



Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy

University of Missouri

Call for Participants: **Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History 2016-17**

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Now moving into its third year, the Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History (MRSEAH) is pleased to announce that meetings of the seminar will be held on the following Fridays in 2016 and 2017: October 7, 2016 (Columbia, MO), November 4, 2016 (St. Louis), February 17, 2017 (St. Louis), and April 21, 2017 (Columbia). There is also the possibility of a special event in Kansas City during the summer of 2017. Sponsored by the University of Missouri's Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, the MRSEAH allows scholars working on topics related to American history before 1900 to exchange ideas and share their current research with colleagues from around the Midwest in a serious but convivial setting. In keeping with the Kinder Institute's mission, scholars interested in the political development and the history of political thought in the United States, its antecedent territories, and imperial affiliates are particularly encouraged to participate, but all historical scholars in any related field are welcome. Presenters are invited from everywhere, but most of the MRSEAH's regular participants are faculty and graduate students in history, political science, and English departments in the greater St. Louis region, stretching from mid-Missouri to south-central Illinois, with occasional attendees from adjacent regions including western Missouri, eastern Kansas, southern Iowa, and northern Arkansas.

Meetings of the MRSEAH follow a workshop format, with presenters pre-circulating papers or book manuscript chapters at least two weeks in advance of the scheduled seminar date. After brief remarks and a lively discussion led by an appointed interlocutor, a meal will be provided for all participants. To maintain the intimacy of the setting, seating is limited to 20 for each meeting. We will send an invitation out prior to each seminar meeting, and we ask interested parties to RSVP to secure a seat. Travel funds, including overnight accommodations, will be available for all scholars invited to present, and the interlocutor of each session will receive a small honorarium.

As of end-of-summer 2016, two books discussed in manuscript at the MRSEAH will have already been published: *The Fate of the Revolution: Virginians Debate the Constitution* (Johns Hopkins University Press, March 2016), by Prof. Lorri Glover of St. Louis University, and *Our Sister Republics: The United States in an Age of American Revolutions* (Liveright, July 2016), by Prof. Caitlin Fitz of Northwestern University.

The MRSEAH is currently inviting submissions for presenters at our 2016-17 meetings. We welcome work on all aspects of early American history, broadly defined to extend throughout the Americas geographically and forward in time through the 19th century, and we are especially eager for submissions relating to political development, political thought, constitutionalism, and democratization. To apply, please send a 500-word abstract of your proposed paper, article, or chapter, along with a brief CV, to **KaneTC@missouri.edu**, using “Regional Seminar” somewhere in your subject line. Review of submissions will begin July 11, 2016, and the selection process will continue on a rolling basis until all four seminars have been filled.

The Kinder Institute also hosts a colloquium series in Columbia that can accommodate verbal presentations or pre-circulated papers. All MRSEAH submissions automatically will be considered for the colloquium series, and scholars of any level who are interested in presenting their work at the Kinder Institute or serving as an interlocutor at a MRSEAH meeting should contact us at the address below.

Please direct all questions regarding submissions to the MRSEAH to Dr. Thomas Kane, at KaneTC@missouri.edu; or Prof. Jeff Pasley, at PasleyJ@missouri.edu or 573-529-3163.