First Morning Sessions, 8:30-10:00

8:30 Session 1
Creating the Early American Republic
Chair/comment: Jacqueline Carr, University of Vermont

  Richard Gerber, Southern Connecticut State University
“A Pragmatic Revolutionary: The Independence of William Gilliland”
  Susan Ouellette, Saint Michael’s College
“Foreign Affairs and the Ratification of the Constitution in New Hampshire”
  Robert W. Smith, Worcester State University

8:30 Session 2
The Changing Face of Labor
Chair/comment: Sharmishtha Roy Chowdhury, University of Connecticut

  Evan Banks: Missouri Western State University*
“‘It Will Require all the Energy of which Man is Capable’: The Entangled Energy Regime of the Panama Railroad 1849-1855”
  Jordan Coulombe, University of New Hampshire
“The Resources of the Race: The Deintellectualization of Skill in Antebellum America”
  Christopher Stokum, Boston University

8:30 Session 3
The Faith of a Nation: Turning Points in American History and Religion
Chair/Comment: Robert Chiles, University of Maryland

“The Religious Conversion of Boston”
  Michael Varuolo, University of New Hampshire
“Churches of the Air: Mormonism and Early Religious Broadcasting, 1922-1930”
  Kate Benoit, University of Utah
“JFK’s New Frontier and the Catholic Church: An Uneasy Partnership”
  Thomas Carty, Springfield College
8:30 Session 4
Teaching with Primary Source Sets from the Digital Public Library of America (Workshop)  
Room 4001
Discussants:
Tona Hangen, Worcester State University
Ella Howard, Wentworth Institute of Technology

Break for Book Exhibit & Refreshments: 10:00-10:30

Second Morning Sessions, 10:30 – 12:00

10:30 Session 5
War and Diplomacy in Colonial America  
Room 4004
Chair/Comment: Richard Gerber, Southern Connecticut State University

“‘A Daingentous Liberty’: Dutch-Mohawk Relations and the Colonial Gunpowder Trade”
Shaun Sayres, University of New Hampshire

“Pirates, Politics, and Private Navies: Early South Carolina’s Homegrown Naval Forces, 1700-1719”
Benjamin Schaffer, University of New Hampshire

“They readily acknowledged their breach of Covenant’: Violence and Diplomacy in the Abenakia-Maine Borderlands, 1723-1754”
Eric Trautman-Mosher, University of New Hampshire

10:30 Session 6
Land and Landscape in the Legacy of Imperialism  
Room 4007
Chair/Comment: Sean Bloch, Dartmouth College

“Reinterpreting the Karum System of the Early Old Assyrian Period”
Tyler Tumblety, Plymouth State University*

“‘Not for them the pomp and circumstances of the battlefield’: Reimagining India during the Mesopotamian Campaign, 1914-1917”
Sharmishtha Roy Chowdhury, University of Connecticut

“The people had done it themselves’: Assigning Blame for the Repercussions of Pesticide-Use in Francophone Africa”
Sarah Hardin, St. Anselm College

10:30 Session 7
Social Challenges in Nineteenth-Century America  
Room 4006
Chair/Comment: Beth Salerno, St. Anselm College

“The Ridge/Northrup and Boudinot/Gold Marriages and the Signing of the Treaty of Echota”
Christian Gonzales, University of Rhode Island

“A Beacon of Liberalism? A Comparison of the Portrayal of the 1854 Trial of Fugitive Slave Anthony Burns Through Two Massachusetts Newspapers”
Laura Ellyn Smith, University of Mississippi

“The Tramp of Cowhide Boots’: Worth More than the Paper It’s Printed On: Greenbackism in Maine”
Aaron Chin, University of New Hampshire

“Patterns, Power and Priorities: What Quantitative Analysis Reveals about Nineteenth-Century Orphan Asylums”
Sarah Mulhall Adelman, Framingham State University

10:30 Session 8
Teaching Civics Today – Challenges and Opportunities (Roundtable)  
West Wing
Chair: Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University
Discussants:
    David Alcox, Milford High School
    Aaron Blais, Exeter High School
    Christopher Herr, Concord High School
    Rebecca Tancrede, Concord High School

10:30 Session 9
Personal Histories: The Individual in Teaching and Writing
Chair/Comment: Bruce Cohen, Worcester State University

“Finding Fact Through Fabrication: Teaching History with Historical Fiction”
Dominic DeBrincat, Missouri Western State University
“The Historian’s I: Convention and Practice”
Lila Teeters, University of New Hampshire

12:15-1:35 Lunch and Business meeting
Auditorium

Afternoon Sessions, 1:45 – 3:15

1:45 Session 10
Identities in Conflict in Early America
Chair/Comment: Susan Ouellette, Saint Michael’s College

“Salem Witchcraft: The Evolution of Theories Past and Present”
Molly Hildebrandt, Plymouth State University*
“Selling and Saving Spirits: Regulating Strong Drink in Colonial New England”
Dominic DeBrincat, Missouri Western State University
“Through Their Eyes: The Changing Nature of Indian Captivity in Northeastern America, 1689-1763”
Michael Anderson, University of New Hampshire

1:45 Session 11
War, Race and Remembrance
Chair/Comment: Thomas Carty, Springfield College

“Traveling Backward: African Americans and Worcester’s War Memorial”
Linda Hixon, Worcester State University
“Race and Command in the Union Army: The Debate Over Commissioning Black Officers”
Ian Delahunty, Springfield College
“White Officers, Black Troops: Lessons Not Learned”
Chuck Arning, Blackstone River Valley NHP / National Park Service

1:45 Session 12
Making Modern America
Chair/Comment: Philip Mosley, Penn State University

“A Debate for the Gilded Age: McKinley v. Campbell and the Draw that Still Splits America”
Robert Klotz, University of Southern Maine
Andrew Higgins, Curry College
Brian Peterson, Shasta College

1:45 Session 13
New England Regional Chairs’ Meeting
Moderator: Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

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