



NEHA

New England Historical Association

Saturday
April 22, 2017

Salem State University
Salem, MA

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

“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 **CB 114**

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

CB 236

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

CB 111

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

“Refrigeration, Rations, and Red Tape: Economists and the Management of Red Meat in World War I”

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

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:
A Round Table Discussion of Perspectives, Pedagogies, and Themes** **CB 113**

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

1:45 Session 15: Twentieth Century Trysts: Lovers, Friends, Comrades **CB 237**

Chair/Comment: Erika Smith, Nichols College

“A Gentlewoman Abroad: Virginia Haggard, Photographer and Writer”

Philip Mosley, Penn State University

“Fraternalizing 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 **CB 238**

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 **CB 111**

Moderator: Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University