**Spring Conference Program**

All sessions will be held in Classroom Building

8:00-8:30  Registration & Continental Breakfast  Classroom Building (CB)

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

**8:30 Session 1: Letting the Dead Speak: The Hope Cemetery of Worcester**  CB 111  
Chair/comment: Linda Hixon, Worcester State University

“A Cemetery on the Move: Removals to Hope Cemetery”  
Zachary Washburn, Worcester State University

“Clark Chandler: A Tale of Resilience”  
Laura Sutter, Trinity College

“Writing Lives: Teaching Graduate Writing through Biography”  
Erika L. Briesacher, Worcester State University

**8:30 Session 2: Ethnic Identities and Historical Agency**  CB 112  
Chair/comment: Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

“Rethinking Cold War Refugees: Vietnamese in America After 1975”  
Amanda C. Demmer, University of New Hampshire

“Yampara Identity and Historical Agency: The Tarabuco Pullay and the Jumbate”  
Javier F. Marion, Emmanuel College

“Festivals as Declaration of Identity and Resistance”  
Violetta Ravagnoli, Emmanuel College  
John Sisinni, Emmanuel College

**8:30 Session 3: Working around the Law**  CB 113  
Chair/Comment: Thomas Balcerski, Eastern Connecticut State University

“Proof Without a Principle Person: The Bothnea, the Janstaff and the Triumph of American Due Process”  
Edward Martin, Independent Scholar

“The Liberal Republicans of 1872 and the Search for Social Order: Samuel Bowles as a Test Case”  
Richard Allan Gerber, Southern Connecticut State University

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“The Legal Road Less Travelled—Specific Supreme Court cases heard (and not heard) during the Vietnam Conflict.”
   Shawn Driscoll Worcester State University

**8:30 Session 4: Ethnic and Religious Struggles in American History**
   Chair/Comment: Jessica Parr, Simmons College and University of New Hampshire

   “Foes to Oppression: New England Quakers and the Struggle of Antislavery in Providence, Rhode Island, 1769-1789.”
   Kevin Vrevich, Ohio State University

   “Come, Come Ye Saints: Birth, Death, and Mourning on the Mormon Trail”
   Kaitlyn Benoit, University of Utah

   “Beyond Migration: The Removal Debate of 1829 and the Ideological Displacement of Indigenous People from the United States”
   Christian Gonzales, University of Rhode Island

**8:30 Session 5: The Impact of World War**
   Chair/Comment: Christopher Mauirello, Salem State University

   “Life in the American Ambulance Field Service During World War I: The Writing of Oliver Wolcott”
   Nicolas Hardisty, Independent Scholar

   “Camp Vernet: Internment, Collaboration, and Resistance in World War Two France”
   Kelsey McNiff, Endicott College

   “Communication Barriers: The effects of Censorship on the Psychological Health of American Soldiers during World War II”
   Matthew Esposito, Southern Connecticut State University

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

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

**10:30 Session 6: Explorations of State Intervention**
   Chair/Comment: Jennifer Tebbe-Grossman, MCPHS University

   “Smallpox in Colonial America: ‘The most terrible of all the ministers of death’”
   Ann M. Becker, SUNY Empire State College

   “Meager Justice: Twenty-three Enceinte, Indigent, and Black Female Inmates at Tewksbury Almshouse, 1854-1884”
   Shannon Mokoro, Salem State University

   Ian Kumekawa, Harvard University

   “Art Behind Bars: Elma Lewis and the Theatre Arts Program at the Massachusetts Correctional Institute at Norfolk, 1969-1975”
   Tess Bundy, Merrimack College

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10:30 Session 7: Workshop: Taking Charge of your Digital Identity  CB 112

Part 1 Creating a Digital Identity
Jessica Parr, Simmons College and University of New Hampshire

10:30 Session 8: Teaching the U.S. History Survey in the 21st Century:  CB 113
A Round Table Discussion of Perspectives, Pedagogies, and Themes
Chair: Dane Morrison, Salem State University

Discussants:
   Libby Bischof, University of Southern Maine
   Thomas Carty, Springfield College
   Shehong Chen, UMass Lowell
   Ian Delahanty, Springfield College
   Gary Jones, American International College

10:30 Session 9: This American Gendered Life  CB 236
Chair: Matthew Esposito, Southern Connecticut State University

“Bachelors Triumphant: The Love Stories of James Buchanan and William Rufus King”
   Thomas Balcerski, Eastern Connecticut State University
“Solicited: Gendered Performance of Vice and Reform, 1880-1920”
   Shannon Cardinal, University of New England
“Every Man’s Smoke: The Making of the Masculine Cigarette: 1870-1920”
   Andrew A. Towne, Plymouth State University
“Who’s That Cooking Dinner? The Gendering of Cooking and the Home Cook's Identity in Mid-Twentieth Century America”
   Jill Silverberg, Independent Scholar

Comment: Candace Kanes, Independent historian, researcher, & museum consultant

10:30 Session 10: Thinking about Boston  CB 237
Chair/Comment: Cheryl Boots, Boston University

“We are obliged to be out very often to still noises:’ Sound in Boston’s Night Watch Reports”
   Nicole Breault, University of Connecticut
“A Tale of Two Houses: Jamaica Plain, Digital Public Humanities, and the Great Historic House Museum Debate”
   Christopher Gleason, Wentworth Institute of Technology
   Jody M. Gordon, Wentworth Institute of Technology
“Kip Tiernan’s Work in Service of Boston’s Homeless Women”
   Ella Howard, Wentworth Institute of Technology
Session 11: Historical Questioning: Witches, Natives, Courtesans         CB 114
Chair/Comment: Tricia Peone, Independent Scholar

“Uncovering the Identity of Alice Young, America’s First Witch-Hanging Victim in the American Colonies and Exploring the Influence of Her Case”
Beth M Caruso, Independent Scholar
“Finding the Onepennies among the Wongunk”
Katherine Hermes and Alexandra Maravel, Central Connecticut State University
“What’s Love Got to Do with It?”: The Politics Behind Courtly Love
Courtney Smith, Plymouth State University

12:15-1:35 Lunch and Business meeting         Classroom Building

Afternoon Sessions, 1:45 – 3:15

1:45 Session 12: Guns, Portraits, & Failure: The Fates of New England Societies   CB 112
Chair/Comment: Gayle Fischer, Salem State University

“Productive of Unnecessary Experience”: The Value of the Farmington Canal Company’s Failure
Bill Heiden, Trinity College
“For Posterity and Prosperity: Folk Portraits and Class in Early New England”
Patrick Cumpstone, Trinity College
“Lock, Stock, and Barrel: A Historical Dissection of Pistols Belonging to General Artemas Ward in the Collection of the Massachusetts Historical Society”
Sean Palmatier, Northeastern University

1:45 Session 13 Workshop: Taking Charge of your Digital Identity, Part II   CB 113

Networking with Social Media
Jessica Parr, Simmons College and University of New Hampshire

1:45 Session 14: New Military Approaches to the U.S. Civil War   CB 236
Chair/Comment: Cliff Putney, Bentley University

“Excavating Glory: Researching and Teaching the Archaeology of the Civil War Camp at Readville, Massachusetts”
Jody M. Gordon, Wentworth Institute of Technology
“’Making Treason Respectable’: Louisville’s Cave Hill Cemetery and the Performance of Confederate Identity”
Joy M. Giguere, Penn State York
“Field Artillery Effectiveness During the Civil War: Did Field Artillery Decide the Civil War?”
Sean T. Brophy, Plymouth State University

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1:45 Session 15: Twentieth Century Trysts: Lovers, Friends, Comrades  
Chair/Comment: Erika Smith, Nichols College

“A Gentlewoman Abroad: Virginia Haggard, Photographer and Writer”  
Philip Mosley, Penn State University

“Fraternizing with the Enemy: The American-Soviet Friendship Project, 1945-60”  
Alexis Peri, Boston University

“New World Order, Same Old Judgments? American Perceptions of the Unified Team at the 1992 Olympics”  
Erin Redihan, Boston University

1:45 Session 16: Notes from the British Isles  
Chair/Comment: R. Malcolm Smuts, University of Massachusetts, Boston

“Jewish Conversion in Medieval London: The Special Interest of Henry III”  
Lauren Fogle, UMass Lowell

“Queen Elizabeth I and Scandinavian Relations (1559-1603)”  
Katherine Gilligan, UMass Lowell

“Everyday Empire: the Verse Letter in Irish and English”  
Brendan Kane, University of Connecticut

1:45 New England Regional Chairs’ Meeting  
Moderator: Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University