***Panel One: Multi-Racial New England*** **9 a.m.**

**Richard J. Boles**, George Washington University

*Africans and Indians in Rhode Island’s Churches*

**Jared Hardesty,** Boston College

*The Origins of Black Boston, 1723-1773*

**Gloria McCahon Whiting,** Harvard University

*“Endearing Ties”: Black Family Life in Massachusetts, 1630-1800*

***Comment****:* Edward E. Andrews, *Providence College*

***Panel Two: Separating the Sheep from the Wolves: Defining Community in Early America*****10:30 a.m.**

**Joshua A. Kercsmar**, University of Notre Dame

*Living Emblems: How Animals Shaped Religious and Political Identity in New England, 1630–1800*

**Colin Porter**, Brown University

*A Garrisoned Homeland: Fortified Houses, Colonial Encounters, and Intercultural Change in Narragansett Country, Rhode Island, 1651-1704*

**Tara Thompson Strauch**, University of South Carolina

*Taking Oaths and Giving Thanks: Religious Obligation and the Politics of the New Nation, 1776-1798*

***Comment***: Christopher Beneke, *Bentley College*

*Sandwiches and refreshments will be available between Panels 2 and 3*

***Panel Three. Calculating Loyalties: Changing Affiliations in Empire and******Republic*****12:45**

**John Coakley**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Agents of Empire: The Problems of Identity Among English Privateers in the Seventeenth Century*

**Nichole George Burrows**, University of Notre Dame

*From “Popes” To Patriots:*

*Performance, Collective Memory, and the Transformation of Boston’s Cultural Identity*

**Joshua Canale**,SUNY-Binghamton

*Establishing Legitimacy and Order: Executive Councils During the American Revolution, 1775-1784*

***Comment***: Brendan McConville, *Boston University*

*(over)*

***Panel Four. Domestic Duties and Debts: Changing Families in a Commercializing Society* 2:15 p.m.**

**Sara T. Damiano**, Johns Hopkins

*Being a Woman and Ignorant of the Law”:*

*Gendered Narratives of Debt Litigation in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 1730-1789*

**Dorothy Spencer Rivera**, University of Maryland

"*Great is the influence we have over them in their Childhood":*

*The Social Significance of Childrearing in Early America, 1675-1775"*

***Comment****:* Jonathan Chu*, University of Massachusetts-Boston*

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**Closing Reflections 3:30 p.m**.

**Mary Beth Norton**, *Cornell University*

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