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SPRING CONFERENCE AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Saturday April 15, 2000

SECOND CALL

The 64th meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, April 15 at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts (617-628-5000). The program is listed on pages 2-3 of this issue and was mailed earlier to all members along with travel instructions.

Vice-President **Joanne Schneider** arranged this comprehensive program, and **John Brooke** and the Tufts University Department of History made splendid local arrangements with the expert assistance of Executive Secretary **James P. Hanlan**. This is the Association's first meeting at Tufts University and we are very grateful for the hospitable efforts on our behalf. Please see our web page for other details:
<http://www.wpi.edu/~jphanlan/NEHA>.

The conference begins with registration on Saturday morning at 8:00 A.M. in Olin Hall, first floor lobby. Members are invited to bring copies of their own recent publications as well as timely professional literature for display or distribution at the book exhibit. Registration is required for everyone (all members, non-members, graduate students and panelists) who attends the conference. Pre-registration by mail prior to April 1 is strongly recommended but

registration at the conference is possible. Please feel free to photocopy the conference registration form on the back page when inviting colleagues, graduate students and friends.

Luncheon will be served in Mugar Dining Hall (in the Fletcher School complex adjacent to Olin), but seating is limited. Please purchase your lunch ticket when you register by mail before April 1. Even if you do not join us in Medford, please use this form to pay your annual membership dues. The annual election of Association officers will be conducted after lunch during a brief business meeting.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

The Association suggests that members make Boston area hotel reservations through "Boston Hotels" service. **Boston Hotels** will ask what you are (reasonably) willing to pay and then locate a hotel in the Greater Boston area that falls in your price range. Boston Hotels can be reached at: <http://www.boston4less.com/reservations.html>. Or by phone at 1-888-649-6331 or 1-603-444-1078. Please note we are meeting on a holiday weekend in Boston, so reservations should be made well in advance to assure availability.



TRAVEL INFORMATION

If you drive to Medford from the west, southwest, or northwest via Routes 2, 3, 9 or I-95 or the Massachusetts Turnpike, turn onto circumferential Route 128 and proceed to the intersection with Route 2, exit 29A. Follow Route 2 or Route 16 and turn onto Route 16 East, Alewife Brook Parkway. Follow Route 16 through two full traffic lights. Take the next right, a sharp turn, onto Powder House Blvd. to the lights at Packard Avenue. Turn right onto Packard Avenue. **Proceed up Packard (a hill) and turn left on Professors' Row.**

Approximately 50 spaces are available along Professors' Row. Additional parking is available in lots off Curtis Street, to the right at the hilltop.

If you drive to Medford from the north via Routes 1, 3, 28, I-95 or I-93, take Route 128 to its intersection with I-93. Go south on I-93 to exit 32, Medford Square. Proceed to the center of the Square and turn left onto Main Street. Follow Main Street to the lights at Harvard Street, take a right on Harvard Street. Proceed through two sets of lights that lead to the Powder House Rotary. Keep Tufts' athletic field to your right and proceed up Powder House Blvd. to the lights at Packard Avenue. Turn right onto Packard Avenue. Parking available as described above.

Public transportation: from downtown Boston (Park Street MBTA station) take the Red Line outbound to Davis Station. Ask directions to board the #96 (Medford Square) or the #94 (West Medford) bus to the Tufts campus.

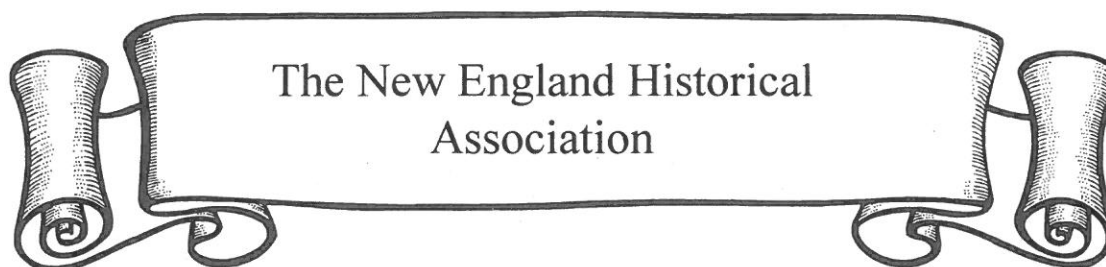
Parking on the campus is available in a series of parking lots on the western edge of the campus. NEHA members may use any spot reserved for Tufts faculty or staff. Approximately 50 spaces are available along Professors' Row. Additional parking is available in lots off Curtis Street, to the right at the hilltop. Olin Hall is a short walk to the east from these lots and may be entered from the Packard Avenue side of the building or from either the north or south ends. Look for NEHA signs on campus leading to Olin Hall.

Airlines serve Boston at the Logan Airport. Taxi, limo, or car rental from the airport should be made in advance. For Amtrak information call 800-872-7245. Bus service to Boston is by Greyhound (800-231-2222). *The public transit system from the airport is highly recommended.* Take the MBTA or "the T" from any point to the central Park Street Station.



ADVANCE NOTICE

The Fall meeting will be held at **Stonehill College** in North Easton, Massachusetts on October 21, 2000. Our new Vice-President will be the program chair, and organize the program. The deadline for submitting proposals (one-page abstract and a brief c.v.) is June 15, 2000. For information about the program or submissions contact **James P. Hanlan**, WPI, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609-2280; email: jphnlan@wpi.edu



SATURDAY
APRIL 15, 2000

TUFTS UNIVERSITY
MEDFORD, MA

SPRING CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8:00 - 8:45 REGISTRATION

Olin Hall, 1st Floor Lobby

First Morning Session 8:45 - 10:15

- 8:45 **Session 1: Innovation: Learning from Defeat** Room: Olin 101
Chair: Steven Corvi, Northeastern University
Comment: Emmett Shea, Worcester State College
Erlingur Erlingsson, St. Cross College, Oxford, "British Armour Against the Stalemate"
Daniel Marston, Balliol College, Oxford, "Phoenix from the Ashes: The Indian Army in the Burma Campaign, 1942-1945"
Carter Malkasian, Keble College, Oxford, "Attrition as an Alternative Strategy in the Korean War"
- 8:45 **Session 2: Public Space and the Meaning of Class in Progressive Era America** Room : Olin 102
Chair: Brett Flehinger, Harvard University
Comment: Ruth Shackelford, Long Island University
Jeffrey Wiltse, Brandeis University, "No Splashing in the Pool: Social and Cultural Conflict over Recreation in Progressive-Era America"
Irene M. H. Herold, Daniel Webster College, "Class at the Bazaar: Elite Women's Participation in Woman's Suffrage at the Start of the Twentieth Century"
Paul Allan Hillmer, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, "Cleanliness and Godliness: The Campaign for Public Baths in Cleveland, Ohio"
- 8:45 **Session 3: Identities in Colonial America** Room: Olin 16
Chair: Jane Kamensky, Brandeis University
Comment: Steven C. Bullock, WPI
H. Clark Maddux, Purdue University, " 'A Matter of Fact': Eyewitness Testimony and Ramist Discourse"
Robert J. Naeher, Emma Willard School/University of Connecticut, "Puritan Prayer as a Gendered Voice"
Julia Ott, Yale University, "Holy Alliances?: Ministers' Wives and Ministerial Marriage in Mid-18th century New England"
- 8:45 **Session 4: Insights into Post-War German Intellectual and Political History** Room: Olin 103
Chair: Daniel Mulholland, Tufts University
Comment: Richard Weiner, Rhode Island College
Troy R.E. Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University, "Grounding Space: Heidegger and Cultural Geography"
Martin R. Menke, Rivier College, "Adenauer's Use of Christianity as a Means to Achieve European Unification: Rhetoric or Reality?"
Anni Baker, Wheaton College, "Opposition to NATO and the Growth of Left-Wing Nationalism: A Case Study of the Reactivation of Wiesbaden Air Base"
- 8:45 **Session 5: The Good Years: American Society at the Turn of the 20th century** Room: Olin 107
Chair: Jane Lancaster, Brown University
Comment: Bruce Cohen, Worcester State College
Eric Love, Princeton University, "Savage Remains: Burial and Cremation in Victorian America"
Arthur S. Meyers, Russell Library, "The Open Forum: A Public Learning Movement Recovered"
Axel Jansen, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe University, Frankfurt, "American Volunteers with the Allies, 1914-1917 and the Transformation of the American Nation-State"
- 8:45 **Session 6: New Perspectives on 20th-century African-American History** Room: Olin 108
Chair: Robert Cvornyek, Rhode Island College
Comment: Gerald Gill, Tufts University
Mark Schneider, Tufts University, "The Civil Rights Movement in the 1920s"
William Leonard, Emmanuel College, "Catholic Interracial Activity in Boston before Busing"
Carolyn O. Wilson, Emory University, "The Search for Direction: Southern African American Higher Education after Segregation, 1954-1975"

Break for Book Exhibit & Refreshments 10:15-10:45

Morning Session II: 10:45-12:15

- 10:45 Session 7: Historians in the Public Sphere: Professional Historians and Public Instruction** **Room: Olin 101**
Chair: Donna Curtain, Plymouth Antiquarian Society
Comment: James O'Toole, Boston College
Christopher Mauriello, Salem State College, "The Sheepskin Curtain: History Professors and Public Instruction
Lawrence Davis, Salem State College, "Champions of Public Instruction: The Descartes Circle and the French Educational System, 1936-1939"
- 10:45 Session 8: 19th-century British Perspectives on Imperialism and War** **Room: Olin 102**
Chair: Andrew Harris, Bridgewater State College
Comment: Travis L. Crosby, Wheaton College
William C. Barnhart, Newton Country Day School, "A Protestant Empire: Evangelical Contributions to Imperial Sentiment in Late Hanoverian England, 1795-1820"
Jeremy H. Neill, Northeastern University, " 'One's Barbarians, the Other's Savages': The View of Turkey and Russia in the British Press During the Crimean War"
- 10:45 Session 9: Folksongs as Windows on Social Disorder** **Room: Olin 103**
Chair: Joseph Boskin, Boston University
Comment: Robert Weir, Bay Path College
Elijah Wald, *The Boston Globe*, "Mexican Corridos: Ballads of the Gallant Drug-Traffickers"
David Ingle, Independent Scholar, "Drink and Disorder in Irish Folksongs of the 19th-century"
- 10:45 Session 10: World War II Collaborators and War Crimes: The European and the Pacific Theaters** **Room: Olin 116**
Chair: Robert Angevin, Olin Institute, Harvard University
Comment: Pierre-Henri Laurent, Tufts University
Bernard Wasserstein, University of Glasgow, "World War Two: Who were the Collaborators?"
Timothy Maga, Bradley University, "Forgotten Justice: The Pacific Islands War Crimes Trials, 1945-1950"
- 10:45 Session 11: Varieties of Federalist Leadership in the Early Republic** **Room: Olin 107**
Chair: John Brooke, Tufts University
Comment: Richard Brown, University of Connecticut
Christopher Young, University of Illinois, Chicago, "George Washington and the Politics of Opinion"
Robert Imholt, Albertus Magnus College, "Timothy Dwight, Federalist Pope of Connecticut"
- 10:45 Session 12: Politics in the Progressive Era** **Room: Olin 108**
Chair: Ballard Campbell, Northeastern University
Comment: Stacy Cordery, Monmouth College (Illinois)
Richard Jensen, RPI, "Democracy versus Efficiency in the Progressive Era"
John McClymer, Assumption College, "Al Smith, John Purroy Mitchel and the Politics of Progressivism"
- 12:15-12:45 Wine & Cheese Reception**
- 12:45-2:00 Luncheon and Business Meeting -- Mugar Dining Hall (in the Fletcher School complex adjacent to Olin)**
- 2:00-3:30 The Archaeology of the "Big Dig": Highway to the Past: The Archaeology of the Central Artery Project** **Barnum Hall, Room 104**
Moderator: Steven Corey, Worcester State College
Ann-Eliza Lewis, Archaeological Collections Manager, Mass. Historical Commission, "Privy to the Past: An Archaeological Tour of Boston via Route I-93"
Ellen Berkland, Boston City Archaeologist, Boston Landmarks Commission, "Highway to the Past: A Retrospective and Prospective Look at Archaeology in Boston"
Alicia Paresi, Collections Staff, Mass. Historical Commission, and Rita Reinke, Collections Staff, Mass. Historical Commission, "Public Archaeology: The Road to the Future"
Comment & Discussion: The Audience

Adjournment, 3:30

We thank those members who stand for election and all those who made nominations. Any member may nominate himself or herself or another member for election to any Association office by writing to the chair of the Nominating Committee chair, **George Dameron** (St. Michael's College), or to the Executive Secretary. All dues-paying members are eligible to vote in person at the annual business meeting in April. Self-nominations are encouraged. Write-in candidates are permitted for any position on the slate.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee held its annual meeting on December 4 at WPI. The agenda included planning the Spring conference and reports on the treasury, membership, nominating committee, book award and media committees, the newsletter, the website, AHA affiliation, cooperation with the Massachusetts Historical Society for the AHA meeting in Boston, selection of meeting sites, and IRS status for the Association.

Any member may send a question or agenda item for the next Executive Committee meeting at Medford on April 15 by writing to the Executive Secretary.

NEHA ANNOUNCES A NEW PRIZE

The Association announces the *NEHA Prize*, a new annual award for the best paper presented by a graduate student at our Spring or Fall conferences. The prize is a certificate of merit and a \$200.00

honorarium presented to the winner at the Spring meeting. Each session chair may nominate one paper for this prize and all

nominations will be judged by a committee of three members appointed by the president. The criteria are scholarship, presentation and originality. This year the committee members are **Peter Holloran** (Worcester State College), chair; **Alan Rogers** (Boston College); and **Lynn Lylerly** (Boston College). The prize is intended to encourage and recognize outstanding research papers by more graduate students at our conferences.



NEHA BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE

The Book Award Committee will present the 1999 NEHA Book Award on October 20 to the winner. The committee members are **James P. Hanlan** (WPI), chair; **Mark Schneider** (Tufts University); **Ruth-Ann Harris** (Boston College); **Clifford Putney** (Bentley College); and **Martin Menke** (Rivier College), chair.

Any publisher may nominate one book each year by writing to Executive Secretary **James P. Hanlan**, WPI, Department of Humanities, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609-2280 or email him at jphanlan@wpi.edu by June 1, 2000. Monographs on any historical time, topic or place published in 1999, written by an author who lives or works in New England (or has done so in the past two years), are eligible for the 1999 NEHA Book Award to be presented at the October 2000 conference. The nominated book

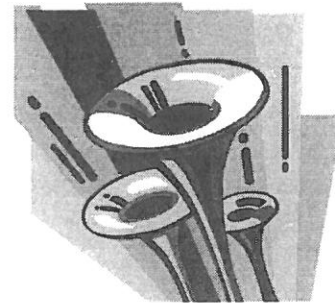
should represent the best historical writing and scholarship in any era or field of history. The award certificate and \$200.00 stipend is presented to the winner at the conference each Fall.

AT THE SESSIONS

The 63rd meeting of the Association at Suffolk University on October 16 was very well-attended with 100 historians registered for 16 sessions with 39 papers. At the luncheon on a warm and sunny Boston Autumn afternoon, we were joined by 80 members in the impressive Donahue building on historic Beacon Hill. Following the presentation of the newly elected Association officers, President **Alan Rogers** held a brief business meeting.

This 63rd meeting of the Association was made possible by the splendid efforts on our behalf by the program chair, Vice-President **Joanne Schneider** (Rhode Island College), Executive Secretary **James P. Hanlan** (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), and an industrious local arrangements committee headed by **Joseph McCarthy** and **Kenneth Greenberg** and the Suffolk University History Department.

The program concluded a very well-attended roundtable discussion on *The Balkans* moderated by former president **Patricia Herlihy** (Brown University) with presentations by **Steven Burg** (Brandeis University); **Glen Camp** (Bryant College); and **Zoltan Schuster** (University of New Haven). This session proved to be quite popular and successful, and Association members may look forward to others at future meetings. Suggestions on roundtable topics and panelists are invited.



NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

David W. Blight (Amherst College) was elected to the AHA Council.

Philip S. Dalton (Worcester State College) has retired after 33 years of outstanding teaching.

John Mack Faragher (Yale University) received a Times Mirror Distinguished Fellowship to research "An Abominable Kind of War: The French and Indian War, 1750-1770."

Estelle F. Feinstein (University of Connecticut-Stamford) and **Freeman W. Meyer** (University of Connecticut-Hartford) received the Homer D. Babbidge, Jr. Award from the Association for the Study of Connecticut History in recognition of their lifetime contributions to Connecticut history.

Peter Hansen (WPI) was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Northeast Conference on British Studies.

Helen Lefkowitz Horowitz (Smith College) was elected to the AHA Nominating Committee.

Robert Johnston (Yale University) was elected to the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE) Executive Council.

Jacqueline Jones (Brandeis University) received a MacArthur Fellowship awarded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Sarah Sharbach (University of Maryland) is now an assistant professor of History at Worcester State College.

David B. Sicilia (University of Maryland) was awarded a Gordon Cain Fellowship in Technology, Policy and Entrepreneurship to study the chemical industry in post-WW II America.

Harvard Sitkoff (University of New Hampshire) was elected to the OAH Editorial Board.

Bruce M. Stave (University of Connecticut) was named Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of History, where he is Director of UConn's Center for Oral History.

Peter Weiler (Boston College) was elected president of the Northeast Conference on British Studies (NECBS).



BOOK NEWS

Peter C. Baldwin (Brown University) published *Domesticating the Street: The Reform of Public Space in Hartford, 1850-1930* (Ohio State University Press).

Allida M. Black (George Washington University) published *Courage in a Dangerous World: The Political Writings of Eleanor Roosevelt* (Columbia University Press).

Regina Lee Blaszczyk (Boston University) published *Imagining Consumers: Design and Innovation from Wedgwood to Corning* (Johns Hopkins University Press).

Paul Buhle published *Taking Care of Business: Samuel Gompers, George Meaney, Lane Kirkland and the Tragedy of American Labor* (Monthly Review Press).

Ballard Campbell (Northeastern University) published *The Human Tradition in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* (Scholarly Resources).

John W. Dower (MIT) published *Embracing Defeat: Japan in the Wake of World War II* (W.W. Norton), which won the 1999 National Book Award and the AHA's John K. Fairbank Prize.

Frances Early (Mount Saint Vincent University) published *World Without War: How U.S. Feminists and Pacifists Resisted World War I* (Syracuse University Press), which won the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations 1999 Warren F. Kuehl Prize.

Konrad Eisenbichler (University of Toronto) published *The Boys of Archangel Raphael: A Youth Confraternity in Florence, 1411-1785* (University of Toronto Press), which won the American Catholic Historical Association's Howard R. Marraro Prize.

Nancy-Elizabeth Fitch (College of New Rochelle) published *How Sweet the Sound: The Spirit of African American History* (Harcourt).

Charles H. W. Foster (Harvard University) published *Stepping Backward to Look Forward: A History of the Massachusetts Forest* (Harvard University Press).

Anna Geifman (Boston University) published *Entangled in Terror: The Azef Affair and the Russia Revolution* (Scholarly Resources).

J. Kevin Graffagnino (University of Vermont), **Samuel B. Hand** and **Gene Sessions** published *Vermont Voices, 1609 Through the 1990s: A Documentary History of the Green Mountain State* (Vermont Historical Society).

Melanie Gustafson (University of Vermont), **Kristie Miller** and **Elizabeth Perry** published *We Have Come to Stay: American Women and Political Parties, 1880-1960* (University of New Mexico Press).

Brian Ladd (SUNY-Albany) won the Urban History Association award for the best book in Non-North American urban history for *The Ghosts of Berlin: Confronting German History on the Urban Landscape* (University of Chicago Press).

Jill Lepore (Boston University) published *Encounters in the New World: A History in Documents* (Oxford University Press).

James C. McCann (Boston University) published *Green Land, Brown Land: An Environmental History of Africa, 1800-1990* (Heinemann).

Manning Marable (Columbia University) published *Dispatches from the Ebony Tower: Intellectuals Confront the African-American Experience* (Columbia University Press).

Anthony N. Penna (Northeastern University) published *Nature's Bounty: Historical and Modern Environmental Perspectives* (M. E. Sharpe).

Stanislao G. Pugliese (Hofstra University) published *Carlo Rosselli: Socialist Heretic and Antifascist Exile* (Harvard University Press).

Dennis P. Ryan published *A Journey Through Boston Irish History* (Arcadia).

Richard Schneirov (Indiana State University) won the Urban History Association award for the best book in North American urban history for *Labor and Urban Politics: Class Conflict and the Origins of Modern Liberalism in Chicago, 1864-1897* (University of Illinois Press).

Jayne E. Triber published *A True Republican: The Life of Paul Revere* (University of Massachusetts Press) which was awarded the 1999 Certificate of Commendation by the American Association for State and Local History.

Susan Ware (Radcliffe College) published *Forgotten Heroes: Inspiring American Portraits from Our Leading Historians* (Free Press).

Lisa Wilson (Connecticut College) published *Ye Heart of a Man: The Domestic Life of Men in Colonial New England* (Yale University Press).

Julie Winch (University of Massachusetts-Boston) published *The Colored Aristocracy of St. Louis by Cyprian Clamorgan* (University of Missouri Press).



The Colonial Society of Massachusetts announces a conference at Sturbridge on April 21-22, 2001 on **"Reinterpreting New England Indian History and the Colonial Experience."** Papers will be published in a volume of selected proceedings representing the best new scholarship. Proposals may be submitted to John W. Tyler, Editor, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 87 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, MA 02108 by October 1, 2000.

The Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association (NEPCA) holds its 23rd annual conference on November 3-4, 2000 at Springfield College. Proposed papers on any American culture or pop culture topics may be submitted by June 15. An annual prize is awarded for the best paper presented by a graduate student. Contact the Northeast PCA/ACA Program Chair, Carol Mitchell, Springfield College, Department of Humanities, Springfield, MA 01109; email: carol_mitchell@spfldcol.edu.

The Worcester Women's History Project will host a national conference on October 20, 2000 in honor of the 150th anniversary of the First National Woman's Rights Convention held in Worcester on October 23, 1850. Proposals may be submitted to Nancy Kane, WWHP, 1 Salem Square, Worcester, MA 01608; (508) 767-1852; wwhp@famtree.com.

"Race, Ethnicity and Power in Maritime America, 2000--Maritime Communities of the Atlantic World and the Pacific Rim" is the second national conference to be held at Mystic Seaport on September 14-17. Proposals may be submitted to Glenn S. Gordinier, Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Avenue, PO Box 6000, Mystic, CT 06355; or email: Glenn@mysticseaport.org.

Boston University will host the **5th Annual Conference on Millennialism** on October 28-31. Proposals on the theme "Swords into Ploughshares: Mass Enthusiasm, Peace Movements and Transformational Millennialism" may be submitted by June 1 to Beth Forrest, Center for Millennial Studies, Boston University, 704 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215; fax: 617-358-0225, or email: cms@mille.org.

The Association for the Study of Connecticut History invites proposed papers on "Murder in New England: Crime and Punishment in the Northeast, 1600-2000" for its annual conference in November at Wethersfield. Send proposals to the program chair: Lawrence B. Goodheart, 455 N. Bigelow Road, Hampton, CT 06247. The papers will be published in a special issue of Connecticut History.

Siena College will host the **15th Multidisciplinary World War II Symposia** on June 1-2. Contact Thomas Kelley, Department of History, Siena College, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY 12211-1462; fax: 518-786-5052; email: legendziewic@siena.edu.

The Fordham University Department of History will host the **2000 New York State History Conference** on June 15-17. Submit proposed papers on any aspect of New York history to Stefan Bielinski, 3093 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230.

The **Society of Early Americanists** announces its second biennial conference on March 8-10, 2001 in Norfolk, Virginia. Proposed sessions on any aspect of the study of early America prior to 1800 (art, anthropology, archaeology, music, literature or history) may be submitted to the SEA program chair: Jeffrey H. Richards, Department of English, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23529; (757) 683-3991; jhrichar@odu.edu.

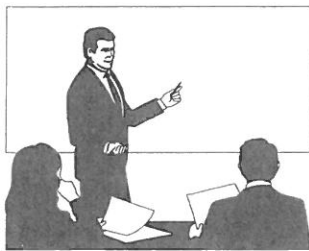
The Center for the Study of War and Society will hold a conference on November 12-13 in Knoxville examining **"The Veteran and American Society."** Contact G. Kurt Piehler, 220 Hoskins Library, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0411; email: gpiehler@utk.edu.

The **American Society for Legal History** holds its annual meeting in Princeton, New Jersey on October 19-21. Proposed papers may be sent to Charles W. McCurdy, Department of History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

"The Blues Tradition: Memory, Criticism, and Pedagogy" is an interdisciplinary conference at Pennsylvania State University on June 29-July 2. Contact Clyde Woods, Pennsylvania State University, Department of African and African American Studies, University Park, PA 16802-6701; (814) 863-4243; caw26@psu.edu.

"American Presidents on Film: Hollywood Views the White House" is a national conference sponsored by *Film and History: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Film and Television Studies* in Westlake, CA on November 10-12. Visits to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library are included. Proposals may be submitted by June 1 to the Film and History League, RR 3, Box 80, Cleveland, OK 742020 or by email to FlmHisLeag@aol.com.

Marquette University will host a conference on the **History of Children in 19th- and 20th-century American Cities** on May 5-6, 2000. Submit proposals to Thomas Jablonsky, Institute for Urban Life, Marquette University, Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881; email: martenj@exepc.com.



CONFERENCES TO MEET

The **Historical Society** convention will meet at Boston University on June 1-3. For further

information contact The Historical Society, 650 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02215-2010; or email: historic@bu.edu, or see their web site: <http://www.bu.edu/historic/convention>.

The **French Colonial Historical Society** holds its annual conference at the College of Charleston on May 17-21, 2000. For information contact the program chair, Phillip Boucher, History Department, University of Alabama, Huntsville, AL 35899; boucherp@email.uah.edu.

The **Boston Area Seminar in Early American History** offers various presentations at the MHS Center for the Study of New England History beginning on September 9 at 5:15. Advance copies of seminar papers are available. For details, contact John Pipkin, Massachusetts Historical Society, 1154 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02115; (617) 646-0505; epipkin@masshist.org.

The **New England Association of Oral History** sponsors a conference on "Oral and Public History" for teachers, museum and library professionals, and historical society members at UConn on April 29. Contact Martha McCormick, University of Connecticut, Center for Oral History, U-1205, Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, Storrs, CT 06269-1205; phone: 860-486-5245; fax: 860-486-4582; email: cohadm01@uconnvm.uconn.edu.

The **Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife** holds its 26th annual conference, "New England Celebrates: Spectacle, Commemoration, and Festivity," in Deerfield on June 24-25, 2000. Contact Peter Benes, Director, The Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife, Boston University, 985 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215; (978) 369-7382; dublinsem@bu.edu.

The **Victorian Society Summer Schools** meet at Salve Regina University in Newport on June 2-11, 2000. This will be followed by the 26th annual London Summer Schools on July 8-23. Contact Jennifer Thompson, Victorian Society of America,

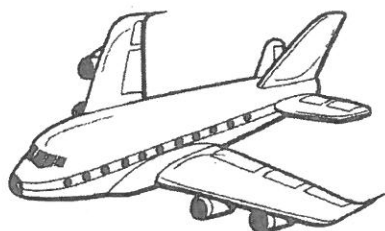
162 Carlton Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205;
phone: 718-260-0805; email:
VSASummerSchhols@aol.com.

The ninth annual conference of the **World History Association** meets at Northeastern University in Boston on June 22-25, 2000. Contact Adam McKeown, Department of History, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02115; amckeown@lynx.neu.edu.

SHEAR, the **Society of Historians of the Early American Republic**, holds its 22nd annual meeting in Buffalo on July 20-23 on "Cultivating the Republic." Contact Joyce Chaplin, Vanderbilt University, Department of History, Nashville, TN 37235; (615) 322-3388.

The **North American Conference on British Studies** holds its 2000 meeting on October 13-15 in Pasadena. Contact Angela Woollacott, Case Western Reserve University, Department of History, Cleveland, OH 44106-7107; phone: 216-368-4165; fax: 216-368-4681; email: axw11@po.cwru.edu.

The **Third National Conference on Policy History** meets at Bowling Green State University on June 1-3, 2000. Contact Program Chair, National Conference on Policy History, Department of History, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403; drowney@bgnet.bgsu.edu.



CONFERENCES MEETING ABROAD

The **American Conference for Irish Studies** holds its 38th annual meeting at the University of Limerick on June 26-July 1, 2000. Contact

Liam O'Dochartaigh, University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland; phone: 353-61-202322; fax: 353-61-202556; email: liam.odochartaigh@ul.ie.

The **Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)** holds its 26th conference on June 22-25 in Toronto. Contact Margaret Macmillan, Department of History, Ryerson Polytechnic University, 350 Victoria Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5B 2K3; (416) 979-5000; mmacmillan@acs.ryerson.ca.

The **Society for the History of Technology** holds its annual meeting in Munich, Germany on August 17-20. Contact the program chair, Michael Allen, Zentralinstitut für Geschichte der Technik, Deutsches Museum, Museuminsel 1, D-80306 München, Germany; or email: Mike.Allen@mzwg.mwn.de.

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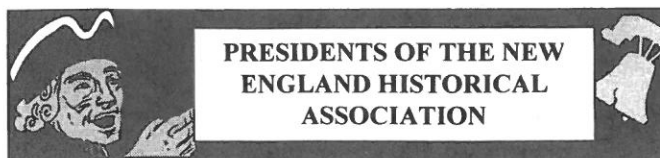
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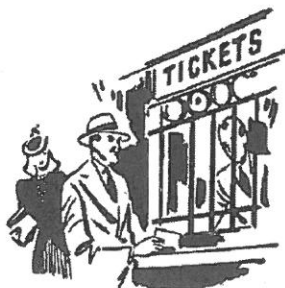
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BOOK REVIEWS

Dissolution: The Crisis of Communism and the End of

East Germany. By Charles S. Maier. Princeton:

Princeton University Press, 1997.

Charles Maier tells the story of the German Democratic Republic (GDR) from the vantage point of its demise. That short-lived nation (1949-90) was brought into existence by the exigencies of an emerging Cold War, and was ushered out as precipitously by the dissolution of communist regimes in eastern Europe in the revolutions of 1989-90. The prospects of the GDR were never bright. It was always a pawn in a larger game in which it fared poorly: the geopolitics of superpower rivalry, alternative ideological models of the good society, competing economic systems. But Maier sees a place for fortune as well as fate in interpreting the history of this regime, and his carefully constructed narrative conveys well the contingencies that led to its absorption into a reunified Germany under the aegis of its more successful counterpart, the Federal Republic (FRG). Had its leaders made better choices along the way, Maier suggests, the fate of the GDR might have been otherwise. Among all the states of the eastern bloc, it was the most prosperous, and though its standard of living never approached that of its western counterpart, it might be judged to have achieved a measure of success as an experiment in "real existing socialism" (socialism as it is lived every day).

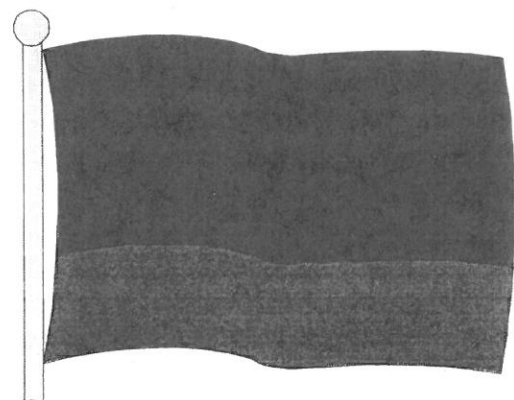
Maier's point is that the leaders of the GDR lost their way in the midst of the journey (circa 1970s), thanks to missed opportunities and a want of political foresight. They clung to Stalinist conceptions when even benign communist pieties were losing their appeal. Authoritarian micro-management of the economy stifled the innovation needed to compete in the new economy of consumer goods and electronic technologies. Ironically, the collectivist GDR collapsed under the weight of its debt to become the client of its capitalist rival, the FRG. The GDR was humbled by the prosperity achieved by its western counterpart, and stymied by the dilemmas of a communist bloc economic system that could no longer maintain its isolation from the world market. Here Maier considers the GDR's failings in a larger comparison of late communist societies and western welfare states as their problems converged in the new realities of a global economy.

In this respect, Maier suggests that the dissolution of the GDR might better be construed as a transition than as a fall. Particularly absorbing is his discussion of the emergence of a new kind of political agency, the New Forum, which had counterparts (Solidarity, the Civic Forum) in neighboring

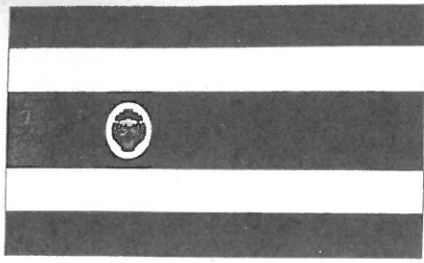
eastern bloc countries. These were informal movements for reform among coteries of intellectuals and labor leaders that attracted mass popular support without even trying. Maier interprets them as colloquies for the constituent elements of civil society to express their grievances and needs apart from party politics. Despite mass demonstrations and the breaching of the infamous Berlin Wall, the "revolution" they inspired was more about dialogue than insurrection. The New Forum conducted a Round Table, remarkable for its open discussions about the future of a society that had been intimidated into silence by its government for forty years. In the face of this expression of popular democracy, the leaders of the GDR had little to offer. Most were dogmatic apparatcheks, dutiful to a Stalinism as obsolete as it was rigid. If ideology remained a factor in the political mix, nationalism, not communism, had all the popular support. Besides, the bounty of the FRG's consumer culture made the appeal of "one Germany" irresistible.

Maier's impeccable scholarship and sound judgment makes this a fine history. His interpretation also strikes a subtle theological note, evinced in his opening metaphor (a contemporary evocation of King Arthur's Round Table) of waning faith in a dying ideological scheme and his closing one (the unveiling of the refurbished Reichstag in 1995) of a more sanguine future for the new Germany. Might we think of the Reichstag, he queries, not as a place of memory of Germany's worst tragedy of the twentieth century, but as a place of hope for Germany's future? Reunification could hardly succeed on the old terms, and Maier would have us consider that a united Germany has a chance to start anew by reckoning with problems of a different order from those left behind in fading memories of the Cold War.

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Demanding Democracy: Reform and Reaction in Costa Rica and Guatemala, 1870s-1950s. By Deborah J. Yashar.
Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1997.

During the 1980s, Central American political history witnessed an outpouring of commentary, journalism, and general scholarship that tried desperately to explain the turmoil in the region. Much of this writing drew on poor historiographies, and social science paradigms that lacked rigor and immersion in the debates familiar to Latin Americanists who grounded their claims in the “cases” of Mexico, Argentina, Chile, and other countries better known in the U.S. academy. Much published then assumed an unsophisticated dependency perspective. The 1990s, on the other hand, has witnessed the publication of scholarship on Central America that finally rivals the more sophisticated research and writing available elsewhere in the Americas. Yashar’s *Demanding Democracy* is representative of this new scholarship, in this case an example of political science steeped in the relevant historical literature.

The book is important and a major contribution because of various reasons. First, the comparative approach deployed is systematically engaged, and it remains central to the book’s main concern: the roads to democracy and authoritarianism in Costa Rica and Guatemala between the 1870s and the 1950s. What holds the book together is the conceptual framework adopted, and not simply narrative statements of similarities and differences between the two countries. Secondly, Yashar’s command of the social science literature, generally on social structures, political systems, and governing regimes, is impressive, and amply detailed in her notes, many of which register very nuance discussions on particular points important to specialists but that might have subtracted if placed in the text. Third, Yashar also demonstrates her broad

comparative knowledge of the political systems of other countries in the America, knowledge that does not crowd the text, but is expertly placed in the notes, particularly in chapters seven and eight. Fourth, Yashar’s command of the relevant historical literature on Costa Rica and Guatemala too is striking, and it does not easily leave her open to accusations of “too much social science” and not enough historical detail. Fifth, Yashar’s command of the secondary literature on Costa Rica and Guatemala is only one central source of evidence for her arguments. She carried out 35 interviews with an admirable range of actors central to events relevant to her argument. The interviewees range from Manuel Mora Valverde of the important Costa Rican Communist Party to four Guatemala military officers who remain anonymous.

Yashar explains the different roads to democracy in Guatemala and Costa Rica by arguing that each “adopted two radically different responses to the onset of mass politics {after WW II}, but in both cases the regime founding coalitions strengthened their organizational capacity and secured their dominant political position by gaining control over and regulating the countryside.” What differed? “Whereas the Guatemalan military resorted to coercion to delimit and restrict political participation, the Costa Rican Partido de Liberacion Nacional relied on electoral politics to incorporate and channel participation” (p. 227). The former situation is rhetorically characterized as “reaction” and the latter as “reform”. Given the breadth of research and conceptual sophistication in this book, it is difficult to easily disagree with this view.

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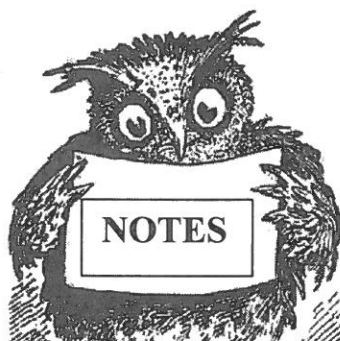
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