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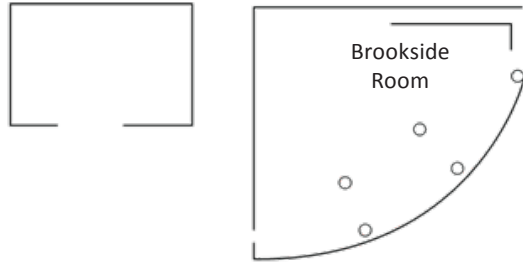
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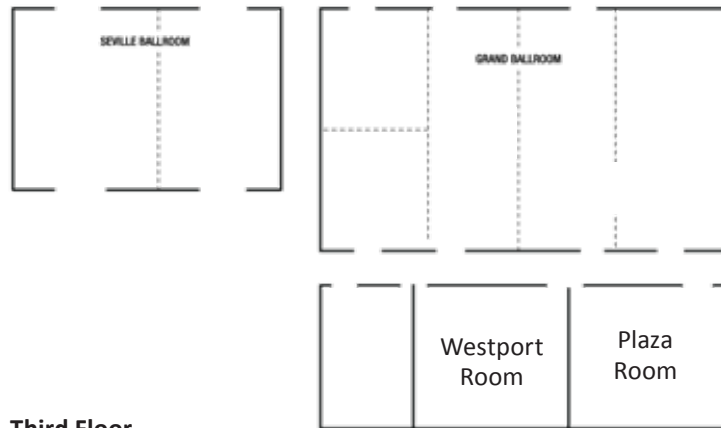
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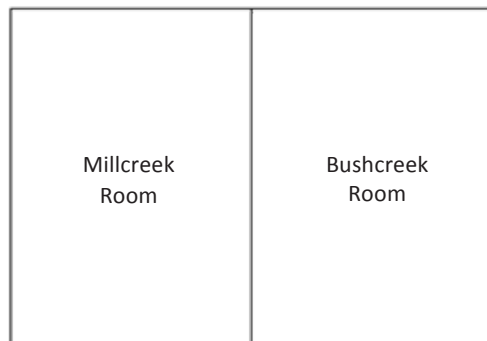
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Western Conference of British Studies **BORDERS, BOUNDARIES AND FRONTIERS**

October 3-5, 2013

Marriott Country Club Plaza
Kansas City, MO

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ABOUT WCBS

The WCBS is the 'Western' affiliate to the North American Conference on British Studies representing scholars of British history, literature, art, culture and society.

Founded in 1973 as the Rocky Mountain Conference on British Studies, the WCBS provides a forum for the exchange and discussion of all aspects of British Studies and the British experience, including History, Politics, Literature, and the Arts. Membership is open to anyone though most members are drawn from colleges and universities in U.S. states west of the Mississippi, the Canadian Prairies and Rockies.

Membership is open to anyone with a professional, academic or personal interest in British Studies.

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Conference Program

Thursday, 3 October 2013

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Registration in Plaza Foyer

Dinner on your own.

Friday, 4 October 2013

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Breakfast Available in Plaza Foyer

Registration in Plaza Foyer

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. SESSION 1

Panel 1 (Bushcreek Room)

Negotiating the Boundaries of Nation

Chair and Commentator: Padraic Kennedy, York College

David Hudson, Texas A & M University, "Vindicating the Irish Nation: Rebels, Renegades, Reformers and Republicans"

Jodie Kreider, University of Denver, "Writing the Nation: Kate Roberts and Plaid Cymru, 1925-1985"

Rajbir Hazelwood, Washington University, "Punjabis in Britain: New Archival Frontiers for Postwar and Postimperial British History"

Panel 2 (Millcreek Room)

The Boundaries of Gender, Class and Respectability

Chair and Commentator: Lynn MacKay, Brandon University

Allison Abra, University of Southern Mississippi, “Foxtrotting Fellows: Popular Dance Culture and Masculinity in Interwar Britain”

Amy Milne-Smith, Wilfred Laurier University, “Madmen on the Railways: Careering towards Disaster”

Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen, University of Central Oklahoma, “Gender and Ethnicity: Language as a Framing Agent for Respectability at the London Foundling Hospital, 1840-1901”

Panel 3 (Westport Room)

*Politicians, Imperialism and the Written Word:
Novels, Newspapers and History*

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

John Fair, University of Texas, “Savrola & Churchill’s Search for Meaning”

David Freeman, University of California Fullerton, “Winston Churchill: Student of History—Champion of Democracy”

Elizabeth Stice, Palm Beach Atlantic University, “The Defense of “King and Country” against German “Empire” in British WWI Trench Newspapers”

10:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m. Coffee Available in Plaza Foyer

Panel 16 (Westport Room)

Literary Constructions of Female Boundaries, Borders and Frontiers

Chair/Commentator: Sara L. Morrison, William Jewell College

Rayhane Vadidar, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, “Late Eighteenth Century Women’s Fiction and Negotiating the Public/Private Borders”

Hailey Stewart, University of North Texas, “Appearance Versus Reality: The Politics of Sir Richard Steele and Elite Women”

Renee Schlueter, Kirkwood Community College, “Rome in the Nineteenth Century: the Metropolis of the World”

Christina Wilbur, Lamar University, “ ‘Fighting the Forces of Darkness, Wherever they Might Be’: Sir John Evelyn Wrench, the Second Empire Crusade, and the Battle for the Soul of the Empire”

Michael Jeter-Boldt, University of Kansas, "So many remote counties:" Distance and perceptions of Britain's Caribbean colonies, 1607-1825"

Michael Markus, Alabama State University, "Parliament, the Electorate, and the Arrow War: Melodrama and Realpolitik in the British Election of 1857"

12:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Lunch on your own.

2:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m. SESSION 6

Panel 15 (Millcreek Room)

*Politics, Politicians and the Intellectual
in the Long 19th Century*

Chair/Commentator: Richard Follett, Covenant College

Scott Culpepper, Dordt College, "Pushing the Frontiers of British Identity: The Challenge of Thomas Paine to the British Political and Religious Order"

Bill Lubenow, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, "The Frontiers of Knowledge and Politics in Modern Britain, 1815-1914"

10:30 a.m.-12:15 a.m. SESSION 2

Panel 4 (Bushcreek Room)

The Boundaries of Race, Freedom, Rights and Empire

Chair and Commentator: Michael Rutz, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Richard Follett, Covenant College, "Antislavery, Exploration, and Evangelical Dreams of Africa: Buxton's Goals in The African Slave Trade and Its Remedy and their Disappointment – A Reexamination"

Disappointment-A Reexamination" Heather Freund, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, "Race and Rights: the St. Vincent Caribs versus the British Empire"

Lorna Loring, American University, "Imperial Crisis and Reform on St. Helena: Governor Robert Brooke's Slave Code of 1792"

Panel 5 (Millcreek Room)

*Borders and Boundaries in Popular Culture and Popular
Memory in the 20th Century*

Chair and Commentator: Jodie Kreider, University of Denver

Monica Rico, Lawrence University, "Utopian Geographies in Edwardian Science Fiction"

Richard Voeltz, Cameron University, "The Cinema of the Empire in Peril: From Malaya to Mau Mau"

Panel 6 (Westport Room)

*Defending the National Interests:
Bureaucracy and Diplomacy*

Chair and Commentator: Christopher Frank, University of Manitoba

James Hanley, University of Winnipeg, "The Boundaries of Public Health"

Alex Chase-Levenson, Princeton University, "A Sanitary Cordon and a British Outlier?: British Diplomacy and Mediterranean Quarantine, 1815-1850"

Padraic Kennedy, York College, " 'A nominal 11 and a punctual 5, with much of the intervening time devoted to luncheon:' Robert and Samuel Anderson on Her Majesty's Secret Service in the 1870s"

12:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

12:15-1:00 Banquet Lunch (Brookside Room)

1:00-2:00 PLENARY ADDRESS

Plenary Address by Peter Stansky

Frances and Charles Field Professor of History, Emeritus
Stanford University

*Journey to the Border:
British Writers in the 1930s*

*Those not attending the luncheon are welcome
and encouraged to attend the talk, beginning at 1:00 pm.*

11:00 a.m.-12:45 a.m. SESSION 5

Panel 13 (Millcreek Room)

*Self Determination, Political Borders
and Irish Home Rule Debates*

Chair and Commentator: David Hudson, Texas A & M University

Wesley Ferris, Brock University, "The Boundary Between Respectable and Residuum: Ulster, Ireland, and the Unionist Case Against Home Rule, 1886 to 1892"

Lindsey Flewelling, Colorado College, "Ulster Unionist Use of America and the Evolution of Ideological Borders, 1886-1920"

Michael Thompson, Pittsburgh State University, "Democracy based on borders: the Liberal argument for supporting Irish Home Rule in 1886"

Thomas Kennedy, University of Arkansas, "Border on the Map, Border of the Mind, Ulster, 1920-1922"

Panel 14 (Bushcreek Room)

*Catholics, Canada and the Caribbean:
Tensions in the Empire*

Chair and Commentator: Andrew Muldoon, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Alan Chaple, University of Central Oklahoma, "Victorian Britain and the Restoration of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy: a new interpretation"

J. Suzanne Farmer, Northeastern State University, "Absolute Madness: an examination of 'absolute monarchy' in Charles II's regime"

Derek Neal, Nipissing University, "Insults from the Portuguese: Intercultural Encounter in a Provincial Henrician Town"

Panel 12 (Westport Room)

Ideologies of Culture

Chair and Commentator: Christopher Frank, University of Manitoba

Amy Dunagin, Yale University, "'An Audience of Foreigners in Their Own Country': The Boundary Between Italian and English in Late Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth-Century English Musical Culture"

Robin Ganev, University of Regina, "The Roast Beef of Old England: Politics and the Meaning of Melody"

Jamie Bronstein, University of New Mexico, Las Cruces, "Rereading happiness in 19th-century British working-class autobiography"

10:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m. Coffee Available in Plaza Foyer

2:15 p.m. – 4 p.m. SESSION 3

Panel 7 (Bushcreek Room)

The Boundaries of Respectability and Criminality

Chair and Commentator: Jamie Bronstein, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

Mandi Barnard, University of Kansas, "Criminality and Ethnic Identity in Victorian England"

Greg Smith, University of Manitoba, "The Petty Prisons of Eighteenth Century London"

Panel 8 (Millcreek Room)

Boundaries in Families, Households and Domestic Relations in Modern Britain

Chair and Commentator: Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen, University of Central Oklahoma

Judith Lewis, University of Oklahoma, "Upstairs, Downstairs, No Stairs: The Impact of World War II on Domestic Relations within the English Country House"

Katherine Holden, University of the West of England, "The Nursery Slab: changing boundaries between nannies, servants and families in 20th Century Britain"

Daniel Livesay, Drury University, "Abolition and Affection: Family Bonds Between British Reformers and Enslaved Laborers"

Panel 9 (Westport Room)

British Perceptions of the Foreign

Chair and Commentator: Elaine A. Reynolds, William Jewell College

Michael Rutz, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, "Explorers, Missionaries and Images of Tahiti in Late 18th Century Britain"

Tom Prasch, Washburn University, "The 'Thorough Western Man': New Masculinity on the Kansas Frontier in T. H. Gladstone's *The Englishman in Kansas* (1857)"

Linda Lewis, Bethany College, "The New Adam on the New Frontier: American Rhetoric in Dickens's *Martin Chuzzlewit*"

5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. WCBS General Meeting (Plaza Room)

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. WCBS Reception and Cocktails (Brookside Room)

Appetizers and a cash bar

Dinner on your own

(see dining guide in registration your package.)

Saturday, 5 October 2013

8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m. – Breakfast available in Plaza Foyer

Registration in Plaza Foyer

9:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. SESSION 4

Panel 10 (Bushcreek Room)

The Roles of Scientific Knowledge in the Long Nineteenth Century: Mastering Empires, Transcending National Differences

Chair and Commentator: Derek Blakely, McNeese State University

Michael McInnes, La Salle University, "Miserable Things Called Maps: Barrow and Burchell's Cartographic Constructions of the Cape Colony Interior"

H. Lyman Stebbins, La Salle University, "Knowing the Qajars: British Intelligence Operations in Iran, 1890-1914"

Iain Watts, Princeton University, "How the Sciences Ran Napoleon's Continental Blockade"

Panel 11 (Millcreek Room)

Relationships in Tudor-Stuart England: Rulers, Subjects and Others

Chair and Commentator: Greg Smith, University of Manitoba

Richard Evans, University of Central Oklahoma, "Whose Land is it? James II's Attempt at Colonial Reform in New England"