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October 22-23

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**1:00-1:15: Coffee and preliminary remarks**

**1:15-2:45: Panel Session One**

**1A. Character and Psychology in Literature and Narratives**

*Goodness vs. Greatness in Henry Fielding's Jonathan Wild*

Kevin Hogg, School District No. 5, Cranbrook, BC

*"Slaves of the Desk": Nile Exploratory Accounts as Masculine Escapism in Mid-Nineteenth Century Britain*

Miguel Chavez, Vanderbilt University

*Mind Over Matter: A Psychological Reading of Salman Rushdie's Shame, Midnight's Children, and Haroun and the Sea of Stories*

Eunice Kim, Claremont Graduate University

Chair: Judith Herz, Concordia University

**1B. Collection, Circulation, and Trade Networks in the Indian Ocean World**

*Employee Contracts and Correspondence in Finlays' Tea Companies (1901-1951)*

Rebekah McCallum, McGill University

*News from Abroad: Foreign News and Intelligence Acquisition in The Times, 1866*

Stephan Pigeon, Dalhousie University

*British Women's Natural Historical Networks in Early Nineteenth-Century India*

Anna Winterbottom, McGill University

Chair: Tyler Yank, McGill University

**1C. Paintings, Payments, and Pregnancy in Early Stuart England**

*Representing Pregnancy in Anthony van Dyck's British Portraits (1632-1641)*

Karen Hearn, University College London

*"I trust you will not forget to bring Mr. Honthorst": Art, Diplomacy, and a Dutch Painter in London*

Michele Frederick, North Carolina Museum of Art

*Paying the Painter: Making Living with the Brush in Elizabethan and Early Stuart England*

Robert Tittler, Concordia University

Chair: Catherine MacLeod, National Portrait Gallery

**1D. Empire and Trade in the Early Modern Atlantic World**

*In Solo Puro et in Area Pura: Law, Empire, and Dispossession in Early Jacobean Ireland and Virginia, 1603-1622*

Joe Borsato, Queen's University

*The Rest Must of Necessity Perish: Environmental Small Wars in Cromwell's Western Design*

Joseph Bienko, Penn State University

*More Power than Profit: Capitalism and the Origin of the Bristol Slave Trade, 1680s-1720s*

Trevor Jackson, George Washington University

Chair: Craig Gallagher, New England College

**3:00-4:00: 1<sup>st</sup> Keynote**

*New Dawn Fades: Heathrow and the Transformation of Britain*

James Vernon, University of California, Berkeley

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**9:00-10:30: Panel Session Two**

**2A. Great War Nurses of the British Isles: Exploring Postwar Narratives**

*Networks of Care: British First World War Nurses' Postwar Careers*

Alison Fell, University of Liverpool

*Irishwomen in World War I Medicine and Postwar Remembrance in the Irish Free State*

Mandy Link, University of Texas at Tyler

*"These women have been very difficult to deal with": Exploring the Rights and Responsibilities of War-Disabled Women*

Eilis Boyle, University of Kent

Chair: Jennifer Purcell, St. Michael's College

**2B. Rethinking Nineteenth-Century Politics**

*Sir Robert Inglis and the Twilight of Ultra-Toryism*

Jonathan Wales, Providence College

*Indian Petitioning and the Politics of East India Company Reform, 1851-1855*

Scott Connors, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge

*"The cry is all for Prince Alfred": The Vacant Hellenic Throne and the Election to it of Queen Victoria's Second Son*

Aidan Jones, King's College London

Chair: Arianne Chernock, Boston University

**2C. Shifting Loyalties and Shared Enemies: Politics and Presbyterianism in Late-Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth-Century Scotland**

*"The Crooked Tree Must be Bended Contrary to the Other side, to Bring it to a Rectitude":*

*Resetting Rebels in Late-Restoration Scotland*

Carleigh Nicholls, McGill University

*"The Common Enemy to Withstand": Presbyterian and Whig Ideology in Early Eighteenth-Century Scotland and England*

Bonnie Soper, Stony Brook University

*"No Presbyterian should be settled in any place": Clan MacKenzie and Anti-Presbyterianism in Ross-shire, 1674-1714*

Edwin C. Sheffield, University of Glasgow

Chair: Jeremy Fradkin, McGill University

**10:45-12:15: Panel Session Three**

**3A. Queen Mary I and Lady Jane Grey: Contemporary Perspectives and Representations**

*“Most rightful enheritoure of the crowne imperial of England”*: Mary I, Lady Jane Grey, and the Power of Historical Precedent

Jessica S. Hower, Southwestern University

*The Coronation of Mary I: Music and Liturgy*

Daniel Bennett Page, Independent Scholar

*Every Picture Tells a Story: Mary I’s Improbable Rise to Queen Regnant*

Louisa Woodville, George Mason University

Chair: Valerie Schutte, Independent Scholar

**3B. Publishers’ Roundtable: From Thesis to Book**

Richard Baggaley, McGill-Queen’s University Press

Meredith Carroll, Manchester University Press

Susan Ferber, Oxford University Press, New York

Chair: Caroline Shaw, Bates College

**3C. The History of Sociability in the Long Eighteenth Century: DIGIT.EN.S project and the Groupement d’Interêt Scientifique (GIS) – Sociabilities**

*What is the History of Sociability?*

Brian Cowan, McGill University

*DIGIT.EN.S : A Networking Approach to Eighteenth-Century Sociability*

Valérie Capdeville, Université Paris Sorbonne Nord, & Kimberley Page-Jones, Université de Bretagne Occidentale

*The DIGIT.EN.S Anthology of Eighteenth-Century Sociability: from Project to Prospect*

Alain Kerhervé, Université de Bretagne Occidentale, & Adnana Sava, Université de Bretagne Occidentale

Chair : Brian Cowan, McGill University

**3D. Party, Nation, Empire in the Twentieth Century**

*The Labour Party and the Nationalisation of British Politics, 1900-1918*

Matthew Kidd, University of Oxford

*Onward in Peace: New Zealand and American Partnership*

Ian Abbey, Prairie View A&M University, & Jonathan Chavanne, US Navy

Chair: Brian Lewis, McGill University

**12:30-1:30: 2<sup>nd</sup> Keynote**

*Fraud, Identity Theft, and Women in Early Modern Maritime London*  
Margaret Hunt, Uppsala University

**1:45-3:15: Panel Session Four**

**4A. Mass Observation**

*Anthropologizing Art's History? The Uses of Mass-Observation*  
Lucy Curzon, University of Alabama

*Looking the East End in the Face? Mass Observing the Royalty in Wartime*  
Jennifer Purcell, St. Michael's College

*What the Newspapers Didn't Say: Mass Observation and the Death of Princess Diana*  
Fiona Courage, Mass Observation Archive

Chair: Jennifer Purcell, St. Michael's College

**4B. Eugenic Feminism: Race and Gender in Interwar Popular Culture**

*Sex and Exercise in Interwar Britain*

Lacey Sparks, University of Southern Maine

*Ambivalent Motherhood in Woolf, Rhys, Joyce, and Moore: Eugenic Feminism, Population Control, and Anxiety*

Carrie Kancilia, University of Southern Maine

Chair: Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre, Trinity College

**4C. Early Modern Diplomacy**

*"The most sufficient man to serve hir majesty": William Davison and the Crisis in the Low Countries, 1586*

Rosalyn Cousins, University of Leeds

*"Preserve to Britain the Advantage of their Alliance": Anglo-Spanish Relations in an Age of French Aggrandizement, 1667-1674*

Steven Casement, Penn State University

Chair: Anna Suranyi, Endicott College

#### **4D. Queen Mary I and Lady Jane Grey: Posthumous Perspectives and Representations**

*Self-Representation and Posthumous Representation in the Memoir of Edward Underhill at the Accessions of Jane Grey and Mary Tudor*

Valerie Schutte, Independent Scholar

*Wyatt's Rebellion: History, Memory, and Representation*

William B. Robison, Southeastern Louisiana University

*"She ... yielded a mild and gracious spirit into the hands of her Maker": Catholic Accounts of the Death of Mary Tudor*

Carolyn Colbert, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Chair: Jessica S. Hower, Southwestern University

#### **3:30-5:00: Panel Session Five**

##### **5A. Mapping Health**

*Mapping Mary Graham: The Search for Health in the Eighteenth Century*

Carolyn A. Day, Furman University, and Tait Lamb, Furman University

*"Only Mad Dogs and Englishmen Go Out in the Midday Sun": Climate, Nervous Disorders, and Medical Consensus in Colonial India, 1858-1914*

Nathan Runnels, University of Mississippi

Chair: Rachel Berger, Concordia University

##### **5B. Women and Community-Making**

*A Tale of Two Black Women Abolitionists: Mary Prince and Sarah Parker Remond*

Katrina Anderson, University of Delaware

*"You'd Really Wash Your Linen in Public": Intimate Encounters and the Spatial Landscape of Working-Class London, 1880-1914*

Nastasha Sartore, University of Toronto

Chair: Elizabeth Elbourne, McGill University

## **5C. Rethinking Early Modern Religion**

*“They must declare to theyre flocke...”: Language, Religious Education, and Protestant Reform in Sixteenth-Century Wales*

Katharine Olson, San Jose State University

*The Quakers Shaken: Witchcraft Discourse and Early Quakerism in the English Revolution (1642-1660)*

Catherine Perez, University of Alabama

*Faith, Kinship and Literacy. Eighteenth-Century English Household Religion*

Jennifer Mori, University of Toronto

Chair: Brendan Kane, University of Connecticut

## **5D. Foreigners and Cultural Exchanges in Twentieth-Century Britain**

*A Foreigner in Gandhi’s Ashram: Mira Behn Goes to India*

Tamala Malerk, University of South Florida

*War, Women and Soldiers: Second World War Bengal*

Reeti Basu, Jawaharlal Nehru University

*“Within You Without You”: The Beatles and the Origins of Multicultural Britishness*

Neal Palmer, Christian Brothers University

Chair: Chris Waters, Williams College

**5:00-5:30: Wrap-up and committee meeting**