




WAR OF 1812 LEGACY CONFERENCE

3rd and 4th July 2015
Kilbroney Integrated Primary School, Rostrevor



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Kevin Chambers

Kevin Chambers works at the National Archives at Kew, London. His interest in the War of 1812 and the Battle of New Orleans came about by accident. In 1986 he found himself in New Orleans with time on his hands and a chance visit to Chalmette Battlefield and a talk from a National Park Service ranger inspired him to know more. Kevin's wide ranging research into the Battle of New Orleans lead him time and time again to investigate the actions and career of Major General Robert Ross and his direct and indirect influence on the British disaster on 8th January 1815. Kevin lives in West London.

R. David Edmunds

The author or editor of ten books and over one hundred articles, R. David Edmunds' writing and research focuses upon Native American people, particularly Tecumseh, the Shawnee Prophet, and other Native American leaders. Edmunds has served as a consultant to many films and T.V. series; to modern tribal governments; and as an expert witness in support of tribal claims in legal cases focusing upon Native American land rights. He is the past president of both the Western History Association and the American Society for Ethnohistory, and also has served as the Acting Director of the Center for the History of the American Indian. Edmunds currently serves as the Watson Professor of American History, at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Ralph Eshelman

Ralph Eshelman has published five books on the War of 1812. He co-directed an archeological survey which discovered and partially excavated a War of 1812 vessel from the U.S. Chesapeake Flotilla. Ralph conducted an inventory of War of 1812 sites in the Maryland for the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program and served as historian for the Park Service's "Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail" Study. For his work Eshelman was designated "Honorary Colonel of the Fort McHenry Guard."

Daniel Feller

Daniel Feller is Professor of History and Editor/Director of The Papers of Andrew Jackson at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. His books include The Jacksonian Promise, The Public Lands in Jacksonian Politics, and a new edition of Harriet Martineau's 1838 American tour narrative, Retrospect of Western Travel. Feller was the lead scholar for the television documentary Andrew Jackson:

Good, Evil and the Presidency, and has been featured on the shows History Detectives, Ten Things You Don't Know About, and Who Do You Think You Are? Feller and his team have published three volumes of The Papers of Andrew Jackson, covering Jackson's presidency from 1829 through 1831.

Christopher T. George

Christopher T. George is a British-born independent historian resident in Baltimore, Maryland. He is the author of Terror on the Chesapeake: The War of 1812 on the Bay (White Mane, 2001) and co-author, with Dr. John McCavitt, of The Man Who Captured Washington (University of Oklahoma Press, 2016) about British Major General Robert Ross (1766–1814). He is the founding editor of the Journal of the War of 1812 and co-ordinator of the National War of 1812 Symposium series, usually held in Baltimore each October. Now a U.S. citizen, he admits to divided loyalties about the War of 1812.

John R. Grodzinski

John R. Grodzinski is an assistant professor at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario. He works include The 104th (New Brunswick) Regiment of Foot in the War of 1812 (2014), Defender of Canada: Sir George Prevost and the War of 1812 (2013), and as editor, The War of 1812: An Annotated Bibliography (2007). His writings have also appeared in other books, journals, and encyclopaedia. Grodzinski appeared in the PBS documentary on the War of 1812 (2011) and "Canada 1812: Forged in Fire" (2012); he has also discussed the Anglo-American war on the Discovery Channel and CBC Radio. He also served as editor of the on-line "War of 1812 Magazine."

Don Hickey

Don Hickey is a professor of history at Wayne State College in Nebraska in the USA. Called "the dean of 1812 scholarship" by the New Yorker, Don is an award-winning author who has written nine books and nearly a hundred articles on the War of 1812. His most recent book is Glorious Victory: Andrew Jackson and the Battle of New Orleans, which was published by Johns Hopkins University Press in 2015. For promoting public understanding of the War of 1812, Don received the Samuel Eliot Morison Award from the USS Constitution Museum in 2013.

Faye M. Kert

Faye Kert is an independent researcher specializing in privateering, especially during the War of 1812. Her Master's work on Canada's Atlantic privateers and their little-known contribution to the War of 1812 was followed by a Ph.D. from the University of Leiden. She had published a number of articles and book chapters as well as Trimming Yankee Sails; Pirates and Privateers of New Brunswick. Her latest book from Johns Hopkins University Press, Privateering: Patriots and Profits in the War of 1812 (2015), examines the war from the privateers' perspective. Dr. Kert is the Book Review Editor of the international journal, The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord.

John McCavitt

John McCavitt, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, is the author of three books on British and Irish history. Along with Chris George from Baltimore, he is co-authoring a book entitled The Man Who Captured Washington: Major General Robert Ross and the War of 1812 to be published next year by the University of Oklahoma Press in its Campaigns and Commanders series. John is a resident of Rostrevor, County Down, Northern Ireland.

Charles Neimeyer

Charles Neimeyer, is currently the Director of Marine Corps History and the Gray Research Center at Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia. Prior to coming to Quantico, Dr. Neimeyer was the former dean of academics at the Naval War College and Forrest Sherman Chair of Public Diplomacy in Newport, Rhode Island, as well as former Vice President of Academic Affairs at Valley Forge Military Academy and College. He also served as a history professor at the U.S. Naval Academy and the University of Central Oklahoma. He is the author of America Goes to War: A Social History of the Continental Army, 1775–1783, New York University Press, 1996, and The Revolutionary War, Greenwood Press, 2007. His latest monograph, War in the Chesapeake: The British Campaigns to Control the Chesapeake Bay, 1813-1814 has been recently published by the U.S. Naval Institute Press. He earned his doctoral degree from Georgetown University with distinction in 1993. He is married to Janet [Bell] Neimeyer and they have three children.

Gene Allen Smith

Gene Allen Smith is a Professor of History at Texas Christian University, in Fort Worth. Author or editor of books, articles, reviews on the War of 1812, naval and maritime history, and territorial expansion along the Gulf of Mexico, his most recent book is The Slaves' Gamble: Choosing Sides in the War of 1812 (2013). Since 2002 he has also served as the Director of the Center for Texas Studies at TCU.

Samuel Watson

Samuel Watson is Professor of History at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and the author of Jackson's Sword and Peacekeepers and Conquerors (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2012 and 2013), on the U.S. Army officer corps between 1810 and 1846, which won the Society for Military History's Distinguished Book Award for 2014. He is co-editor for the volume of the West Point History of Warfare on North America, and author of its chapter for the years between 1783 and 1846. Some of his ancestors are from Armagh, others from Kerry.

Jason Wiese

Jason Wiese is a curator at The Historic New Orleans Collection and associate director of the Williams Research Center. His subject specialties include the cartography of Louisiana, as well as the maritime and military history of the Gulf South, especially the Battle of New Orleans. Mr. Wiese has curated several exhibitions, including "The Terrible & the Brave: the Battles for New Orleans, 1814-15" and, most recently, "Andrew Jackson: Hero of New Orleans." He also served as lead editor and contributor for an historical atlas titled Charting Louisiana: Five Hundred Years of Maps (2003).

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 3rd July

- 9.45 Registration and tea/coffee
- 10.00am Welcome – Chairperson of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council –
Councillor Naomi Bailie
- Session One** **Chaired by Dr Ralph Eshelman**
- 10.15am **Professor Don Hickey**
“Forgotten Conflict: Why the War of 1812 Matters Today”
- 10.45am **Dr. John McCavitt**
“Physical legacies of the War of 1812 in Britain, Ireland and North America”
- 11.15 am Comfort break
- 11.30am Session One Questions and Answers
- Session Two** **Chaired by Dr John McCavitt**
- 11.45am **Professor R. Dave Edmunds**
“They Have Driven Us From the Sea to the Lakes: Tecumseh, the War of 1812, and the Aftermath”
- 12.15pm **Professor Gene Smith**
“Gambling for Freedom: What Resulted from Slave Choices”
- 12.45pm Session Two - Questions and Answers
- 1pm Lunch
- Session Three** **Chaired by Professor Don Hickey**
- 2.00pm **Jason Wiese**
“Glorious Victory! : The Battle of New Orleans in Early American Prints.”
- 2.30pm **Kevin Chambers**
‘New Orleans and beyond’
- 3.00pm Comfort break
- 3.15pm **Professor Daniel feller**
“America’s Hero: New Orleans and the Apotheosis of Andrew Jackson”
- 4.00pm Session Three - Questions and answers
- 4.15pm Close for day

Saturday 4th July

- 10.00am **Session One chaired by Dr. John McCavitt**
- 10.15am **Dr John R. Grodzinski**
“The Defence of These Dominions: The Effect of the War of 1812 on the Defence of British North America, 1815-1867”
- 10.45am **Dr Faye M. Kert**
‘Written on the Sea. The Legacy of Privateering in the War of 1812.’
- 11.15am Comfort break
- 11.30am Session One Questions and Answers
- Session Two** **Chaired by Professor Don Hickey**
- 11.45am **Dr Samuel Watson**
“Turmoil and Memory: Short- and Long-Term Legacies of the War of 1812 for the U.S. Army”
- 12.15pm Session Two Questions and Answers
- 12.30pm Lunch
- Session Three** **Chaired By Dr John McCavitt**
- 1.30pm **Dr Ralph Eshelman**
“Myth From the War of 1812: Did the British Really Burn Washington?”
- 2.00pm **Christopher T. George**
“Who Remembers General Robert Ross, Anyway? How Baltimore Remembers the Man Who Captured Washington, D.C.”
- 2.30pm Comfort break
- 2.45pm **Dr Charles Neimeyer**
“The Marines and Navy at Bladensburg and Baltimore.”
- 3.15pm Session Three Questions and Answers and Conference Panel discussion
- 3.45pm Close
- 4pm Book Launch of Dr Charles Neimeyer’s
“War in the Chesapeake: The British Campaigns to Control the Bay, 1813-1814.”