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MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT

SPRING CONFERENCE PROGRAM

(updated 4/19/16)

All sessions will be held on the first and second floors of AXINN CENTER (AXN)

8:00-8:30 REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST in AXN West Wing Foyer

(Note: all session rooms are equipped for internet and projection)

First Morning Sessions, 8:30-10:00

8:30 Session 1: Crime and Community along the United States Northern Borderland (AXN 103)

Chair and Comment: Jacqueline Carr, University of Vermont

"From Borderland to Borderedland: Crime and Consequence in Rural Quebec, 1775"

Daniel S. Soucier, University of Maine, Orono

"Creating Imagined Communities in the Post-Revolutionary Northeastern Borderlands"

John Davis Morton, Boston College

8:30 Session 2: Bostonian Transformers of the Financial and Physical Landscape (AXN 104)

Chair and Comment: Clifford Putney, Bentley University

"The Boston Trustee: William Minot, Benjamin Franklin, and the Development of Philanthropy and Asset Management in Nineteenth-Century America"

Adam Rutledge, Brandeis University

"The Great Reservoir": Frederick P. Stearns and the Boston Metropolitan Water Supply, 1885-1905"

Jeffrey Egan, University of Connecticut

8:30 Session 3: Abigail Stoneman: Colonial Woman Entrepreneur (AXN 105)

Chair and Comment: Amy Feely Morsman, Middlebury College

"Abigail Stoneman: Eighteenth-Century Entrepreneurial Prowess"

Breanne Messier and Sarah Gomes, Roger Williams University*

8:30 Session 4: Remaking the Human and Defending the Family in the Early Twentieth Century (AXN 109)

Chair and Comment: Melanie Gustafson, University of Vermont

"Labor and Amusements': Making the New York City Lunatic Asylum"

Barbara Pohl, Yale University

"Progressive Reformer Faux Pas: Eugenics in Turn-of-the-Century Connecticut"

Allison Norrie, Southern Connecticut State University

"The War at Home to Defend 'the Home': Gender, the Family, and Anti-Radicalism in the 1910s"

Adam Quinn, University of Vermont

8:30 Session 5: Race Matters (AXN 219)

Chair and Comment: Jessica Parr, University of New Hampshire at Manchester

"From Cleopatra to the 'Ivory Bangle Lady': Investigating Race in the Ancient World"

Erik Jensen, Salem State University

"The Language of Difference: Former Slaves in Maine"

Candace Kanas, Independent Scholar

"Turning Lincoln's Portrait to the Wall: Robert L. Vann, Racial Utility, and the 1932 Presidential Election"

Adam Cilli, University of Maine, Orono

8:30 Session 6: The Culture Wars, the Environment, and Their Literatures as History (AXN 220)

Chair and Comment: Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

"A humanistic philosophy or more sophisticated pursuits?: The pre-history of the canon wars"

Elizabeth Kalbfleisch, Southern Connecticut State University

"Reconsidering Religious Activism during the 'Secular Sixties'"

Patrick Lacroix, University of New Hampshire

"Thoreau, Wilderness, and Maine: The Emergence of an Environmental Icon"

Richard W. Judd, University of Maine, Orono

8:30 Session 7: Strategies for Repression and Survival in a Cold War World

(AXN 232)

Chair and Comment: Denise Youngblood, University of Vermont

"The Inception of International Adoption, 1948-1955"

Soojin Chung, Boston University School of Theology

"Censorship, the BBC and the Northern Ireland 'troubles'"

Robert Savage, Boston College

Break for Book Exhibit & Refreshments: 10:00-10:30 (AXN Winter Garden)

Second Morning Sessions, 10:30-12:00

10:30 Session 8: Safeguarding the Traveler (AXN 103)

Chair and Comment: Elizabeth De Wolfe, University of New England

"The Travelers' Aid Society in New York City, 1907-1916"

Eric Cimino, Molloy College

**10:30 Session 9: Religion and Literature in the Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century (AXN 104)
United States and Great Britain**

Chair and Comment: Cheryl Boots, Boston University

"Minister, Physician, Loyalist: The Experience of Reverend John Sayre during the American Revolution"

Kieran O'Keefe, University of Vermont

"Editing Literature and Building a Church: Whitwell Elwin, a Maverick Victorian"

Philip Mosley, Pennsylvania State University

"'An Apostleship of the Pen': Fr. Isaac Hecker and the Creation of the Catholic Publication Society, 1865-1870"

Erin Bartram, University of Hartford

**10:30 Session 10: Hybridized Cultures of Trade and Faith in Colonial and Post-Colonial (AXN 105)
New England**

Chair and Comment: Susan Ouellette, Saint Michael's College

"Trading Horses in the Eighteenth Century: Rhode Island and the Atlantic World"

Charlotte Carrington-Farmer, Roger Williams University

"The Lure of Prize Money and the Problem of Neutrality: French Privateers in New England's Ports"

Edward J. Martin, Endicott College

"Preserving the Faith: the French Canadian Parishes of Worcester, Massachusetts"

Zachary Washburn, Worcester State University

10:30 Session 11: The Rise of United States Anti-Federalism in the Nineteenth Century (AXN 109)

Chair and Comment: Amy Feely Morsman, Middlebury College

"To Make War With Our Own Citizens': The Embargo of 1807 and the Rejection of Federal Authority
in the Northern Borderland"

Phillip K. Moore, University of Connecticut

"States' Rights in the Confederacy: The Case of the Confederate Supreme Court"

Richard Allan Gerber, Southern Connecticut State University

"Conscience in the State House: Anti-Gallows Reform and the Politicization of Morality"

Ian Campbell, Brandeis University

10:30 Session 12: Probing for a National Identity in Twentieth-Century Germany (AXN 219)

Chair and Comment: Rebecca Bennette, Middlebury College

"Religious Language in German Political Catholicism"

Martin Menke, Rivier University

"Festival *Déjà vu?* Recasting Nordic Identity in 1950s Lübeck"

Erika L. Briesacher, Worcester State University

"Rolf Brandt, German into Nazi: A Literary Case Study"

Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

**10:30 Session 13: Race and the Challenges to Educational Reform (AXN 220)
in Virginia and Massachusetts**

Chair and Comment: Candace Kanen, Independent Scholar

"Massive Resistance Revisited: Race and School Closure in Warren County, Virginia, 1958-1962"

Tona Hagen, Worcester State University

"Her credentials lie with the people': Black Power, School Reform and Mental Health in Boston, 1974-1980"

Tess Bundy, Merrimack College

10:30 Session 14: History as Informed by the Arts (AXN 232)

Chair and Comment: Melanie Murphy, Emmanuel College

"Inside Out: Carrie Stettheimer's *Dollhouse* and the Public Display of Private Space
in Early Twentieth-Century New York"

Heather Hole, Simmons College

"Shostakovich and the Jews?': Music, Memory and Soviet Jewish Identity after World War II"

Rebecca Mitchell, Middlebury College

12:15 - 1:35 LUNCHEON and BUSINESS MEETING (Atwater Dining Hall)

Afternoon Sessions, 1:45-3:15

1:45 Session 15: Labor, Race, and Identity in Modern Central America (AXN 103)

Chair and Comment: Kathryn Dungy, Saint Michael's College

"A Veritable Pittsburgh of Smoke': Coal Energy, Race and Environment in the Construction of the Panama Canal"

Jordan Coulombe, University of New Hampshire

"The Indian Question at Liberty's Limits: Guatemala, 1944"

Heather A. Vrana, Southern Connecticut State University

1:45 Session 16: Women's Progress into the Progressive Era (AXN 104)

Chair and Comment: Holly Allen, Middlebury College

"A Generation Removed: The Continuation and Transition of the Hopedale Sewing Circle"

Linda Hixon, Worcester State University

"Bestowing Benevolence and Shaping Citizens: Women's Entry into the Progressive Era's Political Sphere"

Mia Michael, Boston College

"Fine Gray Eyes Discern Many a Truth' . . . and a Few Lies: Madeleine Pollard, Self-Presentation, and a Summer at Bread Loaf"

Elizabeth De Wolfe, University of New England

1:45 Session 17: Jacksonianism in Practice and Theory (AXN 105)

Chair and Comment: William B. Hart, Middlebury College

"Andrew Jackson's Bequest and the Politics of Courage, 1819-1857"

Robert E. Cray, Montclair State University

"Bridging a Class Divide: Landed and Landless White Households in Antebellum Virginia"

John Zaborney, University of Maine at Presque Isle

"The Fruits of Labor: Exploitation and Injustice in Jacksonian Political Thought"

Alex Zakaras, University of Vermont

**1:45 Session 18: Russian Reform, Aesthetics, and Women under Siege (AXN 219)
in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries**

Chair and Comment: Rebecca Mitchell, Middlebury College

"The Rise of the Counterpublics: The '*Khozhdeniia v narod*' and the 'Volunteer' Mass Movements in Russia in the 1870s"

Mikhail Rekun, Northeastern University

"Rejecting the Avant-Garde and Anticipating the Vanguard: The Development of a Marxist Aesthetic in the Second International"

David Sockol, Drew University

"The Psychological Life of Women in the Siege of Leningrad: Emotions, Motivation and Mental Disorders"

Ron MacNeil, University of Vermont

1:45 Session 19: Of Guns, Civil Order, and Public Space (AXN 220)

Chair and Comment: George Dameron, Saint Michael's College

"Demons, Devils, and Diabolical Devices: The Conceptualization of Firearms in Medieval Western Europe, ca. 1300-1500"

Robert Holmes, Villanova University

"'All persons are prohibited from discharging fire-arms in the Cemetery': Public Behavior in the Rural Cemetery"

Joy Giguere, Pennsylvania State University York

"Parks and Recreation (or Not): A Study of Two Northampton, Massachusetts Parks"

Robert E. Weir, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Indicates undergraduate paper or session*