Remaining Singular: Notes on Book Writing in the AI Bubble



As a recent author, I’m realizing we don’t talk enough about the way projects form and unform, how the detritus on the cutting room floor can sometimes be salvaged or patched together.

Bad Maps, Courtroom Clashes, and Agrarian Life in 17th-Century New England



Even on the colonial periphery of a budding English cartographic culture, settlers used maps as tools to claim ownership and power.

[Dishing Up History]



In order to understand the dish, I will have to find my way through much unfamiliar territory. It will be quite a journey, full of inquiry and fresh learning.

Two Roads to Freedom: William Lee, Harry Washington, and Living the Paradox of the American Revolution



Enslaved men and women encountered revolutionary rhetoric not as abstract theory but amid a crisis that destabilized authority and opened new possibilities for pursuing their own freedom.

Secret Loyalty and Public Respectability: The Transformation of Phi Beta Kappa in its First Half-Century



JOHN HEATH, THE FOUNDER,

AND THE STANDARD PHI BETA KAPPA KEY.

Secrecy itself seemed at odds with republican values, and liable to shield corruption or treason.

Listening for Freemen



FREEMAN'S CHALLENGE

The Murder That Shook America's Original Prison for Profit · ROBIN BERNSTEIN

Placing a marginalized Black man at the center, Bernstein showcases the machinations of capitalism, the racialization of criminality, and the range of possible responses to brutality and injustice.

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The U.S. Constitution creates a federal system where the national, state, and local governments share authority. But the location of the dividing line between central and local authority over migration has been in the past and continues today to be politically determined.

The Other Elizabeth and Mary: Anglo-Powhatan Marriages and the Virginia Company of London



By employing marriage as a technology of imperialism, the Virginia Company hoped to turn its struggling overseas colonies into stable, productive English communities.

Whose 250th?



As students of early American life preparing to commemorate America’s 250th year of independence, what should we know and what might we do?

What Caused the American Revolution? Historians’ Views From the Sesquicentennial Era



Historians today may have varying interpretations of what caused the Revolution, just as their predecessors did a century ago.