The Republic of Letters in America, 1500-1800

Friday, December 7, 2012

8:30 Registration & Coffee
9:30 Welcome & Remarks
Moderator: Mark Peterson
(University of California, Berkeley)
Caroline Winterer (Stanford University)
Session 1: Slavery
Moderator: Alison Games (Georgetown University)
Brett Roubideaux (College of William and Mary)
“Labat’s Desk: Seeing the Quiet Violence of the Early Modern Republic of Letters”
Holly Brewer (University of Maryland)
“The Mysterious Death of Morgan Godwyn: Rethinking Limits on the Press and Widening our Historical Vision of the Debates over Slavery in the Early British Empire”
Noon Lunch

Saturday, December 8, 2012

8:30 Registration & Coffee
9:00 Session 4: New Worlds, New Possibilities for Learning
Moderator: Karen Kupperman
(Carolyn College)
“Antilia, Macaria, America: Learned Utopias in the Republic of Letters”
Alison Games
“Correspondence and Networks in the Seventeenth-Century East Indies”
11:00 Session 5: Material Culture
Moderator: Caroline Winterer
Daniela Bleichmar (University of Southern California)
“Images in the Republic of Letters: Prints in the Early Spanish Americas”
Margaretta Lovell
“Jefferson’s Trophy Heads”
1:00 Lunch

Session 2: Religion
Moderator: Margareta Lovell
(University of California, Berkeley)
Jorge Cañizares-Esguerra
(University of Texas, Austin)
“Biblical Republicans and Black Africans as God’s Elect: The Case of Two Early Seventeenth-Century Franciscan and Jesuit Atlantic Networks”
Kate Carroll Engel
(Southern Methodist University)
“Steering the Protestant International: Ezra Stiles, John Erskine, and the American Revolution”
5:00 Break
5:15 Session 3: Beyond Texts
Moderator: Mark Peterson
Annette Tinti Sutter (University of Minnesota)
“Transatlantic Rumor and News in Early New England”
Karen Kupperman (New York University)
“The Language of Music in Early Modern Encounters”

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The “Republic of Letters” commonly refers to early modern Europe’s international world of learning. Leading experts in early American history will explore the distinctive role the New World played in shaping the scholarly community’s ideas about peoples, politics, law, commerce, art, and nature.

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Conference registration and meals by reservation only. No confirmation will be sent.

Conference registration fee ................... $25.00
Students free

Buffet lunch (December 7) ..................... $16.50
Buffet lunch (December 8) ..................... $16.50
TOTAL ..............$

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