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FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

8:30 Registration & Coffee
9:30 Welcome: Steve Hindle (The Huntington)
Remarks:
Chris Kyle (Syracuse University)
Jason Peacey (University College London)
10:00 Session 1: Communications and the Early Modern State
Moderator:
Ann Hughes (Keele University)
Noah Millstone (Bristol University)
“Communication Infrastructure of the Early Stuart State”
Thomas Cogswell (University of California, Riverside)
“The Tranquility of the Commonwealth in My Little Sphere: John Lilburne, the Engagement, and Provincial Politics in the Early 1650s”

11:30 Lunch

1:00 Session 2: Local Agency and National Politics
Moderator:
Jason Peacey
Chris Kyle
“Roast Duck and Pig Entrails: Political Impotence and the Problem of Lent in Early Modern England”
Ann Hughes
“Diligent Enquiries and Perfect Accounts: Central Initiatives and Local Agency in the English Civil War”

3:00 Break

3:15 Session 3: State Formation, Local Networks, and Local Knowledge
Moderator:
Jason Peacey
Chris Kyle
“A Manifestation of the Injustice and Disorders: The Canterbury Elections, 1626”
“Diligent Enquiries and Perfect Accounts: Central Initiatives and Local Agency in the English Civil War”

3:45 Break

4:15 Session 4: Communication Networks and Information Exchange
Moderator:
Chris Kyle
Jason Peacey
“Written according to my usual way: Communicating between Centre and Locality and the Rise of the Agent in Seventeenth-Century England”
Lindsay O’Neill (University of Southern California)
“New Correspondents: Connecting the Centre and Locality via Letter, 1600-1700”

4:45 Closing Remarks:
Chris Kyle and Jason Peacey

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

9:00 Registration & Coffee
9:30 Session 4: Centre and Locality in Radical Politics
Moderator:
Rachel Weil (Cornell University)
Dan Beaver (Pennsylvania State University)
“Provincial ‘Levellers’ and the Coming of the Regicide in the Southwest”
“Swearing a Nation: Parliament, Print, and the Infrastructure of Subscription in the Protestation, 1641-1642”

11:30 Lunch

12:30 Session 5: Communication Networks and Information Exchange
Moderator:
Jason Peacey
“New Correspondents: Connecting the Centre and Locality via Letter, 1600-1700”

2:30 Break

2:45 Session 6: Sites of Communication
Moderator:
Thomas Cogswell
“Sovereignty by the Book: Corporations, Plantations, and Literate Order”
Rachel Weil
“The News Out of Newgate after the 1715 Jacobite Rebellion”

4:45 Closing Remarks:
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