

Speakers Appearing in Brown University's 19th Century US History Workshop, 2011-2020
(affiliation/rank at time of seminar)

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
Pricing the Future in the Seventeenth Century: Three Computational Technologies (presented in Paper Technologies of Capitalism symposium, co-sponsored with John Carter Brown Library)

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
Rags Make Paper, Paper Makes Money: Material Texts and Metaphors of Capital (presented in Paper Technologies of Capitalism symposium, co-sponsored with John Carter Brown Library)

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