

***Archives of Revolution (June 20-22, 2024)***

*Hosted by the John Carter Brown Library & the McNeil Center for Early American Studies with The Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts*

***Sayles Hall, Main Campus Green, Providence, RI 02912***

**Thursday, June 20 (Day 1):**

**Conference Welcome (4:30 - 5:00 PM): Emma Hart, Sean Quimby & Karin Wulf**

**Keynote Discussion (5:00 - 6:00 PM):**

Chair: Anthony Bogues, Director of the Simmons Center, Asa Messer Professor of Humanities and Critical Theory, Professor of Africana Studies

“The Treasurer’s Tale: A Lost Account of War, White Supremacy, and Black Radicalism in the Haitian Revolution”

Manuel Covo, University of California, Santa Barbara

Christopher Hodson, Brigham Young University

***RECEPTION (6:00 - 7:00 PM)***

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**Friday, June 21 (Day 2):**

***Breakfast (8:30 - 9:00 AM)***

**PANEL 1 (9:00 AM - 10:30 AM): AMERICA 2026 – Archives of Revolution on both sides of the Atlantic**

Chair: Sara Georgini, Massachusetts Historical Society

Introduction to AMERICA2026 and its European database project

Virginie Adane, Nantes Université

“Hidden American Revolutionary archives in France”

Iris de Rode, Mount Vernon (*remote*)

"Benjamin Franklin and Charles Gravier de Vergennes: the improbable understanding between two Founding Fathers of the USA revealed by the study of French archives"

Leila Tnainchi, Université de Bourgogne-Franche Comté

“The American Revolution in the Tuscan Archives: An Essay Contest at the Accademia Etrusca di Cortona, 1786”

Irma Toti, Université Paris 8

***Coffee Break (10:30 - 10:45 AM)***

**PANEL 2 (10:45 AM - 12:15 PM): Making Institutional Archives**

Chair: Dorothy Berry, Smithsonian Institution

“Inheriting and Bequeathing the Revolution”

Ashley Cataldo, American Antiquarian Society

“Print, Manuscript, and Paper: How Archives Can Retell Diverse Revolutionary Voices”

John J. Garcia, American Antiquarian Society

“The Huntington Library’s Presidential Founders: Collecting, Processing, Cataloging”

Melissa Haley, The Huntington Library

***Lunch (12:15 - 1:30 PM)***

**PANEL 3 (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM): Archives of Revolution, Slavery, and Enslaved Revolutionaries (Roundtable)**

Chair: Cory Young, University of Iowa

Marcus P. Nevius, University of Missouri

Adam McNeil, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

María Esther Hammack, The Ohio State University

Tara Bynum, University of Iowa

***Coffee Break (3:00 - 3:15 PM)***

**PANEL 4 (3:15 PM - 4:45 PM): Beyond Battles: Reconsidering the Military Archive of the American Revolution (Roundtable)**

Chair: Lauren Duval, University of Oklahoma

Friederike Baer, Penn State Abington

Alec Zuercher Reichardt, University of Missouri

John G. McCurdy, Eastern Michigan University

Meg Roberts, University of Cambridge

***Small Bites Break (4:45 - 5:30 PM)***

**PANEL 5 (5:30 PM - 7:00 PM): Local Archives in Revolution**

Chair: Morgan Grefe, Rhode Island Historical Society

“Critical Localism in Northeastern Revolutionary Archives”

Christine DeLucia, Williams College

“Buried Collections: Creating an Accessible Local History Archive for Rev250 and Beyond”

William P. Tatum III, Dutchess County, New York

“Voices from the NHS Archives”  
Rebecca Bertrand, Newport Historical Society

“Dinah's Story: A Revolutionary Narrative”  
Laura C. Keim, Stenton

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**Saturday, June 22 (Day 3):**

***Breakfast (8:30 - 9:00 AM)***

**PANEL 6 (9:00 AM - 10:30 AM): How Collectors Shape Archives**

Chair: Sean Quimby, University of Pennsylvania Libraries

“The Spirit of '76 a struggle of free men to remain free”: The American Revolution  
Collection of Sol Feinstone”

David Gary, American Philosophical Society

“Collecting and Privilege: Before the Founding Fathers, there were the Signers”  
Olga Tsapina The Huntington Library (*remote*)

“An Archive For Revolution: Institutions of Memory and Historical Connections”  
Nora Slonimsky, Iona University (*remote*)

**PANEL 7 (10:45 AM - 12:15 PM): The Founders Archive(s)**

Chair: Seth Rockman, Brown University

“Nationalizing Revolutionary Archives for the Cold War Public”

Michael D. Hattem, Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute

“Digitization and the History of Revolutionary Constitution-Making: New York as a Test  
Case”

Mark Boonshoft, Virginia Military Institute

“Slavery and the Archival Politics of “Founding Documents””

Mary T. Freeman, University of Maine

**PANEL 8 (12:30 PM - 1:30 PM): Lunch-and-Learn, Digital Archives of Revolution**

Chair: Darrell Meadows, National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National  
Archives and Records Administration (NHPRC)

Molly Nebiolo, Butler University

Jessica Parr, Northeastern University

**PANEL 9 (2:00 PM - 3:30 PM): Archives Beyond Borders**

Chair: Holly Brewer, University of Maryland

“Charters As the Idols of American Origins”

Asheesh Siddique, University of Massachusetts-Amherst (*remote*)

“Finding Neutrality: Civil War and Revolution in National(ist) Archives”

Travis Glasson, Temple University

“The Problem of a Political Economy of Maroon Sovereignty in History: A View from the Archives”

Marcus P. Nevius, University of Missouri

***Coffee Break (3:30 - 3:35 PM)***

**PANEL 10 (3:45 PM - 5:15 PM): Archives in Translation**

Chair: Lynne Farrington, University of Pennsylvania Libraries

“Americanization without Anglicization: Historicizing Translations of American Revolutionary Documents Circa 1810”

Len von Morzé, University of Massachusetts Boston

“‘Não possa alguém allegar ignorancia’: Portugal in the Archives of Revolution”

Emily Sneff, William & Mary

“Unsettling Revolutionary Archives through Collaborative and Community-engaged Research in and with Indigenous Nations”

Ann-Catherine "Anca" Wilkening, Harvard University

***END OF CONFERENCE***