

“Land and Water: Port Towns, maritime connections, and oceanic spaces of the early modern Atlantic World.” The British Group for Early American History Annual Conference, Portsmouth, 2017.

Thursday, 31 August

- 11:00 – 11:30 Registration (Dennis Sciama Building)
Tea & Coffee
- 11:30 – 1:00 **Panel 1: Envisioning New Worlds**
- Emily Mann, University of Kent: Land and Water
- Sharon Higby, University of Tuebingen: From Port to Sea: A Poetical Reevaluation of Civic Safety
- Katrina Maydom, University of Cambridge: Commodifying the Commonwealth: Nature and Politics in Virginia after the English Civil Wars
- 1:00 – 1:30 *Lunch*
- 1:30 – 3:00 **Panel 2: Port Town Economies**
- Philip Abraham, King's College London: The Port Jews of Bridgetown: Mercantilism and Toleration in England's Early Atlantic Empire, c. 1655-1689
- Katherine Smoak, Johns Hopkins University: “Frequent Excursions to Philadelphia and New York upon the business of exchanging counterfeit money”: Mobility, Port Cities, and the Geography of Eighteenth-Century Informal Economies
- Simon Middleton, University of Sheffield: The "manie and great inconveniences which do dayly arise by dealing for monie": commodity money and the establishment of colonial monies of account.
- Chair: Michael Limberger, University of Ghent
- 3:00 - 3:30 *Tea & Coffee*
- 3:30 - 5:00 **Panel 3: Port Town Governance & the State**
- Simeon A. Simeoneov, Brown University: The Capillaries of the Nation State: New England Consuls and the Problem of the National Body in the East Indies Trade (1786-1812)
- Johan Joor, Huygens Institute: Dutch North Sea Fishery in Times of Trouble and Turmoil

Baptiste Bonnefoy, CRH: EHESS: Urban Unrest in the Spanish Monarchy: The Threat of Insurrection in the Caribbean Ports of Cartagena and Maracaibo in the Spring of 1799

5:00 – 5:15 *Pause*

5:15 - 6:45 **Keynote Address**

Professor Geoffrey Plank, University of East Anglia: A Maritime World without Ports: The Far North Atlantic in the Early Modern Period

7:30 *BBQ at Rees Hall*

Friday, 1 September

9:00 - 10:30 **Panel 4: Networks of Trust and Emotion**

John Haggerty, Nottingham Trent University, & Sheryllyne Haggerty, University of Nottingham: 'Avoiding Musty Mutton Chops': The Network Narrative of an Annapolis Merchant in London, 1771-1774

Kimberley B. Sherman, University of St Andrews: Emotion, Distance, and the Family: The Loyalist Refugee Crisis in Revolutionary North Carolina

Jon Chandler, Westminster College, Missouri: Rethinking the "Rage Militaire": The Transatlantic Travels of Melancholy and Enthusiasm

10:30 - 10:50 *Tea & Coffee*

10:50 – 12:20 **Panel 5: The Georgian Papers: What can we make of an Archive?**

Angel-Luke O'Donnell (KCL) and Karin Wulf (OIEAHC)

Jim Ambuske, University of Virginia: The Prince's Two Bodies: The Desecration and Failed Resurrection of Royal Authority in Revolutionary New York

Bruce Ragsdale: George III and the Responsibilities of Agricultural Improvement

Cynthia Kierner, George Mason University: In Search of Imperial Benevolence

12:20 - 1:15 *Lunch*

1:15 - 2:45

Panel 6: Trading Moralities

Nicholas Radburn, USC/Lancaster University: American Port Cities and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, 1670-1808

Gregory D. Wiker, University of Rochester: Unchained on the Rock: The Final half-century of Slavery in Bermuda

Bronwen Everill, University of Cambridge: Selling Africa: Rhode Island's Brown & Ives in the Sierra Leone Legitimate Trade

2:45 - 3:10

Tea & Coffee

3:10 – 4:40

Panel 7: Charleston and Atlantic World Interactions

Nathaniel Holly, College of William and Mary: "Can you Recollect what induced you to go to England?": Contextualising Cherokee Efforts to Domesticate the Power of Port Towns

Bryan C. Rindfleisch, Marquette University: "The White Path to Silver Bluff": The Creek Indians & the Indigenous Assimilation of Port Communities in Early America

Stephanie Koscak, Wake Forest University: Jeremiah Theus of Charleston: Rethinking Art and Emulation in the Eighteenth Century British Atlantic

4:40 – 4:45

Pause

4:45 – 5:45

Book Club

Tom Cutterham, *Gentleman Revolutionaries: Power and Justice in the New American Republic*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2017

6:15 – 8:30

Wine Reception at the Mary Rose Museum

Saturday, 2 September

9:30 - 11:00

Panel 8: Small but Significant: Maritime Border Regions, Atlantic Integration and Inter-Regional Networks in the Greater Caribbean

Ross Nedervelt, Florida International University: The British Atlantic Islands and Re-establishing British Security in the Western Atlantic

Bram Hoonhout, Leiden University: The West Indian Web: Smuggling Networks and Intra-American Integration in Essequibo & Demerara (Dutch Guiana), 1750-1800

Jeppe Mulich, London School of Economics: Maritime Borderlands and Cross-colonial Networks in the Caribbean

Chair: Sheryllyne Haggerty, University of Nottingham

11:00 - 11:30 *Tea & Coffee*

11:30 - 1:00 **Panel 9: Mapping and Knowledge**

Christian J. Koot, Towson University: Imagining the West Indies: An Early English Map of Montserrat

John Nelson, University of Notre Dame: The Great Lakes Portage System: Maritime Networks Deep within the North American Continent

Rachel Herrmann, University of Southampton: Mapping British Hunger outside the Freetown Colony

1:00 - 1:45 *Lunch*

1:45 - 3:45 **Panel 10: Perspectives on the Material Culture of Land and Water**

Emily Casey, University of Delaware: Visualizing the Coast: Representing Empire in Late-Eighteenth Century British America

J. Ritchie Garrison, University of Delaware: Wharves, Quays, and Wharfingers in the Early Modern Atlantic World

Michael J. Emmons, Jr., University of Delaware: Ship Graffiti, the Tension of Confinement, and Visions of Liberation on the Early American Atlantic Coast

Elisabeth Meier, University of Delaware: Furnishing Trust in a Maritime World

3:45 - 4:15 *Tea & Coffee*

4:15 – 6:00 **Keynote Address**

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Professor Mark A. Peterson, University of California Berkeley

Chair: Emma Hart, University of St Andrews

6:30 - *Conference Dinner*
The Old Customs House, Gunwharf Quays

Sunday, 3 September

Walking tour of Old Portsmouth & Southsea seafront (weather permitting)

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