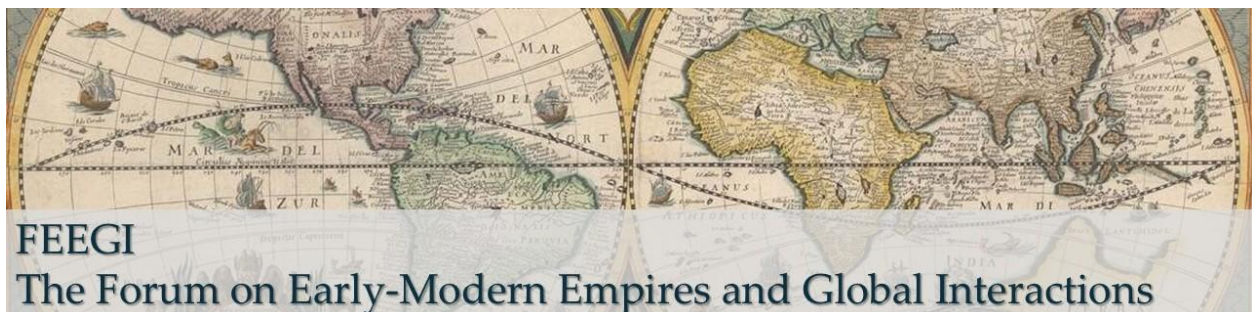


The Forum on Early-modern Empires and Global Interactions

2026 Meeting

Rutgers University – New Brunswick



Thursday April 9

4:30pm All attendees are welcome to gather in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency (2 Albany Street, New Brunswick) where Program Committee member (and faculty member in the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures) Hieu Phung will walk people over to the building where the opening roundtable and reception will be held.

5:00-6:00pm Opening Roundtable on Early Modern Global Political Economy, with welcoming remarks by Ernesto Bassi (FEEGI President) and Jessica Roney (PEAES Director and Director Designate of the Library Company of Philadelphia)

Academic Building, West, Room 6051

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Chair:

Christopher Brown (Columbia University)

Participants:

Sarah Balakrishnan (Duke University)

Carla Pestana (UCLA)

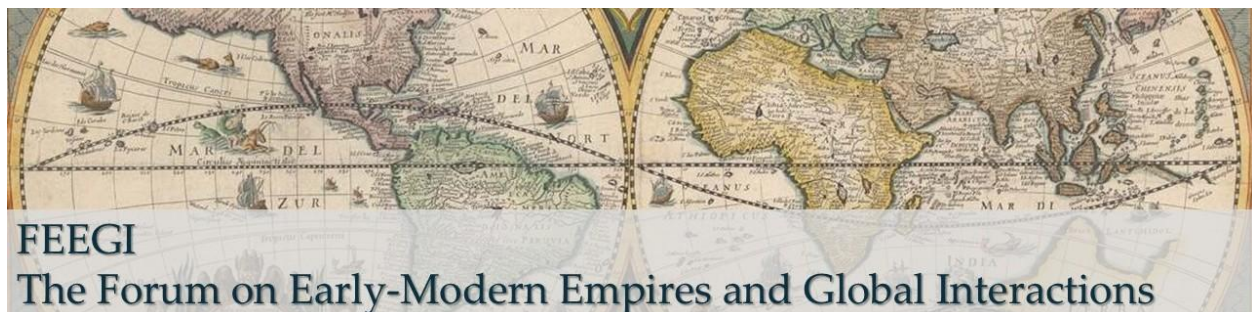
Justin Roberts (Dalhousie/UT Austin)

Casey Schmitt (Cornell University)

6:15-7:15pm Wine and Food Reception

Academic Building, West, Room 6051 and adjacent lounges

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Friday April 10**College Avenue Student Center, Room 411 AB****8:00am Coffee and pastries will be available for all attendees****8:30-10:00am Panel 1: Global Maritime Histories****Moderated by Molly Warsh**

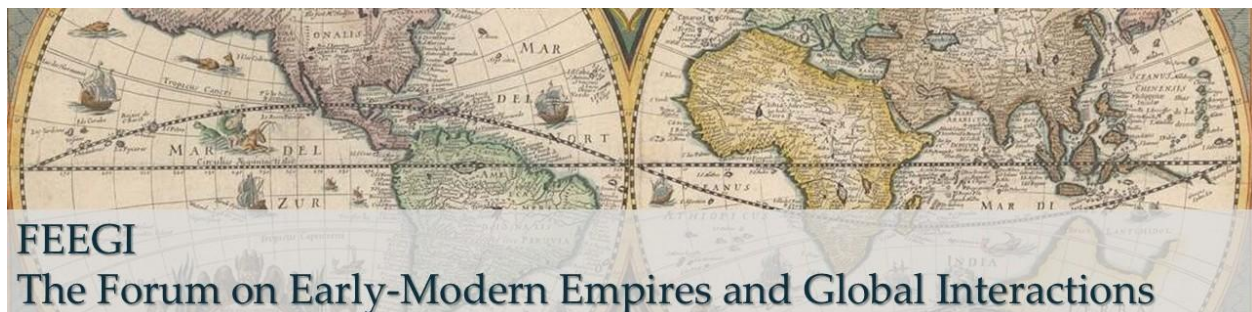
- Heesoo Cho (Davidson College), “Survival as a Way of Knowing and Existing in the Pacific World”
- Max Deardorff (University of Florida), “The Convict and Enslaved Oarsmen of the Spanish Philippine Thalassocracy”
- Carla Pestana (UCLA), “The Advent of the Harbor in the Early Caribbean”

10-10:30am Coffee Break**10:30-12pm Panel 2: European and African Encounters Across Realms of Religion and Trade****Moderated by Molly Warsh**

- Sarah Balakrishnan (Duke University), “Colonial Encounters and Spiritual Ecologies on the Gold Coast of West Africa, c. 1470-1670”
- Susan Mokheri (Rutgers University-Camden), “French Agents in Africa in the Seventeenth Century”
- Mica Miralles Bianconi (College of William & Mary), “A Monopolistic Enterprise? The Role of the Royal Company of the Philippines in Rio de la Plata during the 1780s-1790s”

12:15-1:15 Lunch roundtable Panel 3: Teaching World History with Adaptable Modules by the H21 Project (History for the 21st Century)

- Molly Warsh (University of Pittsburgh), Monica Green (Independent Scholar), Jack Bouchard (Rutgers University)

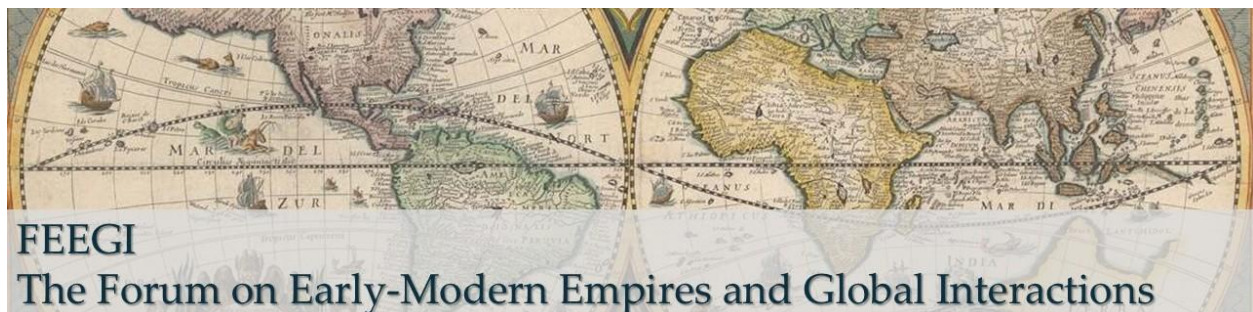


1:30-3:00pm Panel 4: Transimperial Migration and Identity Formation**Moderated by Sarah Balakrishnan**

- Nicole Gilhuis (Pepperdine University), “Charged silences: Marguerite Guédry and meaning making in the dead ends of research”
- Olivia Barnard (University of Florida), "Devil of a Woman": *White Femmes* of the *St. Ursin*
- John Balz (University of Wisconsin-Madison), “The Creole Diaries: Carriols in Eighteenth-Century Moravian Mission Stations on St. Thomas, St. Croix and St John”
- Naomi Taback (Temple University), “We Will Visit and Reform the Whole Race of Mankind: The Significance of Manners to Anglican Missionaries in the Early Eighteenth Century”

3:00-3:30pm Coffee Break**3:30-5:00pm Panel 5: Boundaries, Poverty, and Banishment in the Early Americas****Moderated by Sarah Balakrishnan**

- Elizabeth Hines (Johns Hopkins University), “New Netherland’s Guide to Accepting the Banished”
- Jason Sharples (Florida Atlantic University), “Improvisation in Subjecthood and Property Rights at the Margins of Empire: East Florida, 1784-1785”
- Nicole Lee Schroeder (Kean University), “Disabling Capitalism: Poverty, Welfare Reform, and Disability in the Antebellum Atlantic”



Saturday April 11

Murray Hall, Room 301

8:00-8:30am Coffee and pastries

8:30-10:00am Panel 6: Diplomacy, Intervention & Border-Making

Moderated by Hieu Phung

- James R. Fichter (University of Hong Kong), “America’s Opium Wars”
- Joey Low (Brandeis University), “Unmaking the China-Vietnam Border: Hostility, Friendship and Sovereignty in Early Modern Asian Borderlands”
- John Kuhn (Binghamton University), “Colonial Armies and Indigenous Canoe Warfare Practices in the Greater Saint Lawrence Watershed, 1641-1775”

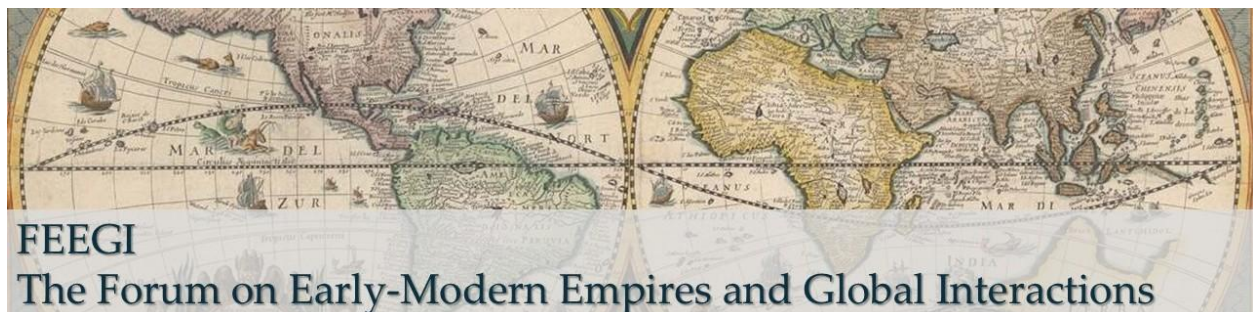
10:00-10:30am Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Panel 7: Companies, Commerce, and Empire

Moderated by Hieu Phung

- Rupali Mishra (Auburn University), “Private Trade and the Construction of Company Authority in the Establishment of the EIC in the early 17th century”
- Keith Richards (Tulane University), “Plantation Dreams: The Illicit Slave Trade in Eastern Cuba, 1662-1691”
- Miguel Durango-Loaiza (Colorado College), “Guajiros and the French Caribbean Revolutions: Trade, Captivity, and Indigenous Power, 1789-1808”

12:15-1:30pm Business Meeting/Lunch—all FEEGI members are invited to attend

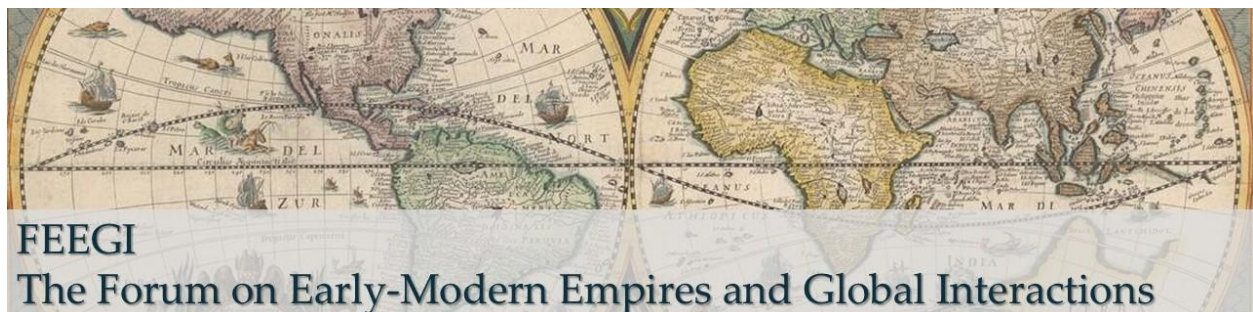


1:30-3:00pm Panel 9: Labor/Nature/Power in the Atlantic World 1**Moderated by Jack Bouchard**

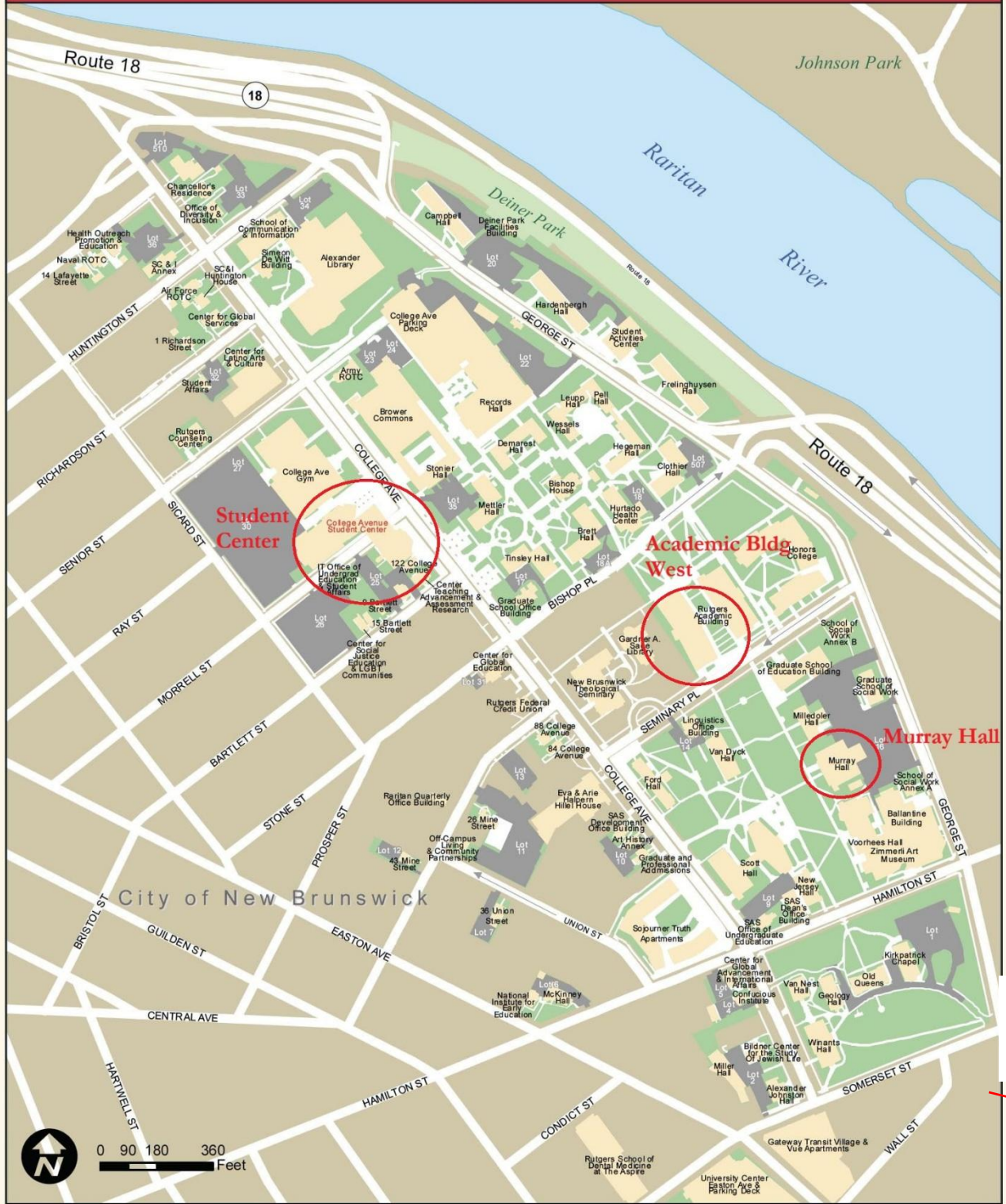
- Sydney Sweat-Montoya (College of William & Mary), “Indigenous Engagement with the Logwood Trade 1690-1710”
- Jennifer Motter (College of William & Mary), “A Search for Salt: The Influence of Environmental Factors on Labor Structures in the Early-Modern Dutch Atlantic”
- Robert Paulett (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville), “The Breeches of Britain: Using Deerskins to Rethink Production and Consumption in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic”

3-3:15pm Coffee Break**3:15pm-4:45pm Panel 10: Labor/Nature/Power in the Atlantic World 2****Moderated by Jack Bouchard**

- Randy Browne (Xavier University) and Justin Roberts (UT Austin), “The Plantation Complex: Toward a Global History”
- Mary Draper (Midwestern State University), “Making the wind Work: Slavery, Labor & Windmills in the Early Modern British Caribbean”
- Fiona O’Brian (Fordham University), “Babes and their Bellyful: Plants and the Natalist Conquest of British Colonial America”

Closing remarks by Jack Bouchard

Rutgers University–New Brunswick: College Avenue



A friendly guide to food and drink in New Brunswick, NJ

In general: There are two main food streets near the conference:

1. George St, downtown New Brunswick. About two minutes from the hotel, George St is lined with restaurants, bars, coffee shops, etc. You will be able to find most anything you need here.
2. Easton Ave. Just off the main college ave. campus, this avenue has a lot of quick options and some sit-down places. Many of them are geared toward undergraduates, however.

Some suggested restaurants:

- Ramen Nagomi. (Bayard St., just off George) Outstanding and easy ramen restaurant. Jack's favourite restaurant in the city.
- Efes Grill (Easton Ave) A Turkish restaurant serving a variety of Mediterranean options. Very reliable.
- Cambo Box (George St). Does takeout of Cambodian-inspired rice plates. Quick and tasty.
- Chai Chenak (George St). Pakistani street food. Very good food.
- Indochine (George St). Popular Vietnamese place.
- Dashen (Albany St, just off George). Ethiopian restaurant, very good.
- Veganized (Elm Row, by George St). A nice sit-down vegan restaurant.
- Sahara restaurant (Easton Ave). A good, popular place for Mediterranean lunch/dinner.
- Daniel's Pizzeria (Easton Ave). For a quick pizza slice.

Coffee and breakfast:

- Hidden Grounds Coffee. There are two locations, one by the train station, one on Easton Ave. Both serve very good coffee and breakfast foods.
- Efes cafe. Coffee shop and bakery next to Efes Grill on Easton.
- Khyber Coffee (Church St, just off George). Popular coffee shop.
- TJ's café in the Art History building/art museum on the College Ave quad

Bars

- George street is lined with bars, many catering to a younger crowd. I cannot vouch for most of them, alas.
- Harvest Moon Brewery (George St). Brewery and bar. It's fine.
- Old Man Rafferty's (Albany). Restaurant and bar, standard American fare and bar experience.
- Batch Bin and Barrel (Albany). More upscale bourbon/wine bar.

