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SATURDAY
APRIL 18, 2015

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

SPRING CONFERENCE PROGRAM

All sessions will be held on the third floor of the SULLIVAN ACADEMIC BUILDING

8:00-8:30 REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: SAB: Rooms 310 & 312

(Note: all session rooms are equipped for internet and projection)

First Morning Sessions, 8:30-10:00:

8:30 Session 1: Perspectives on European History

(SAB 326)

Chair and Comment: Erika Briesacher, Worcester State University

“Eighteenth Century France: Women, the Enlightenment, and Public Space”*

Michelle Henault, Worcester State University

“German Empire-Building and Genocide”*

Breanna Barney, Worcester State University

“The Hitler Youth: Militarization or Indoctrination”*

Matthew Epstein, Worcester State University

“Saving Venice: A History of Save Venice, Inc, 1966-2016”

Megan Shea, U-Mass Lowell

8:30 Session 2: Perspectives on American History and Identity

(SAB 320)

Chair and Comment: Robert W. Smith, Worcester State University

“The Impact of Colonial Beginnings on US Identity and Values”*

Katie Cameron, Worcester State University

“A New Jerusalem in the New World: The New Haven Colony Examined”*

Matthew Sheehan, Albertus Magnus College

“Ballot Access as Part of the American Political System, 1880-2012”*

Joshua Evans, Worcester State University

“The Ethnic Catholic Mark on Worcester, Massachusetts”*

Zach Washburn, Worcester State University

8:30 Session 3: Famous Travelers (and Others Who Made Travel Possible)

(SAB 318)

Chair and Comment: Erik Jensen, Salem State University

“Striking Bold for Immortality: Jeremiah Reynolds, John Quincy Adams, and the Explorationist Vision”

Michael Verney, University of New Hampshire

“Ralph Waldo Emerson’s European Encounters: Meeting Charles Dickens, Alfred Tennyson, and Thomas Carlyle; and Experiencing Europe”

Lars Ekström, University of Turku (Finland)

“Photography, Chinese Workers, and the Construction of the Transcontinental Railroad, 1865-1869”

Denise Khor, U-Mass, Boston

8:30 Session 4: Notable Statesmen from Massachusetts

(SAB 314)

Chair and Comment: Clifford Putney, Bentley University

“Elihu Burritt and the Mechanics in Worcester, 1838-1848”

Jun Kinoshita, Kokugakuin University (Japan)

“John F. Kennedy and the Politics of Faith: Beyond 1960”

Patrick Lacroix, University of New Hampshire

“The Congressional Career of Edward P. Boland of Massachusetts”

Philip A. Grant, Jr., Pace University

8:30 Session 5: Helping the Young: Child Welfare, Traffic Safety, and Home Economics (SAB 308)
Chair and Comment: Tona Hangen, Worcester State University

“Progressive Era ‘Child-Saving’: Institutions, Progressive Rhetoric, and ‘Broken’ Children”
Sarah Batterson, University of New Hampshire

“When Enforcement Means Something More: Teaching Citizens Traffic Safety in the 1950s”
Renée Blackburn, MIT

“‘Not Foreigners, but Friends’: The Global Politics of Home Economics in the Twentieth Century”
Allison Horrocks, University of Connecticut

8:30 Session 6: War: Its Participants and Victims (SAB 307)
Chair and Comment: Martin Menke, Rivier College

“The Alexandrine War”
Robert Holmes, Villanova University

“Trailblazing and Pioneering Mapmakers: A Case Study of Women Cartographers and Geographers during World War II”
Mary DeLong, Northeastern University

“A Massacre in Jedwabne: A Psycho-Historical Analysis of the Events of July 10, 1941”
Ryan Blejewski, Eastern Connecticut State University

Break for Book Exhibit & Refreshments: 10:00-10:30 (SAB 310-312)

Second Morning Sessions, 10:30-12:00:

10:30 Session 7: French Involvement in World Affairs (SAB 326)
Chair and Comment: Melanie Murphy, Emmanuel College

“Agincourt Aside: Towards an Expanded View of International Relations in the Early Fifteenth Century”
Lorraine Attreed, College of the Holy Cross

“Imperial *Petite Politique* on Lake Ontario: Francois Picquet and John Lindesay, 1748-1754”
Greg Rogers, University of Maine

“The Taylorization of the French Revolution: The French Army, History, and the Experience of Industrial Warfare, 1918-1939”
Sharmishtha Roy Chowdhury, Emerson College

10:30 Session 8: Native Americans in Colonial New England (SAB 320)
Chair and Comment: Dane Morrison, Salem State University

“Enslaving the Heathen, Enslaving the Christian: The Connections between American Indian and African Slavery in Seventeenth-Century New England”
Nathan Braccio, University of Connecticut

“Albany’s Commissioners for Indian Affairs, the Iroquois, and New England Indian Politics in a Larger Borderlands Context, 1691-1755”
Andrew T. Stahlhut, Lehigh University

“‘We Do Judge the Cause of Her Death’: Algonquian Women’s Bodies and New England Courts, 1700-1754”
Julia James, Syracuse University

10:30 Session 9: War and Culture in America: Identity and Anxiety during the Revolutionary, Mexican, and Vietnam Wars (SAB 318)
Chair and Comment: Conrad Edick Wright, Massachusetts Historical Society

“Thomas Johnson: Patriot, Gentleman, American”
Angela Grove, University of Vermont

“Mormons, Manifest Destiny, and the Mexican-American War”
Natalie Coffman, University of Vermont

“The American Heroin Panic and the War in Vietnam: Cold War Hysteria and the Crisis of Nationhood”
Ashlee Payne, University of Vermont

10:30 Session 10: Women Who Acted ‘Outside the Box’: A Doctor, an Alleged (SAB 314)

Murderer, and Gravediggers

Chair and Comment: Patricia Farless, University of Central Florida

“Harriot Kezia Hunt: Battling Harvard Medical School and Campaigning for Women’s Rights in Antebellum America”

Myra C. Glenn, Elmira College

“Lizzie Borden: Innocent or Guilty”

Michael Carter, Wentworth Institute of Technology

“Eighteenth-Century Gender Identity and the London Women Who Buried the Dead”

Wanda S. Henry, Brown University

10:30 Session 11: *Memento Mori*: Remembrance of Death and Its Ramifications in (SAB 309)
Nineteenth Century America

Chair: Bruce Cohen, Worcester State University

Commentator: Thomas E. Conroy, Worcester State University

“Childhood in Miniature: Posthumous Portraits as Memories in 19th Century America”*

Kaitlyn Benoit, Worcester State University

“Spiritualism, Stoners, and the *Rose Covered Cottage*: The Writings of Harriet Newell Greene”

Linda Hixon, Worcester State University

“‘The Scum of Connecticut’: How Murder and Scandal Led to the Fall of the Seventh Connecticut Volunteer Infantry”

Michael Baker, Worcester State University

10:30 Session 12: Sports and Recreation (SAB 308)

Chair: Elizabeth De Wolfe, University of New England

“Safe at Home?: The Ironic but Inspiring Victories of the Chinese Educational Mission Baseball Team”

Benjamin Railton, Fitchburg State University

“‘A Matter of State’: Revere Beach, Commercial Amusements, and the Evolution of Massachusetts’ Sunday Laws”

Mark Herlihy, Endicott College

“‘To Show the Way for the Diplomats’: The International Olympic Committee and the Cold War”

Erin Redihan, Clark University

10:30 Session 13: Creative Americans: Horatio Greenough (Sculptor), Nat “King” (SAB 307)
Cole (Musician), and August Wilson (Playwright)

Chair and Comment: Candace Kanes, Maine Historical Society

“America’s Cincinnatus, America’s Zeus: Horatio Greenough’s Washington”

Joseph Delaney, Johnson and Wales University

“Always a Jazzman at Heart: Nat ‘King’ Cole’s Turn and Return”

Philip Mosley, Penn State University

“‘The Emancipated Century’: Remapping History, Reclaiming Memory in August Wilson’s Dramatic Landscapes of the 20th Century”

Joyce Hope Scott, Wheelock College

12:15 - 1:35 LUNCHEON (Blue Lounge, Student Center, 1st floor)
(Elections for NEHA posts will be conducted after lunch)

Afternoon Sessions, 1:45-3:15

1:45 Session 14: Social and Cultural Interactions in World History (SAB 326)

Chair and Comment: Martin Fromm, Worcester State University

“Looking at Diplomacy between the United States and Sub-Saharan Africa”*

Benjamin Gerhardt, Worcester State University

“Moving toward a Solution: Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Strategies, and Opinions on Rebuilding the Iraqi Nation”*

Jonathan Rizzo, Worcester State University

“Detroit and American Empire in the Postwar Period”*

Dan Makela, Worcester State University

“How . . . Romantic? Courtship in Heian Japan”*

Marc Speroni, Worcester State University

1:45 Session 15: Latin American History (SAB 320)

Chair and Comment: Sean Perrone, Saint Anselm College

“In Search of Froylán Turcios: The Life and Times of Armando Méndez Fuentes, 1925-2003”

Darío A. Euraque, Trinity College

“Life in the Caribbean during the 1942 German U-Boat Blockade”

Ligia T. Domenech, Northern Essex Community College

“The Dispute between the US and Mexico over Rising Salinity in the Colorado River, 1969-1972”

Shaine Scarminach, University of Connecticut

1:45 Session 16: The American Revolution and Its Aftermath (SAB 318)

Chair and Comment: Robert Imholt, Albertus Magnus College

“A number of the most respectable gentlemen’: Prisoners of War and Social Status in Revolutionary South Carolina, 1779-1782”

Richard T. Tomczak, Stony Brook University

“The Pension Widow: Defining the Criteria for Women in the Revolutionary War Pension Process”*

Melissa Zablonksi, Eastern Connecticut State University

“Foreign Affairs and the Ratification of the Constitution in Rhode Island”

Robert W. Smith, Worcester State University

“The Yorktown ‘Victory’ Monument: The Politics of Reunion and Empire”

Sarah M. Goldberger, Community College of Rhode Island

1:45 Session 17: Blacks in America, from the Colonial Period to Reconstruction (SAB 314)

Chair and Comment: John Zaborney, University of Maine at Presque Isle

“Colonial Sermons Written as Commentary on the Execution of Criminals of African Descent”

Tanya Mears, Worcester State University

“For Cotton, Constitution, and Country: Investigating the Cotton Whig Advocacy of the Peculiar Institution”

Jonathan A. Hanna, Claremont Graduate University

“Welcoming Ruin: The Civil Rights Act of 1875”

Richard Allan Gerber, Southern Connecticut State University

1:45 Session 18: American Women in the Nineteenth Century (SAB 309)

Chair and Comment: Kristen A. Petersen, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

“‘There is a Sex of Brain’: Reading Minds and Bodies in the Early American Republic”

Rachel Walker, University of Maryland

“The Bloomer Campaign: Dress Reform and Citizenship in an Emerging Gender Consciousness”

Patricia L. Farless, University of Central Florida

“What’s in a Name: Madeleine Pollard and Self-Fashioned Identity in the Gilded Age”

Elizabeth De Wolfe, University of New England

1:45 Session 19: Milestones in the History of Maine (SAB 308)

Chair: Lisa Wilson, Connecticut College

“From Slavery to Maine: O.O. Howard, Refugees, and Home and Farm Help”

Candace Kanes, Maine Historical Society

“As Maine Goes . . . The Defeat of Maine’s 1917 Equal Suffrage Referendum”

Anne Gass, Independent Scholar

“Pioneer Territory: Roy Wilkins, Dow Air Force Base, and the NAACP in Maine”

Christopher Tucker, Clark University

1:45 Session 20: Women and Men and Religion: Three Scholars, Three Papers, and Two Religions (SAB 307)

Chair and Comment: Cheryl Boots, Boston University

“A Passionate Catholic Revolutionary: Jean-Antoine Maudru, Constitutional Bishop from the Vosges”

Annette Chapman-Adisho, Salem State University

“Connolly vs. Connelly: A Marriage, a Catholic Priest, a Catholic Nun, and Domesticity”

Gayle V. Fischer, Salem State University

“Daniel Alexander Payne: Education Advocate and Reformer”

Shannon Butler-Mokoro, Salem State University

*Indicates undergraduate paper

NEHA CONFERENCE
WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY, Worcester, Mass.
April 18, 2015

THE ANNUAL SPRING MEETING of the New England Historical Association will be held at Worcester State University, 486 Chandler Street, Worcester, Mass. 01602, on Saturday, April 28, 2015. The enclosed program was arranged by Vice President Clifford Putney and local arrangements were planned by Professor Bruce Cohen and his colleagues in the History Department at Worcester State University. Emergency telephone contact on the day of the conference: 508-922-8631.

PRE-REGISTRATION for this conference is strongly recommended; although registration at the conference is possible, luncheon seating is limited. The pre-registration form enclosed herewith should be completed and mailed to the executive secretary by April 12. Please do not mail pre-registrations after April 12, as they may not arrive in time. Registration will be available on the day of the conference at a slightly higher fee. Please feel free to photocopy the program and registration material to share with students and colleagues.

REGISTRATION is required for members and non-members who attend the conference, including each panelist. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. All sessions will be held in the Sullivan Academic Building. Members are encouraged to bring copies of their recent publications as well as other relevant professional literature for display.

TRAVEL INFORMATION: For driving directions, see: <http://www.worcester.edu/Directions/>

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS: Overnight accommodations at many levels of price and service are available in the city of Worcester. These include: The Beechwood Hotel (1-800-344-2589); Courtyard by Marriot (508-363-0300); Residence Inn by Marriot (508-753-6300); Hilton Garden Inn (508-753-570); Holiday Inn Express (1-800-439-4754).

LUNCHEON will be on the Worcester State University campus. Please indicate any special dietary restrictions on the reservation form. Luncheon tickets may be available on the day of the conference, but no special dietary requests can be honored at that time. Election of new NEHA officers will take place at the luncheon. Members unable to attend the meeting or the luncheon should contact the Executive Secretary well in advance for an absentee ballot or request an absentee ballot at the Registration table. Members are asked to reserve luncheon in advance since this facilitates meal planning and enables us to assure that all those who wish to attend lunch can be accommodated..

NEHA's FALL, 2015 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
501 Crescent Street
New Haven, CT 06515
On SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

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