

ATLANTIC HISTORIES  
AMERICA  
in  
19th Century Atlantic Context

BRANCH CONFERENCE

APRIL 7-9, 2022 UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI



**M.A. in Atlantic History & Politics**

This year's conference theme marks the inauguration of a new one-year M.A. in Atlantic History and Politics through the Kinder Institute and the College of Arts & Science at the University of Missouri. The M.A. kicks off each July with a nine-credit hour study abroad session in Oxford, England. Students will then spend the academic year at the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy at the University of Missouri, where they will immerse themselves in the interdisciplinary study of history and political science. Credit hours are available for internship opportunities in research, public history, and academic programming.

The M.A.'s curriculum examines the connections and conflicts among the diverse peoples of the Atlantic basin, including the Americas, Africa, and Europe. The courses that students can apply to the degree likewise cover a broad sweep of time, from the dawn of European empires through the age of revolutions, into the more recent "American century." The program situates the development of modern nation-states, including the United States, in relation to the broader exchange of ideas, goods, and power across the Atlantic world.

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THURSDAY APRIL 7

## Panel 1: Diplomacy and Political Movements in the Atlantic World

2:00-3:30 PM, Jesse Hall

Mark Power Smith (Mansfield College, University of Oxford)

“Conservatism and the Crisis of Household Politics before the Civil War”

Louis Reed-Wood (PhD, University of Toronto)

“‘The Creation of Sound Public Opinion’: The Union League of Philadelphia and Nationalist Propaganda in 1860s America”

Liana Beatrice Valerio (University of Warwick)

“The Canniness of Professed Fear, Loyalty, and Anti-Annexationist Sentiment Among the Slaveholding Elite of Mid-Nineteenth Century Cuba”

Gareth Hallett Davis (Swansea University)

“Whose ‘Special Relationship’? The Treaty of Washington and the North Atlantic Triangle, 1871-2”

Chair: TBD

## Panel 2: Navigating Gender and Family Relationships in the Nineteenth-Century US

3:45-5:15 PM, Jesse Hall 410

Aisha Djelid (PhD, University of Reading)

“‘[He] decided he wanted her for his woman’: Intimate Relationships and Forced Reproduction in the Antebellum South”

Jasmin Bath (PhD, University of Cambridge)

“(In)dependent Mother? (In)dependence and Poor Single Mothers in Antebellum New York City”

Katherine Burns (PhD, University of Edinburgh)

“‘All these are my people’: African American Histories in ‘Information Wanted’ Advertisements, 1880-1900”

Riley Sutherland (MA, University of South Carolina)

“Memory on Trial: Revolutionary Army Women and the Camp Follower Myth, 1793-1854”

Chair: Anne Twitty (University of Mississippi)

Dinner, 5:15-7:00 PM

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In association with the Department of Women’s & Gender Studies, University of Missouri

7:00 PM, Cook Hall, State Historical Society of Missouri

Sarah Knott (Indiana University)

“Thinking about ‘Care’ from the Age of Covid”

FRIDAY APRIL 8

## Panel 3: Atlanticizing Politics in the Early Republic

9:00-10:30 AM, 410 Jesse

Craig Bruce Smith (US Army School of Advanced Military Studies)

“Plain Names Worthy of Titles: George Washington and the American Founders Through British Eyes”

Jessica Johnson (PhD, University of Missouri, Columbia)

“‘Will Foreigners Concede This High Character to Us?’: National Reputation and the American Transatlantic Slave Trade in 1804”

Max Edling (King’s College London)

“‘The Revolution of 1800’ Revisited: An Analysis of Patterns of Congressional Legislation”

Adam Smith (Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford)

“‘Splitting Hairs and Skulls’: Oliver Cromwell and the Puritan Tradition in Civil War America”

Chair: Erin Holmes (University of Missouri, Columbia)

## Panel 4: Somerset v. Stewart at 200: A Round Table on Controversy, Opportunity, and Legacy

10:45 AM-12:15 PM, 410 Jesse

Trevor Burnard (University of Hull)

Kirsten Sword (Indiana University)

David Waldstreicher (The Graduate Center, City University of New York)

Moderator: Matthew Mason (Brigham Young University)

Lunch 12:15-12:45 PM

Optional Walking Tour of University of Missouri

12:45-1:45 PM

## Special Lunchtime Session

Demystifying the Journal Process with the Editors of ANCH

12:45-1:45 PM, Read Hall

Natalie Zacek (University of Manchester)

Matthew Mason (Brigham Young University)

Billy Coleman (University of Missouri, Columbia)

## Panel 5: Music and Performance in the Nineteenth Century US

2:00-3:30 PM, Jesse Hall 410

Candace Bailey (North Carolina Central University)

“Black Women and the Cultural Performance of Music in Mid-Nineteenth Century Natchez”

Katherine K. Preston (College of William & Mary)

“Singers and Managers: Women and the Operatic Stage in Nineteenth-Century America”

Natalie Dollison (University of Minnesota, Twin Cities)

“Emancipation and Indigenization: The Performances of the Twenty-Fifth Regiment Band, 1882-1897”

Chair: Billy Coleman (University of Missouri, Columbia)

## Panel 6: Constitutional Creations, Constitutional Crises: Government in the Long Nineteenth Century

3:45-5:15 PM, 410 Jesse

Paul Kerry (Brigham Young University)

“George Bancroft’s History of the Formation of the Constitution of the United States of America and the Role of Providence”

Silvana Siddali (Saint Louis University)

“American State Constitutions in a Transatlantic World”

Kenneth Owen (University of Illinois, Springfield)

“Early American Secession as a Force for Union”

Brooks Swett (PhD, Columbia University)

“The Reconstruction of Federalism: Foreign Submarine Telegraph Cables and American Law, 1868-1878”

Chair: Robert Smale (University of Missouri, Columbia)

## Party at Jay Sexton’s House: 112 W. Brandon Rd,

6:00-8:00pm

with special toasts from distinguished guests

SATURDAY APRIL 9

## Panel 7: From the Bottom Up: Social Histories of Violence & Resistance in the Nineteenth Century

9:30-11:00 AM, Jesse Hall 410

Erin Shearer (PhD, University of Reading)

“‘She Chopped Him to a Bloody Death’: Enslaved Women, Weaponization, and Violence in the U.S. Antebellum South”

Bill Smith (PhD, University of Reading)

“‘If we push our horses we can cross into Mexico’: Borderland Fugitivity and the Nonhuman Animal Geography of Self Emancipation”

Edward P. Green (PhD, Pennsylvania State University)

“Contested Loyalties: Towards a Social History of the U.S. Civil War in the Choctaw Nation”

Iain Flood (PhD, Newcastle University)

“‘I vowed to slay twenty-five rebels before I cut my hair’: Emotional Styles, Revenge, and Violence in Civil War Missouri”

Chair: Daive Dunkley (University of Missouri, Columbia)

## Panel 8: The Politics of Slavery in and Beyond the United States

11:15 AM-12:45 PM, Jesse Hall 410

Skye Montgomery (University of Durham)

“‘Shine as lights in a dark place’: Race and Empire in the Protestant Episcopal Church China Mission”

Daniel Peart (Queen Mary University of London)

“Slave Power? The Role of the Speaker of the House in the Missouri Crisis, 1819-1821”

David Sim (University College London)

“‘Born a Slaveholder’: Slavery and Emancipation in the Seward Household”

David Brown (University of Manchester)

“The Black Abolitionist Mission to the British Isles during the Civil War”

Chair: Jeffrey Pasley (University of Missouri, Columbia)

Lunch, 12:45-1:30 PM

## Panel 9: Reform and Social Politics in the Long Nineteenth Century

1:30-2:45 PM, Jesse Hall 410

Marc-William Palen (University of Exeter)

“America’s Forgotten Free-Trade Socialists, c. 1846-1946”

Catriona Byers (PhD, King’s College London)

“Death Across the Pond: Managing the Unclaimed Dead at the Nineteenth-Century Morgues of Paris and New York”

Michael Limmer (PhD, University of Missouri, Columbia)

“The Transatlantic Outgrowths of Settlement Homes, 1884-1920”

Chair: TBD

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3:00 PM, Cook Hall, State Historical Society of Missouri

Richard Carwardine (Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford)

“Religious Nationalists in the Age of Lincoln”

Hog Roast on banks of Missouri River to follow

Keynote Address

with ceremonial carving of the hog by Prof. RJM

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