

## Inaugural Workshop of the Antislavery Usable Past Postgraduate Research Network

### 'Antislavery Lessons and Legacies'

Programme, 16-17 October 2015

Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation (WISE)  
Oriel Chambers, 27 High Street, Hull, HU1 1NE

#### Friday 16 October

- 12.30 – 13.30 Registration and Lunch
- 13.30 – 14.30 Introductions from Professors Jean Allain, Kevin Bales, John Oldfield and Zoe Trodd  
Reflections from Professor David Blight and opportunity for questions
- 14.30 – 15.45 **Panel 1: Policy, morality and profit**  
Chair: Dr Kate Donington
- James Dawkins** (University College London): 'Amelioration and Mortality: Life and Death on the Dawkins' Jamaican Estates, 1820-1832'
- Joseph Kelly** (Liverpool): 'Supplying the Slave Trade: British Business, Moral Responsibility and Competing Anti-Slavery in the West Africa Controversy 1840-42'
- Joseph Murphy** (City University of New York): 'From Opinion to Policy: The Antislavery Agenda in American Politics, 1833-1848'
- 15.45 – 16.00 Break
- 16.00 – 17.15 **Panel 2: Abolitionist legacies**  
Chair: Professor John Oldfield
- Alison Hudson** (Université Libre, Brussels): 'England's First Anti-Slavery Protesters? Early Medieval Discomfort with Slavery and Chattel Slavery's Recurrence in the Early Modern Period'
- Cynan Llwyd** (Cardiff): '"A new world where justice dwells" : Morgan John Rhys' (1760-1804) radical vision'
- Joseph Yannielli** (Princeton): 'John Brown in Africa: The Lessons of Missionary Abolitionism'
- 17.15 – 18.00 Drinks reception
- 18.00 – 20.00 Unchosen Film Event
- 20.00 Conference dinner at Old House Bar and Bistro

#### Saturday 17 October

- 9.00 – 9.30 Tea and coffee
- 9.30 – 11.15 **Panel 3: Definitions and legacies of enslavement**  
Chair: Professor Jean Allain

**Julia Muraszkiwicz** (Vrije Universiteit, Brussels): “What is this modern slavery you speak of?” Analysis of the 1926 definition of slavery’

**Yvonne Mellon** (Liverpool): ‘The UK’s Modern Slavery Bill: The unseen victims of abolitionism and immigration policy’

**Michael Gill** (Nottingham): ‘Learning from our Legacy: Historical Perspectives on reforming the modern day Kafala System in Qatar’

**Katarina Schwarz** (Queens University Belfast): ‘Reparation for slavery in international law’

11.15 – 11.30 Break

11.30 – 12.30 **Panel 4: New narratives of slavery and antislavery**

Chair: Dr Mary Wills

**Hugo Unwin** (Kings College London): ‘Self-improvement, subjectivity and subversion: Antebellum scientific discourse in James McCune Smith’s Head’s sketches, 1852-1854’

**Andrea Nicholson** (Nottingham): ‘Perceiving freedom: the shared lived experiences of “old” and “new” slaves’

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.45 **Panel 5: Uses and representations of the antislavery past**

Chair: Professor Zoe Trodd

**Hannah-Rose Murray** (Nottingham): “Slaves Did OK Here”: Nostalgia and Protest Memory as Competing Uses of the Past’

**Hannah Jeffery** (Nottingham): “Unarmed People Are Slaves”: Using 19<sup>th</sup> Century Abolitionist aesthetics in the 1960s Radical Movement’

**Rebecca Nelson** (WISE): ‘Legacies on Display: Antislavery in Museums’

14.45 – 15.00 Break

15.00 – 16.30 **Panel 6: The network going forward**

Chair: Professor Kevin Bales

Including reflections from Shamere McKenzie, Loyola University Chicago

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