

NEHA NEWS

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FALL CONFERENCE IN STORRS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Saturday October 18, 1997
SECOND CALL

The 59th meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, October 18 at the University of Connecticut in Storrs (860-486-4579). The program is listed on pages 2-4 of this issue and was mailed earlier to all members along with a map and travel instructions.

Vice-President Borden Painter arranged this fine program, and Bruce Stave and the Department of History at UConn made excellent local arrangements with the expert assistance of James Hanlan. This conference is hosted by the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center. We are very grateful for their splendid efforts on our behalf.

Registration is required for everyone (all members, non-members and panelists) who attends the conference. Pre-registration by mail is strongly recommended but

registration on the morning of the conference is possible.

Registration begins on Saturday at 8:00 A.M. in the Thomas J. Dodd Center building, where all sessions and the luncheon will be held. 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.

Luncheon will be served at the University Cafe, but seating is limited. Please reserve your lunch ticket when you register by mail before October 3. The **NEHA Book Award** will be presented at the luncheon during a brief business meeting.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Motel rooms at special rates for members have been reserved for those who wish to stay overnight in the Storrs area. You must reserve your room well in advance and identify yourself as NEHA member. Call the Quality Inn, 51 Hartford Turnpike, Route 83, Vernon, CT (860-646-5700) by October 3. Rates are \$55.00 for a single room and a double for \$65.00.

New England Historical Association

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18, 1997

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONN.

FALL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8:00 REGISTRATION and COFFEE

DODD CENTER, Lobby

8:50-9:10 WELCOME PLENARY

Konover Auditorium, DODD CENTER

Morning Sessions I, 9:15 to 10:45

9:15 Session One Justice: In the French Revolution

Room 162

Chair/ Comment: Kathleen Kete (Trinity College)

Kenneth N. Jassie (Montgomery College): "The Face and Form of Popular Justice in Paris: The September Massacres of 1792."

Anthony Crubaugh (Barnard College): "Local Justice and Rural Society in Revolutionary France."

9:15 Session Two New England Attitudes on Slavery and Abolition

MacDonald Reading Room

Chair/ Comment: Lawrence Goodheart (University of Connecticut)

Christiane Warren Roberts (Drew University): "Horace Bushnell and Racism: An Analysis of His Writing on Slavery."

Elizabeth J. Bachelder (University of Southern Maine): "A Flame for Their Souls: The Maine Daughters of Freedom and Nineteenth Century Benevolence."

9:15 Session Three Periodicals in Nineteenth-Century America

Room 127

Chair/Comment: Eugene Leach, Trinity College

Elizabethada A. Wright (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute): "Open-Ended Oratory: The Periodical as a Rhetorical Platform."

Diane Hotten-Somers (Boston College): "An American Narrative of the Great Irish Famine: New England Periodicals from 1846-1850."

9:15 Session Four Geopolitics and Foreign Policy in the Twentieth Century

Room 148

Chair/ Comment: Michael Niemann (Trinity College)

Ronald B. Frankum, Jr. (Syracuse University): "Silent Partners: Australia and the United States in Southeast Asia, 1954-1968."

Mark Polelle: "Nicholas Spykeman and the Formation of an American Geopolitics."

Lounge, Room 170	Latin America and the Cold War in the 1960s	9:15 Session Five
		<p>Chair: Frank Costigliola (University of Rhode Island) Jeffrey Bass (University of Connecticut): "Fomenting Futility: Kennedy, Castro, and the Cuban Volunteer Program, 1961-63." Michael Donoghue (University of Connecticut): "The 1964 Panama Crisis, Counterinsurgency and U.S. Strategic Interests in the Canal Zone." Comment: David Sheinin (Trent University, Canada)</p>
		9:15 Session Six Finding an Educational Program in the Early American Republic Konover Auditorium
		<p>Chair/Comment: Richard D. Brown (University of Connecticut) Christopher Anderson (University of Minnesota): "Social Hierarchy and Educational Rhetoric in the Early Republic." Julie M. Walsh (St. Joseph's College, New York): "Trapped in the Mainstream: The Irony of the Workingmen's Educational Plans."</p>
		9:15 Session Seven Teaching U. S. and World History with a Latin American Perspective
Room 159	Center for Oral History.	
		<p>Chair/Comment: Alexander Taylor (Curbsone Press) Rosa Maria Pegueros (University of Rhode Island): "Blurring the Lines: Teaching Testimonios Art and History." Dale Graden (University of Idaho): "Teaching Latin America with Literature: Arturo Arias's After the Bombs." James W. Russell (Eastern Connecticut State University): "History from Below: Teaching with the Narrative of an Ex-Slave." Avi Chomsky (Salem State College): "Global Forces, Ordinary Lives: Teaching U. S. History through Latino Voices."</p>
		10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
		11:00-12:30 Morning Sessions II
McDonald Reading Room	Maritime Philanthropy	11:00 Session Eight
		<p>Chair/Comment: John Hattendorf (Naval War College) Mary Conley (Boston College): "'You Don't Make a Torpedo Gunner Out of a Drunkard': Agnes Weston, Temperance, and the British Navy, 1870-1918." Steven H. Park (University of Connecticut): "'Good Havens!' Domesticating the Nineteenth-Century American Merchant Mariner." Isaac E. Land (University of Michigan-Ann Arbor): "'The Rogue's March: Sailors and Respectability in Britain, 1750-1820.'"</p>
Room 162	Reconsidering the Revolution: French Revolution Historiography	11:00 Session Nine
		<p>Chair/Comment: Marvin R. Cox (University of Connecticut) Lawrence H. Davis (Salem State College): "Georges Lefebvre's Vision of Revolutionary Mentalite: A Reconsideration." Christopher E. Mauriello (Salem State College): "Habermas's Public Sphere in Contemporary French Revolution Historiography."</p>

11:00 Session Ten African Politics and Economics Room 148

Chair/and Comment: Amii Omara-Otunnu (University of Connecticut)
James Mulli (SUNY-Purchase College): "African Socialism and the Kenyan Rationalization of Modernity."
Barbara Degorge: "Old Wine in a New Bottle: The Political Evolution of Sufism in the Sudan."
Franklin Graham (St. John's University): "Faulty Understanding of the World Bank and Criticism of African Aid: A Case Study of Burkina Faso and Uganda."

**11:00 Session Eleven Education, Liberalism, and the State in Comparative Perspective:
The United States, Germany, and Brazil, 1930-1950 Room 127**

Chair/Comment: Saul Engelbourg (Boston University)
Adam Nelson (Brown University): "Pragmatism, Democracy, Education, and Authority: John Dewey and Alexander Meiklejohn in the 1940s."
Walter Jerome Jose Davila (Brown University): "Education Reform and the Brand of Communism in Brazil's Vargas Era, 1930-1945."
Mark Ruff (Brown University): "Catholic Youth Work and Anti-Liberalism in the Federal Republic in the 1940s and 1950s."

11:00 Session Twelve The Western Civilization Survey Course: Future in the 21st Century Konover Auditorium

Chair: Richard Oehling (Assumption College)
James McCallops (Salisbury State University): "Diversity: The Benefits of World Experience."
Robert Michael (University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth): "The Holocaust in Cyberspace: A Model for the Western Civ Survey."
Michael Doyle (Ocean County College): "Hisperanto: The Place of Western Civilization in the Global Curriculum"
Comment: The Audience

11:00 Session Thirteen The Supreme Court: Revisionist Case Studies Room 170

Chair/Comment: Adrienne Fulco (Trinity College)
Milton Cantor (University of Massachusetts-Amherst): "The Taney Court: Commerce, Contracts and Originalism."
Robert M. Spector (Worcester State College): "Justice James C. McReynolds: Time for Reassessment."

11:00 Session Fourteen Reform and Reaction: The Limits of Journalism and Politics during the Progressive Era Room 159

Chair/Comment: James P. Hanlan (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)
Evelyn Sterne (Duke University): "The Limits of Democracy: Class, Citizenship and the Right to Vote in Rhode Island, 1888-1928."
Bruce Cohen (Worcester State College): "The Rise and Decline of Muckraking, 1902-1912."

12:30-1:00 Reception and Book Exhibit Dodd Center Lobby

1:00-2:15 Luncheon, Book Award and Business Meeting University Cafe

2:15 Adjournment

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or via email:
borden.painter@mail.trincoll.edu.
The Fall 1998 meeting will be at
Connecticut College in New London on
October 17.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following candidates for office were
elected at the business meeting at
Northeastern University on April 26:

President

James S. Leamon (Bates
College)

Vice-President

Borden W. Painter, Jr., (Trinity
College)

Treasurer

Charmarie Blaisdell
(Northeastern University)

Executive Committee:

Paul Monod (Middlebury
College)

Julie Winch (University of
Massachusetts-Boston)

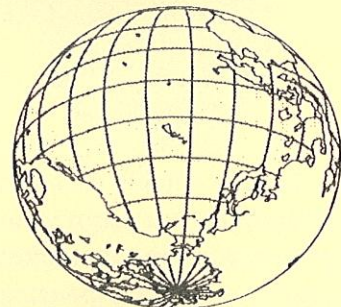
Public History Candidate:

Patrick Leehy (Paul Revere
Memorial Association)

Nominating Committee:

Nance Kitzner (St. Joseph
College)

James M. O'Toole (University
of Massachusetts-Boston)



TRAVEL INFORMATION

Storrs is served by the Bradley International
Airport, and limo, taxi or car rental from the
airport should be made in advance.

Those driving should take I-84 east/west to
Exit 68. Travel east on Route 195 straight
through intersection with Route 32. At
Mansfield Four Corners (intersection of
Routes 195 and 44) proceed straight ahead
about 1.5 miles to the Storrs campus.
Parking is available at the campus parking
lots.

Follow the familiar NEHA signs and walk
from the parking lots to the Dodd Center. A
map was enclosed in the pre-registration
materials mailed a few weeks ago to all
members.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Spring meeting will be held at the
University of Vermont in Burlington on
April 17-18. Vice-President Borden Painter,
our program chair, will organize the
program. The deadline for submitting
proposals (one-page abstract and a brief c.v.)
is January 15, 1997. For information about
the program or submissions contact Borden
W. Painter, Jr., Department of History,
Trinity College, 300 Summit Street,

We congratulate those elected and thank all members who made nominations or stood for election. Any member may nominate himself or herself or another member for election to any Association office by writing to a member of the Nominating Committee 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 this slate.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee will hold its regular meeting in December at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The agenda items include reports on the treasury and expenditures, membership (now at 900 members), unpaid dues, future meeting sites, relations with the AHA, and a report on the Spring conference in Boston.

The Executive Committee will also review the Book Award and the Media Awards. Beginning in 1998, the Media Committee will present awards for films and exhibits only when worthy nominations are received. The Executive Secretary will report on Association business including the new NEHA web site established at WPI to promote further the interests of this Association.

Nominating Committee chair, Robert Imholt, will report on the April 1997 election and invite members to contact him with any suggestions. To encourage new membership applications from younger historians, the registration fee at the Spring conference will be waived for all new or renewing members who are graduate

students. Finally, the newsletter editor will report on the distribution of the Fall NEHA News. The executive committee will hold a brief meeting on October 18. Any member may send a question or agenda item by writing to the Executive Secretary by October 1.



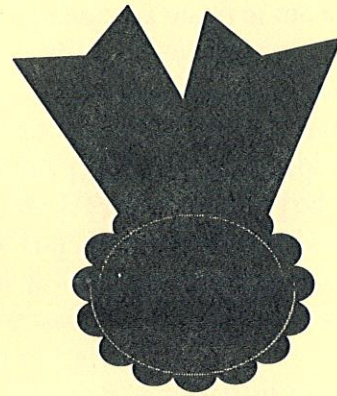
NEHA BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE

The Book Award Committee will report on its deliberations on October 18, and present the 1997 Association **Book Award** to the winner at the business meeting.

The Committee members are: Joanne Schneider (Rhode Island College), chair; Joye Bowman (University of Massachusetts-Amherst); Robert Imholt (Albertus Magnus College); and John McGrath (Boston University); and Peter Holloran.

Any publisher may make one nomination each year by writing to James P. Hanlan by June 1. Monographs published in 1997, written by an author who lives or works in New England, are eligible. The nominated book should represent the best historical writing and research on any topic, time or place in any field of history. The award, a certificate and \$200.00, will be presented to the winner at the conference each October.

The books nominated for the 1997 NEHA
Book Award include these distinguished
publications:



Transformed American Life, 1829-1929
(Ivan R. Dee).

**Christopher G. L. Hall, Steel Phoenix:
The Fall and Rise of the U.S. Steel Industry**
(St. Martin's Press).

**Peter P. Hinks (Yale University), To
Awaken My Afflicted Brethren: David
Walker and the Problem of Antebellum
Slave Resistance** (Pennsylvania State
University Press).

**William Hosley (Wadsworth Athenaeum),
Cott: The Making of an American Legend**
(University of Massachusetts Press).

**Bettina L. Knapp (Hunter College,
CUNY), Women in Myth (SUNY Press).**

**Wayne M. O'Leary (University of Maine),
Maine Sea Fisheries: The Rise and Fall of a
Native Industry, 1830-1890** (Northeastern
University Press).

**Catherine McNicol Stock (Connecticut
College), Rural Radicals: Righteous Rage in
the American Grain** (Cornell University
Press).

**Frank Walsh (University of Massachusetts-
Lowell), Sin and Censorship: The Catholic
Church and the Motion Picture Industry**
(Yale University Press).

**Donald Yacovone (Massachusetts
Historical Society), A Voice of Thunder: The
Civil War Letters of George E. Stephens**
(University of Illinois Press).

**Kenneth Ray Young (Western Connecticut
State University), The General's General:
The Life and Times of Arthur Mac Arthur**
(Westview Press).

**Caryn Cosse Bell (Worcester State
College), Revolution, Romanticism, and the
Afro-Creole Protest Tradition in Louisiana,
1718-1868** (Louisiana State University
Press).

**Colin G. Calloway (Dartmouth College),
New Worlds for All (Johns Hopkins
University Press).**

**Paul A. Cohen (Wellesley College), History
in Three Keys: The Boxers as Event,
Experience, and Myth** (Columbia University
Press).

**David Hackett Fischer (Brandeis
University), The Great Wave: Price
Revolutions and the Rhythm of History**
(Oxford University Press).

**Glenda Elizabeth Gilmore (Yale
University), Gender and Jim Crow: Women
and the Politics of White Supremacy in
North Carolina, 1896-1920** (University of
North Carolina Press).

**Sarah H. Gordon (Quinnipiac College)
Passage to Union: How the Railroads**

NEHA MEDIA AWARD COMMITTEE

The Association's Media Award Committee presented two 1996 Media Awards at the April meeting. One award for an outstanding historical film or video was presented by the committee chair, Rob Weir, to **Blueberry Hill Productions** for "*A Midwife's Tale*" based on the eponymous Pulitzer Prize-winning book by **Laurel Thatcher Ulrich**. The film will air on the PBS **An American Experience** program soon. It dramatizes the life of colonial era midwife Martha Ballard as revealed in her diary. Ballard, played by actress Kaiulani Sewall Lee, personifies the religious, political, and economic life of the pre- and post-Revolutionary Era in southern Maine. The film shows Ulrich's painstaking and skillful reconstruction of Ballard's often cryptic diary entries. It was written and produced by **Laurie Kahn-Leavitt** and directed by **Richard Rogers**. It is distributed by Blueberry Hill Productions, 112 Bailey Road, Watertown, MA 02172.

The 1996 exhibit award presented to the **Center for Maine History** honors a two-part exhibition, "*Growth Rings: Two Hundred Years of Wabanaki Basketry, Carving, and Enterprise*," and "*Spirits in the Wood: Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Root Clubs*." Curator **Joyce Butler** highlighted traditions of Maine's Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Maliseet, and Micmac peoples. Her focus on material culture from 1790 to the present showed both the changing aesthetics of Native American decorative and utilitarian objects, as well as their changing social use. As Native peoples were drawn into market culture, a veritable Native crafts industry was constructed. This was especially highlighted in the spirit clubs, which evolved from weapons to ritual objects to souvenirs. This exhibit was shown

in Portland's Maine Historical Galley from November to April. Further information is available from Nan Cimring at (207) 774-1822.

The winners of these annual awards received a certificate and \$200.00.

The Media Award Committee welcomes nominations from publishers, curators, filmmakers, and individuals. The deadline for nomination is December 31. The members of the 1997 Media Award Committee are: **Robert E. Weir** (Bay Path College), chair; **William Baller** (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) and **Margaret Leahey** (Bay Path College). As noted at the Fall meeting, in some years, the committee will make no award if sufficient nominations have not been received.

AT THE SESSIONS

The April 26 meeting in Boston at Northeastern University was very well-attended with 103 historians registered for 14 sessions with 35 papers. Eighty members and guests attended the reception and luncheon at Curry Student Center and heard brief remarks from the **William M. Fowler, Jr.**, editor of the *New England Quarterly* and the chair of the department of history.

This 58th meeting of the Association was made possible by the splendid efforts on our behalf by the program chair, Vice-President **James S. Leamon** (Bates College), Executive Secretary **James P. Hanlan** (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), and the local arrangements committee, **William M. Fowler, Jr.**, **Patrick Manning**, and **Peter Holloran**. This Spring meeting was quite successful in a handsome urban setting.

John Burds (University of Rochester) will join the Northeastern University Department of History in January as a specialist in Eastern Europe.

Ballard Campbell (Northeastern University) was elected editor of the SHGAPe H-Net discussion list.

John Davis (Smith College) received a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to study the Sherwood Studio Building constructed in New York City in 1880.

Harvey Green (Northeastern University) was awarded a research fellowship at the Winterthur Museum and the Peterson Fellowship at the American Antiquarian Society.

Robert L. Hall (Northeastern University) was awarded an ACLS fellowship to study "The Atlantic Slave Trade and the Transformation of North American Culture, 1526-1865."

Arthur Hirsh (Newbury College) is the new director of the Virginia Tech University overseas campus in Switzerland.

James Johnson (Boston University) was promoted to Associate Professor of History. **David Mayers** (Boston University) was promoted to Professor of History.

James McCann (Boston University) was promoted to Professor of History.

Dane Morrison (Salem State College) was elected Vice President of the New England American Studies Association.

NEHA WEB SITE OPENS

This Association now has a web site which we hope will improve communication, attract new members, and enhance old and new activities. Our web master, Jim Hanlan, announced the opening of the web site shortly before this issue went to press. We are grateful to Worcester Polytechnic Institute and its staff for making this high tech Net link possible. The web pages are still under construction, but this preliminary version may be a convenient and useful resource to those on the Internet.

Please visit the site soon. Your ideas about the web site and specific suggestions are invited, and all members should feel free to write or email Jim Hanlan (jphanlan@wpi.edu). Our new web site address is: www.wpi.edu/~jphanlan/NEHA.



Judith Bielecki has succeeded **Billie Gammon** as executive director of the Norlands Living History Center in Livermore, Maine.

Martin Blatt (Boston National Historical Park) was elected to the OAH Executive Board.

Nicholas Bromell (UMass-Amherst) was elected president of the New England American Studies Association.

Jerome J. Nadelhaft (University of Maine-Orono) has retired as Professor of History.

Yitzhak Nakash (Brandeis University), a specialist in modern Middle Eastern studies, was promoted to associate professor.

Jenny Hale Pulsipher (Brandeis University) received the Richard L. Morton award from the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture for her most distinguished article by a graduate student in the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

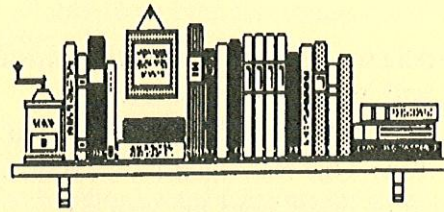
Richard Rath (Brandeis University) received the Louis Pelzer Memorial Award from the OAH for his dissertation, "*Echo and Narcissus: the Afrocentric Pragmatism of W.E.B. DuBois at the Turn of the Century.*"

Bruce Schulman (Boston University) is the new director of the BU American and New England Studies Program.

Nancy Schultz (Salem State College) curated an exhibit at the Somerville Museum, "*Lifting the Veil: Remembering the Burning of the Ursuline Convent,*" which was favorably reviewed by the *Boston Globe* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in June.

Larissa Taylor (Colby College) received an NEH grant to study images of Mary Magdalene in late medieval art. She is also the new book review editor for the *Sixteenth Century Journal*.

Genzo Yamamoto (Yale University), a specialist in modern Japan, joined the Boston University Department of History as an assistant professor.



BOOK NEWS

Andrew Bell-Fialkoff (Boston University) published *Ethnic Cleansing* (St. Martin's Press).

W. Jeffrey Bolster (University of New Hampshire) published *Black Jacks: African American Seamen in the Age of Sail* (Harvard University Press).

Donna Cassidy (University of Southern Maine) published *Painting the Musical City: American Modernist Art and Jazz* (Smithsonian Institution Press).

David Chanoff (Brandeis University) and **Doan Van Toai** published *Vietnam: A Portrait of its People at War* (St. Martin's Press).

Margaret Creighton (Bates College) and **Lisa Norling** published *Iron Men, Wooden Women: Gender and Seafaring in the Atlantic World, 1700-1920* (Johns Hopkins University Press).

Matthew H. Edney (University of Southern Maine) published *Mapping an Empire: The Geographical Construction of British India, 1765-1843* (University of Chicago Press).

William M. Fowler, Jr. (Northeastern University) published *Samuel Adams: Radical Puritan* (Longman).

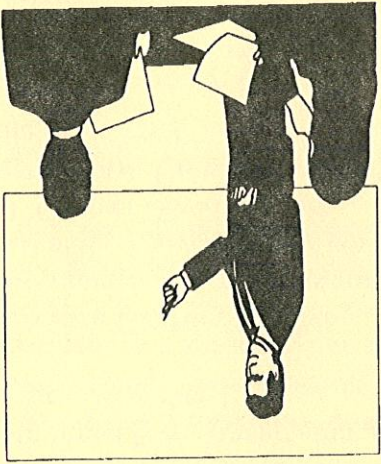
Bruce L. Venarde published *Women's Monasticism and Medieval Society: Nunneries in France and England, 890-1215* (Cornell University Press).

Frank Walsh (University of Massachusetts-Lowell) published *Sin and Censorship: The Catholic Church and the Motion Picture Industry* (Yale University Press), which won the Theatre Library Association book award.

Irma Watkins-Owens (Fordham University) published *Blood Relations: Caribbean Immigrants and the Harlem Community, 1900-1930* (Indiana University Press).

Eric D. Weitz (St. Olaf College) published *Creating German Communism, 1890-1990: From Popular Protests to Socialist State* (Princeton University Press).

John Edgar Wideman (University of Massachusetts-Amherst) won the James Fenimore Cooper prize awarded by the Society of American Historians for his novel, *The Cattle Killing* (Houghton Mifflin).



Glenda Elizabeth Gilmore (Yale University) published *Gender and Jim Crow: Women and the Politics of White Supremacy in North Carolina, 1896-1920* (University of North Carolina Press), which won the AHA James A. Rawley Prize and the Frederick Jackson Turner Award.

Stanislav J. Kirschbaum (York University) published *A History of Slovakia: The Struggle for Survival* (St. Martin's Press).

Robert A. Michael (University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth) published *The Houghton Mifflin Guide to the Internet for History* (Houghton Mifflin).

Dane Morrison (Salem State College) published *American Indian Studies: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Contemporary Issues* (Peter Lang).

Eric Roman (Western Connecticut State University) published *Hungary and the Victor Powers, 1945-1950* (St. Martin's Press).

Roland Sarti (University of Massachusetts-Amherst) published *Mazzini: A Life for the Religion of Politics* (Praeger).

Mark R. Schneider (Lesley College) published *Boston Confronts Jim Crow, 1890-1920* (Northeastern University Press).

William N. Titchin (Rhode Island College) published *Theodore Roosevelt and the British Empire* (St. Martin's Press).

Len Travers (Massachusetts Historical Society) published *Celebrating the Fourth: Independence Day and the Rites of Nationalism in the Early Republic* (University of Massachusetts Press).

CALLS FOR PAPERS

The Sixth Annual **Norlands Conference on Northern New England** meets in Livermore, Maine in June on the theme "(Un)Common New Englanders." For further information and/or proposals write to Judith Bielecki, Executive Director, Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Road, Livermore, ME 04253.

The 1998 annual meeting of the **Society for Historians of the Early American Republic** (SHEAR) will be held at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia on July 16-19. The conference theme is "The Invention of American Nationalism(s)." Proposals may be sent by January 15 to the program chair, Jack Rakove, Department of History, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305; phone: (415) 723-4514; fax: (415) 725-0597; email: rakove@leland.stanford.edu.

The **American Studies Association** holds its annual conference in Seattle on November 19-22, 1998. For information on proposal submission, contact the ASA Program Committee, 1120 Nineteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20036 before December 1.

The **Nineteenth Century Studies Association** invites papers for its annual conference at the University of Alabama on April 2-4. Contact David Stewart, Department of Art, University of Alabama, Huntsville, AL 35899.

The 38th annual meeting of the **Western History Association** will be in Sacramento in October 1998. Proposals may be sent to

Virginia Scharff, Department of History, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1181; or by fax (505) 277-6023.

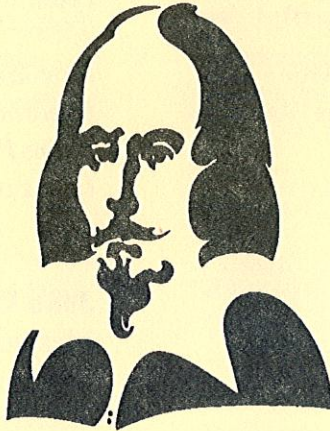
The **American Conference for Irish Studies** 1998 conference meets in Fort Lauderdale on April 15-19, and marks the 200th anniversary of the 1798 Irish Rebellion and 50th anniversary of the Young Ireland rising. Proposals may be submitted to James E. Doan, ACIS, Department of Liberal Arts, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314; fax: (954) 262-3931; email: doan@polaris.acast.nova.edu.

The **Middle Atlantic Conference on British Studies** meets in New York City on April 3-4. Those interested in proposing a paper or a panel or serving as a chair or commentator may contact Antoinette Burton, Department of History, Johns Hopkins University, 3400 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218; fax: 410-516-7312; email: hiburton@jhuvms.hcf.jhu.edu by

December 1.

The **Southern Conference on British Studies** meets in Birmingham on November 5-7, 1998 in conjunction with the Southern Historical Association and the Carolinas Symposium on British Studies. Contact the SCBS program chair, Diane Willen, Department of History, Georgia State University.

The **National Council on Public History** holds its annual conference on the theme "International, Multicultural, Interdisciplinary: Public History Policy and Practice" on April 15-19 in Austin. Contact Carl Phagan, Batelle Pantex, PO Box 30020,



Amarillo, TX 79120-0020;
kemitche@pantex.com.

An International Conference on Henry

George in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of his death will be held at

Cooper Union on November 1. Contact Ed O'Donnell, Department of History, Hunter College, CUNY, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021; (212) 772-5540; email: eodonnell@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu.

The Oral History Association invites

proposed papers for its 1998 annual meeting

on October 15-18 in Buffalo on the theme "Crossing the Boundary, Crossing the Line: Oral History on the Border." Contact Debra Bernhardt, Robert E. Wagner Archives, 70 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012; (212) 998-2640; bernhrdt@elmer1.bobst.nyu.edu by December 15.

CONFERENCES TO MEET

The John Nicholas Brown Center for the

Study of American Civilization hosts a

conference on "**Rhode Island Reconsidered**" at Brown University on November 14-16. Contact Joyce M. Botelho, John Nicholas Brown Center, Box 1880, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912; (401) 272-0357.

The North American Society for 18th

Century Studies (NEASSECS) holds its 21st conference in Boston on December 11-14 on the theme "Recycling a Still-Usable Past: Ballards, Chapbooks, Almanacs and Other Printed Ephemerata". Contact Ourida Mostefai, Boston College, Department of Romance Languages, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167; (617) 552-3820; email: mostefai@bc.edu.

Mystic Seaport will sponsor its 18th annual **American Maritime History Symposium** on November 8. Contact William N. Peterson, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, CT 06355-0990.

Vermont's capital city plays host to the Fall

1997 meeting of the **New England Archivists**. The two-day conference meets in Montpelier on October 23-24. Contact Christine Carter, Vermont State Archives, Montpelier, VT 05602; (802) 828-2397; ccarter@state.vt.us; or www.lib.umb.edu/newengarch.

The first annual Conference on Hudson

Valley Heritage meets at SUNY New Paltz on September 26-27. Contact Neil Larson, Hudson Valley Study Center, SUNY New Paltz, 75 S. Mannheim Blvd., New Paltz, NY 12561; (914) 257-2966.

The National Coalition of Independent

Scholars and the Institute for Historical

Study will co-sponsor a conference on "**The Scholarly Imperative: What Inspires Independent Scholars?**" at the San Francisco Main Public Library on October 18. Contact Ellen Huppert, 1490 Willard Street, San Francisco, CA 94117; (415) 665-1529; pah2@aol.com.

The North American Conference on

British Studies annual meeting will be on October 31-November 2 at Monterey, California. Contact Chris Waters, National Humanities Center, 7 Alexander Drive, Box 12256, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2256; email: christopher.m.waters@williams.edu.

The New England regional meeting of the

American Conference for Irish Studies

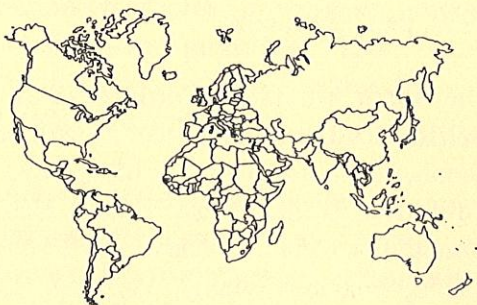
(NEACIS) will be held on Boston's historic Beacon Hill at Suffolk University on

November 14-15. The conference theme is "From Famine to Feast? Ireland 1847-1997." Contact Conor Johnston, Suffolk University, Office of Public Affairs, 8 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108.

The **American Italian Historical Association** holds its 30th annual conference on November 13-15 in Cleveland. The theme is "Shades of Black and White: Italy-Africa-U.S." Contact Joseph Ventura, 11418 Edgepark Drive, Garfield Heights, OH 44125.

The **Peace History Society** meets in San Antonio on November 14-16. The conference theme is "Peace and War Issues: Gender, Race, Identity and Citizenship." Contact Linda Schott, Center of the Study of Women and Gender, University of Texas, San Antonio, TX 78249-0651; (210) 458-4876; lschott@pplan.utsa.edu.

The **History of Education Society** annual conference meets on October 23-26 in Philadelphia. Contact John Rury, School of New Learning, DePaul University, Chicago, IL 60604; (312) 362-8615.



CONFERENCES MEETING ABROAD

The **Fourth International Conference on Urban History** meets in Venice on

September 3-5, 1998. Contact Donatella Calabi, Dipartimento di Storia dell'architettura, IUAV, San Polo 2554, 30125 Venezia; fax: +39.41.715449.

The second bi-annual **European Social Science History Conference** meets in Amsterdam on March 5-7. Contact the program chair by email: lacjlucassen@rullet.leidenuniv.nl and the following meeting will be in Paris in 2000.

The 19th **International Congress of Historical Sciences** meets in Oslo on August 6-13, 2000. For further information, visit their homepage at: <http://www.hf.uio.no/hi/prosjekter/verdenskongressen/> or write to the 19th International Congress, Department of History, PO Box 1008, Blindern, N-0315 Oslo, Norway.

The annual meeting of the **Economic History Society** will be on April 3-5 at the University of Leeds. Proposals for sessions with an analytical or methodological focus across chronological or geographical boundaries may be sent to Paul Johnson, Department of Economic History, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE England; by email to P.A.Johnson@lse.ac.uk and fax +44 171 955 7730.

AUTHORS WANTED

The **North East Popular Culture Association** (NEPCA) announces its second annual book award competition for the best book on a culture studies or pop culture topic published in 1997 by a regional (New England and New York) scholar. Publishers may nominate one book by June 1. The award certificate and \$200 prize will be presented to the winner at the November 7, 1998 NEPCA conference in Boston. Contact

the *George Watt Memorial Prizes* for the best college student essays on some aspect of the Spanish Civil War. Two prizes of \$500 each will be awarded yearly by the April 1 deadline. For details, contact Arnold Krammer, Department of History, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-4236.

The American Baptist Historical Society announces the Robert G. Torbet Prize for the best essay on Baptist history. The winner receives \$200 and the essay may be published in the American Baptist Quarterly. Contact Beverly Carlson, ABHS, Box 850, Valley Forge, PA 19842.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The American Catholic Historical Association offers the John Tracy Ellis Dissertation Award (\$1200) to assist graduate students working on some aspect of the history of the Catholic Church. Contact the Secretary, American Catholic Historical Association, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064.

The Five College Fellowship Program for Minority Scholars is offered by Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke and Smith colleges and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The fellowship provides a year in residence at one of the five colleges for minority graduate students who have completed all requirements for the Ph.D. except the dissertation. The stipend is \$25,000 with housing, office and library privileges and limited teaching opportunities. Contact Carol Angus, Five Colleges Incorporated, 97 Spring Street, Amherst, MA 01002-2324 by January 16.

the NEPCA Secretary: Peter Holloran, 41 Linnaean Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; pch@world.std.com; (617) 876-6635.

The American Culture Association solicits nominations for the John B. Cavell Award for the best book in American culture published in 1997. Contact Edward Ingebretsen, Department of English, Georgetown University, Washington, DC 20057.

The Urban History Association is conducting its annual prize competition for scholarly distinction. Prizes are offered for the best doctoral dissertation in urban history (without geographic restriction) completed in 1997; and for the best book in North American urban history published in 1997; and for the best journal article in urban history (without geographic restriction) published in 1997. Contact John C. Schneider, Tufts University, 108 Bromfield Street, Medford, MA 02155 by June 15.

The North American Conference on British Studies offers the annual Walter D. Love Prize (\$150) for the best article in British history published each year. Contact Roger Manning, Department of History, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH 44115.

The Radical Historians Newsletter is a useful and lively source of information, and available at no charge (although donations are welcomed). For subscription or submission information, contact the editor, Jim O'Brien, PO Box 632, Cambridge, MA 02140; or by email at obrienjm@umb.umb.edu.

The Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives (ALBA) offers an annual competition for

The **Rockefeller Archive Center** invites applications for its program of grants for travel and research in 1998. Contact Darwin H. Stapleton, Rockefeller Archive Center, 15 Dayton Avenue, Pocantico Hills, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591 by November 30.

The **Naval Historical Center** offers internships for undergraduates who spend up to four weeks on applied history projects at the Washington Navy Yard. Applications may be obtained by writing: Senior Naval Historian, Naval Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard, 901 M Street SE, Washington, DC 20374-5050.

SPANISH CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT

Historians' interest in exploring the rise of right wing and left wing political movements in pre-war Europe has developed significantly in recent years. Many scholars see the struggle in Spain between the Republicans and the Nationalists in the 1930s as a microcosm foreshadowing the events leading to the second world war. This tragic civil war is the subject of a new traveling exhibition, "*Shouts from the Wall*," sponsored by the **Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade** which will be on display at the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum from January 27 to March 13.

Drawn from thousands of documents and art works in the Brandeis University Spanish Civil War Collections, this exhibit uses some of the richly illustrated wall posters created by revolutionary artists for propaganda purposes. The posters reflect the ways in which political parties and organizations communicated with the people in Spain. They also exemplify how artists succeeded in using a variety of art forms to convey political messages.

For information on the exhibit, contact Wendy Watson, Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075, (413) 538-2245, or Charles Cutter, Brandeis University, Special Collections Department, Waltham, MA 02154; (617) 736-4688.

CAMBRIDGE IRISH FAMINE MEMORIAL

In 1847, events across the Atlantic were reshaping the destiny of three countries: Ireland, England, and America. In a year known as Black '47, the *Great Hunger*, or *An Gorta Mor*, reached its devastating climax. A fungus had destroyed the sole subsistence crop in Ireland. Over the course of five years, Ireland lost one quarter of its population: over one million people died; and another million emigrated.

Many of our own great-great grandparents were among those who fled to America. Some came to New England to escape the cruelty of a famine that shattered their families' world. Like immigrants from around the world, they made the journey on blind faith that the life they would find in America would make a better home than the one they left behind.

One hundred and fifty years later, we ask you to help build a memorial to the Irish Potato Famine on the Cambridge Common--the first such memorial in the Northeast. For many of us, the story of the Great Hunger is a personal story, but it's also a story that is profoundly relevant to events that shape the world today.

The Irish who made it to America helped reshape their adopted country. Now, more than ever, we must build a memorial to honor the spirit of those Irish pioneers. And

what better place than a stone's throw from the spot where George Washington took command of the Continental Army in 1776. But we can't do it without your help.

To make this memorial a reality, send us your own family immigrant story. If you are able, your written contribution will be appreciated. Together, we will build a memorial that honors the Irish, and the honorary Irish, and the city and country they helped make great.

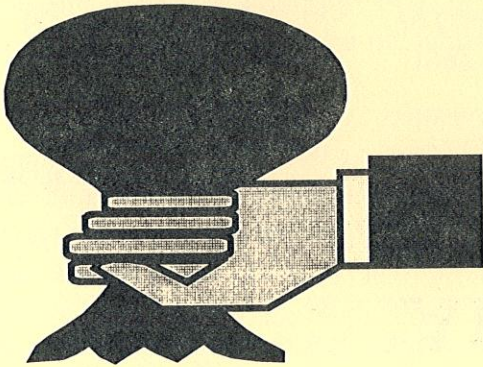
Irish President **Mary Robinson** unveiled the memorial statue, designed by Irish sculptor **Maurice Harron**, on the historic Cambridge Common in a public ceremony on July 23. For further information, please contact John T. O'Connor, Irish Famine Memorial Committee, PO Box 382074, Cambridge, MA 02238; (617) 441-0958; or see the web site at <http://www.famine.org>.

ARE YOUR DUES OVERDUE?

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Although most members pay annual dues in October when registering for the Fall conference, payments are accepted at any time. *But we do not issue bills.* The names of lapsed members are deleted from our mailing list. Overpayments are credited to the following year.

If you do not register for the Fall meeting, please use the conference registration form to mail dues payments to the Executive Secretary. Make your personal check payable to NEHA (in US funds only). Thank you.



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American Historical Association

1998 * Seattle *
8-11 January

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1998 * Indianapolis *
2-5 April

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American Conference for Irish Studies

1998 * Ft. Lauderdale *
15-19 April

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12-15 May

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28-31 October

Social Science History Association

1997 * 16-19 October

Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association

1998 * Orlando *
8-11 April

1999 * San Diego *
31 March-3 April

2000 * New Orleans * 19-
22 April

2001 * Philadelphia *
11-14 April

North East Popular Culture Association

1997 * Boston *
31 October-1 November

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6-7 November

1999 * Portland *
November

New England American Studies Association

1998 * Mystic, CT *
10-11 May

Oral History Association

1997 * New Orleans *
25-28 September

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

1998 * Harpers Ferry *
16-19 July

Explorations in Early American Social History, 1600-1850 (1994).

Throughout their joint career, the central theme of the Rutman's scholarship was the community. Darrett became known in the profession as an intense, occasionally feisty, advocate of the "new" social history and quantified historical methodology. He also enjoyed a reputation as a demanding and respected teacher, especially of graduate students.

Darrett did his undergraduate work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaigne and his doctoral studies at the University of Virginia. Before graduate school, he and Anita were both reporters for *Long Island Newsday*, where they met in the 1950s. He began his teaching career in 1959 at the University of Minnesota. The Rutmans are survived by a son, Morgan, a daughter, Elizabeth, and three grandchildren.

Charles E. Clark

University of New Hampshire

IN MEMORIAM: Richard O. Curry
(1931-1997)

Richard Orr Curry died suddenly on April 19 in Willimantic, Connecticut. Born on January 26, 1931 in West Virginia, he earned his B.A. in 1952 and an M.A. in 1956 at John Marshall University. His interest in Civil War history led to a Ph. D. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1961.

After teaching at the University of Charleston, Pennsylvania State University and the University of Pittsburgh, he joined the Department of History at the University of Connecticut in Storrs in 1963 where he served with distinction until his retirement in 1992.

IN MEMORIAM: Darrett R. Rutman
(1929-1997)

Darrett B. Rutman, president of this Association in 1981-1982, who with his wife Anita helped shape the study of early American history over three and a half decades, died at the home of his son in Marmok, New York on April 11. His death came at age 68 several months after the death of his wife Anita. The couple had moved recently to Westport, Connecticut, upon Darrett's retirement from the University of Florida at Gainesville.

Darrett became best known to members of this Association during his fifteen years at the University of New Hampshire, where he came in 1969 to organize an expanded graduate program in the Department of History and serve as the department's first graduate director.

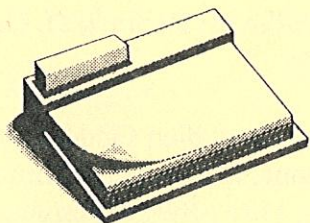
The Rutmans' book *A Place in Time: Middlesex County, Virginia, 1650-1750*,

their main scholarly project during Darrett's time at UNH, appeared in 1984, soon after they left Durham for Gainesville. At Florida, Darrett was graduate professor of history and Anita an adjunct professor of history. Darrett's earlier published works included

Winthrop's Boston: Portrait of a Puritan Town, 1630-1649 (1965), *Husbandmen of Plymouth: Farms and Villages in the Old Colony, 1620-1692* (1967), *American Puritanism: Faith and Practice* (1970), *The Great Awakening: Event and Exegesis* (1970), *The Morning of America, 1603-1789* (1971), *John Winthrop's Decision for America, 1629* (1975), and his 1959 doctoral dissertation, *A Militant New World, 1607-1640* (1979). With **Anita H. Rutman**, he also published a fine collection of essays, *Small Worlds, Large Questions*.

Professor Curry published *A House Divided: A Study of Statehood Politics and the Copperhead Movement in West Virginia* (1964), the first of nine books and numerous articles. It was followed by *The Abolitionists* (1965); *Radicalism, Racism, and Party Realignment: The Border States During Reconstruction* (1969); and, with Lawrence B. Goodheart, *American Chameleon: Individualism in Trans-National Context* (1991).

His career included many awards and fellowships, as well as appointment as a USIA lecturer in the Philippines and Australia, and as a Fulbright lecturer in New Zealand. His most important legacy may be the considerable influence he had in shaping our awareness of ideology's role in history and civil liberties. Richard Curry was a long term member of this Association, and is survived by his wife Patricia and many family members and friends.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

"Project James" needs your assistance in its national efforts to get the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to issue a commemorative stamp that will call attention to the vital role that James

Armistead Lafayette, 1748-1830, a slave from New Kent County, Virginia, played in the 1781 Yorktown victory over the British.

May I suggest that you write a letter to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 4474E, Washington, DC 20260-6347, recommending that it consider a timely issue of a stamp to honor this distinguished American? In addition, please urge your colleagues and public officials to support this project.

Finally, the assistance which you, your organization and friends can give to this project will help us to overcome what has been called "a cover-up" by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in his 1996 *Black Profiles in Courage: A Legacy of African-American Achievement* because we have tried to eliminate from our collective memories the remarkable contributions that James Armistead Lafayette made to the cause of American freedom while in bondage as a chattel slave. Thanks very much for helping in the efforts to acknowledge this invisible but significant chapter in American history. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to get your assistance.

Virginius Bray Thornton III
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