

THE VIRGINIA FORUM
2014

DRAFT PROGRAM—SUBJECT TO UPDATES

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March 13-15, 2014
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 2:00 PM IN THE BASEMENT LOBBY OF
THE JOHNSON CENTER

OPENING SESSION

3:00 PM—4:30 PM

1) HUMAN TRAFFIC

Moderator: Douglas Bradburn, Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George
Washington at George Washington's Mount Vernon, and Binghamton University

"Transportation: The Slave and Convict Trades into Virginia, 1740-1775," Anthony S.
Parent, Wake Forest University

"Thomas Jefferson and the Closing of the Slave Trade," Paul Finkelman, Albany Law
School

"The Cost of the Trade: A Slave Trader's Business Network in Antebellum Richmond,
Virginia," Alexandra Finley, College of William and Mary

DUTCH DINNER (location TBA)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7:30 AM IN THE BASEMENT LOBBY OF
THE JOHNSON CENTER

8:00 AM—8:15 AM

Welcoming Remarks

Randolph F. Scully, George Mason University

CONCURRENT SESSIONS I

8:30 AM—10:00 AM

2) ROADS

Moderator: Zachary Schrag, George Mason University

“Henry G. Shirley: Virginia's ‘Highways Man’,” Alan Capps, George Mason University

“Getting Virginia out of the Mud: New Roads and Bridges for the Old Dominion, 1900-1935,” Ann L. B. Miller, Virginia Center for Transportation and Research

“The History of Northern Virginia’s Roads as seen in Contemporaneous Maps,” Sinclair Shears, George Mason University

3) NATIVE VIRGINIA

Moderator: Joan C. Bristol, George Mason University

“Black and Red Bodies on the Auction Block: The African American and Native American Slave Trade in Early Virginia,” Arica Coleman, University of Delaware

“Philosophy of Dispossession: The Influence of Trans-Atlantic Intellectuals on Virginia Native American Dispossession,” Royce Gildersleeve, George Mason University

“Botanomancia: Divining a Traveler’s Intent in the Virginian Algonquian Tidewater,” Edward DuBois Ragan, Centenary College of Louisiana

4) STOPPING FOR DEATH: ETHNOGRAPHIC INSIGHTS ON THE NEGOTIATION OF SPACE AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Moderator: Debra Lattanzi Shutika, George Mason University

“Ceremonial Memory: Observations on Operations at Arlington National Cemetery,” Kerry R. Kaleba, George Mason University

“The Work and Culture of the Internment Services Branch,” Belinda M. Molloy, George Mason University

“Managing the Funeral Procession: Reflections from Arlington National Cemetery,” Julie N. Chamberlain, George Washington University

“Elysian *Planes*: Negotiation of Meanings of Hallowed Space,” Noel Lopez, George Mason University

CONCURRENT SESSIONS II

10:15 AM—11:45 AM

5) CHALLENGING SLAVERY IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY VIRGINIA

Moderator: Randolph F. Scully, George Mason University

“Annfield, Arlington, and Africa and the Ties that Bind,” Deborah A. Lee, Independent Scholar

“A Traffic of Beliefs: How George Washington’s Emancipation Legacy Ignited a Revolutionary Transformation in the Greater Mount Vernon Ante-Bellum Cultural Landscape,” Susan Hellman, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, and Maddy McCoy, Independent Scholar

“The Destroyer in our Midst: Wesleyan Missionary Jarvis C. Bacon’s Labors in Grayson County, Virginia, 1848-1851,” Kenneth T. McFadyen, Emory and Henry

6) ART AND THE SENSES

Moderator: Lydia Brandt, University of South Carolina

- “Sound Travels: The Sonic World of Virginia as Depicted by Early Travelers,” Kathy O. McGill, George Mason University
- “Mapping Jefferson’s Art: Reinterpreting the Dining Room at Monticello,” Jennifer Strotz, Monticello
- “Steady Vision and Tumult: Transatlantic Metaphor in the Immigrant Watercolors of Benjamin Henry Latrobe,” Julia A. Sienkewicz, Duquesne University
- “Michael Miley: Traveling the Road between Photographic Artistry and Commercial Success, 1866-1915,” Richard Alan Straw, Radford University

7) PUBLISHING STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY: A ROUNDTABLE

Moderator & Comment: Elizabeth Brand Monroe, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

- “Who Is Your Audience? Where Do You Find and How Do You Use Evidence?” Thomas A. Mason, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
- “How Can an Author Think Like an Editor: What Are Publishers Looking For?” Graham T. Dozier, Virginia Historical Society
- “How Can an Author Communicate Specialized Knowledge to a Nonspecialist Audience?” J. Kent Calder, Texas State Historical Association

12:00 PM—1:20 PM

LUNCH

LUNCHTIME SESSIONS

8) CREATING TOMORROW’S DIGITAL RESOURCES TODAY

Matthew S. Gibson, *Encyclopedia of Virginia*, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities

John G. Deal, Library of Virginia

Sue Perdue, Documents Compass

David A. Rawson, Index of Virginia Printing

Brendan Wolfe, *Encyclopedia of Virginia*

9) TRANSATLANTIC VIRGINIA

Moderator: Rosemarie Zagari, George Mason University

- “Trafficking Identities: Loyalist James Wormeley’s Transatlantic Crossings and the Question of National Identity,” Alexander M. Buckholtz, Independent Scholar.
- “Virginia as a Transatlantic Intellectual Hub: European Scholars at the University of Virginia, 1825-1850,” Richard M. Mikulski, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

12:00 PM -1:20 PM VIRGINIA FORUM PUBLICATIONS INITIATIVE MEETING

The Virginia Forum Publications Initiative seeks to encourage participants in the Virginia Forum to explore a range of publication opportunities for papers presented at the Forums. Publications can take many forms including, but not limited to, topical collections of essays edited from Forum papers, online postings of papers at the Virginia Forum website, or entries to the *Encyclopedia Virginia* based on Forum

presentations. The Publications Initiative is an open committee or task force of Virginia Forum participants who recognize that papers presented at the Forum make significant new contributions to scholarship on Virginia in many different fields and professions and that this scholarship merits attention through a wide range of publication media. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS III

1:30 PM—3:00 PM

10) NEW CONTEXTS AND NEW TRAFFIC AT HISTORIC SITES

Moderator: Spencer Crew, George Mason University

“From Prestwoud to Boydton: The Road from Slavery to Freedom: A Geographic Context for the Sydnor Cabin Site,” Peter V. Bergstrom, Independent Historian

“Traffic@ Cabin Point: Academic Research and Social Entrepreneurship,” Angelita Reyes, Arizona State University

“Stimulating ‘Traffic’ in Rural Virginia: Efforts to Bring a Lost Community Back to Life,” Ellen A. Brown, Independent Scholar

“Bringing New Traffic to the *Lost Communities of Virginia*,” Terri Fisher, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

11) SOCIAL AND CULTURAL VISIONS OF THE EARLY REPUBLIC

Moderator: Katherine Egnor Gruber, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

“A Little Pocket Money of My Own: Southern Women as Teachers in the Early Republic,” Mary Carroll Johansen, Holy Family University

“A Right Understanding of Matters: George Washington and the Dissemination of Information in the Early Republic,” Ryan Staude, University of Albany, SUNY

12) DEALING WITH DEBT

Moderator: Mathias Bergmann, Randolph-Macon College

“Legal Traffic: Petitions to Recover Small Debts in Mid-Eighteenth-Century Virginia,” Turk McCleskey, Virginia Military Institute

“Virginia’s Sovereign Debt Crisis,” George Harrison Gilliam, University of Virginia

“Tredegar Iron Works and Technology: Tensions and Contradictions after the Panic of 1873,” LeeAnn Cafferata, George Mason University

CONCURRENT SESSIONS IV

3:15 PM—4:45 PM

13) TRAFFIC IN BOOKS AND BUSINESS

Moderator: George D. Oberle, Germanna Community College

“Lawyers as Land Agents, Community Builders, and Legislators in Early Monongalia County, Virginia,” Barbara J. Howe, West Virginia University

“What’s in a Name? Tracing History, Discovering Community,” Stewart Plein, West Virginia University

“Virginia Nineteenth-Century Social Libraries,” Yvonne Carignan, George Mason University

14) IMMIGRATION AND COMMUNITY IN THREE VIRGINIA CONTEXTS

Moderator: Krystyn Moon, University of Mary Washington

“Alles Ist Ganz Anders Hier: Recreating the German Immigrant of the Greater Shenandoah Valley, 1730-1765,” Anna Elizabeth Gruber Kiefer, Lord Fairfax Community College

“Greek Immigrants in Richmond, Virginia, and the Southern Variant Theory,” Nicole Kappatos, Virginia Commonwealth University

“Therein Squats the Toad: Falls Church, Massage Parlors, and Human Trafficking in Virginia,” T. Mills Kelly, George Mason University

15) CHALLENGING SEGREGATION IN VIRGINIA

Moderator: Jennifer Ritterhouse, George Mason University

“Lynchburg’s First Sit-in: Contexts and Aftermath,” Carolyn Wilkerson Bell, Randolph-Macon Woman’s College

“Irene Morgan and the Virginia Assault on Jim-Crow Transportation,” Margaret Edds, Independent Scholar

“White Busses Passed by the Doors of the Colored: Segregated Schools and School Busses in Loudoun County, 1934-1947,” Matthew C. Exline, Liberty University

5:00—6:15 PM: VIRGINIA FORUM 2015 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

All interested participants are encouraged to attend and help exchange ideas and begin specific planning for the 2015 Virginia Forum, to be held at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

6:00 PM—8:00 PM: RECEPTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

CONCURRENT SESSIONS V

8:30AM—10:00 AM

16) MEMORY AND COMMEMORATION

Moderator: Jennifer Van Horn, George Mason University

“Bridge over the Bloody Chasm: Arlington Memorial Bridge and the Struggle for Civil War Reconciliation,” Michael B. Chornesky, Purdue University

“Inventing the Sacred: Washington’s Tomb and the Relics of Mount Vernon,” Matthew Costello, Marquette University

“Smoke, Steam, Spray, and Stasis: The Persistence of Memory in James River Images,” Geraldine W. Kiefer, Shenandoah University

17) RESISTING INTEGRATION IN VIRGINIA

Moderator: John T. Kneebone, Virginia Commonwealth University

- “Leon Bazile—From Racial Integrity to *Loving v. Virginia*,” Peter Wallenstein, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- “Leon Bazile—Jurist for Jim Crow: Equalization, Segregation, Massive Resistance,” James H. Hershman, Jr., Georgetown University
- “Massive Resistance and School Equalization in Rural Western Virginia,” Theodore Carter Delaney, Washington & Lee University

18) FREEDMEN’S COMMUNITIES

Moderator: Chandra Manning, Georgetown University

- “Keeping House: Family, Freedpeople, and the Freedmen’s Bureau in Freedman’s Village, 1863-1870,” Christina Regelski, Independent Scholar
- “‘The interests of humanity and the restoration of civil law’: Freedmen’s Schools in Hanover County, Virginia,” Shawn D. McAvoy, Patrick Henry Community College
- “Charles Schaeffer and Freedmen’s Rights, Education, and Worship in Southwest Virginia, 1866-1899,” John Kern, Independent Scholar

CONCURRENT SESSIONS VI

10:15 AM—11:45 AM

19) LOUDOUN, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY

Moderator: Elizabeth E. Preston, Thomas Balch Library

- “Industrial Development in Washington’s Backyard: Up the Potomac Without a Paddle,” Andrew C. Baker, Rice University
- “Out Past the Airport: Dulles International Airport and the Shaping of Loudoun County,” Richelle Brown, Independent Scholar
- “Along the Information Superhighway by Bicycle,” Paul E. Ceruzzi, National Air and Space Museum

20) VIRGINIA THROUGH THE LENS OF LOYALISM

Moderator: Theodore B. McCord, George Mason University

- “Bad Blood: The Violent Life of Josiah Philips,” David Kiracofe, Tidewater Community College
- “Marching to the Sounds of the King’s Drum: Virginia Loyalists Move to Join Cornwallis, 1781,” Stephanie Anne Seal, University of Southern Mississippi
- “Josiah Philips and the Patriot Act: A Comparative Study on the Unconstitutionality of Wartime Security Policy,” Tanisha J. Staten, University of Southern Mississippi

21) PANEL 22: WHEELED VEHICLES AND THEIR CONSTRUCTION IN EARLY VIRGINIA

Moderator: Jay Gaynor, Colonial Williamsburg

- “‘Six wagons well equipped for the road...’: Vehicles for Work and Leisure in Eighteenth-Century Virginia,” Andrew De Lisle, Colonial Williamsburg
- “Wheelwrighting and Wheelwrights in Eighteenth-Century Virginia,” Paul Zelesnikar, Colonial Williamsburg
- “Forging Travel: Blacksmithing and Eighteenth-Century Virginia Vehicles,” Christopher Henkels, Colonial Williamsburg

12:00 PM—1:20 PM

LUNCH

LUNCHTIME SESSIONS

22) RECONSIDERING VIRGINIA ONLINE

Moderator: Warren R. Hofstra, Shenandoah University

“Virginia Reconsidered Reconsidered,” Larissa Smith Fergeson, Longwood University

“Virginia Reconsidered in Documents,” Kevin R. Hardwick, James Madison University

Comment:

Susan L. Garfinkel, Library of Congress

Jeffrey W. McClurken, University of Mary Washington

23) VIRGINIA IN THE CONFEDERACY

Moderator: Ervin L. Jordan, Jr., University of Virginia

“Clothing the Confederacy: The Accounts of Gruter and Gerek,” Drew Adam Gruber,
Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

“Two Governors: William Smith, Francis H. Pierpont, and the Struggle to Govern Virginia,
1863-1865,” Stephen A. Smoot, National Journalism Center

CONCURRENT SESSIONS VII

1:30 PM—3:00 PM

24) CANALS FOR VIRGINIA

Moderator: Will Mackintosh, University of Mary Washington

“Over the Mountain: Building an Economic Watershed in Canal-Era Virginia,” Gregory A.
Hargreaves, University of Delaware

“Virginia’s Oldest Canals: Four Canals on the South Bank of the James River,” Nancy W.
Kraus, Independent Scholar

“I no longer meddle with questions of law: Thomas Jefferson versus the Rivanna River
Company. A Documentary and Historical Study,” Julie L. Lautenschlager, Thomas
Jefferson Foundation—Monticello

“The Potomac Company and the Economic Origins of the Constitution of the United
States,” J. Kent McGaughy, Houston Community College, Northwest

25) TRAVELERS’ STORIES IN THE COLLECTIONS OF THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

Moderator: Jane Turner Censer, George Mason University

“Virginians on the Go!” Trenton E. Hizer, Library of Virginia

“Immigrants’ Stories Found at the Library of Virginia,” Gregory Eugene Crawford, Library
of Virginia

“Slave Journeys Found in Virginia Newspapers,” Errol Somay, Library of Virginia

26) FROM ALEXANDRIA OUTWARDS

Moderator: Lynn Price, George Mason University

“An Atlantic Recipe for Virginia Rum,” Jordan Smith, Georgetown University

“Derailed: Construction, Expansion, and the Failure of the Manassas Gap Railroad,” Jason Tercha, George Washington University

“Building Community from a Contact Zone: Harriet Jacobs’s Writings from Civil War Alexandria, Virginia,” Catherine E. Saunders, George Mason University

CONCURRENT SESSIONS VIII

3:15 PM-4:45 PM

27) CHANGING VIRGINIA HISTORY: WRITING AND THINKING ABOUT LONG-TERM THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF VIRGINIA

Moderator: Sandra G. Treadway, Librarian of Virginia

Cynthia Kierner, George Mason University, co-author, *Changing History: Virginia Women through Four Centuries* (Library of Virginia, 2013).

Jennifer R. Loux, Independent Scholar, co-author, *Changing History: Virginia Women through Four Centuries*.

Megan R. Shockley, Clemson University, co-author, *Changing History: Virginia Women through Four Centuries* (Library of Virginia, 2013).

Thomas E. Buckley, S.J., Loyola Marymount University, author of *Establishing Religious Freedom: Jefferson’s Statute in Virginia* (University of Virginia Press, 2013).

Brent Tarter, Library of Virginia, author of *The Grandees of Government: The Origins and Persistence of Undemocratic Politics in Virginia* (University of Virginia Press, 2013).

28) WORK AND FREEDOM IN EARLY VIRGINIA

Moderator: Whitman H. Ridgway, University of Maryland

“Slave Hiring in Jefferson’s Virginia,” Christa Dierksheide, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies

“Occupational Traffic: Poor White Artisan Tenants in Rural, Antebellum Virginia,” John J. Zaborney, University of Maine, Presque Isle

“Over the Hills and Through the Bottoms: Mapping Daily Commutes in Nineteenth-Century Richmond,” Elizabeth Cook, College of William and Mary

29) MOBILITY, CIRCULATION, AND RESISTANCE IN JIM CROW VIRGINIA

Moderator: Suzanne E. Smith, George Mason University

“Going Mobile: The Development of American Roadways and the Travels of Maggie Lena Walker,” Hayden McDaniel, University of Southern Mississippi

“Trafficking Resistance: Racial Politics and the Newspaper Cartoons of George H. Ben Johnson in Jim Crow Richmond, VA,” Evie Terrono, Randolph Macon College

“The Rev. J. Francis Robinson: Mapping the Life and Travels of an African American Community Organizer, 1862-1935,” Scot A. French, University of Central Florida