**Grassroots Modernities**

**NATURE, AGRICULTURE AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD**

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| 9:10-10:50| **Agriculture, Knowledge and the State**    | A ‘Country Richly Calculated’: How Britain Mapped the Agricultural Potential of American Land, ca. 1754-1791  
S. MAX EDELSON, University of Virginia  
Seed Sharing in the US Patent Office, 1836-1861  
COURTNEY FULLILove, Wesleyan University  
Summoning the State: Northern Farmers in a Slaveholding Republic  
ARIEL RON, Yale University  
MATTHEW LOCKWOOD, Yale University, CHAIR  
JAMES SCOTT, Yale University, DISCUSSANT |
| 11:00-12:40| **Conceiving Time and Space in Agricultural Improvement** | 'Subverting the Stationary Precision of the Calendar': Representations of Space and Time in Eighteenth-Century Horticultural Guides  
KATE WERSAN, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Forwarding the Season: Time, Diaries, and Territory in Antebellum Agricultural Improvement  
EMILY PAWLEY, Dickinson College  
Building on the Biological Enlightenment: The Revolutionary Generation and the Improvement of American Agriculture  
DANIEL J. KEVLES, Yale University  
KEITH WRIGHTSON, Yale University, CHAIR  
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| 12:40-2:00| **Lunch**                                    |                                                                     |
| 2:00-3:40| **Workers and Bodies in Agricultural Improvement** | Feeding People and other Animals in the Eighteenth Century  
ANYA ZILBERSTEIN, Concordia University  
Improvement in Service of Slavery: Cotton Capitalism and Atlantic Agricultural Reform in the U.S. South  
IAN BEAMISH, Dalhousie University  
Improving Livestock and Slaves in Eighteenth-Century Virginia and Jamaica  
JOSHUA KERCSMAR, Valparaiso University  
EDWARD RUGEMER, Yale University, CHAIR  
TAMARA PIAKINS THORNTON, SUNY Buffalo, DISCUSSANT |
| 4:00-5:30| **Roundtable: New Directions in the Study of Agricultural Improvement** | JOYCE CHAPLIN, Harvard University  
RICHARD DRAYTON, King’s College London  
FREDRIK ALBRITTON JONSSON, University of Chicago  
CHRISTOPHER CLARK, University of Connecticut  
NAOMI LAMOREAUX, Yale University, Chair |

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