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Paris, France, December 8-10, 2016

Conference Programme

Thursday December 8, 2016
Université Paris Diderot
Halle aux farines (Hall F)
10 rue Françoise Dolto, 75013 Paris

8.30 a.m.-2.15 p.m. – Registration

9 a.m.-10.45 a.m. – First morning session

Salles des Thèses (580F)
Circulations of Transatlantic Science
Chair: Irmina Wawrzyczek, Maria Curie-Sklodowska University, Lublin
• Kristen Block (The University of Tennessee-Knoxville), Water, Fluidity, and the Permeable Body: Creole Medical Dialogues in the Early Caribbean
• Juliane Braun (Universität Bonn, Germany), Imperial circuits of scientific knowledge: Pacific Exploration, Atlantic Slavery, and the Transplantation of the Breadfruit Tree
• Alice Marples (King's College London), The Mobility of Scholarly, Commercial and Colonial Knowledge in Atlantic Botanical Networks

Room 574F
Empires at the margins
Chair: Andrew O'Shaughnessy, International Jefferson Studies Center, Monticello
• James Dator (Goucher College), Imperial Indifference and Islander Culture in the Leeward Archipelago, c. 1650-1750
• Garrett Fontenot (University of Notre Dame), French Louisiana’s 1768 Revolt Against the Spanish Empire
• Csaba Lévai (Debrecen University), Peoples, Commodities, and Culture in Negotiations Between the United States and the Habsburg Empire in the 1780s
• Samantha Seeley (University of Richmond), Managing Mobility and Making States in the Post-Revolutionary Northwest Territory

10.45 a.m.- 11.15 a.m. – Coffee break
11.15 a.m.-1 p.m. – Second morning session

**Salle des Thèses (580F)**
Circulations of racialized science
Chair: Will Slauter, Université Paris Diderot
- Susan Branson (Syracuse University), *Phrenology and the Science of Race in Early America*
- Marcel Hartwig, (Universität Siegen, Germany), *A Web of Friends: Transnational Quaker Networks and the Pennsylvania Medical Library*
- Tim Lockley (University of Warwick), *Medicine, Race and the recruitment of slaves to serve in the British West India Regiments in the 1790s*

**Room 574F**
Circulations of Transatlantic religion
Chair: Susanne Lachenicht, Universität Bayreuth
- Lucia Bergamasco (Université d’Orléans), *Transatlantic Evangelical Connections during the Second Great Awakening*
- Christine Croxall (Washington University, St. Louis), *Church and State Entwined in the Mississippi River Valley: Native Spaces, Catholic Missions, and the Chimera of Civilization in the Early Nineteenth Century*
- Carla Gardina Pestana (UCLA), *The Early Quakers, Religious Dispersion and Managing Mobility in the 17th century Atlantic*

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2.15 p.m.-4 p.m. – Afternoon session

**Salle des Thèses (580F)**
The economics of empire
Chair: Pierre Gervais, Université Paris 3-Sorbonne Nouvelle
- Cynthia Bouton (Texas A&M University), *Flour for pesos: the geopolitics and economics of provisioning the Leclerc Expedition to suppress the Revolution in Saint Domingue, 1801-1803*
- Ben Marsh (University of Kent), ‘Un Objet Considerable’: *French Silk Schemes, Models, and Problems in America, c.1680-1740*
- Simon Middleton (University of Sheffield), *Geopolitics, Colonial Sovereignty, and the Circulation of Paper Money in Early-Eighteenth Century New York*
- Michael Zakim (Tel Aviv University), *Importing the World’s Fair: New York’s Crystal Palace, 1853*

**Room 574F**
Culture at the margins
Chair: Maurizio Valsania, Università degli studi di Torino
- Wayne K. Bodle (Indiana University of Pennsylvania), *Ohíopiomingo, A ‘Real Enough’ Settlement on the Ohio Valley Frontier in the Revolutionary Atlantic World*
- Diane Boucher (Clark University), *Balancing Community, Opportunity, and Authority: Negotiating Power in Late Eighteenth-Century Colonial East Florida*
- Lorelle Semley (College of the Holy Cross), *Refuge and Redemption in a Nineteenth-Century Black Bordeaux*
4 p.m.-5 p.m. – Break

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5 p.m.-6.15 p.m. Keynote lecture
Chair: Irmina Wawrzyczek, President of EEASA
• Ada Ferrer, New York University: “Havana in a World of War, Revolution, and Empire.”

6.15 p.m.-8 p.m. – Reception

Friday December 9, 2016
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9 a.m.-10.45 a.m. – First morning session

Salle des Thèses (580F)
Local politics at Empire’s margins
Chair: Lauric Henneton, Université de Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines
• Gayle K. Brunelle (California State University, Fullerton), Parisian Knowledge versus Local Knowledge in French Guiana: The Case of the Compagnie de la Terre Ferme de l’Amérique, ou la France Equinoctiale, 1651-1655
• Elizabeth Heijmans (Leiden University), French expansionism and Inter-Imperial Relations in the African Port City of Ouidah (Bight of Benin) during the first half of the 18th century
• Donald Johnson (North Dakota State University), Negotiating Space and Power in North American Port Cities at the End of the Revolutionary War
• Alexander Ponsen (University of Pennsylvania), Beyond Cores, Peripheries and Polycentricity: The Diffusion of Sovereignty in Paraguay and São Vicente, 1600-1750

Room 574 F
Circulating gender
Chair: Manuel Covo, University of California, Santa Barbara
• Debra Burnett (University of Glasgow), The Transgressors and Tawdry: The Transportation of Women Convicts to the British Colonies During the Eighteenth Century
• Leopold Lippert (Universität Salzburg), Transatlantic Bodies of Representation in Robert Hunter’s Androboros (1715)
• Nancy Christie (University of Western Ontario) and Michael Gauvreau (McMaster University, Canada), Contested Spaces of Law and Economy: Gendered Power within Merchant Networks in Quebec, 1760-1820
Room 575 F
"Race", Revolutions, and mobility
Chair: Claire Bourhis-Mariotti, Université Paris 8-Vincennes St Denis
- Andy Cabot (Université Paris Diderot), « Au milieu de ces désastres dont les suites se feront sentir longtemps »: Saint-Domingue and Atlantic diplomacy, 1791-1794
- Thierry Drapeau (University at Buffalo-SUNY), The “Western Wave” of 1848-49: Reconsidering the Underground Railroad in the Atlantic Age of Revolution
- Anna Mae Duane (University of Connecticut), Education, Colonization, and Black Futures in the Mid-Nineteenth Century
- John Pulis (Hofstra University), In the Belly of the Beast: George Liele, Moses Baker, and Black Loyalists in Jamaica

10.45 a.m.- 11.15 a.m. – Coffee break

11.15 a.m-1 p.m – Second morning session

Salle des Thèses (580F)
Mobile elites
Chair: Zbigniew Mazur, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin
- Elodie Peyrol Kleiber (Université de Poitiers), An Elite Maryland Colonist, Planter, and Minister: Circulating the Pro-Slavery Gospel of Thomas Bacon
- Valérie Capdeville (Université Paris 13), Circulating the British Club Model in the Atlantic World: Mapping Spaces and Networks of power in the Eighteenth century
- Carolyn Eastman (Virginia Commonwealth University), The Transatlantic Celebrity of “Mr O.” Oratory and the Structures of Reputation in Early Nineteenth-Century Britain and America

Room 574 F
Commercing
Chair: Allan Potofsky, Université Paris Diderot
- Randi Flaherty (University of Virginia School of Law), Constructing Commercial Geographies to Compete in the Atlantic World, Boston and Salem in the Eighteenth Century
- Daniel Maudlin (University of Plymouth), The Tavern: Mobility, Built Space and Cultural Power on the Western Frontier in the Late Eighteenth-Century.
- Julie Svalastog (Leiden University), The Merging of the British East and West India Trading Companies in the Mid-Seventeenth Century

Room 575 F
Imperial Controls
Chair: Emma Hart, University of St Andrews
- Elizabeth Clay (University of Pennsylvania), From Empire’s Margins: Clove and Cacao Production in French Guiana, 1802-1848
- Justin Roberts (Dalhousie University), A Swarm of People: Population Management and Migration Strategies in Barbados, 1645-1670
- Deborah Rosen (Lafayette College), Borders, Migrations, and Power in Southeastern North America and the Caribbean, 1700-1820
- Winter Rae Schneider (UCLA), La Dette de l’Indépendance: Property, Indemnity and Sovereignty in Post-Revolutionary Haiti

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2.15 p.m.-4 p.m. – Afternoon session

**Salle des Thèses (580F)**

**Perceptions of the Spaces of Others**

**Chair:** Joanne van der Woude, University of Groningen

- Iris De Rode (Université Paris 8-Vincennes St Denis), *The ‘networks of influence’ of the Marquis François Jean de Chastellux, General and Philosopher at the End of the Eighteenth Century*
- Carine Lounissi (Université de Rouen), *An Empire for Liberty: Space and Republicanism in French Writings on the United States in Pre-Revolutionary France*
- Yevan Terrien (University of Pittsburgh), *Runaways, Deserters, and Wood Runners: The Regulation of Spatial Mobility in French Louisiana (ca. 1700-1760)*

**Room 574 F**

**Work and empire**

**Chair:** Owen Stanwood, Boston College

- Anne-Claire Faucquez (Université Paris 8-Vincennes St Denis), *Bound labor in colonial New York: Degrees of unfreedom in the Atlantic World*
- Allison Madar (California State University, Chico), *Degrees of Unfreedom: Convict Servitude, Indentured Servitude, Slavery and the Law in Eighteenth-Century Virginia*
- Kristin O’Brassill-Kulfan (Rutgers University), *‘No other claim than his poverty:’ Vagrancy, Slavery, and the Forced Transportation of Paupers in the Early Republic Mid-Atlantic*

**Room 575 F**

**Circulating the sea**

**Chair:** Bertrand van Ruymbeke, Université Paris 8-Vincennes St Denis

- Chris Hodson (Brigham Young University), *Rumford’s Progress: Nutrition and Power in the Revolutionary Atlantic*
- Julia Mansfield (Stanford), *Antidote to Revolution: the Work of Quarantine in the Early United States*

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6.15 p.m.-8 p.m. – Reception
Saturday December 10, 2016
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5, rue de l’école de médecine, 75006 Paris

8.30 a.m.-9 a.m. – Registration

9 a.m.-10.45 a.m. – First morning session

*Grand Amphi*
Building imperial spaces
Chair: Max Edling, King’s College, London
- Arad Gigi (Florida State University), *Building Empires: Constructing forts, space, and state in Martinique, 1664-1756*
- Mary Draper (University of Virginia), *Creole Sensibilities, Metropolitan Oversight, and the Fortifications of the British Caribbean, c. 1650-1730*
- Jared Hardesty (Western Washington University), *Builders of Empire: European Master Craftsmen and the Making of the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World*
- Benjamin Fagan (Auburn University), *Bounded Revolution: Geographies and Spaces of Black Resistance in John Gabriel Stedman’s Surinam*

*Petit Amphi*
Refrusing Enslavement
Chair: Marie-Jeanne Rossignol, Université Paris Diderot
- Marisa Fuentes (Rutgers-State University of New Jersey), *The History of “Refuse Slaves” and the Spatialization of Death in Atlantic Port Cities in the Late Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*
- Greg O’Malley (University of California, Santa Cruz), *The Escapes of David George: Using Flight to Negotiate Ameliorations Under Slavery in Colonial British America*
- Terri L. Snyder (California State University, Fullerton), *Slavery, Antislavery, and Mobility in Early National District of Columbia: A Biographical Perspective*
- Randy Sparks (Tulane) *The Micro-Diplomacy of the Illegal Slave Trade: The Case of William Houston*

*Room 33*
Narratives of Others
Chair: Oliver Scheiding, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
- Monica Domínguez Torres (University of Delaware), *Of Looted Treasures and Stolen Images: Depictions of the Pearl Trade in the Spanish Atlantic*
- Edward Larkin (University of Delaware), *Early American Imperial Temporalities*
- Bethel Saler (Haverford College), “This damn’d Barbary business”: Islamic North African Regencies and the Fantastical Project of the Early American Republic
- Lydia ten Brummelhuis (University of Groningen), *James Grainger’s The Sugar-Cane (1764) and Agricultural Warfare in Early America*

*Room 12*
Circulating politics
Chair: Evelyne Payen, Université Paris 3-Sorbonne Nouvelle
- Astrid Fellner (Universität des Saarlandes), *Woman Defamed and Woman Defended: The Mobility of the Querelle des Femmes in the Atlantic World*
- John Funchion (University of Miami), *Radical Correspondences: Transatlantic Writing against the Law in London, Paris, and the United States in the Late Eighteenth Century*
- Steven Sarson (Université Jean Moulin-Lyon 3), “To resume their original liberty”: The Glorious Revolution and the Contested Sources of Sovereignty and Power in the Anglo-Atlantic World, 1689-1776
- Allison Stagg (John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Freie Universität), *The Movement of Visual Satire: a case study on the circulation of popular political caricatures in the early Republic*
10.45 a.m.- 11.15 a.m. – Coffee break

11.15 a.m.-1 p.m. – Second morning session

**Grand Amphi**

**Power and Empire**

Chair: Trevor Burnard, University of Melbourne

- Alyssa Reichardt (Yale), *The Limits of Empire: French and British Geographic Knowledge and Proposals for a North American Neutral Zone, 1754-1756*
- Eliga Gould (University of New Hampshire), *War in a Time of Peace: European Treaty-Making and the Scramble for America, 1713-1763*
- Patrick Griffin (University of Notre Dame), *Painting Empire: British Provincials and Imagining Empire after 1763*
- Peter Thompson (Oxford), *Empires of Liberty, Empires of Power in Haiti and the United States*

**Petit Amphi**

**Native agencies**

Chair: Daniel K. Richter, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania

- Heather Kopelson (University of Alabama), *Circulating Incomprehension: Sights and Sounds of Wondrous Bodies in Early Modern European Accounts of the Americas*
- Augustin Habran (Université Paris Diderot), *The Antebellum Indian Territory: A Southern Native “colony” in the West? (1830-1850)*
- Kristofer Ray (Dartmouth College), *Cherokees, Indigenous Mobility, and the British Empire in the Ohio Valley, 1715-1774*
- Bryan Rindfleisch (Marquette University), “The Owner of the Town Ground”: Escotchaby of Coweta and the Politics of Intimacy in the Native South, Imperial America, and the Atlantic World, 1740-1780

**Room 33**

**Religions in flux**

Chair: Auréliane Narvaez, Université Paris 4-Paris Sorbonne

- Isabelle Sicard (Université Paris Diderot), *Religious Disestablishment in Massachusetts: Overcoming Boston’s Denominational Hegemony in the Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Century.*
- Thomas Richards (McNeil Center/Temple University), *Reincarnating the Atlantic World: New England Merchants and Missionaries on the Pacific, 1820-1846*
- Sharon E. Wood (University of Nebraska at Omaha), *Mobility, Claims-Making, and Brotherhood: A Family Across the Color Line in the Early Nineteenth Century United States*

1 p.m. – End of Conference
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