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SPRING CONFERENCE at
WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY in Worcester, Massachusetts
on
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SECOND INVITATION

This year marks:

NEHA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

which will be celebrated at the Association's conference in the fall. Fifty years ago in 1965, NEHA (a regional affiliate of the American Historical Association with over 700 members) was founded by students and friends of the distinguished historian **Frank Freidel**, who is best known for his biographies of FDR. Freidel did not receive one of the Charles Warren Center's four endowed professorships when the Center was founded at Harvard in 1965, and people who felt that he had been unfairly treated banded together to form NEHA. At first the Association met informally in people's houses, and it had the modest goal of obtaining a Warren professorship for Freidel (which he received in 1972). But long before that goal was achieved, NEHA (whose first president was Freidel) broadened its scope, and it began to promote historical scholarship in New England. It also started to hold academic conferences, the first of which met at the University of Connecticut in 1966.



The 94th meeting of the Association will be held on April 18 at Worcester State University; 486 Chandler Street; Worcester, MA (508-929-8000). Founded as a teacher-training school in 1874, WSU (originally named Worcester Normal School) evolved over the years, adding its first master's degree (education) in 1952, expanding its curriculum to include sciences and the liberal arts in 1963, obtaining a graduate school in 1974, and acquiring university status in 2010. WSU moved to its present location on Chandler Street in 1932, and it currently has 6,447 students (5,556 undergraduates and 891 postgraduates).

The program for the fall conference is listed on pages 4-8 of this issue and was mailed earlier to all members along with registration, motel and travel instructions.

Vice-President **Clifford Putney** (Bentley University) arranged this fine program. **James P. Hanlan** made the local arrangements with the assistance of **Bruce Cohen** and his colleagues at Worcester State University. We hope this meeting in Worcester, Massachusetts, will be as well attended and successful as our meeting in Rindge, New Hampshire, last fall. We are very grateful for the hospitality shown to us by Worcester State University. Please see our web pages for other conference details:

<http://www.newenglandhistorians.org>

The April conference will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning in the Sullivan Academic Building, Rooms 310 & 312. Panels will begin at 8:30 a.m., and they will all be held on the 3rd floor of the Sullivan Academic Building. NEHA 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 at 10:00.

The *registration fee payment is required for everyone on the program* (panelists, chairs and commentators) and all who attend the conference. Pre-registration by mail prior to April 9 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 or graduate students.

Our luncheon will be served in the Blue Lounge (Student Center, 1st floor) at 12:15, but seating is limited. Please reserve your place at lunch when you register by mail. Even if you do not join us, please use this form to pay your 2015 membership dues if you have not already done so. Lunch will be followed by afternoon panels, which will start at 1:45 and end at 3:15.

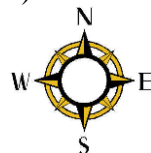


OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

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 Marriott (508-363-0300); Residence Inn by Marriott (508-753-6300); Hilton Garden Inn (508-753-5700); Holiday Inn Express (1-800-439-4754); and Hampton Inn (1-888-370-0981).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Worcester State University's 58-acre campus is centrally located in Massachusetts. It's about an hour's drive from Boston, Springfield, MA, and Providence, RI. The campus is nestled in the residential northwest side of Worcester (which used to be known as "Wire City" because that item was made there).



Driving Directions:

From Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90): Take Exit 10 (Auburn) to I-290 East. (see from 290 East)

From I-495: Take Exit 25 to I-290 West. (see from 290 West)

From Rt. 9 West: Follow Rt. 9 West into Worcester. (see from Highland Street)

From Rt. 146 North: Take Rt. 146 North to I-290 East. (see from 290 East)

From I-90 South: Take I-290 West. (see from 290 West)

From I-290 West: Take Exit 18 (Rt. 9 West); turn right off exit ramp and stay in center lane, following directions for Rt. 9 West. Turn right onto Rt. 9 West, also known as Highland Street. (see from Highland Street)

From I-290 East: Take Exit 17 (Rt. 9). Turn left onto Rt. 9 West, which will turn into Highland Street at bottom of the hill (?). Proceed up the hill onto Highland Street. (see from Highland Street)

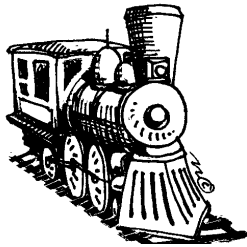
From Highland Street: While on Highland Street, stay in the right-hand lane. Stay on Highland Street for 1.5 miles. (past Elm Park and Doherty High School on the left). At the rotary, take the third right onto June Street. At the second traffic light, turn right onto May Street. The main entrance to Worcester State will be three blocks up on your left.

Public Transportation:



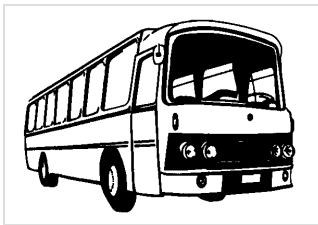
Airport:

Worcester Airport



Train/Commuter Rail:

Amtrak, or Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA)—Worcester Line



Busses:

Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA). Worcester State University is on Route #3. The bus stop is located on Chandler Street in the white clapboard shelter next to the Alumni Tiffany Gates.



Taxis:

Red Cab (508-792-9999)

Yellow Cab (508-754-3211)



PARKING INFORMATION

Conferees are free to park anywhere on Saturday at the Worcester State University campus. Parking is not restricted there on Saturdays.



ADVANCE NOTICE

NEHA's fall meeting is scheduled to be held at Southern Connecticut State University on October 24, 2015. The deadline for submitting paper proposals (one-page abstract and a brief C.V.) is August 15, 2015. To make submissions and/or get information about the program, contact: **Don Wyatt**, Middlebury College (wyatt@middlebury.edu). Information about the program may also be obtained from **Martin Menke**, Rivier University; 420 South Main Street; Nashua, NH 03060; mmenke@rivier.edu

THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

A Regional Professional Association for all Historical Specializations Since 1965

**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, Harvard University Extension School

"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 Murderer, and Gravediggers (SAB 314)

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 Nineteenth Century America (SAB 309)

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" Cole (Musician), and August Wilson (Playwright) (SAB 307)

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 Kanés, 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, (SAB 307)
And Two Religions**

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

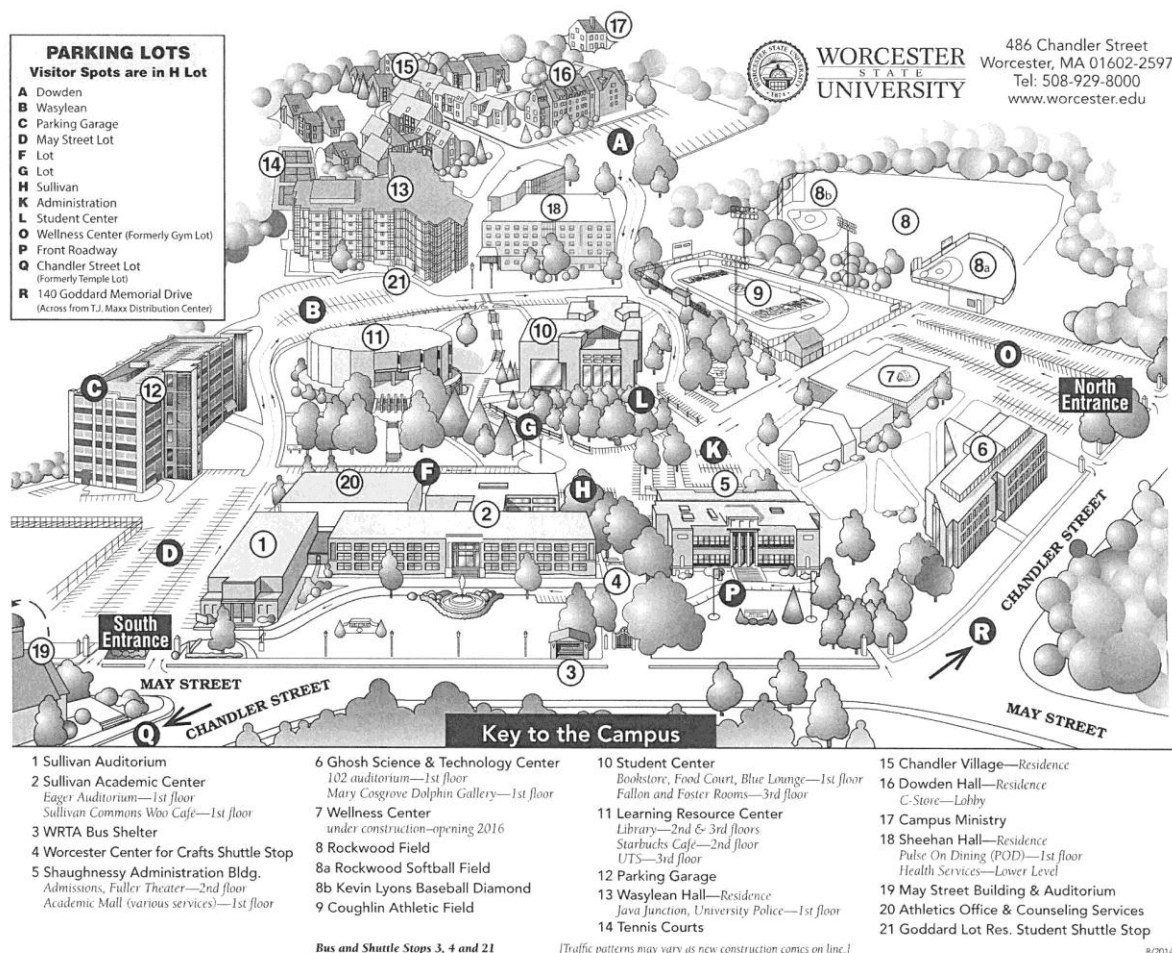
"Connolly vs. Connelly: A Marriage, a Catholic Priest, a Catholic Nun, and Domesticity"

Gayle V. Fischer, Salem State University

"Daniel Alexander Payne: Education Advocate and Reformer"

Shannon Butler-Mokoro, Salem State University

*Indicates undergraduate paper





NEHA NEWS AND THE NEHA WEBSITE

Clifford Putney (Bentley University) is the editor of *NEHA News*. If you have a submission for the Fall 2015 issue of the newsletter, please send it to Cliff (cputney@bentley.edu) by Sept. 1, 2015. *Book reviews* should be sent to **Thomas J. Carty** (Springfield College), the book review editor (tcarty@spfldcol.edu), by Sept. 1, 2015. If you have a book that you want *reviewed*, mail it to Tom at: Department of Social Sciences; Springfield College; 263 Alden Street; Springfield, MA 01109.

Tona Hangen (Worcester State University) is the webmaster for NEHA. Her e-mail address is: thangen@worcester.edu. Here is a message from Tona:

Our website is located at <http://www.newenglandhistorians.org>, which nicely echoes the American Historical Association's web address (<http://historians.org>), since we are the New England regional affiliate. The website is a news hub for information about upcoming conferences, our current call for papers, and the annual prizes. It also contains a growing archive of our past semiannual meetings and newsletters, as well as the organization's bylaws and a list of past presidents. From the website you can download a membership or conference registration form or the latest issue of *NEHA News*. Announcements of interest from related organizations can be found on our sidebar "bulletin board."

In the future we hope to add the capability to join and renew membership or make a

donation online. Our news and announcements have RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed, so you can either subscribe to new posts by email or add the site to an RSS reader of your choice, such as Google reader. NEHA is also tweeting and welcoming new followers on our Twitter account, @NEHistoryAssoc.

We hope that you feel more connected to the New England Historical Association with these technological developments, and we look forward to hearing about what else might be useful to you.



SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR NEHA'S APRIL 18, 2015 ELECTION

The Nominating Committee, chaired by **Melanie Murphy** (Emmanuel College), has put together a fine slate of candidates for the spring election. Their ballot statements are as follows:

President

Clifford Putney (Bentley University)

Clifford Putney is an associate professor of history at Bentley University, where he has received several teaching awards. He holds a bachelor's degree from Hampshire College, a master's degree from Harvard Divinity School, and a Ph.D. from Brandeis University, where he focused on U.S. religious history. As a specialist in that subject, he has been interviewed by media outlets such as the History Channel and *The Wall Street Journal*, and he has published

numerous journal articles, three book chapters, and four books (two of them edited). His best known publications are *Muscular Christianity: Manhood and Sports in Protestant America, 1880-1920* (Harvard University Press, 2001), and *Missionaries in Hawai'i: The Lives of Peter and Fanny Gulick, 1797-1883* (University of Massachusetts Press, 2010). For sixteen years, Cliff has been an active member of NEHA, and he has edited the Association's newsletter since 2011. If elected to be NEHA's President, Cliff will consider it an honor to uphold the Association's tradition of hosting excellent academic conferences, and he will explore ways whereby the organization might increase its visibility.

Vice-President

Don J. Wyatt (Middlebury College)

Don J. Wyatt is John M. McCardell, Jr. Distinguished Professor at Middlebury College, where his disciplinary and teaching specialization is the intellectual history of China. He holds a bachelor's degree (Phi Beta Kappa) from Beloit College in Wisconsin and both master's and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University. He has authored, coauthored, edited, or coedited several books, with the most recent among them being his own *The Blacks of Premodern China* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010). Before his election to the NEHA Executive Committee in 2013, he served as a member of the James P. Hanlan Book Award Committee in 2008-09 and as member and chair of the same in 2009-10. Being an AHA life member since 1991, he is deeply committed to the advancement of history. If fortunate enough to be elected Vice President, he will endeavor not only to maintain NEHA's established conference standards but also actively seek to broaden membership and participation by soliciting more scholars whose training and interests reflect the non-Western and precolonial dimensions of historical inquiry.

Executive Secretary

Martin Menke (Rivier College)

Martin Menke (MA, PhD, Boston College) is tenured professor of history and government as well as coordinator of the department of history, law, and political science at Rivier University, where he has taught since 1997. He continues to teach in the Woods College of Advancing Studies at Boston College and has taught as an adjunct at Wheaton College and at Emerson College. Menke has published in the *Catholic Historical Review*, *Kirchliche Zeitgeschichte*, and *Journal of Church and State*. He has publications forthcoming in volumes edited by the Primo Levi Center for the study of Italian Jews in New York and the Catholic Studies program at DePaul University in Chicago. He is 2015-2016 chair of the American Catholic Historical Association's Conference Program Committee. He presents regularly at the ACHA, the German Studies Association, and NEHA. In NEHA, Menke has served on the James P. Hanlan Book Prize Committee, the Graduate Prize Committee, as Executive Committee member, Vice President, and President. He is eager to carry on the great work of Jim Hanlan as Executive Secretary in order to continue serving NEHA.

Treasurer

Sean Perrone (Saint Anselm College)

Sean Perrone is professor of history at Saint Anselm College. He holds a B.A. from Rutgers University and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. His research has focused on fiscal negotiations between the Castilian Crown and the Assembly of the Clergy in the early modern period and on the Spanish consular service in the Early American Republic. He has published a book and several articles. His most recent publication is "Mapping the Collection of the Ecclesiastical Subsidy in Castile, 1530-1558" in *Politics, Gender, and Belief: The Long-Term Impact of the*

Reformation. Essays in Memory of Robert Kingdon. Eds. Amy Nelson Burnett, Kathleen Comerford, and Karin Maag (Geneva: Librairie Droz, 2014). He has been a member of the NEHA for sixteen years, and he previously served on the Book Award Committee (Member 2005, Chair 2006) and the Nominating Committee (Member 2006-2008, Chair 2008-2009).

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Chuck Arning (National Park Service, Blackstone Valley Corridor)

Chuck Arning has been a National Park Service Interpretive Ranger in the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor for over 20 years. He has produced over 120 television episodes on the outdoor recreation, the history, preservation efforts, and on people of the Blackstone River Valley as well as on various outdoor and wildlife videos. He produces, writes, hosts and edits the award winning series “**Along the Blackstone**” for the National Heritage Corridor. The series has won regional and national awards for excellence in television and has aired on the A&E Biography Channel (1998) and the History Channel (1996 – 1998). The series is currently viewed nation-wide via PEGmedia.org. Ranger Arning was awarded the 1997 National Freeman Tilden Award for Excellence in Interpretation from the National Park Service. In 2002, with help from a wide variety of groups, was awarded the Freedom Star Award for his work on the Underground Railroad by the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. Just recently he was given the 2014 Leadership in Preservation Award by the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce. Ranger Arning has written numerous articles on interpretation, the Underground Railroad, and video production for the National Association of Interpreter’s Magazine **LEGACY**, the American Antiquarian Society, and the National Park Service’s Cultural Resource Management Magazine.

Steven Bullock (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)

Steven C. Bullock teaches early American history at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he is Professor of History and a recipient of the Trustees' Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Scholarship. He received a Ph.D. from Brown University in 1986, where he studied with Gordon S. Wood. He has also taught at Lawrence University and Vassar College, and served as a Fulbright Lecturer in Okinawa, Japan. Prof. Bullock has served on the Advisory Board of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, the editorial board of Common-Place, and the Board of Trustees for the Museum of Our National Heritage. He also played an active role in Worcester Public School's Teaching American History grants. He is the author of Revolutionary Brotherhood: Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order, 1730-1840; The American Revolution: A History in Documents; and the forthcoming The Politics of Politeness: Leadership and Authority in Colonial British America. His article on the confidence man Tom Bell received the Percy Adams Prize from the Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, for the year's best article in eighteenth-century studies. Prof. Bullock has spoken widely to academic and public groups, commented on Masonry and American history on ABC and NPR, and appeared in documentaries airing on the History Channel and elsewhere.

Candace Kanes (Maine Historical Society)

Candace Kanes has served on the NEHA Executive Committee for two terms. She is especially interested in encouraging the connection between academic and public history, including opportunities for faculty and students to utilize and become involved with local history sources – both archival and physical. She is the curator/historian for the Maine Historical Society's Maine

Memory Network, a digital museum and archive. She developed an online narrative history of Maine, *Maine History Online* (www.mainememory.net/mho), has written more than 100 online exhibits, and has curated a number of physical exhibits at Maine Historical, where she has worked since 2003. She works with local historical societies, secondary schools, colleges, and others to promote the use of primary sources, local resources of all types, and Maine Memory Network, which offers myriad opportunities for students, faculty, and the larger historical community. Kanes holds a doctorate in American history from the University of New Hampshire and a master's from SUNY Buffalo. She has taught history at the Maine College of Art, the University of New England, Bates College, and the University of Southern Maine.

James P. Hanlan (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)

James P. Hanlan is Professor of History at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He teaches courses in American History, Labor History, and Urban History. He is the author of: *The Working Population of Manchester, New Hampshire, 1840-1886*; with Robert E. Weir, *Historical Encyclopedia of American Labor*, 2 vols.; with Kent P. Ljungquist and Rodney G. Obien, *The History of Woodbury and Company*; and numerous articles. Hanlan served as NEHA's Executive Secretary from 1995 to 2015.

Troy Paddock (Southern Connecticut State University)

Troy Paddock is Professor of Modern European History and Chairperson at Southern CT State University. He was a member of the Executive Committee previously (2002-04) and would like the opportunity to serve again. He teaches courses in Western Civilization, 20th-century Europe, German history, European intellectual history and historiography. He has published articles in German History, Central European History and Rethinking

History. His monograph *Creating the Russian Peril: Education, the Public Sphere and National Identity in Imperial Germany, 1890-1914* appeared with Camden House in 2010. He is please that NEHA is coming to Southern Connecticut State University for the Fall 2015 conference.

Nominating Committee

Matthew Dunne (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences)

Matthew W. Dunne is an Adjunct Instructor of History at MCPHS University in Boston, where he teaches courses on the history of medicine and American culture. He earned a Ph.D. in U.S. History from Brown University in 2008 and has also taught at Stonehill College and the University of Rhode Island. His first book, *A Cold War State of Mind: Brainwashing and Postwar American Society*, was published in 2013 by the University of Massachusetts Press. He is currently working on a social and cultural history of autism in the United States.

Sara Georgini (The Adams Papers, Massachusetts Historical Society)

Sara Georgini is Assistant Editor of *The Papers of John Adams*, a series of The Adams Papers editorial project based at the Massachusetts Historical Society. She has edited several volumes of the Adams family diaries, family correspondence, and state papers (all Harvard University Press, 2009-2016). A Ph.D. candidate in American history (expected 2015) at Boston University, Sara has published on diverse topics in Anglo-American religion and the role of regional literature in shaping national identity. Her manuscript-in-progress, "Household Gods: Creating Adams Family Religion, 1583-1927," is a history of faith and doubt in one New England family, charting the cosmopolitan Christianity that the Adamses developed while acting as transnational agents of American politics and culture. As a co-founder and contributor

to The Junto: A Group Blog on Early American History, Sara covers news and reviews of digital initiatives, as well as topics in book history, documentary editing, public history, and American religion. She hopes to serve NEHA's developing interests in digital history, while continuing to explore how New England voices help to tell the American story in new ways.

Thomas Horrocks (Former director of the John Hay Library, Brown University; Independent Scholar)

Thomas A. Horrocks is an independent scholar and former library director. He has served as director of the Center for the History of Medicine at the Countway Library at Harvard Medical School; Associate Librarian for Collections at Houghton Library, Harvard University; and director of the John Hay Library at Brown University. He holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Pennsylvania and specializes in 19th century American political history and the history of the book in American culture. He has authored, edited, and co-edited six books, including *Popular Print and Popular Medicine: Health Advice in Early American Almanacs* (University of Massachusetts Press, 2008), *President James Buchanan and the Crisis of National Leadership* (Nova Press, 2011); and *Lincoln's Campaign Biographies* (Southern Illinois University Press, 2014). He is co-editing (with Harold Holzer) *The Annotated Lincoln*, to be published by Harvard University Press in 2015.

Kristen Petersen (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences)

Kristen A. Petersen is Assistant Professor of History and Social Sciences at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She specializes in immigration history and recently served as historian and co-designer of Dreams of

Freedom, an exhibit about Boston's immigrants that is housed in the Skywalk Observatory at the Prudential Center. Prior to joining the faculty at MCPHS, she taught at Pine Manor College and in 2004-2005 was the Polly Logan Scholar, Center for the Study of Women in Politics and Public Policy, UMASS- Boston. She has served on the NEHA executive committee, chaired NEHA's graduate student paper prize committee and has served on the NEHA book prize committee. She also served on the Rollins Prize Committee of the New England Popular Culture Association. Prior to her teaching career, Petersen was executive director of two historical organizations: the Bay State Historical League and the Waltham Rediscovered Community History Project. She is co-author of the book, *Waltham Rediscovered: An Ethnic History of Waltham, MA* and co-producer of several documentaries on Waltham's history.

Sally Shockro (Merrimack College)

Sally Shockro is an Assistant Professor of History at Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts. She teaches classes on ancient, medieval, and early modern European history as well as introductory classes spanning European history from the ancient world to the present. She received her B.A. from Brandeis University and her Ph.D. in history from Boston College. Her dissertation, *Reading Bede as Bede Would Read*, examines early-medieval intellectual culture with a focus on the writings of Bede, and her recent research analyzes the ways in which saints' lives were adapted and rewritten in the early Middle Ages. Her work has been published in *The Haskins Society Journal* and she has presented papers at several conferences, including NEHA's Fall 2012 meeting at Merrimack College.



PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

For the first time in many years, NEHA's Executive Committee is proposing that two amendments be made to the Association's constitution. The Committee feels that these amendments (which must be approved by NEHA members) will strengthen the Association, and enable it to engage in various activities long into the future.

Proposed Amendment #1: Increasing Membership Dues

Currently, NEHA's annual membership fee is \$20. Students, professors emeriti, and adjunct professors only pay \$10. To enable NEHA to meet the rising costs associated with holding conferences, publishing a newsletter, maintaining a website, and other activities, the Association's Executive Committee asks for support of the following amendment:

The annual cost for regular membership in NEHA shall be \$30. Students, professors emeriti, and adjunct professors shall pay an annual fee of \$15 for membership in NEHA.

Proposed Amendment #2: Revision of Article VI of the NEHA Constitution (Involving the Nominating Committee and the Candidates Whom It Chooses)

Current text:

VI. Nomination and Election.

(Amended: 8 March 1969 and 14 April 1973)

A Nomination Committee of six shall be elected by the Association for three-year terms. It shall be the duty of the Committee to solicit nominees and to report a slate to the President in sufficient time to be included in the call for the annual meeting.

Proposed text:

VI. Nomination and Election

A Nominating Committee of six members shall be elected by the Association for three-year terms. Members of the Nominating Committee must have been members of the Association for the preceding three years. The three-year terms should be staggered so that every two years, two seats on the Nominating Committee are open for election. Members of the Nominating Committee may not stand as candidates for election to other offices in the Association while they serve on the committee. Should members of the Nominating Committee chose to run for any other office in the Association, they must resign from the Nominating Committee upon becoming candidates.

Of the members elected to the Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee shall appoint a chair of the Nominating Committee for a term of two years.

It shall be the duty of the Committee to solicit nominees and to report a slate to the President, who will in turn inform the Executive Committee at its meeting before the elections (usually the winter meeting of the Executive Committee). To ensure the most highly qualified members run for office, the Executive Committee may exercise veto power over individual candidates for the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Executive Secretary. In case of such a veto, the Chair of the Nominating Committee and

the President together will select another candidate for approval by the Executive Committee.

The finalized slate of candidates for all open seats shall be posted prominently on the NEHA website no later than two months before the elections. The posting shall offer members the opportunity to vote in absentia in a form determined by the Executive Committee. Such ballots must be dispatched no later than one month before the election and should be sent to the Executive Secretary.

In-person voting shall take place at the site of the spring or annual conference.

Rationale:

This section of the constitution has not been revised for over forty years. In the past, the vagueness of the current language has occasionally led to disagreements between the Nomination Committee members and the members of the Executive Committee. It has also impeded the process of finding qualified candidates. This revision also accounts for digital means of communication. Finally, the revision seeks to avoid potential conflicts of interest.



VOTING

Elections for NEHA officers and committee slots, as well as for two proposed constitutional amendments, will be held at the spring meeting in Worcester. NEHA members who cannot attend the meeting, however, are invited to vote by regular post. For the Executive Committee, vote for no more than three; for the Nominating Committee, vote for no more than two. The President, Vice-President, Executive Secretary, and Treasurer positions are not challenged, but you may submit a write-in candidate (as is true for the other slots). Note: Only NEHA members are entitled to vote, and no one can vote more than once.

Please use the clip-out, mail-in ballot on the next page to cast your vote!!

Mail-in ballots may be submitted to **Melanie Murphy** at: History Department; Emmanuel College; 400 Fenway; Boston, MA 02155. Please mail your ballot by April 8, 2015.

For mail-in ballots, please clip out and use this form:

BALLOT

____ President: **Clifford Putney** (Bentley University); or write in: _____

____ Vice-President: **Don J. Wyatt** (Middlebury College); or write in: _____

____ Executive Secretary: **Martin Menke** (Rivier University); or write in: _____

____ Treasurer: **Sean Perrone** (St. Anselm College); or write in: _____

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Vote for no more than 3)

____ **Chuck Arning** (National Park Service, Blackstone Valley Corridor)

____ **Steven Bullock** (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)

____ **Candace Kanes** (Massachusetts Historical Society)

____ **James P. Hanlan** (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)

____ **Troy Paddock** (Southern Connecticut State University)

____ Write-In Candidate: _____

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Vote for no more than 2)

____ **Matthew Dunne** (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences)

____ **Sara Georgini** (The Adams Papers, Massachusetts Historical Society)

____ **Thomas Horrocks** (Former Director John Hay Library, Brown University;
Independent scholar)

____ **Kristen Petersen** (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences)

____ **Sally Shockro** (Merrimack College)

____ Write-In Candidate: _____

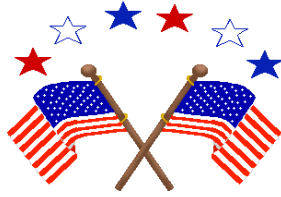
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

1.>Proposal #1 (an Amendment to Modestly Increase NEHA Dues)

Approve: _____; Disapprove: _____

2.>Proposal #2 (an Amendment to Define the Role of the Nominating Committee)

Approve: _____; Disapprove: _____



A MESSAGE FROM NEHA'S PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues and NEHA Members,

NEHA is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. When such milestones arrive we inevitably reflect on how they came to pass.

This 700-member, all-volunteer organization has survived and grown over the last half century due to the work of countless individuals who have chaired sessions, presented and commented on papers, participated in roundtables, served on committees and as officers, edited and contributed to *NEHA News*, maintained the organization's website, and handled local arrangements as NEHA conferences have moved from institution to institution throughout New England.

Three individuals deserve special recognition for their long and distinguished service to NEHA and for helping it reach this milestone. James Hanlan is completing his 20th and final year as Executive Secretary, a run that followed five years as Secretary. Bruce Cohen is finishing his 14th and final year as Treasurer. Peter Holloran recently completed his 18th year as Secretary after serving five years as Executive Secretary. He also edited *NEHA News* for 20 years. Jim, Bruce, and Peter have been great stewards of NEHA, and the organization is stronger due to their dedication and leadership. We are indebted to them.

I hope to see you at NEHA's conference at Worcester State University on April 18, 2015. Vice-President Clifford Putney has created a stimulating and diverse set of sessions. If you are not on the program, I encourage you to attend anyway – to hear

emerging and established scholars present and discuss new work in the field, to reconnect with colleagues from the Northeast and beyond, and to network. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President of NEHA this past year.

Mark Herlihy, NEHA President (2014-15)
Endicott College



THE NEHA GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

NEHA encourages the participation of graduate students in its conferences. The prize recognizes excellence in scholarship demonstrated by a graduate student at a NEHA conference. It is awarded at the Fall conference to the single best paper presented at either of the two NEHA conferences held during the preceding year.

NEHA members, including panel chairs, commentators and attendees of sessions, may nominate graduate student papers for the annual NEHA Graduate Student Paper Prize. Individuals may only nominate one paper. Entire panels may not be nominated. An individual may not nominate more than one paper per conference. Each nominator must provide a rationale of no more than one page for his/her selection.

Prize nominations must be submitted by May 15, 2015. They may be submitted either to the NEHA President, or to the Award Committee Chair, **Mary Kelly** (Franklin Pierce University). Other members of the committee include **Martin Menke** (Rivier University), **Melanie Gustafson** (University of Vermont), and **Jennifer Mandel** (Mount Washington College).

NEHA BOOK AWARD

NEHA welcomes nominations for the **James P. Hanlan Book Award**. This prestigious award has been presented annually since 1985 to an author who has produced an outstanding work of history.

Any publisher may nominate one book each year by writing to **Martin Menke**, Rivier University; 420 South Main Street; Nashua, NH 03060, or email him at mmenke@rivier.edu by June 1, 2015.

Monographs on any historical topic, time or place published in 2014, written by an author who lives or works in New England (or has done so in the past two years), are eligible for the annual NEHA Book Award. The nominated book should represent the best historical writing and scholarship in any era or field of history. The award certificate and \$300.00 stipend are presented to the winner at the Fall Conference.

The current chair of the NEHA Book Award Committee is **Peter Holloran** (Worcester State University). Other members of the committee include **Kristen Petersen** (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences), **Troy Paddock** (Southern Connecticut State University), **Tom Carty** (Springfield College), and **Robert Smith** (Worcester State University).

FALL 2015 CONFERENCE REPORT

The 93rd meeting of the Association was held at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, NH, on October 18, 2014. It was a highly successful conference, and it attracted roughly 85 conferees. There were 15 sessions, focusing on a broad range of topics. In between sessions, conferees could enjoy views of the university's beautiful 1,200 campus, which is located on a lake near Mount Monadnock.

Kerry McKeever, the Dean of Franklin Pierce, welcomed conferees to the school. **Mark Herlihy**, the president of NEHA,

addressed the group after lunch. **Peter Holloran** (WPI) presented the 2014 James P. Hanlan Book Award after lunch to **Allegra Di Bonaventura** (Yale University) for her outstanding book, *For Adam's Sake: A Family Saga in Colonial New England* (W.W. Norton). Professor Di Bonaventura then explained what had led her to write the book.

Before the commencement of afternoon sessions, **Doug Ley** (Franklin Pierce University) delivered a highly spirited keynote address, which was largely based on his experience as a legislator in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. The address was titled "What Would Frank Pierce and John Hale [both Democrats] Do? A Historian in the New Hampshire House."

The program was arranged by **Clifford Putney** (Bentley University). NEHA would like to thank officials at Franklin Pierce University for agreeing to host the conference, and it would also like to thank **Mary Kelly** and her fellow historians at FPU for making the local arrangements.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NEHA's Executive Committee met at Worcester Polytechnic Institute on January 10, 2015. NEHA's President, **Mark Herlihy** (Endicott College), presided over the meeting, and NEHA's Executive Secretary, **James Hanlan** (WPI), reported on the overall state of the Association. Other NEHA officers gave reports as well, and it was agreed that the Association is basically in good shape, financially and organizationally.

Much of the discussion at the meeting focused on how NEHA's 50th anniversary should be celebrated. It was decided that the fall 2015 conference should showpiece papers on the 1960s (the decade in which NEHA was founded), although papers on other topics would be welcome at the conference, too.

COMMEMORATING NEHA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

At the end of the fall conference at Franklin Pierce University, past and present leaders of NEHA gathered to discuss how the organization ought to commemorate its 50th anniversary in 2015. The leaders also formed an ad hoc 50th anniversary planning committee, whose members include: **Mark Herlihy** (Endicott College), Chair; **Chuck Arning** (National Park Service); **Elizabeth De Wolfe** (University of New England); **Patricia Herlihy** (Brown University); **Kristen Petersen** (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences); and **Roland Sarti** (U-Mass, Amherst).

Chuck Arning (National Park Service) volunteered to head up a photography project, the aim of which is to videotape interviews with people who led NEHA, especially in its early years. If you have historically important recollections of NEHA and would like to be videotaped, please contact Chuck (chuck_arning@nps.gov).

Clifford Putney, the editor of *NEHA News*, is also interested in preserving people's memories of the Association. If you have such memories, please send them to Cliff, either at his email address (cputney@bentley.edu), or at his office (History Department; Bentley University; 175 Forest Street; Waltham, MA 02452). Cliff is especially eager to obtain information about the founding of NEHA,

and he would like to publish particularly interesting memories of the Association in the fall 2015 issue of *NEHA News*.

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A PLEA FOR OLD ISSUES OF *NEHA NEWS*

If the history of NEHA is to be preserved, it is essential that old issues of the Association's newsletter be found. The archivists at U-Mass, Amherst, keep old issues of the newsletter, but they have *almost no* issues from the years 1986 to 2010.

Tona Hangen, NEHA Secretary, is looking for old issues of *NEHA News*, and she is posting such issues on the NEHA website. If you have old issues of the *News* (especially from the 1986-2010 period), *please* send them to Tona (History Department; Worcester State University; 486 Chandler Street; Worcester, MA 01602//thangen@worchester.edu). She would like to digitize the old newsletters, and then send the originals to the archives at U-Mass, Amherst.



NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

The movement to unionize part-time faculty is succeeding, especially in the Boston area. Last year adjunct professors at **Lesley**, **Northeastern**, and **Tufts** voted to unionize, and this year adjunct professors at **Boston University** and **Bentley University** voted to unionize as well.

Jacob Anbinder, a Yale undergraduate, won the 2014 Raymond J. Cunningham Prize from the AHA for an article in the *Yale Historical Review* about Atlanta's public transportation system.

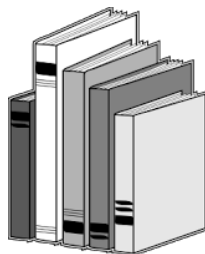
Christine Axen, a BU graduate student, won the 2015 AHA poster session award.

On September 2, 2014, NPR talk show host **Terry Gross** interviewed the journalist **Dana Goldstein** about her book, *The Teacher Wars: A History of America's Most Embattled Profession* (Doubleday, 2014). The interview can be accessed online.

Afsaneh Najmabadi (Harvard University) won the 2014 Joan Kelly Memorial Prize in Women's History from the AHA. She won the prize for her book, *Professing Selves: Transsexuality and Same-Sex Desire in Contemporary Iran* (Duke University Press, 2013).

Norlands, a living history center in Livermore, Maine, will host a Civil War reenactment on June 13 and 14 (Saturday and Sunday). Proceeds from the reenactment will help to finance the center.

Naomi Oreskes, a historian of science at Harvard University, won the 2014 Herbert Feis Award from the AHA for scholarly and professional distinction in the realm of public history.



BOOK NEWS

Bridie Andrews (Bentley University) published *The Making of Modern Chinese Medicine* (University of Washington Press, 2015).

Christopher Beneke (Bentley University) and **Christopher S. Grenda** (Bronx Community College) published *The Lively Experiment: Religious Toleration in America from Roger Williams to the Present* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2015).

Warren Bliss (University of Maine) published *The Ship that Held up Wall Street* (Texas A. & M. University Press, 2014).

James E. Cronin (Boston College) published *Global Rules: America, Britain, and a Disordered World* (Yale University Press, 2014).

Cathy A. Frierson (University of New Hampshire) published *Silence was Salvation: Childhood Survivors of Stalin's Terror and World War II in the Soviet Union* (Yale University Press, 2015).

Marilyn Halter (Boston University) published *African and American: West Africans in Post-Civil Rights America* (New York University Press, 2014).

Dane Morrison (Salem State University) published *True Yankees: The South Seas and the Discovery of American Identity* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014).

Simon Rabinovitch (Boston University) published *Jewish Rights, National Rites: Nationalism and Autonomy in Late Imperial and Revolutionary Russia* (Stanford University Press, 2014).

Lisa Wilson (Connecticut College) published *A History of Stepfamilies in Early America* (University of North Carolina Press, 2014).

Julie Winch (U-Mass, Boston) published *Between Slavery and Freedom: Free People of Color in America from Settlement to the Civil War* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2014).

CONFERENCES OF REGIONAL INTEREST

The **Society for Historians of the Early American Republic** will hold its annual meeting in Raleigh, NC, on July 16-19, 2015.

The **New England American Studies Association** (NEASA) has yet to determine a time and place for its next annual meeting.

The **Italian American Studies Association** (IASA) will hold its annual conference in Washington, DC, on October 15-17, 2015.

The New England regional meeting of the **American Conference for Irish Studies** has yet to be scheduled.

The **Berkshire Conference on the History of Women** (aka the “Big Berks” conference) will be held at Hofstra University in 2017.

The **Massachusetts Historical Society** (1154 Boylston St., Boston) invites people to submit papers for a conference in Boston on April 2-4, 2015. The title of the conference is “‘So Sudden an Alteration’: The Causes, Course, and Consequences of the American Revolution.” For more information about the conference, contact **Conrad Edick Wright** (cwright@masshist.org).

The **Massachusetts Historical Society** (1154 Boylston St., Boston) invites people to attend its seminars: Boston Area Early American History Seminar, Boston Environmental History Seminar, Boston Immigration and Urban History Seminar, Boston Seminar on the History of Women and Gender, and New England Biography Seminar. For more information about the conference or the seminars, contact **Kate Viens**, Research Coordinator: 617-646-0568, or seminars@masshist.org

The next **Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife** will focus on schooldays in New England, 1650-1900. The seminar will be held at Historic Deerfield, Mass., on June 19-21, 2015.

The **New England Regional World History Association** (NERWHA) will hold a symposium on October 16-17, 2015, at Bryant University, RI. The theme of the symposium will be genocide in world history.

The **Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association** (NEPCA) will hold its annual conference on October 30-31, 2015, at Colby-Sawyer College in New Hampshire.



AUTHORS WANTED

The Historical Journal of Massachusetts (HJM) seeks articles about any aspect of Massachusetts history, culture, politics, and life. HJM is a peer-reviewed journal published twice a year since 1972. We are especially interested in articles on the history of recent immigrant communities. Subscriptions are \$12.00 per year, and the acceptance rate is 35%. For submission guidelines see www.wsc.mass.edu/mhj/ or email masshistoryjournal@westfield.ma.edu

The *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science* (IJHSS), an open access, peer-reviewed and refereed journal, seeks interdisciplinary articles in humanities and the social sciences. If you have questions about the journal, please contact its editor, **Nikki Smith** (editor@ijhssnet.com).

The *International Journal of Liberal Arts and Social Science* (IJLASS), a newly established, open access, peer-reviewed journal, seeks all manner of contributions, including articles about history. Send your manuscripts to the editor at editor@ijlass.org, or editor.ijlass@hotmail.com.

The **Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association** (NEPCA) offers its annual *Peter C. Rollins Book Award* for the best book on any American culture or popular culture topic published in 2014 by an author in New England or New York. Publishers may nominate one book by June 1, 2015. The award certificate and \$200 prize will be presented to the winner in October 2014 at the annual NEPCA conference. Contact the NEPCA Executive Secretary, **Robert E. Weir**, NEPCA, 15 Woods Road, Florence, MA 01062; robweir7@gmail.com

If you would like to write a book review for the *NEHA News*, please feel free to contact the Association's book review editor, **Thomas J. Carty**, Springfield College, Department of History, Springfield, MA 01109; Thomas_J_Carty@spfldcol.edu. We have books available for review or you may suggest a good new book you have in hand. Our reviews are 600 words and are due in 60 days.

The New England Quarterly editors invite submissions for their consideration. This historical review of New England life and letters has been published since 1928. The journal's mission remains the same as that set forth by its founders: NEQ is an open forum dedicated to the exploration and discussion of New England civilization and its effects on the nation and the world. The journal is open to any historical method, and there is no restriction on the time period covered. Features also include brief memoranda, recently discovered documents, reconsiderations of historical controversies,

periodic essay reviews, and approximately fifteen book reviews per issue.

Manuscripts should be sent to the editor, **Linda Smith Rhoades**, The NEQ, Meserve Hall, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02115; l.rhoades@new.edu, or see our website: www.newenglandquarterly.org

The Journal of Popular Culture, a scholarly journal published six times a year by the Popular Culture Association, seeks contributions (articles, book reviews, and guest editorials). For more information, contact the editor, **Gary Hoppenstand**, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824 (hoppens2@msu.edu).

All Things New England, an online publication focusing on life in New England, is looking for interesting stories from knowledgeable people pertaining to New England landmarks and historical places. Average articles range from 800-1200 words and are featured on the publication's homepage. For more information contact Jessica Layne (allthingsnewengland@gmail.com) or consult the publication's website: www.allthingsnewengland.com

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The **Massachusetts Historical Society** is offering short-term and long-term research fellowships for the academic year 2015-16. The Society is a participant in the New England Regional Fellowship Consortium. For more information please visit the website, www.masshist.org/fellowships, or contact Kate Viens (fellowships@masshist.org, 617-646-0512).

The **American Philosophical Society Library** in Philadelphia offers competitive short-term fellowships supporting in-residence research in its renowned scholarly collections. Applicants who hold the Ph.D.

or are advanced Ph.D. candidates or independent scholars may apply for the fellowships which have a monthly \$2,000 stipend for 1-3 months. For applications see: www.amphilsoc.org/grants/resident.htm

The **American Antiquarian Society** in Worcester offers three broad categories of visiting research fellowships: long-term fellowships, short-term fellowships, and fellowships for creative and performing artists and writers. For more information about the fellowships, please consult the Society's website.

The **American Academy in Rome** gives an annual prize, the Rome Prize, to 15 scholars (working in ancient, medieval, Renaissance and early modern, or modern Italian studies), as well as to 15 emerging artists (working in architecture, landscape architecture, design, historic preservation and conservation, literature, musical composition, or visual arts). Recipients of the prize get to study at the academy. The application deadline for next year's prize is November 1.

Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine, an alliance of the Boston Medical Library and the Harvard Medical Library, offers two annual fellowships to support research in the history of medicine. This is the largest academic medical library in the nation with an extensive collection of European medical texts from the 15th to 20th centuries and many other archives. For application information contact Countway Fellowships, Center for the History of Medicine, Francis A. Countway Library, 10 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115.

Historic Deerfield in Deerfield, MA, invites college juniors and seniors to apply for its nine-week, fully-funded Summer Fellowship Program in History and Material Culture. The due date for applications is February 2016.

NEHA FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

The **Association Fund** was created many years ago to support some of the Association's activities not related directly to the annual conference, newsletter, mailings or other routine expenses. It has supported the annual NEHA book award and the NEHA Prize, along with subsidizing graduate students presenting a paper, and defraying costs associated with our joint sessions at the AHA. This modest fund is supported by the generosity of our members. Please consider making a donation. Mail your check payable to NEHA to **James P. Hanlan**, the Executive Secretary, or add a contribution when you pay your annual dues or conference registration payment. Thank you for your generous support. Donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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1966-1967	Frank Friedel, Harvard University
1967-1968	Reinhold Dorwart, University of Connecticut
1968-1969	Louis Morton, Dartmouth College
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1970-1971	J. H. Hexter, Yale University
1971-1972	Helen Mulvey, Connecticut College
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1973-1974	Kenneth F. Lewalski, Rhode Island College
1974-1975	John G. Gagliardo, Boston University
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1976-1977	Robert Lougee, University of Connecticut
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1978-1979	Gordon Jensen, University of Hartford
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1980-1981	Fred A. Cazel, Jr., University of Connecticut
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1988-1989	Roger Howell, Jr., Bowdoin College
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1998-1999	Borden W. Painter, Jr., Trinity College
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2000-2001	Joanne Schneider, Rhode Island College
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2002-2003	James O'Toole, Boston College
2003-2004	Paul Monod, Middlebury College
2004-2005	Robert J. Imholt, Albertus Magnus College
2005-2006	Altina Waller, University of Connecticut
2006-2007	George Dameron, St. Michael's College
2007-2008	Luci Fortunato, Bridgewater State College
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	University of Connecticut		Endicott College
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BOOK REVIEWS



Matthew W. Dunne, *A Cold War State of Mind: Brainwashing in Postwar American Society*. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2013.

One of the central dilemmas of a democracy at war, from Peloponnesian War era Athens to Cold War America, was how to reconcile individuality with the need for unity. In *A Cold War State of Mind: Brainwashing and Postwar American Society*, Matthew W. Dunne illustrates how the idea of brainwashing, in various forms, represented a primal fear for a nation based on individual liberty.

The novel and film *The Manchurian Candidate* introduced the concept of brainwashing to a mass audience, but the issue first arose from the events of the Korean War. In January 1954 a group of twenty-one POWs, representing a cross section of American society, refused to return and remained in North Korea. Their decision was attributed to “advanced new techniques of psychological torture and mind control.” (17) The term came from a Chinese expression meaning “wash brain.” American psychologists preferred the term “coercive persuasion,” but the more sensational “brainwashing” stuck. The practice was taken as an example of the ruthlessness and insidiousness of the Communist enemy.

It was frightening enough that the Communists were operating on a front unused by the Nazis and Fascists. What was worse was that it appeared to be working. American popular culture pitted the experience of World War II prisoners, who resisted the enemy, against the

Korean War prisoners who submitted. The 1953 film *Stalag 17* depicted American soldiers constant in their resistance to Nazi coercion, and who actively opposed their captors. The 1957 film *The Bridge on the River Kwai* contrasted an American officer’s escape from a Japanese POW camp with a British officer’s collaboration.

The look back at the more heroic experience of World War II revealed a nagging question in the American mind – why were Americans more vulnerable to brainwashing in the 1950s than the 1940s? There were a number of suspected culprits. One was television; not any particular program, but the simple act of sitting on a couch and watching rather than doing something more active. Suburbanization, with its reliance on cars for transportation, similarly led to physical decline. Comic books and pulp novels corrupted the mind.

If Americans were vulnerable to brainwashing by a Communist enemy, they were also susceptible to friendly psychological fire. One of the main philosophical debates of the early Cold War was how to balance the preservation of individual liberty with the need for unity. Fear of imposed conformity, Dunne argues, was part and parcel of the fear of brainwashing. Advertising was an obvious example, which fed into a culture of status-seeking, where people are easily talked into buying things as a means of fitting in. Dunne cites William Whyte’s *The Organization Man* (1956) as a leading critique of domestic brainwashing, but there were many other works that sought to defend the individual against a broad-gauged pressure to conform.

Dunne has taken a seemingly narrow topic and successfully used it to explore the psyche of Cold War America. *A Cold War State of Mind* would be a useful addition to courses on the Cold War or American culture.

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Thomas J. Carty, *Backwards in High Heels: Faith Whittlesey, Reagan's Madam Ambassador in Switzerland and the West Wing*. Havertown, PA: Casemate Publishers, 2012.

Backwards in High Heels follows the life and career of Ambassador Faith Whittlesey, an important figure in the Reagan administration and pioneer for women in politics. This detailed memoir, written by Thomas J. Carty, a historian of religion and politics and the author of *A Catholic in the White House?*, chronicles the events that shaped Whittlesey's political career from childhood to her position as the highest ranking female member of the Reagan administration, as well as her subsequent career in the private sector.

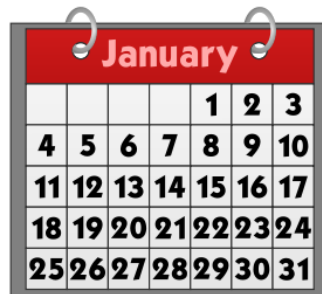
Carty emphasizes Whittlesey's ground-breaking political career and the unique challenges she faced along the path to becoming Ambassador to Switzerland. The title of his work derives from a quotation Whittlesey popularized during a speech she made on behalf of President Reagan. Alluding to the legendary 1930s dancing duo, she reminded the audience of women's contributions to society, saying "Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did, but she did it backwards in high heels." For Carty, this quotation symbolizes the many and varied challenges of Whittlesey's career: earning a law degree at a time when women were only a handful of law students; campaigning for political office while visibly pregnant; working full-time as a widowed mother of three; and serving on corporate boards where men outnumbered women 4 to 1.

Moreover, Whittlesey's position as a very public high-ranking female in the Reagan administration meant that she not only had to overcome skepticism rooted in the gendered attitudes of her male colleagues, but also those of the other leading female political figures in her time. Administration officials initially expected her to primarily reach out to women's organizations, rather than valuing her experience

on numerous fiscal and foreign policy issues. Similarly, both female and male "establishment" Republicans expected her to adopt a more feminist position on social policy issues than she displayed on the campaign trail and in office, and made no secret of their dismay when she did not. Whittlesey refused to compromise her politics or principles in her dedication to advocating the policies of President Reagan. Regardless of the criticism she garnered from either side of the aisle, she accrued a reputation as the "Dragon Lady" for her irrefutable commitment to President Reagan and her unwavering honesty. Despite myriad challenges at home, Whittlesey decidedly earned the respect and admiration of the Swiss during her time as ambassador, Carty argues. Specifically, her ability to facilitate constructive conversations between American and Swiss parties smoothed over some deep divisions, and led to the resolution of significant legal and financial conflicts between them. The sincerity and success of her "public diplomacy" is confirmed by numerous interviews with Ambassador Whittlesey and a range of individuals including household embassy staff, political insiders and executives at multinational corporations. Carty takes care to cross-reference these interviews with available primary sources. In illuminating the significant political career of Ambassador Faith Whittlesey, Carty's work adds to the growing scholarship on conservative politics and the significant role of women in those politics movements. His book stands alongside the work of Lisa McGirr, Catherine E. Rymph, Mary Brennan, and Donald Critchlow. The sections of the book focused on Whittlesey's early political career in Pennsylvania would provide a useful case study on grassroots campaigning, political machines, and local politics for undergraduate students studying politics, while the larger memoir would be appropriate to assign a graduate course on political history or conservatism.

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