The Society of Early Americanists at the American Literature Association Conference

Boston, May 24-27, 2007

The Society of Early Americanists will sponsor the following four sessions. Please check back for details about our traditional Reception jointly hosted by the Society of Early Americanists (SEA), the Society for the Study of American Women Writers (SSAWW), and the journal Studies in American Fiction.

Thursday, May 24, 2007, 8:30 – 9:50 am

Session 1-D Carnal Effects: Sexuality, Textuality, Urbanity
Chair: Dennis Moore, Florida State University, on behalf of the Society of Early Americanists

- “Domestic Mysteries: Autonomy and Citizenship in Crèvecoeur’s Letters from an American Farmer,” Stefanie Head, University of Rhode Island
- “Sex and the City: Eighteenth-Century Boston Women Look at Marriage and Motherhood,” Kathleen McDonald, Norwich University
- “Paper Bodies: Theorizing Eighteenth-Century American Women’s Epistololarity through the Letters of Eliza Lucas Pinckney,” Kacy Tillman, University of Mississippi

Thursday, May 24, 2007, 5:30 – 6:50 pm

Session 7-B Writing the Margins at the Margins: Early American Boundaries
Chair: Susan Castillo, King’s College, London, on behalf of the Society of Early Americanists

- “‘Good Englishmen Arrrgh We!’: Basil Ringrose and the Piratical Project of Anglo Identity,” Todd Hagstette, University of South Carolina
- “Twice Caught, Once Freed: Unlawful Subjectivity and Sketches of the Life of Joseph Mountain, a Negro,” Donna Hunter, Stanford University
- “Mary Kinnan as Ecocritical Captive: Nature in 18th Century Captivity Narratives,” Amanda L. Irvin, University of Central Florida, Orlando
- “Survival Spanish in La Florida: Jonathan Dickinson’s God’s Protecting Providence (1699),” Lisa Voigt, University of Chicago

Friday, May 25, 2007, 8:00 – 9:20 am

Session 8-J: The Teaching Problem: Pedagogy and Early American Material
Chair: Thomas W. Krise, University of Central Florida on behalf of the Society of Early Americanists

- “Teaching Early American Literature in the Digital Archive,” Walt Nott, Kutztown University
- “Teaching Interdisciplinarity with Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca’s La Relación,” Katherine E. Ledford, Gardner-Webb University and Mars Hill College
- “Navigating Theological Particularity and Diversity in the Early American Literature Classroom,” William C. Corley, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- “Teaching the Unpublished: 18th-Century Women’s Autobiographers in New England,” Mischelle Anthony, Wilkes University
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Session 15-M: Business Meeting: Society of Early Americanists (Location tba)

Saturday, May 26, 2007, 2:00 – 3:20 pm

Session 20-H  Fixing the Mush: Behavioral Training in Early America
Chair: Susan Imbarrato, Minnesota State University, Moorhead on behalf of the Society of Early Americanists

- “‘Between the Human and Brutal Creation’: Constructions of the Criminal in Early U.S. Print Culture,” Erin Forbes, Princeton University
- “‘Forming the Young Man’s Mind’: Literacy, Quakerism, and the Discourses of Masculinity, 1778-1840,” Evan Kontarinis, University of New Hampshire
- “Reading for an American Hero: Women’s Fiction in the Early Republic,” Jessica Lang, Baruch College, CUNY