

First Annual MCEAS Undergraduate Research Workshop
Conference Program
Saturday, April 25, 2009
McNeil Center, University of Pennsylvania

9:00-10:00: Session 1: Trade and Piracy in the Atlantic World

Brandon Copeland, Rider University
“The First Barbary War: A Controversial Peace”

Keith Pluymers, University of Delaware
“Pirates, Profits & Progress in 17th-Century Munster, Ireland”

Comment: Justin Pope and Emily Pawley, MCEAS

10:15-11:30: Session 2: Interactions and Perceptions

Kevin Konrad, Stockton College
“Native American Imagery in Nineteenth-Century Portraits and Western Films”

Christina Smith, Bryn Mawr College
“The Haitian Revolution in Philadelphia Newspapers 1789-1804”

Peter Ward, SUNY Stony Brook
“Herman Melville and the Organization of Mankind”

Comment: Laura Keenan Spero, Jason Sharples, and Sarah Dennis, MCEAS

11:45-1:00: Session 3: Religion in Early America

Sarah DePaolo, Johns Hopkins University
“The Fight for the ‘Jew Bill’: the struggle for religious civil liberties for Jews in Maryland from 1797 to 1826”

Rachel Laufer, University of Delaware
“America’s First Female Foreign Missionary: Ann Judson in Burma”

Rebecca Scharf, Stockton College
“The Historical Controversy of Thomas Jefferson and the Unitarian Religion”

Comment: Jeff Edwards, Shona Johnston, and Marie Basile McDaniels, MCEAS