



## Virginia's Revolutionary Histories & Beyond

October 24 – 26, 2024

William & Mary School of Education

Co-presented by William & Mary, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, and the Omohundro Institute for Early American History & Culture

Conference Program

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*This schedule is subject to change.*

For 2026 is three conference tracks in one:

- scholarly presentations, workshops, and roundtables on vast early American history, hosted by the Omohundro Institute (OI);
- Revolutionary Educators (RevEd), education and museum focused presentations, convened by the W&M Learning & Design Lab;
- Slate Seminar, focused on delivering scholarship about and insights into the history and legacies of the Williamsburg Bray School, led by the W&M Bray School Lab.

Also included are site visits to historic locations on the campuses of Colonial Williamsburg and William & Mary and two all-conference Plenary sessions, also open to members of the public.

### **October 24, 2024**

Revolutionary Educators Pre-Conference

**CHECK-IN: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

School of Education Concourse



*Colonial Williamsburg*





**LUNCH: 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

School of Education  
*Boxed lunches available*

**12:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

RevEd Pre-Conference: Dogwood Room  
**Teaching Revolutionary Histories in Divisive Times**

*Presenter(s):*

- Sam Futrell, Virginia Council on the Social Studies
- Brendan Gillis, Professor of History, Lamar University /Director of Teaching and Learning, American Historical Association
- Beau Dickinson, Virginia Social Studies Leaders Consortium

**3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

RevEd Pre-Conference: Colonial Williamsburg  
*Corner of S. Nassau Street and Francis Street W*

**Bray School Open House**

*Presenter(s):*

- Nicole Brown, William & Mary / Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Staff Members from Colonial Williamsburg's Department of Historical Trades & Skills, and Grainger Department of Historic Architectural Preservation and Research

**3:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

RevEd Pre-Conference: William & Mary Historic Campus  
**Sir Christopher Wren Building Historic Campus Tour**

*Presenter(s):*

- Maureen Elgersman Lee, W&M Bray School Lab
- Charles Fulcher, Wren Building
- Spotswood Society, Wren Building



**4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

RevEd Pre-Conference: Travis House

**Rev-Ed Teacher Welcome Dinner**

*Refreshments are generously sponsored by Five Ponds Press  
345 Francis St. W*

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

RevEd Pre-Conference: Colonial Williamsburg

**Walking Tour to Capitol Building**

Presenter:

- Andy Engel

**7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

RevEd Pre-Conference: Colonial Williamsburg Capitol Building

**Revolutionary Points of View**

- It's the eve of the American Revolution, and there are just as many opinions about war and independence as we hear about politics and religion today. Step back in time and encounter points of view that run the gamut. Then, engage in the most crucial debate in our nation's history—will you decide whether we remain British or become Americans?

**October 25, 2024**

**CHECK-IN: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

School of Education Concourse

**SESSION 1: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

OI 1: Holly Room

**Indian Policy and Experience in the Revolutionary War**

*Presenter(s):*

“The Occaneechi-Saponi in the Revolutionary War”

- Lawrence Dunmore, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation

“Those abandoned people!': The Augusta Boys and the Construction of Indian Policy on the Virginian Frontier, 1754–1768”

- Sarah Donovan, William & Mary



RevEd 1: Dogwood Room

**Choosing Sides: Exploring Soldiers' Allegiances in the Revolutionary War**

*Presenter:*

- Liz Maurer, National Museum of the United States Army

Slate Seminar 1: Matoaka 1

**2024: Year of the Bray School**

*Presenter:*

- Maureen Elgersman Lee, William & Mary Bray School Lab

RevEd 2: Matoaka 2

**Teaching Stories of Resistance and Resilience in Revolutionary Virginia**

*Presenter*

- Alissa Oginsky, George Washington's Mount Vernon
- Morgan Smith, Loudon County Public Schools

**SESSION 2: 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM**

OI 2: Holly Room

**“Open to all Parties, but Influenced by None”: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Clementina Rind’s Virginia Gazette”\***

*Chair:* Joseph M. Adelman, Framingham State University

*Presenters:*

- Martha J. King, Princeton University
- Jordan E. Taylor, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Emma Cross, Independent Scholar
- Nicole Brown, William & Mary / Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Peter Stinely, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

*\*Associated site visit scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2024.*

RevEd 3: Dogwood Room

**“Made in China”: Yes, Back Then Too!**

*Presenters:*

- Ting-Yi Oei, 1882 Foundation

Slate Seminar 2: Matoaka 1

**Bray School Stories: What We’ve Learned in the Search for Bray School Students**

*Presenters:*

- Elizabeth Drembus, W&M Bray School Lab



RevEd 4: Matoaka 2

### **Walking Tour Strategies for Classroom Learning**

*Presenters:*

- Allison Wickens, George Washington's Mount Vernon

**LUNCH: 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM**

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**SESSION 3: 1:15 PM – 2:30 PM**

OI 3: Holly Room

### **Beyond the Text Part 1: The Text is the First Step, Not the End**

*Roundtable Discussants:*

- Peter Inker, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Rebecca Godzik, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Lauren Muney, Silhouettes By Hand
- Robyn Schroeder, William & Mary

OI 4: Dogwood Room

### **Conversations in Revolutionary-Era History and Commemoration: Fredericksburg, Virginia**

*Chair:* Will Mackintosh, University of Mary Washington

*Roundtable Discussants:*

- Kate Haulman, American University
- Christine Henry, University of Mary Washington
- Gaila Sims, Fredericksburg Area Museum
- Sam McKelvey, Fredericksburg Area Museum
- Will Mackintosh, University of Mary Washington

Slate Seminar 3: Matoaka 1

### **Education's Legacies**

*Moderator:* Tonia Merideth, W&M Bray School Lab

*Discussants:*

- Devin Canaday, thestempreneuer.com
- Crystal Haskins, An Achievable Dream
- Michael D. Druitt, Hampton University

RevEd 5: Matoaka 2

### **Teaching the Declaration of Independence: A Global Approach**



*Presenter:*

- Holly Means, Virginia Beach Public Schools

RevEd Site Visit: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (**1:15 PM – 4:00 PM**)

**On Site at Colonial Williamsburg: Uncovering Loyalties: Using Sources and Sites to Teach Revolutionary Perspectives in Colonial Williamsburg**

*Presenter:*

- Andy Engel, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Isabel Mann, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

**SESSION 4: 2:45 PM – 4:00 PM**

OI 5: Holly Room

**Beyond the Text Part 2: The Embodiment of History and the Physicality in Learning**

*Roundtable Discussants:*

- Peter Inker, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Janea Whitacre, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Rebecca Godzik, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Aislinn Harris, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Francis Pavlak, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

RevEd 6: Dogwood Room

**Commemorating 250: The National Park Service and the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown**

*Presenter:*

- Marianne Holdzkom, Kennesaw State University

RevEd 7: Matoaka 1

**“Prelude to War 1763 to 1775: The Real Causes of the American Revolution”**

*Presenter:*

- Randolph G. Flood, The Real American Revolution Multimedia Center

RevEd 8: Matoaka 2

**Constitutional Conversations: The Power of Civil Discourse**

*Presenter: Laura Vlk, the Bill of Rights Institute*

**PLENARY 1: 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM | DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM**

**Beyond Words: Bringing History to Life Responsibly**

Hennage Auditorium, The Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg

*Opening Remarks:*



- Cliff Fleet, Colin G. and Nancy N. Campbell Distinguished Presidential Chair and CEO, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

*Moderator:*

- Katharine Pittman, Nation Builder, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

*Discussants:*

- Crystal Castleberry, Public Archaeology, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Hope Wright, Actor-Interpreter, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Tiffany Momon, Public Historian, Professor, Founder and Co-Director, Black Craftspeople Digital Archive
- Mary V. Thompson, Research Historian Emerita, George Washington's Mt. Vernon

Whether from documentary or material culture evidence of history, how do we use multidisciplinary approaches to address imbalances in the historical record responsibly, using historical content to bring stories to life in a way that is engaging and relevant to the public?

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN ART MUSEUMS CAFÉ

**October 26, 2024**

**CHECK-IN: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

School of Education Concourse

**SESSION 5: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

OI Site Visit, Colonial Williamsburg Printing Shop

**“Open to all Parties, but Influenced by None”: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Clementina Rind’s Virginia Gazette”**

*Presenter:*

- Peter Stinley, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

*This session at Colonial Williamsburg runs 8:30 – 9:30 and is provided first come, first served for up to a dozen people.*

OI 6: Holly Room

**Re-examining Indigenous Presence and Positionality Before and After the American Revolution**

*Chair:* Buck Woodard

*Respondent:* Kelly Berry (Apache Tribe of Oklahoma), Kansas State University

*Presenter:*



“Multilingualism at the Brafferton Indian School”

- Megan Harvey, Brown University
- Buck Woodard, William & Mary

“Indigenous Presence at Yorktown: Remembering Forgotten Natives Soldiers and Allies of the Revolution”

- Buck Woodard, William & Mary

“It’s Not Over ‘til It’s Over: Post-Revolution Attempts to Reestablish the Brafferton Indian School”

- Danielle Moretti-Langholtz, William & Mary

OI 7: Dogwood Room

**Religion and/vs Patriotism in Revolutionary Virginia**

*Presenters:*

“Founding Families Reimagined: Virginia Quakers in the Revolutionary Era”

- Katherine Telling, William & Mary

“‘Never were chains better forged’: Wilkites, Jacobites, and the Cultural Origins of Virginia’s Revolution”

- Patrick Mullins, Marquette University

Slate Seminar 4 / OI 8: Matoaka 1

**Three of the 400: Bray School Student Legacies in Revolutionary Virginia**

*Panelist Participants:*

- Nicole Brown, William & Mary / Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Tony Bly, California State University, Sacramento
- Julie Richter, William & Mary / National Institute for American History & Democracy

RevEd 9: School of Education Room 1056

**Beyond the Bullet Points...Teaching about the American Revolution and Its Legacy**

*Presenter:*

- Maggie Creech, Virginia Museum of History and Culture
- Marisa Day, The Valentine

RevEd 10: Matoaka 2

**Feast of Reason – Practicing Civic Discourse in the Classroom & Around the Dinner Table**

*Presenter:*

- Lora Cooper, Monticello
- Annie Evans, University of Richmond

**SESSION 6: 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM**





OI 9: Holly Room

### **Military Service and Self-Emancipation**

*Presenter:*

“Reclaiming Lost Labor, Reclaiming Lost Souls: Pardons, Reprieves and Innocence in Early Virginia”

- Daria Reaven, New York University

“None of them were regained: Revolutionary Virginia’s Great Slave Escape and Afro-Atlantic Aftermaths, 1775-1783”

- Ervin Jordan, University of Virginia

“Fighting for the Liberty of America’: Black Veteranhood and the Nebulous State of Race Relations in Postwar Virginia”

- Jennifer Wells, Texas A&M University

RevEd11: Dogwood Room

### **Exploring the Magic of AI: Spreading the Joy of Innovative Social Studies Education**

*Presenter:*

- Shakara Lawrence, Coach Kara Consulting

Slate Seminar 5: Matoaka 1

### **The Williamsburg Bray School: Fresh Voices, New Perspectives**

*Moderator:*

- Elizabeth Drembus, W&M Bray School Lab

*Presenter:*

- Johnette Weaver, Williamsburg Downtown
- Kristen Hill, Academy for Discovery at Lakewood

RevEd 12: School of Education Room 1056

### **Using Thinking Strategies to Explore Revolution Histories with Students**

*Presenter:*

- Kara Cameron, Fairfax County Public Schools

RevEd 13: Matoaka 2

### **Empowering Elementary Educators: Analyzing Primary Sources from the American Revolution**

*Presenter:*

- Allison O’Connor, Loudon County Public Schools

**LUNCH: 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM**

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## SESSION 7: 1:15 PM – 2:30 PM

OI 10: Holly Room

### **Lawyers, Guns, and Money: Commerce and Politics in Revolutionary Context**

*Presenter:*

“Virginia and the American Prohibitory Act of 1775”

- Cathleene Hellier, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

“The Common Hall: Virginia’s Municipal Leaders and the Development of America’s Political Economy in the Early Republic”

- Elliot Warren, William & Mary

RevEd 14: Dogwood Room

### **GeoLiteracy**

*Presenter:*

- Lillian Brown, Portsmouth Public Schools

Slate Seminar 6: Matoaka 1

### **W&M Bray School Lab Student Thought Partners: Life in the Lab**

*Moderator:*

- Nicole Brown, William & Mary, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

RevEd 15: School of Education Room 1056

### **Creating a Cross-Curricular Immersion into America's Founding Era and Civics that Fascinates Students**

*Presenter:*

- Donna Passmore, Values Through History
- Jan Smulcer, Values Through History

Rev 16: Matoaka 2

### **Museum & Teacher Partnerships: Building & Using a Teacher Advisory Council**

*Presenters:*

- Maggie Creech, Virginia Museum of History & Culture
- Kate LaRoue, Virginia Beach Public Schools
- Vicki Hobson, University of Lynchburg
- Allison O’Connor, Loudon County Public Schools

## SESSION 8: 2:45 PM – 4:00 PM

OI 11: Holly Room

### **The Life of the Mind in the Age of Revolutions: New Approaches to Intellectual History**



*Presenters:*

“‘No body Knows How Much I Wish to Be with You’ — Jefferson and Page and the Intimacy of Encryption”

- Melissa Adler, Western University, Canada

“‘Secourez-nous, heureux Américains...’: The influence of the late-eighteenth-century American revolutionary thought over the *Constitution of Epidaurus*”

- Bengin Eser Öztürk, Bilkent University, Turkey

RevEd 17: Dogwood

**Teaching History and Civics through Inquiry**

*Presenter:*

- Sarah Jencks, Every Museum a Civic Museum

RevEd 18: Matoaka 1

**“This Jefferson Has Rizz!” Teaching Critical Historiography through Performance at Colonial Williamsburg**

*Presenter:*

- Bryan Schmidt, William & Mary

RevEd 19: Matoaka 2

**Small Site, Big Programs: Virtual & Remote Program Offerings with Patrick Henry’s Red Hill**

*Presenter:*

- Caitlin Olsen, Patrick Henry’s Red Hill
- Cody Youngblood, Patrick Henry’s Red Hill

**PLENARY 2: 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM | DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM**

*Alan Taylor’s plenary is generously sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa – Alpha Chapter of Virginia at William & Mary*

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**Tower Hill: A Plantation on the Edge**

*Opening Remarks:*

- Katherine A. Rowe, President, William & Mary

*Presenter:*



- Alan Taylor

The edge of what? The edge of environmental collapse, epidemic disease, economic failure, family madness, resistance by those who were enslaved and of Southampton County, the locus of Nat Turner's attempted revolution.

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