

Remaking North American Sovereignty, Program

**Remaking North American Sovereignty: Towards a Continental History of
State Transformation in the Mid-Nineteenth Century
July 30-Aug. 1, 2015 at the Banff Center
Banff, Alberta, Canada**

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015

3:00-4:30 pm Registration, Kinnear Centre 100 Galleria, Banff Centre

4:45-5:30 pm Banff Taxi vans will be at the Professional Development Centre, Banff Centre, to take passengers to the reception at the Whyte Museum. If you are interested in using the van service, please request a voucher from the local arrangements staff when you register for the conference. Vans will be available to return passengers from the Whyte Museum to the Banff Centre between 9:00 and 9:45 pm.

If you prefer to walk from the Banff Centre to the Whyte Museum, it will take approximately 20 minutes, with some change in elevation. Please be aware that the walk back to the Banff Centre is uphill.

5:30-6:30 pm Opening reception, Whyte Museum of the Rockies, Banff

6:30-8:45 pm Keynote Session I, Masons Hall, 103 Caribou Street, Banff, next to Whyte Museum of the Rockies. This event is free and open to the public.

- Andrew Smith, University of Liverpool, "Confederation as a Hemispheric Anomaly: Why Canada Choose to Remain a Colony"
- Steven Hahn, University of Pennsylvania, "The United States from the Inside Out and the Southside North"
- Comment: Thomas Bender, New York University
- Moderator: Frank Towers, University of Calgary

FRIDAY JULY 31, 2015

8:00-8:45 am Publishing Transnational History: Breakfast roundtable with Susan Ferber, Executive Editor for America and World History, Oxford University Press and Len Husband, Acquisitions Editor, University of Toronto Press. (Kinnear Center room 201)

Breakfast roundtable is covered for conference participants; however, pre-registration to bqs6@psu.edu by July 14 is required

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9:00-11:15 am Plenary session I: States (Kinnear Center room 101)

Pre-circulated papers to be discussed in roundtable/seminar format. Plenary session papers are accessible online to participants and registered attendees.

- Rachel St. John, Harvard University, “Alternative Nations and the History of State and Nation-Building in Nineteenth-century North America”
- Gregory Downs, City College & Graduate Center, CUNY, “The Age of North American Revolution: Rethinking the 1850s and 1860s as a Revolutionary Wave”
- Marcela Terrazas, UNAM, “Indian Raids within Northern Mexico, Conflicts with the American Government and the Construction of Mexican Sovereignty”
- Susan-Mary Grant, Newcastle University, “‘Universal Yankee Nation’: Securing the Soldiers’ State in Nineteenth-Century America”
- Philip Buckner, University of New Brunswick, “British North America and a Continent in Dissolution, 1861-1871’: The role of the American Civil War in the making of Canadian Confederation”
- Comment: Jeffrey McNairn, Queen’s University
- Moderator: Nancy Janovicek, University of Calgary

11:30-12:45 pm Lunch (Vistas Dining Room, 4th floor Sally Borden Building. Lunch is covered for conference participants. Guests of participants are responsible for purchasing their own meals.)

1:00-3:00 pm

Panel 1: Slavery (Kinnear Center room 101)

- Anthony E. Kaye, Penn State University, “Federalism, Slavery, and Antislavery in American Empire”
- John Craig Hammond, Penn State University, “Slavery, Sovereignty, and Empire in the North American Borderlands, 1840 – 1861”
- Alice L. Baumgartner, Yale University, “Fugitive Slaves, Free Soil, and the Contest over Sovereignty in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, 1829-60”
- Comment: Lynn Kennedy, University of Lethbridge
- Moderator: Jewel Spangler, University of Calgary

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Panel 2: Borderlands (Kinnear Center room 105)

- Martín González de la Vara, El Colegio de Michoacán, "Changing Borders and Sovereignities: the Bi-National Region of El Paso, 1850-1871"
- Ryan Hall, University of Toronto, "State-Making in a Fur Trade World: Divergent Sovereignities on the Northwest Plains, 1855-1877"
- James Nichols, City University of New York, Queensborough Community College, "Of Pirates and Patriots: Vecino Militias, Border-Crossers, and Sovereignty in the Coahuila Borderlands, 1854-1862"
- Comment: Amie Kiddle, University of Calgary
- Moderator: George Colpitts, University of Calgary

3:00-3:15 pm Break

3:15-5:15 pm

Panel 3: Filibustering (Kinnear Center room 101)

- Amy S. Greenberg, Penn State University, "Walker to Riel: Empire on the Margins"
- Benjamin Johnson, Loyola University Chicago, "Reconstructing North America: Borderlands in the Age of National Consolidation"
- Beau Cleland, University of Calgary, "'As if our cause had been that of their own country': the Confederacy, Confederation, and Divided Sovereignty in British America"
- Comment: Adam Rothman, Georgetown University
- Moderator: Elizabeth Jameson, University of Calgary

Panel 4: Divided Sovereignty (Kinnear Center room 105)

- Jane Dinwoodie, University of Oxford, "Beyond Removal: Indians, States and Sovereignities in the American South"
- Robert Bonner, Dartmouth College "North American Capitals and Federative Imaginaries in the Short 1860s"
- Andrew L. Slap, East Tennessee State University, "The Multiple Divisions of Sovereignty"
- Comment: Marc Egnal, York University
- Moderator: Lyndsay Campbell, University of Calgary

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6:15-9:30 pm. Dinner & Keynote Session II (Kinnear Center room 201) {cash bar}

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- Erika Pani, Colegio de Mexico, “‘Political crimes are, perhaps, not crimes at all’: Allegiance and Sovereignty during Civil War, Mexico, 1857-1867”
- Pekka Hämmäläinen, University of Oxford, “The Industrial East, the Nomadic West, and the Search for Sovereignty in the Heart of the Continent”
- Comment: Elliott West, University of Arkansas
- Moderator: William Blair, Pennsylvania State University, George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2014

9:00-11:15 am. Plenary session II, Sovereignty (Kinnear Center room 101)

Pre-circulated papers to be discussed in roundtable/seminar format. Plenary session papers are accessible online to participants and registered attendees.

- Jay Sexton, University of Oxford, “Steam Transport and the Remaking of Sovereignty”
- Christopher Clark, University of Connecticut, “Political, Financial, and Popular Sovereignty in Agrarian North America, 1850s-1890s.”
- Mary P. Ryan, Johns Hopkins University, “City Sovereignty in Mexico and the United States 1846-1865”
- María Dolores Ballesteros Páez, Postdoctoral Fellow CH-CIALC-UNAM, “Indigenous population in the Mexican, U.S. and Canadian congressional debates and bills in the consolidation of the new national states, 1865-1867”
- Comment: Bruce Levine, University of Illinois
- Moderator: Hendrik Kraay, University of Calgary

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1:00-3:00 pm

Panel 5: Rebel States (Kinnear Center room 101)

- Arielle Gorin, Yale University, "Samandlin's Grave: Stories, Sovereignty, and the Contest for the Tsilhqot'in Homelands"
- Stephen Neufeld, California State University, Fullerton, "A War of Savagery and Sovereignty: Seeking Power over Mexico's Indigenous Margins, 1860-1910"
- W. Caleb McDaniel, Rice University, "Beyond Failure: Rethinking the Afterlives of Confederate State Policies on its Western Frontier"
- Comment: Sheila McManus, University of Lethbridge
- Moderator: Joseph Anderson, Mount Royal University, Calgary

Panel 6: Race and Empire (Kinnear Center room 105)

- Michael Vorenberg, Brown University, "Anti-Imperialism and the Elusive End of the American Civil War"
- Karl Jacoby, Columbia University, "Reconstructing Race and Nation: The U.S. and Mexico, 1849-1925"
- Andres Resendez, University of California, Davis, "The Other Slavery and the Other Emancipation"
- Comment: Christopher Phillips, University of Cincinnati
- Moderator: Stephen Randall, University of Calgary

3:00-3:15 pm Break

3:15-5:15 pm

Panel 7: Transnational histories (Kinnear Center room 101)

- Brian Schoen, Ohio University, "Reform Wars, Royal Visits, and US Views of Popular Sovereignty in 1860"
- Patrick J. Kelly, The University of Texas at San Antonio, "The Lost Continent of Abraham Lincoln"
- Pablo Mijangos CIDE (Mexico City), "The Holy See and the North American Civil Wars"
- Comment: Paul Quigley, Virginia Tech University
- Moderator: David Marshall, University of Calgary



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Panel 8: Contemporary Comparisons (Kinnear Center room 105)

- Marise Bachand, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, “Créoles and Canadiennes at the Intersection of Nations, States, and Empires, 1830-1890”
- John W. Quist, Shippensburg University, “‘A Long Cherished Plan’: Detroit and the US Dream of Canadian Annexation during the Nineteenth Century”
- David T. Gleeson, Northumbria University, “‘Shall we sink to the Helpless Condition of Ireland in the British Parliament?’: Britain, Ireland and Confederate Concepts of National Sovereignty”
- Comment: Ryan Keating, California State University, San Bernardino
- Moderator: R. Douglas Francis, University of Calgary

5:25-5:40 pm Closing remarks: Frank Towers, University of Calgary (Kinnear Center room 201)

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