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“Unhappy it is though to reflect, that a Brother’s Sword has been sheathed in a Brother’s breast, and that, the once happy and peaceful plains of America are either drenched with Blood, or Inhabited by Slaves. Sad alternative! But can a virtuous Man hesitate in his choice?”

– George Washington, 1775



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Politics and the American
Founding*

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, 22 April 2010

7:30 p.m. **Keynote Address** (*Walter Hall Rotunda*)
Andrew Cayton (Miami University of Ohio), *Doing Violence Unto Themselves: Consent and Coercion in the Eighteenth Century*

Friday, 23 April 2010

8:45 a.m. **Opening Remarks** (*Baker Center 240*)
Robert G. Ingram (Ohio University, The George Washington Forum on American Ideas, Politics & Institutions)



8:50 a.m. **Ritual and Strategic Violence in a Revolutionary Age** (*Baker Center 240*)

Peter C. Messer (Mississippi State University), *Of Stamps and Popes: Reconsidering the Role of Violence in the Coming of the American Revolution*

J. Patrick Mullins (Marymount University), *The Whig Dilemma: Jonathan Mayhew & Prudence in the Stamp Act*

Kenneth Owen (University of Oxford), *Violence & the Limits of Political Community in Revolutionary Pennsylvania*

10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. **Power and Political Transformation** (*Baker Center 240*)
Patrick Griffin (University of Notre Dame), *Virtue and Violence in the British Atlantic: Indians, Britons, and Americans*
David Hendrickson (Colorado College), *Escaping Insecurity: The Federal Union and the Control of Violence*

1:15 p.m. **Community Mobilization and Conflict** (*Baker Center 240*)
Jessica Choppin Roney (Ohio University), *Armed and Autonomous: Philadelphia's Tradition of Independent Military Organization*

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4:30 p.m. Coffee Break

4:45 p.m. **T.H. Breen** (Northwestern University), *A Rumor that Almost Sparked the Revolution in 1774: A Study of Popular Mobilization* (*Baker Center 240*)

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Peter Thompson (University of Oxford), *Waging War against Distant Peoples?: The Logic of the Associations Adopted in 1774*

Ruma Chopra (San Jose State University), *The Loyalist Problem of Suppressing the 'Unnatural Rebellion'*

2:45 p.m. Coffee Break

3:00 p.m. **Imagining Violence in the New Nation** (*Baker Center 240*)
Dustin Gish & Daniel Klinghard (College of the Holy Cross), *'A Little Rebellion Now and Then': Jefferson's Notes, Adams's Defence, and Madison's Papers: On Democratic Excess, Violence, and the Nature of Constitutions*

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Saturday, 24 April 2010

9:00 a.m. **Restraining Violence in an Age of Federalism** (*Baker Center 239*)

John Kotruch (University of New Hampshire), *Battle of the Fallen Timbers: An Assertion of U.S. Sovereignty in the Atlantic World along the Banks of the Maumee*

Leonard Sadosky (Iowa State University), *A Pernicious Equality: The Scottish Enlightenment and the Federalist Use of Diplomacy and Warfare on the Early American Borderlands*

Jeffrey Pasley (University of Missouri-Columbia), *Whiskey Chaser: Democracy & Violence in the Debate over the Democratic-Republican Societies and the Whiskey Rebellion*

10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. Concluding Remarks (*Baker Center 239*)
Peter S. Onuf (University of Virginia)