Annual Conference 2019
University of Edinburgh

The Mellon Fund and History UK
BrANCH2019 Conference

Friday 11th October

Registration: 3.00-4.00pm LOCATION TBC.

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Session 1: 4.00-5.30pm

Panel 1: Conflict and Authority in the Civil War-Era South (LTBC)

Clayton Jonah Butler (PhD, University of Virginia)
We Are True Blue: White Unionists in the Deep South during the Civil War.
Elizabeth Barnes (PhD, University of Reading)
Challenging Authority and Establishing Legitimacy: Freedwomen’s Responses to Sexual Violence in the Reconstruction South.
Kathleen Hilliard (Iowa State University)
Reconstruction Turned Radical: Hard Times, Tough Choices, and Emerging Conflicts in the Grassroots South.
Chair: David Ballantyne (Keele University)

Panel 2: American Reformers and Transatlantic Imperialism in the Late-Nineteenth Century (LTBC)

Angela F. Murphy (Texas State University)
Former Abolitionists of the Reform League and their ‘Civilizing Mission’ in the Postbellum United States.
Andrew Priest (University of Essex)
Frank J. Cirillo (University of Virginia)
Chair: Kevin Waite (Durham University)

Parish Lecture: Susan O’Donovan (University of Memphis)

“Becoming Citizens: Thinking about the Political Lives of Slaves”
(Playfair Library): 6.00-7.00

Reception: (Playfair Library): 7.00-7.30pm

Walk to Waterloo Place (Howies) for 8.30pm.
Saturday 12 October

Session 2: 9.00-10.30am

Panel 3: Rethinking States’ Rights and State Sovereignty (LG.08 DHT)

Kate Masur (Northwestern University)
State Sovereignty and Migration before Reconstruction.

Douglas R. Egerton (Le Moyne College)
The Southern War on States’ Rights.

Frank Towers (University of Calgary)
The States’ Rights Blueprint for American Empire.
Chair: Jonathan Daniel Wells (University of Michigan)

Panel 4: Institutions and Violence in the Civil War and Reconstruction South (LG.09 DHT)

Diane Mutti-Burke (University of Missouri-Kansas City)
Enduring Guerrilla Warfare and Widowhood in Civil War Era Missouri.

Jonathan M. Bryant (Georgia Southern University)
The Negroes intend to have their rights: Georgia’s County Courts and the Politics of Social Control.

Ann Short Chirhart (Indiana State University)
Building Schools, Teaching Students: African American Education in South Carolina during Reconstruction.
Chair: Bruce Baker (Newcastle University)

Panel 5: Freedom, Respectability and Status (LG.11 DHT)

Jennifer Hull (Colgate University)
Neither Seen nor Heard: The Early African American Press and Advice on Female Behavior in the Transition from Slavery to Relative Freedom.

Susan Stansfield (University of Texas, El Paso)
Race, Recipes, and Respectability: Food and Civic Status in Nineteenth-Century America.

Jennifer Harbour (University of Nebraska Omaha)
‘Promise me that you will provide for them’: Black Women’s Letters to the Patriarchy during the Civil War.

Erica Hannickel (Northland College, Wisconsin)
Fugitive Horticulture: Plants and the Political Lives of African Americans in the Nineteenth Century.
Chair: Shaun R.C. Wallace (University of Bristol)

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

BrANCH Keynote: Jacqueline Fear-Segal (University of East Anglia)

“Education and Survivance: Beyond the Spectacle of Buffalo Bill’s Wild West ‘Indians.’”
David Hulme Lecture Theatre C: (11.00-12.00)
Lunch: 12.00-1.00 (LTBC)

BrANCH AGM: 1.00-1.45 (LG.09 DHT)

Roundtable: 1.45-3.15
Teaching the American Civil War History in Scotland: Advanced Higher Session

Session 3: 3.30-5.00

Panel 6: Words, Words, Words: The Rhetoric of War and its Aftermath. (LG.08 DHT)

Lesley J. Gordon (University of Alabama)
*Martial Rhetoric and the ‘Seduction of War.’*
David Moltke-Hansen (Independence Scholar)
Sarah E. Gardner (Mercer University)
‘*A Sweet Thing is War to Those That Have Not Tried It.*’
Chair: Catherine Clinton (University of Texas at San Antonio)

Panel 7: Citizenship Made at the Margins: Law, Race, and the State in the South and West in the Era of the Civil War. (LG.11 DHT)

Giuliana Perrone (University of California, Santa Barbara)
*Unmaking the Slave: Categorizing the Freedperson in Postbellum Law.*
Patrick T. Troester (Southern Methodist University)
*Tejano Volunteer Military Service and Nation-State Formation in the Texas-Mexico Borderlands, 1836-1877.*
Khal Schneider (California State University, Sacramento)
‘The Last Act of the Choctaw Robbery: Finance, Corruption, and Indian Rights in the Civil War Era.’
Chair: Kevin Adams (Kent State University)

Panel 8: Different Perspectives on the Diplomacy of the New Nation (LG.09 DHT)

Tyson Reeder (Associate Editor, The Papers of James Madison)
Constance B. Schulz (Senior Editor, The Papers of the Revolutionary Era Pinckney Statesmen)
*In the Beginning: Pinckney Wives and the Practice of Diplomacy.*
Rachel Monroy (Assistant Editor The Papers of the Revolutionary Era Pinckney Statesmen)
‘You know I am no epicure’: Science, Empire, and Slavery in Eliza Lucas Pinckney’s Receipt Book.
Chair: [Dan Feller: TBC]

5.00-5.15: Coffee Break
Panel 9: Home Front and Battle Front: New Directions in Civil War Military History (LG.08 DHT)

Ethan S. Rafuse (U.S. Military Academy)
*Hardening: The War for Virginia at the Front and Home Front, January-July 1862.*
Brooks D. Simpson (Arizona State University)
*Union Generals Assess Civilian Will: Ulysses S. Grant and William T. Sherman.*
Lisa Tendrich Frank (Independent Scholar)
*Creating ‘a wall of bones, and a River of Blood’: The Unintended Consequences of Sherman’s March.*
Chair: David Silkenat (Edinburgh University)

Panel 10: Crime and Capitalism in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (LG.11 DHT)

Bruce Baker (Newcastle University)
*Elephant Johnny and the Crimps: The Economic and Political Control of Labor on the New Orleans Waterfront, 1865-1874.*
Elaine Frantz (Kent State University)
*Sentencing Practices in Pittsburgh*
Amy Louise Wood (Illinois State University)
*A World Without Warmth*: *Social Darwinism and the Criminal Redemption Narrative.*
Chair: Jasmin Bath (University of Cambridge)

Panel 11: Touching from a Distance: Images, Ideas and the Cultural Imaginary in the Civil War Era (LG.09 DHT)

David Cox (University of Southampton)
*’Voudoosim, Goopherism, and Fortune Telling’: Post-Bellum, Pre-Harlem Black Intellectuals and Black Folk Culture.*
Nora Lessersohn (PhD student, University College London)
*Slavery in Turkey: Analyzing Ottoman American Photographs from the Civil War Era.*
Hannah-Rose Murray (Research Associate, Rights Lab, University of Nottingham)
*’Daguerreotyped on my Heart’: Transatlantic African American Visual Resistance in the British Isles.*
Chair: Fabian Hilfrich (University of Edinburgh)

Walk to Royal Scots Club: Reception and Dinner 7.45pm
Sunday 13 October

Session 5: 9.00-10.30am

Panel 12: The Psychic Cost of Slavery and Freedom (Room LG.11 DHT)

Carole Emberton (University at Buffalo)
Diane Miller Sommerville (Binghamton University, SUNY)
‘Dispirited and Apparently Without Aim or Object’: Emotional Suffering and Loss in the Wake of Freedom.
Kidada E. Williams (Wayne State University)
*Tortured Bodies, Tormented Minds: African American Families and the Afterlives of Night Riding Strikes.*
**Chair:** TBC

Panel 13: Race and Disease in Nineteenth Century America (LG.08 DHT)

Tim Lockley (University of Warwick)
*From skin to blood: interpreting racial immunity to yellow fever.*
Jeff Strickland (Montclair State University)
*Race and Disease in Charleston, South Carolina, 1850-1880.*
Amy M. Cools (PhD Student, University of Edinburgh)
*Invaders: Dr James McCune Smith versus the History of Anti-Immigration Rhetoric in the United States.*
**Chair:** [Philippa Meek (University of Denver) TBC]

Panel 14: Slavery, Abolitionism, and the Native Nations (LG.09 DHT)

Jessica Brodt (PhD student, University of Alabama)
*African American Slavery in the Cherokee Nation: Moravian and Brainerd Missionaries, 1799-1836.*
Andrew K. Frank (Florida State University)
Edward Mair (Post-doc University of Hull)
**Chair:** Kristofer Ray (University of Hull)

Coffee: 10.30-11.00
Session 6: 11.00-12.30

**Panel 15: Capitalism, Commemoration, Christianity, and Crises (LG.08 DHT)**

Stephanie Lawton (PhD Student, University of Virginia)
*Profit-Seeking, Classicism, and the Tomb of Ulysses S. Grant.*

Christophe Nitschke (DPhil Student, University of Oxford)
*Boom and Bust Diplomacy: Making Financial Crises in the Gilded Age.*

Andrew Short (PhD Student, University College London)
*‘Investments in the Kingdom of Christ’: Missionary Fundraising and Investor Capitalism in the Gilded Age.*

**Chair:** [Skye Montgomery (Durham University)]

**Panel 16: Scots, Irish, English: US/UK Connections in the Civil War Era (LG.09 DHT)**

Rebecca K. Shrum (IUPUI School of Liberal Arts)
*The Legacy of Scotsman George Donaldson (1811-1898) at Indiana’s Spring Mill State Park.*

Damien Shiels (PhD Student, Northumbria University)
*‘Half of them wont fight to free negroes nor fight with them’: Racism and Racial Otherness in Irish American Civil War Correspondence.*

Adam Burns (University of Wolverhampton)
*The Rise and Fall of Rugby Football in the Northeastern United States, c.1857-1890.*

**Chair:** TBC

Lunch: 12.30-1.30 (LTBC)

Conference Disperses

Abolitionist Walking Tour in the afternoon for anyone staying later or longer in Edinburgh: 2.00-4.00 (Meet At: TBC)