

## UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Abolition of the Slave Trade in 1807. The University of York is organizing an international bicentenary conference looking at the meaning and impact across the Atlantic world of the formal abolition of the slave trade in 1807. The conference will be held from 12-14 April 2007 at King's Manor, University of York. The city of York was one of the political arenas in which the abolitionist William Wilberforce fought for the cause, and the department of history has long been associated with pioneering scholarship on the history of slavery and black studies in the UK. Scholars new and established, and from all disciplines, are invited to contribute to Abolitions, 1807-2007 on these themes:

Africa and abolition

The European slave powers and the legacy of slavery and abolition (Denmark, France, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, UK)

The Caribbean and abolition

Depicting slavery and antislavery: satire, caricature, portrait and landscape painting, theatre writing

Slavery and anti-slavery: poetry, memoirs, auto/biography, the novel

The first centenary of abolition: 1907

Slave cities: Liverpool, Bristol, Glasgow, Nantes, Bordeaux, Charleston, New Orleans, Copenhagen, Rotterdam, Cartagena

The legacy of abolition in the modern anti-slavery movement

Heritage studies and anti-slavery

Anti-slavery memorials

Postgraduate bursaries to support the cost of attending the conference will be available. To offer a paper to the conference, send a 250 word proposal and current CV by 31 July 2006 to Professor Miles Taylor (mt504@york.ac.uk). For more information, visit the website at <http://www-users.york.ac.uk/~hist35/abolitions/>.

Social Medicine, Medical Geography, and Health Care for Indigenous Populations: "Ethnic Pathology" in Germany, Russia, Latin America, and Beyond. An international workshop will be held 24-26 November 2006 at Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen, Germany. The workshop will gather scholars from various countries and disciplines to analyze the concept of "ethnic pathology," developed by the German-Peruvian pathologist, bacteriologist and social hygienist Max Kuczynski. Interested scholars are encouraged to submit abstracts (300 words) by 31 July 2006. For more information, visit <http://www.bsbs.org.uk/news/displayrecord.php?eventID=1337>.

"For the Life of the Flesh is in the Blood": A Conference on the Significance of Blood in Jewish History and Culture. The Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Florida, Gainesville is sponsoring this conference, which will meet at the University February 17-19, 2007. The conference will explore the relationship between Jews and blood from different disciplinary and methodological perspectives. The conference organizers are especially interested in submissions about relatively unexplored themes, which might include: new work on *limpieza de sangre*, blood and Jewish folk practices and beliefs, and blood and healing, to name just a few examples. The conference will result in a published volume, and participants should be committed to submitting publishable versions of their essays no later than June 30, 2007. Send an abstract or conference proposal (no more than two double-spaced pages) and a C.V. by 20 August 2006 to Professor Mitchell Hart, Department of

History, University of Florida, Gainesville FL 32611. For more information, visit <http://web.jst.ufl.edu/events.shtml#CJS2007>.

Beyond Deconstruction—Engaging Colonial Knowledge. A small group of scholars, including Megan Vaughan, James Leach, and Richard Drayton, will hold a workshop entitled *Beyond Deconstruction*, 15-16 September 2006 at King's College, University of Cambridge. Representations of foreign peoples by colonial authorities have long been taken at face value as veracious and balanced accounts of distant places. In recent decades, however, scholars have criticized this Eurocentric understanding of what the Asian, African, or American indigenous worlds were about. Other critics have attested that colonial knowledge represents nothing more than an inverse image of Western cultural values. This workshop is an attempt to reach an alternative to the methodological problems of colonial knowledge. How can we engage with colonial knowledge? What use can we make of it? The workshop aims to go beyond the dichotomy of colonial and post-colonial approaches, for while the critique of colonial knowledge can constitute a point of departure, it is not an end in itself. It is anticipated that the workshop will lead to publication as a book or a special issue of a journal. For more information, contact the organizers: Kim A. Wagner at [kaw32.cam.ac.uk](mailto:kaw32.cam.ac.uk), and Ricardo Roque, [rmr2@cam.ac.uk](mailto:rmr2@cam.ac.uk).

Race and Ethnicity in the Nineteenth Century. The Nineteenth-Century Studies Association invites submissions of papers and panel proposals that explore all aspects of race and ethnicity in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, from all disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives. Topics might connect race and ethnicity with social identity or social control; with land use, ecology, city planning or industrialism; with immigration and emigration patterns; with aesthetics or the sciences; with gender and sexuality. The conference organizers encourage the broadest interpretation of the topic, and the widest application to cultural phenomena. Submit a one page abstract of a 20 minute paper, with author and title in heading, and a one page vita by 1 November 2006. Send materials or inquiries to Drew Hubbell at [Hubbell@susqu.edu](mailto:Hubbell@susqu.edu). For more information, visit the website at <http://www.msu.edu/~floyd/ncsa/>.

2006 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory. The Department of Anthropology at the College of William and Mary, in partnership with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation will host the 2006 Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, 1-5 November 2006 at the Williamsburg Hospitality House in Williamsburg, Virginia. The theme of this year's conference, in anticipation of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, gives special emphasis to the ways in which natives and newcomers engaged with one another through culturally mediated performance, and to the processes by which ethnohistorians interpret these encounters. For more information on the conference program, visit <http://ethnohistory.org>.

2006 Annual Meeting of the History of Science Society. The History of Science Society, the Society for Social Studies of Science, and the Philosophy of Science Association will hold their joint meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia 2-5 November 2006. For the meeting program, registration, and other information, visit [www.hssonline.org](http://www.hssonline.org).