Speakers Appearing in Brown University’s 19th Century US History Workshop, 2011-2020

Mekala Audain, Ruth J. Simmons Postdoctoral Fellow, Brown University  
*Mexican Canaan: The Southern Underground Railroad and Free Black Immigration to Mexico, 1804-1867*

Dan Bouk, Assistant Professor of History, Colgate University  
*How Our Days Became Numbered: Risk and the Quantification of Fate in Modern America*

Linzy Brekke-Aloise, Associate Professor of History, Stonehill College  
*Manly Trinkets: Fobs, Seals and the Material Culture of Trans-Atlantic Interracial Masculinity, 1760-1800*

Kellie Carter Jackson, Assistant Professor of History, Wellesley College  
*‘Dare You Meet a Woman’: Black Women, Violence and Abolitionism, 1850-1859*

James W. Cook, Professor of History, University of Michigan  
*Ira Aldridge’s Foreign “Mission”*

Abigail Cooper, Assistant Professor of History, Brandeis University  
*Conjuring Emancipation: Black Religion in Refugee Camps of the American Civil War*

Seth Cotlar, Professor of History, Willamette University  
*Nostalgia and the Melancholy History of Modernization in the Early American Republic*

Jeannine DeLombard, Associate Professor of English, University of Toronto  
*Reading the Slave Narrative in U.S. Legal History*

William Deringer, Princeton University  

Steven Deyle, Associate Professor of History, University of Houston  
*A Man, His Mistress, and Her Cow: Race, Class, Gender, and Bestiality in the Slave South*

Bruce Dorsey, Professor of History, Swarthmore College  
*Murder in a Mill Town: Sex, Religion, and Scandalous Stories in Antebellum New England*

Jim Downs, Assistant Professor of History, Connecticut College  
*Dying to be Free: The Unexpected Medical Crises of War and Emancipation*

Elizabeth Bacon Eager, Assistant Professor of Art History, Southern Methodist University  
"*Betwixt the Eye and Hand*: The Role of Drawing in Nineteenth-Century Technical Education*

Carolyn Eastman, Associate Professor of History, Virginia Commonwealth U.  
*Looking, Loving, and Losing: Sex and Gender on the Move in 18th-Century Travelogues*
Hannah Farber, Postdoctoral Fellow in History, Boston College
*Wooden Ships, "Paper Capitals": American Insurance Companies After the War of 1812*

Thomas Foster, Professor of History, DePaul University
*The Sexual Exploitation of Enslaved Men: Problems of Evidence and Interpretation*

Courtney Fullilove, Assistant Professor of History, Wesleyan University
*Discarded Knowledge: The Making and Unmaking of US Pharmacopoeia*

Joshua Greenberg, Associate Professor of History, Bridgewater State University
*Dollars and Senses: Engaging Paper Money in the Early Republic*

Sarah L.H. Gronningsater, Assistant Professor of History, Cal Tech
*The Children of Gradual Emancipation: Black Abolitionism and the Origins of Immediatism*

Sonia Hazard, NEH Long-term Fellow, American Antiquarian Society
*How Joseph Smith Encountered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism*

Justene G. Hill, PhD Candidate, Department of History, Princeton University
*Crimes of Economy: Slave Economies and the Legal Culture of Early-Nineteenth-Century South Carolina, 1800-1830*

Martha Hodes, Professor of History, NYU
*Rage: Personal Responses to Lincoln's Assassination and the Future of the Nation*

Ben Kafka, New York University
*Karl Marx, Mosel Wine, and the Psychopathology of Paperwork* (presented in Paper Technologies of Capitalism symposium, co-sponsored with John Carter Brown Library)

Melanie Kiechle, Assistant Professor of History, Virginia Tech
*Visualizing Vapors, Seeing Smells: Health Boards, the Graphic Press, and Proving the Invisible in the 1870s-80s*

Katie Knowles, Curator, Avenir Museum, Colorado State University
*Enslaved People as Makers, Wearers, Developers, and Designers of the American Fashion System*

Justin Leroy, Postdoctoral Fellow, Charles Warren Center, Harvard University
*A Worse Condition Than in the Time of Slavery*: Frederick Douglass on Empire, Capital, and the Limits of Freedom

Jen Manion, Assistant Professor of History, Connecticut College
*19th Century Narratives of Transgender Experience & the History of Possibility*

Ted Maris-Wolf, Interim Vice-President of Research, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
*Citizens of Small Worlds: Free Blacks, Law, and Virginia Neighborhoods*
Whitney Martinko, Assistant Professor of History, Villanova University

*From Real Estate to Sacred Space: Historic Preservation as Land Market Reform in Jacksonian America*

Kate Masur, Associate Professor of History, Northwestern University

*Race, Liberty, and Policing from the Early Republic to the 14th Amendment*

Joanne Pope Melish, Associate Professor of History, University of Kentucky

*Family Ties: Slaves, Servants, and Masters in an Emancipating North*

Stephen Mihm, Associate Professor of History, University of Georgia

*Standards and the State in Nineteenth-Century America*

Philip Misevich, Assistant Professor of History, St. Johns University

*The Origins of Enslaved People in Africa and the Diaspora: A Project and a Plea*

Max Mishler, Assistant Professor of History, University of Toronto

*Freedom’s Carceral Landscapes: Counter-Insurgency, Incarceration, and Race during the Civil War Era*

Wangui Muigai, Postdoctoral Fellow in African American Studies, Brandeis University

*“Mortality in This Wandering Life”: Infant Death in the Black Experience*

Viola Müller, Ph.D. Candidate, Leiden University

*From Slavery to Illegality: Runaway Slaves in the American Urban South, 1800-1860*

Sharon Murphy, Professor of History, Providence College

*In Search of the Common Good: Banks and the Panic of 1819*

Adam Nelson, Professor of History and Education Policy, University of Wisconsin–Madison

*“The Sciences Are Carried On Here as a Trade”: American Students, German Universities, and the Emergence of a Modern Knowledge Economy, 1815-1820*

Marcus Nevius, Assistant Professor of History, University of Rhode Island

*“all delinquents in duty”: Company Agents, Enslaved Laborers, and Petit Marronage at the Dismal’s Antebellum Canal Camps*

Dael Norwood, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History, Yale University

*The Middle Passage to Exclusion: Empire, Section, and the Fate of Asian Labor in Mid-Nineteenth-Century American Political Economy*

Tony Perry, Postdoctoral Fellow, Carter G. Woodson Institute, University of Virginia

*In the Pot, on the Table: Foodways and the Ecology of Slavery in Antebellum Maryland*
Jamie Pietruska, Assistant Professor of History, Rutgers University
*Forecasting in the “Distant Parts of the Country”: The Politics of Rural Access to the National Weather Service in the Gilded Age*

Elizabeth Pryor, Assistant Professor of History, Smith College
*“Not... a Color, But a Man”: Black Men Abroad before the Civil War*

Rachel Purvis, Clay Postdoctoral Associate, Department of History, Yale University
*Emancipation and the 1866 Reconstruction Treaty with the Cherokee Nation*

Ryan A. Quintana, Assistant Professor of History, Wellesley College
*Planners, Planters, and Slaves: Producing the State in Early National South Carolina*

Caitlin Rosenthal, Harvard University
*Numbers for the Innumerate: Everyday Arithmetic and Atlantic Capitalism* (presented in Paper Technologies of Capitalism symposium, co-sponsored with John Carter Brown Library)

Adam Rothman, Associate Professor of History, Georgetown University
*Beyond Freedom’s Reach: A Kidnapping in the Twilight of Slavery*

Britt Rusert, Associate Professor of Black Studies and English, UMass–Amherst
*Black Abolition and Queer Hesitance in the Afric-American Picture Gallery*

Samantha Seeley, Assistant Professor of History, University of Richmond
*Making People Mobile: Race and Removal in the Early Republic*

Jonathan Senchyne, Cornell University

Nancy Shoemaker, Professor of History, University of Connecticut
*Pursuing Respectability in the Cannibal Isles: Americans in Nineteenth-Century Fiji*

Gregory Smithers, Associate Professor of History, Virginia Commonwealth U.
*“The Sense of the People”: Contesting the Foundations of a Diasporic Cherokee Identity, 1794-1839*

Rachel St. John, Associate Professor of History, Harvard University
*The Imagined America of William McKendree Gwin: Individual Ambition and the Uneven Path of American Expansion*

Rachel Van, Assistant Professor of History, California Poly–Pomona
*Family Capital: Mercantile Networks and Mobilizing Kinship in Early America*
Benjamin D. Weber, PhD Candidate, Department of History, Harvard University
*Building the Highway to Empire: Sovereignty and Involuntary Servitude in the Panama Canal Zone*

Michael Zakim, Senior Lecturer, Tel Aviv University
*The Bottom Line*