

The American Nation in the Twentieth Century: The Declaration of Independence at 250

Wallbank Lecture Theatre, 11 Abercrombie Square, University of Liverpool

Friday 27 February

9am-10am Welcome and Keynote Address.

Dr Emma Stone MacKinnon (Cambridge), "American Hypocrisy."

SESSION 1: Historical Memory (10 – 11:30)

Chair: Dr Zoe Hyman (UCL)

- Dr Sophie Jones (Liverpool) "Remembering the American Loyalists: Britain's Forgotten Refugees."
- Patrick O'Dare, PhD Candidate (QMUL) "Watergate and the Founding Fathers: The Mobilisation of Memory in Constitutional Dialogue."
- Dr Cheryl Hudson (Liverpool) "The Spirit of '76: The Declaration of Independence at the Bicentennial."

SESSION 2: Global Afterlives of the Declaration (11:30pm-1)

Chair: Dr Michael Hopkins (Liverpool)

- Dr Zoe Hyman (UCL) "UDI, the US Declaration of Independence, and American Friends of Rhodesia"
- Tom Wilkinson, PhD Candidate (Auckland) "1960 as a Turning Point: John F. Kennedy, Outer Space, and Life Magazine's "National Purpose"
- Yixin Tian, PhD Candidate (Oxford) "Vietnam as 'a Place of Honor': Mexico between Revolution and Empire in the Global Seventies."

1pm-2pm LUNCH

SESSION 3: Domestic Afterlives of the Declaration (2- 3:30)

Chair: Dr Miguel Hernandez (Aberystwyth)

- Dr Jennifer Frost (Auckland) "Consent of the Governed": Voting Rights Movements in the 20th Century United States."
- Paul Fine, PhD Candidate (Oxford) "A Day of Repentance and Prayer": The Spiritual Roots of Independence Day During the Early Cold War."
- Prof Kevin Yuill (Sunderland) "Richard Nixon and the Corruption of 'All Men are Created Equal.'"
- Jake Newbury, PhD Candidate (UCL) and Instructor (Warwick) "This is My Constitution:" Mafia Lawyers and the Uses and Abuses of the U.S. Declaration of Independence and Constitution in Arizona, c. 1950-1977

Roundtable (3:45-5:30): Thinking about the Founding in the c20th and c21st

Chair: Dr Cheryl Hudson

- Prof Gareth Davies (UCL)
- Dr Tom Cutterham (Birmingham)
- Dr Emma MacKinnon (Cambridge)
- Dr Jennifer Frost (Auckland).