CIRCLES AND CIRCULATIONS
IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ATLANTIC WORLD
OF CHARLES BROCKDEN BROWN

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FOURTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE CHARLES BROCKDEN BROWN SOCIETY**

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The conference theme, "Circles and Circulations in the Revolutionary Atlantic World of Charles Brockden Brown," responds to recent scholarship centered on such circum-Atlantic phenomena as slavery and European and U. S. nation and empire building, as well as new paradigms emanating from such richly diverse areas of study as the history of the book, material culture, and theater and performance studies. Such methodologies individually and collectively vivify revolutionary ways to apprehend the Revolutionary circulation of late eighteenth- and early nineteenth century Atlantic World writers, artists, and intellectuals; human, animal, and inanimate bodies; literary, artistic, and cultural artifacts; and dominant, residual, and emergent knowledges and their production.

Charles Brockden Brown is situated alternately at the center and margins of such circles and circulation. Writer, critic, and editor; novelist, historian, and lawyer, Brown was a fervid producer and consumer of artifacts and ideas crisscrossing the Atlantic from the realms of art and literature, science and medicine, politics and history, and law and business. Conference presenters thus interrogate the specific works, bodies, and objects of circulation among Brown and other authors, artists and intellectuals of his contemporary moment.

**Previous conferences held in Philadelphia, PA (1998); Las Vegas, NY (2000); and Groningen, The Netherlands (2002).

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All sessions take place in Fales Library, New York University, located on the 3rd floor of the Elmer Holmes Bobst Library, 70 Washington Square South
PROGRAM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

12:00 – 1:00  Registration  Fales Library

1:00 – 1:15  Welcome  Fales

1:15 – 2:30  Session I  Fales

Creditors, Debtors, and Contagion:
Economies of Circulation in Brown's Fiction

Chair:  CHRISTOPHER LOOBY,
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

"Robert Morris, 'The Man at Home,' and Brown's Fictionalized Debtor"
SCOTT ELLIS, SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

"Banking on Biloquium: Crises of Confidence in Wieland'
JOHN FUNCHION, BROWN UNIVERSITY

"Character and Contagion in Arthur Mervy”
PETER JAROS, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

2:45 – 4:00  Session II  Fales

The Politics of Embodiment and Movement in Edgar Huntly
Chair:  JONATHAN ELMER, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

"Edgar Huntly, Cosmopolitanism, and the Republican Body"
ELIZABETH MADDOCK DILLON, YALE UNIVERSITY

"Looking for the Body: Sensuous Geography and the Problem of Property in Edgar Huntly"
CHAD LUCK, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

"I meditated to do you good': Godwin, Brown, and the Humanitarian Gothic"
JONATHAN ELMER, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

4:00 – 4:30  Tea and Coffee  Fales

4:30 – 6:00  Session III  Fales
Circles and Circulations Roundtable #1
Circum - Atlantic Revolution(s) and Brown's Politics on Race, Abolition, and Empire

Moderator: SEAN X. GOUDIE, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

"Rumors of Change: Papers and Voices of Haiti in Caracas (1791-1804)"
CRISTINA SORIANO, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

"Searching for the Abolitionist Brown: St. Domingo, Slavery, and The Literary Magazine'
ROBERT BATTISTINI, FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE

"Brown, Literary Federalism, and Empire in the Wake of Louisiana"
ROBERT LEVINE, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

6:15 – 8:00 Wine and Cheese Reception  19 University Pl. First floor

Hosted by New York University Department of English

***See list of recommended restaurants in the NYU area in conference folder for lunch and dinner options.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee, Tea, Continental Breakfast  Fales

9:00 – 10:15 Session IV  Fales

(Re)Circulating the Nineteenth"Century Brown

Chair: FRITZ FLEISCHMANN, BABSON COLLEGE

"Playing Shuttlecock in Clara Howard'
JENNIFER DESIDERIO, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

"Taking Jane Talbot Seriously"
ELIZABETH HEWITT, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

"Brown's Final Career" JARED GARDNER, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

"American Tales, American Critics: Self-Critique as Nationalism in Early Brown Criticism"
JOSHUA RATNER, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

"Brown, Freethinking, and Jeffersonian Foreign Policy in South America"
MARK KAMRATH, UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
10:15- 10:45  Tea and Coffee  Fales

10:45 - 12:00  **Session V**  Fales

Circuits of Violence, Law and Judgment in *Wieland* and "Thessalonica"

Chair: **MICHAEL CODY, EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY**

"A passion more than fraternal. . .' Buried Texts and Textual Burial in *Wieland*"
**HILARY EMMETT, CORNELL UNIVERSITY**

"I Confess!: *Wieland*, Rousseau, and the Transatlantic Confessional Narrative"
**JUSTIN D. EDWARDS, UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN**

"Barbarism and Belles'Lettres in 'Thessalonica'"
**PHILIP BARNARD, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS**

12:00 – 1:00  Lunch

1:00 – 3:00  Circles and Circulations Roundtable #2  Fales

Crises of Interpretation in Brown's Public Sphere(s)

Moderator: **BRYAN WATERMAN, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**

"The Mysteries of Signior Falconi"
**JEFFREY H. RICHARDS, OW DOMINION UNIVERSITY**

"Reading Things: The Matter of Print in *Wieland’"
**MICHELE A- CURRIE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE**

"The Epistemology of Fact and Fiction: Yellow Fever Narratives in the New Republic"
**CRISTOBAL SILVA, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY**

"Interiors, Exteriors, and the Politics of Reading in *Arthur Mervyn’"
**GALE TEMPLE, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM**

3:00 – 4:00  CBB Society Business Meeting  Fales

4:00 – 4:45  **Session VII**  Fales
Welcome by Marvin Taylor, Director of Fales Library
First Keynote Address

"Carwin the Inalienable Alien"
NANCY RUTTENBURG, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

4:45 – 5:15  Tea, Coffee, Cookies  Fales
5:15 – 6:00  **Session VIII**  Fales

Second Keynote Address

"Fever"
SAMUEL OTTER, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

6:00 – 8:00  Fales Library Exhibition Opening and Catered Reception

Welcome by Dean Catharine Stimpson, New York University
Graduate School of Arts and Science

**Saturday, October 23**

9:00-9:30  Coffee, Tea, Continental Breakfast  Fales
9:30-10:45  **Session IX**  Fales

Ruptures in Sentiment, Form and Critique
Chair: ANDREW DOOLEN, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

"Feminism Mter France: Sentimentality and Sexual License in Ormond"
HANA LAYSON, NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

"Suspended Courtship: Brown and the Origins of American Literary Exceptionalism"
EZRA TAwil, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

"Authority and American Torture: Wieland, Disciplinary Problematics, and Problematic Disciplinary Formations in Early American Studies"
STEPHEN SHAPIRO, UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

10:45-11:15  Tea and Coffee  Fales

11:15-12:45  **Session X**  Fales
Circles and Circulations Roundtable #3

Brown's Geographies
Moderator: MARK KAMRATH, UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

"Mapping the National Imaginary: The Frontier Geography of Edgar Huntly"
JONATHAN IMBER SHA _ NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

"A Rhetoric of Western Expansion: Hugh Blair, Charles Brockden Brown, and the Sublime"
JENNIFER EIMERS, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

"The Moral Geography of Brown's Early U. S. Gothic"
JENNIFER RAE GREESON, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

12:45 – 1:45 Lunch

1:45 – 3:00 Session XI
Feelings, Circles, Alchemy: Brown's Transatlantic Gothic

Chair: MICHAEL CODY, EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

"Carwin's Transatlantic Transformations: Interfigurality in Anglo-American Gothic Fiction, 1798-1860"
EVERT JAN VAN LEEUWEN, LEIDEN UNIVERSITY

"'The most auspicious revolutions in his feelings': Serving and Conserving in Edgar Huntly"
LEN VON MORZE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

"Circles Upward and Downward: Sublime Vorticism in Edgar Huntly"
HANS-ULRICH MOHR, TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAT DRESDEN

3:00 – 3:30 Tea, Coffee, Dolce

3:30 – 4:30 Session XII
Conference Wrap-Up: Brown Now and Then. - 2006

Chair: SEAN X GOUDIE, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Panel: FRITZ FLEISCHMANN, BABSON COLLEGE
ROBERT LEVINE, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
MICHAEL CODY, EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BRYAN WATERMAN, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

5:30 – 6:30 Walking Tour of Federal Era NYC Sites
Departure from Bowling Green***
Guide: Bryan Waterman, New York University
6:30 – 8:30 farewell dinner at fraunces tavern***

***directions to these locations are provided in the conference folder.
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