This conference explores how common people struggled to make sense of the many changes gripping America during the difficult war years. Leading scholars will compare the American Revolution to revolutions elsewhere and examine mobilization, politics, religion, the frontier, and insurgency, all with an eye of appreciating how common men and women made sense of a tumultuous period.

LOCATION: Rothenberg Hall
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015
9:30 Registration & Coffee
10:00 Session 4
Revolutionary Mobilization
Moderator: Peter Mancall (University of Southern California)
Brendan McConville (Boston University)
"Political Mobilization, the Committees of Safety, and the Crisis of Sovereignty in Revolutionary America"
Douglas Bradburn (The Fred W. Smith National Library, Mount Vernon)
"A people unused to restraint must be led, they will not be drove": The Rebels and their Leaders in the American Revolution"
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Session 5
The American Revolution and Religion
Moderator: Colin Calloway
Catherine Brekus (Harvard Divinity School)
"The Bible and the American Revolution"
Mark Noll
"The Sanctification of Liberty in the American Revolution"
3:00 Break
3:30 Session 6
The American Revolution as Civil War
Moderator: T.H. Breen
Tom Cottam (University of Oxford)
"Anarchy and the American Revolution"
Patrick Griffin
"A British or an American Civil War?"
5:15 Closing Remarks:
Patrick Griffin
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015
8:30 Registration & Coffee
9:30 Welcome:
Steve Hindle (The Huntington)
Remarks:
T.H. Breen (Northwestern University)
10:15 Session 1
The American Revolution as a Revolution
Moderator: Patrick Griffin (University of Notre Dame)
Colin Jones (Queen Mary University of London)
"French Lessons and Revolting Europeans in the Late Eighteenth Century"
T.H. Breen
"Enforcing the American Revolution"
12:15 Lunch
3:30 Session 3
The Limits and Constraints on Revolutionary Liberation
Moderator: Mark Noll (University of Notre Dame)
Rosemary Zagarri
"Reading, Revolution, and Reproduction"
Colin Calloway (Dartmouth College)
"George Washington’s Other Revolution"

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