

**AUSTIN, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2010
WESTERN CONFERENCE
ON BRITISH STUDIES**



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30-10:15 AM

1. British Travel Writing and the Environment

Room: Brazos I

Chair: Stanley H. Palmer, University of Texas at Arlington

Jefferson Dillman, University of Texas at Arlington, "Paradise Found? British Travelers in the Early Modern Caribbean"

Gregory Kosc, University of Texas at Arlington, "No place for your 'feather-bed sportsman': British Hunters and the Western Landscape"

Monica Rico, Lawrence University, "British Travel Writing and the Environment"

Comment: David M. Wrobel, University of Nevada Las Vegas

2. Katherine Philips and the Politics of Gender

Room: Brazos II

Chairs: David L. Orvis, Appalachian State University; Ryan Singh Paul, Allegheny College

Ryan Singh Paul, Allegheny College, "Orinda's Hand: Manuscript vs. Print in Katherine Phillips Scholarship"

Penelope Anderson, Indiana University, "The Uses of Betrayal: Katherine Phillips's Political Friendship"

Harriette Andreadis, Texas A&M, "The Politics of Queer (Female) Pastoralism"

Comment: David L. Orvis, Appalachian State University

3. Early Modern Travel and Cultural Representations

Room: Pecos

Chair/Comment: Hannah Chapelle Wojciehowski, University of Texas at Austin

Melissa Morris, Columbia University, "Divisions of Empire: Geographic Representations of the British Atlantic, 1589-1725"

Emily Winerock, University of Toronto, "Dancing Devils and Naked Virgins: Dance as a Cultural Descriptor in Early Modern Travel Accounts"

Zach Carmichael, University of Texas at Austin, "The Turkish Enchantress: Ottoman Coffee and British Print Culture in Seventeenth-Century London"

10:45AM-12:15 PM

4. Gender in Question

Room: Brazos I

Chair/Comment: Marjorie Levine-Clark, University of Colorado, Denver

Theresa Habbestad, "The Other in the House: Trollope and Bronte's Treatment of the Female Other as a Means to an End"

Scott Lesko, "The Effeminate Photographer: Politics, Gender, and the Question of 'Masculinity' in the Late Victorian Art World"

5. Aspects of British Elite Behaviors: Friendship, Communion, Morality

Room: Brazos II

Chair: R.J.Q. Adams, Texas A&M University

J. Lee Thompson, Lamar University, "Springy and the Rough Rider: The Friendship of Sir Cecil Spring Rice and Theodore Roosevelt"

Christina Wilbur, Lamar University, "We Should Be Careful What We Say About Each Other: Sir John Evelyn Wrench and the English-Speaking League"

William Lubenow, "British Elites: A Chapter in the Moral History of the Modern World?"

Comment: Thomas Kennedy, University of Arkansas

6. Texts and Discourses in Early Modern England

Room: Pecos

Chair/Comment:

David O'Hara, University of Central Arkansas, "The Doctrine of Obedience: Elizabethan News Pamphlets and Rebellion in Ireland"

Kevin Lindberg, Texas A&M International University, "Robert Devereaux, 2nd Earl of Essex, and Tacitus"

David Davis, Houston Baptist University, "'Ravished in Spirit': Images of Revelation in Early Modern England"

12:15 - 2:00PM

Luncheon and Presidential Address

Room: Brazos III

Speaker: WCBS President David Hudson, Texas A&M University, "Poles apart? John Redmond, Roman Dmowski, and the road less traveled."

2:15-4:00PM

7. At Sea: Atlantic Crossings

Room: Brazos I

Chair/Comment: Jessica Rezac, Texas Tech

Bethany Mowry, University of Pittsburgh, "Labor, Lyrics, and the Land-Sea Link: The Functions of Sea Songs and Shanties in the British Atlantic in the Age of Revolution"

Thomas Prash, Washburn University, "'Too often treated with extreme barbarity: The Condition of Sailors and Abolitionist Discourse"

Katherine Montgomery, University of Iowa, "Sensationalized Domesticism: Ellen Price Wood and *Argosy's* perilous voyages"

8. Images and Experiences of Imperial Soldiering

Room: Brazos II

Chair/Comment: Andrew Muldoon, University of Denver

John Mitcham, University of Alabama, “Masculinity, Public Discourse, and the Image of the Colonial Soldier in the Boer War”

Julian Saltman, University of California-Berkeley, “West Indians and Britain’s War for Palestine, 1916-1920”

Blake Whitaker, Texas A&M, “The Peacekeepers? The Public Representations of Blacks and Whites in the British South Africa Police from 1950-1980”

9. Empire and Contestation

Room: Pecos

Chair/Comment: Padraic Kennedy, York University of Pennsylvania

Jeffrey R. Patterson, University of Texas at Austin, “Principles of Press Freedom Across the Nineteenth-Century Britain Empire”

Lora Dawn Burnett, University of Texas at Dallas, “New Identities from an Antique Land: The British Empire, Nathan Davis, and the Spoils of Carthage”

Richard Davis, University of Calgary, “Exploration Journals”

4:15-5:30 PM

10. Plenary Session with Honored Speaker

Room: Brazos III

Speaker: Brian Levack, University of Texas at Austin, “Demonic Possession in England and Scotland”

5:30-6:30 PM

WCBS Business Meeting

Room: Guadalupe

6:30-7:30 PM

WCBS Reception, co-sponsored by the University of Texas at Austin

Room: Foyer A

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00-10:30AM

10. Slaves, Wealth, and the Fiscal-Military State

Room: Brazos I

Chair/Comment: Carol Loar, University of South Carolina Upstate

Robin Hermann, University of Louisiana-Lafayette, "Coin and the 'Exorbitant Appetites of Men': Money, Lust and the Body Politic in the Restoration

Abigail Swingen, Texas Tech, "War, Slavery, and English Imperial Designs"

Mary M. Vick, University of Central Oklahoma, "Slavery and Lloyds of London"

11. Unravelling Threads of Migration to the United Kingdom

Room: Brazos II

Chair/Comment: Elizabeth Cawthon, University of Texas at Arlington

Laura Tabili, University of Arizona, "Unimportant People in an Unimportant Place: Overseas Migration to South Shields, 1841-1939

Lynn MacKay, Brandon University, "Women in Distress: The Least Successful Female Migrants in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Westminster

Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen, University of Central Oklahoma, "Irish Did Ye Say? London Immigrant Realities and Representation, 1830-1901"

12. New Views of Postwar Britain: State and People Since 1945

Room: Guadalupe

Chair/Comment: George Gosling, Oxford Brookes University

Lawrence Black, Durham University/Duke University, "Politics and Shopping: Tony Crosland's Consumerism"

Glen O'Hara, Oxford Brookes University, "The Paradoxes of Progress: Accounting for Political Discontent in Postwar Britain"

Dolly Smith Wilson, “Transforming Schoolmasters into Career Teachers: The Changing Postwar Educational Landscape”

13. Victorian Controversies

Room: Pecos

Chair: Jamie Bronstein, New Mexico State University

David Karr, Columbia College, “Burying Thomas Hardy: Ritual and the City in Radical Memory”

Max Scholz, Yale University, “Over Our Dead Bodies: Resistance to Cemetery Construction in Nineteenth-Century London”

Deborah Wiggins, Texas Tech University, “The Peaceable Kingdom: Protection of Wild Birds in Victorian Britain”

Comment: Richard Cosgrove, University of Arizona

10:45AM-12:15PM

14. World War I, The League of Nations, and British Policy

Room: Brazos I

Chair/ Comment: Derek Blakeley, McNeese State University

Michelle Tusan, University of Nevada Las Vegas, “The Armenian Genocide and the British Response”

Rachel Sutcliffe, University of Maryland, College Park, “Globalizing the Empire: Internationalism and Post-War Imperial Citizenship, 1918-1926”

Phillip Dehne, St. Joseph’s College, “The Forgotten Peacemaker: Lord Robert Cecil in Paris, 1919”

Comment: Derek Blakeley, McNeese State University

15. The Varieties of Religious Experience in Early Modern and Victorian Britain

Room: Brazos II

Chair: Keith Francis, Baylor University

Michelle Brock, University of Texas at Austin, “Drinking to the Devil’s Health: Demonic Belief and Wicked Words in Seventeenth-Century Scotland”

Benjamin Breen, University of Texas at Austin, “‘So Gracious a Change’: British Anxieties of Empire, Print Culture, and the Religious Transformations of George Psalmanzar, 1700-1765”

Angela Smith, University of Texas at Austin, “Rethinking Science and Religion in Victorian Britain”

Comment: Victor Stater, Louisiana State University

16. Social Provision in Twentieth-Century Britain

Room: Pecos

Chair/Comment: Peter Stansky, Stanford University

George Campbell Gosling, Oxford Brookes University, “Medical Philanthropy or Private Healthcare? Reassessing the pre-NHS voluntary hospitals in Britain”

David F. Smith, University of Puget Sound, “Delinquency and Welfare in London, 1939-1949”

12:15-1:45PM

Lunch (On Your Own)

2:00-3:45PM

17. Policy and Rhetoric in Modern Britain

Room: Brazos I

Chair: Christopher Frank, University of Manitoba

Melanie Bashor, Lone Star College-Montgomery, “The Maturation of New Labor’s Multicultural Education Policies”

Harry Cheesman, IMT Lucca, “Thatcher, Prior and Tebbitt: The Role of History and Ideas in the Making of Public Arguments for Labour Law Reform”

Comment: Jodie Kreider, University of Denver

18. The British in Africa

Room: Brazos II

Chair/Comment Richard Voeltz, Cameron University

Catherine M. Styer, University of Pennsylvania, “‘More Like Negro Slaves than European Captives’: British attitudes to white slavery in North Africa, 1700-1750”

Michael Rutz, “University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, ‘The State of the Heathen World’: Perceptions of the Mission Field in the London Missionary Society, 1795-1815”

19. Imperial Politics in War and Peace

Room: Pecos

Chair: Greg T. Smith, University of Manitoba

Stephen M. Duffy, Texas A&M International University, “Distasteful Duty: The British Army and Irish Policy, 1912-1922”

Marc-William Palen, University of Texas at Austin, “100 Years Before NAFTA: the 1890 McKinley Tariff and the Demand for Canadian-American Unity

Comment: John Fair, Georgia College and State University

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