



SCOTS ABROAD

33rd Annual Conference of the Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society

**University of Liverpool
28-30 July 2022**



Figure 1 Laid out in neoclassical style in the 1810s, Abercromby Square was named after Scottish soldier and politician Sir Ralph Abercromby (1734-1801), Governor of Trinidad and Commander-in-Chief in Ireland. Abercromby was fatally wounded at the Battle of Alexandria in 1801. Originally laid out as residential terraces, the Square is now home to the University of Liverpool's humanities departments, including History, English, Irish Studies, Modern Languages and Archaeology, Classics & Egyptology.

Thursday 28th July

9.15 REGISTRATION OPENS
Tea and coffee available

10.00 WELCOME AND CONFERENCE OPENING
Dr Craig Smith, President of ECSSS (University of Glasgow)

Professor Mark Towsey (University of Liverpool)

10.30 OPENING KEYNOTE
Professor Jon Mee (University of York)
Scottish Networks in the Transpennine Enlightenment: Knowledge and Institutions, 1781-1832

Jon Mee is Professor of Eighteenth-Century Studies in the English Department at the University of York, having previously worked at the University of Warwick, the University of Oxford and Australian National University. His most recent books include *Print, Publicity and Popular Radicalism: The Laurel of Liberty* (2016) and *Conversable Worlds: Literature, Contention and Community 1762-1830* (2013). From 2011 to 2015 he led a major project funded by the Leverhulme Trust on 'Networks of Improvement' which has led to new work on the role of Scottish ideas and expats in the development of literary and intellectual culture in northern England.

12.00 LUNCH

13.00 Panels 1

Lecture Room 1	Lecture Room 2
Books and Borrowing, 1750-1830: An Analysis of Scottish Borrowers' Registers: Early Research Findings	Scottish Presbyterians and the Wider World
<p>CHAIR: Katie Halsey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kit Baston, 'Borrowers in Space and Time: Tracking Scottish Readers across Libraries in Books and Borrowing, 1750-1830' Matthew Sangster, 'From Enlightenment Systems towards Digital Textuality: Reconstructing Student Reading Habits in Eighteenth-Century Glasgow' Alex Deans, 'The Transformation of Westerkirk Miners' Library, 1791-1830' Gerard Lee McKeever, 'Towards a Federal View of Scottish Borrowings' 	<p>CHAIR: Clare Loughlin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xiang Wei, '"An Army of Fearers of God": Presbyterianism and Scottish Military Experience Abroad, c. 1688-1763' Ned Landsman, 'The Bishop of London, the Presbyterian 'Bishops' of Glasgow University, and the Quest for Dominion in the Churches of North America' Florence Petroff, 'John Erskine's Sermons on the American Controversy: Anti-Catholicism and Empire (1769-1776)' Julia Pohlmann, 'And Israel married Judah': The imagined Jew in Scottish covenanting sermons from 1689 until 1707'

15.00 TEA AND COFFEE



Figure 2 St Andrew's Church on Rodney Street in Liverpool's Georgian Quarter. Designed by John Foster and built by subscription for Liverpool's Scottish Presbyterian community in 1823-24. Now redeveloped as student accommodation.

15.30 Panels 2

LR 1: Scottish Social History: Scarcity, Education and Crime	LR 2: Scots and their Ideas in Europe
<p>CHAIR: Sophie Jones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Tonks, 'A Global Scot's Educational Mission: Andrew Bell and the 'Madras System' [online] Tabea Hochstrasser, 'Condemning or loving criminals: Can we discern enlightened ideas on empathy in commercial and government-issued eighteenth-century broadsides' [online] Lucy Henry, 'The Extreme Dearth and Scarcity of the Times: Food Scarcity and Crime in the Inverness Sheriff Court, 1782-84' [online?] 	<p>CHAIR: Emma MacLeod</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sophie Dunn, 'Servants in Scottish European Travel' Allesia Castagnino, 'The Italian reception of William Robertson's History of Scotland' Clarisse Godard Desmarest, 'Napoleon and the use of Ossianic imagery: generating a new ethnic identity for the French nation'

17.00 CLOSE

Friday 29th July

9.00 Panels 3

LR 1: James Wodrow and Samuel Kenrick: Faith and Citizenship (1750–1810)	LR 2: Scots in North America
<p>CHAIR: Joshua Smith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anthony Page, University of Tasmania, 'James Wodrow's Moderate Theology' [online] Emma Macleod, University of Stirling, 'James Wodrow and Faithful Citizenship: Moderate churchmanship and loyalty in Scotland, 1750–1810' Michael Brown, University of Aberdeen, 'Politics and the Pulpit: Problematic Orthodoxy in James Wodrow's The Measures of Divine Providence towards Men and Nations (1794)' 	<p>CHAIR: Ned Landsman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pam Perkins, 'Undeformed by the Hand of Man': W. E. Cormack's Newfoundland Travels' [online] Sophie Jones, 'American Clanship on the New York Frontier? Highland Loyalists, Scotophobia and the American Revolution' Stuart Salmon, 'A Duel with Words: An Aspect of the Battle over American Revolutionary War Memoirs'

10.30 TEA AND COFFEE

10.45 Panels 4

LR 1: Scots and Empire	LR 2: The Scottish Privy Council, 1692-1708: Government from Revolution to Union
<p>CHAIR: Hannah Kelly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jocelyn Zimmerman, 'Ghosts and Apparitions like ours': Scottish Fascinations with the Supernatural and the 'Discovery' Mission to Tibet, 1770-1775' Jane Corrie, 'Scots plantsmen and women in 18th century India: plans to restore and re-purpose buildings in the A J C Bose Indian Botanical Gardens in Kolkata' Rosi Carr, 'Enlightenment as Genocide: Governor Lachlan Macquarie in Eora, Dharug and Dharawal Country' [online?] Eloise Grey, 'Boredom and Anxiety: Emotions for Whiteness' 	<p>CHAIR: Alastair Mann</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Doak, 'Foreign conflict, Forced Impressment, "Sturdie Beggars" and the Privy Council of Scotland' Clare Loughlin, 'The Scottish Privy Council and the Cause of International Protestantism, c.1689–1708' Robbie Tree, 'The Scottish Privy Council in European Context: procedure and shared conciliar practices' Susanne Weston, 'The Privy Council, Penal Transportation and the Royal Prerogative of Mercy, 1689-1708'

12.45 LUNCH

1.45 KEYNOTE

Dr Désha Osborne (Hunter College, City University of New York)
The Men Who Killed Chatoyer: Alexander Leith and his Network of North East Scottish Settlers in 18th-Century Saint Vincent

Désha Osborne is an adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Africana, Puerto Rican/Latino Studies at Hunter College, City University of New York having completed her PhD in English at the University of Cambridge on the epic poem *Hiroona: An Historical Romance in Poetic Form* by Horatio Nelson Huggins. Dr Osborne held the ECSSS Daiches-Manning Memorial Fellowship in Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies at IASH (University of Edinburgh) in 2019 for a project exploring the duel fought between Garifuna Chief Joseph Chatoyer of St Vincent and Major Alexander Leith on 14 March 1795, using this moment to open up wider questions about Scotland's role in British settlement in the Americas and about indigenous resistance to British colonial rule in the Caribbean islands of St Vincent, Tobago, Grenada and Dominica. She now serves on the Steering Group of IASH's three-year Institute Project on Decoloniality, and in 2022 she held a Centre for Research Collections Fellowship at the University of Edinburgh. She has also collaborated with the National Trust for Scotland's Facing Our Past project.

15.15 Panels 5

LR 1: Scottish Music at Home and Abroad
CHAIR: Moira Hansen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mhairi Lawson, 'Robert Burns' "The Slave's Lament": engagement after indifference? A song from 1792' • Rachel Bani, "'I have found this place to conflict with nature": Scottish Gaelic Song, Emigration, and the Language of the Landscape' • Mary-Jannet Leith, 'Meeting London's Musical Scots: James Oswald and Robert Bremner 'Abroad' in the Capital' • Ellen Beard, 'Hidden Gaelic Gems in James Oswald's Pocket'

17.00 Walk to Liverpool Athenaeum

17.30 WINE RECEPTION AT THE LIVERPOOL ATHENAEUM

18.00 PRESENTATION OF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO NED LANDSMAN

18.15 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

19.30 CLOSE

Saturday 30th July

9.00 Panels 6

LR 1: Scottish Enlightenment: Civilization, Common Sense and Natural Philosophy	LR 2: Catholicism and Anti-Catholicism in Eighteenth-Century Scotland
CHAIR: Mark Towsey	CHAIR: Michael Brown
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Smith, 'The Rough Edges of Civilization in the Scottish Enlightenment' • Bradford Bow, 'A Physician of Common Sense: John Gregory in the Scottish Enlightenment' • Derya Gurses Tarbuck, 'Scots in Leiden: The Influence of Herman Boerhaave on Scottish Natural Philosophy' [online] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clare Loughlin, 'Popery always the same'? Anti-Catholicism in Early Eighteenth-Century Scotland' • Clotilde Prunier, 'Scottish Catholicism in Crisis in the 1730s' • Gregory J. Tirenin, 'From Jacobite to Loyalist: The Career and Political Theology of Bishop George Hay (1729-1811)'

10.30 TEA AND COFFEE

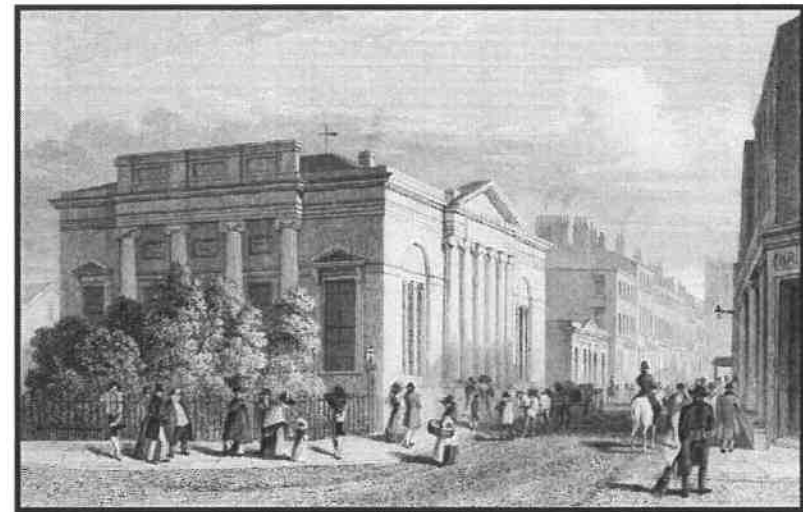


Figure 3 Liverpool Lyceum, a subscription library and newsroom designed by Thomas Harrison and completed in 1802. The Lyceum provided new premises for the Liverpool Library, founded in 1758 as one of the first formal subscription libraries in England. Several members of Liverpool's prominent Scottish community were heavily involved in the Liverpool Library and its younger sibling the Liverpool Athenaeum, including merchant and slave owner John Gladstones (1764-1851), father of Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone, and James Currie (1756-1805), a physician and abolitionist who published the first biography of Robert Burns. After several years as a post office, a bank and a restaurant, the Lyceum building currently stands empty at the bottom of Bold Street but remains instantly recognisable from this 1828 print.

11.00 Panels 7

LR 1: Reading, Taste and Identity	LR 2: Revolution, War and the Scots
<p>CHAIR: Katie Halsey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joshua Smith, 'The Leighton Library, Dunblane: Reading, Politics and Networks in a Scottish Subscription Library' • Cleo O'Callaghan Yeoman, 'Reading Scottish National Identity in Elizabeth Hamilton's Memoirs of Modern Philosophers' • Hannah Kelly, 'The Scottish Enlightenment and the Discourse of Empire: The Life, Writing and Reading of Alexander Walker, 1764-1831' • Mark Towsey, 'Introducing the Eighteenth-Century Libraries Online Database: Scottish Perspectives' 	<p>CHAIR: Clarisse Godard Desmarest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola Martin, 'Culloden to Concord: Warfare and the Evolution of British Imperial Attitudes, 1746-75' • Emma Pearce, 'Transatlantic Tartans: John Singleton Copley's Hugh Montgomerie 12th Earl of Eglinton and Tartan Uniform in the British Empire' • Rory Butcher, 'Foreigners at Home? The Scottish Fencibles Abroad in Britain, 1793-1802' • Rémy Duthille, 'Scots abroad and foreigners in Scotland: celebrating revolution from 1789 to 1836'

13.00 LUNCH

14.00 Panels 8

LR 1: Jacobites and Jacobitism: New Perspectives	LR 2: Race, Slavery and the Scots in Jamaica
<p>CHAIR: Sophie Jones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leith Davis, 'Networking Jacobites: A Digital Humanities Project on Robert Forbes' Lyon in Mourning Manuscript' [online] • Michael Taylor, 'James Edward Oglethorpe: Georgian Jacobite' 	<p>CHAIR: Désha Osborne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Marshall, 'I am often tired of holding the rod: Scottish overseers on Ardoch Pen, Jamaica 1775-1795' • Matthew Lee, 'Hector MacNeill's Observations of the Treatment of the Negroes in the Island of Jamaica'

15.00 CLOSE

Practicalities

Venue

The scientific programme (including keynotes and all panels) takes place at the University's 502 Teaching Hub, centrally located between Liverpool University Mountford Hall, the Liverpool Guild of Students and the University of Liverpool Sports and Fitness Centre. The campus map can be downloaded [here](#). The Reception and AGM on Friday evening take place at the [Liverpool Athenaeum](#), which is a simple 20-minute walk from campus directly down Brownlow Hill, Ranelagh Street and Church Street. The Athenaeum is entered from Church Alley, and you will need to press the intercom to request entry.

Paper length

Panel papers should be no more than 20 minutes in length. Speakers are asked to please be considerate to colleagues on the same panel and to keep strictly to time.

Lecture/seminar room facilities

Conference rooms are equipped with a full range of A/V facilities. If you wish to use Powerpoint (or equivalent), please bring along your slides on a memory stick or upload them to a cloud hosting service such as sharepoint, onedrive or dropbox.

Hybrid arrangements

LR1 will be fully hybrid, broadcast over zoom for the duration of the conference. Requests for online delivery mean that one panel in LR2 will also be delivered in hybrid via zoom:

ECSSS Annual Conference THURSDAY: Room 1 (all day)

<https://liverpool-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/91792237115?pwd=OlpwTihYbUVNeG0rNIU2Q2RrK25pdz09>
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ECSSS Annual Conference FRIDAY: Room 1 (all day)

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ECSSS Annual Conference FRIDAY: Room 2 (9am panel)

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ECSSS Annual Conference SATURDAY: Room 1 (all day)

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