



NEHA

New England Historical Association

**Saturday
April 14, 2018**

**Saint Anselm College
Manchester, NH**

Spring Conference Program [Preliminary]

All sessions will be held at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics

8:00-8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

Auditorium

First Morning Sessions, 8:30-10:00

8:30 Session 1

Creating the Early American Republic

Room 4004

Chair/comment: Jacqueline Carr, University of Vermont

“English Common Law Origins of the Rights of Americans: Puttin’ on the Writs”

Richard Gerber, Southern Connecticut State University

“A Pragmatic Revolutionary: The Independence of William Gilliland”

Susan Ouellette, Saint Michael’s College

“Foreign Affairs and the Ratification of the Constitution in New Hampshire”

Robert W. Smith, Worcester State University

8:30 Session 2

The Changing Face of Labor

Room 4006

Chair/comment: Sharmishtha Roy Chowdhury, University of Connecticut

“Surgeon or Shellback: The Whaling Journal of Theodore Lewis, M.D.”

Evan Banks: Missouri Western State University*

“‘It Will Require all the Energy of which Man is Capable’: The Entangled Energy Regime of the Panama Railroad 1849-1855”

Jordan Coulombe, University of New Hampshire

“The Resources of the Race: The Deintellectualization of Skill in Antebellum America”

Christopher Stokum, Boston University

8:30 Session 3

The Faith of a Nation: Turning Points in American History and Religion

Room 4007

Chair/Comment: Robert Chiles, University of Maryland

“The Religious Conversion of Boston”

Michael Varuolo, University of New Hampshire

“Churches of the Air: Mormonism and Early Religious Broadcasting, 1922-1930”

Kate Benoit, University of Utah

“JFK’s New Frontier and the Catholic Church: An Uneasy Partnership”

Thomas Carty, Springfield College

8:30 Session 4

Teaching with Primary Source Sets from the Digital Public Library of America (Workshop) Room 4001

Discussants:

Tona Hangen, Worcester State University

Ella Howard, Wentworth Institute of Technology

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

Second Morning Sessions, 10:30 – 12:00

10:30 Session 5

War and Diplomacy in Colonial America

Room 4004

Chair/Comment: Richard Gerber, Southern Connecticut State University

“‘A Dangerous Liberty’: Dutch-Mohawk Relations and the Colonial Gunpowder Trade”

Shaun Sayres, University of New Hampshire

“Pirates, Politics, and Private Navies: Early South Carolina’s Homegrown Naval Forces, 1700-1719”

Benjamin Schaffer, University of New Hampshire

“‘They readily acknowledged their breach of Covenant’: Violence and Diplomacy in the Abenakia-Maine Borderlands, 1723-1754”

Eric Trautman-Mosher, University of New Hampshire

10:30 Session 6

Land and Landscape in the Legacy of Imperialism

Room 4007

Chair/Comment: Sean Bloch, Dartmouth College

“Reinterpreting the Karum System of the Early Old Assyrian Period”

Tyler Tumblety, Plymouth State University*

“‘Not for them the pomp and circumstances of the battlefield’: Reimagining India during the Mesopotamian Campaign, 1914-1917”

Sharmishtha Roy Chowdhury, University of Connecticut

“‘The people had done it themselves’: Assigning Blame for the Repercussions of Pesticide-Use in Francophone Africa”

Sarah Hardin, St. Anselm College

10:30 Session 7

Social Challenges in Nineteenth-Century America

Room 4006

Chair/Comment: Beth Salerno, St. Anselm College

“The Ridge/Northrup and Boudinot/Gold Marriages and the Signing of the Treaty of Echota”

Christian Gonzales, University of Rhode Island

“A Beacon of Liberalism? A Comparison of the Portrayal of the 1854 Trial of Fugitive Slave Anthony Burns Through Two Massachusetts Newspapers”

Laura Ellyn Smith, University of Mississippi

“‘The Tramp of Cowhide Boots’: Worth More than the Paper It’s Printed On: Greenbackism in Maine”

Aaron Chin, University of New Hampshire

“Patterns, Power and Priorities: What Quantitative Analysis Reveals about Nineteenth-Century Orphan Asylums”

Sarah Mulhall Adelman, Framingham State University

10:30 Session 8

Teaching Civics Today – Challenges and Opportunities (Roundtable)

West Wing

Chair: Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

Discussants:

David Alcox, Milford High School
Aaron Blais, Exeter High School
Christopher Herr, Concord High School
Rebecca Tancrede, Concord High School

10:30 Session 9

Personal Histories: The Individual in Teaching and Writing

Room 4001

Chair/Comment: Bruce Cohen, Worcester State University

“Finding Fact Through Fabrication: Teaching History with Historical Fiction”

Dominic DeBrincat, Missouri Western State University

“The Historian’s I: Convention and Practice”

Lila Teeters, University of New Hampshire

12:15-1:35 Lunch and Business meeting

Auditorium

Afternoon Sessions, 1:45 – 3:15

1:45 Session 10

Identities in Conflict in Early America

Room 4004

Chair/Comment: Susan Ouellette, Saint Michael’s College

“Salem Witchcraft: The Evolution of Theories Past and Present”

Molly Hildebrandt, Plymouth State University*

“Selling and Saving Spirits: Regulating Strong Drink in Colonial New England”

Dominic DeBrincat, Missouri Western State University

“Through Their Eyes: The Changing Nature of Indian Captivity in Northeastern America, 1689-1763”

Michael Anderson, University of New Hampshire

1:45 Session 11

War, Race and Remembrance

Room 4006

Chair/Comment: Thomas Carty, Springfield College

“Traveling Backward: African Americans and Worcester’s War Memorial”

Linda Hixon, Worcester State University

“Race and Command in the Union Army: The Debate Over Commissioning Black Officers”

Ian Delahunty, Springfield College

“White Officers, Black Troops: Lessons Not Learned”

Chuck Arning, Blackstone River Valley NHP / National Park Service

1:45 Session 12

Making Modern America

Room 4007

Chair/Comment: Philip Mosley, Penn State University

“A Debate for the Gilded Age: *McKinley v. Campbell* and the Draw that Still Splits America”

Robert Klotz, University of Southern Maine

“‘The Ghost of Sputnik’: The Cold War Origins of the California Master Plan for Higher Education”

Andrew Higgins, Curry College

“Icons in American Popular Culture: Moriss Taylor, Country Music, and Western Regional Media, 1949-2015”

Brian Peterson, Shasta College

1:45 Session 13

New England Regional Chairs’ Meeting

West Wing

Moderator: Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University