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Nicolson Street (A7) on right half of this map becomes South Bridge & is toward Waverley Station if you go past & keep 41 on your left. Reverse if coming from station (escalator to Princes Street exit; turn right; turn right again past hotel) obviously. Walk down South Bridge, dodge tourists, go past Chambers Street (on right), past Old College (on right) and either left (for Lister) or right (for George Square and David Hume Tower).

40: Lister Learning and Teaching Centre (Registration and Friday Sessions): also see larger map next.

41: Playfair Library (in Old College): Parish Lecture.

27 & 28: David Hume Tower and DHT Lecture Theatres: sessions in Lower Ground Floor (down steps, which you cannot miss: facing three lecture theatres (28) they are to your right, down into 24: Buccleuch Place): Saturday and Sunday sessions and BrANCH Keynote (DHTLTC).
Lister Learning and Teaching Centre in Yellow.
**RED:** Howies, Friday Evening (8.30pm): starting cross is Old College/Playfair Library. Basically, as for instructions to and from Waverley Station (above). Along Nicolson Street that becomes South Bridge; over South Bridge to bottom; turn right at bottom into Waterloo Place; Howie’s is on left-hand side of road if looking up at monument.

**BLUE:** Royal Scots Club, Saturday Evening (7.45pm)

This is a different route, although you can get there by following above and turning left at bottom. Easier to go along Forest Row (opposite top of Meadows; toward Greyfriar’s Bobby Statue (small dog)); across George IV Bridge towards Bank of Scotland on Mound (crossing High Street/Royal Mile, David Hume Statue on right); down Mound; cross Princes Street; along Hanover Street (you are headed for a statue that advises ‘George Visited Scotland’); keep going (downhill): Hanover becomes Queen Street Gardens East; on Heriot Row turn right; Open Eye Art Gallery on corner; it becomes Abercromby Place, and the RSC is there.
BrANCH2019 Conference

Friday 11th October

Registration: 3.00-4.00pm: Lister 3.2 (5 Roxburgh Place, EH8 9SU)

For nearby coffee shops (there are many on South Bridge if you walk up from Waverley Station) see: http://edinburghcoffeelovers.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html

Session 1: 4.00-5.30pm

Panel 1: Conflict and Authority in the Civil War-Era South (Lister 3.3)

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: Kate Masur (Northwestern University)

Panel 2: American Reformers and Transatlantic Imperialism in the Late-Nineteenth Century (Lister 4.3)

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

Introduction: Bruce Baker (Newcastle University)

Reception: (Playfair Library): 7.00-8.00pm

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

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: Leigh Fought (Le Moyne College)

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 (Trinity School, NYC)
Neither Seen nor Heard: The Early African American Press and Advice on Female Behavior in the Transition from Slavery to Relative Freedom.
Susan Stanfield (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:** 1.00-2.30 (LG.09 DHT)

**Session 3:** 3.00-4.30

**Roundtable:** *Teaching American Nineteenth-Century History in Schools (LG.11 DHT)*

Participants: Elizabeth Clapp (University of Leicester); Tim Lockley (University of Warwick); Susan-Mary Grant (Newcastle University); Katie Hunter (St Thomas Aquinas); Kirsten Donaldson (Larkhall Academy); David Silkenat (University of Edinburgh); Robert Cook (University of Sussex).

**Panel 6:** *Touching from a Distance: Images, Ideas and the Cultural Imaginary in the Civil War Era (LG.09 DHT)*

David Cox (University of Southampton)

‘Voodooism, 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)


**Chair:** Fabian Hilfrich (University of Edinburgh)

**Panel 7:** *Different Perspectives on the Diplomacy of the New Nation (LG.08 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 (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

4.30-5.00: Coffee Break
Session 4: 5.00-6.30

Panel 8: 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 9: 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 10: Words, Words, Words: The Rhetoric of War and its Aftermath. (LG.09 DHT)

Lesley J. Gordon (University of Alabama)
*Martial Rhetoric and the ‘Seduction of War.’*
David Moltke-Hansen (Independent 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)

Walk to Royal Scots Club:

Reception 7.15pm
Dinner 8.00pm
Sunday 13 October (David Hume Tower)

Session 5: 9.00-10.30am

Panel 11: 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)

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 12: 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: Susan-Mary Grant (Newcastle University)

Panel 13: 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 14: 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 15: 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:** Iain Flood (Newcastle University).

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)