PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
E Pluribus Unum?: Unity, Division and the Making of American Identity
Eastern American Studies Association 2013 Conference
Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA March 22-23

FRIDAY, March 22, 2013
EASTERN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY, 1200 PARK RD. HARRISONBURG, VA

Registration Open:
Noon to 5:00pm: Eastern Mennonite University Seminary Building

Eastern ASA Executive Board Meeting
12:30 to 2:00pm: Eastern Mennonite University Seminary Building

SESSION I
2:00 to 3:15pm: Eastern Mennonite University Seminary Building

Perspectives on Contemporary Religious Identity: Who Defines the Other?
• Rebecca K. Cecala, Penn State Harrisburg, Perspectives on Contemporary Religious Identity: Ecological
• Amy K. Milligan, Elizabethtown College, Perspectives on Contemporary Religious Identity: Gender and Sexuality
• Jared Rife, Penn State Harrisburg, Perspectives on Contemporary Religious Identity:
• James Eric Siburt, Alvernia University, Perspectives on Contemporary Religious Identity: Science Fiction and Fantasy
• Chair/Commentator: Dr. Matthew Hedstrom, University of Virginia

Motion and Races; Contests and Places
• Mark Metzler Sawin, Eastern Mennonite Univ, There’s Somethin’ ‘bout a Truck: America’s Love Affair with the Pickup Truck
• Jonathan Silverman, U Mass Lowell, Real Horsepower: How Technologies Inform Racetracks
• Scott Hamilton Suter, Bridgewater College, “Enterprising Young Men”: The Organization of Baseball Clubs in the Post-Civil War Shenandoah Valley
• Howard Zehr, Eastern Mennonite Univ, Trucks, A Love Story: A Study of Virginians and Their Pickups
• Chair/Commentator: Dr. Charles Kupfer, Penn State Harrisburg

From Revolution to Early Republic: Inventing America
• Hannah Bailey, William & Mary, “Handing Down Remarkable and Interesting Circumstances”: Elizabeth Carrington, Female Historical Memory, and American Identity in the Early American Republic
• Brian F. Carso, Misericordia, The Executions of Nathan Hale and John André, and the Shaping of American Identity
• Lindsay Keiter, William & Mary, Pious Devotion vs. Patriarchal Authority: Louisa and John Cocke and Issues of Authority in the Early 19th Century
• Spencer Wells, William & Mary, Friendly Fire: Free Quakers, Fatherhood, and Religious Identity in the Early Republic
• Chair/Commentator: Dr. Laura Henigman, James Madison University
SESSION II
3:30 to 4:45pm: Eastern Mennonite University Seminary Building

Music, Festival, and the Making of American Memory
• Emily Blanck, Rowan University, Juneteenth: Official Memorialization of Slavery and Emancipation in the 21st Century
• Brant Ellsworth, Penn State, Harrisburg, This is Still the Place: The 1897 Pioneer Jubilee and the Construction of an American Religion
• Gary Galván, La Salle / Fleisher Collection, America’s First Training Orchestra and the Symphonic Declaration of Independence
• Lynn Mackey, Eastern Mennonite Univ, "Made in America": A Piano Lecture Recital
• Chair/Commentator: Dr. Lisa Jarvinen, La Salle University

Imagining Womanhood: Science, Literature, Commerce, and Power
• Carrie Dedon, Boston University, Scientists, Housewives, & Sex Objects: Gelatin and the Many Roles of 1960s American Women
• Mattie Lehman, Eastern Mennonite Univ, American Diversity and Division: Victoria Woodhull’s Radical Challenge to the Women’s Suffrage Movement
• Peter Lehman, Penn State Harrisburg, The New Woman’s Real Adventure: The Suffrage Era Works of Henry Kitchell Webster
• Stefanie Strosnider-Hollis, Penn State Harrisburg, Mamie Eisenhower: Portrait of the First Wife
• Chair/Commentator: Dr. Erin Battat, Penn State Harrisburg

Folklore’s Widening Spectrum
• Anthony Bak Buccitelli, Penn State Harrisburg, The Reluctant Folklorist: Jon Y. Lee, Paul Radin, and Chinese American Folklore
• Angus Gillespie, Rutgers, Church and State in International Shipping
• Spencer Green, Penn State, Harrisburg, Digital Tracks on the Appalachian Trail
• Emily Senefeld, University of Virginia, Highlander Folk School and the Representation of Appalachian Culture
• Chair/Commentator: Dr. Simon Bronner, Penn State Harrisburg

Eastern American Studies Association Reception
5:00 to 6:00pm: Common Grounds coffee shop, Eastern Mennonite University

Dinner and Entertainment
6:15 to 8:00pm: Eastern Mennonite University Seminary Building, Martin Chapel

Plenary Session by Dr. Priscilla Wald, Duke University
8:00pm: Eastern Mennonite University Seminary Building, Martin Chapel
SATURDAY, March 23, 2013
Lucy Simms Center, 620 Simms Ave., Harrisonburg, VA

Registration Open:
7:30 to 10:00am: Lucy Simms Center

SESSION III:
8:00 to 9:15am: Lucy Simms Center

Negotiating Global Frontiers
- Jennifer Dutch, Penn State Harrisburg, Riding the Korean Wave: Translating the “Other” on Fansubbing Websites
- R. Claire Guest, Penn State, Harrisburg, Questioning Authenticity of Identities on the Globalized Frontiers of Cowboy Bebop and Firefly
- Carah Ong Whaley, University of Virginia, Republican Presidents and the Making (and Breaking) of the Party’s National Security Identity
- Steve Jackowicz, Adelphi University, Two Worlds, One Mind: An Examination of the Struggle for Unity of Self-Perception in American Adherents and Practitioners of Chinese Medicine
- Chair/Commentator: Dr. Sylvia Chong, University of Virginia

Reading into Comics: Art, Icons, and Identity
- Allan W. Austin, Misericordia, Defective Comics: Batman, Race & the Making of American Identity during WWII
- Peter Bryan, Penn State, Harrisburg, The Lingering Dreams of A Rarebit Fiend: Winsor McCay’s Influence on the Art of Comics
- Patrick L. Hamilton, Misericordia, Frustrated Aims: Green Lantern/Green Arrow, Liberalism, and Race
- David J. Puglia, Penn State Harrisburg, Toying with Corporate Narratives: The Genesis of Mick(e)y Mouse
- Chair/Commentator: Dr. Siva Vaidhyanathan, University of Virginia

Counter Cultures/Combative Cultures
- Mary Barton, University of Virginia, The Global War on Anarchism: The United States and International Anarchist Terrorism, 1898-1904
- Bonnie Price Lofton, Eastern Mennonite Univ, The Counter-Cultural Role of a Minority Sect, the Mennonites, Within the “American Identity”
- Carmen Phillips, New York University, In a Kingdom of Panthers and Lords: Tracing Communications between the Young Lords Party and the Black Panther Party
- Justin Rogers-Cooper, LaGuardia Community College, The Battle for the Brooklyn Bridge: Writing the 1877 General Strike into the “First” Red Scare
- Chair/Commentator: Holly Scott, American University

SESSION IV:
9:30 to 10:45am: Lucy Simms Center

Rogue Publics – Unity, Division, and Identity in Vernacular Media Communities
- Andrew Miller, Penn State Harrisburg, Secular Apocalypses: “Preppers”, American Media, and the End of the World
- Andrea Glass-Hefner, Penn State Harrisburg, Blogging for Urban Cultural Authority: The Media Battles of the East Village Blog Mafia
- John Price, Penn State Harrisburg, Digital Thunderdome: Performing Identity and Creating Community in a Facebook World
- Chair & Commentator: Dr. Anthony Bak Buccitelli, Penn State Harrisburg
Fighting and Falling; Recovering and Redeeming

- Danielle Holtz, Univ. Pennsylvania, Fallen Eidolon: Daniel Webster’s Decay
- Megan C. McGee, Penn State, Harrisburg, The Divided House of Mouse: The Vacillating Popularity of Disney Animated Feature Films
- Kacie Morrell, Penn State, Harrisburg, Major General Daniel Harvey Hill: Author of the Lost Cause
- Lucius Wedge, University of Akron, Arresting the Ministers of Nashville: Andrew Johnson and Loyalty in Civil War Nashville
- Chair/Commentator: Dr. Louise Stevenson, Franklin & Marshall College

Reading Meaning into Place

- Eileen Fresta, Penn State Brandywine, Pleistocene Rewilding in North America
- Brooke Messmer, Penn State, Harrisburg, The Mütter Museum: American Medical Education Advancements
- Andrea Quintero, Yale, Knowing Where to Go: Place, Mobility, and Belonging in Queens, New York City
- Douglas Peter Sefton, Independent Architectural Historian, Concrete Symbolism: The District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds Building
- Chair/Commentator: Dr. Angus Gillespie, Rutgers

SESSION V:
11:00am to 12:15pm: Lucy Simms Center

Defining the Self; Representing the Other

- Liav Orgad, Interdisciplinary Center, Creating New Americans: The Essence of Americanism under the Citizenship Test
- Sharon Rogart, University of Virginia, Legislating Minority Children’s Identities: the debate over Arizona’s HB 2281
- Chair/Commentator: Dr. John R. Haddad, Penn State Harrisburg

An Individual’s Impact: Ideas, Inventions, Identities

- Guy Aiken, University of Virginia, Man Religious, Forgotten, and Great: Darwin's Early Impact on American Thought
- Louise Barnett, Rutgers, Frederick Douglass: Race, Color, & Identity
- Gina Marie Occasion, University of Massachusetts Amherst, National Desires: Peter Parley and the Production of Childhood
- Lauren Silber, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Leo Frank in The Crisis: Reversing the Gaze of the Black-Jewish Alliance
- Chair/Commentator: Dr. David Evans, Eastern Mennonite University

Undergraduate Paper Roundtable

- Chair/Commentator: Dr. Fran Ryan, La Salle University

Lunch & Awards Ceremony:

12:30 to 2:00pm: Lucy Simms Center

Tour of Local Historical Sites (tentative)