

Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society

Scotland and the Americas

✦ 1600 to 1800

A Conference at the
JOHN CARTER BROWN LIBRARY
at Brown University
Providence, Rhode Island

June 8 to 12, 1994

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✦ Wednesday, June 8

1:00–5:00 p.m. / 7:00–8:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION

(John Carter Brown Library)

3:00–3:15 p.m.

WELCOMING REMARKS:

NORMAN FIERING, NED LANDSMAN,
JOHN ROBERTSON (001 Salomon Hall)

3:00–5:00 p.m.

SESSION I: *Visions of New Scotlands*
(001 Salomon Hall)

Chair: JOHN ROBERTSON, Oxford
University

JOHN G. REID, St. Mary's University:
"The Conquest of 'Nova Scotia':
Cartographic Imperialism and the Echoes
of a Scottish Past"

DAVID ARMITAGE, Columbia
University: "The Anglicization of
Scottish Colonial Theory, 1603–1707"

ARTHUR WILLIAMSON, California
State University at Sacramento:
"Scots, Jews, and Indians: The British
Imperial Dynamic and the Discourse
of Cultural Difference"

6:00 p.m.

PLENARY LECTURE

(001 Salomon Hall)

Chair: MICHAEL FRY, Edinburgh
BRUCE LENMAN, St. Andrews
University: "A Crisis of Identity:
Members of the Scottish Mercantile
Community on the Chesapeake and
the Coming of the Revolution"

7:00 p.m.

RECEPTION for registered conference
members and guests (John Carter Brown
Library)

8:00 p.m.

BUFFET DINNER (Leung Gallery)

9:00 p.m.

FILM SHOWING: "Culloden"
(70 mins.) (location t. b. a.)

✦ Thursday, June 9

8:00–11:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION

(John Carter Brown Library)

8:30–10:30 a.m.

SESSION II: *Scottish Women in the Imperial
and Transatlantic Worlds* (001 Salomon Hall)

Chair: SUSAN MANNING, Cambridge
University

DEBORAH SYMONDS, Drake University:
"Reconstructing Rural Infanticide in
18th-Century Scotland: The Trials of
Bell, a Slave, and Agnes Walker"

EDNA STEEVES, University of Rhode
Island: "Ambitious to Write: Catherine
Trotter's 'Olinda's Adventures'"

JOHN TOFFEY, Berkshire School:
"Flora McDonald in America"

10:30–10:45 a.m.

COFFEE BREAK

(Salomon upper lobby or outside)

10:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

SESSION III: *Emigration*

(001 Salomon Hall)

Chair: NED LANDSMAN, SUNY at
Stony Brook

JAMES McLACHLAN, Princeton, New
Jersey: "The Scottish Intellectual
Migration to British North America
1650–1770: New England and the
Chesapeake"

MICHAEL VANCE, St. Mary's University,
Halifax: "The Concept of Independence
Among Early 19th Century Scottish
Emigrants to Canada"

R. S. STEPHENSON, University of
Virginia: "Highland Soldiers and the
Highland Diaspora, 1754–74"

1:00–2:30 p.m.

LUNCH (Leung Gallery)

2:30–4:30 p.m.

SESSION IV: *The Caribbean Connection*
(001 Salomon Hall)

Chair: RODERICK McDONALD, Rider
College

DAVID HANCOCK, Harvard University:
"Bance Islands 'General Rendez Vous':
Scots in the West African/British-
American Slave Trade"

JOHN PULIS, Dowling College: "Coffee
Estates in Nova Scotia, Jamaica"

4:45–6:00 p.m.

ECSSS BUSINESS MEETING
(001 Salomon Hall)

6:00 p.m.

RECEPTION
(On the Green in front of the JCB)

7:00–8:15 p.m.

BUFFET DINNER (Sayles Hall)

8:15 p.m.

PLENARY LECTURE (JCBL)

Chair: NED LANDSMAN, SUNY at
Stony Brook

J. M. BUMSTED, University of
Manitoba: "Scottish vs. British Identity
in Eighteenth-Century Canada"

Friday, June 10

8:30–10:30 a.m.

SESSION V: *Transatlantic Literati*
(001 Salomon Hall)

Chair: DAVID ROBSON, John Carroll
University

ROGER EMERSON, Western Ontario
University: "The Glasgow Literary
Society"

PETER VIRGADAMO, California State,
Northridge: "William Douglass,
Cadwallader Colden, and the Throat
Distemper"

NINA REID-MARONEY, University
of Windsor: "Scottish Medicine at the
Pennsylvania Hospital"

10:30–10:45 a.m.

COFFEE BREAK
(Salomon Upper Lobby or outside)

10:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**SESSION VI(A): *Scottish Printers
and Booksellers in the Mid-Atlantic***
(101 Wilson Hall)

Chair: RICHARD SHER, New Jersey

ROSALIND REMER, Moravian College:
"A Scottish Printer in Late 18th-Century
Philadelphia: Robert Simpson's Journey
from Apprentice to Entrepreneur"

WHITNEY BAGNALL, Columbia
University Library: "Robert Bell and the
American Audience for Blackstone's
Commentaries"

RICHARD D. SMITH, Rocky Hill, N. J.
"James Tod: Princeton's First Printer and

10:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**SESSION VI(B): *The Literati and the
American Revolution*** (301 Wilson Hall)

Chair: ANDREW HOOK, University
of Glasgow

RICHARD C. SIMMONS, University
of Birmingham: "David Hume, Adam
Smith, and America"

JAMES SHEETS, University of
Rochester: "Adam Ferguson and the
Defense of Empire"

JANE FAGG, Arkansas College:
"An 'ingenious literary production':
Adam Ferguson and Carlisle
Commission Manifesto"

1:15 p.m.

BUS DEPARTURE for Trip to Newport,
including box lunch (Optional, \$15.00
additional for lunch and bus). Bus
departs from the corner of George and
Brown Streets (same corner as the JCBL).
Individual dinner arrangements in
Newport.

8:30 p.m.

CHARTER BUS DEPARTS from
Newport Visitors Center for Providence.

Saturday, June 11

8:30–10:30 a.m.

**SESSION VII: *Scottish Moral Philosophy in
America*** (001 Salomon Hall)

Chair: NORMAN FIERING, John Carter
Brown Library

DAVID RAYNOR, University of Ottawa:
"Hutcheson, Berkeley, Hume: Virtue
and Interest"

ROGER FECHNER, Adrian College:
"The Scottish Enlightenment and
New England Moral Philosophers in
the Late 18th Century"

ANDREW HOOK, University of
Glasgow: "Samuel Miller's *Brief Retrospect*
and its Scottish Context"

10:30–10:45 a.m.

COFFEE BREAK
(Salomon Hall upper lobby or outside)

10:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

SESSION VIII (A): *Scottish-American Presbyterians* (301 Wilson Hall)

Chair: R. KENT DONOVAN, Kansas State University

JOYCE GOODFRIEND, University of Denver: "Scots and the Schism in New York City's Presbyterian Church"

MARILYN PETTIT, University of Maryland Library: "The Boundaries between Religion and the World: Scotswomen and Female Benevolence in New York City, 1789–1815"

FREDERICK MILLS, SR., LaGrange College: "The Society in Scotland for Propagating Christian Knowledge in British North America, 1730–1775"

10:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

SESSION VIII (B): *Literary Portrayals* (101 Wilson Hall)

Chair: JEFFREY SMITTEN, Utah State University

SUSAN MANNING, Cambridge University: "Bad Dreams of a Brave New World: Henry Mackenzie and Charles Brockden Brown"

EVERETT WILKIE, JR., Connecticut Historical Society: "The Image of the Scot as Colonizer"

JAMES CANTRELL, University of Arkansas: "The Scots-Irish and the Origins of Southern Literature"

1:00–2:00 p.m.

LUNCH (Leung Gallery)

2:15–3:00 p.m.

CONCERT (Location TBA)

DAVID INGLE, "Scottish Songs and Ballads on Historical and Social Themes"

4:00–6:00 p.m.

SESSION IX: *Images of Others: Ethnology in Scottish American Colonies* (102 Wilson Hall)

Chair: JOYCE CHAPLIN, Vanderbilt University

BRIDGET MCPHAIL, University of Auckland: "Companions in Disaster: Scots and Indians Meet at Darien"

PAUL WOOD, University of Victoria: "Transatlantic Traffic: Samuel Stanhope Smith and Scottish Responses to Lord Kames's *Sketches of the History of Man*"

EDWARD GRAY, Brown University: "The American Indian and the Study of Language in 18th-Century Scotland and

6:00–7:30 p.m.

WHISKY TASTING

(MacMillan Reading Room, John Carter Brown Library)

7:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE BANQUET

(Hope Club)

8:30 p.m.

NORMAN GRABO, University of Tulsa: "An address to this here banquet": Dr. Alexander Hamilton's Tuesday Club in America"

 **Sunday, June 12**

9:00–11:00 a.m.

SESSION X: *Scotland and the Eighteenth-Century Empire* (001 Salomon Hall)

Chair: DAVID ARMITAGE, Columbia University

MICHAEL FRY, Edinburgh: "Natural Law and the Scottish Vision of Empire"

KEITH MASON, University of Liverpool: "A Scottish-American Loyalist's Odyssey: James Parker's Response to the Revolutionary Crisis"

J. RUSSELL SNAPP, Davidson College: "Scottish Visions of Empire and the Coming of the American Revolution"

11:00–11:15 a.m.

COFFEE BREAK

(Salomon Upper Lobby or outside)

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE SUMMARY

(001 Salomon Hall)

Moderator: RICHARD SHER

NED LANDSMAN, SUNY at Stony Brook: "The Context and Functions of Scottish Emigration to America"

Panel: J. M. BUMSTED, BRUCE LENMAN, SUSAN MANNING

12:30 p.m.

OPTIONAL LUNCH (Leung Gallery) (\$8.00 additional)

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