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FALL CONFERENCE
AT
RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE
PROVIDENCE
SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 1992
SECOND CALL

The annual Fall meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, October 17 at Rhode Island College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island (401-456-8039). The program is listed on page 2 of this issue. Pre-registration forms were sent to the membership in an earlier mailing. Campus and area maps and a list of Providence area hotels were included in the previous mailing too.

Vice-President Neal Shipley arranged the fine program. George Kellner and Joanne Schneider at Rhode Island College made excellent local arrangements. We are very grateful to them for their splendid efforts on our behalf.

Registration begins on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. in the Gaige Hall Lobby. Five sessions begin at 9:00 and five others begin at 11:15.

There is a coffee break and book exhibit at 10:30 in the lobby. Members are encouraged to bring copies of their own recent publications for display. At 12:45 there will be a reception followed by lunch at 1:15 p.m. at the Faculty Dining Room Center. After lunch, President Richard Buel will conduct a brief business meeting and the 1992 election of officers will take place. The plenary session begins at 2:45 in the Gaige Hall Auditorium. This session will focus on Norman Cantor’s recent book, Inventing the Middle Ages. This is expected to be a lively and controversial discussion of twentieth century historiography with comments by the author, one of the most prolific and profound historians writing today.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel rooms at a discounted rate have been reserved for members who prefer an overnight stay in Providence. The Marriott Hotel, Charles at Orms St., Providence (800-937-7768) welcomes NEHA members. Rooms are $79.00 for one to four persons. This reduced rate is available for those who call for reservations before October 1. Be sure to ask for the NEHA group rate.

We also recommend the Omni Biltmore Hotel at Kennedy Plaza (401-421-0700) with rates from $65.00 to $129.00. Both hotels are a short drive to the college.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The annual Spring meeting will be held at the University of Southern Maine in Portland on Friday and Saturday, 23-24 April 1993. Members coming from any considerable distance might consider overnight accommodations in the historic and scenic city of Portland.

Vice President Neal R. Shipley in charge of the Spring program. The deadline for Spring meeting proposals is 15 January. For information about the program, or for proposals, he may be contacted at the University of Massachusetts, Department of History, Herter Hall, Amherst, MA 01003; (413) 545-1330.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The annual Association election will be conducted at the October meeting in Providence. The Nominating Committee thanks members who submitted names of prospective candidates for NEHA offices. Thirty names were submitted for consideration. After consultation among members of the committee, nine nominees were selected. The committee extends its appreciation to all nominees and members who recommended candidates.
### FALL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 17, 1992**  
**RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE**  
**PROVIDENCE, RI**

#### 9:00 - 10:30 AM  
**REGISTRATION**  
**GAUGE HALL**

#### 10:30 - 11:15 AM  
**COFFEE BREAK**  
**GAUGE HALL LOBBY**

#### 11:15 - 12:00 PM  
**SESSION 6**  
**AMERICAN HISTORY VISUALIZED: PAINTINGS FROM 1860-1942**  
**ROOM 301**  
Chair and Commentator: Eric M. Rosenberg, Tufts University  
Sara Caldwell Jenkins, Pine Manor College: “George Henry Bingham and the Image of the Puritan in Art”  
Lucretia H. Genn, Rhode Island School of Design: “The Civil War: A Stimulus for History Painting?”  
Donna Cassidy, University of Southern Maine: “Heroes and Traditions: Meredith Harley’s The Great Good Man and the Cult of Abraham Lincoln”

#### 11:15 - 12:00 PM  
**SESSION 7**  
**RACE AND NATIONALISM**  
**ROOM 303**  
Chair and Commentator: Alan Reimaner, Boston College  
Roland A. Sarti, University of Massachusetts, Amherst: “Giuseppe Mazzini on Nationalism and Revolution”  
Jena M. Gaines, Mount Holyoke College: “Alienism Identity and the Politics of Transition, 1918-1945”  
Frederick A. Busi, University of Rhode Island, Amherst: “Race and Faith: Geognot des Moussacens and the Beginnings of Anti-Semitism in France”

#### 11:15 - 12:00 PM  
**SESSION 8**  
**SOCIAL POLICY IN THE REFORMATION**  
**ROOM 307**  
Chair and Commentator: Miriam Usher Chrisman, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Charles Daniel, University of Rhode Island: “Pity, Pilgrimage, and Profit: Poor or Parallel Terms in the German Cities during the Renaissance”  
Joanina Olson, Rhode Island College: “Welfare in Calvinist Geneva”

#### 11:15 - 12:00 PM  
**SESSION 9**  
**LABOR AND RADICALISM IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY**  
**ROOM 309**  
Chair and Commentator: Milton Caner, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Robert Weiss, Smith College: “Boscheheim or Social Gospel: Congregationalism and the Knights of Labor”  
Scoti Molloy, University of Rhode Island: “Skill or Responsibility? Homestead Workers vs. Electric Trolley Employees during Rhode Island’s Gilded Age”

#### 11:15 - 12:00 PM  
**SESSION 10**  
**THE GREAT MIGRATION: ENGLAND AND AMERICA IN THE 17TH CENTURY**  
**ROOM 315**  
Chair and Comment: Virginia Dolley Anderson, University of Colorado  
Louise Brem, University of Connecticut: “Religious Radicalism and the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company”

#### 12:45 PM  
**RECEPTION**  
**FACULTY DINING CENTER**

#### 1:15 PM  
**LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING**  
**FACULTY DINING CENTER**

#### 2:45 PM  
**PLENARY SESSION: INVENTING THE MIDDLE AGES?**  
**GAUGE AUDITORIUM**  
Chair: Sidney Barrell, Boston University  
Panelists: Charles Wood, Dartmouth College  
Bryce Lyon, Brown University  
Fred Caud, University of Connecticut  
Comment: Norman F. Cantor, New York University

#### 4:45 PM  
**ADJOURNMENT**

- The New England Historical Association
Any Association member may nominate a candidate for the annual elections by writing to the Executive Secretary. Self-nominations are encouraged. Please include a cv and indicate which office is sought.

The following slate will be offered at the October business meeting:

President
Neal R. Shipley, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Vice President
Bruce M. Stave, University of Connecticut, Storrs

Treasurer
Jeana M. Gaines, Mt. Holyoke College

Executive Committee
Saul Engelbourg, Boston University
Julia Smith, Trinity College
Chester Nowak, Bridgewater State College
James Weiland, Bentley College

Nominating Committee
Julie Winch, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Paul Monod, Middlebury College
William Taylor, Plymouth State College
David Leinster, Keene State College

NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION BOOK AWARD

The NEHA Book Award is given annually for works in history published by authors living and/or teaching in New England, or who have done either within two years of nomination. All fields of history are eligible. Nominations must be made by the presses. Competition for the 1992 award will include books published between 1 January 1992 and 31 December 1993. Nominations, and four copies of the book, should be sent to the chair of the Book Award Committee.

At the October 1992 meeting, James O'Toole, chair of the Book Award Committee, will present the winner 1991 NEHA Book Award to Barbara Diefendorf (Boston University). Her book, *Beneath the Cross: Catholics and Huguenots in Sixteenth-Century Paris*, was published last year by Oxford University Press.

In making its selection from among the 26 books nominated, the award committee noted that the significance of the question considered, the identification and use of original source materials, and the clarity, evenhanded prose style were all exemplary in Professor Diefendorf's book. Popular history in the best sense, the book examines the relationship between the crowd and the government during the French wars of religion, one of the first such urban studies to focus on a national capital.

This year the book award was selected by the committee: James O'Toole (University of Massachusetts Boston); Saul Engelbourg (Boston University); Laurie Nussdorfer (Wesleyan University); and Patricia Hertiky (Brown University).

AT THE SESSIONS

The Spring meeting at Assumption College was one of the Association's most well-attended meetings in recent years. One hundred and twenty-five members registered for the meeting and one hundred of these attended the luncheon.

This 51st meeting of the Association featured 31 papers in eleven sessions, including one sponsored by the New England History Teachers' Association (NEHTA). Much credit for this splendid meeting is due to Association President Richard Buel (Wesleyan University) and the Assumption College local arrangements committee: Kenneth Moynihan, Paul Ziegler and Jennifer Bete. They all deserve thanks for a well-organized conference of superior quality.

AT THE MEETING

Some of the 125 members who registered for the April meeting arrived a day early to participate in an American Antiquarian Society seminar in the AAS New England Seminar in American History, Laurel Ulrich (University of New Hampshire) discussed "Textiles and the Social History of New England."

After luncheon Association President Alan J. Reinerman (Boston College) introduced his successor, Richard Buel (Wesleyan University). In the spirit of regional Earth Day celebrations, most members returned to the Assumption College Auditorium for a wide-ranging plenary session presentation on environmental history.

CONFERENCES TO MEET

The American Historical Association meets in Washington, D.C. on 27-30 December 1992. All program participants must be current AHA members. For details see the AHA Perspectives April 1992 issue.

The Urban History Association holds its fourth annual dinner on 29 December 1992 in conjunction with the AHA meeting. Samuel E. Hayes will deliver a presidential address entitled “From the City to the Urbanized Society.” Reservation information is available in November for UHA members.

The American Studies Association will meet in Costa Mesa, California on 4-8 November 1992. For information, contact American Studies Association, Program Committee, 2101 South Campus Surge Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742; (301) 405-1364.

The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) will hold its 15th annual conference in July 1993 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. For information contact James H. Brunnauer, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA. The July 1994 conference will meet at Boston College.

The Organization of American Historians will meet on 15-18 April 1993 in Anaheim, CA. The conference theme is "The Development of American Culture." For OAH program information, contact Roy Rosenweig, History Department, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 22030-4444.

The Northeast Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies meets 7-9 October 1993 at SUNY-Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794.


The New England American Studies Conference for Irish Studies holds its annual conference on 30-31 October 1992 at Fairfield University. The theme is “Myths and Realities of Oppression, Conquest, Famine, State and Colonization.” Contact Michael McDonnell, English Department, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT 06430; (203) 254-6000 ext. 2786.

The Mid-Atlantic Regional ACIS Conference meets 6-8 November 1992. For information contact Trameli Turner, English Department, Penn State-Ogontz, 1600 Woodland Road, Abington, PA 19001.

The North East Popular American Culture Association meets at Pine Manor College on 6-8 November 1992. For information contact Alan Charters; Wenworth Institute, Boston, MA 02115; (617) 442-9010 ext. 370.

The 17th annual European Studies Conference meets on 3-4 November 1992 in Odense, Denmark. This interdisciplinary conference presents sessions devoted to the scholarly exchange of information, research methodologies and pedagogical approaches. For information contact Bernard Kolas, Political Science Department, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE 68182; (402) 554-3617.

The Ninth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women will meet on 11-13 June 1993 at Vassar College. For information or to submit a proposal, contact Margaret H. Ham, Amherst College, PO Box 5000, Amherst, MA 01002.

The Social Science History Association holds its 17th annual conference in Chicago on 5-8 November 1992. The SSHA is the leading interdisciplinary association in the social sciences and its conferences attract historians, geographers, political scientists, economists, sociologists and anthropologists. Graduate students are especially encouraged to participate. For information contact Margo Anderson, History Department, Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI 53201; (414) 224-1600 ext. 248.

"Disaster Prevention, Response, and Recovery: Principles and Procedures for Protecting and Preserving Historic Cultural Properties and Collections" is an international conference which will be held at MIT on 24-25 October. This intensive two-day seminar will emphasize both the fundamentals of protection and the practical techniques to minimize damage from natural and man-made disasters. For more information, call Susan Schur at (617) 227-8581.

On 21-25 April 1993 the Hagley Museum and the Wood Turning Center of Philadelphia will co-sponsor an
INTERNATIONAL WOOD TURNING CONFERENCE exploring social and aesthetic context of lathe work and furniture history. For information contact Albert Le Cott, Wood Turning Center, PO Box 27506, Philadelphia, PA 19144; (215) 844-2188.

Historic Deerfield's 1992 Fall Forum, "Masterworks of Urban Furniture: But Not Where You Think," will highlight 18th century urban craftsmanship from Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Hartford. Contact Historic Deerfield, Fall Foros, Box 321, Deerfield, MA 01342; (413) 774-5581.

Boston University will sponsor the Third Annual American Studies Graduate Student Conference on 24 October. The graduate journal, Retrospeck, may publish conference papers. For information contact Boston University, American and New England Studies Program, 256 Bay State Rd., Boston, MA 02215.

The Northeast Conference on British Studies meets on 2-3 October 1992 at Trinity College. For information contact Susan Pennybacker, History Department, Trinity College, Hartford, CT 06106; (203) 297-2389.

The annual meeting of the African Studies Association will be held in Boston in the fall of 1993. The conference theme is environmental history and the history of land use in Africa. Address inquiries to Alice E. Ingerson, International Union of Forestry Research Organizations Africa Conference, Forest History Society, Durham, NC 27710; (919) 682-9318.

Folklorists in New England (FINE) is a new association of professional folklore scholars in academia and in the public sector. FINE's quarterly meetings are held throughout the region, for further information contact Eleanor Wacht, (617) 358-6135.

The annual Great Lakes History Conference meets in October in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Contact James Smithier, History Department, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI 49401; (616) 895-3422.


The Wenamong Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) presents a history conference in Edgarston on 11-12 November 1992. Contact Larry Hauptman, History Department, SUNY College at New Paltz, NY 12561; (914) 257-3523.

"Columbus and the Medieval Maritime Tradition: European and Islamic Perspectives" is the theme of the ninetieth New England Medieval Conference in Salem on 23-25 October. Contact the Peabody Museum, NEMC, East India Square, Salem, MA 01970.

"Marxism and the New World Order: Crimes and Possibilities" is the theme of a conference in November 1992 in Amherst, Massachusetts. Contact: Antonio Callari, Economic Department, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA 17604; (717) 291-3947.

Westfield State College's Institute for a Network of Collaborative Initiatives Toward Equity (INCITE) will sponsor an interdisciplinary conference on 23 October. "The conference aims to bring together individuals in the professions and the academy to confer on a broad spectrum of issues facing American women and society..." For clarification, contact Kathleen McNeely, Westfield State College, Westfield, MA 01086; (413) 596-3311.

CONFERENCES MEETING ABROAD


"Late Medieval Family Law: English, Continental, Islamic, and Japanese, 1300-1500" is the topic of a conference on 13-14 November at the University of British Columbia. Contact: Dr. Lloyd J. Guth, Facultas Law, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6T 1Z1; (604) 822-4237.

The Austrian Association for American Studies holds its annual conference on 20-22 November 1992 in Austria. The theme this year is "America and the Left," and information is available by writing to Walter Gratzweig, Austrian Association for American Studies, Institut fuer Amerikanistik, Kollegienstrasse 20, A-8010 Graz, Austria.

The International Council of Museums will meet in Quebec on 19-26 September. Contact Celine Sauzier, ICOM 1992, 60, Rue Marche Champlain, Quebec, Canada G1K 8R1.

The Canadian Association for American Studies will hold its 28th annual conference on 29 October. 1 November 1992 at the University of Western Ontario. The theme is "Goodbye Columbus? Five Centuries of Reinventions of the New World." Address inquiries to Roger P. David, History Department, University of Nebraska, Kearney, NE 68845; (308) 254-8509.

AUTHORS WANTED

The Journal of Policy History welcomes manuscripts concerned with policy history. Interested authors should send four copies of their manuscript to Journal of Policy History, Donald T. Critchlow, Editor, 22 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO 63103.

Sage Publications solicits manuscripts for its Race and Ethnic Relations series. For an initial evaluation send a letter detailing the proposed book, monograph, or anthology to John H. Stanfield, Sociology Department, Box 8795, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795.

Papers are invited for the next issue of the National Lawyers Guild Practitioner on the theme "the quincentenary of the first Columbus voyage to America and the last 500 years of colonialism and flight back from a legal perspective." Contact Toby Terrar, 1644 Oak View Drive, Encino, CA 91316.

Labor History invites authors of recently completed dissertations in American and European labor history to submit brief summaries for publication in the fall issue. Contact Lisa Chapman, Labor History, Taminent Institute, 70 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012.

Southern Illinois University Press and the Abraham Lincoln Association offer a prize for a book-length non-fiction work on Lincoln and his era. For information contact Southern Illinois University Press, Editorial Director, PO Box 3691, Carbondale, IL 62902-3697.

The University of Chicago Press will publish a new book series on all aspects of the history of sexuality. For information or to submit a manuscript, contact John C. Font, History Department, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504.

Rutgers University Press will publish a new series on Perspectives on the Sexes and the editor seeks book-length manuscripts in the humanities and social sciences offering new theoretical and sound scholarly methodology. These interested may send a letter and a short excerpt from the book to Marie Wasserman, Rutgers University Press, 109 Church Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

Vivid Review will publish a special issue on the Quincentenary, and all types of scholarly and creative writing manuscripts (2500 to 4000 words) will be considered. Send three copies of the manuscript and an abstract to Roger P. David, History Department, University of Nebraska, Kearney, NE 68845: (308) 254-8509.

The History of Education Quarterly seeks manuscripts (5 pages or less) for a 1993 special issue on the history of women and education. For information, contact History of Education Quarterly, Editor, Room 203, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.

Victorian Periodicals Review, published by the Research Society for Victorian Periodicals (RSVP), seeks articles on British and or Anglo-American topics. Contact Penny Banner, 467 Conston Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Women's History Review is a new international journal designed as a forum for women's scholarly information in the rapidly expanding field of women's history. Historical articles on any time or place may be considered. Four copies of each manuscript should be sent to the editor, June Parsiv, Women's History Review, School of Social and Historical Studies, Portsmouth Polytechnic, Burnaby Road, Portsmouth PO3 3AS, UK.

Vietnam Generation: A Journal of Recent History and Contemporary Issues seeks articles (45 pages or less) on a variety of topics. Write to Kalil Tav, Editor, Vietnam Generation, 10391 Proctor Street, Silver Springs, MD 20901.

Manuscripts on working-class academicians in the United States in a collection of essays are wanted. Contact Carolyn Lew, English Department, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

HISTORY OF SCIENCE

Work is underway on The History of Science in the United States: An Encyclopedia, to be published in 1995 by Garland Publishing, Inc. A two-volume work of some 900 entries is planned by the editor, Clark A. Elliott, and an advisory board that includes Paul A. Abi-A, Robert Friedel, Pascal Gertsner, Stanley Guildberg, and Margaret W. Rossiter. Chronologically, the encyclopedia covers American history from the colonial period to 1990. Astronomy, biology, mathematics, physical and earth sciences, and behavioral sciences are within the scope of the work; medicine and technology are included in the sciences. Entries are planned on individuals, institutions, disciplines, events, political and organizational dimensions of science, relational aspects (e.g., science and literature), topics such as race and gender, and reviews of chronological periods.

Please direct any inquiries or comments to the editor, Clark A. Elliott, History of Science, Pensey Library, Cambridge, MA 02138; (617) 495-2462.
PLANT AHEAD

American Historical Association
Next Annual Meetings
1992 * Washington, D.C.
27-30 December
1993 * No Meeting
1994 * San Francisco
6-9 January

American Studies Association
Next Annual Meetings
1992 * Costa Mesa, CA
5-8 November
1993 * Boston Park Plaza
4-7 November
1994 * Nashville
27-30 October
1995 * Pittsburgh
9-12 November

Organization of American Historians
Next Annual Meetings
1993 * Anaheim
15-18 April
1994 * Atlanta
14-17 April
1995 * Washington, D.C.
30 March - 2 April

Social Science History Association
Next Annual Meetings
1992 * Chicago
5-8 November
1993 * Baltimore
4-7 November

Society for Historians of the American Foreign Relations
Next Annual Meeting
1992 * Vassar College
18-21 June

*Oral History Association
Next Annual Meeting
1992 * Cleveland
15-18 October

New England Conference on Irish Studies
Next Annual Meeting
1992 * Fairfield University
31 October

North East Popular Culture/American Culture Association
Next Annual Meeting
1992 * Pine Manor College
6-8 November

Berkshire Conference on the History of Women
Next Meeting
1993 * Vassar College
11-13 June

LOST GENERATION OF HISTORIANS?

The Organization of American Historians passed a resolution at its April 4 business meeting in Chicago that may concern New England history department search committees. The resolution, offered by Stanford Nadel (Austin Peay State University), said:

The Organization of American Historians wishes to express its concern over the fact that in the difficult job market of the 1980s some fine historians were unable to gain tenure track positions through no fault of their own. To overlook them now and disregard their accomplishments, while opening new positions to their juniors, would be unfortunate. The OAH encourages its members and their colleagues to give such candidates full and fair consideration for new openings, and we urge all concerned to avoid discriminating against candidates because of their age, experience, achievements, or non-traditional employment patterns.

A similar version of this resolution was passed in September 1992 by the New England American Studies Association and will be proposed by the NEASA at its next annual meeting of the American Studies Association. Members interested in proposing this resolution at the December meeting of this Association's Executive Committee should write to the Executive Secretary or to any member of the Executive Committee.

VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Michael Sherman, director of the Vermont Historical Society, announced that the Weston A. Cate, Jr. Research Fellowship was awarded to Thomas L. Altherr (Metropolitan State College, Denver) for his economic history "A Vermont Zoohistory."

Also the Ben B. Lane Award was presented to Kevin Dana for his article, "From Deconcentration to Reaggregation: The Eugenics Survey of Vermont, 1925-1936," Vermont History (Winter 1991).

RUDYARD KIPLING PAPERS

A small tin box containing personal papers of Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936) was discovered in May at a Vermont bank. In 1892 the Nobel Prize-winning poet and novelist deposited the box in the Brattleboro branch of the Vermont National Bank. But it was left behind when Rudyard and Caroline Kipling moved from Dummerston, Vermont to England in 1896.

The papers include rare letters, eight manuscript poems (one of which is unpublished), Kipling's will and marriage certificate. As scholars evaluate this literary discovery, Landmark Trust, a nonprofit British preservation society, prepares to open Kipling's Dummerston home, Naulakha, to the public. Nearby Marlboro College holds an important collection of Kiplingiana, and Professor Jayshir Birje-Pathil reports the restored house and papers will offer new insight into Kipling's American years and personal life.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Randcliffe College invites applications for grants for postdoctoral research using its Henry A. Murray Research Center. This is a national repository of social and behavioral science data for the study of lives over time (with special focus on the lives of women). Contact the Murray Research Center, Randcliffe College, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; 617-495-8140.

The John Carter Brown Library will award fifteen short- and long-term Research Fellowships for the year June 1, 1993-May 31, 1994. The Library's holdings are concentrated on the history of the Western Hemisphere during the colonial period (1492-1825), emphasizing the European discovery, exploration, settlement, and the development of the Americas, the indigenous response to the European conquest, and all aspects of European relations with the New World. Research proposals must be suited to the holdings of the Library. The application deadline for fellowships is 15 January 1993. Travel grants may be applied for year round. For further information, write to: John Carter Brown Library, Director, Box 1894, Providence, RI 02912.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Smithsonian Institution Fellowships are awarded each year to graduate students and to pre-, post-, and senior postdoctoral researchers in American history, material culture, anthropology, art history, and history of science and technology. Awards are based upon merit, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or condition of handicap of applicants. Fellows must be in residence at the Smithsonian and its research facilities.

Stipends and tenures may vary. The deadline is 15 January. For information, contact: Smithsonian Institution, Office of Fellowships and Grants, 955 L'Enfant Plaza, Suite 7300, Desk Q, Washington, D.C. 20560, (202) 328-3271.

SHELBY CULLOM DAVIS CENTER

The Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies at Princeton University invites applications for fellowships or proposals for papers on the allied themes of Proof and Persuasion. By proof is meant the divergent histories of what constitutes evidence in different professions, scholarly and scientific disciplines, and other spheres
of human activity. Examples include changing canons of establishing proof in history, theology, medicine and other fields of the humanities and sciences: methods of establishing facts and ascertaining guilt or innocence in legal cases; and the ways that facts are established in public or political discourse.

By persuasion is meant the multiple techniques used to win or coerce assent, from the theoretical devices of socratic dialogue to accounts and the visual devices of advertising and political propaganda. The mechanical devices of torturers. Especially appropriate are rigged suggestive case studies whose juxtaposition during the two years of the NEH seminar would deepen historical understanding of the problem of truth and relativism. Applications are welcomed from people working in all periods and geographical areas, and from other disciplines.

The Center will offer some fellowships for one or two semesters, running from September to January and from February to June, designed for highly recommended younger scholars, as well as for senior scholars with established reputations. Candidates must have finished their dissertations and have a full-time paid position to which they can return. Fellows are expected to live in Princeton to take an active part in the intellectual interchange with other members of the seminar. Funds are limited, and candidates are, therefore, strongly urged to apply to other grant-giving institutions as well as to the Center, if they wish to come for a full year.

Inquiries and requests for Fellowship Application forms should be addressed to the Administrative Director, Shelley Callon Davis Center for Historical Studies, Department of History, 329 Dickinson Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544-1017. Deadline for 1993-94 applications and recommendations is December 1, 1992. Scholars who would like to offer a paper to one of the weekly seminars are asked to send a brief description of their proposal and a current curriculum vitae to the Director, Natalie Zemon Davis.

NEHA MEDIA AWARD AND EXHIBITION AWARD

The Media Award, created in 1983, is an annual prize honoring outstanding historical works, including films, documentaries, television shows, books, but not exclusive, attention in the selection process is given to works produced in New England. In December 1991 the Executive Committee decided that the Media Award should normally be made at the spring meeting of the Association. In addition to the Media Award, the Executive Committee in December 1991 created an annual Exhibition and Museum Workshop Award for outstanding museum or gallery exhibit of historical materials. The committee will consider nominations from any person, but the subject of the works should have some historical meaning. The categories are not inclusive and may be work or exhibitions not on public view in the precise period of the awards. Suggestions as to how the work might be viewed (portfolio, video, slides, catalogues, film, etc.) are welcomed.

Nominations for the 1992 or 1993 Media Award and/or Exhibition Award may be sent to the committee chair, Susan D. Pencoyd, NEH Media Awards Committee, History, Department, Trinity College, Hartford, CT 06106.

TOUR DE GRAVE: NEW GUIDE TO BOSTON CEMETARIES

Eighteen of Boston’s often overlooked and under-appreciated historic burying grounds are now accessible to history-minded visitors. A new self-guide booklet, Tour de Grave, is offered by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. The tour is planned for bicyclists but suits the well-shod pedestrian just as well.

Many of these burial grounds reveal folk art, literary art, demographic statistics, ethnic history and an amazing range of commentary on how New Englanders perceived death. The Copp’s Hill Burying Ground in the North End, for example, demonstrates a popular and large African American population in the city’s oldest neighborhood.

Historians and preservationists are gratified by the Burying Ground Initiative, a 50.5 million public and private restoration venture to preserve these cemeteries. To date, retaining walls have been rebuilt and hundreds of gravestones have been reset and repaired. Graveyard structures were restored and security and safety increased.

For information on how history classes may visit these sites, or for copies of the Tour de Grave booklet, write to all the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02116, (617) 725-4505.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE NEWS

Old Sturbridge Village will present from May to January an exhibition entitled “Meet Your Neighbors: Portraits, Painters, and Society, 1790-1820.”

Research Fellowships will be awarded again this year to scholars working in the social history and material culture of rural New England from 1790 to 1830. The project need not be limited to this area or time period, but it should relate to the Village’s mission. The fellowship is for a 6- to 12-week term with a stipend of $2,500. For information contact John J. DeWolfe, Director of Research and Collections, Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA 01566; (508) 347-3362.

MINORITY STUDENTS INCREASED

The enrollment of members of all minority groups reached record highs in 1990. The U.S. Department of Education reported that more than 19 percent of the nation’s 13.7 million college students were minority members.

Asian-American enrollment increased the fastest, rising 11.7 percent to 555,000 students. Hispanic American students climbed 11.5 percent to 785,000. Native Americans rose 10.8 percent to 1,233,000. The number of international students (non-resident aliens) grew 10 percent to 397,000. Complete figures were published in the Chronicle of Higher Education on March 18.

AIR BOOK REVIEWERS NEEDED

The American Historical Review has begun to computerize its data base of book reviewers. Currently, the AHR has more than 10,000 reviewers listed in its files. To facilitate this new system, the AHR Book Review editor has asked members who are interested in reviewing books to resubmit information.

According to AHA guidelines, reviewers are usually scholars who have published at least one original monograph. Only in unusual cases, subfields in which articles are as important as books, are exceptions made, and the AHR Book Review editor may ask the new AHR book review data card in the April 1992 issue of Perspectives.

URBAN HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The Urban History Association is offering free memberships in 1992 to graduate students. This offer is open to individuals interested in urban, architectural, social sciences, humanities, historic preservation, public history and related fields whose research topics or professional training involve urban history. For information contact: Leonard Wallock, History Department, Hunter College, CUNY, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021.

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR OCEANIC HISTORY

The North American Society for Oceanic History was founded in 1973 to provide a forum for maritime history and a society devoted to the study and promotion of naval and maritime history. The society’s objectives are to promote the exchange of information among its members and other interested in the history of the sea, lakes, and inland waterways; to foster interest in the new field of maritime history; to encourage the publication and distribution of other publications and documents pertinent to naval and maritime history; and to work with local, regional, national and international organizations as well as government agencies toward the goal of fostering a more general awareness and appreciation for North American naval and maritime heritage.

NESHO members include university professors, teachers, government historians, naval architects, marine surveyors, archaeologists, editors, archivists, librarians, curators, geographers, members of the military, students, and others from many walks of life. All share a common enthusiasm for the history of the sea. This diversity in membership shapes the society’s character and marks it as uniquely among scholarly organizations.

The society is a non-profit, educational organization with elected officers. Dues and contributions are tax-deductible membership dues, including subscription to the Newsletter, are $15.00 (U.S.) for individuals and institutions or $7.00 per year for students. Annual meetings, offering scholarly papers on a wide array of maritime topics at locations of interest to the members, often include tours of local maritime resources, harbors, museums and historic sites. Some meetings are held jointly with other organizations.

Each year the John Lyman Awards are presented to the authors of books judged by the society to have made significant contributions to naval and maritime literature. The Jack Bauer Awards honor individuals for meritorious contributions to the aims of the society.

The NASHO Newsletter is published three times each year, and the society also publishes volumes of selected papers presented at the annual meetings. For further information, write to: NASHO Secretary, PO Box 18018, Washington, DC 20036.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEHA MEMBERS

Graduate students are always encouraged to join the Association. Full time and part time graduate students pay reduced membership fees ($5.00 per year) and pay no registration fees at the Spring and Fall meetings. They may present papers as Associate Members at the Spring, Fall, and other meetings. A convenient and comfortable forum for presenting research in progress, especially for younger schol-
BOSTON SOCIETY EXHIBIT

The Bostonian Society announced recently a new exhibit, The Last Tenement: Community and Urban Renewal in Boston's West End, which will be open from October 17 through March 1944. Located in the recently renovated Old State House at 106 Washington Street, the exhibit includes artifacts, memorabilia, displays and documents. For further information, call the Bostonian Society, (617) 720-1713.

NANCY LYMAN ROELKER MENTORSHIP AWARD

At the Washington, DC annual meeting in December, the AHA will announce the first winner of the new Nancy Lyman Roelker Mentorship Award. This award was generously endowed by the friends and former students of Professor Roelker (Boston University) at a surprise party on her seventy-fifth birthday to honor a prominent exemplar of the art of mentoring.

Most historians will recall an inspirational teacher who attracted them to history, whether in school, college or graduate school. Mentoring is essential to the future of the profession, but it is an art that is not previously recognized with an award. In adopting this initiative by Professor Roelker's "mentorees," the AHA Council has recognized that this aspect of history is as important to the discipline as any other scholarship.

The Nancy Lyman Roelker Mentorship Award will operate on a three-year cycle. To avoid competition between different levels of faculty mentorship, the cycle will consider graduate mentors, undergraduate mentors, and pre-collegiate mentors in sequence. Candidates may be nominated by their peers, students or by faculty or administration observers.

This year the AHA will accept nominations for the Graduate School Category received by October 1, 1992. Letters of nomination (not longer than five pages) should be sent to the AHA, Roelker Mentorship Award, 400 A Street SE, Washington, DC 20003.

NEW UMASS-AMHERST ARCHIVES

In April the papers and memorabilia of the late Rep. Silvio O. Conte were deposited at the University of Massachusetts archives in Amherst. The family of the popular Pittsfield Republican-Congressman turned over 1,500 boxes containing 2,200 linear feet of papers. These records span a career that began with Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1959 and include the Kennedy administration, the civil rights move-

ment, the Vietnam War, Watergate, the Reagan era and the Bush presidency.

Additional papers will be added and a complete inventory of the documents may take two years or more. UMass administrators hope the archives will result in a permanent memorial to Congressman Conte, whose efforts brought so much federal support to the university.

JOURNAL OF URBAN HISTORY

The Journal of Urban History wishes to expand its file of peer reviewers. If you are interested in reviewing manuscripts that have been submitted for publication, please write to the editor. Include your specific fields of research and citations of one or two recent publications. Contact David R. Goldfield, Editor, JUH, History Department, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC 28223.

Also the JUH invites potential contributors of review essays to write to the book review editor. Contact Raymond A. Mohl, History Department, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL 33432.

READERS' CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOMED

All readers should feel free to send to the Executive Secretary any newsworthy items. We may include calls for papers, notices of conferences, historical exhibits, publications, films or controversies, and other current information of interest to historians in the New England states. The NEHA News aspires to be a comprehensive and convenient source of information on all things historical for its readers. This can only be accomplished with your help.

ARE YOUR ANNUAL DUES OVERDUE?

Annual dues (calendar year) are $10 or $5 for students or retired persons, membership for individuals or institutions is $15. The Association Fund subsidizes the work of this organization. Contributions for membership dues and to the Association Fund are tax-deductible.

Although most members pay annual dues in October when registering for the Fall Conference, payments are accepted at any time. We do not issue bills. The names of those who fail to pay have been deleted from our mailing list. Overpayments are credited to the following year.

If you do not register for the Fall Meeting, we will not send you the conference registration form to mail dues payment to the Executive Secretary. Make checks payable to NEHA.

All suggestions and contributions will be gratefully received (if not always acknowledged) by the editor. Please share your own professional news, or that of other members of your department, with your colleagues by writing to the NEHA News editor. Deadlines for publication are September 1 and March 1.

IN MEMORIAM: MAX LERNER

Max Lerner, former professor of American Civilization at Brandeis University, died on June 5 at age 89. Born in Minsk in 1902, Professor Lerner came to the United States as a child with his parents. He taught at Sarah Lawrence College, Wellesley College, Harvard University, Williams College, Pomona College, the University of Delhi and Notre Dame University. The author and editor of more than a dozen books, including Ideas Are Weapons (1939), The Mind and Faith of Justice Holmes (1943), America as a Civilization (1957), The Age of Overkill (1962) and Wrestling with the Angel (1990), Lerner was best known as a syndicated newspaper columnist and editor of The Nation.

IN MEMORIAM: WALTER GROSSMAN

Walter Grossman, professor emeritus at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, died in his home in Conway on May 29. Born in Vienna, Professor Grossman came to the United States in 1939, and received a bachelor's degree from Yeshiva College, a master's degree from Harvard University and a doctorate from Simon's College. A librarian and professor of history, he taught at Simmons, Harvard, Calvin Coolidge College and McGill University. He was director of the Oral History UMass-Boston from 1969 to 1984 and author of Johann Christian Edelmann: From Orthodoxy to Enlightenment and edited a 12-volume collection of the letters of Edelmann.

IN MEMORIAM: FRANCIS L. BRODERICK

Francis L. Broderick, the former chancellor of the University of Massachusetts-Boston, died on June 22 at his home in Stratham, N.H., of cancer. Born in New York, he graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, and Princeton University before serving in the Army Air Force in World War II. After the war, he earned his Ph.D. in history at Harvard University. He taught at Princeton, the State University of Iowa, Phillips Exeter Academy, with the Peace Corps in Ghana, at Lawrence University and at UMass-Boston.
His publications include W.E. B. DuBois, Negro Leader in a Time of Crisis (1959); Rights, Reversal, New Deal: John A. Ryan (1963); Negro Protest Thought in the Twentieth Century (1965); and Progressivism at Risk: Electing a President in 1912 (1989).

Professor Broderick served as Chancellor from 1968 to 1972, when he became Commonwealth Professor (1972-89). In 1983 he entered the Boston College Law School, graduating in 1989 and practicing as a legal assistant attorney in Portsmouth, N.H. before his illness.

IN MEMORIAM: BARBARA MILLER SOLOMON

Barbara Miller Solomon, a Harvard historian and dean and a pioneer in women's studies, died of cancer on August 20 at her home in Cambridge at age 73. Born in Boston, she was educated at Radcliffe and earned her doctorate at Harvard in 1953.

Her first book, Ancestors and Immigrants: A Changing New England Tradition (1956), is widely used as a college text and was honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. She also wrote Pioneers in Service (1956) and In the Company of Educated Women: A History of Women and Higher Education in America (1985). She also edited two books, Travels in New England and New York (1969) and The Evolution of an Educator: An Anthology of Published Writings of Ada Louise Comstock (1989).

Dr. Solomon may be remembered most often as the instructor in Harvard's first course on the history of women in America and as a founder of Harvard's women's studies program. She also influenced as director of the Women's Archives at Radcliffe, now known as the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America.

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY FELLOWSHIPS

The American Antiquarian Society, in order to encourage imaginative and productive research in its unparalleled library collections on American history and culture through 1876, will award to qualified scholars a number of short- and long-term Visiting Research Fellowships during the year June 1, 1993- May 31, 1994.

The American Antiquarian Society, founded in 1812, is the third oldest historical society in the nation and the first to be nationally oriented in its name and interests. It maintains a major research library whose collections are centered on materials printed within the boundaries of the United States, Canada, and other former British possessions. These collections are of preeminent quality through the year 1820 and are exceptionally strong through the year 1876. They cover all aspects of American life within this chronological limitation. The library is well suited for research on both general and highly specialized topics.

For details on the several categories of AAS Research Fellowships offered in 1993-1994, write to John B. Hench, American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609; (508) 755-5221.

RIDGWAY SHINN FUND

The Rhode Island College Foundation reports the Ridgway P. Shinn, Jr. Study Abroad Fund, created in honor of Professor Emeritus Shinn, has awarded travel grants to six students. To date RIC students have studied in Chile, England, France, Kenya and Switzerland.

In April the endowment was the benefit of a Rhode Island College Theater production of "Sweeney Todd." Ridgway Shinn was one of the founders of the New England Historical Association and served as its president in 1985-86.

Contributions to this worthy cause may be sent to the Rhode Island College Foundation, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WOMEN'S HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Unitarian Universalist Women's Heritage Society seeks submissions for an anthology, Standing Before Us: 19th Century Unitarian and Universalist Women and Social Reform. Of greatest interest are writing by Universalist and Unitarian women in history, as well as short biographical pieces about these women.

Available from the Society is a publication listing 170 Unitarian and Universalist women in history and describing their lives and writings. This book, Compendium of Resources, ($10 each, plus $1 copy postage) is offered by Dorothy May Emerson, UU Women's Heritage Society, 35 Church Street, Watertown, MA 02172; (617) 988-1002.

BOSTON BICYCLE HISTORY

Pierre Lallemant (1843-1891), the inventor of the bicycle, may finally be recognized in his adopted city. Boston bicycle history David V. Herlihy has campaigned successfully to have a tombstone on Lallemant's grave in Boston, and to name the Southwest Corridor Park bike path in his honor. Now Herlihy is raising funds to erect a memorial in this park in 1993 on Lallemant's 150th birthday.

day. This is expected to coincide with the fourth annual International Cycle History Conference meeting in Boston next summer.

Contrary to some sources, the bicycle has Boston (not English, Scottish or French) origins. Lallemant was a French carriage-maker who developed in 1865 the first two-wheeled vehicle. In 1865 he emigrated to Massachusetts in hope of attracting financial support for a bicycle factory. He obtained a patent in 1866 but sold the rights and returned to France. Later he designed and built bicycles for the Pope Manufacturing Company in Boston, where he died in obscurity at age 47.

To honor the Franco-American inventor of the world's most popular form of transportation, Herlihy, the Charles River Wheelmen and other New England bicycle and civic groups have formed a non-profit group. Those interested in this unsung hero of the 1993 International Cycle History Conference may send contributions or obtain more information by contacting the Pierre Lallemant Memorial Committee, PO Box 15077, Boston, MA 02215.

DARTMOUTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Dartmouth College will sponsor its fifth research institute in the humanities during the spring term of 1993. This year's topic is "The U.S. and Its Others, 1865-1893." The institute will cover the years 1865-1893 when political events resulted in scholarly and political debate over national identities.

This multi-disciplinary institute will bring together scholars from Dartmouth and other U.S. and foreign universities to pursue individual research related to the broader topic. Twelve residential fellows and a number of visiting scholars will work with the William H. Morton Humanities Fellow, an internationally recognized senior scholar.

WELCOME TO NEHA'S NEWEST MEMBERS


The Senior Fellow for next spring will be Amy Kaplan, Professor of English and Chair of American Studies at Mt. Holyoke College. She is author of The Social Construction of American Realism (1988), Invisible Empire: The Culture of American Expansion, 1893-1917 (1993), and many articles in literary journals on topics of realism, national identity, gender politics and imperialism.

For further information, contact Professor Robert McGath, Humanities Institute Director, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 03755-5526; (603) 646-3756.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I have just returned from France, where I visited Pierre Lallemant’s hometown and met with local cyclists who are eagerly preparing to participate in our memorial dedication in Boston in the fall of 1993. I was able to research further Lallemant’s life, and am increasingly convinced that he is the true inventor of the bicycle...even though France officially honored his companion Pierre Michaux nearly a century ago. Since this issue is likely to surface in the memorial planning, I wonder if a panel of NEHA historians might review the case and pass an impartial judgment?

David V. Herlihy
Chair, Lallemant Memorial Committee

To the Editor:

I want to thank NEHA members most sincerely for help in making the Benefit Performance by Rhode Island College Theatre of "Sweeney Todd" such a success for the Ridgway Shinn, Jr. Study Abroad Fund. The Fund netted slightly over $3,000 which, in view of the present economic uncertainties in Rhode Island, I felt is terrific. And, I know I have you to thank for your special help in making this result possible.

Ridgway F. Shinn, Jr.
Johnston, RI

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