

BGEAH 2015: Call for Papers

The British Group of Early American Historians will hold its 2015 conference at the University of Sheffield, 3-6 September.

In a departure from recent practice the Program Committee has decided not to identify a particular theme and welcomes original and ground-breaking work on any aspect of early American history before 1820. The conference will feature the usual sequential sessions, but we are also hoping to try some variations on the customary format and would welcome proposals for pre-circulated papers/panels or papers/panels featuring roundtables or lightning talks, perhaps considering connections between early American history and recent events: can early American history provide new/original perspectives or responses to recent events in Ferguson, capitalism and the global financial crisis, and contextualizing acts of individual and state terrorism? Are there methodological innovations in fields such as digital humanities or conceptual controversies post “linguistic turn” of which we need to take account?

The conference will feature a lively keynote by Professor Trevor Burnard, University of Melbourne, and a “book club” session considering Andrew Beaumont’s, *Colonial America and the Earl of Halifax, 1748–1761* (OUP, 2015).

Please email proposals to Simon Middleton at s.middleton@sheffield.ac.uk.

Proposals should be sent as an attachment and individual submissions should include a one page summary of the paper and a brief c.v. Panel submissions should include a one paragraph overview of the intended session in addition to the individual paper descriptions and a c.v. for each participant. The deadline for submissions is **Friday 20th March 2014**.