Archives of Revolution
The John Carter Brown Library, June 20-22, 2024

Thursday, June 20, [Time TBD]:

Conference Welcome: Emma Hart and Karin Wulf

Keynote Discussion

Chair: Anthony Bogues, Director of the Simmons Center, Asa Messer Professor of Humanities and Critical Theory, Professor of Africana Studies

“The Treasurer’s Tale: A Lost Account of War, White Supremacy, and Black Radicalism in the Haitian Revolution”
Manuel Covo, University of California, Santa Barbara
Christopher Hodson, Brigham Young University

Friday, June 21, 9:00 AM:

AMERICA 2026 Panel – Archives of Revolution on both sides of the Atlantic

Chair: Virginie Adane (Nantes Université) – Chair, comment &

Introduction to AMERICA2026 and its European database project

“Hidden American Revolutionary archives in France”
Iris de Rode, Mount Vernon

“Benjamin Franklin and Charles Gravier de Vergennes: the improbable understanding between two Founding Fathers of the USA revealed by the study of French archives”
Leïla Tnainchi, Université de Bourgogne-Franche Comté

“The American Revolution in the Tuscan Archives: An Essay Contest at the Accademia Etrusca di Cortona, 1786”
Irma Toti, Université Paris 8

Friday, June 21, 10:45 AM: Making Institutional Archives

Chair: Dorothy Berry, Smithsonian Institution

“Inheriting and Bequeathing the Revolution”
Ashley Cataldo, American Antiquarian Society.

“Print, Manuscript, and Paper: How Archives Can Retell Diverse Revolutionary Voices”
John J. Garcia, American Antiquarian Society

“The Huntington Library’s Presidential Founders: Collecting, Processing, Cataloging”
Melissa Haley, The Huntington Library
Friday, June 21, 1:30 PM: Archives of Revolution (Roundtable)

Chair: Corey Young, University of Iowa

Sean Gallagher, Colorado Mesa University
Adam McNeil, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Maria Esther Hammack, The Ohio State University
Tara Bynum, University of Iowa

Friday, June 21, 3:15 PM: Beyond Battles: Reconsidering the Military Archive of the American Revolution (Roundtable)

Chair: Lauren Duval, University of Oklahoma

Friederike Baer, Penn State Abington
Alec Zuercher Reichardt, University of Missouri
John G. McCurdy, Eastern Michigan University
Meg Roberts, University of Cambridge

Friday, June 21, 5:30-7:00: Local Archives in Revolution

Chair: Morgan Grefe, Rhode Island Historical Society

“Critical Localism in Northeastern Revolutionary Archives”
Christine Delucia, Williams College

“Dinah’s Story: A Revolutionary Narrative”
Laura C. Keim, Stenton

“Voices from the NHS Archives”
Rebecca Bertrand, Newport Historical Society

“Buried Collections: Creating an Accessible Local History Archive for Rev250 and Beyond”
William P. Tatum III, Dutchess County, New York

Saturday, June 22, 9:00 AM: How Collectors Shape Archives

Chair: Sean Quimby, University of Pennsylvania Libraries

“'The Spirit of '76 a struggle of free men to remain free': The American Revolution Collection of Sol Feinstone”
David Gary, American Philosophical Society

“Collecting and Privilege: Before the Founding Fathers, there were the Signers”
Olga Tsapina, The Huntington Library

“An Archive for Revolution: Institutions of Memory and Historical Connections”
Nora Slonimsky, Iona University
Saturday, June 22, 10:45 AM: The Founders’ Archive(s)

Chair: Seth Rockman, Brown University

“Nationalizing Revolutionary Archives for the Cold War Public”
Michael D. Hattem, Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute

“Digitization and the History of Revolutionary Constitution-Making: New York as a Test Case”
Mark Boonshoft, Virginia Military Institute

“Slavery and the Archival Politics of “Founding Documents””
Mary T. Freeman, University of Maine

Saturday, June 22, 12:15 PM: Lunch-and-Learn, Digital Archives of Revolution

Chair: Darrell Meadows, NHPRC

Molly Nebiolo, Butler University
Jessica Parr, Northeastern University

Saturday, June 22, 1:30 PM: Archives Beyond Borders

Chair: Holly Brewer, University of Maryland

“Charters As the Idols of American Origins”
Asheesh Siddique, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

“Finding Neutrality: Civil War and Revolution in National(ist) Archives”
Travis Glasson, Temple University

“The Problem of a Political Economy of Maroon Sovereignty in History: A View from the Archives”
Marcus P. Nevius, University of Missouri

Saturday, June 22, 3:15 PM: Archives in Translation

Chair: Lynne Farrington, University of Pennsylvania Libraries

“Americanization without Anglicization: Historicizing Translations of American Revolutionary Documents Circa 1810”
Len von Morzé, University of Massachusetts Boston

“Não possa alguém allegar ignorancia’: Portugal in the Archives of Revolution”
Emily Sneff, William & Mary

“Unsettling Revolutionary Archives through Collaborative and Community-engaged Research in and with Indigenous Nations”
Ann-Catherine “Anca” Wilkening, Harvard University