

Cain Conference 2017: Chemistry in the Americas, 1500–1800

Beckman Center for the History of Chemistry
Chemical Heritage Foundation, Philadelphia, April 28–29, 2017

Conference Organizers: John R. R. Christie, Cain Conference Fellow 2017
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Conference Schedule

Friday, April 28

- 9:30–9:45 a.m. Welcome and Introduction: John Christie and Carin Berkowitz
- 9:45–10:45 a.m. Brent Lane, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina
The Primacy of Chemistry Expertise in the Speculative Financing of North American Settlement
- 10:45–11:15 a.m. Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Samir Boumediene, ENS de Lyon
A Specific Conquest: European Naturalists and the Search for Specific Remedies in the Americas
- 12:15–1:15 p.m. Mariana Sanchez, Laboratoire ICT, University of Paris, Diderot
Paracelsan Ideas in the Treatise Arte de los Metales by Alvaro Alonso Barba
- 1:15–2:15 p.m. Lunch
- 2:15–4:15 p.m. Jennifer D. Miglus, Hartford Medical Society Historical Library
Donna Bilak, Columbia University
The Notebooks of Gershom Bulkely
- 4:15–4:45 p.m. Coffee/Tea Break
- 4:45–5:15 p.m. Roundtable Discussion: The 17th Century
- 6:30 p.m. Reception and Conference Dinner

Saturday, April 29

- 9:00–10:00 a.m. John Stewart, University of Oklahoma
Scottish Chemistry and the Atlantic Enlightenment
- 10:00–11:00 a.m. Christopher Halm, University of Regensburg
Early Agricultural Chemistry in the United States of America
- 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Science History Walk
- 12:00–1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00–2:00 p.m. Marc McDonald, University of Saskatchewan
Failed Utopias and Practical Chemistry: The Priestleys, the DuPonts, and the Transmission of Atlantic Science
- 2:00–3:00 p.m. Tom Apel, CHF
“Nature Is the Great Experimenter”: The Reception of Lavoisier’s Chemistry in America
- 3:00–3:30 p.m. Coffee/Tea Break
- 3:30–4:00 p.m. Roundtable: Conclusions and Agendas