

THOMAS HARRIOT QUADRICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE

1-4 April 2009

Roster of Events

WEDNESDAY—1 April—Chapel Hill

The Space Race of 1609—Galileo, Thomas Harriot, and the Invention of the Telescope

Location: Morehead Planetarium, UNC Chapel Hill Campus

2 pm Morehead Planetarium—Tour

3 pm **Welcome**—Todd Boyette, Director, Morehead Planetarium

3:10 **Background**—“Thomas Harriot—The first Tar Heel Scientist”
Larry E. Tise, Thomas Harriot College, ECU

3:30 **Introduction**—Robert Fox, Whichard Visiting Distinguished Chair, ECU

General Lecture #1—“The Telescopic Sky of Harriot and Galileo”

Owen Gingerich, Professor, Astronomy and History of Science, Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

4:30 **Commentary and Discussion:**

Seymour Mauskopf, Professor, History of Science, Duke University
James A. Rose, Professor, Astrophysics, UNC Chapel Hill

5 pm Break & Dinner

7 pm **Introduction**—Alan White, Dean, Thomas Harriot College, ECU

General Lecture #2—“From Spyglasses to Sunspots: Thomas Harriot’s Astronomical Enterprise”

Eileen Reeves, Professor, Comparative Literature, Princeton University

8 pm **“The Space Race of 1609”--Roundtable Discussion and Commentary**

Owen Gingerich
Eileen Reeves
Pascal Briost, Professor, European History, University of Tours
Stephen Clucas, Professor, Birkbeck College, University of London
Michael McVaugh, Professor Emeritus, History, UNC Chapel Hill

THURSDAY—2 April—Raleigh & Greenville

Navigating American Waters: Harriot Absorbing the Knowledge of Sailing Men

Location: North Carolina Museum of History, Auditorium

11 am **Welcome**—Jeffrey Crow, Deputy Secretary for Archives and History, NC Dept. of Cultural Resources

11:10 **General Lecture #3**—“Thomas Harriot and the Mariners’ Culture—On Board a Transatlantic Ship in 1585”

Pascal Briost, Professor, Professor of European History, University of Tours, France

12 noon Lunch

Illuminating a New World: John White, Thomas Harriot and the Creation of the First Images of North America

Demonstrating the Art

Location: ECU School of Art and Design, Jenkins Building, ECU

3 pm **Studio Workshop**--“The Art and Craft of Engraving in Harriot’s 1590 edition of *The Brief and True Report*” and “New Art on the English Exploration of North America”

Michael Ehlbeck, Matthew Egan, and Students, ECU School of Art and Design

Illustrating the History

Location: Science & Technology Bldg, Room OC-307

5 pm **Student Presentation**—“Illuminating the Roanoke Colonies’ Narratives”

Larry Tise, Marshall Lamm and Students, Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Science

Measuring New Worlds: Thomas Harriot and the Expansion of Scientific Knowledge

Location: Science and Technology Building, Room OC-307

7 pm **Introduction**—Alan White, Dean, Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences

General Lecture #4—The 2009 Harriot Lecture & Harriot Voyages of Discovery Lecture—“The New Worlds of an Elizabethan Scientist”

Stephen Clucas, Birkbeck College, University of London

8:15 **Announcement:** The ECU Harriot Reproduction Collector’s Series

8:30 **Reception**

FRIDAY--3 April—Greenville

THOMAS HARRIOT FULLY CONSIDERED—A QUADRICENTENNIAL EVALUATION--Sponsored by Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences and the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program of East Carolina University

Location: All Sessions are in Administrative Conference Room 2409, Joyner Library

9 am Session #1—Describing a New World: Thomas Harriot Authoring the First English Book on North America

Session Chair—Keats Sparrow, Dean Emeritus, Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, ECU

1. "'Our Copy' of the 1590 Harriot-deBry"
Larry Tise, History, Thomas Harriot College, ECU
2. "Thomas Harriot's Latin"
Charles Fantazzi, Languages & Literature, Thomas Harriot College, ECU
3. "'Illuminating' Thomas Harriot's *Briefe and True Report*"
E. Thomson Shields, English & Roanoke Colonies Research Office, Thomas Harriot College, ECU

10:30 Break

11 am Session #2—Thomas Harriot: Military, Literary, and Other Minds

Session Chair—Kevin Moll, School of Music, and Director, Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program, ECU

1. "Harriot, Lane, and Fortification Theory and Practice"
Steven A. Walton, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University
2. "Thomas Harriot and the Birth of a New Science—Naval Architecture"
Michel Daeffler, Researcher, CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research), Paris, France
3. "Harriot's Seal and Spenser's House of Temperance"
Thomas Herron, English, Thomas Harriot College, ECU

12:30 Lunch

2 pm **Session #3—Writing History: Harriot and Raleigh and Writing the First English History of the World**

Session Chair—Alan White, Dean, Thomas Harriot College, ECU

1. “The Geographical and Literary Scope of Raleigh’s *Historie*”
Frank Romer, Languages and Literature, Thomas Harriot College, ECU
2. “The Raleigh Research Circle Raleigh Editions Project”
Larry E. Tise, History, Thomas Harriot College, ECU

3 pm Break

3:30 **Session #4—Thomas Harriot’s New World: Perspectives from Philosophy, Anthropology and Archaeology**

Session Chair—Charles Ewen, Department of Anthropology, ECU

1. “Thomas Harriot and the Natural Law: Native Americans in the *Briefe and True Report*”
Patricia Falguieres, Professor, EHESS (School of Higher Studies in the Social Sciences), Paris, France
2. “How Thomas Harriot Saved Jamestown”
Nicholas M. Lucchetti, Principal Investigator, James River Institute for Archaeology, and Vice-President for Research, First Colony Foundation

4:30 Break and procession to Offices of Thomas Harriot College, Bate Building

4:45 **Toasting Thomas Harriot Face to Face**—Sparrow Conference Room, Bate Building

6 pm Departure of conference attendees for Manteo, NC

SATURDAY—4 April—Manteo

Exploring America: Traces of Thomas Harriot on Roanoke Island—New Findings

Location: Visitor Center and Thomas Harriot Nature Trail—Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, Roanoke Island

10 am **Onsite Presentation—**

“Introducing the First Colony Foundation”

Phil Evans, President, First Colony Foundation

“The Archaeology of Thomas Harriot's Scientific Workshop at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site.”

Nicholas M. Lucchetti, Principal Archaeologist, James River Institute for Archaeology, and Vice-President for Research, First Colony Foundation

11:30 **A Collector’s Collection—**“Growing Up Researching and Collecting on Roanoke Island—Meet Tom McDonald”

Tom McDonald, Amateur Archaeologist, Concerned Citizen, and Veteran Archaeology Research Associate, Manteo, NC

12:30 Lunch Break

Encountering Harriot: Native American Views on Hungry, Discourteous, and Violent English Intruders

Location: Roanoke Island Festival Park, Auditorium

2 pm **Welcome--**Scott Stroh, Director, Roanoke Island Festival Park

2:10 **General Lecture #5—**“Thomas Harriot in the Eyes of Native Americans, 1585-1586”

Michael Oberg, Department of History, SUNY Geneseo

3:30 **Orientation and Introduction--**Native American Interpretive Village at Roanoke Island Festival

Park—Scott Stroh and Park Staff

5 pm Conference Concludes—An Evening in Manteo Begins