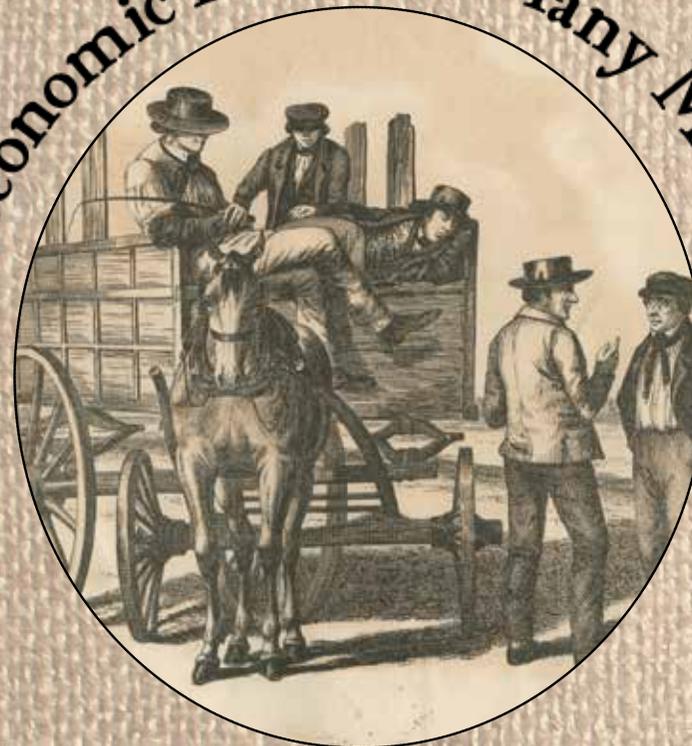




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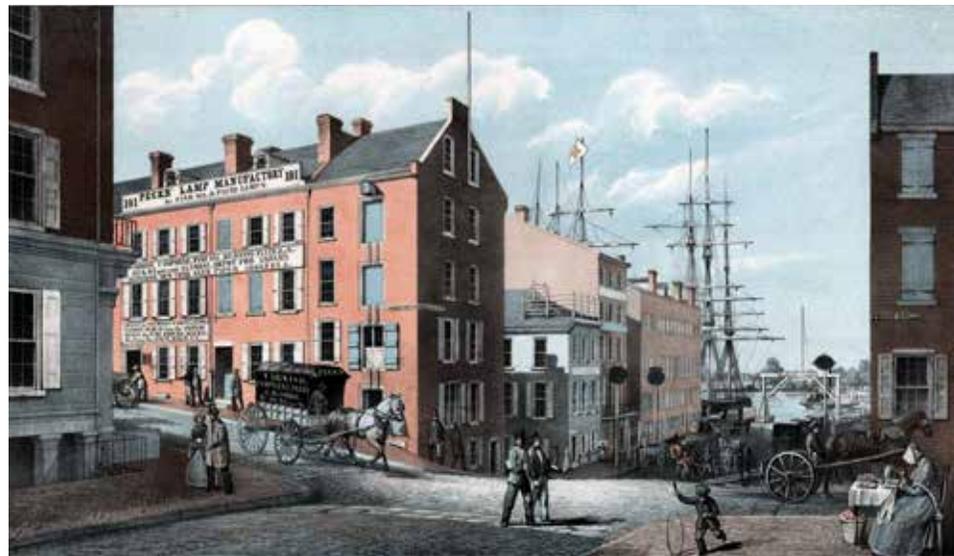


Fourteenth Annual Conference of the
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The Program in Early American Economy and Society is fifteen years old, which is a fitting time to reflect on the Program's achievements and future directions in the field of economic history. Over the years, PEAES has sponsored rich and ever-changing research, publication, and public programs that are at the center of shaping how we understand the economic lives of early modern peoples. Its fellows, conference presenters, and published historians are among the most important scholars who have refined and reworked the ways we understand the multifaceted economies of people in all walks of life, in every corner of the Atlantic world down to the 1850s. Fifteen years ago, PEAES charted a course that welcomed fellowship proposals on a great range of both traditional and experimental themes, and year after year, the Program has showcased fresh perspectives at its conferences, and its journal and book publications feature some of the most innovative studies in economic history, broadly conceived. This conference looks back over those fifteen years to reflect on a few of the central themes preoccupying economic historians during recent decades, how approaches and findings have changed, what achievements have been made, and how we can think about our future research in these vital subfields.

This conference is free and open to everyone interested in the topic. Please let us know if you will be attending by registering electronically.



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Welcome and Introduction 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Richard Newman, Director
Cathy Matson, PEAES Director

Economies of Print and Communication 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Joseph M. Adelman, Framingham State University
"Reading and Writing: Turning the Interdisciplinary Page in Early America"

Caitlin Rosenthal, University of California-Berkeley
"Counting and Accounting: Numerical Information and Communication in Early America"

Coffee break

Capitalism and Class 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Seth Rockman, Brown University
"From Social History to Political Economy: The Changing Registers of Class and Capitalism in American History: Part I"

Stephen Mihm, University of Georgia
"From Social History to Political Economy: The Changing Registers of Class and Capitalism in American History: Part II"

Lunch on your own

Atlantic and Global Contexts 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Michelle Craig McDonald, Stockton College
"Sea Change: Nautical Networks of the Early Atlantic World"

Edward Pompeian, College of William and Mary
"The New World's Atlantic: Recent Orientations from the Americas"

Coffee break

Gendered Economies 4:30-6:15 p.m.

Ellen Hartigan-O'Connor, University of California at Davis
"Bids: The Gendered Work of Value in Early American Markets"

Brian Luskey, West Virginia University and NEH Post-Doctoral Fellow, LCP and PEAES
"Bonds: Gender and the Cultural Economy of Early America"

Linzy Brekke-Aloise, Stonehill College
"Bodies: Fashioning Gender in the Early American Marketplace"

Reception 6:15-7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Reconvene with coffee 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Material Economies and Consumers 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Jane Merritt, Old Dominion University
"Consumer Revolutions and the Politics of Tea"

Danielle Skeeahan, Oberlin College
"Texts and Textiles in the Early Atlantic"

Coffee break

Institutions and Political Economy 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Dael Norwood, Yale University
"What Counts? Political Economy, or, Ways to Make Early America Add Up"

Hannah Farber, University of California-Berkeley
"Who Acts? Government, Society, and the Elusive American Institution"

Summing up 1:00-1:30 p.m.

Cathy Matson, University of Delaware and PEAES Director