

Call for Papers

Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (WSECS) Annual Meeting

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

February 13-14, 2015

“Race, Gender, and Empire in the Long Eighteenth Century”



We invite submissions from all disciplines exploring any aspect of race, gender, or empire in the late seventeenth through early nineteenth centuries. Topics might include the formation of racial categories and ideologies; changing constructions of femininity, masculinity, and sexuality; the shaping of the empire abroad and national identity at home; trans-national and cross-cultural encounters; exploration and scientific expeditions; indigenous religions and missionary activity; global commodity exchange; slavery and abolition; influences between the metropole and the colony; classifications of the civilized and savage; colonial projects and post-colonial critiques; and the era's connections to classical empire and modern imperialism. We also welcome papers on topics outside the conference theme.

Please send a 250-word abstract; including your name, institutional affiliation, paper title, and any audio-visual requirements; to Regulus Allen (rlallen@calpoly.edu) and Kathleen S. Murphy (ksmurphy@calpoly.edu) by Monday, September 1, 2014.

The conference will feature a plenary address by Brycchan Carey of Kingston University London. The meeting takes place Friday and Saturday of the Valentine's/Presidents' Day holiday weekend allowing attendees time to explore California's Central Coast. For further information about the conference, accommodations, and area attractions, please visit <http://cla.calpoly.edu/wsecs2015.html>