



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History, 2021-2022 *democracy.missouri.edu/scholarship/mrseah*

The Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History (MRSEAH) invites applications for presenters at their 2021-22 meetings. Sponsored by the University of Missouri's Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, the MRSEAH provides scholars working on topics related to American history before 1900 with an opportunity to share research-in-progress with colleagues from around the Midwest. We welcome work on all aspects of early American history, broadly defined Missouri-style to extend geographically throughout the Americas and the Atlantic World, and chronologically from pre-colonial times forward through the 19th century.

Drawing its core members from faculty, graduate students and public historians of the greater St. Louis area and the Missouri River Valley, the MRSEAH meets two times a semester: in normal times, once each in St Louis at a bar or restaurant and in Columbia at the Kinder Institute itself. A summer meeting in the Kansas City area is also being considered.

The meetings follow a workshop format, with presenters circulating a manuscript-in-progress (article- or chapter-length) a few weeks in advance of the seminar date. The seminar itself begins with an "interlocutor" (usually a seminar regular) delivering an informal comment on the manuscript, then helping lead a discussion with all attendees. Presenters have their travel expenses paid and both the presenter and the "interlocutor" receive a modest honorarium. If possible, a meal is also provided. While the seminars have been held via Zoom over the past year, we hope to be back in person this September, with Zoom as a back-up.

We have held 28 MRSEAH meetings since its inaugural event in 2014, building a reputation as one of the most constructive and convivial such history seminars in the country. Works-in-progress that have been presented at the MRSEAH have subsequently appeared as chapters in a number of prominent books, and as articles in many journals, including in *The William and Mary Quarterly*, *Slavery and Abolition*, *Modern Intellectual History*, and *The Journal of the Early Republic*.

To apply, please e-mail a 500-word abstract of your proposed paper, along with a brief CV, to Thomas Kane at KaneTC@missouri.edu. Contact Jeff Pasley, Kinder Institute Associate Director, at PasleyJ@missouri.edu if you have any questions. Submissions will be reviewed beginning June 15 and will be accepted until presenters for all sessions have been found.

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