity by the English Middling Class in the Mid-18th Century”

Matt Feminella, University of Alabama, “‘Wahrheit ohne Schmuck’: Karoline Schulze-Kummerfeld and the Formation of German Theater Historiography”

Scott Madere, Louisiana State University, “A Closer Look at Puysegur’s Main Idea: Military Education through Historical Reflection”

Commentator: Marc Lerner, University of Mississippi

Session 6D (HGSA Panel): Seeing the Other in Twentieth-Century Cultures

Chair: Stephen Prince, LSU

Lawson Chukwu, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, ‘Displacement and the Challenges of Household Sustainability: An Appraisal of Bakassi Displaced Persons in Iking Camp, Cross River State, Nigeria’

Ronit Ghosh, University of Chicago, ‘Mapping Jazz in India and India in Jazz: Improvisations and Encounters’

Katharina Weygold, Brown University, “Anna Julian Cooper and Harriet Gibbs Marshall’s Historical Writing about Haiti During the U.S. Occupation, 1915-1934”

Comment: Gibril Cole, Louisiana State University

Lunch (On Your Own): 12:30-2:00

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CRE Board of Directors Lunch: 12:30-2:00

Session 7 2:30-4:15 pm (5 sessions)

Session 7A: Napoleon's Empire: A Republic of Letters? Panel discussion around *Napoléon et l'Empire des Lettres*

Chair: Darrin McMahon, Dartmouth College

Doina Pasca Harsanyi, Central Michigan University

Christine Haynes, North Carolina at Charlotte

Christopher Mapes, Independent Scholar

Maximilien Novak, Dartmouth College

Commentator: Darrin McMahon, Dartmouth College

Session 7B: Religion and (Counter-)Revolution: New Transnational Perspectives

Chair: George Williamson, FSU

Carolina Armenteros, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, The Jesuit International: Addressing Revolution and Founding the Disciplines, 1770-1817

Gregory Afinogenov, Georgetown University, United and Indivisible? Catholic-Orthodox Reconciliation in the Revolutionary Era

Glauco Schettini, Yale University, The Age of Concordats: Counterrevolution and the Reshaping of Catholicism

Comment: George Williamson, FSU

Session 7C: Legitimizing Authority in a Revolutionary Age

Chair: Marc Lerner, University of Mississippi

Peter C. Messer, Mississippi State University, “A Rough Conversation: The 1747 Knowles Riot and the Limits of Imperial Authority Colonial New England”

Matthew Rainbow Hale, Goucher College, “Democratic Will in the American 1790s: Toward a Reinterpretation of Popular Sovereignty”

Colin Mathison, University of Mississippi, “Echoes of Elite Resistance: West Florida and the Spanish-American Revolutions”

Comment: The Audience

Session 7D: Science, Medicine, and Natural History

Chair: Alexander Grab, University of Maine

Joel Criswell, Sam Houston State University, “Defending the Sacred: How the World of Wonders Framed the Boston Inoculation Controversy”

Heather Morrison, SUNY New Paltz, “Planting the Seeds: Indian-African Michael Anjou’s work in Vienna’s Botanical and Natural History Collections”

Sidney Gahagan, Louisiana State University, “Epidemics and Alleged Election Frauds in 1853 New Orleans”

Commentator: Julia Irwin, Louisiana State University

BREAK 4:15-4:30 pm

Session 8 4:30-6:15 pm (5 sessions)

Session 8A: Roundtable: The Future of Graduate History Curricula:

Moderator: Alexandra Whitley, Louisiana State University

Benjamin Haines, Louisiana State University

Justin Martin, Louisiana State University

Carol Harrison, University of South Carolina

Jeffrey D. Burson, Georgia Southern University

Session 8B: Environmental Histories in the Revolutionary Era

Chair: Denise Z. Davidson, Georgia State University

Blake McGready, The Graduate Center, CUNY, "The Environment and Loyalist Bewilderment in Occupied New York City, 1776–1783"

Bryan A. Banks, Columbus State University, "The Great Pigeon Massacre of 1789: Digital Humanities and the Bird's Eye View of the French Revolution"

Kyra Sanchez Clapper, Bethel University, "Romantic Travel Accounts on American Fauna"

Commentator: Vaughn Scribner, University of Central Arkansas

Session 8C: Representing the Napoleonic Wars

Chair: Joshua Meeks, US Naval War College

Michal Rastazański, University of Warsaw, "'Profiting by the March of Science': French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars in William Duane's Military Works"

Luke Reynolds, University of Connecticut-Stamford, "How to Stage a Battle: 1824's Battle of Waterloo Hippodrama as a Watershed"

Sean Pollock, Wright State, "Pretending to Command: Representations of Prince Bagration in Leo Tolstoy's War and Peace"

Comment: Michael Leggiere, University of North Texas

Session 8D: Haiti: Literary and Theatrical Representations

Chair, Lauren Clay, Vanderbilt University

Klaas Tindemans, Royal Institute for Theatre, Cinema and Sound, Brussels, "The Theatricality of Jean-Jacques Dessalines: Langston Hughes' Recollections of the Haitian Revolution"

Sharon Worley, Houston Community College, "A Comparison of Leonora *Sansay's Zelica* (1820) and Harriet Martineau's *The Hour and the Man* (1838): White Feminism, Historiography and Hagiography in Revolutionary French Haiti"

Alistaire Tallent, Colorado College, "Relics of a Lost Future: Évelyne Trouillot's Child Ghosts of Saint-Domingue"

Commentator: Logan Connors, University of Miami

Session 8E: Napoleonic Studies: Campaigns in the Near East and Switzerland and a Witness Account from Saint Helena

Chair: Doina Pasca Harsanyi, Central Michigan University

Alexander Grab, University of Maine, The Syrian Campaign: Napoleon's Siege of Acre (March-May 1799)

Donald H. Barry, Tallahassee Community College, "Switzerland, 1798-99: Three Powers and the Swiss Confederation in War and Civil War"

Peter Hicks, Fondation Napoleon, "Count Alexander de Balmain: Misunderstood, Misrepresented, and Forgotten Witness to Napoleon on St Helena"

Commentator Doina Pasca Harsanyi, Central Michigan University

Saturday Evening

Reception 6:30-7:00 pm

Banquet 7:00-9:00 pm

Plenary Address: Darrin M. McMahon, Dartmouth College, "How Revolutionary was Equality in the Revolutionary Era?"