CFP - NACBS 2019 - Philanthropy and Empire - Panel or Roundtable

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In preparation for the NACBS 2019 in Vancouver in November, I would like to put together a panel or roundtable session proposal on the ways philanthropy helped build, expand, and govern the British Empire. I’m hoping for a session that is both temporally and geographically diverse.

My own work looks at a 1750s charitable society created “for the relief and instruction of poor Germans, and their descendants, settled in Pennsylvania.” Funds were raised in Britain to help “poor Germans” establish schools and churches, with the goal to also make these settlers more British, more appreciative of British laws, and more integrated into English-language society. The fundraising took place in England, and a committee of leading Anglo-Americans, including Benjamin Franklin, managed the monies in Pennsylvania.

If you are interested in joining this session, please email me at kauman@byu.edu. I want to try to pull this together by the end of February.

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