CALL FOR PAPERS

East Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

Williamsburg, VA | October 12-14, 2023

***Colonial / Capital***

In Fall 2023, EC/ASECS comes to Williamsburg, Virginia, home to William & Mary, a university chartered in 1693, and Colonial Williamsburg, a “living history” showpiece of American colonial life. Williamsburg is also part of the so-called “Historic Triangle,” equidistant from Jamestown and Yorktown, providing a unique setting for investigating early contact, settlement, and strife among the region’s free and unfree peoples. Meeting in Williamsburg harks back to a vital set of events that mapped understanding of sovereignty, subjection, race, nation, liberty, and empire in the English-speaking world and beyond.

In keeping with Williamsburg’s status as Virginia’s colonial capital, the conference theme is “Colonial/Capital.” We invite contributions on colonialism, capitalism, and their intersection—construed widely—in literature, history, and the arts. We also encourage proposals on subjects beyond the theme but still broadly related to long 18th-century studies, whether they be focused on events in the Americas or the world.

We are especially interested in welcoming an inclusive group of participants, interdisciplinary approaches, and scholars at all career stages. Because of generous donors to the EC/ASECS Future Fund, conference registration fee will be just $25 for graduate students.

Send proposals for individual papers, or already-assembled panels, to ecasecs2023@gmail.com by June 30, 2023. Please use this address for any inquiries, too.

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