FALL CONFERENCE AT ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE
COLCHESTER, VERMONT

Friday & Saturday, October 19-20, 2001
SECOND CALL

The 67th meeting of the Association will be held on October 19-20 at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont (802-654-2318). The program is listed on pages 3-5 of this issue and was mailed earlier to all members along with registration, motel and travel instructions.

Vice-President James O'Toole (Boston College) arranged this splendid program. George Dameron at St. Michael's College made local arrangements with the customary assistance of Executive Secretary James P. Hanlan. This is the Association's second meeting in scenic Vermont and we are very grateful for the hospitable efforts on our behalf. Please see our web page for other details:
http://www.wpi.edu/~jphanlan/NEHA.

The Fall conference begins with a Walking Tour of downtown Burlington and its waterfront on Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. The tour will leave promptly from City Hall at the corner of Church and Main Streets. Following the tour, we suggest dinner at any of the excellent Burlington restaurants listed in the program mailing. At 8:00 p.m. in the McCarthy Arts Complex Recital Hall, we will hold our plenary session with an opportunity to socialize.

Registration will be on Saturday at 8:00 A.M. in St. Edmunds Hall at the ground floor foyer. 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. Registration fee and annual membership dues payment is required for everyone on the program (panelists, chairs and commentators) and all who attend the conference. Pre-registration by mail prior to October 3 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, graduate students and friends.

Luncheon will be served in Alliot Hall on Saturday at 12:15, but seating is limited. Please purchase your lunch ticket when you register by mail before October 3, but no
leading to the McCarthy Arts Center next to
the Admissions Office in the Klein building.

Driving from Worcester: follow Route 290
East to 495 North to Route 89 (Concord,
NH), then as above.

Driving from Hartford: follow Route 91
North to Route 89 North (White River
Junction) to Exit 15, then as above.

Driving from New York City: follow the
NY State Thruway (87) North to Exit 20,
Route 149 East to Fort Ann. Follow Route 4
North to Fairhaven, VT to Route 22A North
to Route 7 North (Vergennes) to Route 189
East to Interstate 89 North to Exit 15.

Parking on the campus is available in
parking lots marked with the familiar NEHA
signs leading to the McCarthy Arts Center
Building.

Airlines serve Colchester at the Burlington
International Airport. Taxi, limo, or car
rental from the airport should be made in
advance. For Amtrak information call 800-
872-7245. Bus service to Colchester is by
Greyhound (800-231-2222).

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Spring meeting will be held at
Massachusetts Maritime Academy in
Buzzard Bay on April 20, 2002. Vice-
President James O'Toole will be the
program chair, and organize the program.
The deadline for submitting proposals (one-
page abstract and a brief c.v.) is January 15,
2002. For information about the program or
submissions contact James O'Toole, Boston
College, Department of History, Chestnut
Hall, MA 02467; otoolejh@bc.edu.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Driving from Boston: follow Route 93
North to Route 89 (in Concord, NH) to Exit
15 (Winooski). Bear right off the exit onto
Route 15 East for 2/10 mile. The campus
entrance is on the left. Look for NEHA signs
8:45 Session 2: What's the Story: Heretical Tales of New England Historiography, 1630-1690

Chair/Commentator: Dona Brown, University of Vermont
Elise Hambleton, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, "The Puritans and Sex Revisited"
Barry Levy, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, "Household Productivity, Adoption, and the Myth of the Family in Early Massachusetts"
Susan Ouellette, Saint Michael's College, "All Hands are Enjoined to Spin: Textiles and Communities in Early Massachusetts"

8:45 Session 3: Men, Women, and Children: Historical Constructions in Europe and America

Chair/Commentator: Jennifer Scanlon, SUNY-Plattsburgh
Aki Beam, McMaster University, "Disguise and Display: The Aged Female Body in 17th Century England"
Shawn Johansen, Frostburg State University, "Domesticity and the Shaping of Historians"
"Portrayal of American Fatherhood"
Courtney Spikes, University of California-Los Angeles, "Revolutionary Childhood: Representations of Children and French Nationalism during the French Revolution"

8:45 Session 4: North of the Border: Themes in Canadian History

Chair/Commentator: David Massell, University of Vermont
Robert Cupido, Mount Allison University, "Constructing the 'Washington of the North': National Commemoration and Urban Beautification in Ottawa Between the Wars"
Mark Power Robison, Brandeis University, "The Dynamics of Empire and the Expulsion of the Acadians: Capability in Halifax, Boston, and London"
Brian Shipley, Dalhousie University, "Exhibiting the Empire: William Logan, Colonial Resources, and the 1851 Exposition"

8:45 Session 5: Reading, Writing, and History

Chair/Commentator: Amy Bass, SUNY Plattsburg
S. J. Wolfe, American Antiquarian Society, "From Books to Bed Hangings: Robinson Crusoe in America"
Charles O'Brien, Western Illinois University, "The Historical Mystery Novel: A Critical Overview"

Break for Book Exhibit and Refreshments: 10:15-10:45

Second Session: 10:45-12:15

10:45 Session 7: Who Are We? Understanding Self and Society Before and After the American Revolution

Chair/Commentator: Alan Rogers, Boston College
Todd Estes, Oakland University, "Liberty, Order, and the Perils of Governing in Early National America"
Hugh Randall, Central Michigan University, "We Talk of States Till We Forget What They Are Composed Of: Cadwallader Colden and the Evolution of Population Theory in Colonial New York"

10:45 Session 8: Challenges Facing 20th Century Jews

Chair/Commentator: Frank Nicora, Saint Michael's College
Jay Geller, Yale University, "The West German Political Elite and the Jewish Question Before 1953"
Debora Taisa Krebs, Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Sao Paulo, "Jewish Women and Jewish Identity in 20th Century Brazil"
Doris Schmidt, Fitchburg State College, "A War of Words: The Role of Literature in the Lives of German-Jewish Immigrants to the United States, 1934-1944"

10:45 Session 9: Women Artists in Europe and America

Chair/Commentator: Margaret Harri, Simmons College
Alicia Faxon, Simmons College emerita, "Assessing the MFA Boston Exhibit, 'A Studio of her Own'"
Lucretia Griene, Rhode Island School of Design, "Frida Kahlo in San Francisco"
Sara Junkin, Independent Scholar, "Gertrude Finke, A Boston School Painter as a Modernist"

10:45 Session 10: War of the Worldviews? Liberalism and Catholicism in the Postwar Era

Chair/Commentator: James O'Toole, Boston College
Thomas Carby, University of Connecticut, "Liberal Politics and John F. Kennedy's Opposition to Federal Aid for Parochial Schools"
James McCartin, University of Notre Dame, "Multiculturalism in a Parochial Setting: Liberal Culture and Catholic Parish Life in Boston, 1945-1980"

12:15-1:30 Luncheon and Presentation of NEHA Book Award

1:30 Adjournament
REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ballard Campbell (Northeastern University), chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the following candidates were elected on April 21:

President: Joseph Conforti (University of Southern Maine)
Vice-President: James O’Tullie (Boston College)
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Executive Committee:
  - Kevin Boyle (University of Mass.-Amherst)
  - Jennifer Klein (Smith College)
Nominating Committee:
  - Irene Brown (University of Connecticut)
  - Gerard Koot (University of Mass.-Dartmouth)
Public Historian:
  - Gail Fowler Mohanty (Slater Historic Mill)

We congratulate those elected to office, thank those members who stood for election and all those who made nominations. Any member may nominate himself or herself or another member for election to any Association office by writing to the Executive Secretary. All dues-paying members are eligible to vote in person at the annual business meeting in April. Self-nominations are encouraged. Write-in candidates are permitted for any position on the slate.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee will hold a brief meeting on October 20 at St. Michael’s College. The agenda may include planning the Spring conference and reports on the annual election, the nominating committee, and the NEHA Prize committee. Any member may send a question or agenda item for the next Executive Committee meeting by writing to the Executive Secretary.

NEHA PRIZE

In April the Association presented the first NEHA Prize, a new annual award for the best paper presented by a graduate student at our Spring or Fall conferences. The prize is a certificate of merit and a $200.00 honorarium. The first annual prize was presented to Matthew Rainbow Hale (Brandeis University) at the Spring meeting for his paper “The Contradictions and Consequences of America’s Support for the French Revolutionary War.”

Each session chair may nominate one paper for this prize and all nominations will be judged by a committee of three members appointed by the president. The criteria are scholarship, presentation and originality. This year the committee members were Peter Holhoran (Worcester State College), chair; Jane Lancaster (Brown University); and Steven Corvi (Northeastern University). The prize is intended to encourage and recognize outstanding research papers by more graduate students at our conferences. The second annual prize will be presented at the April 20, 2002 meeting. Session chairs are invited to recommend papers presented by a graduate student at the Spring or Fall meetings. Contact the Executive Secretary for details.

NEHA BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE

The Book Award Committee will present the 2000 NEHA Book Award on October 20 to the winner, Lisa McGirr (Harvard University) for her outstanding book, Suburban Warriors: The Origins of the New American Right (Princeton University Press). The committee members are: Martin Menke, chair (River College); Steven Corey (Worcester State College); Clifford Patsey (Bentley College); William Leonard (Emmanuel College); and Joanne Schneider (Rhode Island College).

Any publisher may nominate one book each year by writing to Executive Secretary James P. Hanlan, WPI, Department of Humanities, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609-2280 or email him at jhanlan@wpi.edu by June 1, 2002. Monographs on any historical time, topic or place published in 2001, 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 to be presented at the October 2002 conference. The nominated book should represent the best historical writing and scholarship in any era or field of history. The award certificate and $200.00 stipend is presented to the winner at the conference each Fall.

The NEHA Book Award Committee for 2001 will be Joanne Schneider, chair (Rhode Island College); Joseph McCarthy (Suffolk University); Dona Brown (University of Vermont); Jack Resch (University of New Hampshire-Manchester); and Peter Holhoran (Worcester State College). Nominations may be made before June 1 by contacting Joanne Schneider, Rhode Island College, Department of History, Providence, RI 02908; jschneider@ric.edu

AT THE SESSIONS

The 66th meeting of the Association at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island, April 21 was very well attended with 90 historians registered for 12 sessions with 36 papers. At the luncheon on a sunny Newport Spring afternoon, 70 members joined us in the elegant Ochre Point Building. Following the election of the new Association officers, President Joanne Schneider made a presidential address on The Historian’s Craft: A Cautionary Tale: Confronting Count Rumford’s Reputation. Following lunch, 52 members attended an intriguing plenary session on New Horizons in Atlantic History: A Roundtable Discussion, chaired by Jack Greene (Brown University/Johns Hopkins University) and presentations by Wim Klooster (University of Southern Maine), Cynthia Van Zundt (University of New Hampshire) and Alison Games (Georgetown University).

This 66th meeting of the Association was made possible by the splendid efforts on our behalf by the program chair, Vice-President Joseph Conforti (University of Southern Maine), Executive Secretary James P. Hanlan (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), and a very cooperative local arrangements committee headed by John Quinn and George Antone from the Salve Regina University History Department.
NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

Zvi Ben-Dor (Rutgers University) was appointed assistant professor of Chinese history at Boston University.

Allison Blakely (Howard University) was appointed professor of European and comparative history at Boston University.

Ballard Campbell (Northeastern University) was elected president of the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE).

Ardis Cameron (University of Southern Maine) received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Foundation for the Humanities to study "Peyton Place and American Culture."

Charles Capper (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) was appointed professor of American history at Boston University.

Charles Dellheim (Arizona State University) was appointed professor of History and chair of the Boston University department of History.

Merle Goldman (Boston University) has retired as professor of Chinese History.

Patricia Herlihy (Brown University) has retired as professor of Russian History after many years of distinguished teaching and scholarship and as president of this Association.

James McCann (Boston University) received a Cotsen grant from the National Humanities Center to develop instructional materials on the Environmental History of Africa.

Herbert Mason (Boston University) was presented the United Methodist Scholar/Teacher Award for 2001.

Virginia Metaxas (Southern Connecticut State University) was elected president of the Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association (NEPCA).

Herbert Moller (Boston University), Emeritus Professor of European History (1946-74), died in February.

Paul Monod (Middlebury College) will be a visiting fellow at Harris Manchester College, Oxford University in 2001-2002.

Jon H. Roberts (University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point) was appointed professor of American History at Boston University.

Jennifer Pitts (Yale University) published "Writings on Empire and Slavery" (Johns Hopkins University Press).

Kent Ryden (University of Southern Maine) published "Landscape and Culture in New England" (University of Iowa Press).

Kathleen M. Sands (University of Massachusetts, Boston) published "God Forbid: Religion and Sex in American Public Life" (Oxford University Press).

Bruce J. Schulman (Boston University) published "The Seventies: The Great Shift in American Culture, Society, and Politics" (Free Press).

Nancy Luigia Schults (Salem State College) published "Fire & Roses: The Burning of the Charlestown Convent, 1834" (Free Press), which won the New England American Studies Association book award.

Harvard Sitkoff (University of New Hampshire) published "Perspectives on Modern America: Making Sense of the Twentieth Century" (Oxford University Press).


Jeffrey A. Summit (Tufts University) published "The Lord's Song in a Strange Land: Music and Identity in Contemporary Jewish Worship" (Oxford University Press), which won the Musher Publication Prize from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

Peter J. Thuesen (Yale University) published "In Discordance with the Scriptures: American Protestant Battles over Translating the Bible" (Oxford University Press), which won the Brewer Prize from the American Society of Church History.

Kate Weigand (Smith College) published Red Feminism: American Communism and the Making of Women’s Liberation (Johns Hopkins University Press).

Diana Wylie (Boston University) published Starving on a Full Stomach: Hunger and the Triumph of Cultural Racism in Modern South Africa (University Press of Virginia).

CONFERENCES MEETING

The Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association (NEPCA) holds its 24th annual conference at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven on November 2-3, 2001. Contact the program chair, Virginia Metaxas, SCSU, History Department, New Haven, CT 06515; phone: (203) 392-5607; fax: 203-392-5670; email: metaxas@csu.ctstateu.edu or see the Northeast PCA/ACA web site: www.wpi.edu/~johnlan/NEPCA.html

St. Francis College will host a conference on Basketball: The History & Cultural Significance of the City Game on November 2-3, 2001 in Brooklyn. Contact Arthur Himmel, Department of Sociology, St. Francis College, 180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn Heights, NY 11201; (718) 330-0254; aphimmel@aol.com

Reflections: Looking Back, Looking Forward is the theme of the Fall meeting of the New England Archivists in New Haven on October 27, 2001. Contact Anthony Reed, Frederick Law Olmsted Historic Site, 99 Warren Street, Brookline, MA 02445; (617) 566-1689, ext. 242, anthony_reed@mps.gov.

The Northeast Conference on British Studies will be held on November 16-17 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the American Antiquarian Society. Contact the program chair: Deborah Valenze, Barnard College, Department of History, 3009 Broadway, New York, NY 10027; dvalenze@barnard.columbia.edu or see the web site: www.wpi.edu/~phanse/nebcs.html

Murder in New England, 1625-1950 is a one-day conference sponsored by the Association for the Study of Connecticut History with the Wethersfield Historical Society and the Connecticut League of History Organizations on November 10 at the Wethersfield Museum. Contact Murder Conference, Wethersfield Museum, 150 Main Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109; or call (860) 529-7656 or email: weth.hist.society@anet.net

The Middle Atlantic Conference on British Studies holds its annual meeting on April 5-6, 2002 In New York City at the CUNY Graduate Center. Contact Alastair Bellany, MACBS Program Chair, Rutgers University, History Department, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1108; bellamy@rci.rutgers.edu

CONFERENCE CALLS FOR PAPERS

The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) holds its 24th annual conference at the University of California at Berkeley on July 11-14, 2002. For further information contact the program chair, Patricia Cline Cohen, American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609-1634; email: pccohen/history.ucsb.edu.

The Oral History Association invites proposals for its annual conference on October 23-27, 2002 in San Diego. The theme is Global Linkages: The Internationalization of Everyday Life. Contact Madelyn Campbell, Oral History Association, Executive Secretary, Dickinson College, PO Box 1773, Carlisle, PA 17013-2896 by November 30.

The Film and History League invites proposals for its second national conference in Kansas City on November 7-10, 2002. The conference theme is The American West(s) in Film, TV, and History. Contact the Film and History League, RR 3, Box 80, Cleveland, OK 74020; phone: (918) 243-7742; fax: (312) 577-0742; email: FilmhistLEAG@aol.com or see the web site: www.FilmhistHistory.org

The 12th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women in the West, on June 6-9, 2002 at the University of Connecticut in Storrs on the theme “Local Knowledge—Global Knowledge.” Contact Claire Potter, Center for the Americas, 255 High Street, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT 06457; spotter@wesleyan.edu or see the web site for more information: www.berkshireconference.edu

Historic Deerfield will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2002 and the 300th anniversary of the Deerfield Massacre of 1704 with a major conference, lecture series, publications, special events and tours in Deerfield Massachusetts from 2002 to 2004. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the executive director, Donald R. Friary at (413) 775-7166 or by email: friary@historic-deerfield.org

CONFERENCES MEETING ABOAD

The Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association (PCA/ACA) annual meeting on March 13-16, 2002 will be in Toronto. Contact Ray Browne, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43402; rbrowne@bgnet.edu

The Northeast Victorian Studies Association holds its annual conference on April 19-21, 2002 at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario on the theme Victorian Origins and Excursions: Contact Suy Anger, Department of English, University of Maryland, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250; anger@umbe.net by October 15.

The Oral History Association will hold an international conference in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa on June 24-27, 2002 on the theme The Power of Oral History, Memory, Healing, and Development. For further information contact Madelyn Campbell, Oral History Association, Executive Secretary, Dickinson College, PO Box 1773, Carlisle, PA 17013-2896, or see the web site: www.hs.unp.ac.za/soha2002

AUTHORS WANTED

nominate one book by June 1, 2001. The award certificate and $200 prize will be presented to the winner at the November 2-3, 2001 Northeast PCA/ACA conference at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven. Contact the NEPCA Executive Secretary: Peter Holloran, Worcester State College, History Department, Worcester, MA 01602; psh@world.std.com.

The Immigration and Ethnic History Society announces the annual Theodore Saloutos Memorial Book Award competition. The award will be presented for the best book published in 2001 on any aspect of U.S. immigration history. Contact David A. Gerber, Department of History, SUNY Buffalo, Amherst, NY 14262-4130; dagerber@buffalo.edu.

The Berkshire Conference First Book Prize, which offers a $1,000 award, is a prize for a first book in any field of history written by a woman who lives in North America. Books published in 2000 may be nominated by the publisher. Contact Kathryn Kish Sklar, Department of History, SUNY Binghamton, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000; ksklar@binghamton.edu or see the web site: www.berks.aas.duke.edu.

will be devoted to a circulated paper to be read in advance, with remarks by the author and a commentator before open discussion. All sessions will be at the MHS followed by a light supper. The seminars start at 5:15 and include these presentations:

October 9: Sam Bass Warner (MIT): “Exploring the Boston Region’s Environmental History.”


December 1: William Meyer (Clark University): "Bostonians and Their Weather." Comment: Paul Kirshen (Tufts University)

March 12: Nancy Seasholes (Boston University), "The Unplanned City: Filling in Boston’s Tidal Flats and Changing Its Topography." Comment: Peter Vanderwarker

April 9: Karl Haglund (MDC): "Transportation, Public Space, and the Design of the Charles River." Comment: John Durant (Tufts University)

For more information, contact Jean Powers, MHS, 1154 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02215; (617) 646-0513; jpowers@masshist.org

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The American Council of Learned Societies offers postdoctoral fellowships providing an introduction to the intellectual, administrative, and organizational issues significant to the humanities. Nominations and applications may be submitted to the ACLS, Research Fellow Search, 228 E. 45th Street, New York, NY 10017

The John Nicholas Brown Center offers research fellowships in American topics. Preference is given to scholars (advanced graduate students, junior or senior faculty, independent scholars or humanities professionals) working with Rhode Island materials. Office space, housing, access to Brown University resources, and a stipend up to $2,000 for one to six months are available. Contact Joyce M. Botelho, John Nicholas Brown Center, Brown University, Box 1880, Providence, RI 02912; (401) 227-0357; joyce_botelho@brown.edu

The Immigration and Ethnic History Society announces its competition for the 2002 George E. Pozzetta Award that provides $750 for dissertation research costs. Graduate students working on American immigration, emigration or ethnic history topics may apply by December 1. Contact Diane C. Vecchio, Department of History, Furman University, Greenville, SC 29613; diane.vecchio@furman.edu

The New York Historical Society offers short-term visiting fellowships to encourage research in its collections by scholars outside of the New York City area. For further information, call the NYHS at (212) 873-3400.
Most useful is Wade's ability to distinguish the differences in outlook, aims, organization, and effect of numerous parties/blocs such as the SRs, Mensheviks and others. He analyzes eight distinctive points which determined the platform of the Kadet Party (KD). And when discussing the early Bolshevik positions of April 1917 (shortly after Lenin's return to Russia) he provides us with nine: Chapter 4, titled "The Aspirations of Russian Society" (perhaps the strongest in the book) continues to pursue a close look at various segments of the political spectrum. The inquiry into the urban workers in their myriad groupings of Soviets, militias, and informal brotherhoods is praiseworthy. A brief caveat here: the book is expressly geared to the general reader as well as the specialist. It is a difficult balance to strike, as the above extended attention to party agendas attests.

Aside from Professor Wade's rapid ending of the revolution in June 1918, I suspect that substantial questions might be engendered by his frequent reference to "popular assertion" as being decisive in many facets of the revolutionary process. As a result, the ultimate question of why is it that the Bolsheviks won is not as clear as it could be. No one doubts that the Bolsheviks parlayed their spot in the overall context of leftist blocs to great advantage. But the linking of all these leftist blocs to the social side of the revolution is tenuous. Wade notes that the political and social history of the revolution are "inaeasurably." Rightly so: it would be proper to point out that inexpressible does not mean equal and explain why.

The book presumably seeks to establish a niche for which the massive studies of Pipes and Figen are too big to fill. The narrative is strong, clear, and easy to follow. An irritating tendency of the author is to be periodically platitudinal. References to political customs and personnel of the pre-revolutionary era are invariably couched in terms such as "harsh," "hated," and "hierarchically.

The bibliography of sources is not intended for the scholar but for the general reader. This serving of two masters makes it highly unlikely that the author's aim of presenting this (ultimately good) book as a "reasting" of several elements of the revolution will be accepted.
Except for Roger Williams and John Winthrop, no figure in early New England is as controversial today as the Apostle to the Indians, John Eliot. Once revered as a saintly by historians such as Samuel Eliot Morison, more recently Eliot has been reviled by the late Francis Jennings and others as a hypocritical agent of English imperialism and cultural genocide. Into this fray wades Richard W. Cogley with a well crafted monograph that closely examines Eliot’s missionary career, on which his reputation largely rests.

Cogley’s Eliot is a work in progress, a man whose strongly held convictions evolved in response to his experiences. Starting with an ethnocentric desire to convert the unwashed Indians into English Puritans, Eliot grew to accept many aspects of Indian culture he initially condemned, eventually becoming a champion of Indian rights. Cogley is at his best when explaining how subtle changes in Eliot’s millenialism and political beliefs kept with the changing political climate and how these affected his relations with the Indians in the “praying villages” he helped assemble. While sympathetic to the Apostle, Cogley is quick to acknowledge his shortcomings and failures—for example, he readily concedes that Thomas Mayhew, Jr., was a more effective missionary, even if Eliot was better at fund raising and self-promotion. He is willing to grant concessions to some of Eliot’s harsher critics, including Jennings, Neal Salisbury, and George Tinker. He even suggests that a well-meaning but inept diplomatic ploy by Eliot may have inadvertently helped ignite the King Philip’s War.

At the same time, Cogley strives to emphasize the positive contributions of the Apostle. Eliot was the father of American linguistics, and his translations of the Bible and other works into Massachusetts, even if aided by others, were achievements of the first rank. In the end, he argues, the praying communities helped the Indians by providing a refuge for the tribes of eastern Massachusetts, which had been nearly destroyed by disease and interaction with the English. Christianized Indians had their own motives for embracing Eliot’s religion some of which were quite different than the Apostle’s. Cogley also vigorously refutes charges that Eliot deprived the Indians of land, proselytized at gunpoint, or willingly served as a tool for English expansion. Ethnobiologists will applaud his portrayal of Indians as active participants in the missionary process, even as they dispute his conclusion that “relative to the early settlement period, the mission improved the fortunes of the Indians.”

Both defenders and detractors of the English will find much of interest here. Those sympathetic to the Puritans will welcome this affirmation of the Apostle’s integrity, if not of his general effectiveness. Critics will find ample confirmation that Eliot was determined to impose wholesome Puritan discipline on his savage charges (though ultimately forced to abandon this effort) and that New England’s political leaders viewed the missionary effort primarily as a means toward the end of Indian conquest and control, even if the Apostle did not.

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