A Fire Bell in the Past: The Missouri Crisis at 200
February 15-16, 2019

All events held at the Palmer Room, Reynolds Journalism Institute (401 S 9th St.), 1st floor, unless otherwise noted.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Panel 1, 8:30-10:15am: The Origins of the Missouri Crisis
CHAIR: Jay Sexton (MU/Kinder Institute & History)

WELCOME: Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe (State of Missouri)

- Bobby Lee (Harvard University), “The Boon’s Lick Land Rush and the Coming of the Missouri Crisis”
- Diane Mutti-Burke (UMKC), “Jefferson’s Fire-Bell: Slavery in the American Borderlands”
- James Gigantino (University of Arkansas), “The First Compromise: Slavery and the Arkansas Territory, 1819”

Panel 2, 10:30am-12:15pm: The North vs. Missouri: The Emergence of Antislavery Politics
CHAIR: Ken Owen (University of Illinois-Springfield)

- Asaf Almog (University of Virginia), “New England and the Missouri Crisis: The Shifting Boundaries of Compromise”
- Sarah L.H. Gronningsater (University of Pennsylvania), “The New Yorkers? What Were They Thinking? The Origins of the Tallmadge Amendment”
- Matthew White (Ohio State), “‘Under the Influence of the Excitement Then Universal’: Pennsylvania’s Missouri Crisis and the Viability of Anti-Slavery Politics”

12:30-1:30pm: LUNCH TALK

- David Waldstreicher (City University of New York), “How John Quincy Adams Shaped the Missouri Crisis and How the Missouri Crisis Shaped John Quincy Adams”
Panel 3, 1:45-3:15pm: Founders and Sons
CHAIR: Lorri Glover (Saint Louis University)
- David Gellman (DePauw University), “Sharing the Flame: John Jay, Missouri, and Memory”
- Gary Sellick (Papers of Thomas Jefferson), “Like Quarrelling Lovers, to Renewed Embraces: The Sage of Monticello and the Missouri Compromise”
- Samuel Postell (University of Dallas), “The Political Education of Henry Clay”

Panel 4, 3:30-5pm: Before Dred Scott: Practicing and Debating Black Citizenship
CHAIR: Dave Dunkley (MU/Black Studies & History)
- Anne Twitty (University of Mississippi), “Litigating Freedom During the Missouri Crisis”
- Mark Carroll (MU/History), “The Second Missouri Compromise and Free Black Struggle Against Constitutional Exclusion in St. Louis, 1829-1861”

5:30-7pm, Reynolds Alumni Center, Conley Ave.
RECEPTION, sponsored by the Missouri Humanities Council

7pm, Reynolds Alumni Center, Conley Ave.
COMMUNITY DINNER & PUBLIC LECTURE
- Stephen Aron (UCLA), “The End of the Beginning and the Beginning of the End in the Middle: Putting the Crisis over Missouri Statehood in Its Historical Place”

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Panel 5, 8:30-10am: The Slaveholders Respond
CHAIR: W. Stephen Belko (Missouri Humanities Council)
- John Van Atta (Brunswick School), “At War with Equal Rights: The Missouri Crisis in Southern Eyes”
- Christa Dierksheide (MU/Kinder Institute & History), “Slavery, Diffusion, and State Formation in the Era of the Missouri Crisis”
- Lawrence Celani (University of Missouri), “Missouri and the Afterlife of Slavery in Illinois”

Panel 6, 10:15am-12pm: The Missouri Crisis in a Wider World
CHAIR: Alyssa Zuercher Reichardt (MU/Kinder Institute & History)
- Tangi Villerbu (University of La Rochelle), “Ste Genevieve in 1820: An Atlantic History”
Panel 7, 1-2:30pm: Cultural Conflicts and Compromises
CHAIR: Lily Santoro (Southeast Missouri State University)

- Lucas Volkman (Moberly Area Community College), “Geography of Contention: The Missouri Crisis and the Frontier Dynamics of Religious Strife”

Panel 8, 2:45-4:15pm: The Missouri Controversy and Constitutional Democracy
CHAIR: Jonathan Gienapp (Stanford University)

- Aaron Hall (University of California-Berkeley), “The Missouri Crisis of Constitutional Authority”
- Chris Childers (Pittsburg State University), “The Missouri Crisis and the Uncontested Reelection of James Monroe”

Panel 9, 4:30-6pm: The Long Shadow of the Missouri Crisis
CHAIR: Robert Pierce Forbes (Southern Connecticut State University)

- Nicholas Wood (Spring Hill College), “Doughface: The Origins and Political Legacy of an Antebellum Political Insult”
- Ron Hatzenbuehler (Idaho State University), “Lincoln’s Rubicon: Congress’s Repeal of the Missouri Compromise”
- Zach Dowdle (State Historical Society of Missouri & MU/History), “‘For a Few Thousand Slaves…the Whole Continent Shook’: Border State Free-soil Politics and the Long Shadow of the Missouri Compromise”

Panel 10, 7:30-9pm: Closing Roundtable, Kinder Institute Seminar Room, 410 Jesse Hall
CHAIR: Gary Kremer (State Historical Society of Missouri)

- Jeffrey L. Pasley (MU/Kinder Institute & History)
- Matthew Mason (Brigham Young University)
- John Craig Hammond (Pennsylvania State University)