Dear colleagues,

Here we go with details about *early-American-flavored events* on the program at this week’s A.S.A. conference, in Toronto. Please note:

In addition to these panels, the FRIDAY-afternoon **RECEPTION** -- which we’re co-sponsoring, off-site, with the Environment and Culture Caucus and with generous financial support this time around from York University’s Faculty of Environmental Studies as well as, yet again, from the American Antiquarian Society -- and our brief business meeting midday SATURDAY, there’re also individual early-American-flavored papers on other panels (e.g., Cassie Smith’s paper on a panel at 8:00 a.m. Saturday; yikes! : ). To see the full schedule, visit [www.theasa.net](http://www.theasa.net) and click on the “Search the Program” link; room numbers are there as well as in this year’s program booklet.

Won’t be long, and, like each of you, I’m

Looking forward,

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p.s. **thanks, as ever!**, to this tireless crew that functions as our Caucus’s Working Comm--

*Sari Altschuler*, Emory U., who has selflessly agreed to serve as our Caucus’s co-coordinator!  
*Katie Brian*, Western Washington U.  
*Verdie Culbreath*, Cornell U.  
*Paul Erickson*, American Antiquarian Society  
*Andrew Inchiosa*, U. of Chicago  
*Drew Lopenzina*, Old Dominion U.  
*Yrs truly*, F.S.U.  
*Cassie Smith*, U. of Alabama  
*Sally Promey*, Yale U.  
*Peter Reed*, U. of Mississippi

--- three of whom* have each recently and quite selflessly agreed to join this little group. Plus here’s a grateful shout-out to our colleague **Karen N. Salt**, of the U. of Aberdeen, for a decade’s tireless service on this Working Committee and for having made clear she plans to stay involved in our Caucus’s activities, with an eye toward “working on certain things, such as diverse representation in the field.” Hear hear!
Note: an asterisk, like so *, designates each of the eight sessions that appeared on the ballot we circulated, back in April, in order to choose the two that we can have the command module designate as “Sponsored by the Early American Matters Caucus”

THURSDAY, October 8:

8:00-9:45 a.m.  “The Miseries of Reproduction: Intractable Media and American Art of the Long Nineteenth Century”  
Panelists:  
  Ellery Foutch, Middlebury C., Chair and Commentator  
  Amy Torbert, U. of Delaware  
  Sarah Beetham, U. of Delaware

FRIDAY, October 9:

8:00-9:45 a.m.  * “Early American Spaces of Misery: The Alienation of Labor and Land in Homes, Cities, Frontiers”  
Panelists:  
  Teresa Anne Murphy, George Washington U., Chair  
  Miranda Green-Barteet, Western U., Canada  
  John O’Keefe, Ohio U.-Chillicothe  
  Laurel Clark Shire, U. of Western Ontario, session organizer  
  Nancy Rhoden, Western U., Canada, Commentator

10:00-11:45 a.m.  * “Colloquy with Ed Baptist on The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism” - -- sponsored by our Caucus  
Panelists:  
  Susanna Ashton, Clemson U.  
  Ed Baptist, Cornell U., author of the Half Has Never Been Told  
  Daina Ramey Berry, U. of Texas at Austin  
  Brigitte Fielder, U. of Wisconsin  
  D.M., F.S.U., moderator  
  James Stewart, Pennsylvania State U., emeritus

12:00-1:45 p.m.  * “Troubling Region: The Problem of Geography in Teaching ‘the Early Americas’” -- sponsored by our Caucus  
Panelists:  
  Sari Altschuler, Emory U., Chair and Commentator  
  Glenda Goodman, U. of Pennsylvania  
  Craig Hollander, Princeton U.  
  Christopher Parsons, Northeastern U.  
  Peter Reed, U. of Mississippi  
  Samantha Seeley, U. of Richmond

12:00-1:45 p.m.  “Chinese Railroad Workers in North America: Recovering the Production of
“Misery and Ways of Resistance”
Panelists:
Shelley Fisher Fishkin, Stanford U., Chair
Barbara Voss, Stanford U.
John Molenda, Columbia U.
Ryan Kennedy, Indiana State U.
Hsinya Huang, National Sun Yat-sen U.
Jeanne Pfaelzer, U. of Delaware
Beth Lew-Williams, Princeton U.
I-Ping Liang, National Taiwan U.
Pin-Chia Feng, National Chiao Tung U.
Hilton Obenzinger, Stanford U.

2:00-3:45 p.m. *“Queer Misery: Queer Lives, Queer Texts and Producing the Possible in Early America”*
Panelists:
Jillian Sayre, Rutgers U., Camden, Chair and Commentator
Benjamin Bascom, U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Danielle Skeehan, Oberlin C.
Marcia D. Nichols, U. of Minnesota, Rochester, session organizer

4:00-5:45 p.m. *“Early Environmentalisms”*
Panelists:
Lynn Wardley, San Francisco State U., Chair and Commentator
Greta Lynn LaFleur, Yale U., session organizer
Morgan Vanek, U. of Toronto
Kyla Schuller, Rutgers U., New Brunswick/Piscataway
Benjamin Kahan, Louisiana State U.

4:00-5:45 p.m. *“Resistance and Resilience in Native America”*
Panelists:
Robin D. G. Kelley UCLA, Chair
Emily Jane McGillivray, U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Yael Ben-zvi, Ben-Gurion U., Israel
Mathilde Roza, Radboud U. Nijmegen, Netherlands
William Bryan Hart, Middlebury C.

4:30-6:30 p.m. *Ta-da! Reception / Cash Bar* Again this year, Paul Erickson has arranged for the American Antiquarian Society to be a major underwriter – and this year our pals in the A.S.A.’s Environment + Culture Caucus have gotten York University’s Faculty of Environmental Studies to co-sponsor this year’s event quite generously! Which is to say please join us at Epicure (502 Queen St W, http://www.theepicure.ca/).

*FYI:*
7:00- 8:00 p.m. the A.S.A.’s annual Awards Ceremony
8:30- 9:30 p.m. the A.S.A.’s annual Presidential Address
9:30-10:30 p.m. the A.S.A.’s annual President’s Reception -- yum!
SATURDAY. October 10:

8:00-9:45 a.m. “Early American Matters Caucus’s Business Meeting”

NOPE: we’ve rescheduled it for midday today, so do watch our Facebook page for more particulars – and you have liked that page, ¿right?

11:30 a.m.-12:30 “Early American Matters Caucus’s Business Meeting”

For LOCATION, please check bulletin boards at the Sheraton AND, of course, our Facebook page!

Please do join us in looking ahead to the next A.S.A., Nov. 17-20 ’016 in Denver. Let’s continue encouraging one another to turn in substantive, interesting, dynamic early-American-flavored proposals, for papers as well as for panels; let’s remind ourselves of the value of including “Early American” as one of the keywords we get to attach to a proposal. Deadlines and so on will be in this year’s program booklet and at theasa.net and in the occasional message via Fb and our Caucus’s e-mail listserv.

2:00-3:45 p.m. “Re(Productions of Early America in the Reader’s Mind: Imagining Ambivalent Beginnings”

Panelists:
Silvia Schultermandl, U. of Graz, Austria, Chair and session organizer
Alexander Ganser, U. of Vienna, Austria
Tegan Zimmerman, MacEwan U., Canada
Martina Koegler-Abdi, U. of Copenhagen, Denmark

SUNDAY. October 11:

12:00-1:45 p.m. “Slavery: Agency, Respectability and the Material”

Panelists:
Heidi Ardizzone, Saint Louis U., Chair
Sam Tenorio, Northwestern U.
Adam Lewis, Boston C.
Savannah Shange, U. of Pennsylvania

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