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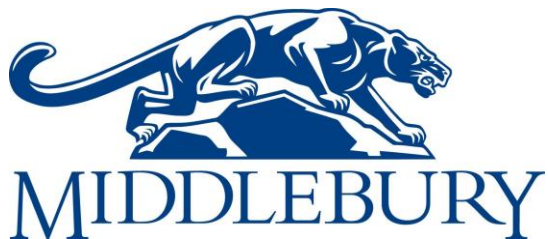
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**SPRING CONFERENCE at  
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE in Middlebury, Vermont  
on  
SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016**



The 96<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Association will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, in the Axinn Center at Middlebury College; 14 Old Chapel Road; Middlebury, Vermont (802-443-5000). Founded by Congregationalists in 1800, Middlebury is the oldest college in Vermont and one of the oldest colleges in the US. It is also world-renowned for its liberal arts programs (which include the influential Bread Loaf Writers' Conference) and it can boast of many historic milestones. Of these, Middlebury is particularly proud of the following: 1.) Granting the first bachelor's degree in the US to an African-American (an event that occurred in 1823); and 2.) becoming one of the first formerly all-male colleges in the US to admit women (an event that occurred in 1883).

Middlebury has 2,526 undergraduates from all 50 states and 74 countries, and it has a sizeable endowment (\$1,101 billion). It also has a highly picturesque 350-acre campus, which NEHA conferees will undoubtedly enjoy seeing.

The program for the fall conference is listed on pages 4-7 of this issue, and it is also posted on our webpage: <http://www.newenglandhistorians.org>

Vice-President **Don Wyatt** (Middlebury College) arranged this fine program. **Martin Menke** (NEHA's Executive Secretary) made the local arrangements with the assistance of **Don Wyatt** and his colleagues at Middlebury. We hope this meeting in Middlebury, Vermont, will be as well attended and successful as our *50th anniversary* meeting in New Haven, Connecticut, last spring. We are very grateful for the hospitality shown to us by Middlebury College.

The April conference will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning in the Axinn Center (AXN). Conferees should enter the *west* side of the building. Panels will begin at 8:30 a.m., and they will all be held in AXN. NEHA members are invited to bring copies of their **own recent publications** as well as timely professional literature for display or distribution at the book exhibit at 10:00.

The *registration fee payment is required for everyone on the program* (panelists, chairs and commentators) and all who attend the conference. Pre-registration by mail prior to April 8th is strongly recommended, but registration at the conference is possible. Please feel free to photocopy the conference registration form on the back page when inviting colleagues or graduate students.

Our luncheon will be held in the Axinn Dining Hall 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 2016 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

Provided that reservations include Friday night, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, there are two local hotels offering discounted rates for the conference:

**The Middlebury Inn** (a 10-minute walk from the edge of campus; about 0.4 miles)  
14 Court Square; Middlebury, VT (802-388-4961; 800-842-4666)

The Middlebury Inn will hold NEHA rooms up until March 23<sup>rd</sup>, after which they will become available to the general public. The blocked rooms are listed under “New England Historical Association Room Block.” The conference room rate is either \$135 (main inn single) or \$145 (main room double) per night.

**The Courtyard Marriott, Middlebury** (5-7 minute drive; 2.3 miles from campus)  
309 Court Street, Middlebury, VT (802-388-7600; 800-388-7775)

The conference rate will hold until March 23<sup>rd</sup>, with rooms thereafter becoming available to the general public. When calling to reserve, conferees are to reference: “NE Historical Association.” The

conference room rate is \$115 (either double queen or king with sofa bed).

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

Middlebury College is located in west-central Vermont in the town of Middlebury. The town of Middlebury is a 2 ½ hour drive from Montreal, about four hours from both Boston and Hartford, and 5 hours from New York City.

### Driving Directions:

#### *From Burlington International Airport:*

Coming out of the airport turn left on Airport Road. At the stop light, cross the intersection onto Kennedy Drive. At the second light enter Rt. 189 (West to Rt. 7). At intersection of Rt. 7 turn left and continue south to Middlebury (30 miles). At the large white Congregational Church turn right, continue through town bearing right onto Rt. 125. Go past St. Mary’s Church and the college is on the left.

#### *From New York:*

I-87 (Northway) North to Exit 20. Go east on Rt. 149 (Glens Falls area) to Rt. 4 (Whitehall, NY) to Vermont. At Exit 4 (Castleton, VT, take Rt. 30 North to Middlebury.

#### *From Connecticut:*

I-91 North to Springfield/Ludlow VT Exit. Then take Rt. 103 to Rt. 7 (Rutland) and go North on Rt. 7 to Middlebury.

#### *From Maine:*

I-95 South to Exeter, NH. Take Rt. 101 West to Concord, NH. Take I-93 North to I-89 North into Vermont. At Queechee, VT (Exit 1) take Rt. 4 west to Rt. 7 (Rutland). Then North on Rt. 7 to Middlebury.

Or:

Stay on I-89 to North Bethel, VT (Exit 3). Take Rt. 107 West to 100 North to 125 West (over Middlebury Mountain) to Middlebury.

***From Eastern Massachusetts:***

I-93 North to I-89 North into Vermont. Take Exit 1 (Queechee) to Rt. 4 West to Rt. 7 North to Middlebury.

Or:

Stay on I-89 to North Bethel, VT (Exit 3). Take Rt. 107 West to 100 North to 125 West (over Middlebury Mountain) to Middlebury.

***From Central Massachusetts:***

I-91 North to Springfield/Ludlow, VT Exit. Take Rt. 103 to Rt. 7 North (Rutland) then North on Rt. 7 to Middlebury.

***From Western Massachusetts:***

At Pittsfield, MA, take Rt. 7 North to Middlebury.

**Public Transportation:**

***Airport:***

Burlington International Airport (BTV)—40 miles directly north of Middlebury.

***Busses:***

Greyhound Lines  
1-800-231-2222  
(Stops throughout Vermont, including Middlebury)

Vermont Translines  
1-844-888-7267  
(From Albany and Burlington)

***Taxis:***

Vermont Tour and Charter  
1-800-734-1293  
(Middlebury to Burlington)

Jessica's Vital Transit  
1-802-349-8833  
(Private service or customized van pooling)

New England Taxi Airport Transportation  
1-802-598-7254; 1-802-777-0392  
(Transportation to any regional airport)

Small City Taxi  
1-[802]-877-3395

Regional Taxi  
1-802-233-1530

AA Transportation  
1-802-227-2776  
(Service to/from the Burlington area)

***Additional sources of public transportation can be found on the Middlebury College website***



**PARKING INFORMATION**

Middlebury recommends that conferees park either along Main Street/Rt. 30, or in the Q Lot of the Mahaney Center for the Arts (the parking places closest to the Axinn Center). Conferees will *not* need a parking permit.

Conferees should *not* park in student parking or on Old Chapel Road.

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

NEHA's fall meeting is scheduled to be held at Rivier University on October 22, 2016. The deadline for submitting paper proposals (one-page abstract and a brief C.V.) is August 1, 2016. To make submissions and/or get information about the program, contact: **Troy Paddock**, Southern Connecticut State University ([paddock1@southernct.edu](mailto:paddock1@southernct.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)



New England Historical Association

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**SATURDAY  
APRIL 23, 2016**

**MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE  
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT**

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**SPRING CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**All sessions will be held on the first and second floors of AXINN CENTER (AXN)**

**8:00-8:30 REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST in AXN West Wing Foyer**

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

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

**8:30 Session 1: Crime, Community, and Economy along the United States Northern Borderland (AXN 103)**

Chair and Comment: Jacqueline Carr, University of Vermont

"From Borderland to Borderedland: Crime and Consequence in Rural Quebec, 1775"

Daniel S. Soucier, University of Maine, Orono

"Creating Imagined Communities in the Post-Revolutionary Northeastern Borderlands"

John Davis Morton, Boston College

"From Fur and Bodies to the Chase: Changing Economies and a Borderlands Poacher"

Ian Jesse, University of Maine, Orono

**8:30 Session 2: Transformers of the Physical and Financial United States Landscape (AXN 104)**

Chair and Comment: Clifford Putney, Bentley University

"The Boston Trustee: William Minot, Benjamin Franklin, and the Development of Philanthropy and Asset Management in Nineteenth-Century America"

Adam Rutledge, Brandeis University

"The Great Reservoir": Frederick P. Stearns and the Boston Metropolitan Water Supply, 1885-1905"

Jeffrey Egan, University of Connecticut

**8:30 Session 3: Abigail Stoneman: Colonial Woman Entrepreneur (AXN 105)**

Chair and Comment: Amy Feely Morsman, Middlebury College

"Abigail Stoneman: Eighteenth-Century Entrepreneurial Prowess"

Breanne Messier and Sarah Gomes, Roger Williams University\*

**8:30 Session 4: Remaking the Human and Defending the Family in the Early Twentieth Century (AXN 109)**

Chair and Comment: Melanie Gustafson, University of Vermont

"Labor and Amusements': Making the New York City Lunatic Asylum"

Barbara Pohl, Yale University

"Progressive Reformer Faux Pas: Eugenics in Turn-of-the-Century Connecticut"

Allison Norrie, Southern Connecticut State University

"The War at Home to Defend 'the Home': Gender, the Family, and Anti-Radicalism in the 1910s"

Adam Quinn, University of Vermont

**8:30 Session 5: Race Matters**

**(AXN 219)**

Chair and Comment: Jessica Parr, University of New Hampshire at Manchester

"From Cleopatra to the 'Ivory Bangle Lady': Investigating Race in the Ancient World"

Erik Jensen, Salem State University

"The Language of Difference: Former Slaves in Maine"

Candace Kanesh, Independent Scholar

"Turning Lincoln's Portrait to the Wall: Robert L. Vann, Racial Utility, and the 1932 Presidential Election"

Adam Cilli, University of Maine, Orono

**8:30 Session 6: The Culture Wars, the Environment, and Their Literatures as History**

**(AXN 220)**

Chair and Comment: Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

"A humanistic philosophy or more sophisticated pursuits?: The pre-history of the canon wars"

Elizabeth Kalbfleisch, Southern Connecticut State University

"Reconsidering Religious Activism during the 'Secular Sixties'"

Patrick Lacroix, University of New Hampshire

"Thoreau, Wilderness, and Maine: The Emergence of an Environmental Icon"

Richard W. Judd, University of Maine, Orono

**8:30 Session 7: Strategies for Repression and Survival in a Cold War World**

**(AXN 232)**

Chair and Comment: Denise Youngblood, University of Vermont

"Cold War at Home: Ideological Containment and the FBI's COINTELPRO"

Anh T. Tran, Graduate Center, CUNY

"The Inception of International Adoption, 1948-1955"

Soojin Chung, Boston University School of Theology

"Censorship, the BBC and the Northern Ireland 'troubles'"

Robert Savage, Boston College

***Break for Book Exhibit & Refreshments: 10:00-10:30 (AXN Winter Garden)***

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

**10:30 Session 8: Safeguarding the Traveler**

**(AXN 103)**

Chair and Comment: Elizabeth De Wolfe, University of New England

"The American Seamen's Friend Society: Elevating the Plight of Nineteenth-Century American Mariners"

Claire Phelan, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

"Seafaring Women: Captains' Wives on Nineteenth-Century Ships of New England"

Laurel Seaborn, University of New Hampshire

"The Travelers' Aid Society in New York City, 1907-1916"

Eric Cimino, Molloy College

**10:30 Session 9: Religion and Literature in the Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century  
United States and Great Britain**

**(AXN 104)**

Chair and Comment: Cheryl Boots, Boston University

"Minister, Physician, Loyalist: The Experience of Reverend John Sayre during the American Revolution"

Kieran O'Keefe, University of Vermont

"Editing Literature and Building a Church: Whitwell Elwin, a Maverick Victorian"

Philip Mosley, Pennsylvania State University

"'An Apostleship of the Pen': Fr. Isaac Hecker and the Creation of the Catholic Publication Society, 1865-1870"

Erin Bartram, University of Hartford

**10:30 Session 10: Hybridized Cultures of Trade and Faith in Colonial and Post-Colonial New England (AXN 105)**

Chair and Comment: Susan Ouellette, Saint Michael's College

"Trading Horses in the Eighteenth Century: Rhode Island and the Atlantic World"

Charlotte Carrington-Farmer, Roger Williams University

"The Lure of Prize Money and the Problem of Neutrality: French Privateers in New England's Ports"

Edward J. Martin, Endicott College

"Preserving the Faith: the French Canadian Parishes of Worcester, Massachusetts"

Zachary Washburn, Worcester State University

**10:30 Session 11: The Rise of United States Anti-Federalism in the Nineteenth Century (AXN 109)**

Chair and Comment: Amy Feely Morsman, Middlebury College

"'To Make War With Our Own Citizens': The Embargo of 1807 and the Rejection of Federal Authority in the Northern Borderland"

Phillip K. Moore, University of Connecticut

"States' Rights in the Confederacy: The Case of the Confederate Supreme Court"

Richard Allan Gerber, Southern Connecticut State University

"Conscience in the State House: Anti-Gallows Reform and the Politicization of Morality"

Ian Campbell, Brandeis University

**10:30 Session 12: Probing for a National Identity in Twentieth-Century Germany (AXN 219)**

Chair and Comment: Rebecca Bennette, Middlebury College

"Religious Language in German Political Catholicism"

Martin Menke, Rivier University

"Festival *Déjà vu*? Recasting Nordic Identity in 1950s Lübeck"

Erika L. Briesacher, Worcester State University

"Rolf Brandt, German into Nazi: A Literary Case Study"

Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

**10:30 Session 13: Race and the Challenges to Educational Reform in Virginia and Massachusetts (AXN 220)**

Chair and Comment: Candace Kanes, Independent Scholar

"Massive Resistance Revisited: Race and School Closure in Warren County, Virginia, 1958-1962"

Tona Hangen, Worcester State University

"'Her credentials lie with the people': Black Power, School Reform and Mental Health in Boston, 1974-1980"

Tess Bundy, Merrimack College

**10:30 Session 14: History as Informed by the Arts (AXN 232)**

Chair and Comment: Melanie Murphy, Emmanuel College

"Inside Out: Carrie Stettheimer's *Dollhouse* and the Public Display of Private Space in Early Twentieth-Century New York"

Heather Hole, Simmons College

"'Shostakovich and the Jews?': Music, Memory and Soviet Jewish Identity after World War II"

Rebecca Mitchell, Middlebury College

**12:15 - 1:35 LUNCHEON and BUSINESS MEETING (Atwater Dining Hall)**

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

### **1:45 Session 15: Labor, Race, and Identity in Modern Central America and the Caribbean (AXN 103)**

Chair and Comment: Kathryn Dungy, Saint Michael's College

"A Veritable Pittsburgh of Smoke': Coal Energy, Race and Environment in the Construction of the Panama Canal"

Jordan Coulombe, University of New Hampshire

"Mining Green Gold in Tough Terrain: Jamaica's Banana Industry during the Great Depression, 1929-1939"

Christopher Graham, University of Massachusetts, Boston

"The Indian Question at Liberty's Limits: Guatemala, 1944"

Heather A. Vrana, Southern Connecticut State University

### **1:45 Session 16: Women's Progress into the Progressive Era (AXN 104)**

Chair and Comment: Holly Allen, Middlebury College

"A Generation Removed: The Continuation and Transition of the Hopedale Sewing Circle"

Linda Hixon, Worcester State University

"Bestowing Benevolence and Shaping Citizens: Women's Entry into the Progressive Era's Political Sphere"

Mia Michael, Boston College

"Fine Gray Eyes Discern Many a Truth' . . . and a Few Lies: Madeleine Pollard, Self-Presentation, and a Summer at Bread Loaf"

Elizabeth De Wolfe, University of New England

### **1:45 Session 17: Jacksonianism in Practice and Theory (AXN 105)**

Chair and Comment: William B. Hart, Middlebury College

"Andrew Jackson's Bequest and the Politics of Courage, 1819-1857"

Robert E. Cray, Montclair State University

"Bridging a Class Divide: Landed and Landless White Households in Antebellum Virginia"

John Zaborney, University of Maine at Presque Isle

"The Fruits of Labor: Exploitation and Injustice in Jacksonian Political Thought"

Alex Zakaras, University of Vermont

### **1:45 Session 18: Russian Reform, Aesthetics, and Women under Siege in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries (AXN 219)**

Chair and Comment: Rebecca Mitchell, Middlebury College

"The Rise of the Counterpublics: The '*Khozhdeniia v narod*' and the 'Volunteer' Mass Movements in Russia in the 1870s"

Mikhail Rekun, Northeastern University

"Rejecting the Avant-Garde and Anticipating the Vanguard: The Development of a Marxist Aesthetic in the Second International"

David Sockol, Drew University

"The Psychological Life of Women in the Siege of Leningrad: Emotions, Motivation and Mental Disorders"

Ron MacNeil, University of Vermont

### **1:45 Session 19: Of Guns, Civil Order, and Public Space (AXN 220)**

Chair and Comment: George Dameron, Saint Michael's College

"Demons, Devils, and Diabolical Devices: The Conceptualization of Firearms in Medieval Western Europe, ca. 1300-1500"

Robert Holmes, Villanova University

"All persons are prohibited from discharging fire-arms in the Cemetery": Public Behavior in the Rural Cemetery"

Joy Giguere, Pennsylvania State University York

"Parks and Recreation (or Not): A Study of Two Northampton, Massachusetts Parks"

Robert E. Weir, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*\*Indicates undergraduate paper or session*





## NEHA NEWS AND THE NEHA WEBSITE

**Clifford Putney** (Bentley University) is the editor of *NEHA News*. If you have a submission for the Fall 2016 issue of the newsletter, please send it to Cliff ([cputney@bentley.edu](mailto:cputney@bentley.edu)) by August 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 August 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."

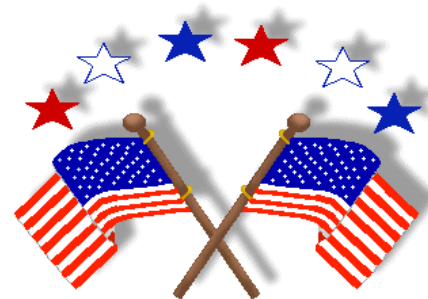
In the future we hope to add the capability to join and renew membership or make a donation online. Our news and announcements have RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed, so you can either subscribe to new posts by email or add the site to an RSS reader of your choice, such as Google reader. NEHA is also 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.



## SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR NEHA'S APRIL 23, 2016, ELECTION

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



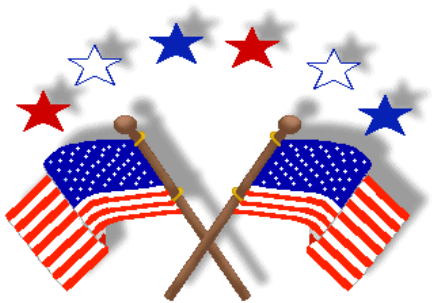
### President

#### **Don 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 as NEHA Vice President in 2015, 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. He joined the NEHA Executive Committee in 2013. Being an AHA lifetime member since 1991, he is deeply committed to the advancement of history and has endeavored over the past year to maintain NEHA's established conference standards as well as expand the membership by actively soliciting the participation of more scholars whose research interests reflect the precolonial, non-Western, global, and interdisciplinary dimensions of historical inquiry.



### **Vice President**

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

Troy Paddock is Professor of Modern European History and Chairperson at Southern CT State University and co-editor of *Environment, Space, Place*. He was a

member of the Executive Committee previously (2002-04) and was reelected to the Committee in 2015. He would be happy to serve as NEHA Vice President. 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 was also responsible for NEHA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference at Southern Connecticut State University in Fall 2015.

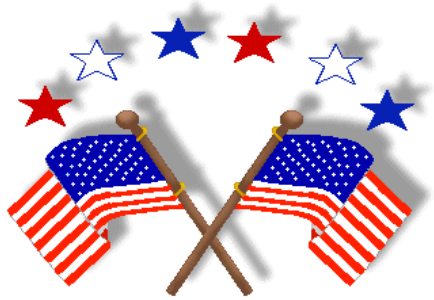


### **Secretary**

#### **Tona Hangen (Worcester State University)**

Tona Hangen is Associate Professor at Worcester State University, where she teaches courses in contemporary US history, historical methods, citizenship/immigration, religious history, and medical history. She is the author of *Redeeming the Dial: Radio, Religion, and Popular Culture*, with published essays in *American Quarterly*, *The Cambridge History of Religions in America*, *Routledge's Companion Volume to Religion and Popular Culture*, and *Radio Cultures*, among others. Dr. Hangen is currently working on a book on religious dimensions of the battles over school desegregation in the South from the 1950s to the 1970s. Her scholarly interests include media history, religious studies, the pedagogy of history, and digital humanities. Dr. Hangen has served as the

NEHA secretary since 2014 and has maintained the NEHA website and social media (Twitter account) since 2011.



### **Executive Committee**

#### **Cheryl C. Boots (Boston University)**

Cheryl C. Boots is in her sixteenth year as a Senior Lecturer in the Humanities Division of the College of General Studies at Boston University. She teaches a two-course sequence introducing the humanities to first year students. Her doctorate is in American and New England Studies, so she also teaches American history, literature, and film courses in Metropolitan College at BU. Wielding her sense of humor and experience, she seriously seeks to continue serving NEHA, promoting its excellent collegial atmosphere for academic inquiry. Her prior experience in NEHA includes presenting papers, chairing panels, writing book reviews, selecting book award recipients, and serving on the executive board for the past two years. Her book, *Singing for Equality: Hymns and the American Antislavery and Indian Rights Movements, 1640-1855* is now available. (Some people have heard her sing hymns at NEHA presentations.) Her current research is on the role of singing freedom songs during the twentieth-century Southern Civil Rights Movement, about which she presented at the fall NEHA meeting (yes, singing was heard there as well). NEHA offers historians of all backgrounds an opportunity to present their work and obtain helpful comments in a stimulating and

supportive atmosphere. It is Dr. Boots' goal to continue this professional service.

#### **Jessica Parr (UNH Manchester)**

Jessica Parr received her PhD from the University of New Hampshire at Durham in 2012, and her MS (Archives) and MA (History) from Simmons College in 2005. She is a historian of British Atlantic/Early American history with interests in race, religion, memory studies, and in public history. She is also a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, a contributing member of The Junto: a Group Blog in Early American History, a co-editor of the H-Atlantic network, and a participant in the More Than a Map(p) project. In addition to her teaching duties at UNH Manchester, she has assisted in the successful development of a public history minor, to be launched this coming fall. Parr has been active in NEHA since 2004, having both presented and served as a chair and/or commentator on several occasions. She is the recipient of a number of fellowships and grants, including a John Hope Franklin Grant from Duke University, and short term grants and fellowships from the Boston Athenaeum, the John Carter Brown Library, Mystic Seaport, the Congregational Library, the American Studies Association, and Gilder-Lehrman. Her first book, *Inventing George Whitefield: Race, Religion, and the Making of a Religious Icon* was published in March 2015 by the University Press of Mississippi.

#### **Jennifer Mandel, (University of New England, Granite State College)**

Jennifer Mandel (Ph.D., University of New Hampshire) teaches as an adjunct at the University of New England and Granite State College, and manages the assessment program in the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at the University of New England. Currently, she is revising her dissertation into a book manuscript,

tentatively titled *The Coveted Westside: Race, Place, and Civil Rights in Modern Los Angeles* (under contract with the University of Nevada Press). The manuscript explores the African American-led effort to challenge systemic housing discrimination and gain equal access to the city by purchasing restricted properties, pursuing lawsuits, and migrating from the working class, multiracial Eastside to the middle-class, mostly white Westside. She is also expanding her recently published article, "Setting the Record Straight: Almena Lomax, the *Los Angeles Tribune*, and a Lifelong Passion for Racial Justice and the Written Word" (*Southern California Quarterly*, Spring 2016) into a book. Jennifer has held several short-term and long-term fellowships from, for example, the Huntington Library, the Historical Society of Southern California, the Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library at Emory University, and the University of New Hampshire. She enjoys the collegiality of NEHA and has consistently presented, commented, and chaired panels at several NEHA conferences over the last five years.

**Daniel Williamson (University of Hartford)**

Daniel Williamson is Associate Professor of History at the University of Hartford, where he has been since 2001. He graduated from the University of Connecticut with a Ph.D. in Modern European History. He teaches undergraduate courses on Modern Irish History and Western Civilization. He has previously served on the NEHA Awards Committee and the Nominating Committee and hopes to continue to be active in the association. His publications include two monographs (*Separate Agendas: Churchill, Eisenhower, and Anglo-American Relations, 1953-55* and the forthcoming *Anglo-Irish Relations in the Early Troubles, 1969-1972*)

as well as several articles on Anglo-American relations and Irish diplomacy.



**Nominating Committee**

**Jonathan M. Chu (University of Massachusetts, Boston)**

Jonathan M. Chu is professor of history at the University of Massachusetts Boston and Editor of *The New England Quarterly*. Born and raised in Honolulu, he attended the Punahou School and received his BA in American Studies from the University of Pennsylvania, an MA in History from the University of Hawaii, and a PhD in Early American History from the University of Washington. In 1983-84, he was a post-graduate fellow at Yale Law School. The author of *Neighbors, Friends, and Madmen: The Puritan Adjustment to Quakerism in Seventeenth-Century Massachusetts* and *Stumbling Toward the Constitution: the Legal and Economic Impact of the American Revolution*, he also writes on subjects ranging from the Chinese Exclusion Act to the assessment of teaching history. The recipient of support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Antiquarian Society, the Filson Historical Society, the Kentucky Historical Society, and the Library Company of Philadelphia, he served as a Fulbright professor to Northeast Normal University, Changchun, PRC. He has been a member of

the Board of Trustees of the College Board and the Council of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts and now serves on the Board of Trustees for the Old North Foundation. As Chief Reader he directs the scoring of the essay portions of nearly half a million Advanced Placement US history examinations.

#### **Alejandra Dubcovsky (Yale University)**

Alejandra Dubcovsky is an Assistant Professor at Yale University, where she has been teaching since earning her PhD at UC Berkeley in 2011. Her work focuses on the Early American South, Native American History, and the history of information. Her first book *Informed Power: Communication in the Early American South* will be published by Harvard Press in March 2016. Her work has appeared in *The William and Mary Quarterly*, *Ethnohistory*, and *Native South*.

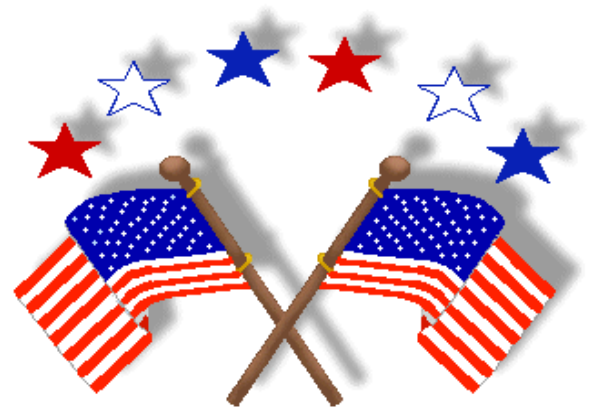
#### **Marie Basile McDaniel (Southern Connecticut State University)**

Dr. Marie Basile McDaniel is an Assistant Professor of History at Southern Connecticut State University, where she teaches courses in Colonial and Revolutionary America, Religious History, and Digital History. She also coordinates the Secondary Education Social Studies Program. In 2014 she was awarded the Board of Regents Outstanding Teaching Award, and the Outstanding Academic Advising Award from Southern. She will be on sabbatical leave during the 2016-2017 academic year when she will be working on her next book project, tentatively titled *Sex in the Belfry: Ministerial Deviance in Early America*. Her first book project, *"We Shall Not Differ in Heaven": Conflict and Community in Early Philadelphia* is currently under review at New York University Press. She has also published two peer-reviewed chapters, one in *A Peculiar Mixture*, edited by

Jan Stieverman and Oliver Scheiding, and the other in the *Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia*. She earned her PhD from University of California, Davis in 2010, and her AB from Princeton in 2001. She lives in New Haven with her husband, three year old son, newborn daughter, and dog.

#### **Craig Bruce Smith (Brandeis University, Lesley University)**

Dr. Craig Bruce Smith earned his PhD in American History from Brandeis University, and currently holds teaching positions at Brandeis, Tufts University, Emmanuel College, and Lesley University. He specializes in early American cultural and intellectual history during the long eighteenth century and the Age of Revolution, specifically looking at ethics and national identity. His book manuscript, *"Rightly to Be Great: Honor, Virtue, Ethics and the American Revolution,"* is currently under review for publication. Smith is also researching two new projects: "'The Greatest Man in the World': A Global Perspective on George Washington" and "Redemption: The American Revolution, Ethics, and Abolitionism in Britain and the United States."







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

Mail-in ballots may be submitted to **Melanie Murphy** at: History Department; Emmanuel College; 400 Fenway; Boston, MA 02155. Please mail your ballot by April 8, 2016.

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

### BALLOT

\_\_\_\_\_ President: **Don Wyatt** (Middlebury College); or write in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President: **Troy Paddock** (Southern CT State Univ.); or write in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: **Tona Hangen** (Worcester State University); or write in: \_\_\_\_\_

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Vote for no more than 2)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cheryl C. Boots** (Boston University)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Jessica Parr** (UNH Manchester)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Jennifer Mandel** (University of New England, Granite State College)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Daniel Williamson** (University of Hartford)

Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Vote for no more than 2)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Jonathan M. Chu** (U-Mass, Boston)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Alejandra Dubcovski** (Yale University)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Marie Basile McDaniel** (Southern CT State Univ.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Craig Bruce Smith** (Brandeis University, Lesley University)

Write in: \_\_\_\_\_



## REFLECTIONS ON NEHA'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (2015)

Last year, we at NEHA congratulated ourselves on turning 50—an age that very few all-volunteer organizations manage to reach. To celebrate the milestone, we held a special two-day weekend conference (10/23-10/24) in New Haven at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU). Meeting in Connecticut struck us as a good idea for the anniversary conference, because NEHA was founded in the state at UConn in 1965. A year later, we held our first conference, which **Bruce Stave** (U-Conn) remembers attending. Professor Stave served as NEHA's 29<sup>th</sup> president, and his recollections of our first conference are printed below.

Professor Stave and 14 other former NEHA presidents enlivened our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference by attending a presidential roundtable on the evening of 10/23 at SCSU's conference center in downtown New Haven. The roundtable included one pre-1980s president (namely UVM's **Neil Stout**), and it included two of NEHA's longest-serving officers: WPI's **James Hanlan** (the Association's recently retired Executive Secretary) and Worcester State's **Bruce Cohen** (the Association's recently retired Treasurer). Everyone at the roundtable engaged in an interesting discussion, which covered topics such as intellectual trends, previous NEHA

conference sites, memorable conference panels, and the future of the Association. Another topic at the roundtable was deceased NEHA leaders such as the University of Bridgeport's **William Allen**, who served as the Association's first Executive Secretary (even though the title had yet to be created).

Many NEHA members came to observe the presidential roundtable, and they had a lot of questions for the roundtable's participants. After these questions were answered, **Martin Menke** (NEHA's current Executive Secretary) presented every former president in attendance with a certificate of appreciation, and SCSU's **Troy Paddock** (our host for the fall conference) directed people to a couple of excellent local restaurants.

I moderated the roundtable on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and I greatly enjoyed the event. I also enjoyed the remainder of the fall conference on the 24<sup>th</sup>, when conferees gathered at SCSU's main campus to attend panels, present papers, and network. The whole weekend was a great success, and it gave me and many others the sense that NEHA is strong enough to keep going for at least another half century.

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

## MEMORIES OF THE FIRST NEHA CONFERENCE (1966)

I attended the 1966 first meeting of NEHA at UConn as a very young instructor. My first position was in 1965 at the University of Bridgeport before I received my doctorate. I was hired along with Al Schmidt, who came as the new chair of a small department of approximately six faculty. The department included William Allen, who played a leading role in organizing NEHA.

Al suggested we attend the first conference, and we drove from Bridgeport to Storrs together. As one very new to academia, I had little involvement in the events of the day and remember little about what happened except that a future colleague, Harry Marks, was prominent. What I do remember quite vividly is very personal. As we arrived on the Storrs campus, in front of the student center, which still exists today in renovated form, Al said, 'Wouldn't this be a nice place to teach?' Four years later, I received the opportunity to do that and have remained connected to UConn ever since. During that time, NEHA was an important part of my career.

**Bruce Stave, NEHA President (1994-95)**  
**University of Connecticut**

### **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, **Paul Lambert** (Nichols College). Other members of the committee

include **Martin Menke** (Rivier University), **Melanie Gustafson** (University of Vermont), and **Tona Hangen** (Worcester State University).



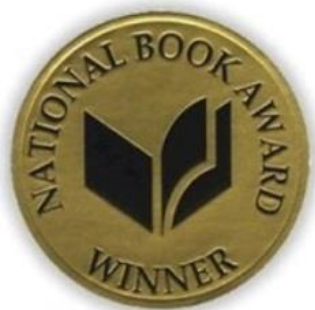
### **NEHA BOOK AWARD**

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), **Ian Delahanty** (Springfield College), and **Bruce Cohen** (Worcester State University).





### **THE 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS** (For works created in 2014)

**James P. Hanlan Book Award:** The 2015 award went 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 went to **Allison Horrocks** (University of Connecticut) for her paper “‘Not Foreigners, but Friends’: The Global Politics of Home Economics in the Twentieth Century.”

### **FALL 2015 CONFERENCE REPORT**

The 95<sup>th</sup> meeting (and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference) of the Association was held at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) in New Haven, Connecticut, on Saturday, October 24, 2015. It was a highly successful gathering, and it attracted 100 conferees. There were 21 sessions (which focused on a broad range of subjects), and NEHA’s president, **Clifford Putney** (Bentley University), delivered the keynote address for the conference at lunch, talking about milestones in the history of the Association.

Because NEHA was celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the conference was preceded by a special presidential roundtable on the evening of Friday, October 23, 2015. The

roundtable was held at SCSU’s downtown conference center, Southern on the Green, and it attracted 30 attendees (15 of whom were past NEHA presidents). The attendees were warmly welcomed by Professor **Troy Paddock** and Associate Dean **Bruce Kalk** (both of SCSU), and following the roundtable many of the attendees went to dinner at a couple of restaurants in New Haven.

NEHA would like to thank **Don Wyatt** (Middlebury College) for arranging the main conference, and it would like to thank **Troy Paddock** and his colleagues at SCSU for making the local arrangements (which were more extensive than usual because of the presidential roundtable). Two others who deserve thanks are **Martin Menke** (Rivier University) and **Richard Judd** (University of Maine). Dr. Menke provided an array of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary items for the conference, and Dr. Judd gave a talk at lunch on Saturday about his recently published work, *Second Nature: An Environmental History of New England* (the winner of the 2015 James P. Hanlan Book Award).



### **NEWS OF THE PROFESSION**

“Full-time and salaried lecturers and instructors at **Boston University** have petitioned federal labor officials to let them have union elections.” (*Boston Globe*, March 6, 2016, B-1)

**The New England Flax and Linen Study Group**, in collaboration with **Historic Deerfield**, will hold a symposium titled “Flax & Linen: Following the Thread from Past to Present.” The symposium will be held on August 20-21, 2016, at the Deerfield Community Center, Massachusetts.

“Days before a threatened walkout, adjunct faculty members at **Northeastern University** reached a tentative contract with administrators Thursday, a three-year agreement that would provide double-digit raises for most instructors.” (*Boston Globe* online, January 14, 2016)

Democratic presidential candidate **Bernie Sanders** promises to provide students with a free education at public colleges. If made into law, Sanders’ plan would probably benefit public colleges and harm private ones.

**Don Wyatt** (Middlebury College) was one of three recipients of the John Hope Franklin Award of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. The John Hope Franklin Award, created by the Phi Beta Kappa Senate in 2011, and named after the distinguished historian, author, and 18<sup>th</sup> President of Phi Beta Kappa, John Hope Franklin, honors individuals for especially meritorious service to the Society. The three awardees honored at the 44<sup>th</sup> Triennial Council in Denver (10/8/15) are the first to receive this award.

## BOOK NEWS

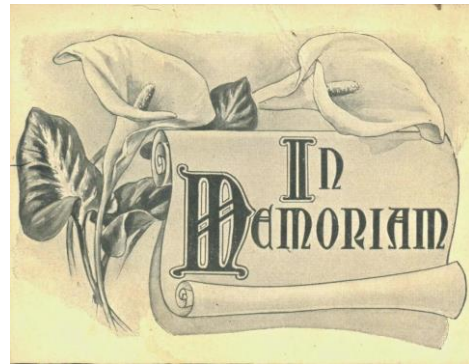
**Choi, Sung-Eun** (Bentley University) published *Decolonization and the French of Algeria* (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2016).

**Cornelia H. Dayton** (U-Conn, Storrs) and **Sharon V. Salinger** (Univ. of California, Irvine) published *Robert Love’s Warnings: Searching for Strangers in Colonial Boston* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014)

[Winner of the AHA’s 2015 Littleton-Griswold Prize in US law and society].

**David I. Kertzer** (Brown University) published *The Pope and Mussolini: The Secret History of Pope Pius XI and the Rise of Fascism in Europe* (Random House, 2014) [Winner of the AHA’s 2015 Helen and Howard R. Marraro Prize in Italian history of Italian-American relations].

**Susan S. Lanser** (Brandeis University) published *The Sexuality of History: Modernity and the Sapphic, 1565-1830* (University of Chicago Press, 2014) [Winner of the AHA’s 2015 Joan Kelly Memorial Prize for women’s history and/or feminist history].



## IN MEMORIAM: JENNIFER FISH KASHAY (1967-2016)

Jennifer Fish Kashay, a highly respected historian of missionaries to Hawaii, died suddenly of a heart attack on January 3, 2016, at the age of 49. Dr. Fish Kashay was an associate professor of history at Colorado State University, and she was a member of the New England Historical Association and many other historical organizations. Her academic work focused on missionaries and Hawaiians in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, and she published meticulously researched articles in journals such as the *Hawaiian Journal of History* and the *Pacific Historical Review*.

Dr. Kashay was a devoted wife and mother, and she enjoyed traveling, hiking, hunting, and fishing. Her friends and colleagues will greatly miss her vibrant personality, keen intelligence, and sparkling sense of humor. No one will miss her more, however, than those to whom she was closest: her husband, Jason Kashay; her son, Cole; her daughter, Kaylee; and other family members.

## 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 Long Beach, California, in the fall of 2016.

The New England regional meeting of the **American Conference for Irish Studies** has yet to post the date of its next meeting.

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** will be held on June 24-26 in Deerfield, Massachusetts. The theme of the conference is “New England at Sea: Maritime Memory and Material Culture.”

The **New England Regional World History Association** (NERWHA) will hold a symposium on April 2, 2016, at the Rivers School in Weston, Massachusetts. The theme of the symposium will be “Race and Racism.”

The **Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association** (NEPCA) will hold its annual conference on October 21-22, 2016, at Keene State 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)



## 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. Cazel, 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	1993	University of Southern Maine John Carter Brown Library & Brown University
1967	Harvard University	1994	Bentley College University of Hartford
1968	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	1995	Mount Holyoke College Saint Anselm College
1969	Boston University	1996	Amherst College Roger Williams University
1970	University of Rhode Island	1997	Northeastern University University of Connecticut
1971	University of Massachusetts-Amherst Yale University	1998	University of Vermont Connecticut College
1972	University of New Hampshire University of Hartford	1999	Rivier College Suffolk University
1973	Bentley College Connecticut College	2000	Tufts University Stonehill College
1974	Rhode Island College Clark University	2001	Salve Regina University Saint Michael's College
1975	Pine Manor College University of Maine, Portland	2002	Massachusetts Maritime Academy Rhode Island College
1976	St. Joseph's College Exeter Academy	2003	Bentley College College of the Holy Cross
1977	Harvard University University of Connecticut	2004	Newbury College College of Saint Joseph
1978	University of Massachusetts, Amherst University of Lowell	2005	Regis College University of Rhode Island
1979	Boston College Colby-Sawyer College	2006	Bridgewater State College University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
1980	Old Sturbridge Village Rhode Island College	2007	Southern New Hampshire University Worcester Polytechnic Institute
1981	Mount Ida College Albertus Magnus College	2008	Northeastern University Endicott College
1982	College of the Holy Cross University of New Hampshire	2009	University of Southern Maine University of Vermont
1983	Fitchburg State College Roger Williams College	2010	Salem State College University of New England
1984	American Antiquarian Society Framingham State College	2011	Worcester State University Emmanuel College
1985	Bowdoin College University of Connecticut	2012	Rivier College Merrimack College
1986	American Antiquarian Society Boston College	2013	Westfield State University Albertus Magnus College
1987	Historic Deerfield Albertus Magnus College	2014	Springfield College Franklin Pierce University
1988	Salem State College University of Hartford	2015	Worcester State University Southern CT State University
1989	University of Lowell Smith College	2016	Middlebury College Riviere College
1990	Pine Manor College St. Joseph's College		
1991	American Antiquarian Society & Worcester Polytechnic Institute John F. Kennedy Library & University of Massachusetts-Boston		
1992	Assumption College Rhode Island College		



## PAST WINNERS OF THE NEHA BOOK AWARD

(Year = Date Published)

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| 2014 | <b>Richard Judd</b> (University of Maine), <i>Second Nature: An Environmental History of New England</i> (U-Mass Press)   | 1998 | <b>Jill Lepore</b> (Boston University), <i>The Name of War: King Philip's War and the Origins of American Identity</i> (Knopf)  |
| 2013 | <b>Allegra Di Bonaventura</b> (Yale University), <i>For Adam's Sake: A Family Saga in Colonial New England</i> (W. W. Norton)   | 1997 | <b>Charles S. Maier</b> (Harvard University), <i>Dissolution: The Crisis of Communism and the End of East Germany</i> (Princeton University Press)  |
| 2012 | <b>Seth Jacobs</b> (Boston College), <i>The Universe Unravelling: American Foreign Policy in Cold War Laos</i> (Cornell University Press)                               | 1996 | <b>Paul A. Cohen</b> (Wellesley College), <i>History in Three Keys: The Boxers as Event, Experience and Myth</i> (Columbia University Press)  |
| 2011 | <b>Brooke L. Blower</b> (Boston University), <i>Becoming Americans in Paris: American Foreign Policy in Cold War Laos</i> (Cambridge University Press)                  | 1995 | <b>Thomas H. O'Connor</b> (Boston College), <i>The Boston Irish: A Political History</i> (Northeastern University Press); and <b>Nick Salvatore</b> (Cornell University), <i>We All Got History: The Memory Book of Amos Webber</i> (Times Books)                 |
| 2010 | <b>Eric Jay Dolan</b> (Independent Scholar), <i>Fur, Fortune, and Empire: The Epic History of the Fur Trade in America</i> (W. W. Norton)                               | 1994 | <b>John L. Brooke</b> (Tufts University), <i>The Refiner's Fire: The Making of Mormon Cosmology, 1644-1844</i> (Cambridge University Press)   |
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## BOOK REVIEWS



Timothy Borden, ed., *American Originals: Northwest Ohio's Polish Community at Home, Work, Worship, and Play*. Toledo: University of Toledo Press, 2014.

It is estimated that one-third of all Americans can trace their ancestry to someone who lived in Poland at some time (13). While some made their way to New England towns such as Ludlow, Mass., and New Britain, Conn., by 1924 approximately one in every 500 immigrants from historic Polish territory settled on the western end of Lake Erie, in Toledo, Ohio (14).

In *American Originals*, the University of Toledo Press (est. 2010, but roots date back to 2002) seeks to contribute to the history of how Polish immigrants helped shape northwest Ohio's identity of self-reliance, common sense, and celebration (2). As the subtitle states, it does so by examining the four broad themes of home, work, worship, and play. The book is the fourth in the publisher's series on Toledo (est. 1837) and the region's ethnic heritage, with the other works covering Toledo's Hungarian (2002), Irish (2005), and Arab (2010) immigrants. The volume "did not try to create a *Toledo Encyclopedia Polonia* for readers" (1) but is trying to fill a void that has seen only a few book-length treatments on a subject that spans over a century and a half (20–27). (Some recent but smaller and more popular efforts at telling the story of Polish Toledoans are: Richard Philiposki and the Toledo Polish Genealogical Society's

*Toledo's Polonia* [Arcadia, 2009] in the "Images of America" series; and WGTE-TV's 41-minute "Cornerstones: The Polish in Toledo" [which first aired on December 10, 1996, and is available for streaming on the WGTE website. WGTE is Toledo's local PBS station.]

The editor of *American Originals* is a second generation Polish American who partially spent his childhood "in the alleyways" (251) of Toledo's historic Polish neighborhoods of Kuhschwantz (south Toledo) and Lagrinka (north Toledo). With degrees in economics, history, and Polish literature and language from Brown University (B.A.), University of Toledo (M.A.), and Indiana University (Ph.D.), Timothy Borden is an author whose work has appeared in various journals, including *Michigan Historical Review* and *Northwest Ohio Quarterly*. In total, and including Borden, the edited volume has eight contributors (three men, five women). All except one are either Toledo natives or residents, or current or past graduate students at the University of Toledo. The most notable contributor is longtime (1983–now) Ohio congresswoman Marcy Kaptur.

Included in its 258 pages is an introduction, fourteen chapters, references and additional readings, selected discography of Toledo polka bands and musicians, contributor biographies, index, and 57 black-and-white archival photos. The chapters' average page length is fifteen, with the longest chapter ("Polka Bands, Clap Your Hands!") numbering forty-five pages. Five of the fourteen chapters are transcripts from interviews, and two chapters are reprints from articles previously published in *Ohio History* (2007) and *Polish American Studies* (1999).

Of the book's many strengths, the most significant is its use of oral history by means of interviewing members of Toledo's Polish

community who lived during Polish Toledo's heyday in the early to mid-twentieth century. But the book's main strength—the historical value of oral story telling and biography—is also its main weakness with regard to the method chosen to convey the story. Rather than the raw, verbatim, question-and-answer interview transcripts that make up nearly a third of its chapters, the book should have had more smooth-flowing, narrative-based chapter articles, interspersed with quotations from the interviewee. A model chapter is Dorothy Stohl's lengthy essay on Frances Stocki (1921–2009), a Polish-born survivor of the Stalin regime.

Those interested in historic Polish immigration to the U.S. in general, and to northwest Ohio specifically, will benefit the most from *American Originals*. Also, polka aficionados will enjoy the attention that the distinctly Polish musical genre receives. Because “not everything is here” (2), the work can provide ideas for further research and writing by both amateur and professional historians, or by graduate students in need of a thesis or dissertation topic.

Besides chronicling the Toledo Mud Hens minor league baseball team (1883– ), the Toledo Scale Company (headquarters, 1901–75), and the lives of native Toledoans such as actor Jamie Farr (b. 1934), actress Katie Holmes (b. 1978), and feminist Gloria Steinem (b. 1934), *American Originals* succeeds in explaining “what makes Toledo unique” (2) and why its historic Polish community was once “a force to be reckoned with” (3). Highly recommended.

**Francis Kyle**  
**Louisville, Kentucky**



Doron S. Ben-Atar and Richard D. Brown, *Taming Lust: Crimes Against Nature in the Early Republic*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014.

Doron S. Ben-Atar and Richard D. Brown have joined forces to produce a more interesting and useful book than either one may have been able to produce individually. This is in no way meant as a slight to either author, both accomplished historians. The comment has more to do with the topic that they are addressing: bestiality. Each author found a case of an octogenarian charged with a sin against nature and sentenced to death in 1790s New England. In 1796, John Farrell, age eighty-five, was convicted by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court for having sex with a dog. Three years later in Connecticut, eighty-three year old Gideon Washburn was convicted of ‘carnal copulation’ with beasts. Either case by itself would make for an interesting article, but the temporal and regional proximity of the two cases allows the authors take on broader historiographical issues.

The first thing the authors do is acknowledge the fringe nature of their exploration and the fact that some may find it disturbing or humorous. They then provide a brief, but very informational overview of

the concept of bestiality and how it was considered within the spectrum of sin and sexual behavior in Western Civilization. The discussion is taken up through the Enlightenment and what can only be deemed “un-enlightened” thought. In eighteenth-century America bestiality was considered in some regions to be akin to masters having sex with slaves. Ben-Atar and Brown provide an 1804 caricature of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemmings that drives this point home.

The second chapter provides a detailed account of the lives of John Farrell and Gideon Washburn and the cases against them. The records of the trials do not exist, and as is often the case in late colonial and early republic history, the records from smaller communities like Farrell’s Leverett, Massachusetts, are sparse and Farrell’s itinerant life makes knowing much about him difficult. The record for Washburn is a little stronger because of his family’s long-standing roots in Connecticut; his grandfather had come to the colony in 1660. However, he and his family were outsiders in the small town of Northfield.

Unfortunately, there are no records of his trial or the four witnesses who accused him of copulating with a cow. Washburn’s son had made a number of enemies, but the authors do not think that was enough for acquaintances to levy such serious charges against the father, especially when they were aware of the gravity of the charges and the punishment that would ensue if convicted.

The rest of the book is an effort to explain why the charges were levied against these two marginal and marginalized figures. It is in the final three chapters that the book attempts to put these two cases in a larger social, cultural, and religious context. The authors note that the Enlightenment had unleashed a “sexual revolution in the Western World” (75). Science had separated the

sexes and some men advocated a predatory sexual masculinity as the true sign of manliness. In this reading, the tighter policing of sexual norms was an attempt to keep control over society and that increased prosecution was directly linked to tumultuous social times. The authors then explore the possibility of pardon and why the governor of Massachusetts or the legislature in Connecticut might have been willing or reluctant to pardon the elderly felons. The authors suggest that the refusal to do so was a last vestige of Puritan justice trying to hold on to power.

Ben-Atar and Brown have demonstrated how seemingly unrelated incidents can be examined to reveal cultural, religious, and political tensions within a community. This small book has something to offer scholars of early American history and could easily be adopted for graduate and upper-level undergraduate courses.

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2016 \* Seattle \* 22-26 March  
2017 \* San Diego \* 11-16 April

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2016 \* Long Beach, CA \* 12-16 October

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2016 \* Boulder, CO \* 16-18 September

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2016 \* Washington, DC \* 11-13 November

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2016 \* Long Beach, CA \* 3-4 November

### **Social Science History Association**

2016 \* Chicago \* 17-20 November

### **Society of Historians of the Early American Republic**

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

### **World History Association**

2016 \* Ghent, Belgium \* 2-5 July

### **African Studies Association**

2016 \* Washington, DC \* 1-3 December

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