SPRING CONFERENCE at
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE in Portland, Maine
on
SATURDAY, April 13, 2019

The 102nd meeting of the Association will be held on April 13, 2019, at the University of Southern Maine; 88 Bedford St.; Portland, ME 04103 (800-800-4876). The University of Southern Maine (USM) is a vital part of the state’s public university system, and it has campuses in Portland, Gorham and Lewiston. It is 49 years old, and its parent institutions are the Gorham Normal School (founded in 1878 for teachers) and Portland University (founded in 1921 for accountants). In 1970 the two schools merged to become the University of Southern Maine at Portland-Gorham (UMPG), and in 1978 UMPG was renamed USM.

The program for the spring conference is listed on pages 3-6 of this issue, and it is also posted on our webpage: http://www.newenglandhistorians.org

Vice-President Elizabeth (Libby) Bischof (University of Southern Maine) arranged this fine program. Martin Menke (NEHA’s Executive Secretary) made the local arrangements with the assistance of faculty and staff at the University of Southern Maine.

We hope that this meeting in Portland, ME, will be as well attended and successful as our meeting at the University of Connecticut last fall. We are very grateful for the hospitality shown to us by the University of Southern Maine.

Prior to the conference, a reception for conferees will probably be held on Friday, April 12, from 4:00 to 5:30 at the USM’s Osher Map Library (314 Forest Ave.). Please consult NEHA’s website for confirmation.

The April conference will begin with registration and a complimentary continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning in the Abromson Community Center (ACC). Panels will begin at 8:30 a.m. in ACC. 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 in the registration room.

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 or online prior to April 1 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 Abromson Community Center, but seating is limited. Please reserve your place at lunch when you pre-register. Even if you do not join us, please pay your 2019 membership dues online or by mail 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 hotels in the Portland area. None of them, unfortunately, are within easy walking distance of the University of Southern Maine. Good hotels in downtown Portland include:

Courtyard by Marriott Portland
321 Commercial Street
207-780-6000

DoubleTree by Hilton*
363 Maine Mall road
South Portland
207-775-6161

Hilton Garden Inn, Portland Airport*
145 Jetport Blvd.
207-828-1117

Holiday Inn Portland
88 Spring Street
207-775-2311

Portland Regency Hotel and Spa*
20 Milk Street
207-774-4200

Residence Inn by Marriott*
145 Fore Street
207-761-1660

*Recommended by our Host

TRAVEL INFORMATION

From the South
Take the Maine Turnpike (I-95) to Exit 44, South Portland/Downtown Portland (formerly Exit 6A). Follow I-295 to Exit 6B, Forest Avenue North. At the first traffic light, turn left onto Bedford Street. Enter the University’s parking garage by taking the second left onto Surrenden Street immediately after the Alumni Skywalk.

From the North
Take the Maine Turnpike to Exit 47, Rand Road/Westbrook (formerly Exit 7B). Follow Route 25 (Brighton Avenue) east for 3 miles. At the intersection of Falmouth Street, Route 25 (Brighton Avenue), Deering Avenue, and Bedford Street, bear to the left to remain on Brighton Avenue, which becomes Bedford Street. Enter the University’s parking garage by taking the first right onto Surrenden Street immediately before the Alumni Skywalk.

Taxis:

Asap Taxi & Courier Service
207-791-2727

207 Taxi
207-774-2255

Portland Airport Express Cab
207-423-4642

PARKING INFORMATION

Parking is in the free parking garage located next to the Abromson Community Center.

ADVANCE NOTICE

NEHA’s fall meeting is scheduled to be held at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island, on October 26, 2019. The deadline for submitting paper proposals (one-page abstract and a brief C.V.) is August 1, 2019. 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
Note: All Conference Sessions, breaks, and lunch will take place in the Abromson Community Center, 2nd floor, attached directly to the Bedford Street Parking Garage. The street address is 88 Bedford Street, Portland, Maine.

8:00am-8:30am: Registration & Continental Breakfast, 2nd floor Mezzanine, Abromson Community Center

First Morning Sessions, 8:30am-10:00am

Session 1: Spatial History – Using Mapping to Interpret the Past

Chair/Comment: Matthew Edney, University of Southern Maine

“Mapping of Benedictine Monasteries in Sixteenth-Century Castile,” Sean T. Perrone, Saint Anselm College

“Recovering a Fragmented Past: Geospatial Technology in Mapping Black Thought, 1760-1860,” Jessica M. Parr, Simmons University

“Mapping Ghettoization during the Holocaust,” Anne Kelly Knowles, University of Maine

Session 2: World War I and the Interwar Years

Chair/Comment: Abraham Peck, University of Southern Maine

“An Entente Frame of Mind: Great Britain and the Great War,” Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

“Banking on Peace: Morgan Public Efforts to Promote the League of Nations, 1918-1920,” Olga Kouliasis, University of Connecticut

“In A Pickle: Tackling Nutrition as a Global Problem in Interwar Europe,” Lacey Sparks, University of Southern Maine

Session 3: “Before 1820: Mount Desert Island Before Statehood”

Chair/Comment: Liam Riordan, University of Maine

“In Service to His Majesty: William Begg and Mount Desert Island, a new voice speaks,” Bill Horner, Mount Desert Island Historical Society

“Fontaine Leval: An Intended French Settlement on the Maine Coast,” Darcy Stevens, University of Maine

“Influential Women in Early 19th Century Mount Desert Island,” Brittany Goetting, University of Maine

“The Assault on Saint Sauveur, 1613: All Kinds of Mayhem,” Tim Garrity, Mount Desert Island Historical Society
Session 4: New Work from Independent Scholars

Chair/Comment: Erik Jensen, Salem State University
Robert Holmes, "Of Demons, Necromancers, and Alchemists: The Conceptualization of Gunpowder in Western Europe, ca. 1250-1500"
Domenic Hutchins, "Object and Objectivity in the Archive: A Comparison of Historical Methodology in the Neoliberal University & the Antiquarian Trade"

Break for Socializing and Refreshments: 10:00am-10:30am

Second Morning Sessions, 10:30am-12pm

Session 5: The Civil War and its Legacies

Chair/Comment: Adam Tuchinsky, Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, University of Southern Maine
"‘We would most respectfully petition your excellency and honors’: The shifting meaning of masculinity as reflected in pardon petitions, Maine, 1845-1870,” Mazie Hough, University of Maine.
“Abortion, Pornography, and the American Civil War,” Gavin Glider, Portland High School and the University of Maine
“Erasing Alexander: Men of the Fifty-Fourth Massachusetts Infantry and Worcester’s Selective Civil War Memory,” Darren Barry, Montachusett Regional High School and Worcester State University
“To Repose with Their Comrades:” African Americans, National Cemeteries, and the Post-Civil War South,” Ashley Towle, University of Southern Maine

Session 6: Pedagogy in the College History Classroom

Chair/Comment: Joe Schmidt, Social Studies Specialist, Maine Department of Education
"Transing US History: Teaching Approaches and Materials for a More Trans-Inclusive U.S. History Classroom," Rebecca White, University of Maine
“Community-Based Oral History with Undergraduates,” Ella Howard, Wentworth Institute of Technology
“Mapping History: Teaching Work-Force Skills and History Using ArcGIS Online,” Kimberly R. Sebold, University of Maine at Presque Isle
“Maine History as Civil War History: Engaging Students with Maine-Related Primary Source from the Civil War Era,” Eben Miller, Southern Maine Community College

Session 7: Subaltern Anti-imperialist Activists and Twentieth Century U.S. Foreign Policy

Chair/Comment: Tim Ruback, University of Southern Maine
“Transatlantic Subversive: Irish Nationalist and Feminist Hanna Sheehy Skeffington’s American Lecture Tours: 1917-1923,” Elizabeth McKillen, University of Maine
“A Fight for Justice: Dr. Khalil Totah, Palestinian Nationalist and Arab-American Activist, 1945-1950,” Amy M. Smith, University of Southern Maine
“Peace Combatant: Mrs. Ngô Bá Thành and the Quest for Vietnamese Independence and Women’s Liberation,” An T. Nguyen, University of Maine
Session 8: New England History
Chair: Elizabeth DeWolfe, University of New England
“The Rise of Third Parties: The Anti-Masons in Vermont,” Laura Ellyn Smith, University of Mississippi
“African Americans and Antislavery Politics in Maine,” Mary T. Freeman, University of Maine
“Favorite Recipes: Revisiting Maine Foodways of the Early Twentieth Century,” Rachel A. Snell, University of Maine

Session 9: Undergraduate Research Showcase
Chair/Comment: Nicolas Hardisty, Rhode Island College
"Myth, Metaphor, and Memorialization: A History of the Spanish Civil War through Pablo Picasso’s Guernica and Robert Capa’s Photography," Emma Quinn, University of Southern Maine
“Fascist Statues in the Rhode Island State House: Rhode Island’s World War II Memorial Statues,” Liam Quigley, Rhode Island College

Lunch and Business Meeting: 12:15pm-1:35pm 2nd floor Mezzanine, Abromson Community Center

Afternoon Sessions, 1:45pm – 3:15pm

Session 10: Sex and the City
Chair: Elizabeth DeWolfe, University of New England
Comment: Cheryl Boots, Boston University College of General Studies
“A Prostitute’s Guide to Contraception,” Jessica Olmeda, University of New England
“Mary S. Pepper-Vanderbilt: Spiritualism and Scandal,” Mary Holt, University of Maine

Session 11: Labor, Social Welfare, and Nongovernmental Organizations
Chair/Comment: Eileen Eagan, Emerita, University of Southern Maine
“Organic Intellectuals and the War of Position and War of Maneuver: Sarainne Loewe and Chicago Labor in the 1930s,” Nathan Godfried, University of Maine
“The New Old Deal: Colonial Social Welfare and Puerto Rican Poverty During the Great Depression, 1929-1941,” Darien Brahms, University of Maryland, College Park
“The Peace Corps and Nongovernmental Organizations since the 1960s,” Thomas J. Carty, Springfield College

Session 12: New Perspectives on Jewish History
Chair/Comment: Amy E. Waterman, Maine State Museum
“Maine + Jewish: An Exhibition Story,” Amy E. Waterman, Friends of the Maine State Museum
“In the Land of Limitless Opportunities: Holocaust Survivors Meet the Jerusalem of the North,” Abraham Peck, University of Southern Maine
“German Jews in an Age of New Nationalism,” Robert Bernheim, University of Maine Augusta
Session 13: Maine Statehood and Bicentennial Commemoration: A Roundtable Discussion with the Audience

Discussion Leaders:
Liam Riordan, Professor of History, University of Maine
Jamie Kingman Rice, Director of Library Services, Maine Historical Society

This panel combines attention to original scholarship, public history, and the need to collaborate effectively among educational, cultural, and state government institutions in order to most effectively engage the public in an assessment of the history of state formation and its legacies. Our hope is that the discussion will help the presenters and the audience to explore the opportunities and challenges of historical commemoration and to act more effectively to bridge the often-distant realms of the academy and public history.

Session 14: History, Communication, and Media Studies

Chair/Comment: Peter Holloran, Worcester State University

"A Chronology of Recovery: Representing Modern Mining Disasters in Northeastern Pennsylvania," Philip Mosley, Penn State University (Emeritus)


“‘Don’t Want the FCC Fiddlin’ With the Airwaves’: The Grand Ole Opry, WSM 650-AM, and the Fight to Preserve Clear Channel,” Kate Benoit, Clark University
NEHA NEWS AND THE NEHA WEBSITE

Clifford Putney (Bentley University) is the editor of NEHA News. If you have a submission for the Fall 2019 issue of the newsletter, please send it to Cliff (cputney@bentley.edu) by September 1, 2019. Book reviews should be sent to Thomas J. Carty (Springfield College), the book review editor (tcarty@springfield.edu), by September 1, 2019. 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.

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SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR NEHA’S APRIL 13, 2019 ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Melanie Gustafson (University of Vermont), has put together a fine slate of candidates for the spring election. Their names and bios are as follows:

President Candidate:
Elizabeth (Libby) Bischof, University of Southern Maine

Vice President Candidate:
Sean Perrone, Saint Anselm College

Treasurer Candidate:
Ella Howard, Wentworth Institute of Technology

Nominating Committee Candidate:
Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

Nominating Committee Candidate:
Paul Searls, Northern Vermont University

Executive Committee Candidate:
Robert Bernheim, University of Maine at Augusta

Executive Committee Candidate:
Susan Oullette, Saint Michael’s College

Executive Committee Candidate:
Miriam Reumann, University of Rhode Island

Executive Committee Candidate:
Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, Massachusetts Historical Society
Candidate Bios:

President:
Elizabeth (Libby) Bischof (University of Southern Maine)
Libby Bischof is Professor of History and Executive Director of the Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education 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*, which won the 2017 Historic New England book prize, and *Maine Moderns: Art in Seguinland, 1900-1940* (2011). She has also published chapters in various edited collections, including *Amateur Moving Making: Aesthetics of the Everyday in New England Film, 1915-1960* (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 and as Vice President.

Vice President:
Sean Perrone (Saint Anselm College)
Sean Perrone is professor of history at Saint Anselm College. He holds a B.A. from Rutgers University and a Ph.D. from the Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison. His research has focused on fiscal negotiations between the Castilian Crown and the Assembly of the Clergy in the early modern period and on the Spanish consular service in the Early American Republic. He is the author of *Charles V and the Castilian Assembly of the Clergy: Negotiations for the Ecclesiastical Subsidy* (2008) and several articles. He is finishing his second term as NEHA Treasurer, previously served on the Nominating Committee (Member 2006-08, Chair 2008-09) and Book Award Committee (Member 2005, Chair 2006), and was the local organizer of the spring 2018 conference at Saint Anselm College.

Treasurer:
Ella Howard (Wentworth Institute of Technology)
Ella Howard is Associate Professor of History at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, where she teaches U.S. urban and digital history. She is the author of *Homeless: Poverty and Place in Urban America, a Journal of Women's History* article, and numerous essays in edited collections, including *Reassessing the 1930s South, Oxford Encyclopedia of American Urban History, Cityscapes in History: Creating the Urban Experience, and Making Sense of American Liberalism*. She is currently researching a book about the relationship between historic preservation and socioeconomic and racial segregation. She was elected to the NEHA Executive Committee in 2017, after co-organizing a THATCamp sponsored by NEHA and Wentworth.

Nominating Committee:
Troy Paddock (Southern Connecticut State University)
Troy Paddock is Professor of Modern European History and Chairperson at Southern CT State University and co-editor of *Environment, Space, Place*. He teaches courses in Western Civilization, 20th-century Europe, German history, European intellectual history and historiography. He is the author of *Creating the Russian Peril: Education, the Public Sphere and National Identity in Imperial Germany, 1890-1914* (2010) and articles in *German History, Central European History*, and *Rethinking History*. He has twice served on the NEHA Executive Committee (2002-04 and 2015-17) and was NEHA Vice President & then President (2016-18).

Nominating Committee:
Paul Searls (Northern Vermont University)
Paul Searls is Professor of History and Music at Northern Vermont University, where he also serves as chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, History and Global Studies. He received his Ph.D. from New York University. He is the author of *Two Vermonts: Geography and Identity, 1865-1910* (2006), the forthcoming *Repeopling Vermont: The Paradox of Development in the Twentieth Century* (Spring 2019), and numerous scholarly articles.
Executive Committee: Robert Bernheim (University of Maine at Augusta)
After completing an undergraduate degree at Bowdoin College, Robert Bernheim was a high school teacher in Maine and Vermont. He received his Ph.D. in Modern German History from McGill University and taught at the University of Vermont before becoming the Executive Director of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine. He is now an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Maine at Augusta, where he leads the Holocaust, Genocide, & Human Rights Studies minor, works with the Maine State Prison undergraduate program, and oversees the collaborative dual-enrollment program with high schools throughout Maine.

Executive Committee: Susan Ouellette (St. Michael’s College)
Susan Ouellette is a Professor of History at Saint Michael’s College. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is the author of *US Textile Production in Historical Perspective: A Case Study from Massachusetts* (2007), *An Extraordinary Ordinary Woman: The Journal of Phebe Orvis Eastman, 1820-1830* (2017), and scholarly articles and book chapters. She is currently working on a new biography with the working title, *A Pragmatic Patriot: The Independence of William Gilliland*. Her area of specialties are Early America, textiles, immigration, and public history.

Executive Committee: Miriam Reumann (University of Rhode Island)
Miriam Reumann is a Teaching Professor in the Department of History at the University of Rhode Island. A member of the URI-AAUP Executive Committee, she is especially interested in advocating for contingent faculty. She has served as a member of NEHA’s Student Paper Prize committee and is completing her first two-year term on the Executive Committee. Her publications include *American Sexual Character: Sex, Gender, and National Identity in the Kinsey Reports* (2005) and “Sex and Science,” in Georgina Montgomery and Mark Largent, eds., *A Companion to the History of American Science* (2015).

Executive Committee: Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai (Massachusetts Historical Society)
Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai is Director of Research at the Massachusetts Historical Society. A graduate of Bowdoin College, he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. Prior to arriving at MHS, he was an associate professor of history at Angelo State University. He is the author of *Northern Character: College-Educated New Englanders, Honor, Nationalism, and Leadership in the Civil War Era* (2016) and co-editor of *So Conceived and So Dedicated: Intellectual Life in the Civil War-Era North* (2015). He co-directed the NEH funded project, “War Stories: West Texans and the Experience of War: World War I to the Present.”

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS
Lynne Benson
Robert Bernheim
Roger Bolton
Edwin Calouro
David Chappell
Jeanette Cockroft
Gavin Glider
James Hrdlicka
Ann Kordas
Kathryn Mapstone
Melinda Marchand
Kathleen Martin
Debra Mulligan
Seanan Murphy
Heather A. Parker
Kenneth Paulsen
Jeanne Pickering
Vincent Pitts
Donald Rogers
Nina Sankovitch
Naomi Schoenfeld
Amy Smith
Robert Surbrug
Christoph Strobel
Emily Thomas
Teresa Fava Thomas
Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai
VOTE!

Elections for NEHA officers and committee slots will be held at the spring meeting at the University of Southern Maine. 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 four; 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. Ballots should be mailed to: Martin Menke, NEHA Executive Secretary; Rivier University; 420 South Maine Street; Nashua, NH 03060.

BALLOT

OFFICERS

_____ President: Elizabeth (Libby) Bischof (Univ. of Southern ME); or write in: __________

_____ Vice President: Sean Perrone (Saint Anselm College); or write in: __________

_____ Treasurer: Ella Howard (Wentworth Institute of Technology); or write in: __________

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

_____ Troy Paddock (Southern Connecticut State University)

_____ Paul Searls (Northern Vermont University)

Nominating Committee Write-In: ________________________

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

_____ Robert Bernheim (University of Maine at Augusta)

_____ Susan Oullette (Saint Michael’s College)

_____ Miriam Reumann (University of Rhode Island)

_____ Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai (Massachusetts Historical Society)

Executive Committee Write-In: ________________________
A MESSAGE FROM NEHA’S PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

It has been almost a decade since the New England Historical Association last held a conference in Maine, so it is a special pleasure for me to welcome you to my home state this April as we hold our spring conference at the University of Southern Maine in Portland. We are especially fortunate this spring to be hosted by our current Vice President, Libby Bischof.

These are troubling times to be engaged in the work of studying history. The world around us stands at the brink of crisis, and a thoughtful, nuanced understanding of historical context seems to be lacking from public discourse just when it would be most valuable. At the same time, financial pressures have led to the closing of many small liberal arts colleges and have made an already difficult job market for academic historians all the more acute. Those of us who work with students know that the demands on their time and attention have not lessened. In times of such stress and uncertainty (not to mention the other kinds of stress and uncertainty that the late winter months always bring to New England), I find it a comfort to know that NEHA carries on as it has done for more than fifty years as a welcoming venue for historians of all fields, periods, and areas to come together and share our work, our ideas, and our love of the discipline of history.

I look forward to seeing you all in Portland in April.

Erik Jensen
NEHA President (2018-19)
Salem State University

IN MEMORIUM

Patricia A. Herlihy, one of NEHA’s most valued members, passed away in Cambridge, Mass., on October 24, 2018. Herlihy served as NEHA’s president in 1995-96, and she enjoyed an illustrious academic career, teaching first at Brown University and then at Emmanuel College. Herlihy was an expert on Russian history, and she wrote a number of books on that subject, including *The Alcoholic Empire* (about the role of alcohol in tsarist Russia). She had six children and six grandchildren.

Many people have fond memories of Prof. Herlihy. One of those people is Peter Holloran, a longtime NEHA officer who gladly shares his memories of Herlihy with *NEHA News* readers:

Patricia Herlihy, God bless her, was one of the greatest NEHA presidents I have known. You could see her coming to NEHA meetings surrounded by a covey of graduate students she encouraged and mothered in the best ways. One story I love: Pat hosted the conference in 1993 at Brown University and the John Carter Brown Library, and it was a great meeting with the largest attendance I can recall. As executive secretary, I wrote the checks to pay for lunch. This time it was a rather high amount compared to our other conferences, but I was astonished to find the bill had been paid! Pat quietly arranged this with the university and the library. One of her many discreet and charming gifts she contributed to NEHA. Others can attest to her outstanding Russian scholarship, teaching and administrative skills, but I still remember her grace, kindness, concern for fledgling historians and friendship to everyone in her beloved NEHA. Rest in peace, Pat.
THE NEHA STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

NEHA encourages the participation of students (undergraduate students as well as graduate students) in our conferences. Each year the Student Prize Committee may award two prizes, one prize to a graduate student paper and another prize to an undergraduate student paper. All students are invited to submit their papers as delivered at a NEHA conference to be considered for a prize.

Students may submit NEHA conference papers from spring 2019 or fall 2019. Prizes will be awarded at the spring 2020 conference. Please submit papers to Dominic DeBrincat, Chair of the Student Prize Committee (ddebrincat@missouriwestern.edu). The prize committee also includes Martin Menke (Rivier University), Tona Hangen (Worcester State University), and Paul Lambert (Nichols College).

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, 2019. Monographs on any historical topic, time or place published in 2018, 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 101st meeting of the Association was held at U-Conn, Storrs, on October 27, 2018. It was a very productive meeting, and 92 conferees attended it. Conferees went to panels in McHugh Hall and heard presentations on subjects ranging from Blackbeard the pirate to modern-day blogging in the classroom.

Conferees ate lunch in the Student Union, and Sean Perrone (Saint Anselm College) reports on what occurred at the meal:

Chris Clark, chair of the UConn History Department and local host, spoke briefly. He acknowledged and thanked the various people at UConn who made the conference possible, including the History Department’s administrative coordinator, Jessica Muirhead, and his colleague Prof. Peter Baldwin, who together made and oversaw local arrangements for the conference. He also thanked student volunteers Kylie Miller (UConn) and Cassaudra Epes (Eastern CT State University) for their help.

Erik Jensen, NEHA president, noted the appropriateness of meeting where the first gathering of the association had taken place, and he then presented the James P. Hanlan Book Award to Richard Brown for Self-Evident Truths: Contesting Equal Rights from the Revolution to the Civil War (Yale University Press, 2017).

President Jensen asked Kristen Petersen, a member of the NEHA Executive Committee, to say a few words in remembrance of Patricia Herlihy (d. October 24, 2018) who was president of NEHA from 1995-1996. Petersen described Herlihy as “generous, welcoming, warm and funny.” There was then a moment of silence.
NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

Faiz Ahmed (Brown University) recently won the John F. Richards Prize in South Asian History from the American Historical Association.

Bethany Jay (Salem State University) recently won the James Harvey Robinson Prize from the AHA for her book, *Understanding and Teaching American Slavery* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2016).

Kenda Mutongi (Williams College) recently won the Martin A. Klein Prize in African History from the American Historical Association.

CONFERENCES OF REGIONAL INTEREST

The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic will hold its annual meeting in Cambridge, MA, on July 18-21, 2019.

The New England American Studies Association (NEASA) has yet to post the date of its next annual meeting.

The next meeting of the Italian American Studies Association (IASA) will be in Houston, Texas, from October 31 to November 2, 2019.

The New England annual regional meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies will be held in Boston on June 20-23, 2019.

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 Seminar on African American History, Boston Area Seminar on Early American History, Boston Seminar on Environmental History, Boston Seminar on Modern American Society and Culture, Boston Seminar on the History of Women, Gender & Sexuality, and New England Biography Seminar. For more information about the conference or the seminars, contact the Research Coordinator at 617-646-0579, or seminars@masshist.org

The Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife will be held in Deerfield, Mass., on June 21-23, 2019. The topic of the conference will be “Entertainments at Taverns and Long Rooms in New England, 1700-1900.”

The New England Regional World History Association (NERWHA) will hold a symposium at Boston College High School on March 23, 2019. The topic of the symposium will be “Religion in World History.”

The Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association (NEPCA) will hold its annual conference on November 15-16, 2019, at the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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
The International Journal of Humanities and Social Science (IJHSS), an open access, peer-reviewed and refereed journal, seeks interdisciplinary articles in humanities and the social sciences. If you have questions about the journal, please contact its editor, J. Sabrina Mims-Cox (editor@ijhssnet.com).

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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 2018 by an author in New England or New York. Publishers may nominate one book by June 1, 2019. The award certificate and $200 prize will be presented to the winner in October 2019 at the annual NEPCA conference. Contact the NEPCA Executive Secretary, Robert E. Weir, NEPCA, 15 Woods Road, Florence, MA 01062; robweir7@gmail.com

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*The End of Eddy* bears the subtitle “a novel,” but considering its length, novella seems the more appropriate term. In light of its fidelity to the events of Edouard Louis’ life, memoir or autobiography would be an apt subtitle. This concise work does focus on Eddy’s inner life while delineating his social world, thus encompassing the dual focus typical of the novel.

The author/hero was born in 1992, so this is the story of a young life, which transpires in the village of Hallencourt, in northwest France near Amiens. Most of the men, including Eddy’s father, work in the local factory, and behave according to “tough guy” norms, which Eddy cannot meet. He is subject to cruel words, especially faggot, which became a “stigmata, those marks that the Greeks would carve with a red-hot iron or a knife into the bodies of deviant individuals, people who posed a threat to their community.” (p. 5)

The most intense period of insult is the first two years of middle school when two boys regularly abuse and beat Eddy. He meets his tormentors near the school library as if keeping an appointment, for despite fear of what they will do to him, he wants to keep the degradation private. When the two boys finish middle school, Eddy can focus more on his schoolwork including his after school theatre group, where he excels. (Once his tormentors attend one of Eddy’s performances; their behavior may surprise the reader.) Then his daily struggles are just bearable but under no circumstances can he face the two bullies in high school, and considers dropping out, although he likes schoolwork.

Eddy makes his life, unlike that of his family and friends, novel worthy by creating an arc of development for himself. With hardly any mentoring, he follows the suggestion of his middle school principal to apply for a theater scholarship to Lycée Madeleine Michelis, in Amiens. Through intense practice with his principal’s daughter and in desperate fear of alternative schooling, Eddy is admitted to the Lycée on scholarship and is thus able to pursue the Baccalaureate and then higher education. He creates a novel built on the pre-novelistic forms, tales or stories, told by women – men do not do this – especially his mother and grandmother.

Eddy’s adolescence is ultimately characterized by real learning, joy and discovery, by false and true starts, and by adult nurturance—not to mention what he had glimpses of in the lives of middle class youth. His is not the typical preordained tale of Hallencourt, but a complex narrative of development that has been dubbed a novel, even though true. The journey begins not from his desire to leave but from his inability to fit in, and the assurance of development only truly comes at the end of his story, and largely by implication.

Eventually, Eddy marks the divide in his life by altering his name from Eddy Belleguele to Edouard Louis. He dedicates the work to Didier Eribon, whose *Returning to Reims* tells a story similar to Louis’ that transpired thirty years previously. Both men might say they have experienced intellectual and career success in the context of social and political debacle, and equally feel an urgent need to examine the xenophobia, homophobia, Islamophobia and right-wing populism that has emerged in the Western working class as their traditional parties fail to fight for or even pretend to articulate their interests. Eribon and Louis both see vile bigotry and votes for Marine Le Pen as the destructive, ultimately nihilistic choice of people who feel politically abandoned and unrecognized.

*The End of Eddy* is an important story for our day, when right-wing authoritarianism buttresses itself with masculinist and anti-gay ideology, for example in Russia. It is a moving and engrossing work.

Melanie Murphy
Emmanuel College
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