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Dear colleagues,

Here we go with details about **early-American-flavored events** on the program at this November's A.S.A. conference in D.C. Please note:

In addition to these panels, this Saturday-evening **RECEPTION** and this business meeting, there're **also** numerous other **individual early-American-flavored papers** on other panels, throughout the conference. To see the full schedule, visit theasa.net and click on the "Search the Program" link; room numbers are there as well as in this year's program booklet.

Yep, this year is **the tenth consecutive time** that our Caucus has had a presence at the A.S.A., but hey, ¿who's counting? Like you I'm

Looking forward,

p.s. thanks, as ever!, to my tireless colleagues on our caucus's current Working.Comm:

***Sari Altschuler**, University of South Florida*

***Kathleen Brian**, George Washington University*

***Paul Erickson**, American Antiquarian Society*

***Toni Wall Jaudon**, Hendrix College*

***D. M.**, Florida State University*

***Sally Promey**, Yale University*

***Peter Reed**, University of Mississippi*

***Karen Salt**, University of Aberdeen*

THURSDAY, November 21:

8:00-9:45 a.m. "Debts of Spirit and Substance"

Thursday, Nov. 21 Chair: Elisa Tamarkin, U of California, Berkeley

Papers:

James Deutsch, Smithsonian Institution

Gino Conti, U of Southern California

Glenda Goodman, Colburn School
Tanja Aho, SUNY, Buffalo

Commentator: Elisa Tamarkin, U of California, Berkeley

8:00-9:45 a.m. **“Decolonizing the Indigenous Archive”**

Thursday, Nov. 21 Chair: Dustin Tahmahkera, Southwestern U

Papers:

Tyler Jackson Rogers, Yale U
Alicia Cox, U of California, Riverside
Sandra L. Garner, Miami U of Ohio
Shaista Patel, U of Toronto

Commentator: Dustin Tahmahkera, Southwestern U

8:00-9:45 a.m. **“Visions of Anti-Slavery”**

Thursday, Nov. 21 Chair: Jacqueline Stewart, Northwestern U

Panelists:

Teresa Alice Goddu, Vanderbilt U
Alex Black, Cornell U
Sarah Mesle, U of California, Los Angeles
Aston Gonzalez, U of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Commentator: Jacqueline Stewart, Northwestern U

10:00-11:45 a.m. **“Nineteenth-Century Public Lecturing, New Media, and Technologies of Orality”**

Thursday, Nov. 21

Chair: Thomas Augst, NYU

Papers:

Carolyn Eastman, Virginia Commonwealth U
Granville Ganter, Saint John's U
Tom F. Wright, U of Sussex (U.K.)

Commentator: Thomas Augst, NYU

10:00-11:45 a.m. **“Political Melville?”**

Thursday, Nov. 21 Chair: Robert Levine, U of Maryland

Panelists:

Jennifer Greiman, SUNY, Albany
Jason Frank, Cornell U
Branka Arsic, Columbia U
Samuel Otter, U of California, Berkeley
Jeannine DeLombard, U of Toronto

12:00-1:45 p.m. **“Debts and the Memories of Colonial Slavery”**

Thursday, Nov. 21 Chair: Karen Woods Weierman, Worcester State C

Papers:

Michelle Commander, U of Tennessee, Knoxville

Catherine E. Saunders, George Mason U

William B. Hart, Middlebury C

Wendy Walters, Emerson C

Commentator: Karen Woods Weierman, Worcester State C

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12:00-1:45 p.m. **“Elegiac Dissent and the Politics of Form”**

Thursday, Nov. 21 Chair: Craig Willse, George Mason U

Papers:

Max Cavitch, U of Pennsylvania

Travis Foster, Villanova U

Marcellus Blount, Columbia U

Virginia Jackson, U of California, Irvine

Commentator: Craig Willse, George Mason U

FRIDAY, November 22:

12:00-1:45 p.m. *Note: off-site at the Library of Congress's Pickford Theater:*

“Crèvecoeur and His Letters,”

a reading / book signing in the LC's occasional “Books & Beyond” series; with an introduction by Paul Erickson. This session focuses on the John Harvard Library Letters from an American Farmer and Other Essays ('013), edited and with an Introduction by Dennis Moore; Crèvecoeur's late-18C manuscript, all in English, is among the treasures in the vault beneath the LC's Manuscript Reading Room

4:00-5:45 p.m. **“The Politics of Exigency: Dispossession, Petitions and the Limits of Legal Recourse”**

Friday, Nov. 22

Chair: David Kazanjian, U of Pennsylvania

Panelists:

Adam Lewis, Boston C

Samantha Seeley, NYU

Emma Stapely, U of Pennsylvania

Commentator: David Kazanjian, U of Pennsylvania

SATURDAY, November 23:

8:00-9:45 a.m. **“Commons Democracy,”** *one of two sessions that the members of our Caucus voted, June '013, to designate as “Sponsored by the Early American Matters Caucus”*

Saturday, Nov. 23

Chair: Dana Nelson, Vanderbilt U

Papers:

Joanna Brooks, San Diego SU

Elizabeth Maddock Dillon, Northeastern U

Melissah Pawlikowski, Ohio State U

Commentator: Dana Nelson, Vanderbilt U

10:00-11:45 a.m. **“Morbid Accumulation: The Body as Capital, Bodies in Debt,
Saturday, Nov. 23 Embodied Resistance”**

Chair: Sarah Schuetze, U of Kentucky

Panelists:

Mary Balkun, Seton Hall U
Charlotte Quinney, U of Denver
James Spady, Soka U of America
Manuel Herrero-Puertas, U of Wisconsin, Madison
Amanda Stuckey, C of William and Mary

Commentator: Sarah Schuetze, U of Kentucky

12:00-1:45 p.m. **“Hemispheres of Debt, Crises of Ecologies, Ethics of Collective
Saturday, Nov. 23 Dissent: The Caribbean and Pacific Islands in American Studies”**

Chair: Iping Joy Liang, National Taiwan Normal U (Taiwan)

Panelists:

Karen N. Salt, U of Aberdeen (U.K.)
Vicente M. Diaz, U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Joni L. Adamson, Arizona SU
Hsinya Na Huang, NSYSU (Taiwan)
Iping Joy Liang, National Taiwan Normal U (Taiwan)

12:30-1:45 p.m. **Business meeting, Early American Matters Caucus**

Saturday, Nov. 23 *Note: see “Looking ahead. . .” below, and please do join the conversation!*

2:00-3:45 p.m. **“Colloquy with Annette Kolodny on In Search of First Contact,”** *one of two
Saturday, Nov. 23 sessions that the members of our Caucus voted, June '013, to designate as “Sponsored by the
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Chair: Dennis Moore, Florida State U

Panelists:

Ralph Bauer, U of Maryland
Anna Brickhouse, U of Virginia
Lisa Brooks, Amherst C
Lauren Coats, Louisiana SU
Shelley Fisher Fishkin, Stanford U

Annette Kolodny, U of Arizona, author of In Search of First Contact:
The Vikings of Vinland, the Peoples of the Dawnland and the Anglo-
American Anxiety of Discovery

Birgit Brander Rasmussen, Yale U

6:00-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 23

Reception, *again this year, with our friends in the A.S.A.'s ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE CAUCUS!*, a tradition that dates back to the '009 A.S.A., also in D.C. -- a tradition that now also includes the **University of Aberdeen** and the **EARLY CARIBBEAN SOCIETY** as co-sponsors.

HEADS UP! instead of being in a room at the conference hotel, we'll be a couple of blocks away at **THE BOARD ROOM, 1737 Connecticut Ave NW. Cheers!**

Looking ahead to next year's A.S.A. – November 6-9 '014 in L.A. – it makes sense to continue encouraging one another to turn in dynamic, interesting, substantive early-American-flavored proposals. Deadlines and other details will be in this year's program booklet and at theasa.net and, yep, in the occasional message via our Caucus's listserv.