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THURSDAY DEC. 9

9:30-12:30 Postgraduate Session (salle C330)

Chair: Rahma Jerad (LARCA/Tunis Business School)

Comments: Trevor Burnard (Warwick University), Allan Potofsky (Université Paris-Diderot), Steve Sarson (Swansea University), Naomi Wulf (Université Sorbonne-Nouvelle)

9:30-10:00 **Anna Svetlikova (Charles University, Prague)**, « History of All That Has Ever Been: The Case of Jonathan Edwards' Typology »

10:00-10:30 **Elodie Peyrol-Kleiber (Université Paris 8-St Denis)**, « Oral and Written History as a Trigger of Laws and Policies against the Irish in the British colonies of Virginia, Maryland and the West Indies during the 17th Century »

Coffee Break 10:30-10:45

10:45-11:15 **Darren Reid (University of Dundee)**, « 'I Remember the Savages': Childhood, Memory and the Construction of a Frontier Past »

11:15-11:45 **Jean-Baptiste Goyard (Université Versailles-St Quentin)**, « Looking Back to Antiquity: the Decline of Ancient Empires in the Debates on the US Constitution »

11:45-12:15 **Arnaud Courgey (Université Paris-Diderot)**, « The Federalist Response to the Louisiana Purchase: Short-Sighted Partisanship or Striving for an Alternative Vision of American National Identity? 1801-1815 »

3:00-4:30 Conference Registration (salle A50)

4:30-4:45 Opening remarks by organizers (salle A50)

4:45-5:15 Jean-Pierre Leglaunec (University Sherbrooke) and Léon Robichaud (Université de Sherbrooke) : « 'Je suis marron': A Web Site on Marronage in Saint Domingue (1766-1790) ». Project funded by the French Atlantic History Group (Montreal).

Chair: Tim Lockley (Warwick University) (salle A50)

5:15-6:15 – 1st Keynote (salle A50) – Simon P. Newman (Sir Denis Brogan Professor of American History, University of Glasgow), « Race and Bound Labour in the British Atlantic World: The Unlikely Origins of Racial Slavery »

Comment: Simon Middleton (Sheffield University)

6:30-8:00 Cocktail



FRIDAY DEC. 10

9:15-9:30 – Welcome Address (salle A50): **Robert Mankin (Université Paris-Diderot)** and **Bernard Cottret (Université Versailles-St Quentin)**

9:30-10:30 – 2nd Keynote (salle A50) – **Allan Potofsky (Université Paris-Diderot)**, « Thomas Jefferson's 18th-Century Paris: an Atlantic Myth? »
Comment: Pierre Gervais (Université Paris 8-St Denis)

Coffee Break 10:30-11:00

Session 1 – 11:00-12:30

1A. The Ancient Past in Personal and National Constructions (salle A50)

Chair: Andrew O'Shaughnessy (International Center for Jefferson Studies)

- Susan Branson (Syracuse University), « History and Empire: Architectural Style and American National Ambitions »
- Catherine Kerrison (Villanova University), « A Paradigm of Gender in the Early Republic: History and Synthesis in the Thought of Martha Jefferson Randolph »

1B. Colonial History, Colonial Myth-Making (salle C330)

Chair: Lauric Henneon (Université Versailles-St Quentin)

- Agnès Delahaye (Université Lyon 2-Lumière), « John Winthrop Writes his History of New England: History Writing and the Birth of Colonial Identity »
- Irmina Wawrzyczek (Lublin, Poland), « Historical Narrative in the Making: Three 18th-century Histories of Virginia »

Lunch 12:30-2:00

Session 2 – 2:00-3:30

2A. Philosophies of History in the Eighteenth Century (salle A50)

Chair: Nathalie Caron (Université Paris Est-Créteil)

- Lucia Bergamasco (Université d'Orléans), « Contingencies and Odd Circumstances in John Adams' Sense of History »
- Johann Neem (Western Washington University), « Jefferson and the End of American Augustinianism »
- Mark Spencer (Brock University, Ontario), « Hume's History of England and the American Enlightenment »

2B. Private and 'Secret' Histories in National Narratives (salle C330)

Chair: **Marie-Jeanne Rossignol (Université Paris-Diderot)**

- Max Cavitch (University of Pennsylvania), « Early American Historiography and Private Life »
- Judith Dorn (St. Cloud State University), « Secret History Crosses the Atlantic: William Byrd II's Satire on the Dividing Line »
- Hannah Spahn (JFK Institute, Free University Berlin), « Remembering a 'Heroic Age': American Autobiographies after the Revolution »

Coffee Break 3:30-4:00

Session 3 – 4:00-5:30

3A. Writing Protestant Histories in the Atlantic World (salle C330)

Chair: **Bernard Cottret (Université Versailles-St Quentin)**

- Katherine Carté Engel (Texas A&M University), « Shared History: The Atlantic Protestant Community in the Age of Revolution »
- Csaba Lévai (University of Debrecen, Hungary), « The Elect Nations of God: Millennial Interpretations of History in 16th-17th Century England, New England and Hungary »
- Pierangelo Castagneto (American University in Bulgaria), « Awakening the American Revolution. Joseph Tracy's History of the Revival of Religion in the Time of Edwards and Whitefield »

3B. The Spirit of '76 and its Re-Inventions (salle A50)

Chair: **Naomi Wulf (Université Sorbonne-Nouvelle)**

- Sam Haynes (University of Texas at Arlington), « Heirs to a Revolution: Looking for the Spirit of '76 in the Anglo-Texan Struggle against Mexico, 1835-1836 »
- Michael Zuckerman (University of Pennsylvania), « The Stifling of the Spirit of '76 »
- Carine Lounissi (Université de Rouen), « An 'American Story': Interpretations of American Colonial Political Contracts during the (pre-) Revolution (1764-1776) »

5:30-7:00 Cocktail



SATURDAY DEC. 11

9:30-10:30 – 3rd Keynote (salle A50) – **Peter Mancall (University of Southern California)**, « How Europeans Thought About the American Past, For Example, 1580-1730 »

Comment: Trevor Burnard (Warwick University)

Coffee Break 10:30-11:00

Session 4 – 11:00-12:30

4A. Reconstructed Narratives of National History (salle A50)

Chair: Zbigniew Mazur (Lublin University)

- Thomas Humphrey (Cleveland State University), « Opening the Door to the Greatest of Mischief: Rewriting the Past to Fit the Future in Revolutionary New York »
- Natalie Joy (Georgia State University), « 'The Indian Prince in London: Transatlantic Antislavery and the Second Seminole War »
- Brian Schoen (Ohio University), « Creating a Secessionist Narrative: Political Realism and Historic Revision in the Antebellum South »

4B. The Physical Past as Idyll (salle C330)

Chair: Hélène Quanquin (Université Sorbonne-Nouvelle)

- Jeffrey Mullins (St. Cloud State University), « Embracing History? Social Reform and Its Racialized Past »
- Michael Zakim (Tel Aviv University), « From Manual Labor to Physical Education and Back Again »

Lunch 12:30-2:00

Session 5 – 2:00-3:30

5A. Material Traces: Documenting or Recycling the Past (salle C330)

Chair: Ted Widmer (John Carter Brown Library)

- Seth Cotlar (Willamette University), « Seeing Like an Antiquarian: Popular Nostalgia and the Rise of a Modern Historical Subjectivity in the 1820s »
- Anne Verplanck (Penn State University), « The Local, the National, and the Antiquarian »
- Whitney Martinko (University of Virginia), « A History Worthy of Preservation: How Americans Re-Formed the Landscape to Preserve the Past, 1790-1860 »

5B. Forgotten Atlantic Perspectives (salle A50)

Chair: **Trevor Burnard (Warwick University)**

- Warren Hofstra (Shenandoah University), « Atlantic Frontiers: New Perspectives on the North American Backcountry »
- Jessica Choppin Roney (Ohio University), « Ten Borrowers to One Lender: Constructing Colonial American Finance in the Wake of the South Sea Bubble »
- Jean-Pierre Le Glaunec (Université de Sherbrooke), « Haiti and Modernity — or the Forgotten History of the Battle of Vertières, Le Cap Français (Saint Domingue), November 18, 1803 »

Coffee Break 3:30-4:00

Session 6 – 4:00-5:30

6A. (Re)definitions of the Primitive (salle C330)

Chair: **Susanne Lachenicht (University Bayreuth)**

- Jeffrey Edwards (University of Pennsylvania), « 'Vices of the Most Notorious': Sensibility, Slavery and Encyclopedic Revision »
- Matthew Ward (University of Dundee), « The Unpromised Land: Gender, Disappointment and the Creation of the Kentucky Frontiersman »
- Alison Stanley (King's College, London), « 'History', 'Entertainment' or a 'Thankful Remembrance'? The Categorizing of King Philip's War »

6B. Founders of the Past (salle A50)

Chair: **Gaye Wilson (International Center for Jefferson Studies)**

- Maurizio Valsania (University of Torino), « Looking Back to Places: Thomas Jefferson's Emotional Geography »
- Marco Sioli (University of Milan), « The Objects of Diplomacy: Eighteenth Century American Ambassadors in Europe »
- Thomas Foster (DePaul University), « Sex and the Founding Fathers: the Enduring Interest in the Personal Lives of the Political Leaders of the American Revolution »

5:30-6:00 – Closing Remarks (salle A50): **Naomi Wulf and Marie-Jeanne Rossignol**



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