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**FALL CONFERENCE at  
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY in New Haven, Connecticut  
on  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015  
(With a Special NEHA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to Be Held  
on Friday Evening, October 23)**



This year marks **NEHA'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**, which will be celebrated at the Association's conference in the fall. Fifty years ago in 1965, NEHA (a regional affiliate of the American Historical Association with over 700 members) was founded by students and friends of the distinguished Harvard historian **Frank Freidel**, who became NEHA's first president.

**Robert W. Lougee** (a U-Conn Professor who served as NEHA's president in 1976-77) touched upon the history of NEHA in his obituary of Harry Marks, a U-Conn professor who helped to found NEHA:

"In the early sixties, when the AHA had become one of the larger professional societies and its annual meetings had become rather hectic and impersonal, Dr. Marks sensed the need for an organization which would afford more opportunity for social and professional intercourse among historians in this area. Taking the initiative, he invited a number of historians to a cook-out on the campus of the University of

Connecticut to discuss the idea. While a regional association did not take shape at this gathering, the idea proved attractive and was soon translated into the reality of NEHA by Professors [Daniel] Thomas, [Reinhold] Dorwart, [William] Allen, [Kenneth] Lewalski, and others." *NEHA News*, 15:1 (October 1988), 2.

A more detailed history of NEHA can be found inside of this issue. For that history and for the above snippet, the editor is deeply indebted to **John Voll**, a University of New Hampshire professor who served as the president of NEHA in 1982-83.

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The 95th meeting of the Association will be held on October 24 at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU); 501 Crescent Street; New Haven, CT (203-392-7278). Founded as a two-year teacher training school in 1893, SCSU (originally named the New Haven State Normal School) evolved over the years, becoming a four-year college in 1937, adding a master's program in 1954, and acquiring university status in 1983. SCSU moved to its present location in 1953, and it currently has 11,769 students (8,496 undergraduates and 3,273 postgraduates).

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

Vice-President **Don Wyatt** (Middlebury College) arranged this fine program. **Martin Menke** (NEHA's Executive Secretary) made the local arrangements with the assistance of **Troy Paddock** and his colleagues at Southern Connecticut State University. We hope this meeting in New Haven, Connecticut, will be as well attended and successful as our meeting in Worcester, Massachusetts, last spring. We are very grateful for the hospitality shown to us by Southern Connecticut State University. Please see our web pages for other conference details: <http://www.newenglandhistorians.org>

The October conference differs from previous NEHA conferences. Whereas previous conferences have taken place on Saturday, **the October conference will include a Friday evening NEHA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, as well as the traditional presentation of papers on Saturday.**



### **NEHA 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (Friday, October 23, 2015)**

In honor of NEHA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there will be a special event on Friday evening, October 23, 2015. On that evening, conference participants are invited to gather and reminisce about the history of the organization. The highpoint of the evening will be a discussion-based presidential roundtable, which will include many past presidents of NEHA.

The presidential roundtable will take place at a conference center that Southern Connecticut State University (NEHA's host for the anniversary conference) owns in New Haven. The conference

center is called "Southern on the Green," and as its name implies it is located in the historic heart of New Haven.

The schedule for the evening of the anniversary celebration is as follows:

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*(Note: If you intend to attend on Friday, please check the appropriate line on the registration page at the back of this newsletter)*

### **MAIN CONFERENCE PROGRAM (Saturday, October 24, 2015)**

The main part of the October conference will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning in Engleman Hall, Rooms B121 A-B. Panels will begin at 8:30 a.m., and they will all be held in Engleman Hall. NEHA members are invited to bring copies of their **own recent publications** as well as timely professional literature for display or distribution at the book exhibit at 10:00.

*The registration fee payment is required for everyone on the program* (panelists, chairs and commentators) and all who attend the conference. Pre-registration by mail prior to October 9 is strongly recommended, but registration at the conference is possible. Please feel free to photocopy the conference registration form on the back page when inviting colleagues or graduate students.

Our luncheon will tentatively be held in Engleman Hall, Rooms B121 A-B, at 12:15, but seating is limited. Please reserve your place at lunch when you register by mail. Even if you do not join us, please use this form to pay your 2015 membership dues if you have not already done so. Lunch will be followed by afternoon panels, which will start at 1:45 and end at 3:15.



## OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

There is a hotel that has a discount rate for the conference:

**The Clarion Hotel & Suites, Hamden-New Haven** (about 7 minutes from campus and 15 minutes from Southern on the Green)

2260 Whitney Ave.

Hamden, CT

203-288-3831

(The Clarion will hold the rooms up until September 23<sup>rd</sup>, after which they will open these up to the general public. Guests can still contact the hotel after 9/23 to reserve a room and will still receive the special room rate of \$109/night. The blocked rooms are listed under “NEHA Conference at Southern Connecticut State University.”)

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Driving Directions:

#### *From New York (via I-95):*

I-95, Exit 44 (Kimberly Avenue, Route 10). Turn right at the end of the exit onto Kimberly Avenue, then left at the stoplight onto Ella Grasso Blvd., Route 10. Ella Grasso Blvd. ends at Crescent Street, near the south entrance of the campus.

#### *From New York (via Rt. 15, Merritt-Wilbur Cross Parkway):*

Rt. 15, Merritt-Wilbur Cross Parkway, Exit 59 (Whalley Avenue). Head south on Whalley Avenue, turn left onto Fitch Street, which bisects the campus.

#### *From New London:*

I-95, Exit 45 (Ella Grasso Blvd., Route 10). Follow Ella Grasso Blvd. north. Ella Grasso Blvd.

ends at Crescent Street, near the south entrance of the campus.

### *From Hartford:*

Wilbur Cross Parkway, Exit 60 at Dixwell Avenue. Head south on Dixwell Avenue to Arch Street. Turn right at Arch Street and left at Fitch Street, which bisects the campus.

## Public Transportation:

**Airport:** Tweed New Haven Airport

**Train:** Amtrak

### **Taxis:**

Metro Taxi

203-777-7777

City Wide Taxi

203-777-0007



## PARKING INFORMATION

For people outside of the CSU system, SCSU recommends either the Fitch Street Garage or the Wintergreen Garage on North Campus (both of which are free). People with parking decals/tags from a CSU school can park anywhere on campus.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

NEHA's spring meeting is scheduled to be held at Middlebury College on April 23, 2016. The deadline for submitting paper proposals (one-page abstract and a brief C.V.) is January 15, 2016. To make submissions and/or get information about the program, contact: **Don Wyatt**, Middlebury College ([dwyatt@middlebury.edu](mailto:dwyatt@middlebury.edu)). Information about the program may also be obtained from **Martin Menke**, Rivier University; 420 South Main Street; Nashua, NH 03060; [mmenke@rivier.edu](mailto:mmenke@rivier.edu)

# THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

A Regional Professional Association for all Historical Specializations Since 1965

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## **FALL CONFERENCE PROGRAM (aka the Main Event)**

(Saturday, October 24)

**All sessions will be held on the first and second floors of ENGLEMAN HALL (EN)**

**8:00-8:30 REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: EN: Rooms B121 A-B**

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

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

**8:30 Session 1: Addressing Food and Redressing Assault in Eighteenth-Century New England (EN C113)**

Chair and Comment: Robert Imholt, Albertus Magnus College

"Cookbooks in History: Discovering the 'America' of Amelia Simmons's 1796 *American Cookery*"

Anna Lisa D. Ferrante, Boston University

"The Body of Law: Adjudicating Physical Assaults in Eighteenth-Century New England"

Dominic DeBrincat, Missouri Western State University

**8:30 Session 2: Advancing Social Justice in the United States, 1930-1965**

**(EN C115)**

Chair: Tona Hangen, Worcester State University

Comment: Virginia Metaxas, Southern Connecticut State University

"Civil Liberties and Big-City Police in the Era before *Hague v. CIO*"

Donald W. Rogers, Central Connecticut State University

"'Into the Teeth of Jim Crow': Almena Lomax and her Crusade for Racial Integration and Black Power"

Jennifer Mandel, Mount Washington College

"Freedom Songs as Grassroots History: Case Studies from 1961 to 1965"

Cheryl C. Boots, Boston University

**8:30 Session 3: Antebellum Religion, Politics, and Ethnicity in the Nineteenth-Century United States (EN C138)**

Chair and Comment: David Valone, Quinnipiac University

“Common Paths: The Religious Landscape of Nineteenth-Century Lynn, Massachusetts”

Nicole Breault, Lynn Museum and Historical Society

“John Leland, Baptist Affiliation with the Democratic-Republican Party, and Disestablishment in Massachusetts”

Jacob Hicks, Florida State University

“Irish Famine Relief in the South in 1847”

Harvey Strum, Sage College of Albany

**8:30 Session 4: Influential United States First Ladies (EN B206)**

Chair: Jennifer Tebbe-Grossman, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University

Comment: Martha May, Western Connecticut State University

“Bric-a-Brac and Silver Ships: First Ladies Producing and Consuming During the Great Depression”

Ann Kordas, Johnson & Wales University

“Jacqueline Kennedy: More Than the First Lady”

Frederick P. Pasquariello, Johnson & Wales University

“Nancy Reagan: ‘Just Say No’”

Nelson Guertin, Johnson & Wales University

**8:30 Session 5: The Local as National in Politics (EN B208)**

Chair and Comment: Clifford Putney, Bentley University

“Horace Greeley for President: The Liberal Republicans of 1872”

Richard Allan Gerber, Southern Connecticut State University

“The Presidential and Congressional Elections of 1944 in Connecticut”

Philip A. Grant, Jr., Pace University

“Lady of Sorrows: The Personal and Political Career of Mary Teresa Norton of New Jersey”

Robert Chiles, University of Maryland

**8:30 Session 6: Transformations: From Human to Deity, Embattled to Triumphant, and Natural to Transcendent (EN B210)**

Chair: Steven Judd, Southern Connecticut State University

Comment: Byron Nakamura, Southern Connecticut State University

“Historicizing the Origins of Apotheosis in Ancient Egypt”

Julia Troche, Missouri State University

“The Role of Collective Vocalization in the Roman Triumph”

Bryan Brinkman, Brown University

“The Structure of Bodies: Metaphors of the Natural and Transcendent Body in Late Medieval Castilian Political Discourse”

Darcy Kern, Southern Connecticut State University

**8:30 Session 7: War and the Creation of Catholicism (EN B211)**

Chair and Comment: Seth Marshall Meehan, Boston College

“Conscription and the Making of Irish-American Catholics in the Civil War”

Ian Delahanty, Springfield College

“‘Loyal to Faith and Country’: Irish Catholic Service in Boston During World War I”

Meaghan Dwyer-Ryan, University of South Carolina Aiken

“‘Their Conscience is Known to God Alone’: Catholic Conscience Claims in War, 1940-1957”

Peter Cajka, Boston College

**Break for Book Exhibit & Refreshments: 10:00-10:30**

**(EN B121 A-B)**

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

**10:30 Session 8: Educational Missions**

**(EN C113)**

Chair and Comment: Thomas Radice, Southern Connecticut State University

“His Home in Hartford: Remembering Yung Wing and the Chinese Educational Mission in Connecticut”  
Benjamin Railton, Fitchburg State University

“*Historia de Nuestra Patria*: Nicaraguan Textbooks from 1889 to the Present”  
Christin Cleaton-Ruiz, Westfield State University

“Encouraging Opportunities for Active History Student Learning Outside the Classroom: The History Student Journal at Merrimack College”  
Sean Condon, Merrimack College

**10:30 Session 9: Formidable Women of the Nineteenth-Century United States**

**(EN C115)**

Chair and Comment: Heather Munro Prescott, Central Connecticut State University

“The Sargent House Museum and Its Connections to Slavery in Gloucester, Natchez, and Africa”  
Lise Breen, Independent Scholar

“Our Founding Daughters: A Narrative of Property Rights and Suffrage for Women in the Shared Campaign Against Marital Unity and Virtual Representation, 1840s-1870s”  
Patricia L. Farless, University of Central Florida

“Combat Versus Care: Gender and Nursing in the Spanish-American War”  
Melinda Marchand, Clark University

**10:30 Session 10: Lingering Legacies of the Vietnam Conflict**

**(EN C138)**

Chair: Michele Thompson, Southern Connecticut State University

Comment: Matthew Masur, Saint Anselm College

“Dividing the United Front: Changes in the Draft Resistance Movement during the Nixon Presidency”  
Shawn Driscoll, Worcester State University

“Legalizing the Liberal God: Theological Implications of the Legal Battle over Conscientious Objection during the Vietnam Era”  
Isaac May, University of Virginia

“People’s Diplomacy, Gender, and the POW Issue during the Vietnam War”  
Jessica M. Frazier, University of Rhode Island

**10:30 Session 11: Peasants, Warfare, and Ethnicity in Europe, 1300-1600**

**(EN B206)**

Chair and Comment: Melanie Murphy, Emmanuel College

“Cultures of Power: Peasants, Texts and Process in Fourteenth-Century England”  
Sherri Olson, University of Connecticut

“Medieval Warfare and Early Gunpowder Weapons, ca. 1250-1400 AD”  
Robert Holmes, Villanova University

“The External and Internal Aspects of the Dissolution of the Irish Clan System under the Tudor Dynasty”  
Christina Sites, Southern Connecticut State University

**10:30 Session 12: Progressivism’s Remade Personality and Discord versus Solidarity in the Two World Wars**

**(EN B208)**

Chair: Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

Comment: Harvey Strum, Sage College of Albany

“Remaking Personality: The Promise and Peril of Psychological Suggestion in Progressive Thought”  
Elizabeth Searcy, Brown University

“War Relief, Zionism, and the Struggle of American Jewish Leadership in the First World War, 1914-1918”  
Caitlin Carenen, Eastern Connecticut State University

“‘Let your songs raise the masses to sacred hatred’: Soviet Theatrical Brigades on the Eastern Front, 1941-1945”  
Erina Megowan, Georgetown University

**10:30 Session 13: Stratagems for Victory in the American Revolution** (EN B210)

Chair: Dominic DeBrincat, Missouri Western State University

Comment: Kevin Gutzman, Western Connecticut State University

“Paper Encroachments in the Eighteenth-Century North American Colonies”

Christine Petto, Southern Connecticut State University

“Community Allegiances Among Part-Time Soldiers: The Massachusetts Militia during the American Revolution and Shays’ Rebellion, 1775-1787”

Matthew Vajda, Worcester State University

“The Canadian Campaign: An Army ‘Ruined with Smallpox’”

Ann M. Becker, SUNY Empire State College

**10:30 Session 14: Waterway, Environment, and History in New England** (EN B211)

Chair: Erik Jensen, Salem State University

Comment: Steve Amerman, Southern Connecticut State University

“‘In the days of our forefathers’: Pre-Contact Native American River Traditions and the European Invasion”

Erik Reardon, University of Maine

“‘The Merrimack: Playground or Sewer?’ Clean Water and the Shifting Landscape of the Merrimack River, 1965-1972”

Timothy Melia, University of New Hampshire

**12:15 - 1:35 LUNCHEON** (EN: Rooms B121 A-B)  
[Tentative]

**Afternoon Sessions, 1:45-3:15**

**1:45 Session 15: Cold War Representatives Abroad and Representations at Home** (EN C113)

Chair and Comment: Mark Herlihy, Endicott College

“It Ain’t Easy Being Intervened: Americans in Revolutionary Cuba, 1959-1961”

Michael E. Neagle, Nichols College

“Yankee Brutalism: Decoding New England’s 1960s Concrete Architecture”

Brian M. Sirman, Wentworth Institute of Technology

“Representing the Welfare State”

Daniel M. Abramson, Tufts University

**1:45 Session 16: Evolving Historical Masculinities** (EN C115)

Chair: Patricia Farless, University of Central Florida

Comment: Melanie Gustafson, University of Vermont

“Shooting for Manhood: Poor White Boys and Guns in Antebellum Virginia”

John Zaborney, University of Maine at Presque Isle

“Gender Negotiations: Family Support and the Terms of Manhood in the 1930s”

Martha May, Western Connecticut State University

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

Darío A. Euraque, Trinity College

**1:45 Session 17: The Modern Age, a Century Before NEHA** (EN C138)

Chair and Comment: James P. Hanlan, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

“The American Civil War’s Forgotten War: Connecticut’s Assault on South Carolina 1861-1863”

Michael Baker, Worcester State University

“The Rise and Fall of the Knights of St. Crispin, 1867-1878”

Bruce Cohen, Worcester State University

“The Dark Line: A ‘Colored’ Soldier’s Widow and Her Fight for Pension Rights”

Linda Hixon, Worcester State University

**1:45 Session 18: Profit, Politics, and Labor in Eighteenth-Century Great Britain and Canada (EN B206)**

Chair: Polly Beals, Southern Connecticut State University

Comment: Sean Perrone, Saint Anselm College

“Eighteenth-Century British Privateering in the Press”

Jessica Dooling, Southern Connecticut State University

“The Last Jacobite Rebellion: Why Culloden was the End of the Stuart Cause”

Ashley Janes, Worcester State University

“‘To be ordered upon Corvées’: French Canadian Laborers in Lieutenant General John Burgoyne’s Army and the Early Modern Fiscal Military State, 1774-1778”

Richard H. Tomczak, Stony Brook University

**1:45 Session 19: Providence: Its Story from 1636 to the Present as Told through Public History Initiatives (EN B208)**

Chair and Comment: Chuck Arning, National Park Service

“The Old Meeting House and Its Visitors”

Joanne Schneider, Rhode Island College

“Providence’s Legacy: The Independence Trail”

Whitney Gordon Blankenship, Rhode Island College

“The North Burial Ground Project: Modern Technology Connects with the Past”

Michelle Valletta, Rhode Island College

**1:45 Session 20: Shifts in 1960s Sports, Music, and Culture (EN B210)**

Chair and Comment: Cheryl Boots, Boston University

“Gamechanging Decade: International and Gender Politics of the Olympic Movement in the 1960s”

Erin Redihan, *New England Journal of History*

“Champagne Music and The Ocean State: New England, Clay Hart, and *The Lawrence Welk Show*, 1969-1982”

Brian Peterson, Shasta College

“The Art of Dropping Out: Diane di Prima, Millbrook Commune, and Building Utopia”

Danielle Dumaine, University of Connecticut

**1:45 Session 21: United States Political Ideals, Religion, and Foreign Policy under the Presidency of JFK (EN B211)**

Chair and Comment: Troy Rondinone, Southern Connecticut State University

“President Kennedy and the ‘Common Ideals of Human Rights,’ March-September, 1963”

Jeff Roquen, Lehigh University

“John F. Kennedy’s Uncertain Commitment to Liberalism”

Joseph Delaney, Johnson & Wales University

“Spiritual Errands: Catholicism and American Foreign Policy, 1961-1963”

Patrick Lacroix, University of New Hampshire







## NEHA NEWS AND THE NEHA WEBSITE

**Clifford Putney** (Bentley University) is the editor of *NEHA News*. If you have a submission for the Spring 2016 issue of the newsletter, please send it to Cliff ([cputney@bentley.edu](mailto:cputney@bentley.edu)) by January 15, 2016. *Book reviews* should be sent to **Thomas J. Carty** (Springfield College), the book review editor ([tcarty@spfldcol.edu](mailto:tcarty@spfldcol.edu)), by January 15, 2016. If you have a book that you want *reviewed*, mail it to Tom at: Department of Social Sciences; Springfield College; 263 Alden Street; Springfield, MA 01109.

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

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

In the future we hope to add the capability to join and renew membership or make a donation online. Our news and

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

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



## RESULTS OF NEHA'S APRIL 18, 2015 ELECTION

### President

**Clifford Putney (Bentley University)**  
Clifford Putney is an associate professor of history at Bentley University, where he has received several teaching awards. He holds a bachelor's degree from Hampshire College, a master's degree from Harvard Divinity School, and a Ph.D. from Brandeis University, where he focused on U.S. religious history. As a specialist in that subject, he has been interviewed by media outlets such as the History Channel and *The Wall Street Journal*, and he has published numerous journal articles, three book chapters, and four books (two of them edited). His best known publications are *Muscular Christianity: Manhood and Sports in Protestant America, 1880-1920* (Harvard University Press, 2001), and *Missionaries in Hawai'i: The Lives of Peter and Fanny Gulick, 1797-1883* (University of Massachusetts Press, 2010). For sixteen years, Cliff has been an active member of NEHA, and he has edited the Association's

newsletter since 2011. As NEHA's President, Cliff will uphold the Association's tradition of hosting excellent academic conferences, and he will explore ways whereby the organization might increase its visibility.

#### Vice-President

##### **Don J. Wyatt (Middlebury College)**

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

#### Executive Secretary

##### **Martin Menke (Rivier College)**

Martin Menke (MA, PhD, Boston College) is tenured professor of history and government as well as coordinator of the department of history, law, and political science at Rivier University, where he has taught since 1997. He continues to teach in the Woods College of Advancing Studies at Boston College and has taught as an adjunct

at Wheaton College and at Emerson College. Menke has published in the *Catholic Historical Review*, *Kirchliche Zeitgeschichte*, and *Journal of Church and State*. He has publications forthcoming in volumes edited by the Primo Levi Center for the study of Italian Jews in New York and the Catholic Studies program at DePaul University in Chicago. He is 2015-2016 chair of the American Catholic Historical Association's Conference Program Committee. He presents regularly at the ACHA, the German Studies Association, and NEHA. In NEHA, Menke has served on the James P. Hanlan Book Prize Committee, the Graduate Prize Committee, as Executive Committee member, Vice President, and President. He is eager to carry on the great work of Jim Hanlan as Executive Secretary in order to continue serving NEHA.

#### Treasurer

##### **Sean Perrone (Saint Anselm College)**

Sean Perrone is professor of history at Saint Anselm College. He holds a B.A. from Rutgers University and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. His research has focused on fiscal negotiations between the Castilian Crown and the Assembly of the Clergy in the early modern period and on the Spanish consular service in the Early American Republic. He has published a book and several articles. His most recent publication is "Mapping the Collection of the Ecclesiastical Subsidy in Castile, 1530-1558" in *Politics, Gender, and Belief: The Long-Term Impact of the Reformation. Essays in Memory of Robert Kingdon*. Eds. Amy Nelson Burnett, Kathleen Comerford, and Karin Maag (Geneva: Librairie Droz, 2014). He has been a member of the NEHA for sixteen years, and he previously served on the Book Award Committee (Member 2005, Chair 2006) and the Nominating Committee (Member 2006-2008, Chair 2008-2009).

## Executive Committee

### **Candace Kanés (Maine Historical Society)**

Candace Kanés has served on the NEHA Executive Committee for two terms. She is especially interested in encouraging the connection between academic and public history, including opportunities for faculty and students to utilize and become involved with local history sources – both archival and physical. She is the curator/historian for the Maine Historical Society's Maine Memory Network, a digital museum and archive. She developed an online narrative history of Maine, *Maine History Online* ([www.mainememory.net/mho](http://www.mainememory.net/mho)), has written more than 100 online exhibits, and has curated a number of physical exhibits at Maine Historical, where she has worked since 2003. She works with local historical societies, secondary schools, colleges, and others to promote the use of primary sources, local resources of all types, and Maine Memory Network, which offers myriad opportunities for students, faculty, and the larger historical community. Kanés holds a doctorate in American history from the University of New Hampshire and a master's from SUNY Buffalo. She has taught history at the Maine College of Art, the University of New England, Bates College, and the University of Southern Maine.

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

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

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

Troy Paddock is Professor of Modern European History and Chairperson at Southern CT State University. He was a member of the Executive Committee previously (2002-04) and would like the opportunity to serve again. He teaches courses in Western Civilization, 20th-century Europe, German history, European intellectual history and historiography. He has published articles in German History, Central European History and Rethinking History. His monograph *Creating the Russian Peril: Education, the Public Sphere and National Identity in Imperial Germany, 1890-1914* appeared with Camden House in 2010. He is pleased that NEHA is coming to Southern Connecticut State University for the Fall 2015 conference.

## Nominating Committee

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

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

Sara covers news and reviews of digital initiatives, as well as topics in book history,

documentary editing, public history, and American religion. She hopes to serve NEHA's developing interests in digital history, while continuing to explore how New England voices help to tell the American story in new ways.

**Kristen Petersen (MCPHS University)**

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



**NEW CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

Two amendments to the NEHA Constitution were approved at the April 18, 2015 meeting of the association. The amendments are as follows:

**Amendment #1: New Cost of Membership**

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

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

Old text:

VI. Nomination and Election.

*(Amended: 8 March 1969 and 14 April 1973)*

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

New text:

VI. Nomination and Election

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

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

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

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

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

**Rationale:**

This section of the constitution was not revised for over forty years. In the past, the vagueness of the old language occasionally led to disagreements between the Nomination Committee members and the members of the Executive Committee. It also impeded the process of finding qualified candidates. This revision, on the other hand, accounts for digital means of communication, and it promises to head off conflicts of interest.



**A MESSAGE FROM NEHA'S  
PRESIDENT**

Dear Colleagues,

This is a celebratory time for NEHA. Like LBJ's Great Society plan, the Voting Rights Act, and the song "Mr. Tambourine Man," the Association came into being in 1965 (see the article below for details), and this year we are observing our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. That we have lived to be 50 is noteworthy, partly because we are an all-volunteer organization. Many such organizations peter out after a decade or two, but NEHA has never faltered in its mission to advance the study of history in New England. Well, actually we *have* faltered on occasion, but we have gotten through our low periods, and we show every sign of continuing to operate long into the future.

Active members and good leaders have kept NEHA going for 50 years, and many of these people will be participating in a discussion of Association history on Friday, October 23 (see enclosed program for details). The discussion promises to be enlightening, and I encourage you to attend it. I also encourage you to pause for a moment and give silent thanks to **James P. Hanlan** (WPI), **Bruce S. Cohen** (Worcester State University), and **Peter C. Holloran** (WSU), because they are largely responsible for NEHA's success. Jim served the Association as its Secretary (1990-1995) and Executive Secretary (1995-2015); Bruce served the association as its Treasurer (2003-2015); and Peter served the Association as its Executive Secretary (1990-1995), Secretary (1995-2014), and Editor of *NEHA News* (1990-2010).

Jim, Bruce, and Peter recently stepped down from serving as NEHA officers, but they are still very active in the Association. They are also mentoring a new generation of NEHA leaders such as **Martin Menke** (who bravely took on the demanding job of Executive Secretary), **Don Wyatt** (our Vice President and the creator of this fall's excellent program), **Tona Hangen** (our Secretary and the master of our website),\* and **Troy Paddock** (who generously arranged for us to meet this fall at Southern Connecticut State University). Many other NEHA leaders are also helping the Association to flourish, and although space precludes me from mentioning them all by name, I am deeply grateful for their efforts.

**Clifford Putney, NEHA President (2015-16)**  
**Bentley University**

\*PS: Tona is responsible for NEHA's new logo, which was designed by her friend Christopher Edwards.

#### **"NEHA REMINISCENCES"**

##### **(Accounts of NEHA's Founding)**

[Taken from *NEHA News*, 13:1 (April 1986), 3]

One of the Plenary Sessions at the Twentieth Anniversary Meeting of the Association focused on the history and development of NEHA. The session began with a slide presentation, NEHA Persons and Places, skillfully assembled and wittily narrated by John E. Browning [Rhode Island College]. Many past and recent officers, including William F. Allen, NEHA's first and long-time Secretary-Treasurer, were in attendance. Remarks were delivered by two of the original founders and past presidents: Reinhold A. Dorwart [University of Connecticut] and Daniel H. Thomas [University of Rhode Island]. Here are some selected passages from their recollections:

"During the last twenty years there has been much reference to the founding fathers and

speculation of how it all began. Today I want to set the record straight. There were no founding fathers. Only one person can properly be so designated. There were many collaborators. The man who alone deserves the title of founding father is Professor Daniel Thomas of the University of Rhode Island. More than twenty years ago Daniel Thomas began talking up the need for a common meeting ground for college faculty of historical persuasion. He talked to anyone who would listen. He traveled about from campus to campus trying to recruit converts. Early on he found willing converts in Andre Schenker and Reiny Dorwart of the University of Connecticut. He tried to get the four colleges around Amherst and Northampton to launch an effort in the proper direction. No one took the initiative. Finally, the opportunity came unexpectedly in the fall of 1965." [Dorwart]

"On September 10, Harry Marks of the University of Connecticut took the initiative of inviting historians from the colleges and universities of Connecticut and Rhode Island to meet at Storrs. Thirty-one gathered, renewed old acquaintances, made new friends, heard two interesting papers, and concluded that this was a very good idea." [Thomas]

"Dan Thomas and I were permitted to make our pitch. Interest was aroused and it was agreed that a committee would meet later in the winter to get more specific. In January of 1966 on a terrible icy day four stalwart historians, undaunted by the weather, met here in Storrs as a "constitutional convention." Bill Allen came up from the University of Bridgeport. Ken Lewalski skidded over from Providence. Dan Thomas would not miss the meeting for anything. I furnished coffee and doughnuts. We never left for lunch. We hammered out a constitution to submit at the proper time. We drew up a slate of officers and prepared to send out a call for the first annual meeting of NEHA in Spring 1966 here at Storrs." [Dorwart]

“It was our desire to make the association a regional and not a parochial one. It was to be like the Pacific Coast or the Southern Association. And, indeed, Paul Ward, the then-secretary of the AHA joined us twenty years ago to help launch the new association in New England. We were convinced that to be regional the association had to be built on a union of the major Ivy League schools and the six state universities. In the first two years we did have the support of Yale and Harvard. The first president was Frank Freidel. In addition to Rudin and Hexter of Yale, professors Ernest May, Ed Reischauer and John Fairbanks of Harvard, along with Herbert Feiss, were our speakers. The Ivy League schools have not maintained a continuing strong support and I feel that the association has taken on less than a truly regional definition.” [Dorwart]

“When the original four discussed Dan Thomas’ dream in January 1966, one thought was uppermost. The association would serve as a means of bringing the New England historical community into a more intimate acquaintance than existed at that time. There was a need for more intimate acquaintance between the major graduate schools, which were trying to place their PhDs in the ever expanding colleges of New England. There was a need for improved liaison to place our quality seniors in the graduate schools of New England universities, not only the Ivy League schools, but at Boston University and the new PhD programs just starting up at the universities of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. I believe that these goals were happily achieved.” [Source not named]

“Daniel H. Thomas reviewed the efforts to establish a close connection with the New England History Teachers Association [NEHTA] and the early hope that sometime in the future the association would be strong enough to support a journal. A committee chaired by Howard Quint of

the University of Massachusetts investigated this thoroughly. It was hoped that a consortium of New England colleges and universities would underwrite such a journal. Lacking sufficient funds, it was decided to move in another direction. Thus the NEHA Newsletter was launched to provide a communication link for members between sessions. Bill Allen and Gwendolyn Jensen made a major contribution in getting a quality Newsletter started.” [Source not named]

“Another primary concern twenty years ago was to offer to New England historians an opportunity to share the results of their research with a larger audience in New England by reading papers at our annual sessions. Again, this was a goal that was fully, successfully and profitably achieved.” [Dorwart]



### **THE NEHA GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE**

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

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

Prize nominations must be submitted by May 15, 2016. They may be submitted either to the NEHA President, or to the Award Committee Chair, **Mary Kelly** (Franklin Pierce University). Other members of the committee include **Martin Menke** (Rivier University), **Melanie Gustafson** (University of Vermont), and **Tona Hangen** (Worcester State University).



## NEHA BOOK AWARD

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

Any publisher may nominate one book each year by writing to **Martin Menke**, Rivier University; 420 South Main Street; Nashua, NH 03060, or email him at [mmenke@rivier.edu](mailto:mmenke@rivier.edu) by June 1, 2016.

Monographs on any historical topic, time or place published in 2015, written by an author who lives or works in New England (or has done so in the past two years), are eligible for the annual NEHA Book Award. The nominated book should represent the best historical writing and scholarship in any era or field of history. The award certificate and \$300.00 stipend are presented to the winner at the Fall Conference.

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

## THIS YEAR'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

**James P. Hanlan Book Award:** The 2015 award goes to **Richard Judd** (University of Maine) for his book *Second Nature: An Environmental History of New England* (University of Massachusetts Press).

**NEHA Graduate Student Paper Prize:** The 2015 award goes to **Allison Horrocks** (University of Connecticut) for her paper "Not Foreigners, but Friends": The Global Politics of Home Economics in the Twentieth Century."

*Historical Note:* The creators of the NEHA Book Award and the NEHA Graduate Student Paper Prize were Neal Shipley (U-Mass, Amherst) and Peter Holloran (Worcester State University).

## SPRING 2015 CONFERENCE REPORT

The 94<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Association was held at Worcester State University in Worcester, Massachusetts, on April 18, 2015. It was a highly successful conference, and it attracted over 100 conferees. There were 20 sessions (which focused on a broad range of subjects), and elections for leadership posts in the Association were held after lunch.

**Mark Herlihy**, the President of NEHA, addressed the conferees after lunch. He also honored three longtime Association officers: **James Hanlan** (who received a lifetime achievement plaque), **Bruce Cohen** (who received a lifetime achievement plaque), and **Peter Holloran** (who received a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative plaque [having previously gotten a lifetime achievement award]). After these honors were given, **Clifford Putney**, NEHA's Vice President, presented Mark Herlihy (Endicott College) with a special pen for his service to the Association.

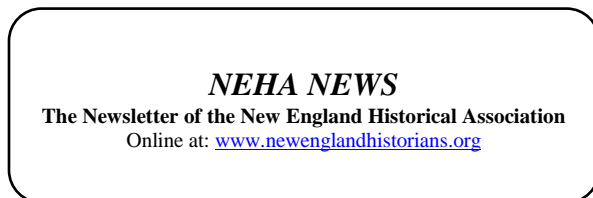


NEHA would like to thank **Clifford Putney** (Bentley University) for arranging the program, and it would also like to thank **Bruce Cohen** and his colleagues as WSU for making the local arrangements.



## PRESERVING MEMORIES OF NEHA

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



## A PLEA FOR OLD ISSUES OF NEHA NEWS

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

## NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

**Victoria Cain** (Northeastern University) won the History of Education Society's annual book award for her book *Life on Display: Revolutionizing U.S. Museums of Science and Nature* (University of Chicago Press, 2014).

**Thomas Carty** (Springfield College) wrote a piece about *Mad Men* for the History News Network, and the piece was later picked up by *Time Magazine* (<http://time.com/3761501/mad-men-nixon-reagan/>).

**Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham** (Harvard University) received one of ten 2014 National Humanities Medals.

**The National Coalition for History (NCH)** launched a new website.



## BOOK NEWS

**John Demos** (Yale University) published *The Heathen School: A Story of Hope and Betrayal in the Age of the Early Republic* (Vintage Press, 2014).

**Barbara E. Lacey** (University of St. Joseph) published *The Illustrated Imprints of Isaiah Thomas* (American Philosophical Society, 2014).

**John Merriman** (Yale University) published *Massacre: The Life and Death of the Paris Commune* (Basic Books, 2014).

**Charles O'Brien** (Western Illinois University) published *Death at Tammany Hall* (Kensington, 2015).

**Bruce J. Schulman** (Boston University) and **Brian Balogh** (University of Virginia) published *Recapturing the Oval Office: New Historical Approaches to the American Presidency* (Cornell University Press, 2015).

**Anders Winroth** (Yale University) published *The Age of the Vikings* (Princeton University Press, 2014).



## CONFERENCES OF REGIONAL INTEREST

The **Society for Historians of the Early American Republic** will hold its annual meeting in New Haven, CT, on July 21-24, 2016.

The **New England American Studies Association** (NEASA) has yet to post the date of its next annual meeting.

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

The New England regional meeting of the **American Conference for Irish Studies** will hold its annual meeting at the University of New Haven on November 20-21, 2015.

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

The **Massachusetts Historical Society** (1154 Boylston St., Boston) invites people to attend its seminars: Boston Area Early American History Seminar, Boston Environmental History Seminar, Boston Immigration and Urban History Seminar, Boston Seminar on the History of Women and Gender, and New England Biography

Seminar. For more information about the conference or the seminars, contact **Kate Viens**, Research Coordinator: 617-646-0568, or [seminars@masshist.org](mailto:seminars@masshist.org)

The next **Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife** has yet to be announced.

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

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



## AUTHORS WANTED

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

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

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

The **Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association** (NEPCA) offers its annual *Peter C. Rollins Book Award* for the best book on any American culture or popular culture topic published in 2015 by an author in New England or New York. Publishers may nominate one book by June 1, 2016. The award certificate and \$200 prize will be presented to the winner in October 2016 at the annual NEPCA conference. Contact the NEPCA Executive Secretary, **Robert E. Weir**, NEPCA, 15 Woods Road, Florence, MA 01062; [robweir7@gmail.com](mailto:robweir7@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The **Massachusetts Historical Society** is offering short-term and long-term research fellowships for the academic year 2016-17. The Society is a participant in the New England Regional Fellowship Consortium. For more information please visit the website, [www.masshist.org/fellowships](http://www.masshist.org/fellowships), or contact Kate Viens ([fellowships@masshist.org](mailto:fellowships@masshist.org), 617-646-0512).

The **American Philosophical Society Library** in Philadelphia offers competitive short-term fellowships supporting in-residence research in its renowned scholarly collections. Applicants who hold the Ph.D. or are advanced Ph.D. candidates or independent scholars may apply for the fellowships which have a monthly \$2,000 stipend for 1-3 months. For applications see: [www.amphilsoc.org/grants/resident.htm](http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/resident.htm)

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

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

**Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine**, an alliance of the Boston Medical Library and the Harvard Medical Library,

offers two annual fellowships to support research in the history of medicine. This is the largest academic medical library in the nation with an extensive collection of European medical texts from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries and many other archives. For application information contact Countway

Fellowships, Center for the History of Medicine, Francis A. Countway Library, 10 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115.

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



## NEHA FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

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



## **PRESIDENTS OF THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

1966-1967	Frank Friedel, Harvard University
1967-1968	Reinhold Dorwart, University of Connecticut
1968-1969	Louis Morton, Dartmouth College
1969-1970	Daniel Thomas, University of Rhode Island
1970-1971	J. H. Hexter, Yale University
1971-1972	Helen Mulvey, Connecticut College
1972-1973	Sidney A. Burrell, Boston University
1973-1974	Kenneth F. Lewalski, Rhode Island College
1974-1975	John G. Gagliardo, Boston University
1975-1976	Jane Pease, University of Maine
1976-1977	Robert Lougee, University of Connecticut
1977-1978	Giles Constable, Harvard University
1978-1979	Gordon Jensen, University of Hartford
1979-1980	Neil Stout, University of Vermont
1980-1981	Fred A. Cazal, Jr., University of Connecticut
1981-1982	Darrett Rutman, University of New Hampshire
1982-1983	John Voll, University of New Hampshire
1983-1984	Emiliana P. Noether, University of Connecticut
1984-1985	Ronald P. Formisano, Clark University
1985-1986	Ridgway F. Shinn, Jr., Rhode Island College
1986-1987	Catherine M. Prelinger, Yale University
1987-1988	Paul A. Fideler, Lesley College
1988-1989	Roger Howell, Jr., Bowdoin College
1989-1990	Barbara Solow, Harvard University
1990-1991	Richard D. Brown, University of Connecticut
1991-1992	Alan J. Reinerman, Boston College
1992-1993	Richard Buel, Wesleyan University
1993-1994	Neal R. Shipley, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
1994-1995	Bruce M. Stave, University of Connecticut
1995-1996	Patricia Herlihy, Brown University
1996-1997	Roland Sarti, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
1997-1998	James S. Leamon, Bates College
1998-1999	Borden W. Painter, Jr., Trinity College
1999-2000	Alan Rogers (Boston College)
2000-2001	Joanne Schneider, Rhode Island College
2001-2002	Joseph Conforti, University of Southern Maine
2002-2003	James O'Toole, Boston College
2003-2004	Paul Monod, Middlebury College
2004-2005	Robert J. Imholt, Albertus Magnus College
2005-2006	Altina Waller, University of Connecticut
2006-2007	George Dameron, St. Michael's College
2007-2008	Luci Fortunato, Bridgewater State College
2008-2009	Ballard Campbell, Northeastern University
2009-2010	Laura Prieto, Simmons College
2010-2011	Melanie S. Gustafson, University of Vermont
2011-2012	Martin Menke, Rivier College
2012-2013	Elizabeth DeWolfe, University of New England
2013-2014	Dane Morison, Salem State University
2014-2015	Mark Herlihy, Endicott College
2015-2016	Clifford Putney, Bentley University



## MEETINGS OF NEHA

1966	University of Connecticut	1992	Assumption College
1967	Harvard University		Rhode Island College
1968	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	1993	University of Southern Maine
1969	Boston University		John Carter Brown Library &
1970	University of Rhode Island		Brown University
1971	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	1994	Bentley College
	Yale University		University of Hartford
1972	University of New Hampshire	1995	Mount Holyoke College
	University of Hartford		Saint Anselm College
1973	Bentley College	1996	Amherst College
	Connecticut College		Roger Williams University
1974	Rhode Island College	1997	Northeastern University
	Clark University		University of Connecticut
1975	Pine Manor College	1998	University of Vermont
	University of Maine, Portland		Connecticut College
1976	St. Joseph's College	1999	Rivier College
	Exeter Academy		Suffolk University
1977	Harvard University	2000	Tufts University
	University of Connecticut		Stonehill College
1978	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	2001	Salve Regina University
	University of Lowell		Saint Michael's College
1979	Boston College	2002	Massachusetts Maritime Academy
	Colby-Sawyer College		Rhode Island College
1980	Old Sturbridge Village	2003	Bentley College
	Rhode Island College		College of the Holy Cross
1981	Mount Ida College	2004	Newbury College
	Albertus Magnus College		College of Saint Joseph
1982	College of the Holy Cross	2005	Regis College
	University of New Hampshire		University of Rhode Island
1983	Fitchburg State College	2006	Bridgewater State College
	Roger Williams College		University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
1984	American Antiquarian Society	2007	Southern New Hampshire University
	Framingham State College		Worcester Polytechnic Institute
1985	Bowdoin College	2008	Northeastern University
	University of Connecticut		Endicott College
1986	American Antiquarian Society	2009	University of Southern Maine
	Boston College		University of Vermont
1987	Historic Deerfield	2010	Salem State College
	Albertus Magnus College		University of New England
1988	Salem State College	2011	Worcester State University
	University of Hartford		Emmanuel College
1989	University of Lowell	2012	Rivier College
	Smith College		Merrimack College
1990	Pine Manor College	2013	Westfield State University
	St. Joseph's College		Albertus Magnus College
1991	American Antiquarian Society &	2014	Springfield College
	Worcester Polytechnic Institute		Franklin Pierce University
	John F. Kennedy Library &	2015	Worcester State University
	University of Massachusetts-Boston		Southern CT State University

## PAST WINNERS OF THE NEHA BOOK AWARD

(Year = Date Published)

- 2014 **Richard Judd** (University of Maine), *Second Nature: An Environmental History of New England* (U-Mass Press)
- 2013 **Allegra Di Bonaventura** (Yale University), *For Adam's Sake: A Family Saga in Colonial New England* (W. W. Norton)
- 2012 **Seth Jacobs** (Boston College), *The Universe Unravelling: American Foreign Policy in Cold War Laos*(Cornell University Press)
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## BOOK REVIEWS



Adria Lawrence, *Imperial Rule and the Politics of Nationalism: Anti-Colonial Protest in the French Empire*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

The intersection between the global rise of nationalism and the beginning of decolonization has been the focus of so much historiographical attention that it is often difficult to disentangle those processes from one another. In *Imperial Rule and the Politics of Nationalism*, Adria Lawrence moves away from the emphasis on the role of nationalism in the downfall of empires. Instead of attempting to uncover the formation of indigenous identities and ideologies that ultimately—and, as often portrayed in the existing works, inexorably—led to nationalism, Lawrence seeks to understand the multiple reasons that led some of the colonized populations to mobilize and to embrace nationalist goals.

The second chapter of *Imperial Rule and the Politics of Nationalism* examines demands for political equality in Algeria and Morocco in the context of French rule. Lawrence demonstrates that indigenous reformists initially attempted to democratize the system under which they lived and not destroy it. This interpretation suggests a desire for inclusion and reconciliation rather than an inevitable incompatibility between local identities and foreign rule. In the third chapter, Lawrence convincingly shows that it was France's official response to reformist demands that led to the rise of nationalism. The failure of demands for political equality bred discontent and made many indigenous reformists embrace nationalist goals. In turn, this development indicates that a different reaction from the French authorities might have led to a situation in which the nationalist moment remained weak.

Having persuasively argued that the rise of nationalism to a large extent depended on factors unrelated to the question of identity,

Lawrence then studies the acceleration of nationalist mobilization in chapter four. She claims that disruptions in imperial authority during the two world wars (and other periods of strife) created openings that nationalist leaders exploited in their pursuit of independence. In contrast to the dominant view that nationalist movements caused the collapse of imperial authority, Lawrence shows that nationalist movements flourished in places where imperial authority had already been significantly weakened. She further strengthens her claims by observing that nationalist mobilization failed to materialize when imperial rule remained cruel, harsh—and stable. In chapter five, Lawrence applies her conclusions to Morocco and shows that the emergence of nationalist mobilization in Spanish and French Morocco validates her overall argument. Nationalist mobilization started in Spanish Morocco in 1936 in the context of the Spanish Civil War, while it began in French Morocco only after the 1942 Allied invasion. In both instances, therefore, nationalist mobilization followed the disruption of imperial authority, instead of preceding it.

*Imperial Rule and the Politics of Nationalism* compellingly shows that indigenous reformers sought to undermine the colonial state not because of its foreignness, but rather because of its authoritarianism. This conclusion has broad implications for the study of indigenous movements in imperial contexts. Indigenous leaders who attempted to work within the imperial systems are often presented as self-interested and insincere. However, *Imperial Rule and the Politics of Nationalism* shows that reformists were often both self-interested and sincere in their attempts to achieve political equality. In fact, Lawrence successfully demonstrates that the rise of nationalist movements could have been tempered or avoided had the French authorities agreed to work with the reformists and extend additional political rights to the colonized populations. Due to its original arguments and broad perspective, this work will attract those interested in colonial reformist movements, the development of nationalism in imperial contexts, and French imperialism.

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### **American Conference for Irish Studies**

2016 \* South Bend, IN \* March 30-April 3

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2015 \* Sacramento, CA \* 21-25 October

### **Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association**

2016 \* Seattle \* 22-26 March

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2015 \* Nashville, TN \* 11-13 September

### **National Council on Public History**

2016 \* Baltimore \* 16-19 March

### **North American Conference on British Studies**

2015 \* Little Rock, AK \* 13-15 November

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2016 \* New Haven, CT \* 21-24 July

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