

**Call for Papers**  
**The Atlantic World of Print in the Age of Franklin**  
**Philadelphia**  
**29-30 September 2006**

The Library Company of Philadelphia, the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, and the University of Pennsylvania School of Arts and Sciences will sponsor a major academic conference on “The Atlantic World of Print in the Age of Franklin,” to be held in Philadelphia on Friday-Saturday, 29-30 September 2006, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Printing History Association.

The tercentenary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin—who, as reader, writer, printer, and publisher epitomized the cultural world that print created in the eighteenth century—provides an ideal opportunity to examine a wide range of topics relating to the production, circulation and consumption of texts in the early modern Atlantic world.

Papers of approximately thirty pages in length will be pre-circulated for discussion by those in attendance.

The program will include papers or commentary by Roger Chartier, Robert Darnton, Ellen Cohn, David Hall, Kevin Hayes, James Raven, Peter Stallybrass, and David Waldstreicher.

Proposals for additional papers are welcome from scholars in all disciplines and at all stages in their careers. Among the topics the conference organizers hope such proposals will address are:

- technologies of printing
- the transatlantic trade in books
- professional networks of print
- images and texts
- relations between manuscripts and print
- circulations of knowledge
- cultures of reading
- reading, writing, and identities
- print and nation-building
- literacy, class, and gender

Paper proposals must be postmarked by 1 February 2005 and should include a two-page prospectus and a brief c.v. Please address all correspondence to:

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