

**Fifth Annual EARS Graduate Student  
Conference**

***Power and Democracy in  
Early America***

**Keynote Address by Dr. Andrew Shankman**

***May 10, 2019***

***The History Department at The Graduate Center, CUNY***

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**Registration: 8:00am – 9:00am in the History Lounge, Room 5114**

**I. Session 1 (9:00am – 10:30am)**

**Panel 1: The Contested and the Creative in the History of 'the American Conflict' —Rm. 5409**

**Chair:** Andrew Lang, The Graduate Center, CUNY

**Comment:** Dr. David Reynolds, The Graduate Center, CUNY

“History-in-the-Bacon’: Bacon’s Rebellion and Memory-Making in American Print Media, 1865-1915”

Julia Brown-Bernstein, University of Southern California

“Resist to the Last Extremity’: The Erosion of the Fugitive Slave Law in the Border States”

Daniele Celano, University of Virginia

“A Noble Epic in Color’: Emanuel Leutz’s Capitol Mural in a Time of War”

Elizabeth Kiszonas, The McNeil Center for Early American Studies and the University of Arkansas

“The Panic of 1857 and the Political Crisis of the 1850s: The Crimean War, the Sepoy Mutiny, and the Role of Global Economic Contingency in the Coming of the American Civil War”

Eric Sears, St. Louis University

**II. Session 2 (10:45am – 12:15pm)**

**Panel 2 A: Making Up the Self: The Material Culture of Gender—Rm. 5114**

**Chair:** Madeline Lafuse, The Graduate Center, CUNY

**Comment:** Dr. David Waldstreicher, The Graduate Center, CUNY

“Steel and Flesh, an Intimate Partnership: The Straight Razor and Masculine Self-fashioning in the Atlantic World, 1760- 1880”

Jacqueline Delisle, Independent Scholar

“About Face: Exotic Luxury and Cosmetic Agency in French Colonial New Orleans”

Philippe Halbert, Yale University

**Panel 2 B: Crossing the Line: Borders, Boundaries, and Identity—Rm. 5409**

**Chair:** Helena Yoo Roth, The Graduate Center, CUNY

**Comment:** Dr. John Blanton, The City College of New York, CUNY

“Public Creditors who are Desirous for Satisfaction’: Speculators, Congress, and the Privatization of the American West”

Joseph Ross, University of Missouri

“We Are between Two Fires’: Identity and Negotiation among the Kickapoo, Mascouten, and Meskawaki in Boucherville’s Narrative”

Ian Tonat, College of William and Mary

“John Yates Beall and the Confederacy’s Actions on Lake Erie and New York State’s Border During the Civil War”

Cassandra Jane Werking, University of Kentucky

### **Lunch Break (12:15pm-2:00pm)**

### **III. Session 3 (2:00pm-3:30pm)**

#### **Panel 3A: Race and Freedom In the Age of Revolutions—Rm. 5409**

**Chair:** Arinn Amer, The Graduate Center, CUNY

**Comment:** Dr. Andrew Robertson, The Graduate Center and Lehman College, CUNY

“Race, Revolution, and Republicans: Early Jeffersonian Racial Discourse in Philip Freneau’s *National Gazette*”

Matthew Grace, Rutgers University- Camden

“Revolutionary Fugivity: Enslaved Women and Families Seeking Freedom in Post-Dunmore’s Proclamation America”

Adam McNeil, University of Delaware

“Unrighteous Commerce’: The Providence Abolition Society’s Campaign Against the Slave Trade, 1789-1804”

Kevin Vrevich, Ohio State University

#### **Panel 3B: Forming Minds: Memory, Education, and Civil Religion in the Early Republic—Rm. 5114**

**Chair:** Israel Ben-Porat The Graduate Center, CUNY

**Comment:** Dr. Jonathan Sassi, The Graduate Center and the College of Staten Island, CUNY

“‘He aimed well’: Benjamin Rush’s Memory, Disillusionment, and Utopian Ideals for the American Revolution”

Scott Flovin, Rutgers University-Camden

“Cultivating Constitutionalism: James Wilson’s Vision of Legal Education in American Democracy”

Ethan Foster, Independent Scholar

“Female Patriotism and the Formation of a Female Civil Religion”

Erika Nelson, Vanderbilt University

#### **IV. Round Table Session (3:45pm – 5:15pm) – Room 5114**

##### **Panel 4: The Journal of the Early Republic: A Conversation with the Co-Editors**

**Moderator:** Dr. Nora Slonimsky, Iona College and the Institute for Thomas Paine Studies

- Dr. David Waldstreicher, The Graduate Center, CUNY
- Dr. Andrew Shankman, Rutgers University- Camden

#### **V. Keynote Session 5 (5:30pm – 6:45pm) – Room 5114**

Dr. Andrew Shankman, Rutgers University-Camden

“Daniel Raymond, Mathew Carey, the Missouri Crisis, and the Global 1820s”

*A light reception until 7:30pm will follow Dr. Shankman’s keynote in the history lounge (5114).*