



RESEARCHING NEW YORK 2011 ~ Updated Program 11/13/2011

The final program, with room assignments will be available at the registration desk. Additional details at the Researching New York Website, <http://nystatehistory.org/researchny/rsny.html>.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2011

REGISTRATION & EXHIBITS

University at Albany, Science Library - Barnes & Noble Reading Room

11:30 AM -4:00 PM

SESSION I: 12:15-1:30 PM

Abolition

Abolitionist Tribulations and Celebrations: The Aftermath of the 1851 Jerry Rescue

Dennis Connors, Onondaga Historical Association

"No Mortal Eye Can Penetrate:" Louis Ransom's Commemoration of John Brown

Warren F. Broderick, New York State Archives, Emeritus

Comment: **Amy Murrell Taylor**, University at Albany, SUNY

Waters and Mountains

The Collapse of Central New York Fisheries, 1780-1850

Karim Tiro, Xavier University

Apt for an Adventure: How Women Kept Pace with Men to Tackle the Adirondack Forty-Six

Jacqueline Mirandola Mullen, University at Albany, SUNY

Comment: **Denis P. Brennan**, Union College

Beyond The Factory Investigating Commission

The Struggle over Working Women: Progressives, Labor, Business, and the Factory Investigating Commission

Ronald Rabidou, University at Albany

Beyond the Factory Investigating Commission: Building a Reform Coalition in New York, 1911-1928

Robert Chiles, University of Maryland

Comment: **Jennifer Armiger**, University at Albany, SUNY

Race and Reform

The Albany Open Housing Movement: The Brothers and the NAACP
Jessica Anderson, University at Albany, SUNY

Taylor vs. New Rochelle
Paul Murray with Laura Dugan, Siena College

Comment: **Oscar Williams**, University at Albany, SUNY

SESSION II

1:45 - 3:15 PM

At the Crossroads: Identity in Nineteenth Century New York

African Colonization in New York City in the Face of Immediate Abolitionism
James Towle, Independent Historian

Counting the Children: The Inmates of the Thomas Indian School
Lindsey McKeever, Siena College

George Holcomb's War: Draft Evasion in the War of 1812
Jennifer Hull Dorsey, Siena College

Comment: **Eric Morser**, Skidmore College

Surviving and Thriving on the Lower East Side: How a Neighborhood Shaped America

Brian Blazak, Pratt Institute
Chelsea Dowell, Pratt Institute
Felicia Smuts, Pratt Institute
Kim Daileader, Pratt Institute
Moderator: **Edith Bellinghausen**, Pratt Institute

Cultural Legacies: Mayors of New York City: Legacies

New York's Dapper Mayor: The Significance of Dress in Constructing Mayor Jimmy Walker's Political Legacy
Emma C. McClendon, The Courtauld Institute of Art

Fiorello LaGuardia: Why We Remember What We Remember
Robert W. Whalen, Queens University of Charlotte,

Comment: **Lauren Kozakiewicz**, University at Albany, SUNY

Intersections, Legal and Political

Interstate Extradition and Constructive Presence in the United States: New York's Adoption of the Criminal Extradition Act, 1929-1936
Steve McErleane, University at Albany

Tammany To the Rescue
W. Dennis Duggan, Albany Family Court

"Rockefeller Wins: Police Board Out": Winning the 1966 New York Gubernatorial Election
Marsha Barrett, Rutgers University

Comment: **Richard F. Hamm**, University at Albany, SUNY

Off-Site Sessions
Cultural Education Center
New York State Museum, Library, & Archives

3:30 PM Transportation will be provided from the University at Albany to the New York State Museum/Cultural Education Center and back. To insure seating, you must reserve a seat. Seating will be available on the day of the Conference, if space is available. A second shuttle will leave at 4:15 PM. The shuttle bus will leave from, and return to, the University at Albany Science Library. If you prefer to drive, parking is free after 3 PM at the Madison Avenue lots, next to the Museum and Cultural Education Center. Additional details will be available in your Conference packets at the registration desk.

Session III Concurrent Sessions
4:00-5:15 PM

7th Floor Librarians Room
New Netherland – The Tragedy of 1664

“Abandoning the English Conquest Myth: Toward a Better Understanding of New Amsterdam/New York City in an Age of Upheaval”

Dennis Maika, New Netherland Research Center

Between the Chain and the Crown: Coastal Algonquians after the Conquest of New Netherland

Andrew Lipman, Syracuse University

The Deterioration of Dutch Women’s Rights in Albany after 1664

Kathryn Swimm University at Albany, SUNY

Moderator: Eric Ruijssenaars, Scholar in Residence, New Netherland Institute; New Netherland Research Center

Huxley Auditorium,
1st floor, New York State Museum

The Attica Uprising: 40 Years Later: A View from the Museum, Library, and Archives

Craig Williams, New York State Museum

Mark Wolfe, University at Albany, SUNY

Paul Mercer, New York State Library

James Folts, New York State Archives

New York State Museum
5:30-6:30 Gallery Talks

Reflecting on September 11, 2001

World Trade Center artworks created before and after September 11, 2001.

Mark Schaming, Director of Exhibits and Public Programs, New York State Museum

From the Collections

Collections in history, anthropology, and natural science from the New York State Museum’s first 175 years.

John P. Hart, Director of Research and Collections & **Jennifer Lemak**, Senior Historian, New York State Museum

Marking Time: Voyage to Vietnam

Graffiti and artifacts from a Vietnam era troopship documenting the feelings and thoughts of soldiers and Marines.

Nancy Kelley, Exhibition Planner, New York State Museum

6:30 PM ~ RECEPTION ~ New York State Museum

Co-sponsored by the New York State Historical Association & The Farmer's Museum

7:30 PM ~ Clark Auditorium

Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid That Sparked the Civil War
Tony Horwitz

On October 16, 1859, John Brown, leading eighteen men, seized the massive U.S. arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, freeing and arming escaped slaves, and vowing to liberate every bondsman in the South. Brown's shock attack sundered the nation and plunged it toward bloody war. Yet few Americans know the true story of this pivotal event and the abolitionist who has been called a hero, a madman, a saint, and a monster.

Horwitz traces Brown's unlikely rise from farm boy to revolutionary. He also introduces the remarkable cast brought together by Brown's magnetism and moral fervor, including his lovelorn teenage daughter, a freed slave desperate to liberate his wife from bondage, a dashing poet who spies inside Virginia, and a Transcendentalist schoolmaster who organizes the "Secret Six" to covertly supply money and guns.

This featured event of the Researching New York Conference is made possible through the support of the New York State Council for the Humanities and is co-sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute and.

The shuttle bus will return to the University at Albany immediately following the talk and book signing.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011

REGISTRATION & EXHIBITS **coffee, continental breakfast**

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

SESSION IV: 8:45–10:30AM

Natural Disaster and Public Policy

Aftermath: The Great Easter 1913 Flood in New York State

Trudy E. Bell, Independent Scholar

The 1950 Hurricane in the Adirondacks: Blowdown, Fire, and Aftermath

Hugh O. Canham, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Emeritus

"The Blizzard of '77: The Storm that Buried Buffalo, Changed the Political Landscape, and Made Snow a Federal Disaster"

Timothy W. Kneeland, Nazareth College

Comment: **Andrew Morris**, Union College

Places and Faces of Revolutionary New York

GIS Mapping Software as an Analytical Tool in Historical Research: A Detailed Look at Charlotte County, New York

Justin Clement, University of California-Davis

The Tragic Force of the Revolutionary War and Its Consequences on Long Island

John G. Staudt, Hofstra University

"Every wealthy Duncie is loaded with Honours": William Livingston's Cultural Imperative and the Anglophone Enlightenment in Colonial New York City, 1746-1770

Michael D. Hattem, Yale University

Comment: **John Howard Smith**, Texas A&M University-Commerce

New York City: Immigrants and Radicals.

In Defense of a "Noble Metropolis": The Irish and German Immigrant Response to New York State's Attack on Home Rule in New York City, 1857

Emma Staffaroni for **Rona Holub**, Sarah Lawrence College

Fighting for An Ideal: The City College Community in the Spanish Civil War

Aleksandr Gelfand, Newman Library, Baruch College

New York City's Influence on the Modernist Magazine from 1870-1910

Ellen Rosner Feig, Bergen Community College

Comment: **Margaret Lynch Brennan**, Independent Scholar

Urbanization and Upeaval: The Bronx in the Twentieth Century

Public Policy and the Shaping of the Bronx, 1934-1968

Matthew J. Foglino, New York City Department of Education

Fun City and the Fires: The Bronx, 1966-1977

William Casari, Hostos Community College, CUNY

Fort Apache, the Bronx: A New York Narrative and its Legacy Thirty Years Later

Matthew Flaherty, Hostos Community College, CUNY

Comment: **Ivan Steen**, University at Albany, SUNY

SESSION IV: 10:30–Noon

The Dutch in New York

Clinton/Hell's Kitchen, a Manhattan Neighborhood's Origin

Mary Brendle, Community Historian Manhattan District #4

Early Modern European March to Asia: The Dutch at New Amsterdam (North America) & Elmina (West Africa)

Doris Essah, Independent Scholar

Comment: **Robert Naborn**, University of Pennsylvania

Varieties of Education

"Coercion, if Coercion Be Necessary": The Educational Function of the New York House of Refuge, 1824-1874

Josie Madison, University at Albany, SUNY

A Triumph of Scholarships: The Collaboration between the Baron deHirsch Society and the State Institute of Applied Agriculture at Farmingdale

Rhoda Miller, Dowling College

Comment: **Robin Campbell**, Excelsior College/University at Albany, SUNY

Cold War New York: Stories and Sources

New York State Emergency Management in the Cold War Era

Amy Gernon, University at Albany, SUNY

Bouquet 556 ~ Alexander Michael and the Preservation and Adaptive Reuse of a New York Cold War Missile Silo

Gerald Zahavi, University at Albany, SUNY

Comment: The Audience

Civil War – Themes and Variations

Defending the Metropolis: The Harbor Defenses of New York City, 1861-1865

Keith Muchowski, New York City College of Technology

"New York Remembers the Civil War... Or Does It? Commemorations and Neglected Topics in New York Civil War History"

Bruce W. Dearstyne,

Comment: **Melinda Lawson**, Union College

9/11 Before and Beyond

The Historical Context of 9/11

Charles B. Strozier

John Jay College, CUNY

Calamity's Challenges Conquered: Central Synagogue's 1998 Fire

Anne Mininberg, Archivist Central Synagogue

Moderator: **Robert Weible**, New York State Historian

LUNCH/KEYNOTE

12 NOON ~ Campus Center Ballroom

Rescuing and Remembering Attica

Heather Ann Thompson, Temple University

Professor Thompson is writing the first comprehensive history of the Attica Prison Rebellion of 1971 and its legacy. To recover this story Thompson has spent the last seven years immersed in legal, state, federal, prison, and personal records related to the Attica uprising and its aftermath (some never-before-seen) located in archives, governmental institutions, and various individual collections around the country and the world. With these varied and rich resources she seeks to recapture the full, dramatic, gripping, multi-faceted, and complex story that was Attica, and hopes to underscore for readers everywhere this event's historical as well as contemporary importance.

SESSION VII

2:00- 3:30 PM

1. Remembering Crown Heights

The Thomas Jefferson High School Shootings, City College Gym Tragedy, and the Stigmatization of Public Education in the "Inner City."

Philip Kay, Columbia University

"No Country for Old Men" Youth Culture And Violence in Brownsville, Brooklyn

Greg Donaldson, John Jay College, CUNY

Twenty Years Hence: Lessons Learned from the 1991 Crown Heights Riots and its Story as told in "Fires in the Mirror"

Sharron Greaves, Nyack College

Comment: **Suzanne Wasserman**, Gotham Center, CUNY

9/11: Museums Respond

Vernacular Shrines at Ground Zero in the Immediate Aftermath
Elizabeth Greenspan, Harvard University

Collecting and Documenting 9/11: The First Ten Years
Amy Weinstein, National September 11 Memorial and Museum

History and Healing: Museums as Healing Spaces
Carla Sofka, Siena College

Union Square Scrolls: A Case Study of a NYS Museum World Trade Center Collection
Connie Frisbee Houde, New York State Museum

New York in Flames

"The Air Was Full of Smoke and Cinders"- Troy's Great Fire of 1862
Stacy Pomeroy Draper, Rensselaer County Historical Society, Troy NY

"A Protracted Encounter: Examining 19th Century Fires from a Differing Perspective"
Paul G. Schneider, Jr., Independent Historian

From Ashes to Artifacts: Arthur Parker, the Indian Arts Project, and the Legacy of the Great Capitol Fire of 1911
Terry C. Abrams, Western NY Association of Historical Agencies/Tonawanda Reservation Historical Society

Comment: **Karen Ward Mahar**, Siena College

Attica After 40 years: Opening the Records and Telling the Full Story

Chris Christopher, Filmmaker
Gary Craig, Rochester Democrat Chronicle
Gary Horton, New York State Defenders Association
Dee Quinn Miller, Forgotten Victims of Attica:
Michael Smith, Forgotten Victims of Attica
Moderator: **Heather Ann Thompson**: Temple University

4:00 PM ~ CLOSING PLENARY
Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center

Frances Perkins: Architect of the New Deal **Kirstin Downey**

Frances Perkins, witnessed the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire, wrote the state's fire safety code, and helped steer the state industrial commission from 1918-1932 before moving to the national stage. The nation's first female cabinet secretary, her ideas became the cornerstones of the most important social welfare legislation in U.S. history. Today, her name is almost unknown. Downey will explore this woman's remarkable life-and her surprising drop into obscurity.

This free, public event to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire is made possible through the New York State Archives Partnership Trust with support from The American Labor Studies Center, CSEA, the Civil Service Employees Association; NYSUT, New York State United Teachers; and PEF, the Public Employees Federation.

RECEPTION and book signing immediately following the plenary.