Thursday 19 April

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the University of Minnesota Center for Early Modern History
Kris Lane, Tulane University & FEEGI Past President
On the Mar del Sur: Early Spanish Trade in Pacific South America
7:30–9:00 pm: Talk and reception hosted by the CEMH and the James Ford Bell Library

Friday 20 April

8:00–8:45 Registration, coffee and light breakfast
8:45–9:00 Welcome
9:00–10:45 Empires and the Boundaries of Freedom
Alison Games, Georgetown University. Slavery in the English East Indies, 1600-1640
Pablo Gomez, Texas Christian University. The Flesh Merchants: Iberian-Atlantic Medicine and the Commodification of Black Sick Bodies
Linda Rupert, UNC Greensboro. Spanish Royal Decrees Related to Inter-Colonial Marronage in the 18th c. Circum-Caribbean
Elena Schneider, College of William and Mary. Slavery and the Shape of Spanish Empire in the Eighteenth Century
Moderator: Marjoleine Kars, University of Maryland Baltimore County
Coffee Break

11:00–12:45  The Profits of Empire

Omri Frenkel, McGill University. *Conquistadores or Merchants? Spanish Settlers of Manila and their Aspirations towards China 1565-1586*

Jacqueline Swansinger, SUNY Fredonia. *When Network meets Network, or adventuring in Canton, 1797-1802*

Christine Walker, University of Michigan. *Numbers Become Her: How Anglo-Jamaican Women Financed the First British Empire, 1720-1770*


Moderator: Laura Mitchell, UC Irvine

12:45–2:00  Lunch

provided in Andersen Library for those who pre-registered

2:00–3:45  Ethnographic Exchanges

Cecile Fromont, University of Chicago. *Visualizing Kongo: Christian Nobility in the Atlantic World from 1500 to circa 1650*

Ricardo Padron, University of Virginia. *Cracks in the Glass Ceiling: Spain, Japan and the Limits of Early Modern Eurocentrism*

Melissa Morris, Columbia University. *States of Belonging: Challenges to Imperial Dominance in the Seventeenth Century Caribbean*

Gayle Brunelle, CSU Fullerton. “*Qu’es-tu venu faire icy?” French-Galibi Relations in Guiana, 1640-1665*

Moderator: Mark Meuwese, University of Winnipeg

Coffee Break

4:00–5:30  Colonial Collisions

Anne Good, Reinhardt University. *The Next Generation of Khoikhoi Translators: Communication and Miscommunication at the Cape of Good Hope*

Pernille Ipsen, UW Madison. *Interracial Marriage in European Expansion: A Comparative Perspective with the Gold Coast as case*

Matthew Cook, North Carolina Central University. *Massacring Colonialism: Two Cases from Sindh*

Moderator: Ty M. Reese, University of North Dakota

5:30 – 7:00  Reception

Andersen Library Atrium
Saturday 21 April

8:30–10:15 Food, Drink, and Smoke
Matthew Romaniello, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Circassian, Chinese, or Virginian? Tobacco’s Arrival Along the North Pacific Rim
Michael Laver, Rochester Institute of Technology. Billiards and Butter: Everyday Life as Social Lubricant between the VOC and the Japanese in the Early Modern
Rachel Hermann, McNeil Center. Of Crocodiles and Eagle Talons: Nova Scotian, Maroon, and Temne Food Diplomacy in Sierra Leone
Kevin McDonald, Carnegie Mellon University. Pappo and the Breadfruit: Trans-Oceanic Exchanges in the Atlantic and Pacific Worlds, ca. 1789
Moderator: Martha Chaiklin, University of Pittsburgh

Coffee Break

10:30–12:15 Imagined Boundaries
Edward Andrews, Providence College. The Problem of India in the Anglo-American Protestant Imagination
Madalina Veres, University of Pittsburgh. Redefining Imperial Borders: Marking the Eastern Border of the Habsburg Monarchy in the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century
Pinar Emiralioglu, University of Pittsburgh. Defending the Mediterranean in the Seventeenth Century: The Ottoman Understanding of Imperial Space on the Eve of the Enlightenment
Elizabeth Mjelde, University of North Dakota. Coastal Encounters: Colonial Travel and Imperial Representation
Moderator: Giancarlo Casale, University of Minnesota

12:15–1:45 Business Meeting & Lunch
Lunch is provided for those who pre-registered
All conference participants are encouraged to attend the business meeting

2:00–3:45 Global Interactions
Ernesto Bassi, UC Irvine. Turning South before Swinging East: Caribbean efforts to keep the British Empire Atlantic-centered in the Aftermath of the American Revolution
Daniel Livesay, College of William and Mary. West Meets East: Mixed-Race Jamaicans in India, 1770-1810
Owen Stanwood, Boston College. The Isle of Eden: A Dream of a Huguenot Republic in the Mascarene Islands, 1689-97
Raul Marrero-Fente, University of Minnesota. Early Modern Globalism and the Pacific Rim: Spain and China in the 16th c.
Moderator: Mary Malloy, Sea Education Association
Coffee Break

4:00–5:30 Structuring Empires
Ethan Hawkley, Northeastern University. Of Bells, Hairs, and Chairs: Early Modern Filipinos Encounter Globalization
Katherine Grandjean, Wellesley College. Routes of Empire: Communication and Colonization in Early New England
Zach Carmichael, University of Texas at Austin. The Key to the Indies: Cartagena de Indias as an Atlantic Urban Space, 1675-1700
Karin Velez, Macalester College. Wired for Mary: Mobile Catholic Markers in Seventeenth-Century Cities
Moderator: Alison Games, Georgetown University

7:30 pm Banquet
Presidential Address: Laura J. Mitchell, UC Irvine
Life Histories on a Global Stage: Re-thinking a Place for Stories in the Early-Modern World

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