SPRING CONFERENCE at
SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE in Manchester, New Hampshire
on
SATURDAY, April 14, 2018

The 100th meeting of the Association—that’s right the 100th meeting of our 53-year-old organization—will be held on April 14, 2018, at Saint Anselm College; 100 St. Anselm Drive; Manchester, NH (603-641-7000). Saint Anselm College, the third-oldest Catholic College in New England, was founded by Benedictine monks in 1889. It has a very strong focus on the liberal arts, an exceptionally beautiful campus, and approximately 2,000 students. Since the 1950s, Saint Anselm has played a big role in New Hampshire’s “first in the nation” presidential primary. Presidential candidates have flocked to Saint Anselm to give speeches, prompting The Washington Post to describe the school as “the Benedictine college with a box seat on America’s most riveting political theater.”

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

Vice-President Erik Jensen (Salem State University) arranged this fine program. Martin Menke (NEHA’s Executive Secretary) made the local arrangements with the assistance of faculty and staff at St. Anselm College. Someone whom we would especially like to thank at St. Anselm is Sean Perrone, who worked hard to get us there.

We hope that this meeting in Manchester, NH, will be as well attended and successful as our meeting in Eastern Connecticut State University last fall. We are very grateful for the hospitality to us by Saint Anselm College.

The April conference will begin with registration and a complimentary continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning in the auditorium of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics. Panels will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Institute. 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 March 31 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 at 12:15 in the auditorium of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, 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 2018 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

There are many motels in the Manchester, NH, area. The following motel will give you a preferred rate if you mention Saint Anselm College:

Comfort Inn
298 Queen City Avenue
Manchester, NH 03102
603-668-2600

TRAVEL INFORMATION

From Boston and Points South
Take Interstate 93 North to Interstate 293 North. Pass the Mall of NH on left. Cross over Merrimack River. At fork, go straight onto Route 101 (do not bear right and do not follow 293 North to Manchester).

At the junction of Routes 101 and 114 (set of lights), continue straight onto Route 114 North, following power lines. At the 3rd stoplight, turn right onto Saint Anselm Drive. Main entrance to campus is approximately 1 mile ahead on right. NH Institute of Politics is ahead, down a hill, on the right.

From Portsmouth, NH, and Seacoast
Take Route 101 West toward Manchester. Head south on Interstate 93 for approximately 2 miles. Bear right onto Interstate 293 North (do not continue straight and do not continue on 93 South towards Boston).

Pass the Mall of NH on left. Cross over Merrimack River. At fork, go straight onto Route 101 (do not bear right and do not follow Interstate 293 North to Manchester).

At the junction of Routes 101 and 114 (set of lights), follow the above directions for Bostonians.

From Keene, NH, and Points West
Take Route 101 East into Bedford. At the junction of Routes 101 and 114 (set of lights), turn left onto Route 114 North, following Power lines. Then follow the above directions for Bostonians.

From Lowell, MA; Nashua, NH; and Points Southwest
Take Route 3 North into NH. Route 3 becomes the Everett Turnpike. Continue north on Everett Turnpike. After Bedford toll plaza, and after exit for Interstate 293 South, exit the highway for Route 101. At top of ramp, continue straight onto Route 101.

At the junction of Routes 101 and 114 (set of lights), follow the above directions for Bostonians.

From Concord, NH, and Points North
Take Interstate 93 South. After the Hooksett Toll Plaza, bear right onto Interstate 293 South,
winding along Merrimack River (on the left) through Manchester. Exit 293 South (as it becomes the Everett Turnpike) by bearing right onto Route 101.

At the junction of Routes 101 and 114 (set of lights), follow the above directions for Bostonians.

**From Manchester-Boston Regional Airport**
Exit the airport, bearing right out of the rotary onto Airport Road and Brown Avenue. Follow approximately 2 miles. Go through an overpass and under a highway and turn left onto Interstate 293 North. Get in a middle-left lane; cross over Merrimack River. At fork, go straight onto Route 101 (do not bear right and do not follow 293 North to Manchester).

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**Taxis:**

Manchester Taxi
603-623-2222

Manchester Black Car
603-668-3434

Amoskeag Airport Service
603-641-4777

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**PARKING INFORMATION**

Conferees can park right next to the New Hampshire Institute of Politics.

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**ADVANCE NOTICE**

NEHA’s fall meeting is scheduled to be held at the University of Connecticut (Storrs) on October 27, 2018. The deadline for submitting paper proposals (one-page abstract and a brief C.V.) is August 15, 2018. To make submissions and/or get information about the program, contact NEHA’s Vice-President. Information about the program may also be obtained from Martin Menke, Rivier University; 420 South Main Street; Nashua, NH 03060; mmenke@rivier.edu
Saturday
April 14, 2018
Saint Anselm College
Manchester, NH

SPRING CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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

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

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 4007
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 Daingerous 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 4001
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

“Worth More than the Paper It’s Printed On: The Greenback Movement of 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)  
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
Reading Fiction and Writing History  
Chair/Comment: Dominic DeBrincat, Missouri Western State University

“Finding Fact Through Fabrication: Teaching History with Historical Fiction”
Sarah Batterson, University of New Hampshire

“The Historian’s I: Convention and Practice”
Lila Teeters, University of New Hampshire

12:15-1:35 Lunch and Business meeting

Afternoon Sessions, 1:45 – 3:15

1:45 Session 10
Identities in Conflict in Early America  
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  
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  
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

Andrew Higgins, Curry College

Brian Peterson, Shasta College
1:45 Session 13
New England Regional Chairs’ Meeting
Moderator: Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

Map of Saint Anselm College:
NEHA NEWS AND THE NEHA WEBSITE

Clifford Putney (Bentley University) is the editor of NEHA News. If you have a submission for the Fall 2018 issue of the newsletter, please send it to Cliff (cputney@bentley.edu) by September 1, 2018. Book reviews should be sent to Thomas J. Carty (Springfield College), the book review editor (tcarty@spfldcol.edu), by September 1, 2018. 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 Communications Chair for NEHA. Her e-mail address is: thangen@worcester.edu.

Check out our website at http://www.newenglandhistorians.org for the latest news, upcoming conference details and calls for papers, and information about our annual book and paper prizes. The website is also home to a digital archive of our current and past newspaper issues, as well as the organization’s bylaws and list of officers and past presidents.

Through the website you can also access the membership and registration portal, join or renew your annual membership online, or register for an upcoming conference.

The website also contains resources if you’re interested in getting more involved in NEHA by running for office or in another volunteer capacity, or if your institution would like to host a future NEHA conference.

Follow NEHA on Twitter at @NEHistoryAssoc!

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR NEHA’S APRIL 14, 2018, ELECTION

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Kristen A. Petersen (MCPHS University), has put together a fine slate of candidates for the spring election. Their ballot statements are as follows:

President:

Erik Jensen, Salem State University
Erik Jensen is a historian of the ancient Mediterranean at Salem State University. He earned his BA at Sarah Lawrence College and his Ph.D. at Columbia University. His area of research is in cultural interactions in the ancient world and he is currently working on a project studying the practice of diplomacy on the northern frontiers of the Roman Empire. In addition to his teaching at Salem State, he advises the Student Historical Association and the pre-legal concentration in the History Department. Jensen has served on NEHA’s Executive Committee.

Vice-President:

Jessica Parr, Simmons College
Jessica Parr is a Lecturer in History at Simmons College, and an Affiliate Assistant Professor of Women’s Studies at the University of New Hampshire at Durham. Parr has been involved with NEHA since 2004 and currently serves on the Executive Board. In the spring of 2017, she co-organized the THATCamp that NEHA co-sponsored with Wentworth Institute of Technology. Parr is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and has received fellowships from the Boston Athenaeum, Duke University, the Congregational Library, Mystic Seaport, and the Gilder-Lehrman Institute. She was a participant in the NEH’s 2016 Doing Digital History Institute at George Mason University, and is a consultant on the NEH-funded project, “Go Local,” which partners with small museums and libraries in
Southern Maine to help build their capacity for digital collections and exhibits. Parr is currently the Managing Editor for The Programming Historian, and writes for The Junto: a Group Blog for Early American History, as well as Black Perspectives, the online journal of the African-American Intellectual History Society. Her first book, Inventing George Whitefield: Race, Revivalism, and the Making of a Religious Icon was published in 2015 by the University Press of Mississippi.

Elizabeth (Libby) Bischof, University of Southern Maine
Libby Bischof is Professor of History and Director of the Center for Collaboration and Development at the University of Southern Maine. A cultural historian, she teaches courses in 19th century American History, photography and history, popular culture, and the history of Maine. She is the co-author of Maine Photography: A History, 1840-2015, winner of a 2017 book prize from Historic New England, and Maine Moderns: Art in Seguinland, 1900-1940 (Yale, 2011). She has also published chapters in various edited collections—most recently Amateur Moving Making: Aesthetics of the Everyday in New England Film, 1915-1960 (Indiana, 2017) and articles in The History Teacher, 19th Century, and The Maine Policy Review. She has been presenting at NEHA since she was a graduate student at Boston College in the early-2000s, and has previously served on the book prize committee. USM is looking forward to hosting NEHA in 2019.

Secretary:
Tona Hangen

Tona Hangen is Associate Professor and Department Chair of History and Political Science 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. Her scholarly interests include media history, religious studies, the pedagogy of history, and digital humanities. She is currently working on a book on religious dimensions of the battles over school desegregation in the South from the 1950s to the 1970s. She was elected to NEHA secretary in 2014 and 2016 and served as social media/Communications chair assisting with NEHA's website and Twitter feed since 2011.

Executive Committee:

Tom Balcerski, Eastern CT State University
Dr. Thomas Balcerski is assistant professor of history at Eastern Connecticut State University. He obtained an MA in history from SUNY Stony Brook in 2008 and a Ph.D. in history from Cornell University in 2014. He is currently working on a book project titled “Siamese Twins: The Intimate World of James Buchanan and William Rufus King” on the relationship of these two famous politician bachelors. He served as the local arrangements committee chair for the fall 2017 NEHA conference at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Melanie Murphy, Emmanuel College
Melanie Murphy is Associate Professor of History at Emmanuel College in Boston, MA where she teaches European, Middle Eastern and World History. She has published on Max Nordau, Nazi aesthetics and Nazi law and other topics. She has been a judge for Massachusetts History Day regional contests (for junior and senior high school students) a number of times. For NEHA she has served on the Nominating Committee as a member and as chair and on the Book Award Committee. Melanie very much values and appreciates the collegiality as well as the intellectual stimulation, in relatively accessible locations, that the NEHA meetings provide historians in the area.
Marie McDaniel, Southern CT State University

Marie Basile McDaniel is Associate Professor of Colonial American History at Southern Connecticut State University where she has been since 2010. She also co-coordinates her department's Secondary Education Social Studies program. She completed her AB at Princeton University and her PhD at University of California, Davis. Willing to travel anywhere for a job, she was thrilled to return to New England (always a Red Sox fan). Her research interests include early American religion, sexuality, and ethnicity. Her current research project is on early American ministers who were dismissed from the church for sexual impropriety. She lives in New Haven with her husband, and two children.

David Valone, Quinnipiac University

David A. Valone is professor and chair of History at Quinnipiac University. He studies 19th and 20th century British and Irish History with a specialization in the history of science and medicine. He has published works on the history of British economic thought, on religious and scientific controversies at Cambridge in the early 19th century, and on the history of in vitro fertilization. He has edited books on Anglo-Irish Identities and two on aspects of the Irish famine.

Kristen Petersen, MCPHS University (Boston)

Kristen Petersen is associate professor of History and Social Sciences and coordinator of the Women’s Studies Minor at MCPHS University – Boston (the former Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences). She teaches American culture courses including immigration, social justice activism and women’s studies. In 2000-2001 she served as historian of record to the original Dreams of Freedom Museum (Boston’s immigrant heritage museum), and in 2015 was the historian on the complete redesign of the exhibits. She has been an active member of the New England Historical Association, serving on the executive committee, book prize committee and as chair of the nominating committee.

Executive Committee Public Historian:

Patricia Bruttomesso, Massachusetts History Alliance

Patty Bruttomesso has been involved in the Massachusetts public history world for more than 15 years. She works with Mass Humanities to produce the annual Mass History Conference. Patty is one of the founding directors of the Massachusetts History Alliance, a statewide advocacy organization to support public history. At the same time, she is serving public history by working in the University Archives and Special Collections at UMass Boston. There, she works closely with the UMass Boston history department, as well as other history organizations, to collect and preserve MA history, especially through the Mass Memories Road Show.

Nominating Committee:

Kevin Hoskins, University of Massachusetts Boston

Kevin Hoskins is a Lecturer in the Department of History at the University of Massachusetts Boston, where he teaches courses on U.S. history, the history of U.S. foreign policy, and historical memory. He received a Ph.D. in American history from Brown University and wrote a dissertation on the U.S. labor movement and American empire. He is also Book Review Editor for the New England Quarterly.
Christian Gonzales, University of Rhode Island

Christian Gonzales is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Rhode Island, where he teaches courses in Early American and Native American history. Before coming to URI he taught at LaGuardia Community College in New York City. Prior to LaGuardia, Gonzales was Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Native American Studies at Wesleyan University. His research interests lie in Native American and Early American history with particular attention paid to Native cultural histories, Native/white/black relations, settler-colonialism, and early American slave systems. Professor Gonzales teaches students that the significance of history lies in its ability to unmask how the past has shaped our present, and how historical knowledge can therefore provide us with a greater ability to understand the world bequeathed to us. Beyond history, he enjoys martial arts, vegetable gardening, and cycling.

Melanie Gustafson, University of Vermont

Elections for NEHA officers and committee slots will be held at the spring meeting at St. Anselm. NEHA members who cannot attend the meeting, however, are invited to vote by regular post. For the Officers, vote for no more than one; for the Executive Committee, vote for no more than three (plus the public historian); for the Nominating Committee, vote for no more than two. Write-Ins are acceptable. Note: Only NEHA members are entitled to vote, and no one can vote more than once.

**BALLOT**

**OFFICERS**

_____ President: **Erik Jensen** (Salem State University); or write in: __________

Vice-President (vote for one)

_____ **Jessica Parr** (Simmons College; UNH, Durham)

_____ **Elizabeth (Libby) Bischof** (University of Southern Maine)

VP Write-In: ______________________________

_____ Secretary: **Tona Hangen** (Worcester State University); or write in: __________

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (Vote for no more than three)

_____ **Tom Balcerski** (Eastern CT State University)

_____ **Melanie Murphy** (Emmanuel College)

_____ **Marie McDaniel** (Southern CT State University)

_____ **David Valone** (Quinnipiac University)

_____ **Kristen Petersen** (MCPHS University, Boston)

EC Write-In: ______________________________

Executive Committee Public Historian

_____ **Patricia Bruttomesso** (Massachusetts History Alliance); or write in: __________

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** (Vote for no more than two)

_____ **Kevin Hoskins** (U-Mass, Boston)

_____ **Christian Gonzales** (University of Rhode Island)

_____ **Melanie Gustafson** (University of Vermont)

NC Write-In: ______________________________
Dear Colleagues,

Our Spring Conference at St. Anselm College will be NEHA’s 100th conference. I want to take this opportunity to thank our NEHA Treasurer Sean Perrone for bringing NEHA to St. Anselm College and Erik Jensen (Salem State University) for putting together what I am sure will be a thoughtful and thought provoking program. I cannot help but wonder if NEHA’s founders thought this endeavor would last as long as it has, or that it would thrive as well as it has.

One reason that we are thriving as an organization is due to the influx of talented people like Tom Balcerski of Eastern CT State University, who graciously hosted our successful 99th conference last October at ECSU, and Erik Jensen, our Vice President and program chair. I want to take this opportunity to encourage newcomers and infrequent participants in our conferences to take a more active role in NEHA. While I greatly appreciate the efforts of our officers and Executive and Nominating Committee members, we are a more vibrant organization when we have more voices. So please, ... participate, ... come back, ... spread the word. We have made strides in expanding our reach, and I will comment on them more fully at the April meeting. But we will always be looking for fresh ideas.

As an organization, we continue to move into the 21st century. Thanks to the efforts of Executive Secretary Martin Menke (Rivier University) and Secretary and Communications Director Tona Hagen (Worcester State University), we have a stronger web and social media presence. We are also fully capable of registering for conferences and renewing memberships online. I would be remiss if I did not offer a special thanks to Cliff Putney (Bentley University) for his continued service as Newsletter Editor and content creator.

Not in my memory has the need for knowledge of history been more pressing, nor has the disregard of it in the public sphere more prevalent. At a time when public discourse has become coarser, it has never been more important or appropriate for historians to speak out. It is important to note when our nation’s history and symbols are being misused for political purposes. At the same time, it is imperative to keep the discussion civil. While I understand the frustration and rage that the actions of some can provoke, we must remember that these people are often provocateurs precisely because they want an explosive reaction. We heighten the public discourse when we offer informed and civil responses. I urge you all to speak your truths every chance you get, both inside and outside the classroom. Just as NEHA is stronger with more of your voices, our democracy will be stronger as well.

Troy Paddock
NEHA President (2017-18)
Southern CT State University

NEHA STATEMENT ON CHARLOTTESVILLE, RACISM AND HISTORY (Adopted 8/23/17)

The New England Historical Association condemns, in the strongest possible terms, white supremacy, racism, anti-Semitism, and all other acts of bigotry. We also reject the false equivalencies drawn between the actions of hate groups, and those who protested against them. While recent conversations have understandably focused on the incidents of white supremacy in Charlottesville, we urge people to remember that our country has a long and troubled history when it comes to racism, and one from which other regions of the country (including New England) are not immune. The Southern Poverty Law Center’s hate map, which documents 917 different hate groups across the United States (as of August 2017) is one of many sobering reminders of the
pervasiveness of racism and other forms of hate in the United States. It is therefore critical that we do our utmost to contribute to ongoing conversations about race and racism, and not to silence the voices of people who have suffered.

As historians, we also must remind people that monuments and statues are political artifacts that may or may not, in fact, accurately represent history. In the case of the monuments of the Confederacy, most of them were constructed decades after the Civil War, during a particularly dark episode of our nation’s history. A study by the Southern Poverty Law Center reveals large spikes in the building of Confederate monuments and schools with Confederate namesakes that correspond with key events, such as the founding of the NAACP (1909), the 1915 resurgence of the KKK, and the battle for the desegregation of United States schools and universities in the 1960s (SPLC, 2017). These monuments honor slave owners and others who fought to preserve an empire of slavery. They are not limited to states that were members of the Confederacy, either. The recently-removed statue of Roger Taney stood in front of the Maryland Statehouse, honoring a judge who denied the humanity of African Americans under the law. Maryland had remained with the Union during the American Civil War.

Whether these statues are ultimately removed, or reinterpreted to acknowledge these pasts, we support our colleagues, students, and others who are the targets of hate. And we recognize the importance of speaking up about these histories.

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 June 1, 2018. 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 by June 1, 2018. Monographs on any historical topic, time or place published in 2017, 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), Bruce Cohen (Worcester State University), Ian Delahanty (Springfield College), and Marie MacDonald (Southern Connecticut State University).
Fall 2018 Conference Report

The 99th meeting of the Association was held in the Student Center at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic, CT, on October 28, 2017. It was a thought-provoking conference, and it attracted 108 conferees.

At the wholesome luncheon that followed the morning paper presentations, Troy Paddock (NEHA President) thanked the administration at ECSU for hosting the conference. He mentioned in particular John Beck (University Advancement Coordinator), Carmen Cid (A&S Dean), and Stacey Close (Associate VP for Equity and Diversity).

President Paddock presented the 2017 James P. Hanlan Book Award to Nathaniel Philbrick (Independent Scholar) for Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution (Penguin Press). Mr. Philbrick spoke briefly. He noted the importance of academic historians’ work to his own efforts to write history.

The meeting at ESCU was made possible by tremendous efforts on our behalf by Program Chair Erik Jensen (Salem State University), Executive Secretary Martin Menke (Rivier University), and ESCU Professors Thomas Balcerski and Joan Meznar, co-chairs of the local arrangements committee. Kudos to them all!

NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

The historic Boston Athenaeum is in an uproar, because its new director has fired lots of staff members, and caused others to quit.

The Congregational Library and Archives (Boston) invites people to attend “History Matters,” a series of talks about the relationship between Congregationalism and American history.

The History Department at the University of Vermont has reduced the cost of its M.A. program for out-of-state students by a third, making it one of the most affordable graduate history programs in the Northeast.

CONFERENCES OF REGIONAL INTEREST

The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic will hold its annual meeting in Cleveland, OH, on July 18-22, 2018.

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 Chicago on October 18-20, 2018.

The New England annual regional meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies has yet to be scheduled.

The Berkshire Conference on the History of Women (aka the “Big Berks” conference) will be held in 2020 in Baltimore, MD (exact date TBA).

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
The Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife will be held in Deerfield, Mass., on June 22-24, 2018. The subject for the seminar is “Religious Spaces: Our Vanishing Landmarks.”

The New England Regional World History Association (NERWHA) will hold a symposium at MIT (?) on April 21, 2018. The topic of the symposium will be “Architectural History and Maritime History.”

The Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association (NEPCA) will hold its annual conference on October 19-20, 2018, at Worcester State University.

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/ or email masshistoryjournal@westfield.ma.edu

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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 2017 by an author in New England or New York. Publishers may nominate one book by June 1, 2018. The award certificate and $200 prize will be presented to the winner in October 2018 at the annual NEPCA conference. Contact the NEPCA Executive Secretary, Robert E. Weir, NEPCA, 15 Woods Road, Florence, MA 01062; 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. 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, Jonathan Chu, at: jonathan.chu@umb.edu

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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.amphilso.org/grants/resident.htm

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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.

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2020 * New York City * 3-6 January

Organization of American Historians
2018 * Sacramento, CA * 12-15 April
2019 * Philadelphia * 4-7 April

American Studies Association
2018 * Atlanta * 8-11 November
2019 * Honolulu * 7-10 November

American Conference for Irish Studies
2018 * Cork, Ireland * 18-22 June

Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association
2019 * Washington, DC * 17-20 April
2020 * Philadelphia * 15-18 April

Oral History Association
2018 * Montreal * 10-14 October

Economic History Association
2018 * Montreal * 7-9 September

National Council on Public History
2019 * Hartford, CT * 27-30 March

North American Conference on British Studies
2018 * Providence, RI * 25-28 October

Italian American Studies Association
2018 * Chicago * 18-20 October

Social Science History Association
2018 * Phoenix * 8-11 November

Society of Historians of the Early American Republic
2018 * Cleveland * 18-22 July

World History Association
2018 * Milwaukee * 21-23 June

African Studies Association
2018 * Atlanta * Nov. 28-Dec. 2

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2018 * Atlanta * 8-11 November
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Science journalist Laura Spinney has undertaken the ambitious task of giving the flu pandemic of 1918 its proper "historical, geographical and cultural context," as well as convincing historians that its impact was far greater than is conventionally believed. Using new information about flu mortality outside North America and Europe, she makes a strong case that the flu infected one third of all humans alive at the time and killed somewhere between 50 and 100 million of them. (The highest death rates appear to have been in Asia and Africa, effectively concealed from Western attention at the time.) A particular strength of her approach is her use of the latest discoveries of genetic sequencing to describe clearly how virus strains "jump the species barrier" from birds or mammals to humans, why some strains are deadlier than others, and how what we know about this flu pandemic relates to current threats like Ebola and Zika.

A century later, there is still no firm consensus on where the pandemic originated. Spinney carefully and thoroughly sifts through the evidence for the three likeliest sources — China, Kansas, and the British military base at Étaples in France — but cannot find a decisive argument for any one of them. (We simply do not have enough evidence although, ironically, we can be quite certain that the "Spanish flu" did not originate in Spain.) Her convincing presentation about how some public health measures worked better than others to contain the spread of the epidemic is, once again, useful in understanding emerging threats to world health today.

An inescapable air of sadness pervades this book, as it recounts the unusually high mortality rates among victims in the prime of life, the virtual destruction of the Yupik culture of Bristol Bay, the role of the Russian Civil War in spreading flu along with its other horrors, or the death of French poet Guillaume Apollinaire, who had survived his battlefield wounds but succumbed to the flu on the eve of the Armistice. Perhaps most haunting is her use of Austrian painter Egon Schiele's painting "The Family," which depicts a family that was never to be since all of its members — the artist, his wife, and their unborn child — were casualties of the pandemic. Schiele, already ill, painted "The Family" during the three days between the death of his pregnant wife and his own.

Spinney's background as a science journalist is clearly in her favor as she sifts through, and helpfully explains, the epidemiological evidence. Occasionally, however, she is on less secure ground in her assessments of history. British India (including Pakistan and Bangladesh) lost about 6% of its population in the pandemic while the British authorities, obsessed by the manpower needs of the Western Front, appeared uninterested in helping; it is difficult to deny her assertion that this experience probably hastened the growth of the movement for independence. Suggesting that the "Spanish flu" may have changed the outcome of World War I, however, is a bit of a stretch. The impact of the pandemic was, as she demonstrates, enormous even without that distinction.

Although this book is both too long and too complex for assignment in an undergraduate survey course, it is a treasure trove of information for anyone, whether graduate or undergraduate, researching a paper on the social history of the war or the postwar period. It would also be of considerable use to anyone interested in the history of the germ theory of disease, epidemiology, or public health measures.

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