



# AT THE JUNCTION

## THE LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL IN US HISTORY

Harmsworth Symposium in American History

Rothermere American Institute  
University of Oxford  
18–19 May 2023

### **THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2023**

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**2.45** Welcome and Check-In

**3.00–5.00** **SESSION 1—NATURAL RESOURCES, POWER AND SCALE IN US HISTORY**

*Moderator: Grace Mallon (Oxford)*

- Brian Murphy (Rutgers): 'Great Falls: Water, Power, and Federalism in Early America'
- Josh Lappen (Oxford): "'First, last, and always a power project": Electric Politics and Municipal Power at Boulder Dam'
- Kendrick Oliver (Southampton): 'The Other Atomic District: Nuclear Physics, "Big Bang" Cosmology, and Washington, DC, as Site of Scientific Production and Exchange'
- Katie Davis (Toronto): 'An Atomic Adventure in New York City: The Multi-Level Politics of Atomic Energy'

**5.15–6.30** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS—EDWARD AYERS (RICHMOND)**

*Introduced by Adam Smith (Director, Rothermere American Institute)*

**6.30** Wine Reception

**9.00–9.30** Coffee and Welcome

**9.30–11.30** **SESSION 2—MEET THE PRESS: MEDIA AND SCALE THROUGH US HISTORY**

*Moderator: Emily Brady (Oxford)*

- Robert O'Sullivan (Cambridge): 'International Engagement and National Belonging: The Irish-American Press in the Era of the Know Nothing Party'
- Samantha Lanevi (Cambridge): "'The Call of the Wild": Popular Memory of the Klondike Gold Rush'
- Sage Goodwin (Oxford): 'Lessons from Little Rock: Reporting the Local Southern Desegregation Story on National Television News'
- Oscar Winberg (Åbo Akademi University): 'In the Networks We Trust? Local/National Tension in the Politics of Television News'

**11.45–1.45** **SESSION 3—THE GLOCAL UNITED STATES IN THE LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY**

*Moderator: Mark Power Smith (Oxford)*

- Evan Bonney (Sciences Po): 'Foresters, Interior Agents, and Settling the Environments of the Intermountain United States, 1897–1906'
- Robin Bates (Cambridge): 'The Van Leuven Investigation and the Contested State in the Civil War Pension System, 1893–97'
- Nathan Cardon (Birmingham): 'The New South Goes "Glocal": Global Mass Culture and Southern Cycling, 1887–1920'
- Katherine Fapp (Oxford): 'A "National" Council?: The Rise and Fall of the National Council of Woman Voters and Regionality in the American Woman Suffrage Movement'

**1.45–2.30** Lunch

**2.30–4.30** **SESSION 4—THE STATE AND THE CITIES IN THE POST-WWII US**

*Moderator: Daniel Rowe (Oxford)*

- Nicole Gipson (Journal of American Studies): 'A Dream Deferred: Federal, State, and Local Response to the Public Housing Crisis in New York City during the 1970s'
- Sarena Martinez (Oxford): 'Wielding the Administration's Power: The Baltimore Needle Exchange Program'
- Mori Reithmayr (Oxford): 'The Invention of a National Gay Community: A Conservative Revolution'
- Mitchell Robertson (UCL): 'The Regionalization of the Legal Services Program'

**4.45–6.30** **CONCLUDING PANEL**

Brent Cebul (Penn), Julia Guarneri (Cambridge), Andrew Heath (Sheffield), Sarah Phillips (BU)

*Introduced by Bruce Schulman (Harmsworth Visiting Professor of American History)*