



USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute
2026 Annual Conference

“American Revolution International”

Ahmanson Room, The Huntington

Friday, November 6, 2026

9:00 a.m. *Coffee and registration*

9:30 a.m. **Welcome:** Peter C. Mancall, Linda & Harlan Martens Director,
EMSI, & Nathan Perl-Rosenthal, Conference Organizer,
University of Southern California

10:00 – 11:20 a.m. **Roundtable 1: Revolutions International**

Chair: Carole Shammas, University of Southern California

Nathan Perl-Rosenthal, University of Southern California

Sarah Pearsall, Johns Hopkins University

Christopher L. Brown, Columbia University

Brian DeLay, University of California, Berkeley

11:20 – 11:30 a.m. *Break*

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **Roundtable 2: Ideas International**

Chair: Sarah Pearsall, Johns Hopkins University

Susan Juster, The Huntington

Mark Peterson, Yale University

Eliga Gould, University of New Hampshire

12:45 – 1:30 p.m. *Lunch*

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Pre-Circulated Paper Session 1**

Helena Yoo-Roth, McNeil Center for Early American Studies,
University of Pennsylvania

“The Death of King George II, Colonial Time-Consciousness, and the
Coming of the American Revolution”

Comment: **Susan Juster**, The Huntington

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. *Break & Optional Tour*

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. **Pre-Circulated Paper Session 2**

Scott Wagner, University of Southern California

“‘A Tragi-Comedy in the Face of Common Sense’: The Revolutionary
Honor of George Mathews”

Comment: **Eliga Gould**, University of New Hampshire

4:30 – 4:45 p.m. *Break*

4:45 – 5:45 p.m. **Pre-Circulated Paper Session 3**

Russell Arbic, McGill University

“The Auxiliary Origins of the American Revolution: Enslaved,
Indigenous, and German Forces in the Fracturing of Colonial
America”

Comment: **Elizabeth Ellis**, Princeton University

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Saturday, November 7, 2026

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. *Coffee and pastries*

9:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Panel 1: International Slavery**

Chair: **Christopher L. Brown**, Columbia University

Sarah Gronningsater, University of Pennsylvania

“Rethinking the Elizabeth Freeman Case: The Ancient Common Law in the New American Nation”

Alex Borucki, University of California, Irvine

“The Impact of the American Revolutionary War on the Slave Trade to the Spanish Americas”

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. *Break*

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Panel 2: Environment and Population**

Chair: **Brian DeLay**, University of California, Berkeley

Jonathan Eacott, University of California, Riverside

“Weather the Global American Revolution: Climate, Food, and War in Quebec and the Carnatic”

Jason Sharples, Florida Atlantic University

“Early Local Tests of the Peace of Paris: Contests over Population, Property, and Authority during the ‘Dual Governorship’ of East Florida, 1784–1785”

Max Flomen, West Virginia University

"The Age of Revolutions in the Texas-Louisiana Borderland:
Comanches, Jacobins, and Maroons, 1790–1811"

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. *Lunch*

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Pre-Circulated Paper Session 4**

Nikki Locklear, Duke University

"'Their Own Country': Traditions of Sovereignty and Revolutionary
Visibility in Blackwater Carolina"

Comment: **Mark Peterson**, Yale University

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. *Break*

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Pre-Circulated Paper Session 5**

Austin Stewart, University of Mississippi

"Origins: The Geopolitics of Hunting and Cherokee Migration, 1760-
1810"

Comment: **Steven Hackel**, University of California, Riverside

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. *Concluding Discussion*

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