

**The National Society
Sons of the American Revolution,**

**The Wake Forest University
Department of History,**

**The Wake Forest University
Humanities Institute, and**

**The National Endowment
for the Humanities**

present

**The 2026 SAR Annual Conference
on the American Revolution**

***All Men Are Created Equal:
Freedom, Slavery, and Race
in the American Revolution***

May 29-31, 2026



Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center
420 High Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101

In his 1776 essay *Liberty Further Extended*, Lemuel Haynes denied that “Liberty is so contracted a principle as to be Confined to any nation under Heaven; nay, I think it not hyperbolic to affirm, that Even an African, has Equally as good a right to his Liberty in common with Englishmen.” This Black patriot and soldier connected freedom, citizenship, and nation. How actors in the American Revolution experienced, articulated, or contested these ideas is the question that drives this conference. *All Men Are Created Equal* will examine perspectives from Black and White men and women aligned with the Patriots or Loyalists. The conference will also invite comparisons between the young United States and the broader revolutionary Atlantic World

John A. Ruddiman of Wake Forest University is serving as the SAR Distinguished Scholars for this conference. *All Men Are Created Equal* shall be dedicated to Annette Gordon-Reed of Harvard University.

Fifteen Papers in Five Sessions

Fifteen papers are scheduled to be delivered in five sessions. All attendees of the 2026 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution are invited to attend all five sessions. The presenters include scholars such as:

- Keidrick Roy, *Dartmouth College*
- William M. Ferraro, *The Washington Papers, University of Virginia*
- David Waldstreicher, *City University of New York, Graduate Center*

Other Conference Activities

Attendees who register for the Full Conference Package are also invited to attend the following:

- Friday, Reception • Dinner
- Saturday, Lunch • Reception • Dinner, followed by a tribute to Annette Gordon-Reed
- Sunday, Brunch • Roundtable Discussion

Hotel Accommodations

The SAR has a block of rooms at the Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center, 420 High Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Rooms at the Hawthorne Inn are from \$109 per night, plus applicable state and local taxes. To reserve a room, please call the hotel directly at 336-777-3000, and tell them you want to attend *All Men Are Created Equal*, the 2026 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution. ***Please be sure to inform the hotel at time of booking that you are part of the SAR Annual Conference Room Block.*** Please know that the block of rooms is already nearly sold out, so act fast! If you would prefer to stay somewhere else, or if the SAR’s block of rooms is sold out, there are other hotels near the Hawthorne Inn.

Please make your hotel reservation no later than Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

\$250, Full Conference Package, including:

- Fifteen Papers in Five Sessions
- Friday reception and dinner
- Saturday lunch and dinner
- Sunday brunch

\$100, Fifteen Papers Package for Adults: *

- Fifteen Papers in Five Sessions

\$50, Fifteen Papers Package for Students: *

(Full time university or high school students)

- Fifteen Papers in Four Sessions

(* These packages do not include meals.)

To register for the 2026 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution, please fill out the form below, and send it with your check to:

National Society SAR
 ATTN: 2026 SARACAR
 809 West Main Street
 Louisville, KY 40202

Please make your check payable to “National Society SAR.” The total number of attendees is limited, so please act soon. Registrations for the 2026 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution may be accepted until the Conference is full, but for planning purposes, please try to submit your registration by Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

Please call the hotel of your choice directly to make your hotel reservations.

Name: _____	Guest: _____
Address: _____	E-Mail: _____
Phone: _____	
	<u>How many?</u> <u>TOTAL</u>
<i>Full Conference Package:</i> _____	@ \$250 ea. \$ _____
<i>Fifteen papers Package for Adults:</i> _____	@ \$100 ea. \$ _____
<i>Fifteen papers Package for Students:</i> _____	@ \$50 ea. \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED: \$ _____	