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THE SPRING CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CANCELLED (On Account of the Covid-19 Virus)

The CONFERENCE Was to Have Been at EMMANUEL COLLEGE in Boston, Massachusetts, on SATURDAY, April 18, 2020

The 104th meeting of the Association was to have been held on April 18, 2020, at Emmanuel College; 400 Fenway; Boston, MA 02115 (617-735-9715). Emmanuel College was founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1919, and it was the first women's Catholic college in New England. For eight decades, the school only educated women, but it began to admit male students in 2001. It also expanded beyond its traditional specialty (producing teachers) in the early 2000s, and today it prepares students to excel in a wide variety of fields, especially the natural sciences. Emmanuel College faced an uncertain future in the late 1900s, but it managed to forge a mutually beneficial campus sharing agreement with Merck Pharmaceuticals in 2000, and today the school is thriving.

THE SPRING CONFERENCE AND THE COVID-19 VIRUS

Emmanuel College will **not be able** to host the spring conference on account of the Covid-19 virus. NEHA is grateful to the college for its willingness to host the conference, and we are grateful to the people at Emmanuel who worked hard to make the arrangements for the conference. We are especially grateful to **Melanie Murphy**, the local arrangements coordinator.

The **program** (*now, alas, moot*) for the spring conference is listed on pages 2-6 of this issue, and it is also posted on our webpage:

<http://www.newenglandhistorians.org>

Vice-President **Sean Perrone** (St. Anselm College) arranged this fine program. **Martin Menke** (NEHA's Executive Secretary) made many of the local arrangements.

We deeply regret that **the conference will not be held** on account of the pandemic. We hope that you, our readers, and your loved ones will emerge from this crisis safely.



ADVANCE NOTICE

NEHA's fall meeting is scheduled to be held at **Bentley University** in Waltham, MA, on October 17, 2020. The deadline for submitting paper proposals (one-page abstract and a brief C.V.) is August 15, 2020. To make submissions and/or get information about the program, contact NEHA's Vice-President apparent, **Jessica Parr** (Simmons University). Information about the program may also be obtained from **Tona Hangen**, Worcester State University, thangen@worchester.edu



CONFERENCE CANCELLED

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**Saturday
April 18, 2020**

**Emmanuel College
Boston, MA**

Spring Conference Program

All sessions will be held at the Eisner Administration Building (EAB)

8:00-8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

Fenway Room, EAB

First Morning Sessions, 8:30-10:00

Session 1

EAB 155

The Strenuous Life: The Era of Progressivism and Its Impact on Twentieth-Century Environmentalism and Politics

Chair/Commentator: Javier Marion, Emmanuel College

Pristine, Obscene, and Forevermore Clean: How the Progressive Era Saved the White Mountains and Served as the Blueprint for New Deal Conservation

Kyle Griffiths, Emmanuel College*

The Peace Treaty of Portsmouth and Its Impact on Global Relations

Michael Montesanti, Emmanuel College*

Environmentalism in the United States: From the Progressive Era to the Climate Crisis

Dan Krischlunas, Emmanuel College*

Session 2

EAB 156

Discovering and Sharing the Past with Digital Tools

Chair/Commentator: Jody M. Gordon Wentworth Institute of Technology

Doing Digital Public History Among the Dead: Cedar Grove Cemetery's Stone Lot

Ella Howard, Wentworth Institute of Technology

A Digital Project to Highlight Early Avon Connecticut Mills

Janet M. Conner, FACETS: History Research and Consulting

Session 3
Creating American Identity through Music and Rooms

EAB 157

Chair/Commentator: Todd S. Gernes, Stonehill College

Racial Segregation, Popular Culture, and Representation of Geographic Mobility in American Sheet Music, 1865-1900

Colin Anderson, George Washington University

Who is an American? Colonial Period Rooms and the National Origins Act of 1924

Heather Hole, Simmons University

Session 4
Theory and Practice of History

EAB 354

Chair/Commentator: Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

Teaching the History of the Present

Richard A. Gerber, Emeritus, Southern Connecticut State University

What Happened at the Q and A: Story, Counter-story and Shadow Story in Kyrgyz Bride Kidnapping Narratives

Woden Teachout, Union Institute and University

Session 5
Massachusetts in the Nineteenth Century

EAB 355

Chair/Commentator: Miriam Reumann, University of Rhode Island

Education Enabling Revolution

Benjamin Beverage, University of Massachusetts – Lowell *

Remarkable Characters: Emerging Perspectives of Intellectual Disability in the 1850 U.S. Federal Census of Massachusetts

Naomi A. Schoenfeld, Rivier University

Melville and His Mountain: Exploring the literary influence of a Sense of Place in Herman Melville's Writing Process

Rebecca Taylor, Sienna College

Break for Socializing & Refreshments: 10:00-10:30

Fenway Room, EAB

Second Morning Sessions, 10:30 – 12:00

Session 6
Searching for Self

EAB 155

Chair/Commentator: Violetta Ravagnoli, Emmanuel College

The Combat Zone and the Impact of Urbanization on Chinatown from 1974-1990

Ava Doogue, Emmanuel College*

To Preserve You is No Gain: Survivor Narratives of the Khmer Rouge

Jess Gavin, Emmanuel College*

Syrian National Identity through Immigration Waves

Teddy Miele, Emmanuel College*

Session 7**EAB 156****From Maine to Florida: Klansmen, Racial Tension, and Civil Rights in the Twentieth-Century**

Chair/Commentator: Andrew Moore, Saint Anselm College

The Economic and Social Life of a Maine Klansman: Deforest H. Perkins and the Decline of the Maine Ku Klux Klan

Thomas MacMillan, Concordia University

Civil Rights Activitism and White Resistance: St. Augustine, 1963-1965.

Henry James Alvarez, Providence College

Session 8**EAB 157****Traveling in the Middle Ages: Using Digital Methods and Spatial Analysis for Historical Research**

Chair/Commentator: Ella Howard, Wentworth Institute of Technology

Women at the Common Law: Travel and Gender in Thirteenth-Century English Courts

Gary Shaw, Wesleyan University

The Camino de Santiago: Student Researchers and Creating a Database for Spatial Analysis.

Sean Perrone & Claire Ridley*, Saint Anselm College

Medieval Travel as a Big Data Problem

Adam Franklin-Lyons, Marlboro College

Session 9**EAB 354****Women in the United States**

Chair/Commentator: Paula Austin, Boston University

“He ravished Her Person”: Linking Sexual Violence in a Black Woman’s Antebellum South to the Stereotypes of the Jim Crow Era

Kristen Cates, University of Southern Maine *

“Transcendentalism, Self Culture, and the Best Version of Your (Male) Self.”

Megan Kimball, Emmanuel College*

The Maine Antis – Questions of Sexual Citizenship among Women Opposed to Women’s Suffrage, 1914-1917

Kathryn Angelica, University of Connecticut

Session 10**EAB 355****Teaching History through Games: Innovative Tools for the Classroom**

Chair/Commentator: Libby Bischof, University of Southern Maine

The Historical Possibilities of Board Games

Patrick Rael, Bowdoin College

When the Past *is* the Classroom: Merging ‘Reacting to the Past’ and Experiential Education.

Kathryn Lamontagne, Boston University

Using Games to Teach History: A Twenty-Five Year Retrospective

Clifford Putney, Bentley University

Plenary Talk at Lunch:

A Talk and Walk through the History of Emmanuel College & the Centennial Mural
William C. Leonard, Emmanuel College

Afternoon Sessions, 1:30 – 3:00

Session 11

EAB 155

Recent Research in Twentieth-Century Germany and Poland

Chair/Commentator: Melanie Murphy, Emmanuel College

"The Center Party, 1925-1928: Victim of Stability."

Martin Menke, Rivier University

Sigmund Freud's Prophet, The Nazi Holocaust, and the Fragility of Historical Memory in Rural Poland

Robert Bernheim, University of Maine at Augusta

"They Enable Us to See: Non-Jewish Rescue of Jewish Life in Poland"

Leora Tec, Bridge to Poland

Against the Current: Towards a (hopefully) new environmental history of the Mosel River

Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

Session 12

EAB 156

Politics, Religion, and Gender in Colonial America

Chair/Commentator: Jonathan Chu, University of Massachusetts – Boston

Gunpowder and the Gendering of British Indian Policy in the Eighteenth-Century Southeast

Jennifer Monroe McCutchen, University of Southern Maine

Public Prayers and Public Thanks in Eighteenth-Century Westborough, Massachusetts

Ross W. Beales, Jr., College of the Holy Cross

Timothy Dwight's Melancholy and the Age of the American Revolution

Robert J. Imholt, Albertus Magnus College

The American *Haskalah*: Jewish Migrants, Transatlantic Print Culture & German Reform Judaism in Early British North America

Jonathan Derek Awtrey, Springfield College

Session 13

EAB 157

History and Public Memory Today

Chair/Commentator: Kristen Petersen, MCPHS University

Witch Trials in Public Memory

Tricia Peone, New Hampshire Humanities

Making Radical History Public: Presenting the Palmer Raids of a Century Ago Today

Allison B. Horrocks, Lowell National Historical Park & Brandon M. Hoots, University of Massachusetts – Amherst

The History of the Save Venice, Inc. 1966-2016

Magdalene Stathas, University of Massachusetts – Lowell*

Session 14

EAB 332

Reinterpreting the Ancient World – New Sources and Techniques to Understand the Past

Chair/Commentator: Thomas R. Martin, College of the Holy Cross

“The Persian Man’s Spear has Gone Forth Far”: Reinterpreting Persian Aims in Greece.

Erik Jensen, Salem State University

Interpretation of Strategy: The Ionian Revolt and the Invasion of 480 BCE

Matthew Gonzales, Saint Anselm College

Virtual Histories – Expanding Roman Architectural History Teaching through Virtual Reality.

Jody M. Gordon & Anne-Catrin Schultz, Wentworth Institute of Technology

Session 15

EAB 354

American Politics and Policies in the Twentieth Century

Chair/Commentator: Clifford Putney, Bentley University

Animation, Cultural History, and Foreign Relations: Walt Disney, *Saludos Amigos* (1942), and the Good Neighbor Policy, 1941-1945

Brian Peterson, Shasta College

Rise of the Republican Right Revisited

Brian M. Conley, Suffolk University

Session 16

EAB 355

Addressing Contemporary Events Through the Lens of History – A Roundtable

Chair: Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, Massachusetts Historical Society

Topi Dasgupta, Concord Academy

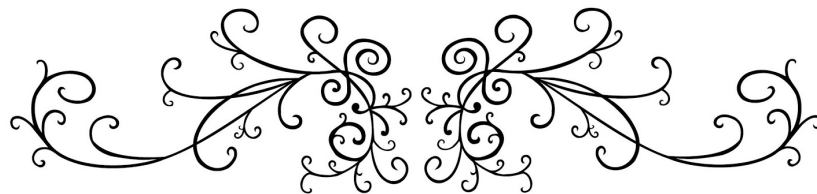
Kevin Levin, Gann Academy

Claire Nelson, Concord Academy

Ed Rafferty, Concord Academy

Scott Spencer, Winchester High School

* Denotes undergraduate presenter



The logo features the word "MEET" in a large, red, serif font at the top. Below it, the word "the" is written in a smaller, blue, serif font, flanked by two horizontal lines of small blue stars. At the bottom, the word "CANDIDATES" is written in a large, blue, serif font.

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR NEHA'S APRIL 18, 2020 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:

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 University 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 term as Vice-President of NEHA. Previously he served as Treasurer (2015-2019) and 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.

Jessica Parr (Simmons University)

Jessica Parr is an Assistant Professor at Simmons University (formerly Simmons College) in Boston, who specializes in race and memory studies in the Early Modern Atlantic World, as well as the Digital Humanities. She is Global Team Lead for *The Programming Historian*, a prize-winning trilingual digital humanities

journal, and a contributor to *Black Perspectives* and *The Junto*. Her first book, *Inventing George Whitefield: Race, Revivalism, and the Making of a Religious Icon*, was published by the University Press of Mississippi in 2015, and she has an edited volume of the papers of British physician-abolitionist James Ramsay under contract with the University of Georgia Press. Parr has received fellowships and grants from the Royal Historical Society, Boston Athenaeum, Congregational Library, John Hope Franklin Research Institute of Duke University, Gilder Lehrman Institute, Methodist Archives, North Caroliniana Society, North American Council for British Studies, American Studies Association, Caroliniana Society, and Mystic Seaport. She has been involved with the New England Historical Association since 2004, and previously served as a member of its Executive Committee.

Tona Hangen (Worcester State University)

Tona Hangen is Associate Professor and Department Chair of History and Political Science at Worcester State University, where she teaches courses in contemporary US history, historical methods, citizenship/immigration, religious history, military, and medical history. She has been an active member of NEHA since her graduate studies at Brandeis in the mid-1990s. She served three terms as NEHA secretary (2014-2020) and served on the Executive Board as social media/communications chair running NEHA's website and Twitter feed since 2011. Her scholarly interests include media history, religious studies, the pedagogy of history, and digital humanities. She is the author of *Redeeming the Dial: Radio, Religion, and Popular Culture*, with published essays in *American Quarterly*, *The Cambridge History of Religions in America*, Routledge's *Companion Volume to Religion and Popular Culture*, and *Radio Cultures*, among others. She is currently working on a book on religious dimensions of the battles over school desegregation in the South from the 1950s to the 1970s.



Ella Howard (Wentworth Institute of Technology)

Ella Howard is Associate Professor of History at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA where she teaches U.S. urban and digital history. She is the author of *Homeless: Poverty and Place in Urban America*, as well as an article in the *Journal of Women's History* 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 and has served as the NEHA Treasurer for the past year.



Kristen A. Petersen (MCPHS University)

Kristen A. Petersen is Associate Professor of History and Social Sciences at MCPHS University. She is coordinator of a University-wide required course, LIB 133 *American Culture, Identity, and Public Life*. She created the minor in Women's and Gender Studies. Since 2019, she collaborated with colleagues in the sciences to develop an interdisciplinary project-based learning course about prevention and treatment of malaria. In addition, she has designed and co-taught a course on content-language learning in online courses for international students. In 2016, she was a founding member of the Colleges of the Fenway Teaching and Learning Dialogue Group: "Discussing Race in a Predominantly White Classroom." Petersen is a specialist in U.S. immigration history. In that capacity, she participated in a number of public history projects, most recently as Historian and Associate Curator for Museum Design of Dreams of Freedom, Boston's immigrant museum located in Boston, MA.



Martin Menke (Rivier University)

Martin Menke is professor of history and political science at Rivier University in Nashua, New Hampshire. A member of NEHA for almost thirty years, he has served on the book prize committee, the graduate student prize committee, the Executive Committee, as Vice President, President, and most recently as Executive Secretary. His scholarly research focuses on the tension between nationalism and religion in twentieth-century German Catholicism.



Charlotte Gradie (Sacred Heart University)

Charlotte Gradie is chair of the department of History at Sacred Heart University and is a historian of Latin America with interests in the early contact period. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut, Storrs. She teaches courses in colonial and modern Latin America, the history of medicine, and the Western Civilization survey. She is the author of the book, *The Tepehuan Revolt of 1616*, University of Oklahoma Press, which presents the unexpected four-year uprising as an crucial moment testing both the Spanish institutions of conquest and Jesuit evangelism. She is also author of many journal articles and reviews on the history of Spanish colonization of the northern Mexican frontier and on Jesuits mission. She is a former Mellon Scholar and from 2006 to 2010 she served on the board of the American Society of Ethnohistory as treasurer. She has also served on the editorial board of the journal *Ethnohistory*.



William Abbott (Fairfield University)

William Abbott is an Associate Professor of History at Fairfield University, where he teaches British and Irish history. He is co-director of Fairfield's Irish Studies program and secretary of its AAUP chapter. He has published articles in *Albion*, *Church*

History, and *British Catholic History* as well as a book chapter in *Law and Authority in Early Modern England*. In addition to an article on grade inflation (*Change*, 2008), he has co-authored three journal articles on university-level pedagogy, in *College Teaching*, *History Teacher*, and *Issues in Integrative Studies*, along with a book chapter in *What is College Reading*.



Chuck Arning (National Park Service, retired)

Chuck Arning recently retired from the National Park Service after 24 ½ years of service in the Blackstone River Valley, as an interpretive Ranger. He produced, wrote, hosted and co-edited the award winning cable television series, “ Along the Blackstone ” for the National Park Service. Ranger Arning was awarded the 1997 National Freeman Tilden Award for Excellence in Interpretation from the National Park Service and in 2002 received the Freedom Star Award for his work on the Underground Railroad by the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. In 2014 he was awarded the Leadership in Preservation Award by the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce and in 2017 the Bay State Legacy Award by the Massachusetts History Conference. Ranger Arning was the project manager for the widely acclaimed book, *Landscape of Industry - An Industrial History of the Blackstone Valley*, published by the University Press of New England, 2009. Arning is currently doing some consulting with two regional museums and is working on a research project “Where Are the Children? The Irish Famine Orphans of Grosse Ile.”



Matthew Dunne (Housatonic Community College)

Matthew Dunne is an instructor of History and Political Science at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he teaches courses on American politics, U.S. foreign policy, and the history of medicine. He earned a

Ph.D. in U.S. History from Brown University in 2008, and has also taught at Stonehill College, MCPHS University and Bay Path University. His first book, *A Cold War State of Mind: Brainwashing and Postwar American Society*, was published in 2013 by the University of Massachusetts Press. He recently contributed a chapter to the *Routledge Handbook of Gender, War, and the U.S. Military*, and is currently working on a social and cultural history of autism in the United States.



George Dameron (Saint Michael’s College)

George Dameron is currently Professor of History and former President of the New England Historical Association (2006-2007). He served as chair of the Department of History at Saint Michael’s College in Colchester, Vermont, from 2011 to 2017. He is the author of two books on the medieval Florentine Church and several essays and articles on a wide variety of topics, including church property, Purgatory, the history and historiography of medieval Florence, the Black Death, theoretical approaches to the study of the medieval economy, teaching about the papacy in Dante’s *Divine Comedy*, and magnates in northern Italy. His current work focuses on the political economy of grain in Tuscan cities from c. 1150 to c. 1350, and his article on the politics of grain in medieval Florence, Lucca, and Siena appeared in *Speculum* (Medieval Academy of America) in the fall of 2017. In the past he has served as a reviewer for the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship program (2015-2017), and is currently President of Gamma of Vermont, Phi Beta Kappa (Saint Michael’s College).



VOTE!!!



Elections for NEHA officers and committee slots are normally held at the spring meeting. As the spring meeting will not be held, however, we invite people 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 Main Street; Nashua, NH 03060.



BALLOT

Officers

- _____ President: **Sean Perrone** (St. Anselm College); or write in: _____
- _____ Vice President: **Jessica Parr** (Simmons University); or write in: _____
- _____ Executive Secretary: **Tona Hangen** (Worcester State); or write in: _____
- _____ Secretary: **Ella Howard** (WIT); or write in: _____
- _____ Treasurer: **Kristen Petersen** (MCPHS University); or write in: _____

Executive Committee

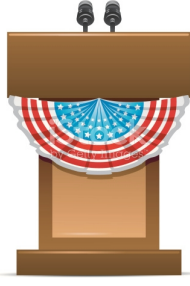
- _____ **Martin Menke** (Rivier University)
- _____ **Charlotte Gradie** (Sacred Heart University)
- _____ **William Abbott** (Fairfield University)
- _____ **Chuck Arning** (National Park Service, Retired)

Executive Committee Write-In: _____

Nominating Committee

- _____ **Matthew Dunne** (Housatonic Community College)
- _____ **George Dameron** (Saint Michael's College)

Nominating Committee Write-In: _____



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Dear Colleagues,

We deeply regret that the spring conference at Emmanuel College in Boston has been cancelled on account of the Covid-19 virus. We are very grateful to our Executive Board member Melanie Murphy and her colleagues for making local arrangements (now, alas, superseded by events).

As I complete my term as President of NEHA, I wanted to highlight the volunteer service that makes organizations such as ours continue to survive and thrive in an era when many colleges and universities are experiencing budget cuts. I offer sincere thanks to NEHA's Executive Committee members and my fellow officers for their continued service to the organization. Thank you to Vice President Sean Perrone for all of the time and effort he invested into putting together the program, and to Cliff Putney for his service in putting together our semi-annual newsletter. Thank you to our Secretary, Tona Hagen, for her work maintaining the website and communicating on social media. I am grateful to our committee members who will continue to read and nominate books and presentations for our annual book and student paper prizes. We are holding an election for officers, Executive Committee members, and Nominating Committee members, and I encourage you to reach out if you are interested in giving your some of your time to our organization in the future.

And finally, I would ask all of you to join me in offering a hearty thanks to our colleague Martin Menke, of Rivier University, for ably serving as NEHA's Executive Secretary for the past five years. The Executive Secretary is the organizational heart of NEHA, and Martin's unflinching goodwill and deep institutional knowledge has kept us running smoothly as we

enter into a new decade. His term expires this year, and we wish him nothing but the best as he turns his time and attention back to his research.

Stay healthy everyone!

Libby Bischof

NEHA President, 2019-2020

Executive Director, Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education and Professor of History, University of Southern Maine

NEHA NEWS AND THE NEHA WEBSITE

Clifford Putney (Bentley University) is the editor of *NEHA News*. If you have a submission for the fall 2020 issue of the newsletter, please send it to Cliff (cputney@bentley.edu) by September 1, 2020. *Book reviews* should be sent to **Thomas J. Carty** (Springfield College), the book review editor (tcarty@springfield.edu), by September 1, 2020. 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 Hagen (Worcester State University) is the Communications Chair for NEHA. Her e-mail address is: thagen@worchester.edu.

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

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

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

Follow NEHA on Twitter at [@NEHistoryAssoc](https://twitter.com/NEHistoryAssoc) !



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 2020 or fall 2020. Prizes will be awarded at the spring 2021 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, 2020. Monographs on any historical topic, time or place published in 2019, 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 McDaniel** (Southern Connecticut State University).

The winner of the most recent book award was **Seth Blumenthal** (Boston University). He won the award for his book, *Children of the Silent Majority: Young Voters and the Rise of the Republican Party, 1968-1980* (University Press of Kansas, 2018).



FALL CONFERENCE REPORT

The 103rd meeting of the Association was held at **Roger Williams University** in Bristol, RI on October 26, 2019. The 93 conferees who attended the meeting found it to be highly informative. Conferees went to panels in the Global Heritage Hall, and they heard presentations on subjects ranging from early American Baptists to the Me Too Movement.

At the excellent luncheon that followed the morning paper presentations, **Laura Mattoon D'Amore** (Chair of the Department of History and American Studies at Roger Williams) thanked a number of people at the university for supporting the conference, including **Cynthia Scheinberg** (Dean of the School of Humanities, Arts and Education), **Charlotte Carrington-Farmer** (the local arrangements coordinator), **Lydia Serpa** (Administrative Assistant for Humanities and General Education), and the superior catering staff.

Dr. Carrington-Farmer briefly described the Native American connections of the place where the conference was being held, and she asked people to remember that history. Roger Williams University is part of the Sowams area, which sits on Pokanoket land.

Dr. Libby Bischof (President of NEHA) was the last speaker. She described the fall program (arranged by **Sean Perrone** of St. Anselm) as very strong, and she thanked all of the participants for making the fall conference such a wonderful event. She also announced that the winner of the 2019 James P. Hanlan Book Award was **Seth Blumenthal** (Boston University). He won for his book, *Children of the Silent Majority: Young Voters and the Rise of the Republican Party, 1968-1980* (University Press of Kansas, 2018). Dr. Blumenthal thanked the Association for the award.

CONFERENCES OF REGIONAL INTEREST (Some meetings may have been cancelled on account of the Covid-19 virus)

The **Society for Historians of the Early American Republic** will hold its annual meeting in Philadelphia on July 16-19, 2020.

The **New England American Studies Association** (NEASA) will hold its annual meeting at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA, on June 6, 2020. The theme of the meeting will be "Patriotism and Protest."

The next meeting of the **Italian American Studies Association** (IASA) will be in Pittsburg, PA, on November 5-7, 2020.

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

The **Berkshire Conference on the History of Women** (aka the "Big Berks" conference) will be held in Baltimore, MD, on May 28-31, 2020.

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 19-21, 2020. The topic of the conference will be "Living with Disabilities in New England, 1630-1930."

The **New England Regional World History Association** (NERWHA) will hold its spring symposium in Massachusetts at Salem State University on April 5, 2020.

The **Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association** (NEPCA) will hold its annual conference on October 23-24, 2020, in Manchester at Southern New Hampshire University.



AUTHORS WANTED

The Historical Journal of Massachusetts (HJM) seeks articles about any aspect of Massachusetts history, culture, politics, and life. HJM is a peer-reviewed journal published twice a year since 1972. We are especially interested in articles on the history of recent immigrant communities. Subscriptions are \$12.00 per year, and the acceptance rate is 35%. For submission guidelines see www.wsc.mass.edu/mhj/ or email masshistoryjournal@westfield.ma.edu

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).

The *International Journal of Liberal Arts and Social Science* (IJLASS), a newly established, open access, peer-reviewed journal, seeks all manner of contributions, including articles about history. Send your manuscripts to the editor at editor@ijlass.org, or editor.ijlass@hotmail.com.

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If you would like to write a book review for the *NEHA News*, please feel free to contact the Association's book review editor, **Thomas J. Carty**, Springfield College, Department of History, Springfield, MA 01109; tcarty@springfield.edu. We have books available for review or you may suggest a good new book you have in hand. Our reviews are 600 words and are due in 60 days.

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General Grants & Fellowships

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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1971	University of Massachusetts-Amherst Yale University	1997	Northeastern University University of Connecticut
1972	University of New Hampshire University of Hartford	1998	University of Vermont Connecticut College
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1974	Rhode Island College Clark University	2000	Tufts University Stonehill College
1975	Pine Manor College University of Maine, Portland	2001	Salve Regina University Saint Michael's College
1976	St. Joseph's College Exeter Academy	2002	Massachusetts Maritime Academy Rhode Island College
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1979	Boston College Colby-Sawyer College	2005	Regis College University of Rhode Island
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		2018	Saint Anselm College University of Connecticut
		2019	University of Southern Maine Roger Williams University



PLAN AHEAD

(Some meetings may have been cancelled on account of the Covid-19 virus)

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| <p>American Historical Association</p> <p>2021 * Seattle * 7-10 January
2022 * New Orleans * 6-9 January</p> <p>Organization of American Historians</p> <p>2021 * Chicago * 15-18 April
2022 * Boston * March 31-April 3</p> <p>American Studies Association</p> <p>2020 * Baltimore * 12-15 November
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CALENDAR



Spring Meeting

Emmanuel College

April 18, 2020
(Cancelled)



Fall Meeting

Bentley University

October 17, 2020

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