Plenary Session CFP: "Putting History to Work" on Global Immigration

Call for Short Papers:

In an age where the issues of immigration and migration are forcing nations, for better or for worse, to review past policies and make new decisions impacting their own nations and the larger, global community, the New England Historical Association would like to challenge the academic community to “Put History to Work” to quote John Dichtl, Executive Director of the National Council on Public History, by addressing the issue of Immigration / Migration through the lens of the many areas within the discipline of History. From Germany to Arizona to France, Italy, and throughout the world, the issue of what to do about immigration and new migration trends is consuming the people of the world. From the perspectives of the Middles Ages, Renaissance, Asian History, European, the Far East, American History, etc., What are the lessons that history has to teach us about Immigration / Migration that can be applied to the present day?

NEHA would like interested professors, graduate students, and other academics and history professionals to develop a 3-5 page paper that deals with the issues of Immigration / Migration from a historical perspective and apply it to today’s heated, international discussion. All these papers will be placed online at the new NEHA web site for comment (http://newenglandhistorians.org). The writers of the four most interesting and provocative papers will be asked to participate in the Plenary Panel for the New England Historical Association’s Spring Conference on April 16 at Worcester State University.

Please send your papers via email to Ranger Chuck Arning at the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Chuck_Arning@nps.gov. The papers will be promptly posted at the NEHA web site.

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