



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, 3:30-5:00: The Missouri Crisis in a Wider World

CHAIR: Alyssa Zuercher Reichardt (MU/Kinder Institute & History)

- Peter Kastor (Washington University), “The Multinational History of Missouri Statehood and the Re-imagining of North American Polities”
- Tangi Villerbu (University of La Rochelle), “Ste Genevieve in 1820: An Atlantic History”
- Martin Öhman (University of Gothenburg), “‘An Era of a Systematic Contest: Friends of Industry, International Competition, and the Missouri Question’”

5:30-7pm, Reynolds Alumni Center, Conley Ave.

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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, 9-10:15am: 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”
- Andy Lang (City University of New York), “A Second Compromise? Antislavery Politics and the Black Citizenship Debate in the Missouri Crisis”

Panel 6, 10:30am-12pm: 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”

LUNCH BREAK

Panel 7, 1-2:30pm: Cultural Conflicts and Compromises

CHAIR: Lily Santoro (Southeast Missouri State University)

- Edward Green (MU/Kinder Institute & History), “The Shadow of the British: Western Frontier Diplomacy in the Era of the Missouri Crisis”
- Lucas Volkman (Moberly Area Community College), “Geography of Contention: The Missouri Crisis and the Frontier Dynamics of Religious Strife”
- Samuel Cohen (MU/English), “Manuscripts, Mysteries, & Mulattoes: *Clotel*, *Puddn’head Wilson*, and the Exclusion Clause of 1820”

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”
- Jason Duncan (Aquinas College), “Southern Influence and African Slavery: Martin Van Buren, Party Building, and the Legacy of the Missouri Crisis, 1819-1836”

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)