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Dear colleagues,

Here we go with the **BALLOT** by which we as a caucus will choose **2** sessions to designate, on the program for this November's A.S.A. conference in Los Angeles, as "Sponsored by the Early American Matters Caucus."

You'll be pleased to know that this year's A.S.A. Program.Comm has already accepted all five of the following sessions, so all five will appear on the program. You know you want to vote, so please simply **send an e-mail**, no later than midday EDT Wednesday, April **30**, to earlyamericanmatters@fsu.edu, with **VOTING** as your subject line and with this crucial info in the body of your e-mail:

My FIRST preference from this list is _____
My SECOND preference from this list is _____

Once we've counted the votes from folks who are caucus members, I'll check to make sure that the top two aren't going to be at same time on same day and will then relay our results to the A.S.A. command module. Meanwhile, three reminders for everyone:

- Watch for more details about this year's **reception**, which is to say *Cheers!*
- Again this year we'll have a **business meeting**, so please do plan to participate
- Simply as a reminder, last year we as a caucus voted to designate these two interdisciplinary sessions as "Sponsored By. . .": "Commons Democracy" and "Colloquy with Annette Kolodny on In Search of First Contact."

Looking forward,

p.s. *the list of panels will follow this list of our caucus's current Working.Comm members:*

Sari Altschuler, University of South Florida
Kathleen Brian, George Washington University
Paul Erickson, American Antiquarian Society
Toni Wall Jaudon, Hendrix College
Drew Lopenzina, Old Dominion University <our newest committee member; Welcome!
Dennis Moore, Florida State University
Sally Promey, Yale University
Peter Reed, University of Mississippi
Karen Salt, University of Aberdeen

Roundtable: Pleasure of the Archive

Brian Connolly, University of South Florida
Paul Erickson, American Antiquarian Society
Carrie Hyde, UCLA, *chair*
Rodrigo Lazo, UC Irvine
Joe Rezek, Boston University)

Colloquy with Kathleen Donegan on Seasons of Misery

Sari Altschuler, English, University of South Florida
Kathleen Donegan, English and American Studies, University of California at Berkeley, and
author of Seasons of Misery: Catastrophe and Colonial Settlement in Early America
(Penn, 2013)
Dennis Moore, English, Florida State University, *moderator*
Karen Stolley, Spanish and Portuguese, Emory University
Birgit Brander Rasmussen, American Studies and Ethnicity, Race and Migration, Yale
University
Abram Van Engen, English, Washington University in St. Louis
Kathleen Wilson, History and Cultural Analysis and Theory, SUNY Stony Brook

Roundtable: The Transoceanic Pacific in the Age of Sail

Michelle Burnham, Santa Clara University, *chair*
Kate Fullagar, History, Macquarie University, “Focusing in on the Indigenous, Widening out
from Empire: The Case of Mai for Ocean World Studies”
Christine Skwiot, History, Maine Maritime Academy, “Kamehameha the Great: Living Like
King George in Hawaii”
Caroline Frank, American Studies, Brown University, “Punqua Winchong: A Chinese in the
Old American Trade”
Corey M. Johnson, Modern Thought and Language, Stanford University, “Plotting
Kokovoko”
Peter O'Neill, Comparative Literature, University of Georgia, “The Transoceanic John
Mitchel: Irish Nationalist, British Convict, White Supremacist”

Origins of Biopolitics in the Americas

Raquel Albarran, University of Washington, Seattle, “Material Poiesis, Spatial Freeplay, and
the Grid of Coloniality”
Urvashi Chakravarty, University of Hawaii, Manoa, “De-Lineating Biopower: Anti-
Natalism, Queer Kinship, and Blood in the Early Modern Transatlantic”
Katherine Paugh, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, “Rationalizing Reproduction:
Demography, Slavery and Sexuality”
Greta L LaFleur, Yale University, “The Science of Proximity in Early American Anti-
Prostitution Campaigns”
Respondent: Emma Stapely, University of Pennsylvania

Early American Carnality

Joanna Brooks, San Diego State University, *chair*

Duncan Faherty, CUNY, “Starving for Attention: Hunger, Appetite, and Displacement in the Early US Novel”

Respondent: Shirley Samuels, Cornell University

Lauren Heintz, UCSD, “Sensuous Embodiment: Fashion and the ‘Sight’ of Colonial Contact”

Respondent: Ben Sifuentes, Rutgers University

Caroline Wigginton, University of Mississippi, “Our Lady of Ecstasy: The Pleasures and Pains of Katherine Tekakwitha’s Bodily Mortification”

Respondent: Mishuana Goeman, UCLA

Thanks!