

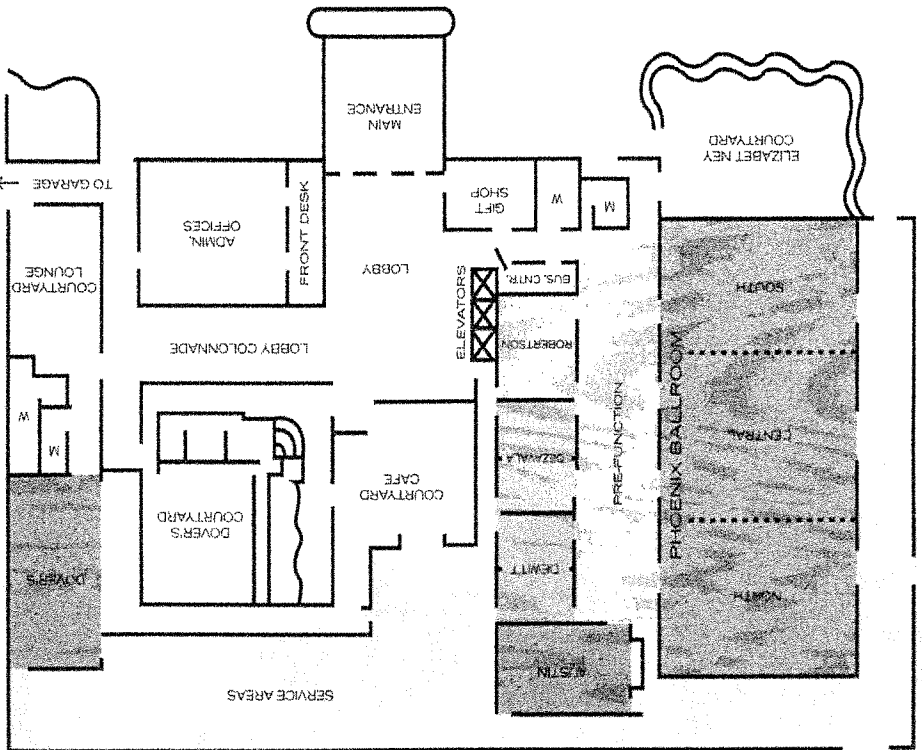
Western
Conference
on British Studies

THE BODY POLITIC



Austin, Texas
October 15-17, 2015

Hotel Floor Plans



Conference Programme

2 October 2015

Thursday 4:30-6:00

Registration (outside Panel Rooms)

3 October 2015

Friday 7:30-8:30 Continental Breakfast
(outside Panel Rooms)

8:30-Noon Registration

Friday 8:30 – 10:00

Panel 1 Austin Room

Travelling Women With a Passion for Italy (History)

Chair/Commentator: Anthony Brundage, California State Polytechnic University

Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen, University of Central Oklahoma, "In Pursuit of Saint Catherine of Siena: Josephine Butler's Spiritual Tour of Italy".

Ron Weber, University of Texas at El Paso, "The Grand and Not So Grand Tours of the Duchess of Devonshire".

Lauren Riepl, University of Central Oklahoma, "Florence Nightingale: the Influence of Travel".

Panel 2 Dewitt South

Physical Abilities & Disabilities in Austen and Braddon

Chair/Commentator: Deanna Smid, Brandon University

Joanna Turner, University of Texas at Austin, "'purposefully forgotten?' Disabled Bodies in Jane Austen's Life and Writing".

Lindsay Lehman, City University of New York, "'The Distinction of a Still Leg: Disability and Empire in *Aurora Floyd*'.

Julia Fuller, The Graduate Center, City University of New York,

"'The Somatic Sportswoman: Power and the Athletic Female Body in Mary E. Braddon's *Aurora Floyd* and *Lady Audley's Secret*'.

Panel 3 Dewitt North

Imperial Tensions; Imperial Identities

Chair/Commentator: James Rosenheim, Texas A&M University – College Station

Gina Bennett, University of Texas at Arlington, "Gendered Migration and the Darien Scheme".

Chloe Northrup, University of North Texas, "'shawls and silk gloves': Imperial Masculinity and Material Goods in the Correspondence of William Jowett Tiford".

Lydia Towns, University of Texas at Arlington, "'The Role of British Privateers in the Seven Years' War'".

Friday 10:00-10:15 Coffee Break (outside Panel Rooms)

Friday 10:15-11:45

Panel 4 Austin Room

Workers and the Courts in Modern Britain

Chair/Commentator: Jamie Bronstein, New Mexico State University

Christopher Frank, University of Manitoba, "'By a judicious system of compromise': Charles Bradlaugh and the Struggle to Pass the 1887 Truck Law Amendment Act."

Steffan Blayney, University of London, "'The Body Productive: 'Industrial Fatigue' and the Science of Work, 1900-1918'".

Panel 5 Dewitt South

Civic Duties, Civic Rights and Civic Anxieties

Chair/Commentator: Zak Watson, Texas A&M University

Phillip Harvey, University of Central Oklahoma, "Ciceronian Corpora: Keats and the Corpus of Civic Duty".

Abigail Mann, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, "Bodies in Love and Bodies on Benches: Romance as Political Theory in *Middlemarch*".

Alicia Williams, Rutgers University, "'Walter Scott, Embodied Address, and the Novel-Reading Body Politic'".

Panel 6 Dewitt North

Cities and Towns: Local Politics, Rights and Identities

Chair/Commentator: Michael Rutz, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
Catherine Patterson, University of Houston, "Creating the Body Politic in Early Stuart Towns: Charters of Incorporation, Urban Governance, and Royal Policy, 1603-1640".
Kyle Thompson, Pittsburgh State University, "Re-examining Local Body Politics in Late-Victorian Britain".
Gareth Jenkins, The Open University, "Group Religious Identity and a Question of 'Britishness': Belfast and Liverpool as Contrasting Case Studies of Political Intervention, 1880-1922".

11:45-1:00 LUNCH on your own

Friday 1:00-2:30

Panel 7 Austin Room

Disparate Bodies: Political, Religious, Mental

Chair: David Hudson, Texas A&M University
J. Lee Thompson, Lamar University, "An Outsider Inside the Body Politic: Alfred Milner and the War Cabinet, 1916-1918".
Thomas Kennedy, University of Arkansas, "Body Divided: British Quakers, Patriotism and War, 1899-1919".
William Lubenow, Stockton University, "Mental Bodies: Curiosity, Creativity, and Research in Twentieth-Century British Learned Societies".

Panel 8 Dewitt South

Modes of Understanding: the Roles of Music, Irony and Insomnia

Chair/Commentator: Paul Child, Sam Houston State University
Deanna Smid, Brandon University, "The Pulse's Tempo: Reading the Musical Body in Shakespearean Drama".
Zak Watson, Texas A&M University, "Swift's Satirical Sublime and the Absent Body".
Sarah Kingston, "University of New Haven, "Unsleeping Dogs Do Not Lie: Insomnia in H. G. Wells' *The Soul of a Bishop*".

Panel 9 Dewitt North

Women's Bodies, Women's Friendships

Chair/Commentator: Lynn Mackay, Brandon University
Marlee Couling, York University, "Female Alliances in Early-Modern England".
Vicki Heath, Texas A&M University, "The Shame of Pregnancy, A Study of Infanticide in 18th Century London's Old Bailey Criminal Court".

2:30-2:45 Coffee Break (outside panel rooms)

Friday 2:45-4:15

Panel 10 Dewitt North

✓ **Race, Ethnicity and Masculinity in the Anglo-American World**

Chair/Commentator: Richard Cosgrove, University of Arizona

Brett Bebbler, Old Dominion University, "Fighting Racism Across Borders?: Anglo-American Legal and Academic Networks in the 1960s."

Jodie Kreider, University of Denver, "Taffy Was a Welshman: Welsh Masculine Identity in Plaid Gyrnu, 1925-1970".

Jeffrey Glasco, Linfield College, ""Blood for Blood: Revolutionary Conflict in the Spithhead Mutiny and the Suppression of Revolutionary Actions Through Masculine Power Rather than Force".

Panel 11 Dewitt South

✓ **The Role of Religion in Public Life**

Chair/Commentator: Michael Rutz, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

Richard Follett, Covenant College, "Brewer, Philanthropist, Reformer: the Making of an Evangelical Politician Revisited".

John Powell, Oklahoma Baptist University, "William Gladstone and *Tracts for the Times*".

4:30-5:30 Plenary Address

Dr. Marjorie Levine-Clark, University of Colorado Denver

"The Body Politics of Unemployment?"

Austin Room

Everyone welcome.

5:30-6:15

WCBS Annual General Meeting & Business Meeting

Austin Room

6:00-7:00 Reception (cash bar)

Austin Room

Everyone welcome.

The WCBS Reception is co-sponsored by the Program in British Studies University of Texas and the North American Conference on British Studies.

17 October 2015

Saturday 8:00-9:00 Continental Breakfast
(outside Panel Rooms)

✓ **Panel 13** Austin Room

The Complexities of Empire: Colonists, Tourists and Keeping Good Order

Chair/Commentator: Richard Follett, Covenant College

Timothy Forest, University of Cincinnati. "Tools of Empire: State-Led Irish Colonisation of Western Canada, 1880-1883".

Trevor Simmons, University of Texas at Austin, "Indigenous Labour in Kenya's Safari Tourism Industry, 1900-1939".

Robert Whitaker, Tarrant County College, "Rifles into Notebooks: the Rise and Fall of Non-Violent Colonial Policing, 1951-1960".

Saturday 9:00-10:30

✓ **Panel 12** Dewitt South

Images & Motifs: Appropriation, Categorisation, and Hierarchy

Chair/Commentator: Jodie Kreider, University of Denver

Jamie Stoops, Pima Community College, "Tattoos, Veils, and Red Paint: Images of Bodies in Early-Twentieth-Century Pornographic Photography".

Tom Prasch, Washburn University, "From Body to Type: Francis Galton's Composite Photographs".

✓ **Panel 14** Dewitt North

Pleasure, Pain & Disordered Bodies

Chair/Commentator: Abigail Mann, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Paul Child, Sam Houston State University, "The Dean Disordered: Jonathan Swift and the Divided Self".

Soha Chung, Texas A&M University, "What Comes After the Laughter: Searching for the Moment of Perfect Happiness in Jane Austen's *Emma*".

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

Saturday 10:45-12:15

Panel 15 Austin Room

Politics and Diplomacy in the era of the First World War

- Chair/Commentator: Derek Blakeley, McNeese State University
- Bradley Cesario, Texas A&M University, "A Lukevarn and Compliant Association: The Navy League, the Imperial Maritime League, and the Politicisation of Navalism 1900-1910".
- Justin Olmstead, University of Central Oklahoma, "All Due Consideration: Britain and the Restriction of American Trade During the First World War".
- Phillip Dehne, St. Joseph's College, "A Different Level of Diplomacy: Appeals to the British and Global Publics During the Paris Peace Conference".
- Mark Klobas, Scottsdale Community College, "Emerging from the Shadow: Winston Churchill and the Dardanelles in History".

Panel 16 Dewitt North

Pedagogical Challenges and Opportunities Facing the British Historian of the 21st Century

- Chair: Martin Wiener, Rice University
- Greg T. Smith, University of Manitoba, "Pedagogy and Curriculum Development for the Post TRC British Historian".
- Stephen Heathorn, McMaster University, "What is the Relevancy of the Textbook in British History Survey?".
- Timothy Jenks, East Carolina University, "Spatial Identities, DE Strategies, and the teaching of Britain's long eighteenth century".
- Comment: Audience

Panel 17 Dewitt South

Travelling Women With a Passion for Italy (Literature)

- Chair/Commentator: Susan Spencer, University of Central Oklahoma
- Lisa Angelella, Kirkwood Community College, "I Go Ever Toward the Wilderness: Elizabeth Barrett Browning's Italy".
- Marilyn Burton, Lincoln University, "Capitalising on a Good Thing: Mrs. Trollope Explores Italy".
- Renee Schlueter, Kirkwood Community College, "Love and Dirt Among the Ruins: The Protestant Women's Encounter with Rome in the Nineteenth Century".

12:30-2:00 LUNCH on your own

Saturday 2:15-4:00

Panel 18 Dewitt South

Justifying Conflict: the Case in the Seventeenth Century

- Chair/Commentator: Timothy Jenks, East Carolina University
- Janelle Greenberg, University of Pittsburgh, "'That Damnable and Damned Opinion': the Theory of the King's Two Bodies in Medieval and Early Modern England".
- Megan Hickerson, Henderson State University, "'He liv'd a Hero, and dy'd a Martyr': Masculinising Foxe in Stuart England".
- Jason White, Appalachian State University, "Corporate Politics and the State: The Levant Company and the Interregnum, 1649-1660".

Panel 19 Dewitt North

Developing the Nineteenth-Century Frame of Mind: Decency, Duty, and Desire

Chair/Commentator: Christopher Frank, University of Manitoba

Ryan Butler, Baylor University, "Reformative Women and 'She-Bishop' Hannah More: Care for the Poor in Comparative Perspective"

James Hanley, University of Winnipeg, "Healthy Bodies in the Liberal Imagination"

Brian Shetter, Drew University, "Victorian Erotica and the Relationship between Mind and Body"



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, although most members are drawn from colleges and universities in U.S. states west of the Mississippi, and the Canadian Prairies and Rockies. We welcome anyone with a professional, academic, or personal interest in British Studies.

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