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President's Column

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In these past few years, I have seen and appreciated the many ways in which many members express their deep affection for the society. What thrilled me the most in the last weeks and months was your great participation in the referendum on the new Bylaws. I am very proud of the work the Task Force carried out last year to reflect in legal language what ASECS members had expressed loud and clear in the Gladiator report. In addition to ASECS' commitment to diversity among its members, the new Bylaws affirm ASECS' commitment to diversity in geographical, linguistic, and scholarly expertise. This will inform the composition of the Board, of the presidential line, and of all committees. Last but certainly not least, the new Bylaws provide representation for graduate students/early career scholars on the Board. These new voices will inform the essential decision-making activities of future Boards.

97% of those who participated in the recent ASECS referendum voted to approve the new Bylaws. As one of the two co-chairs of the Task Force charged with drafting the new Bylaws I want to thank you for this

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extraordinary support. The Task Force's work involved consultations with numerous ASECS members and Caucus chairs to brainstorm ways to foster a culture of inclusion and belonging that builds on and moves beyond the life of the mind. I am grateful to each and every member who offered feedback on the work in progress and to all Task Force members for their important work.

While we were thinking about what to change and what to keep in ASECS' Bylaws, I became particularly interested in learning how the old Constitution and Bylaws came into being and what version of multidisciplinary they affirmed. I read early minutes and documents that revealed that the intellectual exchange among scholars with expertise in different fields of 18th-century studies was one of the main motivations leading to the establishment of ASECS.

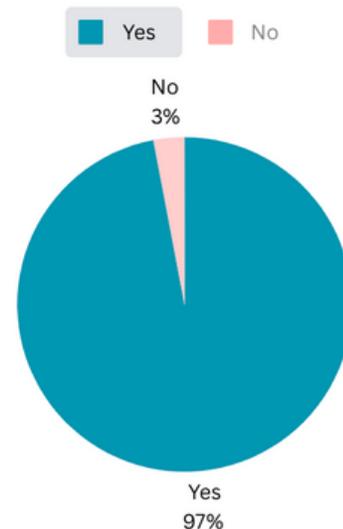
It all started on December 29, 1968 in the Hotel Americana in New York City. James Clifford (English), Peter Gay (History), Lester Crocker (French), and Donald Greene (English) – all US-based scholars of the 18th century – convened a meeting open to all individuals interested in the formation of an American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies. The idea had emerged some time earlier, when two energizing International Congresses on the Enlightenment organized by the Voltaire scholar Theodore Besterman in Geneva (1963) and in St. Andrews (1967), led to the foundation of the International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ISECS). Clifford,

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=100% SUCCESS!



Gay, Crocker, and Greene were all ISECS members and wished to gauge interest in the establishment of a North American society that would be similarly interdisciplinary and affiliated with ISECS. Their initiative was successful: over one hundred individuals joined the meeting in NYC and another one hundred or so requested more information about it.

Greene brought to the conversation the precedent of the recently formed and very successful French society, the Société Française d'Étude du Dix-huitième Siècle (SFEDS), and voiced his hope to see a similar

association in North America. Very few North American scholars were able to actively participate in ISECS, as attendance at the international triennial meetings was challenging for most. Clifford, Gay, Crocker, and Greene articulated a proposal for an American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies with a central office that would keep a card file and mailing list of members. The office would gather and disseminate news about 18th-century events through a quarterly newsletter to be published in *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, which at the time was based at the University of California Davis. This “modest beginning” - as they called it - would also include a short annual meeting, possibly held jointly with the Modern Language Association or the American Historical Association, during which a few speakers would present their work and necessary business could be conducted.

The NYC assembly resolved that Crocker, Clifford, Gay, and Greene would draft a constitution for ASECS. Kurt Zomansky from the University of Iowa urged that the constitution provide for representation of a variety of disciplines on the Executive Committee. How to properly represent different disciplines was a main discussion topic during the follow-up meeting that took place on March 30, 1969. The goal of this second meeting was to discuss the constitution drafted by Crocker, Clifford, Gay, and Greene and it soon became clear that to preserve the interdisciplinary nature of the society, the idea of meeting jointly with MLA or AHA had to be dropped.



PRESIDENT PAOLA BERTUCCI AT THE 54TH ANNUAL MEETING IN TORONTO
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ASECS was incorporated in the State of Illinois on Dec. 2, 1969. Its Constitution established how ASECS' stated commitment to multidisciplinary work would work in practice. Two different articles mandated that “no more than three members of the Executive Board, apart from the Secretary and Treasurer, shall be specialists in the same scholarly discipline” and that the President, the First Vice-President, and the Second Vice-President shall be specialists from at least two different disciplines.” What the disciplines should be remained a debated issue through the life of ASECS. The most recent Constitution, approved in 2011 (in effect until June 30, 2024), listed five disciplinary categories: A) English and American language and literature, B) Languages and Literatures other than English, C) Music, Visual Arts, and Performing Arts, D) History, E) All other disciplines.

The Task Force's conversations with ASECS members resolutely indicated that these five categories no longer represented how the field of 18th-century studies has evolved. When we asked members to list their own scholarly field/s (or field/s of interest), we ended up with a very long list of over 30 entries. It was clear that we couldn't simply replace the five old categories with new ones. We began thinking more creatively about multidisciplinary and how to address the challenge of evolving areas of intellectual inquiry.

The first issue we considered is that most members work in areas that are more specific and more interdisciplinary than their departmental affiliation may indicate (think, for example, of disability studies, environmental studies, race and empire, trans and queer studies, etc.). At the same time, we wanted to make sure that the Board, the presidential line, and the various committees would always reflect the variety of linguistic and geographic expertise that characterizes ASECS. In addition, and very importantly, we wanted to include in our thinking about representation ASECS members who work in libraries or archives, those who work in museums or schools, and those who are just interested in the time period.

Our solution was to get rid of the disciplinary categories altogether and to focus on other mechanisms to guarantee representation. This radical measure would also take care of the delicate issue of whose

task it should be to allocate a member to a specific category. We went back to the founding commitment to intellectual diversity that has remained in the Constitution since ASECS' early days. We restated it in terms of members' diversity in linguistic, geographic, and field expertise.

The new Bylaws affirm that both the Executive Board and the presidential line "will reflect ASECS' commitment to diversity among its members, as well as geographical, linguistic, and scholarly expertise. This is one of the most consequential changes in the new Bylaws, together with the inclusion of a GECC representative on the Board. I am thrilled that the vast majority of members have agreed with this new vision for the future of ASECS.

One final word. This year we will gather virtually for our 55th Annual Meeting over two weekends at the end of March and beginning of April. I hope that many of you will participate. The virtual meeting is an opportunity to try new ways to be together and learn from one another. Members who cannot easily travel will be able to join the meeting from their offices, homes, or even their backyards. Your presence is important. You will be hearing more about the many exciting features of the virtual meeting in the coming weeks and months. But please make a resolution to attend. The Annual Meeting is a vital part of ASECS' life and its main *raison d'être*.

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Executive Director’s Column BENITA BLESSING

Thank you for an amazing ASECS year. Your tireless work to support the study of the eighteenth century is exciting, moving, and necessary - **now, more than ever.**

The “**\$18 for the 18th Century**” Giving Tuesday campaign asked you to consider what your \$18 could do - whether a one-time donation, or a year of monthly donations. Thank you to everyone who participated. ASECS raised approx. **\$4,000** in donations and pledges **in just over 24 hours.**

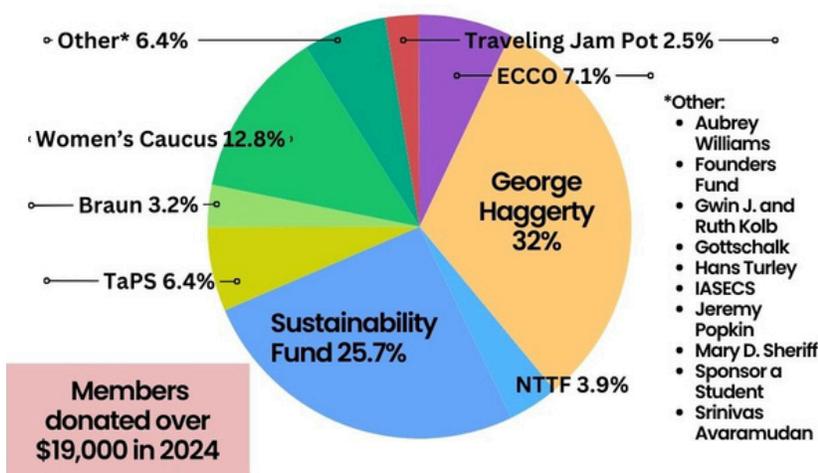
Annual donations totaled **over \$19,000** this year. Year-round member support - whether \$5, \$18, or \$5,000 - helps ensure that ASECS is here for you year-round!

“The Non-Tenure Track Faculty Fund supported my travel to attend and present a piece of my in-progress book manuscript at the 2024 conference in Toronto. As an adjunct/contingent faculty member, I would not have been able to afford to attend the meeting, present my work, and interact and network with the ASECS scholarly community without financial support.”

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*“Why I Became a Parliamentarian”
or
“How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Code”*

Hanlon's Razor is the adage, “Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity.” This was a mantra of mine for many years, but after decades in shared governance and academic service, I find myself more on the side of Grey's Law, which states that any sufficiently advanced incompetence is indistinguishable from malice.[1] I was radicalized by the CIA's now-unclassified Simple Sabotage Field Manual (1944), which has tips not only on building simple inflammatory devices, but also on how to sabotage things bureaucratically—and the practices that it recommends to prevent work from being done are quite commonly encountered in our everyday work.

Do any of these sound familiar to you?

In Chapter 5: “Specific Suggestions for Simple Sabotage,” Section 11: General Interference with Organizations and Production:

#3: WHEN POSSIBLE, **REFER ALL MATTERS TO COMMITTEES**, FOR “FURTHER STUDY AND CONSIDERATION.” ATTEMPT TO MAKE THE COMMITTEE AS LARGE AS POSSIBLE—NEVER LESS THAN FIVE.

#4: BRING UP **IRRELEVANT ISSUES** AS FREQUENTLY AS POSSIBLE.

#5: HAGGLE OVER **PRECISE WORDINGS OF COMMUNICATIONS**, MINUTES, RESOLUTIONS.

#6: REFER BACK TO MATTERS DECIDED UPON AT THE LAST MEETING AND **ATTEMPT TO RE-OPEN THE QUESTION** OF THE ADVISABILITY OF THAT DECISION.

I have absolutely seen every one of these things happen too many times to count. And in the vast majority of cases, they were employed by truly good actors without an ounce of malice in them.

Grey's Law tells us that bad committee work is indistinguishable in effect from malicious committee work. The question before us now:



*HOW DO WE BUILD UP OUR
GROUPS AND COMMITTEES
SO THAT THEY DON'T LOOK
LIKE A CIA OP?*

Friends: *with reliance upon parliamentary practice.* “Parliamentary law is the code of rules and ethics for working together in groups,” says one authority—rules help us do our work.[2] “[P]arliamentary procedure is not some arcane exercise. It is simply a common sense system designed to help groups of people make democratic decisions about matters of common interest.”[3]

Going a little more formal may feel uncollegial at first, but it need not be—and it can be really helpful. Use the rules at the beginning to build trust, and then you’ll have the leeway to be flexible and creative later on. And if you’re not sure how to do that, ask your friendly ASECS parliamentarian.

[1]The origins of Grey’s Law are obscure, but it’s obviously a riff on Arthur C. Clarke’s third law, that any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic. (See “Hazards of Prophecy: The Failure of Imagination” (1973).)

[2]American Institution of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, 2nd edition (AIP, 2023), 10.

[3] Hugh Cannon, *Cannon’s Concise Guide to Rules of Order* (Houghton Mifflin, 2001), xx.



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Want to know more? Make sure you stop by the “Parliamentarians Run Better Meetings” info session at the Annual Meeting next Spring!

Meanwhile, she recommends listening to this fun episode of the Grammar Girl: [“The language of meetings, with Jim Slaughter”](#)

UPCOMING IN 2025!

- ASECS' **55th Annual Meeting**, to be held virtually on March 28-29 and April 4-5, 2025, 11am-4:30pmET.
 - Sessions will be held via our new submissions platform Stova.
 - Marisa Fuentes (Rutgers University) will deliver the Clifford Lecture
 - There's so much to do - great panels and roundtables, mentoring opportunities, live theater, and more!
- Curious about Committees? Fill out a [Volunteer Form!](#)
- Our new Bylaws go into effect July 1, 2025. Read a summary of changes on our the [Bylaws Referendum](#) page!

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The editors welcome submissions of scholarly and critical essays on any subject. *Restoration* is open to all critical and scholarly approaches that lead to insights into literature, culture, and related areas. For purposes of submission, we understand the Restoration period as wide (cosmopolitan connections; colonial projects; imperial ambitions), long (we have published essays on topics that included early modern and eighteenth-century topics), and deep (aesthetics, politics, and cultural formations that continue to shape our world). Each issue includes peer-reviewed essays, book reviews, and “Some Current Publications,” an annotated bibliography of recent scholarship. For submission guidelines, please visit our [website](#).

International Society for 18th-Century Studies (ISECS) Early Career Scholars Seminar Report

by Luis Ramos, New York University

Hosted by the International Society for 18th Century-Studies and the University of Barcelona, the theme of this year's Seminar for Early Career Scholars was "Diasporas in the Long 18th Century." By placing in conversation both emerging and established specialists working in a variety of languages, disciplines and cultural contexts, the seminar became a laboratory for rethinking diasporic networks and encounters in the Age of Reason. Thomas O'Connor first drew its critical parameters by emphasizing the historically circumscribed character of diasporic identities in the early modern era in his keynote address. Subsequently, the seminar's established scholars collectively created an at once challenging and nurturing intellectual environment through their research presentations on the circulation of texts (John Stone & Nicolás Bas) and on the mobility of diasporic communities and actors in the Iberian Peninsula (Thomas O'Connor) and the Indian Ocean World (Ananya Kabir). Just as



significant, the seminar's emerging scholars paved new avenues of scholarship. By demonstrating how ethnic (Haruka Mise & Heena Goswami) and religious minorities (Tomasz Jędrzejewski & Eros Calcara), women (Susannah McDaniel), enlightened thinkers (Dario Galvão & Damiano Bardelli) and colonial elites (Carlos Olano, Luis Ramos & Iker Echeberria) reshaped their host culture in both subtle and overt ways, we found fertile common ground and unexpected connections between each other's work. One of the hallmarks of the seminar was its polyglot intellectual environment. By presenting our research and engaging each other in multiple languages, seamlessly shifting between Spanish, Italian, French and English, the seminar itself served as a reminder of the cosmopolitan spirit of the Enlightenment. Finally, John Stone (its convenor and a diasporic subject himself), gave us an insider's perspective on the wealth of archival and bibliographic sources that the University of Barcelona and the National Library offer scholars of the global eighteenth century through carefully tailored visits.



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Disability and the Environment
(sponsored by the Disability Studies
Caucus) [ID 55]
RT: Disability and the Practices of Care
(sponsored by the Disability Studies
Caucus)
[ID 56]

Digital Humanities Caucus

Co-chairs: Kelly Plante, Wayne State
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Sponsored session at ASECS 2025:
SpS Digital Personography: A Hands-on
Workshop/Edit-a-thon [Workshop]
(sponsored by the Digital Humanities
Caucus) [ID 92]

Graduate Student and Early Career Scholars Caucus (GECC)

Co-chairs: Taylin Nelson and Shruti Jain
<https://asecsgradcaucus.wordpress.com/>

Sponsored sessions ASECS 2025:
The Diasporic Eighteenth-Century
(sponsored by the Graduate Student and
Early Career Scholars Caucus, GECC) [ID
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Eighteenth-Century Cats [ID 68]

Italian Studies Caucus

Chair: Irene Zanini-Cordi
[Italian Studies Mailing List Form](#)

Sponsored sessions ASECS 2025:
Africans and Africa in Italy (sponsored
by the Italian Studies Caucus) [ID 51]
RT: 25 Years of Italian Eighteenth-
Century Women and Gender Studies
(sponsored by the Italian Studies
Caucus) [ID 52]

Irish Studies Caucus

Chair: Scott Breuninger,
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Sponsored sessions at ASECS 2025:
RT: Moving to the "Dark Side?"
Transitioning from Academics to
Administration (sponsored by the Irish
Studies Caucus) [ID 58]

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our Disciplines? (sponsored by the New
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with AI (sponsored by the Pedagogy
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RT: A History of Our Own: Stories from
ASECS's Queer and Trans Caucus
(sponsored by the Queer and Trans
Caucus) [ID 64]
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by the Queer and Trans Caucus) [ID 73]

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Science Studies Caucus

Co-chairs: Co-chairs: Anita Guerrini and Helen Thompson
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 RT: Roy Porter and his Legacy (sponsored by the Science Studies Caucus) [ID 82]
 Collections (sponsored by the Science Studies Caucus) [ID 80]

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Sponsored sessions at ASECS 2025:
 France-Asia (sponsored by the Society for Eighteenth-Century French Studies/Société d'études françaises du XVIIIe siècle [SECFS]) [ID: 69]
 RT: Saisir le moment: Performance, Orality, and Composition in the Eighteenth-Century Francosphere (sponsored by the Society for Eighteenth-Century French Studies/Société d'études françaises du XVIIIe siècle [SECFS]) [ID 98]

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Sponsored sessions at ASECS 2025:
 Screening and Streaming: What Happens When Performance of the Eighteenth Century Goes Virtual (sponsored by the Theatre and Performance Studies Caucus) [ID 86]
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Women's Caucus

Co-chairs: Misty Krueger and Elizabeth Porter
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 RT: Feminist Praxis: A Roundtable Discussion on Connection and Care (sponsored by the Women's Caucus) [ID 97]

International Society for 18th-Century Studies (ISECS) Delegate Report

by Chunjie Zhang, *UC Davis*

Internationalism is no news to our age. Around 1910, scientists endeavored to promote international collaborations, establishing the Foundation for Internationalism, publishing *Review of Internationalism*, and even imagining a World Capital for international scientific institutions to promote world peace. Their efforts lead to significant changes in international politics after 1945. The International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, established 1967, emerged out of a similar wave. ASECS is proudly the largest member society in this international organization, comprising roughly one quarter of ISECS's entire membership. Attending this year's Executive Committee meeting as ASECS's delegate, I witnessed the commitment of colleagues from Europe, Asia, and Latin America to the study of the eighteenth century and their dedication to its future. In contrast to last year's meeting in Rome (2023), concurrent with the conference that drew a huge crowd including many colleagues from the US, this year's meeting in Maynooth, Ireland, was quieter and more focused. An emphasis was placed on financial support for Early Career Seminar as the field's investment in the future.

Publication projects include one on the history and research trends of member societies as well as one on internationalism and eighteenth-century studies, to which six American colleagues are contributing chapters. An archive of ISECS is now established at Institut et Musée Voltaire in Geneva, Switzerland.



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The Burney Society NA's website is moving! Check out their new site at: [Burney Society NA](https://burney-society.org/).

Burney Society (NA) 2025 Conference Call for Papers: "The Burneys: Crossroads, Revolutions, and Transformations, New Brunswick, New Jersey, June 12-13, 2025. Proposals due: 01/15/2025

Sponsored Session at ASECS 2025: "Burneys and Dis/ability"

Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

<https://www.csecs.ca/en/> Upcoming Conference: October 15-18, 2025, Regina, Saskatchewan

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The Defoe Society

<https://www.defoesociety.org/>

The Eighth Biennial Conference of the Defoe Society, "Discoveries and Improvements, 1660-1740" Thursday, July 3 – Saturday, July 5, 2025 (Keele University, Staffordshire, U.K.). Paper and Panel Proposals due 1/31/2025.

Sponsored Session at ASECS 2025: "Virtual Defoe"

Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Erforschung des 18. Jahrhunderts

<https://dgej.hab.de/>

Sponsored Session at ASECS 2025 Conference: "The Art of Balance: Concepts of Equality and Democracy in Art and Visual Culture of the long 18th Century"

East Central/American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies

<http://www.ec-asecs.org/>

Sponsored Session at ASECS 2025: "Sea Changes"

The Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society

<https://ecsss.org/>

Sponsored Session at ASECS 2025 Conference: "Unsettling Scottish Studies"

The Eliza Haywood Society

<http://elizahaywood.org/>

Sponsored Roundtable at ASECS 2025: "'Haywood Studies' at a Quarter Century"

Historians of Eighteenth Century Art & Architecture

<https://enfilade18thc.com/about/>

Sponsored Session at ASECS 2025: "Anne Schroder New Scholars Session"

Ibero-American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

<https://iassecs.org/>

Sponsored Session at ASECS 2025: "¡Basta ya! Citizen Protest in the Iberian Atlantic and Pacific Worlds"

The International Herder Society (IHS/IHG)

https://www.johann-gottfried-herder.net/english/ihs_society.htm

Upcoming Conference: "Herders Geography," 20th Conference of the IHS – Toronto, 4.-9. September 2025

The Mozart Society of America

<https://www.mozartsocietyofamerica.org>

Sponsored Session at the ASECS 2025:
"Mozart's Operas on the Global Stage"

North American British Music Studies Association

<https://nabmsa.org/>

Upcoming Conference: NAKS 2025 Biennial Meeting, October 17-19, 2025, Montréal, Québec, Canada. Submission deadline: February 1st, 2025

North West Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (NWSECS)

Sponsored Session at ASECS 2025: "Novel Humor and Humorous Novels"

The Rousseau Association

<http://rousseauassociation.com/>

Upcoming events: The 24th RA Colloquium on "Editing, Translating, Annotating Rousseau/Rousseau as Editor, Translator, Annotator" "Éditer, traduire, annoter Rousseau/Rousseau éditeur, traducteur, annotateur" under the direction of James Swenson will take place at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey from June 4-6, 2025.

Sponsored Session at ASECS 2025: "Rousseau and the Imagination"

The Society of Early Americanists

<https://www.societyofearlyamericanists.org/>

The Fourteenth Biennial Conference of the Society of Early Americanists will convene on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, 5-8 June 2025.

Sponsored Session at ASECS 2025: "Land as Method"

The Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing

<https://sharpweb.org/>

Sponsored Roundtable at ASECS 2025: "Examining the 'Publisher Function' in the Long Eighteenth Century"

The South Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

<https://www.scsecs.net/>

Upcoming Conference: "Lost and Found in the Eighteenth Century." February 6-8, 2025, Dallas TX.

Sponsored Session at ASECS 2025: "Gifts from Flowers: Pollen, Fruit, Honey, Vegetables, Bouquets, Ceremonies, and More"

The Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

<https://www.seasecs.org/>

Upcoming Conference: 51st Annual Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Meeting, "The Past is Still Present: Reclaiming the Eighteenth Century" February 6-8, 2025, Savannah, Georgia

Sponsored Roundtable at ASECS 2025: "Regional 18th-Century Societies: Best Practices for Sustainability and Success"

Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (WSECS)

<http://www.wsecs.org/>

Upcoming Conference: "The Unwritten Word: Alternative Texts, Epistemologies & Ontologies" Friday, February 14 to Saturday, February 15, University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Sponsored Roundtable at ASECS 2025: "Eighteenth-Century Futures"

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