Second Annual McNeil Center Undergraduate Workshop  
April 23-24, 2010  
McNeil Center, University of Pennsylvania

Friday, April 23

Session 1: Forging Identity in Time and Space

Jessie Wolfe, University of Pennsylvania  
“Plantation Economies and Parliamentary Enclosures: Land as a Signifier of Triumph and Transgression in Jane Austen’s Mansfield Park”

Lee Depperman, Brigham Young University  
“Honor and Righteousness: The Jacksonian Era Roots of Thomas and Elizabeth Kane’s Civil War Perspectives”

Comment: Joseph Rezek and Dawn Peterson, MCEAS

3:00-5:00: McNeil Center Seminar: Empires of the Atlantic World: A Roundtable

J.H. Elliott, Oxford University  
Alison Games, Georgetown University  
Evan Haefeli, Columbia University  
Rebecca Hartkopf Schloss, Texas A & M University

~Reception and Buffet Dinner for all participants

Saturday, April 24

Session 2: Public Perceptions and Historical Realities

Brennan Phillips, Rider University  
“The Public Perception of the Revenue Cutter Service”

Cody C. Vurgason, Stockton College  
“The Myth of the Self-Made Man: Exploring Patronage and Nepotism in the Life of Benjamin Franklin”

Comment: Jack Dwiggins and Cassandra Good, MCEAS
Session 3: Varieties of Revolutionary Experience

Spencer Wells, Brigham Young University
“‘Judase was a Chaplain to Congress’: Civic Faith and the American Revolution”

Tori Pyle, Millersville University
“Politics of Fashion: General John Cadwalader as Representative of American Reappropriation of Costume”

Robert Fisher, Rider University
“Gentleman Johnny’s Germans: The Experience of Brunswick and Hesse-Hanau Soldiers in the Convention Army”

Comment: Phillip Mead, Patricia Keller, and Troy Thompson, MCEAS

Session 4: Slavery and Anti-Slavery in Early America

Christopher Pensiero, Stockton College
“West Jersey: The Cradle of Emancipation”

Matthew Nixon, Ursinus College
“‘I Wish There Would Come A Time’: Liberty Rhetoric and Antislavery Reality Across Revolutionary America”

Comment: Paul Conrad and Carrie Hyde, MCEAS

~Lunch for all participants