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9h-9h30 Welcome

9h30-10h30

PANEL 1: Women's Activism and Confinement

Panel Chair: Catherine Clinton – University of Texas at San Antonio

Chelsea D. McNutt – Cornell University – “*The Politics of Containment: Black Women, Respectability, and NAACP Activism in the Jim Crow South*”

Jenny Woodley – Nottingham Trent University – “*Movement Widow, Memory-Keeper, Activist: Myrlie Evers-Williams and the Shadow of Medgar's Death*”

Nicole De Silva – State University of New York at Oneonta – “*Confining Consumption: Boycotts and Sanctions in the U.S. Women's Peace Movement, 1919-1939*”

10h30-10h45 Break

10h45-12h

PANEL 2: Confinement and/in Slavery

Panel Chair: Laura Martin – Université Toulouse – Jean Jaurès

Beth Wilson – Cardiff University – “‘How could she realize my feelings?’: Enslaved Women's Experiences of Childlessness and Infertility in the Antebellum South.”

Taisha Richards – University of Bristol – “*Confinement Without Walls: Sexual Exploitation, Bodily Autonomy, and Resistance in The Life of Celia Newsome*”

Nadine Barakat – University of Edinburgh – “*Reconfiguring the Map: Black Women's Narratives and the Geography of Freedom-Seeking*”

Rosie Knight – University of Sheffield – “‘Almost in prison’: Enslaved Girls and Confinement in Enslaver Households”

12h-13h30 Lunch

13h30-14h30

PANEL 3: Breaking Down Domestic Confinement

Panel Chair: Aisha Djelid – Rothermere American Institute, Oxford

Ellen Barth – University of Muenster – “*Cookbook Publishing as Political Act*”

Megan Wesling – University of California, San Diego – “*Heteropessimism, TradWives, and Fourth Wave Feminism: Contradictions in Contemporary American Gender Politics*”

Emily West – University of Oxford – “*Older Enslaved Women and Food Preparation: Plantation Kitchens as Spaces of Confinement?*”

14h30-14h45 Break

14h45-16h

PANEL 4: Surveillance and Regulation

Panel Chair: Megan Wesling – University of California, San Diego

Anne Ulentin – Université Clermont Auvergne – “*Gendered Confinement in the Colonial Bahamas: Surveillance, Incarceration, and the Regulation of Women, 1880s-1920s*”

Louise Dobson – University of Sussex – “*Liberated Colonisers: Janet Flanner's Critique of French Colonialism in the New Yorker, 1944-1954*”

Scarlett Duffill Haddon – Manchester Metropolitan University – “*Navigating Power From Confined Spaces*”

Eloise Mattimoe – University of Bristol – “*Pathologized Difference and Undetected Resistance: Inmate vs Psychiatrist and the Construction of Feeble-mindedness Bedford Hills Reformatory for Girls 1916-1921*”

16h-16h15 Break

16h15-17h30

PANEL 5: Prison and Confinement

Panel Chair: Olivia Wright – Leeds Beckett University

Claire Delahaye – Université Gustave Eiffel – “*Jailed for Freedom: U.S. Suffragists and the Criminalizing of Dissent, 1917-1919*”

Vivien Miller – University of Nottingham – “‘She burned her way out’: Marie Dean Arrington, Racial and Gendered Defiance, and Florida's Death Penalty during the Abolition Years”

Katharina Wiedlack – University of Vienna – “*The Incarceration of Emma Goldman, Female Solidarity, and her Prison Critique*”

Margaret Matheson – University of Virginia – “*Labor & Letters: Gender Performance and Class in a Civil War Prison*”

17h30 Conference close

17h30-18h30

PhD Researchers Networking Event hosted by Louise Dobson and Laura Martin