



Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting
Virginia Commonwealth University
University Student Commons Building, 907 Floyd Avenue, Richmond, VA 23284
Saturday, April 25, 2009



9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Session One

SPECIAL SESSION: GLOBAL BRITONS, 1600-1800

Room: Richmond Salons I & II

Chair: **Alison Games** (Georgetown University)

Matthew Mitchell (University of Pennsylvania)

The Royal African Company and the West African competitive environment, 1681-1688

Mitchell Frass (Duke University)

They have traveled into a wrong latitude: The laws of England, India merchants, and the Imperial constitution 1726-1753.

Phyllis Hunter (University of North Carolina-Greensboro)

American Nabobs: Commerce, Empire, and Identity in the Seventeenth Century

Comment: **Robert DuPlessis** (Swarthmore College)

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 – 12:15 p.m. Session Two

POLITICAL CULTURE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Room: Richmond Salons I & II

Guy Ortolano (University of Virginia)

The Typicalities of the English: W.W. Rostow, Modernization Theory, and the Example of English History

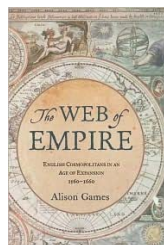
Thomas Hajkowski (Misericordia University)

Broadcasting in Britain: The BBC, Culture, and Identity, 1937-1951

Daniel Ritschel (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Varieties of Corporatism: Ideologies of Functional Representation and Economic Control in Inter-war Britain

Chair and Comment: **William Lubenow** (Richard Stockton College of New Jersey)



RELIGION AND POLITICS IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE

Room: Richmond Salon III

Kenneth L. Campbell (Monmouth University)

State Authority and Religious Nonconformity in mid-Sixteenth-Century England

Matthew L. O'Brien (Rutgers University)

Live happily, for merrily I imagine you can no more than we after so great and general a loss: The Death of Prince Henry and the Loss of Patronage

Nicole Greenspan (Hampden-Sydney College)

A Scandal to all the World: Religious Persecution and Public Debate during the Interregnum

Chair and Comment: **Rebecca Goetz** (Rice University)

TRADE AND NETWORKS OF COMMUNICATION: ENGLAND, SPAIN, AND NORTH AMERICA

Room: Richmond Salon IV

Heather Weidner (University of Virginia)

'I Write to Inform You' Information and Atlantic Trade

Jason Eldred (University of Virginia)

'Forward for Peace with England:' Trade and the Ambivalence of Anglo-Spanish Relations, 1604-1655

Lawrence Hatter (University of Virginia)

'To establish the Empire of the British Flag upon the Fresh water Oceans of the new World:' Informal Empire in the Great Lakes and the British Atlantic World, 1788-1796

Chair and Comment: **Padhraig Higgins** (Mercer County Community College)

ONLY JOKING: HUMOR AND ITS USES IN THE BRITISH ISLES, 1800-1940

Room: Forum Room

Nicolas Wolf (George Mason University)

Highlanders, Sasanaigh, and Connachtmen: The Humor of Misunderstanding in the British Isles

Kathrin Levitan (College of William and Mary)

'The Census and the Non-Sensus:' Humor as a Response to Statistics in the Nineteenth-Century Britain

Nicole Hudgins (George Mason University)

Photography Regarded as a 'Light' Subject, 1855-1940

Chair and Comment: **Dina Copelman** (George Mason University)

12:15 – 12:30 p.m. Break

12:30-2:00 p.m. Lunch and Plenary Lecture, Richmond Salons I & II

Major Seton, in the Drawing Room, with a Pistol: Murder, Insanity, and Divorce after the First World War

Gail Savage (St. Mary's College)

Chair: **Lynn Botelho** (Indiana University of Pennsylvania)



2:00-3:30 p.m. Session Three

**UN/NATURAL CONDITIONS IN EIGHTEENTH AND NINETEENTH-CENTURY
BRITAIN AND THE EMPIRE**

Room: Richmond Salons I & II

Yvette Florio Lane (Rutgers University)

To Transform the Unnatural Conditions of Their Lives: Disabled Flower-Girls and the Discourse of Nature in Victorian London

Christopher Bischof (Rutgers University)

The Nature of Class: Education, Class Mobility, and Charity at Kneller Hall Training College, 1848-1854

Sarah Hoglund (SUNY Stony Brook)

A 'Natural' Respect for the Dead? Funeral Obsequies in Early Nineteenth-Century Britain

Brenna Shae O'Rourke (Temple University)

Confinement of these 'Gentle Domestic Brutes': Eighteenth Century Madness and the Life of Mary Lum Girard

Chair and Comment: **George Robb** (William Patterson University)

CONTESTED VISIONS OF MARITIME EMPIRE

Room: Richmond Salon III

Asli Berkday (Tulane University)

Changing Rhetorics of Empire: Britain's Construction of the Portuguese Slave Trade in the Post-Abolition Period

Henry Buehner (Temple University)

Looking for the Political Lord Mansfield in the British Atlantic Empire

Joshua Wolf (Temple University)

To Be Enslaved or Thus Deprived: British Impressment, American Discontent, and the Making of the Chesapeake-Leopard Affair, 1803-1807

Chair and Comment: **Philip Stern** (Duke University)

CHALLENGES TO CONFORMITY, 1720-1885

Room: Richmond Salon IV

Brian Dudley (University of Virginia)

Dissent and Parish Politics in a Georgian Market Town



Richard Floyd (University of Virginia)

'Shew whose you are by shewing whom you serve!' Religion and political modernization in 19th century England

Jennifer Stollman (Fort Lewis College)

John Saul Howson: Dean of Chester Cathedral: An Unlikely Feminist

Chair and Comment: **Travis Glasson** (Temple University)

CLASS AND GENDER AT WORK AND PLAY, 1860-1945

Room: Forum Room

Brett Bebbler (Presbyterian College)

Football and the Nation: National Anxieties about Working-Class Violence in the Postwar Period

Mark J. Crowley (Institute of Historical Research)

'There can be no doubt that duty at a telephone exchange now is a war task in every sense of the word:' Female Telephonists in the British Post Office during World War Two

Fiona Mani (West Virginia University)

Shikar: The Regal sport of the marharajas and the British in India, 1860-1920

Chair and Comment: **Julie Taddeo** (University of Maryland, College Park)

3:30 – 3:34 p.m. Break

3:45-5:00 p.m. Session Four

**SPECIAL SESSION: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION OF MRINALINI SINHA,
SPECTERS OF MOTHER INDIA: THE GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING OF AN
EMPIRE. Room: Richmond Salons I & II**

Chair: **Sascha Auerbach** (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Discussants: **Madhavi Kale** (Bryn Mawr College); **Neeti Nair** (University of Virginia); **Aparna Vaidik** (Georgetown University)

Reponent: **Mrinalini Sinha** (Penn State)

Reception to follow, courtesy of the North American Conference on British Studies