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Tuesday 12
November



9:00 : Opening of the conference with **Nathalie Dessens**, Vice-President of the University in Charge of Academic Affairs

9:15 : **Keynote Address : Philip Mead** (Museum of the American Revolution, Philadelphia)
The Declaration's Journey: Planning the 250th exhibition of the Declaration of Independence at the Museum of the American Revolution.

Chair: Bertrand Van Ruymbeke (Université Paris 8)

10:30 : Coffee break (Room F422)

11:00-12:30 : Commemorating the Revolution

Chair : Emmanuelle Perez-Tisserand (Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès)

- **Guilhem de Muraige** (Society of the Cincinnati) and Bénédicte Quilliec (Daughters of the American Revolution) : *Se remémorer le débarquement de Benjamin Franklin à Auray le 4 décembre 1776*
- **Ghislain Potriquet** (Université de Strasbourg) : *The Centennial of 1776 in France: A (Missed) Opportunity for Rapprochement?*
- **Françoise Coste** (Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès) : *"We must not be carried away by the thought that this July 4 will be a major milestone in human history": The Ford Administration and the 1976 Bicentennial.*

12:30 : Lunch Break

2:00pm - 3:30pm : The 250th Anniversary in Academia and the Media (1)

Chair : Mathilde Monge (Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès)

- **Nadine Zimmerli** (University of Virginia Press) : *Reflecting on the American Revolution in 2026: A Publisher's Perspective*
- **Bayard Miller** (American Philosophical Society) : *The Revolutionary City: Towards a New Model of Civic Engagement*
- **Benjamin Bernard** (University of Virginia) : *Civic Morality and the Problem of the Local in the Historiography of the American and French Revolutions: The Cases of Charlottesville, Virginia and Besançon in Franche-Comté*

3:30 : Coffee break (Room F422)

4:00 pm - 5:30pm : The 250th Anniversary in Academia and the Media (2)

Chair : Florence Petroff (Université de La Rochelle)

- **Jim Ambuske** (George Mason University) : *Turning Worlds Upside Down: Reflections on Public History and Podcasting a Revolution.*
- **Ian Ruskin** (Ruskin Productions): *Looking for a certain kind of Truth: Writing and Performing a Play about Thomas Paine*
- **Magali Aigoïn** (Université Paris 8) : *«Turn, Washington's Spies» ou de l'intérêt d'une série pour transmettre l'histoire.*

Wednesday 13
November



9:00 : **Keynote Address : Patrick Griffin** (University of Notre Dame)

Making Sense of 1776: The United States and Redemption

Chair: Françoise Coste (Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès)

10:30 : Coffee break (Room F422)

11:00-1:00 : Today's Historiographical Debates

Chair : Agnès Delahaye (Université Lumière-Lyon 2)

- **Emma Hart** (UPenn) : *Celebrate, Contextualize, or Ignore?: Americans Confront the Revolutionary Past in the Twenty-First Century.*
- **Wim Klooster** (Clark University) : *Sixty Years Since Palmer: Assessing the Current Historiography of the Age of Revolutions*
- **Susanne Lachenicht** (University of Bayreuth) : *The American Revolution and Public History Today - A Central European Perspective?*
- **Marialuisa Innocenzi** (Sapienza Università) : *Revolution and Human Rights: The American Declaration of Independence. A Dialogue with Italian Legal Philosophers.*

1 :00pm : Lunch Break

2:00pm - 3:30pm : Historical Sites

Chair : Ghislain Potriquet (Université de Strasbourg)

- **Florence Petroff** (Université de La Rochelle) : *The French and the Creation of the United States (1776-1826). An Exhibition at the Museum of the New World (La Rochelle)*
- **James Taub** (American Revolution Museum) : *Bunker Hill to Belleau Wood: The Politics of Franco-American Commemorations*
- **Frank Cogliano** (The University of Edinburgh) : *What's in a Name? Reflections on the Semi-quincentennial Preparations at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello*

3:30 : Coffee break (Room F422)

4:00 pm - 5:00pm : Lafayette and Rochambeau

Chair : Vincent Latour (Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès)

- **Iris de Rode** (Karsh Institute of Democracy at the University of Virginia) : *Remembering the French-American Alliance*
- **Vincent Bouat-Ferlier** (Fondation Chambrun): *La Fayette, La Grange et la Révolution américaine : la construction permanente d'un lieu de mémoire*