



NINTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

JUNE 18–20, 2026

in Richmond, VA



Omni Richmond Hotel
100 S 12th St, Richmond, VA

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

Jason Phillips, President
West Virginia University

Amy Murrell Taylor, President-Elect
University of Kentucky

Lesley J. Gordon, Past-President
University of Alabama

Executive Council

Sarah Gardner (Mercer University)
Hilary Green (Davidson College)
Susanna Lee (North Carolina State University)
James J. Broomall (University of Richmond)
Frances M. Clarke (University of Sydney)
Susannah J. Ural (Mississippi State University)

Program Committee

Michael Bernath, Chair (University of Miami)
Erin Mauldin (University of South Florida)
Angela Diaz (Utah State University)
Judy Giesberg (Villanova University)
Joseph Michael Beilein Jr. (Pennsylvania State University)

Non-Voting Executive Council Members

Managing Director: Lindsey R. Peterson (University of South Dakota)
Secretary-Treasurer: Andrew Lang (Mississippi State University)
Communications Director: Melissa DeVelvis (Augusta University)
Co-Editors of the *Journal of the Civil War Era*:
Greg Downs (University of California Davis)
Kate Masur (Northwestern University)
Early Career Committee, Chair: Jonathan S. Jones (James Madison University)
Graduate Student Connections Committee, Chair: Omari Averette-Phillips

Conference Committee

James J. Broomall, Chair (University of Richmond)
Kathryn "KT" Shively (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Kelly Hancock (American Civil War Museum)
Michael Bernath (University of Miami)
Tim Orr (Old Dominion University)
Bert Dunkerly (Richmond National Park Service)
Abbi Smithmyer (Booker T. Washington National Monument, National Park Service)

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

The following sponsors helped provide free registration to graduate students and public history professionals:

Lorien Foote, Patricia & Bookman Peters Professor of History, Texas A&M University
Lesley J. Gordon, Charles G. Summersell Chair of Southern History, University of Alabama
John L. Nau III Center for Civil War History, University of Virginia
Civil War Consortium, Sam Houston State University
Jason Phillips, Eberly Professor of Civil War Studies, West Virginia University

The opening reception is co-sponsored by:

The Journal of the Civil War Era, the George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center, and the University of North Carolina Press

The Battlefield Tour and Special Visit to the American Civil War Museum is sponsored by:

James J. Broomall, William Binford Vest Chair in History, University of Richmond

The Professional Development Luncheon is sponsored by:

Susannah J. Ural, Frank and Virginia Williams Chair for Abraham Lincoln and Civil War Studies, Mississippi State University

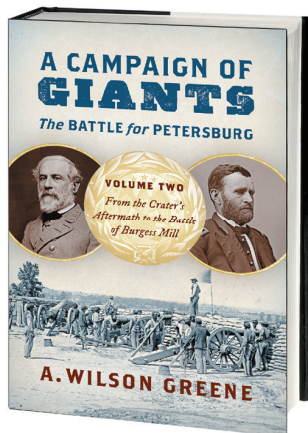
The Graduate Student/Early Career Luncheon is sponsored by:

Lesley J. Gordon, Charles G. Summersell Chair of Southern History, University of Alabama
Aaron Sheehan-Dean, Fred C. Frey Professor, Louisiana State University

The cosing reception is sponsored by:

The Civil War & Reconstruction Governors of Mississippi (cwrgrm.org) at Mississippi State University and the University of South Dakota

NEW FROM UNC PRESS



Exceptionalism in Crisis

Faction, Anarchy, and Mexico in the US Imagination during the Civil War Era

ALYS D. BEVERTON

308 pages \$29.95 paper

Requiem for Reconstruction

Black Countermemory and the Legacy of the Lowcountry's Lost Political Generation

ROBERT D. BLAND

260 pages \$34.95 paper

Confederate Sympathies

Same-Sex Romance, Disunion, and Reunion in the Civil War Era

ANDREW DONNELLY

296 pages \$32.95 paper

A Campaign of Giants—The Battle for Petersburg

Volume 2: From the Crater's Aftermath to the Battle of Burgess Mill

A. WILSON GREENE

712 pages \$45.00 cloth

Searching for Dr. Harris

The Life and Times of a Remarkable African American Physician

MARGARET HUMPHREYS

322 pages \$29.95 paper

A Precarious Balance

Firearms, Race, and Community in North Carolina, 1715–1865

ANTWAIN K. HUNTER

310 pages \$32.95 paper

The Second Manassas Campaign

EDITED BY CAROLINE E. JANNEY AND KATHRYN J. SHIVELY

280 pages \$34.95 cloth

Opium Slavery

Civil War Veterans and America's First Opioid Crisis

JONATHAN S. JONES

412 pages \$39.95 paper

Counting the Cost of Freedom

The Fight Over Compensated Emancipation after the Civil War

AMANDA LAURY KLEINTOP

272 pages \$29.95 paper

Cassius Marcellus Clay

The Life of an Antislavery Slaveholder and the Paradox of American Reform

ANNE E. MARSHALL

312 pages \$39.95 cloth

The Sixth Wisconsin and the Long Civil War

The Biography of a Regiment

JAMES MARTEN

304 pages \$35.00 cloth

Freedom Was in Sight

A Graphic History of Reconstruction in the Washington, D.C., Region

KATE MASUR AND LIZ CLARKE

FERRIS AND FERRIS BOOKS

192 pages \$24.00 paper

Out of This Strife Will Come Freedom

Free People of Color and the Fight for Equal Rights in the Civil War Era

WARREN EUGENE MILTEER JR.

272 pages \$27.95 paper

NEW FROM UNC PRESS

Torn Asunder

Republican Crises and Civil Wars in the United States and Mexico, 1848–1867

ERIKA PANI

352 pages \$32.95 paper

The Surgeon's Battle

How Medicine Won the Vicksburg Campaign and Changed the Civil War

LINDSAY RAE SMITH PRIVETTE

224 pages \$29.95 paper

Fighting with the Past

How Seventeenth-Century History Shaped the American Civil War

AARON SHEEHAN-DEAN

226 pages \$27.95 paper

A Mother's Work

Mary Bickerdyke, Civil War–Era Nurse

MEGAN VANGORDER

260 pages \$29.95 paper

A Nation Unraveled

Clothing, Culture, and Violence in the American Civil War Era

SARAH JONES WEICKSEL

352 pages \$39.95 paper

SAVE
40%

ON ALL UNC PRESS BOOKS

Visit www.uncpress.org and use promo code **01DAH40** at checkout. Get free U.S. shipping on orders of \$75 or more. Offer Expires June 30, 2026.

NEW IN PAPER

Civil War Places

Seeing the Conflict through the Eyes of Its Leading Historians

EDITED BY GARY W. GALLAGHER AND J. MATTHEW GALLMAN

216 pages \$29.95 paper

Cold Harbor to the Crater

The End of the Overland Campaign

EDITED BY GARY W. GALLAGHER AND CAROLINE E. JANNEY

360 pages \$29.95 paper

A Campaign of Giants—The Battle for Petersburg

Volume 1: From the Crossing of the James to the Crater

A. WILSON GREENE

728 pages \$34.00 paper

Storming Vicksburg

Grant, Pemberton, and the Battles of May 19–22, 1863

EARL J. HESS

400 pages \$30.00 paper

Men Is Cheap

Exposing the Frauds of Free Labor in Civil War America

BRIAN P. LUSKEY

296 pages \$29.95 paper

Radical Sacrifice

The Rise and Ruin of Fitz John Porter

WILLIAM MARVEL

496 pages \$29.95 paper

France and the American Civil War

A Diplomatic History

STÈVE SAINLAUDE

TRANSLATED BY JESSICA EDWARDS

304 pages \$29.95 paper

To Address You as My Friend

African Americans' Letters to Abraham Lincoln

EDITED BY JONATHAN W. WHITE

304 pages \$27.95 paper

Choctaw Confederates

The American Civil War in Indian Country

FAY A. YARBROUGH

280 pages \$27.95 paper

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA PRESS

IN BOOKSTORES
VISIT UNC PRESS.ORG

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

Opening Reception & Welcome (James River Salon CD)

Sponsored by the *Journal of the Civil War Era*, University of North Carolina Press, and George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

SESSION 1 (James River Salon A) | ROUNDTABLE: CIVIL WAR MEMORIES IN A POLARIZED AMERICA: A CONVERSATION

Moderator: Jennifer Murray, Shepherd University

Discussants:

- John Kinder, Oklahoma State University
- Nicole Maurantonio, University of Richmond
- Scott Hancock, Gettysburg College
- Sarah Handley-Cousins, University at Buffalo

SESSION 2 (YORK RIVER ROOM) | FREEDPEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES AND THE POWERS AND LIMITS OF THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU

Chair and Comment: Amy Murrell Taylor, University of Kentucky

Panelists:

- James Illingworth, University of Maryland, College Park, *Contested Custody: The Freedmen's Bureau, the Legacy of Slavery, and Black Parental Rights in the Reconstruction South*
- Ashley Towle, University of Southern Maine, *Freedom's Gatekeepers: Local Freedmen's Bureau Agents and Freedwomen's Claims for Child Support*
- Corey M. Brooks, York College of Pennsylvania, "A worse disaster than has ever yet befallen the freedmen": Debating and Legislating the Freedmen's Bureau's Discontinuance

SESSION 3 (CANAL ROOM) | EXPLORING CHILDHOOD IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA

Chair and Comment: Sarah Chinn, Hunter College

Panelists:

- Kathryn Angelica, Purdue University Fort Wayne, *With Strict Regard to the Right of Freedom: Power Struggles, Labor, and Disability within Philadelphia's Shelter for Colored Orphans*
- Youngjin Jang, Binghamton University, *Free Black Children and Apprenticeships in 19th-Century Baltimore*
- Sophia Nimlo, Georgetown University, *Freed-Children in the Nation's Capital, 1862-1870*
- Cameron Sauer, Pennsylvania State University, "It Serves in Lieu of Parental Lock and Key": Houses of Refuge and the Origins of Juvenile Incarceration in Civil War-Era America

SESSION 4 (SHENANDOAH H) | AT THE WATERY MARGINS: NAVAL WARFARE AND MARITIME VIOLENCE IN THE 19TH CENTURY

Chair: Adam Dombay, Auburn University

Panelists:

- Charles J. Wexler, Motlow State Community College, *Bulls Bay Bark: The Restless and the Federal Blockade off Charleston Harbor, 1862*
- David Kay, UNC Greensboro, *Cape Fear and Loathing: The Union Navy and the Wilmington Campaigns, 1864-1865*
- Beau Cleland, University of Calgary, "Since we cannot hang him, it is to be hoped he will die": Maritime Violence and Imperial Control in the Reconstruction-Era Pacific World
- Anna Gibson Holloway, Maritime Administration Office of Strategic Sealift, "It Was off the Rappahannock's Mouth": Oysters, Pirates, and a "Little Travesty"

Comment: Laura June Davis, Columbus State University

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

SESSION 5 (JAMES RIVER SALON B) | REFRAMING CIVIL WAR MEMORY: MATERIAL CULTURE AND REGIONAL BOOSTERISM IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Chair: Anne Sarah Rubin, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Panelists:

- Andrew W. Hoffman, Mississippi State University, Lifting the South out of the Purgatory of Illiteracy: Robert Selph Henry, the Lost Cause, and New South Boosterism during the Great Depression
 - Shae Smith Cox, Texas A&M University, "The Nurses, Consolers, and Saviors of Men": The Creation, Memory, and Dissolution of the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War
 - Lindsey R. Peterson, University of South Dakota, Transcontinental Travel in Western Boosterism & Union Memory
- Comment: Jennifer L. Gross, Jacksonville State University

SESSION 6 (Rappahannock Room) | THE (CIVIL) WAR ON DRUGS: POLICING SUBSTANCES IN THE 1860S

Chair: Joseph Beilein, Jr., Penn State Behrend

Panelists:

- Daniel Farrell, University of Cincinnati, The Elixir of Disloyalty: Drinking, Treason, and Political Culture During the Civil War Era
- Megan L. Bever, Missouri Southern State University, Drugs, Patent Medicines, Liquors, and Salts: Regulating the Flow of Substances in St. Louis and Southeastern Missouri during the Civil War
- Jonathan S. Jones, James Madison University, Courts Martials and Opioids: Civil War Military Justice and American Drug Policy

Comment: Joseph Beilein, Jr., Penn State Behrend and April Holm, University of Mississippi

SESSION 7 (ROANOKE ROOM) | MORAL DEBTS: EXPLORING JUSTICE IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA

Chair: Caroline Wood Newhall, Oberlin College and Conservatory

Panelists:

- Noah F. Crawford, Texas A&M University, "The Persecuted Do Not Sleep": Texas Unionist Refugees and the Long Civil War on the Mexico Border
- Jack S. Walmsley, University of Alabama, Profiles of Morality: Sheridan and Mosby's Retaliatory Killings in the Shenandoah
- Wyatt G. Erchak, Carnegie Mellon University, "Private wrongs to avenge": Considering Justice in a Formerly Enslaved Black Regiment's Civil War
- Stephen D. Engle, Florida Atlantic University, Hanging for Freedom: Reckoning with John Brown's Execution for Racial Justice

Comment: Aaron Sheehan-Dean, Louisiana State University

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

SESSION 9 (JAMES RIVER SALON CD) | LUNCH BREAK / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LUNCHEON: PUBLISHING YOUR FIRST ARTICLE

Discussants:

- Robert D. Bland, Associate Editor, *Journal of the Civil War Era* and Assistant Professor of History and Africana Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Graham T. Dozier, Managing Editor of Publications and Virginius Dabney Editor of the *Virginia Magazine of History & Biography*
- Matthew Stanley, Associate Professor of History, University of Arkansas

SPONSORSHIP FOR THIS LUNCHEON WAS GENEROUSLY PROVIDED BY MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

SESSION 10 (JAMES RIVER SALON A) | AMUSING THE VIOLENT MILLION: RECREATION, SPACE, AND VIOLENCE IN RECONSTRUCTION POLITICS

Chair and Comment: Michael T. Bernath, University of Miami

Panelists:

- Courtney Slavin, Clark University, Crack Shots and Red Shirts: The Origins of America's Gun Debate
- Bill Smith, University of Oxford, From Battlegrounds to Fairgrounds: Animals, Recreation, and the Work of Reconciliation
- Lucius Segar, Texas Christian University, Texas, Mob Violence and Politics: 1870-1879
- Derek Rahn Williams, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Decentralization to Centralization and Back: South Carolina's Turbulent Carceral History

SESSION 11 (YORK RIVER ROOM) | THE LOWRY INDEX: RECOVERING THE CIVIL WAR VIA UNION ARMY DISCIPLINARY RECORDS

Chair and Comment: Susannah J. Ural, Mississippi State University

Panelists:

- Judith Giesberg, Villanova University, The Lowry Index: Provenance and Place in the Field
- Kevin Adams, Kent State University, U.S. Army Courts Martial during the Civil War Era: Context, Procedures, and Opportunities
- Scott Nesbit, University of Georgia, Thinking Spatially with the Lowry Index
- J. David Hacker, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, and Bradford C. Cook, Independent Scholar, A Demographic Profile of Individuals Appearing in Union Army Court-Martials

SESSION 12 (SHENANDOAH H) | CIVIL WAR MEMORY IN POPULAR CULTURE: NEW DIRECTIONS AND PERSPECTIVES

Chair and Comment: Jack Carey, University of Alabama

Panelists:

- James Hill "Trae" Welborn III, Georgia College & State University, Gridiron Re-enactments: Civil War Memory and Intersectional College Football Games, 1890s-1990s
- Chloe H. Smith, Yale University, Confederate Song and the "War of Northern Aggression" on the Social Internet

SESSION 13 (CANAL ROOM) | CONFLICTING LOYALTIES AND THE SECTIONAL CRISIS

Chair: Madeleine Forrest, Virginia Military Institute

Panelists:

- Roger A. Bailey, The Citadel, Loyalty, Treason, and the Naval Officer Corps in the Secession Crisis
- Whitney Snow, Midwestern State University, A Tinker's Damn: Williamson Robert Winfield Cobb's Duplicity as Confederate Congressman and Union Spy
- Edward J. Hagerty, Air University, Air Force Global College, Lt. Gen. R. H. Anderson and the Uses of Confederate Biography in the 21st Century

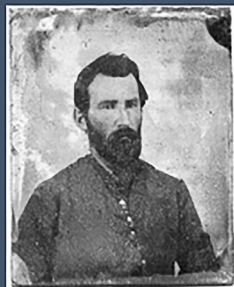
Comment: Gregory J. W. Urwin, Temple University

Bierlink!

Berry Interdependent Exploratory Research
Military, Medical and Genealogical Records at the
National Archives and Records Administration,
Washington, DC



bierlinknara.com



SESSION 14 (SHENANDOAH J) | NEW APPROACHES TO GENDER AND UNIONISM IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA

Chair and Comment: Brian C. Neumann, John L. Nau III Center for Civil War History, University of Virginia

Panelists:

- Thalia Chrysanthis, William & Mary, "Wearing Soldiers' Clothes": Union Provost Marshals, Fears of Disloyalty, and the Discoveries of Female Soldiers
- Madelaine Setiawan, Texas A&M University, Southern Unionist Women as Remembered by Fleeing Fugitives
- Cooper Wingert, Fordham University, Enslaved Women, Military Intelligence, and the Union Army's Provost Marshal System

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM**FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026****SESSION 15 (JAMES RIVER SALON B) | WORKING THE SYSTEM: HOSPITAL POLITICS AND MEDICAL POWER IN THE CIVIL WAR**

Chair and Comment: Jane E. Schultz, Indiana University, Indianapolis

Panelists:

- Brian Martin, University of Alabama, "The actual degree of suffering": Racial Theory, Pain Tolerance, and the Medical Care of Black Civil War Soldiers
- Lindsay Rae Smith Privette, Anderson University, The Battle Over Bodies: Negotiating Authority over Soldiers' Medical Care During the Vicksburg Campaign
- Megan VanGorder, Illinois State University, "She Ranks Me": Gender, Power, and the Politics of Care in Civil War Hospitals

SESSION 16 (RAPPAHANNOCK ROOM) | IN THE AFTERMATH: RECONSTRUCTING LEGACY AND MEMORY AFTER THE CIVIL WAR

Chair and Comment: Timothy J. Williams, University of Oregon

Panelists:

- Elizabeth M. Reese, Independent Scholar, Gettysburg College, Collateral Consequences: The Booth Family in the Wake of the Lincoln Assassination
- Aaron D. Lewis, Independent Scholar, University of South Florida, The Fall and Rise of Jefferson Davis: The Rehabilitation of His Image in the South, 1865-1881
- Jeffrey Thomas Perry, Tusculum University, "So Imperfectly Understood": Debating Andrew Johnson's Legacy, 1869-1909

SESSION 17 (SHENANDOAH J) | THE CIVIL WAR EXPERIENCE THROUGH MILITARY RITUALS AND REPORTING

Chair: Lesley J. Gordon, University of Alabama

Panelists:

- Thomas J. Brown, University of South Carolina, Regimental Departure Ceremonies
- Sarah E. Gardner, Mercer University, War Reporters
- Yael Sternhell, Tel Aviv University, First Draft(s) of History: Battle Reports, the Wartime Press, and the Reading Public

Comment: Sarah Weicksel, American Historical Association

SESSION 18 (ROANOKE ROOM) | OCEANIC HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF THE CIVIL WAR ERA

Chair and Comment: Joseph Reidy, Howard University

Panelists:

- Jennie K. Williams, Kinfolkology, The Coastwise Slave Trade and Family Ruptures
- John Harris, Erskine College, Spying on the Slave Trade: Emilio Sanchez and the Illegal Voyages of the Orion
- Robert Bonner, Dartmouth College, The Global Menace of Confederate Maritime Slaving

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026****SESSION 19 (OFF-SITE AT THE VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF HISTORY & CULTURE) | MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE: ENGAGING HISTORY AND THE PUBLIC (HOSTED BY THE EARLY CAREER COMMITTEE)**

Chair: Shae Smith Cox, Texas A&M University

Moderator: Chuck Welsko, Kentucky Historical Society

Discussants:

- Joseph S. H. Rogers, Pamela K. Royall Director of Community Partnerships
- Emmanuel Dabney, Petersburg National Battlefield
- Alison Herring, Independent Researcher
- Joseph Rizzo, Loudoun Museum
- James J. Broomall, University of Richmond

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

Presidential Panel: (James River Salon CD) | **The Next Forty Years**

Discussants:

- Robert D. Bland, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Rachael Nicholas, National Park Service
- Sarah Weicksel, American Historical Association
- Anne Marshall, Mississippi State University

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

SESSION 20 (JAMES RIVER SALON A) | WHEN THE MYTH BECOMES THE STORY: DISLODGING TREASURED CIVIL WAR “TRUTHS” FROM PUBLIC MEMORY

Chair: Laura R. Prieto, Simmons University

Panelists:

- Sarah A. Leavitt, Lillian & Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum, “Of the impression that he was a Jew”: Jewish Mythmaking and the Doctor at Lincoln’s Bedside
 - Sarah J. Purcell, Grinnell College, “He Would Not Put On His Hat”: Gen. Joseph Johnston’s Death as a Myth of Reconciliation
 - Kate Clifford Larson, Public Historian and Consultant, Challenging the Dismissive and Disrespectful Character of Myths and Fakelore That Still Shape the Retelling of the Life of Harriet Tubman and the Work of the Underground Railroad
 - Amy Fluker, Youngstown State University, The Haunting of Eastport: Ghostlore, Fakelore, and Civil War Memory
- Comment: Jason Phillips, West Virginia University

SESSION 21 (YORK RIVER ROOM) | RACE AND POLICING IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA SOUTH

Chair: Jonathan Daniel Wells, University of Michigan

Panelists:

- A. J. Blylock, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, City Guards to Native Guards: The Militia and Policing in Civil War Era New Orleans
 - Amanda White Gibson, University of Virginia, The 1852 Subscription Ball: Black Celebration, Freedom-Seeking, and the Mayor’s Court in Richmond, Virginia
 - Tracy L. Barnett, Old Dominion University, A Red Shirt with a Winchester Rifle: Arming the South’s Extra-legal Paramilitary Force
- Comment: Antwain K. Hunter, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

SESSION 22 (SHENANDOAH H) | WHEN THEY MET: CIVIL WAR ENCOUNTERS AND CONVERSATIONS

Chair and Moderator: Barton A. Myers, Washington and Lee University

Panelists:

- Matthew Pinsker, Dickinson College, Lincoln and Winfield Scott: West Point, June 1862
 - Ethan S. Rafuse, US Army Command and General Staff College, Old Brains and Little Mac at Harrison’s Landing
 - Anne Sarah Rubin, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Sherman, Stanton, and African-American Ministers in Savannah, January, 1865
 - Brooks D. Simpson, Arizona State University, Summer Heat: Lincoln and Grant, July 31, 1864
- Comment: Audience

SESSION 23 (CANAL ROOM) | RELIGIOUS FRACTURES AND BONDS IN AMERICAN ABOLITIONISM

Chair: Manisha Sinha, University of Connecticut

Panelists:

- Luke Harlow, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, The Problem of Religious Cooperation in Fractured Abolitionism: Lydia Maria Child and the National Anti-Slavery Standard
 - James Howard, Baylor University, Popish Power, Slave Power: Garrisonian Abolitionists and the Problem of Catholic Hierarchy
 - Amy M. Cools, Northumbria University, “The Variety in Man’s Mode of Worship” and “Anti-Slavery”: James McCune Smith on Religion and Abolitionism in the Antebellum United States
- Comment: Angela Murphy, Texas State University

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

SESSION 24 (JAMES RIVER SALON A) | VIRGINIA'S CONTESTED TERRAIN DURING THE CIVIL WAR ERA

Chair and Comment: Erin Mauldin, University of South Florida

Panelists:

- Jeremy Nelson, John L. Nau III Center for Civil War History, University of Virginia, The Flat Rock Crow Club: Toward an Environmental History of Reconstruction
- Sanjay K. Paul, Harvard University, The Inequalities of Industrial Slavery: Class and Conflict in Richmond's Defense Industry, 1861-1865
- Nicholas Sifford, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Mapping the Colored Past: Free People of Color Families in Antebellum Virginia
- Audrey Sisel, University of Edinburgh, "A Loyal City": White Soldiers' Perspectives on Alexandria, Virginia as the South

SESSION 25 (JAMES RIVER SALON B) | ROUNDTABLE: STILL SEARCHING FOR THE COMMON SOLDIER: NEW DIRECTIONS FOR COMING DECADES

Moderator: Gerald J. Prokopowicz, East Carolina University

Discussants:

- Andrew Turner, John L. Nau III Center for Civil War History, University of Virginia
- Kathryn "KT" Shively, Virginia Commonwealth University
- James J. Broomall, University of Richmond
- Fay Yarbrough, Rice University
- Jonathan Lande, Purdue University

SESSION 26 (RAPPAHANNOCK ROOM) | PRISONERS OF WAR: THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS AND ITS IMPACT ON MEMORY AND COMMUNITIES

Chair and Comment: Evan Kutzler, Western Michigan University

Panelists:

- Evan Bell, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, The Head Devil and Those Who Died for Us: How Williamsburg Remembered a Civil War Hospital
- Madeline Feierstein, Independent Researcher, Investigating Alexandria's Civil War Prisons: Confinement & Justice During Union Occupation
- Evan C. Jones, Georgetown University, Andersonville Prison Reconsidered: Slavery's "High-Water Mark" & the Carceral Landscape of the Cotton Kingdom

SESSION 27 (SHENANDOAH J) | ROUNDTABLE: LINES OF AUTHORITY: OCCUPATION, OBEDIENCE, AND OPPOSITION IN CONFEDERATE FLORIDA

Moderator: Tracy J. Revels, Wofford College

Discussants:

- Angela Elder, Converse University
- Eric Totten, University of Arkansas
- Angie Zombek, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

SESSION 28 (ROANOKE ROOM) | FIGURES OF DISUNION: BIOGRAPHICAL AND MICROHISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE SECESSION CRISIS

Chair: Elizabeth R. Varon, University of Virginia

Panelists:

- Melissa DeVelvis, Augusta University, "We Are to Have a War": Secession and the Allston Women of South Carolina
- Claire Roth, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, "To Rend the Union into Fragments": The 1860 Association, Propaganda, and the Secession Crisis
- Michael E. Woods, University of Tennessee, John Van Evrie's Secession Crises: How a Manhattan Proslavery Propagandist Confronted Personal, Professional, and Political Ruin

Comment: Anne Marshall, Mississippi State University

DISCOVER THE LATEST IN CIVIL WAR SCHOLARSHIP

Visit the Book Exhibit in the James River Foyer to explore new and noteworthy publications, connect with publishers, and stay current with the field's most exciting research.

THE BOOK EXHIBIT WILL BE OPEN ON:

- THURSDAY, JUNE 18 FROM 4:00–6:00 PM
- FRIDAY, JUNE 19 FROM 8:00 AM–5:00 PM
- SATURDAY, JUNE 20 FROM 8:00 AM–5:00 PM

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

**SESSION 29 (JAMES RIVER SALON CD) | LUNCH BREAK / GRADUATE STUDENT/
EARLY CAREER LUNCHEON: “SCWH: THE NEXT GENERATION”
(HOSTED BY THE GRAD. COUNCIL & EARLY CAREER COMMITTEE)**

Discussants:

- Writing and Publishing: Clayton Butler, University of Virginia Press
- Clearing PhD Stages from Comprehensive Exams to Dissertation Writing: Shae Smith Cox, Texas A&M University
- Teaching Practice: Amanda Kleintop, Elon University
- Career Pathways: Chuck Welsko, Kentucky Historical Society
- Balancing Graduate School and Family: Megan VanGorder, Illinois State University
- Enhancing the SCWH Experience: Jonathan S. Jones, James Madison University, and David Kay, UNC Greensboro

SPONSORSHIP FOR THIS LUNCHEON WAS GENEROUSLY PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AND LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

SESSION 30 (JAMES RIVER SALON B) | UNIONISTS AND CONFEDERATES IN THE CIVIL WAR’S INTERNATIONAL DIASPORAS

Chair: Alex Barbolish, Richard Bland College

Panelists:

- Louise L. Stevenson, Franklin & Marshall College, Making Coolie Ships Places of Freedom, The Federal Anti-Coolie Trade Law of 1862
- Tom Brinton, Northwest Florida State College, Rebel Tears: Confederate Women in Taiping-Era China
- Scott A. MacKenzie, Independent Scholar, A Welcome Presence: The Grand Army of the Republic in Canada
- Chase McCarter, Kentucky Historical Society, First to Flee the Confederacy: John Taylor Wood’s and John C. Breckinridge’s Escape to Cuba

Comment: Duncan Campbell, National University

SESSION 31 (RAPPAHANNOCK ROOM) | SECTIONALISM, THE CIVIL WAR, AND RECONSTRUCTION IN INDIAN TERRITORY

Chair: Fay Yarbrough, Rice University

Panelists:

- Kristen T. Oertel, University of Tulsa, “A Great Run-Away Harbor”: Indian Territory and the March toward Secession
- Midge Dellinger, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, The Civil War in Indian Territory: A Muscogee Perspective
- Alexandra Stern, City College of New York, Indian Territory: Vanguard of Reconstruction Policy

Comment: Paul Barba, Bucknell University

SESSION 32 (CANAL ROOM) | ROUNDTABLE (SPONSORED BY THE ECC): TEACHING THE CIVIL WAR: PEDAGOGY, PRACTICE, AND POSSIBILITIES

Chair: Amanda Kleintop, Elon University

Moderator: Megan VanGorder, Illinois State University

Discussants:

- Antwain K. Hunter, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Sarah Handley-Cousins, University at Buffalo
- Matthew Pinsker, Dickinson College
- Lindsey R. Peterson, University of South Dakota

STUDENT LIGHTNING ROUND (SHENANDOAH J)

Moderator and Comment: David Silkenat, University of Florida

Presenters:

- Sam Bisno, Brown University, Rethinking the Cotton Gin in the Civil War Era: Slavery, Sectionalism, and Sherman's March
- Youngin Jang, Binghamton University, "Useless or Depraved Members of Society": Working-Class Children and Childhood in Antebellum Baltimore
- Hannah Kornblut, Kent State University, "An Absolute Massacre": Producing Race through Police Violence during the New Orleans Massacre of 1866
- Or Rappel-Kroyzer, The Hebrew University, This tale happened once upon a time: Remembering the Civil War in California
- Kenly Stewart, Mississippi State University, "The Republican Party of 1856...is the Party of State Rights": Antislavery States' Rights and the First Republican Party National Platform
- Jordan Virtue, Stanford University, "Patience on a Monument": Artistic Approaches to Black Civil War Memory
- Harry Zhang, Texas A&M University, Asian American Soldiers and Sailors in the Civil War

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM**SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026****SESSION 35 (JAMES RIVER SALON A) | CONTAINING, TRYING, AND PARDONING THE KLAN**

Chair: Sarah E. Gardner, Mercer University

Panelists:

- Jerry Chen, Harvard University, Redeeming the Fourteenth Amendment: The North Carolina Ku Klux Klan Trials, 1870-71
- Steven E. Nash, East Tennessee State University, "A Farce in a Comedy of Justice": Virgil Lusk and the Suppression of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina
- Brook Thomas, University of California, Irvine, A Case Study in Pardons for the Klan: Randolph Abbott Shotwell

Comment: Bruce Stewart, Appalachian State University

SESSION 36 (YORK RIVER ROOM) | EXCAVATING BLACK CIVIL WAR MEMORY

Chair and Comment: Hilary N. Green, Davidson College

Panelists:

- Jeremy Neely, Missouri State University, "Anarchy and Confusion Was Inaugurated": Power, Freedom, and Missouri's Disputed Election of 1866
- Scott Spillman, History Colorado, "Nothing but Even Handed Justice": The Fight for Black Rights in Reconstruction-era Colorado
- Jordan Virtue, Stanford University, "The Lyre of War": Black Civil War Memory in Paul Laurence Dunbar

SESSION 37 (CANAL ROOM) | ROUNDTABLE: NEW DIRECTIONS IN LEGAL HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR ERA

Moderator: Cynthia Nicoletti, University of Virginia

Discussants:

- Giuliana Perrone, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Warren Milteer, Jr., George Washington University
- Amanda Laury Kleintop, Elon University

SESSION 38 (SHENANDOAH H) | FRAUDSTERS, CITIZEN-SOLDIERS, AND OPPORTUNISTS: COMPLICATING THE STORY OF CITIZENSHIP AND LOYALTY DURING THE CIVIL WAR

Chair and Comment: Joseph Beilein, Jr., Penn State Behrend

Panelists:

- Madeleine McGrady, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Naturalized Northerners in Confederate Mobile: Citizenship and Property Ownership in the C.S.A.
- Nathan Marzoli, U.S. Space Force Combat Forces Command, The "Fraud File": What Allegations of Corruption and Fraud Tell Us About Civil-Military Relations and the Administration of the Enrollment Act
- Thomas Grace, SUNY Erie, Citizens and Soldiers of the Upper River Valley: The 98th Ohio's Civil War

STUDENT LIGHTNING ROUND CONTINUED (SHENANDOAH J)

Moderator and Comment: Chase McCarter, Kentucky Historical Society

Presenters:

- Nate Brother, Virginia Tech, Commemoration at the Crossroads: The Struggle for Memory at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park
- Beatrice Burton, University of Georgia, A Second Secession: Fort Sumter National Monument and the Civil War Centennial in Charleston, SC
- Joel Criswell, Texas A&M, Dishonorable Equality: The Fabric of White Logic
- Andrew Hoffman, Mississippi State University, "A Monument More Enduring than Brass": The Progressive Origins and Uses of the Children of the Confederacy in Turn-of-the-Twentieth-Century Mississippi
- Margaret Matheson, University of Virginia, Confederate Anti-Heroines: Women, Union Deserters, and Military Courts in Civil War Maryland
- Danielle Russell, Louisiana State University, "A Brutal Ruffian of Infamous Character": George Washington Kirk and the Fight to Forge a Free Nation

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

Closing Reception (James River Salon CD)

Sponsored by the Civil War & Reconstruction Governors of Mississippi (cwrngm.org) at Mississippi State University and the University of South Dakota

Support the SCWH

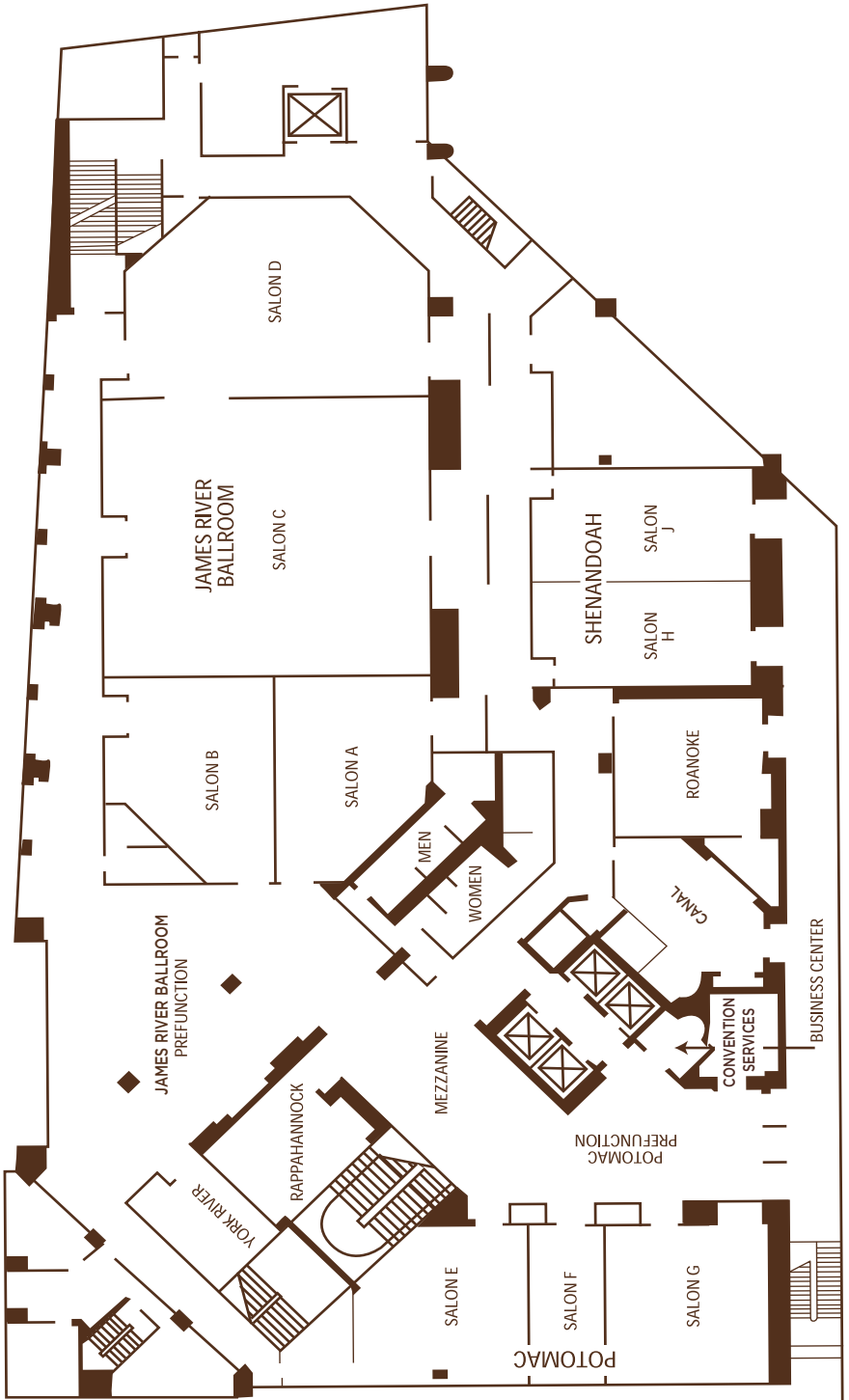
To celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Society of Civil War Historians' founding, please join SCWH President Jason Phillips and President-Elect Amy Murrell Taylor in a campaign to invest in the SCWH's future. All donations to the SCWH 40th campaign will support our graduate student and early career initiatives, awards, the *Journal of the Civil War Era*, and conferences. Over the past forty years, the Society has expanded the meaning of Civil War history and shared new knowledge about this vital chapter of America's past with students, professionals, and the public.

Shop SCWH Branded Swag

WE'RE NOT HISTORY BUFFS.



Richmond Conference



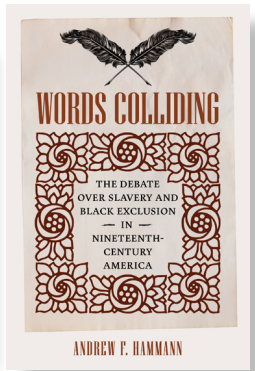
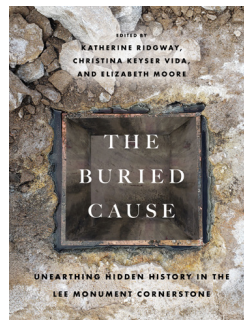
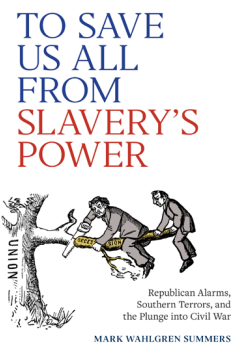
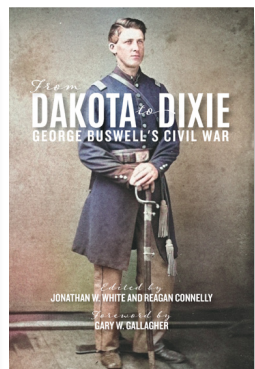
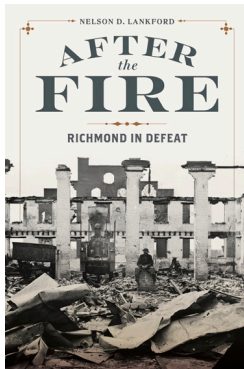
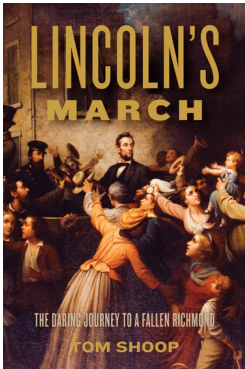


UNIVERSITY of VIRGINIA PRESS

SOCIETY OF CIVIL WAR HISTORIANS
NINTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

RICHMOND, VA | JUNE 18-20, 2026

USE PROMO CODE 10SCWH26
FOR 40% OFF



UPRESS.VIRGINIA.EDU

EXPLORE HISTORICAL RICHMOND

American Civil War Museum at Historic Tredegar

480 Tredegar St., Richmond, VA
Open Daily 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Virginia Museum of History and Culture

428 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond, VA
Open Daily 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The Valentine Museum

1015 East Clay Street, Richmond, VA
Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Hollywood Cemetery

412 S. Cherry St., Richmond, VA
Open Daily 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Richmond National Battlefield Park (Chimborazo Visitor Center and Medical Museum, Cold Harbor, Gaines' Mill, and more)

3215 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA
Wednesday-Sunday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site

600 North 2nd St., Richmond, VA
Tours offered at 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM,
2:00 PM, and 3:00 PM

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

200 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd., Richmond, VA
Open Daily 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(with some evening hours)

Shockoe Institute

1500 E. Main St., 1st Floor, Richmond, VA
Sunday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Poe Museum

1914 E. Main St., Richmond, VA
Tuesday-Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US



STAY CONNECTED

SocietyCWH@gmail.com
<https://x.com/SoCWHistorians>
<https://www.facebook.com/TheSCWH#>
<https://www.instagram.com/socwhistorians/>