



NEHA

New England Historical Association

**Saturday
April 10, 2021**

**Emmanuel College
Boston, MA, USA**

Spring (Virtual) Conference Program

All sessions will be held online. The links for each session will be distributed the day before. Please note that ALL sessions are on EDT. All participants will need to register prior to the conference in order to receive access to the sessions.

8-8:20 Welcome (Pre-Recorded)

If you live-tweet any panels, please use the hashtag #NEHAsp2021

First Morning Sessions, 8:30-10:00

Panel 1: Local Histories

Chair/Comment: Libby Bischof, University of Southern Maine

Jews of Troy, 1850-1950

Harvey Strum, Russell Sage College

Small in Size, But in Nothing Else

Donald Rogers, Central Connecticut State University

Migration, Mills, and Murder: The Manchester-Pelletier Case, 1932-1933

Kathryn Lamontagne, Boston University

Analyzing the Silences: The Lasting Impact of the Expansion of Pine Camp

Mary Millage, Simmons University

Panel 2: Contours of Slavery and Resistance

Chair/Comment: Dominic DeBrincat, Missouri Western State University

Who Stands in the Digital Shadows: Implications for Studying Fugitivity

Marcus Nevius, University of Rhode Island

Northern Bondage: Enslaved Families in Temperate Slavery and Gradual Resistance

Christopher Gismondi, McGill University

The Language of Liberty: Black Patriotism, the Freedom Petitions, and the Abolition of Slavery in Massachusetts, 1773-1783

Grant Stanton, University of Pennsylvania

Panel 3: Methodologies in the Digital Humanities

Chair/Comment: Ravynn Stringfield, College of William and Mary

A Stark Change in Computing: The Technology Age of 1982

Nabeel Siddique, Susquehanna University

Antislavery Activist Networks in the Liberator

Jo Dutiloy, Simmons University

Beyond Founded by Abolitionists

Anelise Hanson Strout, Bates College

Panel 4: Applied History: Teaching and Case Studies

Catherine DeCesare, University of Rhode Island

Rod Mather, The University of Rhode Island

Anna Snyder, The University of Rhode Island

Ryan Nadeau, The University of Rhode Island

Panel 5

A Not-So Distant Mirror?: Studying Revolution Times in a Revolution Time

Chair/Comment: Kenneth Owen, University of Illinois, Springfield

The Past in Our Prescience: Reflection on Nineteenth-Century Europe's Links to a Year of Tumult

Matthew Saeger, Mount Saint Mary College

Times of Change: 19th Century Europe and 2020

Julia Foley, Mount Saint Mary College*

Times of Turmoil: America's President, Europe's Nineteenth-Century, and Philosophy's Power

Ethan Rastadt, Mount Saint Mary College*

Panel 6: Material Culture and Public Histories

Chair/Comment: Kimberly Alexander, University of New Hampshire, Durham

Mexico and its Military Bands: All Roads Lead to Boston, 1885-1908

Charles V. Heath II, Sam Houston State University

Mexico at the 1908 New England Food Fair

Nizabani Pacheco Sanchez, Sam Houston State University

New Light on Old Graves: The History of the "Hill of Tombs" in Athienou, Cyprus
Jody Gordon, Wentworth Institute of Technology

Keeping Cemeteries Alive Through ArcGIS Online
Kimberly Sebold, University of Maine, Presque Isle

Panel 7: Pushing the Boundaries of Colonial Ceilings in Latin American History

Chair/Comment: Frances Peace Sullivan, Simmons University

Imagining Juana Asurdui
Javier F. Marion, Emmanuel College

The Un-"conventional" Life of Sor Juana
Kristen Archer, Emmanuel College*

Catalina de Erauso: The Lieutenant Nun
Sophia Rusciano, Emmanuel College*

Panel 8: African Americans in New England

Chair/Comment: Martha Schoolman, Florida International University

A Struggle for Suffrage: The Dorr War and African American Rhode Islanders
Anne Schrenck, Simmons University

"Raise Ten Pounds Each:" John W. Lewis and the Building Blocks of Abolitionism
CJ Martin, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Panel 9: Politics in the Age of Denial

Chair/Comment: Sarah Purcell, Grinnell College

Noticeably Absent: Inauguration and Presidential No-Shows
Tom Balcerski, Eastern Connecticut State University

Echos of the Past: the 2020 Election Denial and Holocaust Denial in Theory and Practice
Robert Bernheim, University of Maine, Augusta

Break: 10-10:15

Second Morning Sessions, 10:15-11:45

Panel 10: Black in the Academy: A Conversation Among Grad Students and Early Career Historians

Chair: Charlene Fletcher, Brown University
Derek Litval, University of Maryland, College Park
Adam McNeil, Rutgers University, New Brunswick
Shana Hanes, College of William and Mary
Alina Scott, University of Texas, Austin

Panel 11: Animal Histories

Chair/Comment: Jacob Leveton, Northwestern University

The Journeys of Elephants: An Indian Circus Trail
Nisha Poyyaparth Rayaroth, Yale University

Little Sorrel, Living Relic of the Lost Cause
Allen Horn, Eastern Connecticut State University*

Mules are “the Most Lucrative Animals They Can Generate: Mule Breeding for Export in Eighteenth-Century New England
Charlotte Carrington-Farmer, Roger Williams University

“Songster’s Tale:” The Soldier-Horse Relationship in Life and Memory, 1914-1939
Jane Flynn, The University of Derby

Panel 12: Roundtable: Documenting a Pandemic in Real Time: New England Colleges Archiving COVID-19

Libby Bischof, University of Southern Maine
Jessica Hovey, University of Southern Maine
Matthew Revitt, University of Maine
Rebekah Irwin, Middlebury College

Panel 13: Roundtable: Approaches to Race and History Pedagogy

Frances Peace Sullivan, Simmons University
Abel Djassi Amado, Simmons University
Christian Gonzales, University of Rhode Island

Panel 14: Museums and Public History in the Age of COVID

Chair: Angel David Nieves, Northeastern University
Shirley Wajda, Enfield Shaker Museum

Marjory O'Toole, Little Compton Historical Society
Chuck Arnig, National Park Service

Panel 15: Legal and Constitutional Histories

Chair/Comment: Daniel Mandell, Truman State University

Judicial Politics in Nineteenth-Century Common Law and Civil Law Courts: a Comparative Analysis of the US Supreme Court and the Italian Court of Cassation
Stefano Lombardo, University of Calabria

Creating the Frame of Government: The Records of State Constitution Writing
Nicholas Cole, Rothermere American Institute, Pembroke College, University of Oxford

Perilous Vigilance: Confederate Runaway Laws During the American Civil War
Gautham Rao, American University

Rust Underneath: How the Missouri Supreme Court's Turn Towards Comity and Away From Personhood During the Golden Age of Freedom Suits Paved the Way for Dred Scott
Jacob Brandler, Lincoln College, University of Oxford

Panel 16: Contemporary Politics

Chair/Comment: Margaret Sankey, Air War College

Mein Kampf: Catholic Authority and the Holocaust
Martin Menke, Rivier University

Liberterianism: Origin Stories
Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

The Dragon From Chicago: An American Reporter in Nazi Germany
Pamela Toler, Independent Scholar

Panel 17: Histories of Music and Theater

Chair/Comment: Richard Canedo, Independent Scholar

A Black Fiddler on Massachusetts Bay: The Sound-Worlds of Joseph Brown, 1749-1834
Christopher Smith, Texas Tech University

Community Art and Civic Discourse: New York City's DanceMobile Program, 1967-1976
Emily Hawk, Columbia University

Gentlemen, Be Seated: Minstrelsy as Sociopolitical Commentary in Kander and Ebb's Scottsboro Boys
Susan Schieblhofer, Universität Salzburg

Panel 18: Contemporary China

Chair/Comment: Martin Fromm, Worcester State University

History Education in Shanghai's Secondary Schools in the 1950s
Guanhua Tan, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Opium and Addiction in Modern China, 1839-1912
Shihan Zheng, University of Connecticut, Storrs

Panel 19: Education and History Pedagogy

Chair/Comment: Rebecca Noel, Plymouth State University

Social Unionism and University Faculty: The Case of the Cambridge Union of University Teachers, 1935-1940
Nathan Godfried, University of Maine, Orono

Toward "An Ethic of Incommensurability:" Some Reflections from the Undergraduate Philosophy and History of Education Classroom
Deirdre Dougherty, Knox College

11:45-12:45 – Lunch Break

Panel 20: Plenary Session 1:00-2:30: Writing a Book Proposal

This session will begin with brief salutations from the NEHA President and from the Chair of Emmanuel College's History Department

Chair: Jessica M, Parr, Simmons University
Adina Popescu Berk, Senior Editor, Yale University Press
Debra Gershowitz, Executive Director, University of North Carolina Press
Michael J McGandy, Senior Editor, Cornell University Press

2:30-2:45 – Afternoon Break

Afternoon Sessions, 2:45– 4:15

Panel 21: Reimagining Public History in the COVID Era

Chair: Kristen Petersen, MCPHS University
Alison Horrocks, National Park Service
Marisa Calise, Gore Place

Nicholas Hardisty, Tall Ships America
Ahenebah N. Lane, Becker College

Panel 22: European Politics and Civics

Chair/Comment: Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

To Establish Such a Form of Government as Will Best Produce the Happiness of the People
Peter J. Aschenbrenner, National Convenor (US) International Commission for the
History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions

The Politics of Requisition and the Civilian Dilemma in WWII
Cameron Zinsou, High Point University

Panel 23: Histories of Medicine

Chair/Comment: Miriam Reumann, University of Rhode Island

*Geographies of Care: Decentering ACT UP to Broaden the Scope of Mutual Aid in the AIDS
Crisis*
Caleb Simone, Simmons University

*Lost Mothers in the Caribbean Plantation and Contemporary Black Maternal and Infant
Mortality*
Kerry Sinanan, University of Texas, Austin

*Educating English Women: Seventeenth-Century Conduct Manuals's Role in Framing Women's
Household Medical Practice and English Women's Health*
Melissa Kleinschmidt, University of New Hampshire, Durham

We Are the Keepers of the Light
Bridget Keown, University of Pittsburgh

Panel 24: Race and Empire in French West Africa

Chair/Comment: Sarah Zimmerman, Western Washington University

Longing for Sainte-Domingue/A Longing for Haiti: Haiti and the Rise and Fall of French Africa
Matt Robertshaw, York University

The Historiography of the Tirailleurs Sénégalais and French Racial Paternalism
Michael Gomes, Southern Connecticut State University

*Between Custom and Catholicism: Slaves, Marriage, and Legal Pluralism in Early Colonial
Mali*
Wallace Teska, Stanford University

Panel 25: Roundtable: Archives in the Age of COVID

Chair: Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, Massachusetts Historical Society
Hannah Elder, Massachusetts Historical Society
Paul Erickson, Clements Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Ashley Cataldo, American Antiquarian Society

Panel 26: Foreign Policy and Western History

Chair/Comment: Margaret Sankey, Air War College

The Eternal Frontier: Manifest Destiny and American Foreign Policy
Thomas Brodey, Amherst College

Expatriot Diplomacy: Reconsidering the Bonds of Empire
Dane Morrison, Salem State University

The Wine of Wilsonianism: Palestinian Self-Determination in the 20th Century
Amy Smith, University of Southern Maine

Panel 27: Modern Politics and Citizenship in the United States

Chair/Comment: Tona Hangen, Worcester State University

The Outsiders Within: Volunteers in Service to America and the Boundaries of Citizenship
Britney Murphy, University of Connecticut, Storrs

Saving the Army From Itself: Reporting Atrocities in Vietnam to the United States Government
Christopher J. Levesque, University of West Florida

Tenacity in Action: The Lifelong Activism of Suffragist Judith Winsor Smith
Kathryn Angelica, University of Connecticut, Storrs

Panel 28: Roundtable: History for the Public

Mark Booneshaft, Duquesne University
Gillian Frank, University of Virginia
Lauren Gutterman, University of Texas, Austin
Saniya Lee Ghanoui, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Marjoleine Kars, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Panel 29: New England

Chair/Comment: Shelby Balik, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Memory and the Identity of the Puritans

Karen Gauthier, Blue Grass Community and Technical College

“By the Sword We Seek Peace:” Some Thoughts on Native Americans and the Historiography of War in Early America and New England

Christoph Strobel, University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Scottish Networks in Early New England

Marsha Hamilton, University of South Alabama

Panel 30: Economics in American History

Chair/Comment: Kathrine Rye Jewell, Fitchburg State University

Lotteries and Luck in Antebellum America

Anders Bright, University of Pennsylvania

Dependence, Labor, and the Significance of the Chronological Age in Nineteenth-Century Orphan Asylums

Sarah Mulhall Adelman, Framingham State University

Measuring Gentrification

Ella Howard, Wentworth Institute of Technology

Panel 31: New Perspectives on Early Modern Parliaments

Chair/Comment: Allan Macinnes, University of Strathclyde

The Privy Council and Prisoners of War: The Scottish Revolution, 1688-1690

Gillian MacDonald, Central Michigan University

The Tudor transformation of the Irish Parliament, 1494-1585

Brid McGrath, Trinity College Dublin

The Scottish Parliament, Maritime Security and the Problem of Piracy in the Wars of the Three Kingdoms, c.1639-1651

John Young, University of Strathclyde

** Denotes undergraduate presenter*