Fall Conference Program

All sessions will be held in Memorial Hall

8:00-8:30  Registration & Continental Breakfast  Memorial Hall

First Morning Sessions, 8:30-10:00

(Session 1 cancelled, combined with Session 9)

8:30 Session 2: War & Order  MEM 203
Chair/Respondent: Jeff Fortin, Emmanuel College

Richard Collins, Fitchburg State University

“Their Loss was Necessarily Severe’: The 12th New Hampshire at the Battle of Chancellorsville”
Nathan Marzoli, U.S. Army Center of Military History

“The Attempt: President Richard Nixon, Kent State, the Lincoln Memorial Visit, and the Reaction to a National Tragedy”
Shawn Driscoll, Worcester State University

8:30 Session 3: The ideology of imperialism and resistance  MEM 205
Chair/Respondent: Erik Jensen, Salem State University

“Converting the Hospital: British missionaries and medicine in 19th Century Madagascar”
Thomas Anderson, Merrimack College

“Landscapes, Gardens, and Politics in Late Colonial History, 1919-1947”
Sharmishtha Roy Chowdhury, University of Connecticut

“Let Us Hold High the Banner of Intercommunalism and the Invincible Thoughts of Huey P. Newton’: The Vietnam War and the Ideological Development of the Black Panther Party”
Stephen Milligan, University of New Hampshire

8:30 Session 4: Challenge and Change in American Schools  MEM 206
Chair/Respondent: Andrew Smith, Nichols College

“Hartford as School Health Hub, 1815-1830s”
Rebecca R. Noel, Plymouth State University

“Race at Oberlin College: The Limits of Toleration in the Progressive Era”
Douglas Slaybaugh, Saint Michael's College

“Huge Monsters: The 1925 Dartmouth Big Green, “The Present Evil,” and the Transformation of College Football”
Derek Charles Catsam, University of Texas of the Permian Basin & Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa

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8:30 Session 5: New in Political Biography  
MEM 303
Chair/Respondent: Richard Allan Gerber, Southern CT State University

“The Limits of Progressivism: The Administrations of Governors John A. Johnson and Floyd B. Olson of Minnesota”
Bruce Cohen, Worcester State University
“A Tale of Two Chaplains: Timothy Dwight and Joel Barlow in the Revolutionary War”
Robert J. Imholt, Albertus Magnus College
“The Congressional Career of Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire”
Philip A. Grant, Pace University

8:30 Session 6: Round table: For the Unity of the Republic:  
The Story Behind the Worcester Soldiers’ Monument Biography Project  
MEM 304
Chair/Respondent: Michael Baker, Worcester State University

“Bring It All Together: Creating a Class Around the Lives of the Civil War Dead”
Linda N. Hixon, Worcester State University
“Giving their Lives Back: Selective Biographies of the Men on the Monument”
Zachary Washburn, Worcester State University
“Sifting Out and Dusting Off Personal Stories”
Ahenebah Nez Lane, Worcester State University
“A Rededication to the Fallen: Worcester State University’s Unique Historical Opportunity”
Marc Speroni, Worcester State University
“Stories of those Immortalized in Books and Statues”
Laura Sutter, Worcester State University

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

Second Morning Sessions, 10:30 – 12:00

10:30 Session 7: The Long 60s (1860s and 1960s) and Race in America  
MEM 102
Chair: Patrick Lacroix, University of New Hampshire

“Jones vs Alfred H. Mayer Co. and the Civil Rights Act of 1866: An Historical Inquiry”
Richard Allan Gerber, Southern CT State University
“Black Skin, White Campus: The Student Movement Against Color-Blind Liberalism in 1960s California”
Andrew S. Higgins, University of California, Davis
“A Matter of Violence: The Difference between the Philosophies and Tactics of Martin Luther King and Francis Schaeffer”
Colin McConarty, Boston College
“Student Protests and Reinterpreting History on University Campuses”
Marcia G. Synnott, University of South Carolina

Respondent: Kristen Petersen, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

10:30 Session 8: Story-telling and understanding morality in American history  
MEM 203
Chair/Respondent: Ian Delahanty, Springfield College

“A Trifling Sum: The Tale of the Purchase of Manhattan, 1844–1909”
Stephen McErleane, State University of New York at Albany
“Maine Morality: Henry Clay and the Presidential Election of 1844 through the lens of The Daily Argus of Portland, Maine”
Laura Ellyn Smith, University of Mississippi

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“James Parker: Hero of the McKinley Assassination, and the Pursuit of Full African-American Citizenship”
Nicolas Hardisty, Rhode Island College

10:30 Session 9: Approaches to the Great War(s) MEM 205
Chairs: Mary Tower, Emmanuel College and Allison Horrocks

“Facing the Enemy in the First World War: Personal Diaries during the Occupation of the Italian Veneto”
Teresa Fava Thomas, Fitchburg State University

“Satirizing Wilson: The Italian Nationalist Press, the American President, and the Controversy of Versailles”
Daniel Squizzero, Northeastern University

“International Intimacy: The Soviet Woman Project”
Alexis Peri, Boston University

Respondent: Melanie Murphy, Emmanuel College

10:30 Session 10: Understanding the Natural World in United States MEM 206
Chair/Respondent: Jason W. Smith, Southern CT State University

“The Whale that Went West: Exploring the Frontiers of Nineteenth-Century Oceanic Natural Knowledge”
Christopher L. Pastore, University at Albany, State University of New York

“Where the Heart Is: Environmentalism in the American Home and Imagination, 1945-1999”
Michael McLean, Boston College

10:30 Session 11: “To Be Present and Tell Their Story:” MEM 303
Three Perspectives on Race and Public Space
Chair/Respondent: Elizabeth Herbin-Triant, University of Massachusetts Lowell

“From ‘Behind the Scenes’ to Public Condemnation: The Ideology Espoused by Elizabeth Keckley”
Melinda Marchand, Clark University

“Unwritten Law’: Race and the Chicago Department Store, 1900-1930”
Lindsay Allen, Clark University

“What Happened in Springfield’: Activism and the Incident at the Octagon Lounge, 1965”
Christopher Tucker, Clark University

10:30 Session 12: Round table: “Teaching and Learning Historical Skills through a Crowd-Sourced Women’s History Project” MEM 304
Laura Prieto Simmons College
Beth A. Salerno, Saint Anselm College
Sarah Hummel, undergraduate student, Saint Anselm College
Lily-Gre Hitchen, undergraduate student, Saint Anselm College
Kathleen Melendy, undergraduate student, Simmons College
Flannery La Grua, graduate student, Simmons College
Anna Faherty, graduate student, Simmons College

12:15-1:35 Lunch and Business meeting Memorial Hall

Afternoon Sessions, 1:45 – 3:15

1:45 Session 13: Men, Men, Men, Men,,,..., MEM 102
Chair/Respondent: Gayle Fischer, Salem State University

“Ernest Hemingway in World War II”
Anders Greenspan, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

“Franklin Graham Funding and Staffing Samaritan’s Purse Through his Appeals to Christian Manliness in his Writings”
Jacob Hicks, Florida State University
1:45 Session 14: Labor in the Long Gilded Age
Chair/Respondent: Clifford Putney, Bentley University

“Spinning Frustration; Weaving Upheaval: New England Mill Life and the Transformation of Working-Class Politics, 1900-1928”
Robert Chiles, University of Maryland
“The Expulsion of W.J. Gill: Masculinity and the Workingman in Gilded Age America”
Julie McVey, University of Maryland

1:45 Session 15: Telling the Story of World War II
Chair/Respondent: Kelsey McNiff, Endicott College

“Il Duce’s Rome: Shaping the Past, Controlling the Future”
Mary K. Tower, Emmanuel College
"Charting the Contours of Holocaust Reception"
Melanie Murphy, Emmanuel College
“Litigating Hiroshima: The Shimoda Case and its Implications”
Lori Zibel, University of New Hampshire

1:45 Session 16: New historiographical approaches
Chair/Respondent: Don Wyatt, Middlebury College

“To Cut off the Head: The Death or Capture of Kings in Medieval Battle, ca. 500-1500”
Robert Holmes, Independent Scholar
“Aphoristic Possibilities: Daniel Collins and the Collective Memory of Maritime Trauma”
Zachary J. Martin, Salem State University
“Platform for Discontent: Understanding History through Heavy Metal Music”
Matthew Vajda, Worcester State University

1:45 Session 17: “Well-behaved Women Seldom Make History… Sometimes They End Up Dead”
Chair/Respondent: Susan Ouellette, St. Michael’s College

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Lynne Byall Benson, Bunker Community College
Kenneth Paulsen, Bunker Community College

1:45 Session 18: Workshop Introduction to Digital History Pedagogy
Jessica Parr, University of New Hampshire, Manchester
Ella K Howard, Wentworth Institute of Technology

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