

# NEHA NEWS

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## FALL CONFERENCE IN NEW LONDON AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Saturday October 17, 1998  
SECOND CALL

The 61st meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, October 17 at Connecticut College in New London (860-439-2000).

The program is listed on pages 3-5 of this issue and was mailed earlier to all members along with a map and travel instructions.

Vice-President **Alan Rogers** arranged this excellent program, and **Fred Paxton** and **Lisa Wilson** of the Department of History at Connecticut College made fine local arrangements with the expert assistance of **James Hanlan**. This is the Association's first meeting in this part of southern New England and we are very grateful for the splendid efforts on our behalf.

The conference begins with registration on Saturday morning at 8:00 A.M. in the Blaustein Humanities Center. Members are invited to bring copies of their own recent publications as well as timely professional book exhibit. *Registration is required for*

*everyone* (all members, non-members, graduate students and panelists) who attends the conference. Pre-registration by mail prior to October 5 is strongly recommended but registration at the conference is possible. Please feel free to photocopy the conference registration form on the back page when inviting colleagues, graduate students and friends.

Luncheon will be served in the College Center's Crozier-Williams Room, but seating is limited. Please purchase your lunch ticket when you register by mail before October 5. Even if you do not join us in New London, please use this form to *pay your annual membership dues*. The new Association officers will be introduced at the luncheon during a brief business meeting and the annual NEHA Book Award will be presented to the winner.

## OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION

Motel rooms at special rates for members have been reserved for those who wish to stay overnight in the New London area. You must reserve your room as early as possible by calling the Holiday Inn in New London (860-442-0631) but no later than September

16. Ask for the NEHA rate of \$99.00. The motel will provide travel directions when you phone.



## TRAVEL INFORMATION

If you drive from New York and the West, take I-95 North to exit 83. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp onto Williams Street. Proceed up the hill and through the traffic light. The entrance to Connecticut College is on the right.

From Boston and the East, take I-95 South to exit 83 (New London/Frontage Road) and take the Briggs Street/Coast Guard Academy sub-exit. At the light, turn left onto Briggs Street. At the second light, turn left onto Williams Street. Proceed .7 mile to the entrance to Connecticut College on the right. Follow NEHA signs to the parking lot.

From Worcester and points North, take I-395 South to exit 78. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right at the blue sign that reads "Waterford." Bear left and proceed for 2.5 miles to the college entrance on the left.

From Hartford, take I-84 East to Route 2 East to I-395 South. Follow directions above from I-395 South.

New London is served by major airlines at the Groton-New London Airport (860-445-8545) or from Bradley Airport (860-623-3000). Taxi, limo, or car rental from the airport should be made in advance. For Amtrak information call 800-872-7245. Bus

service to New London is by Greyhound (800-231-2222).

Follow the familiar NEHA signs and walk from the parking lots to the Blaustein Humanities 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 Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire on April 17. Our Vice-President, **Alan Rogers**, is the program chair, and will organize the program. The deadline for submitting proposals (one-page abstract and a brief c.v.) is January 15, 1999. For information about the program or submissions contact Alan Rogers, Boston College, Department of History, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167; [alan.rogers@bc.edu](mailto:alan.rogers@bc.edu).

## THE NEHA WEB SITE

The Association's web site at Worcester Polytechnic Institute is our high tech Internet link. The web pages are under constant renovation, but this has proven to be a popular, convenient and useful resource to our members.

At the last conference we noted how many members found the conference program and registration form on the web site. This is only one way it can be handy and helpful. 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](mailto:jphanlan@wpi.edu)). The NEHA web site address is: [www.wpi.edu/~jphanlan/NEHA](http://www.wpi.edu/~jphanlan/NEHA).

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| Room 212 | 8:45 Session One <b>King Philip's War: The Aftermath</b> | Christophe Hannan (Boston College): "Land and Community in Rhode Island and the Destruction of the Narragansett"   | Kathy S. Sproles (James Madison University): "Loving the Woman, Hating the Writer: Virginia Sackville-West and Virginia Woolf as Biographers and Subjects of Biography" | Kate Clifford Larson (University of New Hampshire): "Writing the Life of an Icon: Harriet Tubman and the Historical Representation of the Unknown"   | Louise Amderson Allen (Independent Scholar): "Meeting Myself: How Writing Biography Opens Windows of Understanding"                           | Chair/Comment: Robert Hamigan (Suffolk University)       | Chair/Comment: Race and Nation in the Cold War   | 8:45 Session Three <b>Race and Nation in the Cold War</b> | Chair/Comment: Elizabeth Vihlen (U.S. Merchant Marine Academy): "Playing Paris: Jazz in Postwar France"  | Amy Bass (SUNY at Old Westbury): "Race-ing American Team: Postwar Diplomacy and the Black Athlete" | Brian McKenize (SUNY Stony Brook): "The Marshall Plan and the Creation of Transatlantic Tourism"   | Mary Ellen Lennon (Harvard University): "Narratives of Witness: Northern Writers and the Harlan County Coal Strike, 1931-1932" |
| Room 211 | 8:45 Session Four <b>Workers in the South</b>            | Chair/Comment: Bruce W. Beaman (University of Maryland): "A Little Yankee Skill and Yankee Energy; Expanding Bourgeois Opportunity and the Dignity of Free Labor in Antebellum Spartanburg District, South Carolina" | Chair/Comment: Scott Malloy (University of Rhode Island)  | Chair/Comment: Bruce W. Beaman (University of Maryland): "A Little Yankee Skill and Yankee Energy; Expanding Bourgeois Opportunity and the Dignity of Free Labor in Antebellum Spartanburg District, South Carolina" | Chair/Comment: Mary Ellen Lennon (Harvard University): "Narratives of Witness: Northern Writers and the Harlan County Coal Strike, 1931-1932" | Chair/Comment: Scott Malloy (University of Rhode Island) | Chair/Comment: Bruce W. Beaman (University of Maryland): "A Little Yankee Skill and Yankee Energy; Expanding Bourgeois Opportunity and the Dignity of Free Labor in Antebellum Spartanburg District, South Carolina" | Chair/Comment: Scott Malloy (University of Rhode Island)  | Chair/Comment: Bruce W. Beaman (University of Maryland): "A Little Yankee Skill and Yankee Energy; Expanding Bourgeois Opportunity and the Dignity of Free Labor in Antebellum Spartanburg District, South Carolina" | Chair/Comment: Scott Malloy (University of Rhode Island)   | Chair/Comment: Bruce W. Beaman (University of Maryland): "A Little Yankee Skill and Yankee Energy; Expanding Bourgeois Opportunity and the Dignity of Free Labor in Antebellum Spartanburg District, South Carolina" | Chair/Comment: Scott Malloy (University of Rhode Island)   |

## First Morning Sessions 8:45-10:15

8:00-8:45 Registration and Coffee

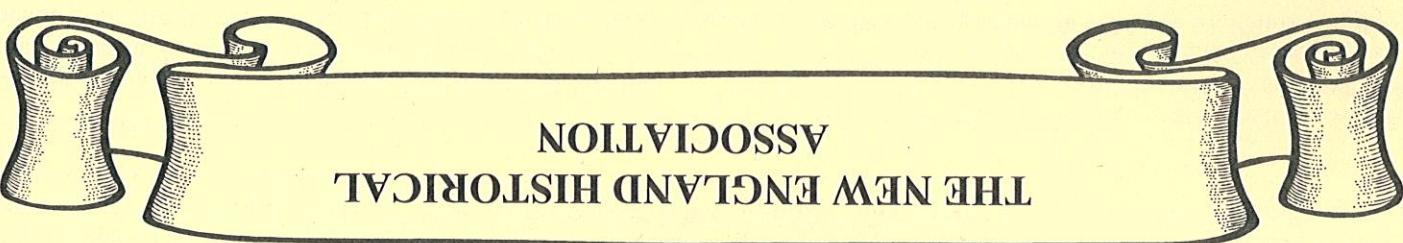
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**FALL CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 1998

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE NEW LONDON, CT



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| <b>8:45 Session Five</b>  | <b>Manhood and Biography: Defining Masculinity in Men's Lives</b>   | <b>Room 208</b>                      |
| Chair: Steven Bullock (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)   |   |                                      |
| Allegra Hogan (Yale University): "Colonial Manhood: A Revaluation Using the Diary of Joshua Hempstead, 1678-1758"   |   |                                      |
| Sharon Ann Holt (Bryn Mawr College): "Ruin and Redemption in the Life of Old John Brown"  |   |                                      |
| Comment: Lisa Wilson (Connecticut College)  |   |                                      |
| <b>8:45 Session Six</b>   | <b>Literature and Historical Identity</b>                           | <b>Room 203</b>                      |
| Chair/Comment: Chris Wilson (Boston College)  |   |                                      |
| Antonio T. Bly (College of William and Mary): "'On the Affray in King Street, On the Evening of the 5th of March' (/): Phillis Wheatley, Accented Signifiers and the Signing of the Unsigned" |   |                                      |
| Alison Olson (University of Maryland): "Daniel Fowle's <i>Monster of Monsters</i> : A 'False Scandalous Libel' or and 'Innocent Satire'?"   |   |                                      |
| Nicholas M. Creary (Michigan State University): "Literature, Collective Identity and Liberation: A Comparison of the Harlem Renaissance and the Clairdale Movement of Cape Verde"             |   |                                      |
| <b>8:45 Session Seven</b>   | <b>Germany on Stage and Screen, 1918-1948</b>                       | <b>Room 201</b>                      |
| Chair/Comment: Martin Menke (Rivier College)  |   |                                      |
| Collin James Fallon (University of Delaware): "The German National Theatre in Weimar, 1918-1933"  |   |                                      |
| Lawrence Suid (Independent Scholar): "Germany and the Holocaust in Hollywood Films"   |   |                                      |
| <b>8:45 Session Eight</b>   | <b>U.S.-Mid-East Relations in the Postwar Era</b>                   | <b>Shein Library/Daley Room</b>      |
| Chair/Comment: Douglas Little (Clark University)  |   |                                      |
| Teresa A. Thomas (Fitchburg State College): "Rapprochement by Denial: Rebuilding U.S.-Egyptian Relations after Suez"  |   |                                      |
| Daniel Williamson (University of Connecticut): "The Changing of the Guard: Great Britain, the United States, and the Arming of Iraq, 1953-1955"   |   |                                      |
| Michael E. Donoghue (University of Connecticut): "The Buraimi Dispute and the Souring of Anglo-American-Saudi Relations, 1952-1956"   |   |                                      |
| <b>10:15-10:45 Coffee Break and Book Exhibit</b>  |   | <b>Blaustein Center</b>              |
| <b>Second Morning Sessions 10:45-12:15</b>  |   |                                      |
| <b>10:45 Session Nine</b>   | <b>Indian Removal and National Identity: The 'Civilized' Tribes</b> | <b>Room 208</b>                      |
| Chair: Catherine M. Stock   |   |                                      |
| Comment: Mary Young (University of Rochester)   |   |                                      |
| Erik Zissu (University of Pittsburgh): "From Tragedy to Lesson of Survival: Writing Removal History"  |   |                                      |
| Wendy St. Jean (University of Connecticut): "'Unnatural Union': The Chickasaws from the Choctaw Nation"   |   |                                      |
| <b>10:45 Session Ten</b>  | <b>Diplomacy in a Democratic Age</b>                                | <b>Room 203</b>                      |
| Chair/and Comment: Erik Goldstein (Boston University)   |   |                                      |
| Jeffrey Reiser (Brown University): "The Impact of Weimar Instability on German Treaty Negotiations at Versailles, 1919"   |   |                                      |
| Ted Bromund (Yale University): "'This Somewhat Embarrassing Ship': The British Government and the Mayflower II, 1955-1957"  |   |                                      |
| Mark E. Ruff (Brown University): "Drafting the Preamble to the United Nations Charter: Politics vs. Ideals, 1945"   |   |                                      |
| <b>10:45 Session Eleven</b>   | <b>Women and Reform and Reforming Women</b>                         | <b>Room Shein Library/Hayes Room</b> |
| Chair/Comment: Susan Zeiger (Regis College)   |   |                                      |
| Leigh Ann Wheeler (Rollins College): "'Woman vs. Woman': Alice Winter, Catherine Gilman and National Motion Picture Reform, 1925-1935"  |   |                                      |
| Mara Dodge (University of Delaware): "'Her Life Has Been an Improper One': Women Before the Parole Board, Illinois, 1920-1933"  |   |                                      |
| <b>10:45 Session Twelve</b>   | <b>Natural Disasters and Community Responses</b>                    | <b>Room 211</b>                      |
| Chair/Comment: Mark Gelfand (Boston College)  |   |                                      |
| Elizabeth M. Sharpe (Independent Scholar): "Capitalism and Calamity: The Massachusetts Mill River Flood of 1874"  |   |                                      |
| Anders Greenspan (Long Island University): "Community Effort and Federal Assistance: Public Health in Monroe County, Indiana in the 1930s"  |   |                                      |

## 3:30 Adjournment

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| Room 201 | 2:00 Session Eighteen The Profession and Part-Time and Adjunct Faculty  |
| Room 213 | 2:00 Session Seventeen A Seamless Web: Researching and Teaching History in Cyberspace   |
| Room 213 | Afternoon Sessions 2:00-3:30  |
|          | 12:45-1:45 Luncheon & Presentation of the NEHA Book Award   |
|          | 12:15-12:45 Reception College Center/Crozier-Williams   |
|          | 10:45 Session Sixteen "Darling, You Look Marvelous": The Politics of Clothmaking and the Body   |
|          | 10:45 Session Fifteen Myths of Jewish History   |
|          | 10:45 Session Fourteen Women, Organizations, and Political Influence in the Early 20th Century Shein Library/Daley Room   |
|          | 10:45 Session Thirteen New England Willis: Piety and Politics   |
|          | John M. Lund (University of Massachusetts): "The Case of William Penn's Will: Oaths and Spiritual Experience in Late 17th-Century Chair/Comment: Conrad E. Wright (Massachusetts Historical Society)  |
|          | J. L. Walsh (USNH College for Lifelong Learning): "Without Defense: The Case of Thomas Packer's Will" Massachusetts   |
|          | John M. Lund (University of Massachusetts): "The Case of William Penn's Will: Oaths and Spiritual Experience in Late 17th-Century Chair/Comment: Melanie Gustafson (University of Vermont)  |
|          | Karen Madden (Michigan State University): "The Athena Club of Burlington, Vermont: The Limits of Women's Club Politics in a Small City"   |
|          | Comments: Paul Bookbinder, (University of Massachusetts, Boston)  |
|          | Klaus Hoedl (University of Graz): "Discourses on Diseases within the Austrian Jewish Community"   |
|          | Robert M. Specter (Worcester State College): "Jews in the Atlantic Transportation of Africans as Slaves to America Prior to 1808: A Carolina Alyea (Harvard University): "Children's Dress Reform and the Civilized Body in Enlightenment Europe" |
|          | Chair/Comment: Paul Breines (Boston College)  |
|          | John W. Mackey (Boston College): "Outfitting for Heaven: The Early Salvation Army and the Details of Fashion"   |
|          | Karen P. Flood (Harvard University): "Remarkable Corpses: Image and the Self in Turn-of-the-Century America"  |
|          | Comments: Karen P. Flood (Harvard University): "Remarkable Corpses: Image and the Self in Turn-of-the-Century America"  |
|          | Tom Thurstion (New Deal Network): "Building the New Deal Network"   |
|          | Luis Figueira (Trinity College): "The Web and the Classroom"  |
|          | Richard Jensen (University of Illinois, Chicago): "Scholars' Guide to WWW"  |
|          | Chair: Ballard Campbell (Northeastern University)   |
|          | Comments: Luis Figueira (Trinity College); "America in the 1890s: A Web Site"   |
|          | Kennech R. Dvorkin (Bowling Green State University): "America in the 1890s: A Web Site"   |
|          | Tom Thurstion (New Deal Network): "Building the New Deal Network"   |
|          | Comments: Tom Thurstion (New Deal Network): "Building the New Deal Network"   |
|          | Chair: Peter C. Holloran (Bentley College)  |
|          | William Paquette (Tidewater Community College), "Adjunct Faculty at the Two-Year College"   |
|          | Richard R. Moser (AUP): "The End of the Mid-Century Social Contract and the Adjunct in the History Department"  |
|          | Comments: Richard R. Moser (AUP): "The End of the Mid-Century Social Contract and the Adjunct in the History Department"  |

## **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The following candidates were elected at the business meeting at the University of Vermont on April 18:

*President*

**Borden W. Painter** (Trinity College)

*Vice-President*

**Alan Rogers** (Boston College)

*Secretary*

**Peter C. Holloran** (Bentley College)

*Executive Committee:*

**Bruce Cohen** (Worcester State College)

**Laurie Nussdorfer** (Wesleyan University)

*Nominating Committee:*

**Joyce Berkman** (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

**George Dameron** (St. Michael's College)

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

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee held a brief meeting on April 18 at the University of Vermont. The agenda items included a

"Report of the Media Awards Ad Hoc Committee". This focused on the difficulties of administering the Media Award. The film prize has not had the same problems as the exhibit prize. There was some discussion about eliminating the Media Awards.

President Painter will report on this at the October business meeting and appoint five new committee members. Any member may send a question or agenda item for the next Executive Committee meeting at WPI on December 5 by writing to the Executive Secretary.



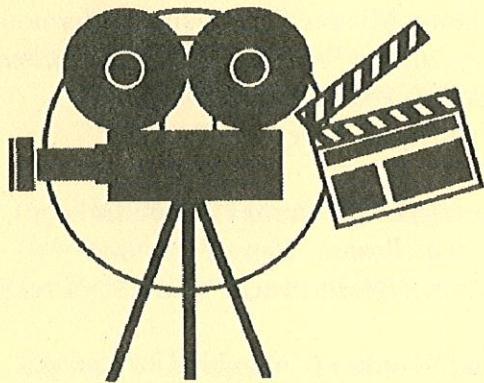
## **NEHA BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE**

The Book Award Committee will present the NEHA Book Award on October 17 to the winner. The committee members are **Joseph Conforti** (University of Southern Maine); **Miriam Levy** (University of Hartford); **Douglas J. Little** (Clark University); **Paul Monod** (Middlebury College); and **Peter C. Holloran** (Bentley College), chair.

Any publisher may nominate one book each year by writing to Executive Secretary **James P. Hanlan** by June 1. Monographs on any historical time, topic or place published in 1998, written by an author who lives or works in New England (or has done so in the past two years), are eligible for the 1998 NEHA Book Award to be presented at

- the October 1999 conference. The nominated book should represent the best historical writing and research in any field of history. The award will be presented to the winner at the stipend will be presented to the winner at the conference each Fall.
- We thank all publishers, editors and authors who nominated books for this competition. The books nominated for the 1997 NEHA Book Award which included these distinguished New Worlds for All: Indians, Europeans, and the Remaking of Early America (Johns Hopkins University Press).
- Colin G. Calloway (Dartmouth College), Joseph Martin Hernon (University of Massachusetts-Amherst), Profiles in Character: Hubris and Heroism in the U.S. Senate, 1789-1990 (M. E. Sharpe).
- Patricia Johnston (Salve Regina College), Real Fantasies: Edward Stroheim's Advertising Photography (University of California Press).
- Lawrence L. Langner (Simmons College), Landscapes of Jewish Experience: Paintings by Samuel Bak (Brandeis University Press).
- John P. McCormick (University of New Hampshire), Carl Schmid's Critique of American Nationalism, 1776-1820 (Cambridge University Press).
- Charles Maier (Harvard University), Dissolution: The Crisis of Communism and the End of East Germany (Princeton University Press).
- Leta Weiss Marks (University of Hartford), Time's Tapestry: Four Generations of a New Life (University Press).
- Deborah J. Yashar (Harvard University), Democracy Demands: Reform and Reaction in Costa Rica and Guatemala, 1870s-1950s (Stamford University Press).
- Marily F. Weimer (University of Maine), Mistresses and Slaves: Plantation Women in South Carolina, 1830-80 (University of Illinois Press).
- David Waldstreicher (Yale University), In the Midst of Perpetual Fetes: The Making of American Nationalism, 1776-1820 (University of North Carolina Press).
- Len Travers (Massachusetts Historical Society), Celebrating the Fourth: Independence Day and the Rites of Nationalism in the Early Republic (University of Massachusetts Press).
- Bob Pepperman Taylor (University of Vermont), America's Bachelor Uncle: Thoreau and the American Polity (University Press of Kansas).
- Stuart Svoboda (Columbia University), Jews Against Prejudice: American Jews and the Fight for Civil Liberties (Columbia University Press).
- Thomas H. O'Connor (Boston College), Civil War Boston: Home Front and Battleground (Northeastern University Press).
- Wolfgang Mieder (University of Vermont), The Politics of Proverbs: From Traditional Wisdom to Provincial Stereotypes (University of Wisconsin Press).
- Ralph Melnick, The Stolen Legacy of Anne Frank (Yale University Press).
- Oleanna Family (Louisiana State University Press)

**Rafia Zafar** (University of Michigan), *We Wear the Mask: African Americans Write American Literature, 1760-1870* (Columbia University Press).



#### NEHA MEDIA AWARD COMMITTEE

The Association's Media Award committee will present media awards at the April meeting if qualified nominations are received. One award is for an outstanding historical film or video and the other award is for the best museum exhibit on an historical topic.

The winners of these annual awards received a certificate and \$200.00 stipend. The Media Award Committee welcomes nominations from publishers, curators, filmmakers, and individuals. The deadline for nomination is December 31. The members of the 1998 Media Award Committee are: **Robert E. Weir** (Bay Path College), chair; **Bruce Cohen** (Worcester State College); and **Patrick Leehey** (Paul Revere House). This committee reported on suggested changes to the Executive Committee in April.

#### AT THE SESSIONS

The April 17-18 meeting at the University of

Vermont was very well-attended with 100 historians registered for 15 sessions with 38 papers. The meeting began with a Friday evening session by **Laurel Thatcher Ulrich** (Harvard University) and **Laurie Kahn-Leavitt** (Bluehill Productions) discussing *A Midwife's Tale*: The book and the Film. This was followed by a well-attended and lively reception in the Fleming Museum's elegant Marble Court.

At the luncheon on a warm and sunny Vermont Saturday afternoon, we were joined by 63 members in the impressive Waterman Manor overlooking Lake Champlain. Following the annual election of Association officers, President **James S. Leamon** made a witty and thoughtful farewell address on "NEHA: Past, Present and Who Cares?" This report was based on his review of the Association archives at the UMass-Amherst Library.

This 60th meeting of the Association was made possible by the splendid efforts on our behalf by the program chair, Vice-President **Borden W. Painter, Jr.** (Trinity College), Executive Secretary **James P. Hanlan** (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), and an industrious local arrangements committee headed by our former president, **Neil Stout** and the UVM History Department chair, **Patrick Hutton**. At the conclusion of the conference, the Executive Committee met to discuss the Media Award Committee report.

#### NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

**Robert Bence** (Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, formerly North Adams State College) received a Faculty Enrichment Grant from the Canadian Embassy to develop Internet links with Canadian universities.

**Henry J. Steward** (Clark University) is the first recipient of the Helen Wallis Fellowship, which is a new annual award named for the former Map Library of the University of Connecticut.

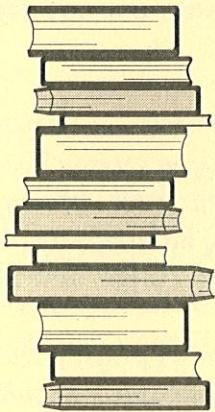
**Gerald Ward** (Boston University) was named a Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology Graduate Fellow at MIT to study Sir Francis Bacon and British Colonization and commerce in North America.

**Howard M. Wach** (Lehman College) is now an Assistant Professor of History at Bronx Community College.

**Cynthia Van Zandt** is now an Assistant Professor of Colonial American History at the University of Connecticut.

**Henry J. Blaisdell** (Northeastern University) published "Religion, Gender and Class: Nuns and Authority in Early Modern France," in *Challenging Identities*, edited by Michael Wolfe (Duke University Press).

## BOOK NEWS



The University of Connecticut.

**Jennifer D. Selwyn** (University of California, Davis) is now an Assistant Professor of Modern European History at the Hagley Museum Center from the Amherst) won a research grant from the Hagley Museum Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society to study "Corporate Stories: Fortune Magazine and the Making of Modern Managerial Culture."

**Kevin Reilly** (University of Massachusetts-Amherst) won a research grant from the Hagley Museum Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society to study "Corporate Stories: Fortune Magazine and the Making of Modern Managerial Culture."

**Mariano Plothio** (Colby College) is now an Assistant Professor of Latin American History at Boston University.

**James M. O'Toole** (University of Massachusetts-Boston) will be a Visiting Professor of History at Boston College this year.

**James McCann** (Boston University) won a fellowship at the Yale University Program of Agricultural Studies, an experimental interdisciplinary effort to reshape scholarly research on rural life and society. He also received a Ford Foundation grant on "Africa's Urban Process" at the BU African Studies Center.

**Wendy Kern** (Boston University) won a dissertation grant from the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), the German Academic Exchange Service) to study post-WWII Saxon.

**Richard D. Brown** (University of Connecticut) received a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellowship to study family violence and community justice in the early American republic.

**Norman Bennett** (Boston University) has retired as Professor of African History.

**Paul Buhle** (Brown University) and **Edmund B. Sullivan** (University of Hartford) published *Images of American Radicalism* (Christopher Publishing).

**Jeffrey Burds** (Northeastern University) published *Peasant Dreams and Market Politics: Labor Migration and the Russian Village, 1861-1905* (University of Pittsburgh Press).

**Paul A. Cimbala** (Fordham University) published *Under the Guardianship of the Nation: The Freedmen's Bureau and the Reconstruction of Georgia, 1865-1870* (University of Georgia Press).

**Patricia Cline Cohen** published *The Murder of Helen Jewett: The Life and Times of a Prostitute in Nineteenth-Century New York* (Knopf).

**Phyllis Cole** (Pennsylvania State University) published *Mary Moody Emerson and the Origins of Transcendentalism: A Family History* (Oxford University Press).

**Kevin J. Crisman** and **Arthur B. Cohn** (Lake Champlain Maritime Museum) published *When Horses Walked on Water: Horse-Powered Ferries in Nineteenth-Century America* (Smithsonian Institution Press).

**Robert Dallek** (Boston University) published *Flawed Giant: Lyndon Johnson and His Times, 1961-1973* (Oxford University Press).

**Frances Early** (Mount Saint Vincent University) published *A World Without War: How U.S. Feminists and Pacifists Resisted World War I* (Syracuse University Press).

**Jane Donahue Eberwein** (Oakland University) published *An Emily Dickinson Encyclopedia* (Greenwood Press).

**Mahmud A. Faksh** (University of Southern Maine) published *The Future of Islam in the Middle East* (Praeger).

**William N. Fenton** (SUNY Albany) published *The Great Law and the Longhouse: A Political History of the Iroquois Confederacy* (University of Oklahoma Press).

**Richard W. Fox** (Boston University) and **Robert B. Westbrook** (University of Rochester) published *In the Face of the Facts: Moral Inquiry in American Scholarship* (Cambridge University Press).

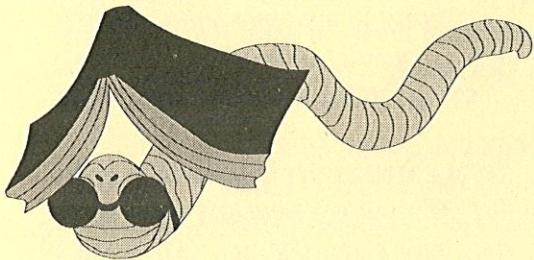
**Gregory L. Freeze** (Brandeis University) published *Russia: A History* (Oxford University Press).

**Timothy W. Guinnane** (Yale University) published *The Vanishing Irish: Households, Migration, and the Rural Economy in Ireland, 1850-1914* (Princeton University Press).

**Jacqueline Jones** (Brandeis University) published *American Work: Four Centuries of Black and White Labor* (Norton).

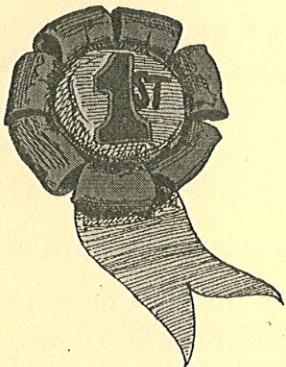
**Robert F. Jones** (Fordham University) published *Annals of Astoria: The Headquarters Log of the Pacific Fur Company at Astoria on the Columbia River, 1811-1813* (Fordham University Press).

**Francis R. Kowsky** (Buffalo State College) published *Country, Park & City: The Architecture and Life of Calvert Vaux* (Oxford University Press).



- Peter C. Rollins (Oklahoma State University) and John E. O'Connor (Rutgers University) published *Hollywood's Indian: The Portrayal of the Native American in Film* (University Press of Kentucky).
- Matthew Restall (Boston College) published *The Maya World: Yucatán Culture and Society* (Stanford University Press).
- Bertram Glazzer-Rosenthal (Fordham University) published *The Occult in Modern University and Soviet Culture* (Cornell University Press).
- Daniel Soyer (Fordham University) and American Jewish Immigrant Associations published *Outside Lies Magic: Regulating History and Awareness in Everyday Places* (Harvard University Press).
- John R. Stilgoe (Harvard University) published *Outside Lies Magic: Regulating History and Awareness in Everyday Places* (Walker).
- Conrad Edick Wright (Massachusetts Historical Society) and Kathryn O. Vines (Northeastern University Press).

- Kathy Peiss (University of Massachusetts) published *Hope in a Jar: The Making of America's Beauty Culture* (Henry Holt).
- Willie F. Page (Brooklyn College) published *The Dutch Triangle: The Netherlands and the Atlantic Slave Trade* (Garland).
- Donald Ostrowski (Boston University) published *Muscovy and the Mongols: Cross-Cultural Influences on the Steppe Frontier, 1304-1589* (Cambridge University Press).
- Maurine Murphy (Hofstra University) published a new edition of *Annals of the Farm in Ireland*, Mrs. Asenath Nicholson (Dufour).
- Cathy D. Matson (University of Delaware) published *Mercants and Empire: Trading in Colonial New York* (Johns Hopkins University Press).
- Clay McShane (Northeastern University) published *The Automobile: A Chronology* (Greenwood Press).
- Anne E. C. McCants (MIT) published *Civic Charity in a Golden Age: Orphan Care in Early Modern Amsterdam* (University of Illinois Press).
- Kriste Lindenmeyer (Middle Tennessee State University) published "A Right to Child Welfare, 1912-46 (University of Illinois Press).
- Jerry Lembecke (College of the Holy Cross) published *The Spitting Image: Myth, Memory and the Legacy of Vietnam* (NYU Press).
- Patricia L. Limdenmeyer (Middle Tennessee State University) published "A Right to Child Welfare, 1912-46 (University of Illinois Press).
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## WINNERS OF THE NEHA BOOK AWARD

1997 **Charles S. Maier** (Harvard University), *Dissolution: The Crisis of Communism and the End of East Germany* (Princeton University Press)

1996 **Paul A. Cohen** (Wellesley College), *History in Three Keys: The Boxers as Event, Experience and Myth* (Columbia University Press)

1995 **Thomas H. O'Connor** (Boston College), *The Boston Irish: A Political History* (Northeastern University Press); and **Nick Salvatore** (Cornell University), *We All Got History: The Memory Book of Amos Webber* (Time Books)

1994 **John L. Brooke** (Tufts University), *The Refiner's Fire: The Making of Mormon Cosmology, 1644-1844* (Cambridge University Press).

1993 **James S. Leamon** (Bates College), *Revolution Downeast: The War for Independence in Maine* (University of Massachusetts Press)

1992 **David Underdown** (Yale University), *Fire from Heaven: Life in an English Town in the Seventeenth Century* (Yale University Press)

1991 **Barbara Diefendorf** (Boston University), *Beneath the Cross: Catholics and Huguenots in Sixteenth-Century Paris* (Oxford University Press).

1990 **Laurel Thatcher Ulrich** (University of New Hampshire), *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard Based on Her Diary* (Knopf)

1989 **Drew McCoy** (Clark University), *The Last of the Fathers: James Madison and the Republican Legacy* (Cambridge University Press); and **Jerry Dennerline** (Amherst College), *Oian Mu and the World of Seven Mansions* (Yale University Press)

1988 **Mary H. Blewett** (University of Lowell), *Men, Women, and Work: Class, Gender, and Protest in the New England Shoe Industry* (University of Illinois Press)

1987 **Alex Keyssar** (Brandeis University), *Out of Work: The First Century of Unemployment in Massachusetts* (Cambridge University Press)

1986 **William H. Pease and Jane Pease** (University of Maine-Orono), *The Web of Progress: Private Values and Public Styles in Boston and Charleston, 1828-1842* (Oxford University Press)

1985 **John McAleer** (Boston College), *Ralph Waldo Emerson: Days of Encounter* (Little, Brown)

02917 by October 15.

College, English Department, Smithfield, RI April 16-18. Contact Terri Hassler, Bryant

Association meets at Yale University on

The Northeast Victorian Studies

[lajsa99@princeton.edu](mailto:lajsa99@princeton.edu).

1019 by November 2; email:

Joseph Henry House, Princeton, NJ 08544-

Contact LASA, Princeton University,

The Jewish Diaspora in Latin America."

Princeton University on March 14-15 on the

international research conference at

Association (LASA) holds its tenth

The Latin American Jewish Studies

PA 19085.

History, Villanova University, Villanova,

To Thomas R. Greene, Department of

University on March 18-20. Send proposals

meeting at Cabrini College and Villanova

Association will hold its Spring 1999

The American Catholic Historical

berks.aaa.duke.edu.

consult the web site at: [www-](http://www-)

"Breaking Boundaries." For information

University of Rochester on the theme

History of Women meets on June 4-6 at the

The 11th Berkshire Conference on the

January 4.

545-2973; [nromell@english.umass.edu](mailto:nromell@english.umass.edu) by

Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01002; (413)

Bromell, English Department, University of

Suffolk University. Contact Nicholas

conference on May 15-16 in Boston at

Association (NEASA) holds its annual

The New England American Studies

[sflynn@gettysburg.edu](mailto:sflynn@gettysburg.edu).

Gettysburg, PA 17325;

Department of English, Gettysburg College, be submitted to Suzanne Johnson Flynn,

Century Spectacles." Proposed papers may

in Philadelphia on the theme "Nineteenth-

Interdisciplinary Conference on March 18-20

Association (NCSA) holds its 18th annual

The Nineteenth-Century Studies

(207) 897-2236.

Center, Box 3395, Livermore, ME 04254;

Bilie Gammon, Norlands Living History

Livermore, Maine in July 1999. Contact

England in the Nineteenth Century at

annual Norlands Conference on New

University of Maine invite proposals for the

The Norlands Living History Center and the

December 1.

State Road, Boston, MA 02215 by

BU Conference, Boston University, 226 Bay

Boston on April 9-10. Contact the SPNEA-

New England Studies Program meets in

and the Boston University American and

Preservation of New England Antiquities

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The Graduate Student Conference

by January 15.

Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-0901

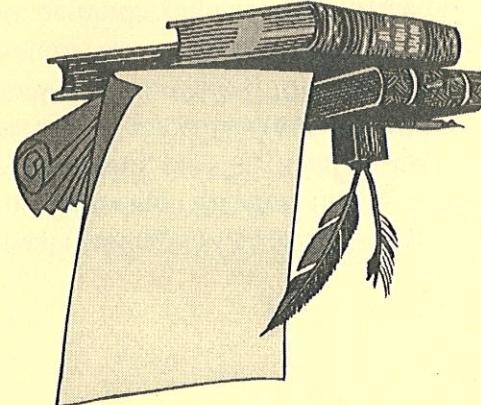
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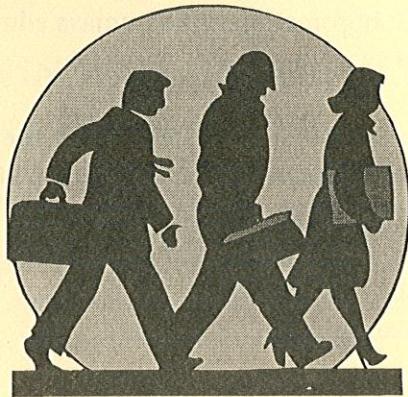
proposals for a conference on antebellum

The Vermont Historical Society invites

CALL FOR PAPERS



The 1999 American Conference for Irish Studies (ACIS) annual conference meets at Roanoke, Virginia on May 12-15. Send proposals to Johann Norstedt, Department of English, Virginia Technical and State University, Blacksburg, VA 24061; jnorstedt@vt.edu.



#### CONFERENCES TO MEET

A special **Conference on the State of Industrial Archeology** will meet in Lowell on November 12-14. It is sponsored by the Society for Industrial Archeology, Lowell National Historic Park and the Historic American Engineering Record. Contact Gray Fitzsimons, Lowell National Historic Park, 67 Kirk Street, Lowell, MA 01852-1029; (978) 275-1724; gray-fitzsimons@nps.gov.

The 1998 **Historic Deerfield/Wellesley College Symposium** on "Reading the American Landscape" meets on November 14 at the White Church Community Center in Deerfield. For more information contact Kenneth Hafertepe, Historic Deerfield Inc., Deerfield, MA 01342; (413) 774-5581; hafertepe@historic-deerfield.org.

The **Oral History Association** holds 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.

The **North East Popular Culture Association (NEPCA)** 21st annual conference meets in Boston at Suffolk University on November 6-7. Presentations will be on a wide variety of culture studies and/or popular culture topics. For information, please contact Joseph McCarthy, Suffolk University, Department of History, 8 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02114; email: jmccarth@acad.suffolk.edu; phone: 617-573-8262; fax: 617-722-9440.

The **Northeast Conference on British Studies** will meet at Trinity College in Hartford on October 2-3. Contact the program chair, Peter Weiler, Boston College, Department of History, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167. The 1999 NECBS conference will meet with the **North American Conference on British Studies** at the Hotel Sonesta in Cambridge on November 19-21, 1999. Contact Chris Waters, Williams College, Department of History, Williamstown, MA 01267.

The Omohundro Institute and the University of Connecticut will sponsor a conference on "**Microhistory: Advantages and Limitations for the Study of Early American History**," on October 15-17, 1999 in Storrs. Practitioners and critics of microhistorical methods may submit proposed papers by September 18, 1998. Contact Richard D. Brown, Department of History, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269-2103.

The Association for Asian Studies New England Conference will meet at Tufts University on October 24. Contact Charles Shiro Iino, Department of Languages, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155; (617) 628-5000; [cinouya@tufts.edu](mailto:cinouya@tufts.edu). The Association for Asian Studies annual conference will be in Boston on March 11-14, 1999. Contact the AAS, University of Michiganian, 1 Lane Hall, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

The annual New England Regional American Conference for Irish Studies (NEACIS) meeting will be at Massachusetts Community College on October 2-3, 1998. Contact the program chair, Connor Johnson, MA 02402.

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The Mid-Atlantic ACIS conference hosted by Fordham University meets on October 30-31 at Lincoln Center in New York City on the theme "Fin De Siècle Ireland". Contact Nancy Curtin, Fordham University Department of History, Bronx, NY 10458; (718) 817-3931; curtin@murrary.jordham.edu.

The University of Southern Maine will host a conference on "1898: The Birth of the American Century" on April 10. The program includes a keynote lecture, gallery exhibit and panels on the Spanish-American War. Contact Patricia Finn, Department of History, University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME 04104; patfinn@usm.maine.edu.

Connecticut holds its annual meeting on October 2-3, 1998. Contact the program chair, Connor Johnstone, Massachusetts Community College, Brockton, MA 02402.

"Knowing of a Time, Knowing the Time," the third annual conference of the Center for Millennial Studies meets at Boston University on November 8-9. Contact the Center for Millennial Studies, PO Box 239, Allston, MA 02134; (617) 975-0299; CMS@MILLE.ORG.

The Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies (GEMCS) meets on November 19-22 in Newport. Contact Jean Marsden, University of Connecticut, English Department, Storrs, CT 06269.

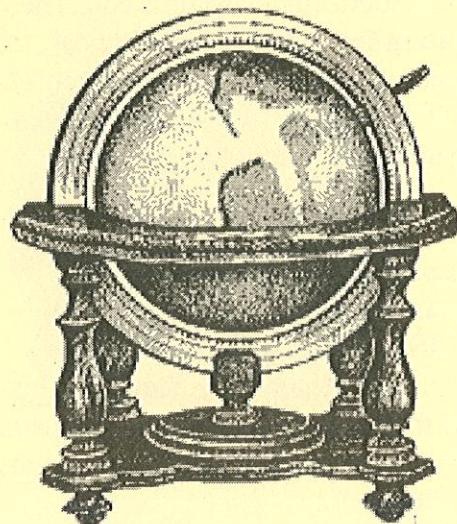
Tufts University hosts the interdisciplinary 10th Annual Graduate Student Conference on October 30 on the theme "Territorial Inscriptions: Mapping Space, and Language." Contact Territorial Inscriptions Conference, Tufts University, Department of English, Medford, MA 02155; KWIIXSON@emerald.tufts.edu.

The National Conference on Public History 1999 meeting will be in Lowell on April 29-May 1 on the theme "History in the Public Sphere: Historians and Their Publics." Contact Robert L. Spude, National Park Service, Box 728, Santa Fe, New Mexico

The 16th Barnard College Medieval and Renaissance Conference meets on December 5 on the theme "Marketplace and Society." Contact Joel Kaye, Department of History, Barnard College, 3009 Broadway, New York, NY 10027; jkaye@barnard.columbia.edu.

The Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies meets in Williamsstown on September 17-20 on "The End of Enlightenment." Contact Susan Kohut, PO Box 429, Williamstown, MA 01267; susan.kohut@williams.edu.

meeting on November 7 in New Haven on "Writing Connecticut Biographies." Contact Jon Purmont, Department of History, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT 06515.



## CONFERENCES MEETING ABROAD

The British Association for American Studies 1999 Conference meets at the University of Glasgow on March 26-29. Proposed papers may be submitted to the conference secretary, Simon P. Newman, Department of History, 2 University Gardens, University of Glasgow, Glasgow G12 8QQ UK; S.Newman@modhist.arts.gla.ac.uk.

The 18th International Conference on the History of Cartography meets in Athens on July 11-16, 1999. For further information, contact the National Hellenic Research Foundation, 48 Vassileos Konstantinou Avenue, GR-116 35, Athens, Greece; phone: +301 721 0554;

fax: +30724 6212; email: George Tolias at gtolias@eie.gr.

The 19th International Congress of Historical Sciences meets in Oslo on August 6-13, 2000. For further information, write to the 19th International Congress, Department of History, PO Box 1008, Blindern, N-0315 Oslo, Norway. Visit the homepage: [www.hf.uio.no/hi/prosjekter/verdenskongressen/](http://www.hf.uio.no/hi/prosjekter/verdenskongressen/).

## AUTHORS WANTED

The editors of the **New England Quarterly: A Historical Review of New England Life and Letters** invite submissions. Published since 1928, the journal's mission is to provide an open forum for the exploration and discussion of New England civilization and its effects on the nation and the world. For information contact William M. Fowler, Jr. and Linda Smith Rhoads, The New England Quarterly, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02115; phone: 617 373-2734; fax: 617-373-2661; email: neq@lynx.neu.edu; web site: <http://www.whc.neu.edu/history/NEQ.html>.

The North East Popular Culture Association (NEPCA) announces its annual book award competition for the best book on a culture studies or pop culture topic published in 1998 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 1999 NEPCA conference in Portland. Contact the NEPCA Secretary: Peter Holloran, 41 Linnaean Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; pch@world.std.com; (617) 876-6635.

US and abroad, manuscripts which make a contribution to the definition, understanding, and/or professional and intellectual progress in this field. Contact Linda Reed, Managing Editor, Public Historian, Department of History, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106; (805) 893-3667; lreed@descartes.ucsb.edu.

The Boston Public Library Alicia Monti Research Fellowship supports research in the collections of the Rare Book and Manuscripts Department by doctoral or postdoctoral scholars. The \$1,000 stipend for one month is available in 1999. Contact Guntars Rutkowskis, Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Boston, MA 02117; (617) 366-5400 ext. 238 by June 30.

The Nantucket Historical Association offers Visiting Research Scholars stipends (\$900) and houses (January-March) for graduate students using its collections. Contact Betty Lowenstein, Nantucket Historical Association, Nantucket, MA 02554; (508) 228-1894; nhalib@capccod.net

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS



The New England Journal of History seeks papers for its special edition on "The World in 1898: A Century Retrospective." Contact the editor, Joseph Harrington, History Department, Framingham State College, Framingham, MA 01701.

The SHGAP, the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, announces its biennial competition for the best published article dealing with any aspect of American history in 1865-1917. The article must have appeared in a journal in 1997-1998. Any graduate student or individual with a doctorate awarded after 1988 who has yet published a book is eligible for this \$500 award. Submit nominations by December 1 to Robert E. Weir, SHGAP Prize Committee, Bay Path College, Liberal Arts College, 1997-1998. Contact Susan Ziegler, History in 1997-1998. Contact Susan Ziegler, Regis College, Department of History, Weston, MA 02193 by February 1.

The Peace History Society invites submissions for the Charles DeBenedetti Prize for the best article published on peace offered annually by the Business History Conference and the Hagley Museum and Library for the best book in business history (broadly defined). For information, contact Michael Nash, Hagley Museum, PO Box 3630, Wilmington, DE 19807 by December 31.

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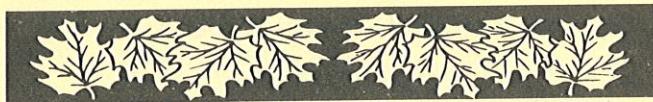
Consider publishing with the Public Historian, a quarterly journal sponsored by the National Council on Public History. The teaching and practice of public history in the editor's welcome submissions on the theory, practice, and philosophy of public history.

The **Gerald Ford Library** offers travel grants (\$2,000) for researchers in its archives on national politics, government and related topics in the 1970s. Contact Geir Gundersen, Gerald R. Ford Library, 1000 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109; (734) 741-2218; library@fordlib.nara.gov by March 15.

The **Northeastern University Women's Studies Program** University annually offers Research Associate positions to scholars with their own funding. Contact Chris Gilmartin, Director, Women's Studies Program, Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115

The **Peabody Essex Museum** offers fellowships to advanced scholars, graduate students, independent scholars and museum or library professionals who use its collections. Stipends are \$750 for one month with free housing. Apply by January 31 to Fellowship Program, Phillips Library, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem, MA 01970; (978) 745-9500; jane\_ward@pem.org.

The **New York Public Library** announces a new fellowship program (\$50,000 stipend) at its Center for Scholars and Writers for researchers using its rich and diverse collections. Contact Peter Gay, Director, Center for Scholars and Writers, New York



#### MEETINGS OF NEHA

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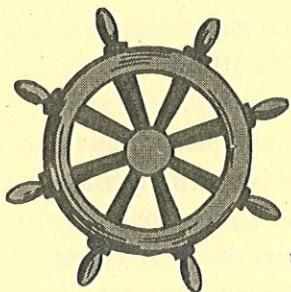
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| 1972 | University of New Hampshire  |
| 1973 | University of Hartford<br>Bentley College  |
| 1974 | Connecticut College<br>Rhode Island College  |
| 1975 | Clark University<br>Pine Manor College   |
| 1976 | University of Maine, Portland<br>St. Joseph's College  |
| 1977 | Exeter Academy<br>Harvard University   |
| 1978 | University of Connecticut<br>University of Massachusetts, Amherst                                    |
| 1979 | University of Lowell<br>Boston College   |
| 1980 | Colby-Sawyer College<br>Old Sturbridge Village   |
| 1981 | Rhode Island College<br>Mount Ida College  |
| 1982 | Albertus Magnus College<br>College of the Holy Cross   |
| 1983 | University of New Hampshire<br>Fitchburg State College   |
| 1984 | Roger Williams College<br>American Antiquarian Society   |
| 1985 | Framingham State College<br>Bowdoin College  |
| 1986 | University of Connecticut<br>American Antiquarian Society  |
| 1987 | Boston College<br>Historic Deerfield   |
| 1988 | Albertus Magnus College<br>Salem State College   |
| 1989 | University of Hartford<br>University of Lowell   |
| 1990 | Smith College<br>Pine Manor College  |
| 1991 | St. Joseph's College<br>American Antiquarian Society & WPI   |
| 1992 | John F. Kennedy Library & University of Massachusetts-Boston   |
| 1993 | Assumption College<br>Rhode Island College   |
| 1994 | University of Southern Maine<br>John Carter Brown Library & Brown University                         |
| 1995 | Bentley College<br>University of Hartford  |
| 1996 | Mount Holyoke College<br>Saint Anselm College  |
| 1997 | Amherst College<br>Roger Williams University   |
| 1998 | Northeastern University<br>University of Connecticut<br>University of Vermont<br>Connecticut College |



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| 1966-1967 | Frank Friedel, Harvard University | Reinhold Darrow, University of Connecticut | Louis Morton, Dartmouth College | J. H. Hexter, Yale University | Helen Muilev, Connecticut College | Sidney A. Burrell, Boston University | John Gaglardi, Boston Island College | Giles Constable, Harvard University | Fred A. Cazel, Jr., University of Connecticut | Darrett Rutman, University of New Hampshire | John Voll, University of New Hampshire | Emilia P. Noether, University of Connecticut | Ronald P. Formisano, Clark University | Ridgeway F. Shinn, Jr., Rhode Island College | Catherine M. Prelinger, Yale University | Paul A. Friedler, Lesley College | Roger Howell, Jr., Bowdoin College | Barbara Sollow, Harvard | Bruce M. Shiple, University of Connecticut | Neal R. Shiple, University of Massachusetts-Amherst | Patricia Herlihy, Brown University | Roland Sarf, University of Massachusetts-Amherst | James S. Leamon, Bates College | Borden W. Palmer, Jr., Trinity College | 1998-1999 |  |           |
| 1967-1968 |                                   |  |                                 |                               |                                   |                                      |                                      |                                     |   |   |  |  |                                       |  |   |                                  |                                    |                         |  |   |                                    |  |                                |  |           |  | 1997-1998 |
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**Black Jacks: African American Seamen in the Age of Sail.** By W. Jeffrey Bolster. (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1997).

Shortly after the Denmark Vesey slave revolt in Charleston, South Carolina, was aborted in 1822, the state legislature passed a law requiring the jailing of African American mariners arriving in port. Amos Daley, a free man, was imprisoned for thirteen days in April the following year, and told never to return. He could not simply quit his job, however, and when his ship arrived six weeks later, the sheriff haled him before a magistrate. Daley declared that his mother was a Narragansett Indian of Rhode Island, and that he was exempt from the law. But the judge decided that Daley's kinky hair made him a black man, and

ordered twelve lashes. In this fashion, African-American sailors, who made up 23.8 per cent of Providence's 554 sailors in 1825, were driven from the sea.

W. Jeffrey Bolster tells many such compelling stories in his fine social history. He shows how black seamen asserted their independence and masculinity, showed initiative and daring, and even became entrepreneurs in a society that depicted their people as dependent, submissive, and slavish. Because nautical life required skill and teamwork, black sailors often toiled alongside their white shipmates, thus upsetting traditional norms of behavior. At the same time, shipboard routine was necessarily influenced by traditional boundaries during the great age of sail in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Bolster discusses maritime race relations with an eye for nuance in this sensitive treatment.

An experienced seaman himself, Bolster charts a wide-ranging course for his readers. He ranges in time from fifteenth century African canoe men to eighteenth century whalers. Geographically he traverses the black Atlantic diaspora, depicting American, Caribbean, European, and African ports of call. Black jacks faced different conditions when free or enslaved, or working ocean going ships, coastal sloops, whaling vessels, men of war, or pirate barks. Bolster shows us daily shipboard routines, life in raunchy (or militantly abolitionist) boarding houses, and how black sailors served as "precarious pillars" of their families and communities. There is an especially intriguing chapter on race relations in the Dartmoor prison during the War of 1812, where the African American sailors in "Number Four," elected the colorful Richard Craftus ("King Dick") of Boston as their leader.

The term economic history often frigghens those who suffer number-related phobias. Such studies can be daunting, but *The Great Wave* defies the stereotype. This well-written, at times witty, discussion explores four great price revolutions, which occurred in the Western world over the past 800 years.

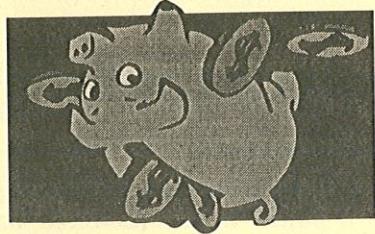
*The revolutions of the 13th, 16th, 18th and 20th centuries and subsequent equilibrium of the Renaissance, Enlightenment and Victorian eras provide the book's essential frame. Fischer examines the question of cause, assessing various economic models: monetarist, Malthusian, Marxist, neo-classical, agrarian, environmental and historical. He breaks each revolution in to four phases and describes the consequences in economic, political, social and intellectual terms.*

*The price revolutions began subtly, with small increases in the cost of energy, food, shelter and raw materials. As the wealthy, who controlled the monetary supply increased, so did prices. The death. The aftermath of the first two revolutions, benefited and the poor starved to death as desperate because by the late 18th decreases in Europe. The third's wake was welfare helped many. But the hungry survivors contributed to social and political revolution. The 20th century price revolution began with excessive demand for goods, later fueled by the great wars.*

*Governments stepped in to control events, complicating matters further. The early 1990s appear to be a peak, and should introduce a new equilibrium.*

*According to Fischer, price revolutions share a common wave pattern, introducing a new equilibrium. The early 1990s appear to be a peak, and should introduce a new equilibrium.*

*The Great Wave: Price Revolutions and the Rhythm of History*. By David Hackett Fischer (New York: Oxford University Press, 1996).



The argument here is that black sailors, though few in number nationally, and doubly despised by whites as sailors and black men, played a central role in the African diaspora as exemplars of freedom, bearers of news, hidors of runaways, and ultimately deliverers of antislavery propaganda. Bostock does not say so, but the sailors were the antecedents of the Pullman archival research in all the key ports from Boston to South Carolina, and makes one quibble is with Bostock's use of a thematic, rather than chronological approach to this subject. Too often he must proceed backward in time, going from the Dartmoor prison in 1814 to the Haitian Revolution of the 1790s to the American Revolution. Professionals may navigate this tricky passage, but the greenhanded undergraduate may run aground. Despite this shortcoming, Bostock has made a valuable contribution to African American and maritime history.

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which differ in duration, magnitude and range. This relates to governments and their involvement in economics, the greater sophistication of the business community, increased production levels and improved communications with and among the ordinary people. While the seven economic models explain facets of each revolution, none completely answers the "Why" question. Fischer introduces a new model: Autogenous Change, which examines each revolution's internal dynamics. Culture involves a network of "causal relationships which link material structures, cultural values and individual actions." (p. 246) The choices people make do make a difference. Moreover, social fabrics are generally tough, but they start to unravel when pulled in several directions at once.

Numerous charts illustrate Fischer's points and contribute to the clear discussion of the price revolutions. While his economic analysis provides useful insights, some political observations are problematic. For example, the causes of the English Revolution and the Fronde overstate economic factors. In introducing Brandenburg-Prussia, Frederick William the Great Elector (1640-1688) and his accomplishments, not those of his son Elector Frederick, need adequate credit. Comments on Germany's hyperinflation of 1923 omit its prime cause: the government's decision to print money to aid the striking miners, protesting French occupation of the Ruhr.

The explanatory appendices and lengthy bibliography deserve mention. The former explore related subjects, such as: price revolutions and family disintegration. The latter "Published Sources on the History of Prices" contains topical bibliographic essays. This provides an excellent starting point for further study of price revolutions.

Professor Fischer should be commended for his efforts. He presents a thoughtful discussion of the economic history of the price revolutions in an accessible and informative manner.

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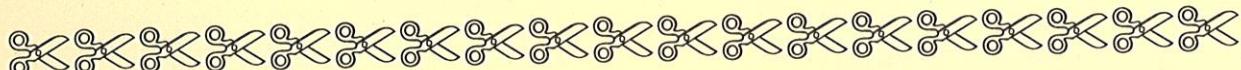
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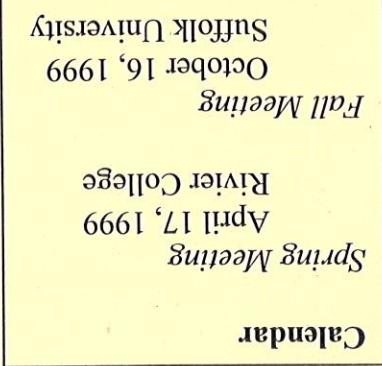
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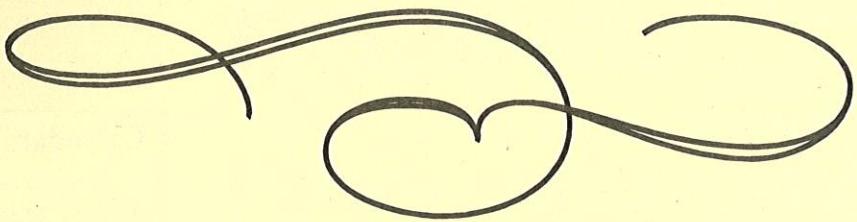
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