New Perspectives on Pennsylvania’s Past

Pennsylvania Historical Association
79th Annual Meeting
Susquehanna University
Selinsgrove PA
October 14-16, 2010
Thursday, October 14, 2010

5:00- PHA Council Meeting—
7:00 p.m. Shearer-Weber Dining Rooms

7:00 p.m. Registration Table Opens—Seibert Hall Lobby

7:30 p.m. Evening Program and Reception—Seibert Hall
Faculty Lounge and Auditorium

Exploring the Scholarship of Susan Klepp
Co-sponsor: McNeil Center for Early American Studies

Chair: Roderick McDonald, Rider University

Panelists:
Leslie Patrick, Bucknell University
Rosalind Beiler, University of Central Florida
Karin Wulf, College of William and Mary

Response: Susan Klepp, Temple University

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The Local Arrangements Committee thanks the following for their support:

McNeil Center for Early American Studies
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Snyder County Historical Society
Susquehanna University Department of History
Susquehanna University Medical Humanities Initiative
Susquehanna University Office of the Provost
Susquehanna University Women’s Studies Program
Friday, October 15, 2010

8:00 a.m.   Registration—Degenstein Lobby
            Book Exhibit—Degenstein Mellon Lounge

9:00-10:30 a.m.   Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Preserving Pennhurst: Historical Memory and the Disabilities Rights Movement
Degenstein Meeting Rooms 1-3

Co-Sponsor: Pennhurst Memorial and Preservation Alliance

Chair: James W. Conroy, Co-President, PM&PA

Panelists:
J. Gregory Pirmann, Pennhurst historian and Former Special Assistant to the Superintendent
Jean Searle, Self-Advocate and Co-President, PM&PA
Judith Gran, Esq., Reisman Carolla Gran, LLP
Michele Sellitto, Historic Preservationist
Nathaniel Guest, PHMC

Comment: the Audience
Session 2: Pennsylvania Labor and Working-Class Heritage—Shearer-Weber Dining Rooms 1-2

Co-Sponsor: Pennsylvania Labor History Society
Chair: Kenneth C. Wolensky, PHMC and PLHS

Carolyn Kitch, Temple University, “‘Where I Came From, How I Got Here’: Industrial History, Ethnic Memory, and Cultural Tourism in Pennsylvania”

David Witwer, Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg, “The Scranton Story and the McClellan Committee: Putting Labor Racketeering on the Nation’s Agenda in the Late 1950s”


Comment: Kenneth C. Wolensky

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break—Degenstein Mellon Lounge
Sponsored by Snyder County Historical Society

10:45 a.m.- Concurrent Sessions
12:15 p.m.

Session 3: African-American Cemeteries in Central Pennsylvania and the Virginia Piedmont—Shearer-Weber Dining Room 3

Chair: Robert Shaffer, Shippensburg University

Panelists:
Lynn Rainville, Sweet Briar College
Steven Burg, Shippensburg University

Comment: Robert Shaffer
Session 4: New Perspectives on Pennsylvania Environmental History—Shearer-Weber Dining Rooms 1-2

Chair: Allen Dieterich-Ward, Shippensburg University

Panelists:
Brian Black, Pennsylvania State University, Altoona
David Hsiung, Juniata College
Ann Greene, University of Pennsylvania

Comment: Allen Dieterich-Ward

Session 5: New Perspectives on Eighteenth-Century Pennsylvania—Apfelbaum Hall Room 217

Chair: Jeffrey Davis, Bloomsburg University

Melissah J. Pawlikowski, Ohio State University, “The Unfulfilled Promise of Independence: The Squatter Exodus into the Ohio Valley, 1784-1786”

Sean A. Lakind, University of Houston, “Classical Learning and Popular Culture in Eighteenth-Century Pennsylvania”


Comment: Jeffrey Davis

12:30- LUNCHEON Degenstein Meeting Rooms 1-5
1:30 p.m.

Luncheon Speaker—Ben Marsh, Bucknell University
1:30 - Concurrent Sessions
3:00 p.m.

**Session 6: ExplorePAhistory.com: New Perspectives in the Digital Age**—Shearer-Weber Dining Rooms 1-2

Chair: Robert Weible, Chief Historian, New York State Museum

Panelists:
Charles Hardy, III, West Chester University
William Pencak, Pennsylvania State University
Maria Vita, Penn Manor High School

Comment: the Audience

**Session 7: Back to Penn’s Woods: Revisiting Pennsylvania’s Eighteenth-Century Borderlands**—Shearer-Weber Dining Room 3

Chair: Daniel P. Barr, Robert Morris University

Patrick Spero, American Philosophical Society, “Cresap’s War and the Reshaping of Pennsylvania’s Boundaries and Indian Relations”

William J. Campbell, California State University, Chico, “Reduced to Reason?: Negotiation and Defeat in Indian Country, 1764-1784”

Marcus Gallo, University of California, Davis, “Revisiting ‘Fair Play’: the West Branch Valley of the Susquehanna, 1769-1784”

Comment: Paul Douglas Newman, University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown

3:00 p.m. Coffee Break—Degenstein Mellon Lounge
*Sponsored by Pennsylvania State University Press*
3:30- Concurrent Sessions
5:00 p.m.

Session 8: New Perspectives on Colonial Pennsylvania German Studies—Shearer-Weber Dining Rooms 1-2

Chair: John B. Frantz, Pennsylvania State University

Christopher N. Fritsch, Weatherford College, “Defining the Pennsylvania German Community: Understanding Berks County Through Estate Records”


Brian Mast, Fort Necessity National Battlefield and Shippensburg University, “Garrisoning the Frontier: The German Regiment’s Experience in Central Pennsylvania During the American Revolution”

Session 9: New Perspectives in Gender and Women’s History—Shearer-Weber Dining Room 3

Chair: Marion Roydhouse, Philadelphia University

Nancy Loane, Valley Forge National Historical Park, “A Fresh Look at the Valley Forge Encampment: The Women at Camp”

Vivian Conger, Ithaca College, “Deborah Read Franklin and Sally Franklin Bache: An Intergenerational Exploration into the Gendered Nature of Politics, Consumer Culture and the Household”

Comment: Marion Roydhouse

Chair: Coxey Toogood, Independence National Historical Park

Panelists:
Dana Kellogg Repash, Villanova University
Brian Taylor, Georgetown University
Kelly Weber, Villanova University

Comment: the Audience

3:30-  Walking Tour of Selinsgrove
5:00 p.m.  (weather permitting)

5:30 p.m.  Reception—Degenstein Art Gallery

6:30 p.m.  Banquet and Awards Presentation
Degenstein Meeting Rooms 1-5

“The Folk Music of Pennsylvania”
Performance by Matt Brown, Pennsylvania Folksinger & Historian
Saturday, October 16, 2010

8:00 a.m. Registration—Degenstein Lobby
          Book Exhibit—Degenstein Mellon Lounge

8:00 a.m. PHA Business Meeting—
          Shearer-Weber Dining Rooms 1-3

9:00-10:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

Session 11: Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia
Roundtable: Locating “Greater Philadelphia” in History
and Geography—Degenstein Meeting Rooms 1-2

Co-Chairs and Panelists:
Charlene Mires, Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the
Humanities, Rutgers University-Camden
Randall Miller, St. Joseph’s University
Howard Gillette, Rutgers University-Camden

Comment: the Audience

Session 12: The Garden in the Machine: Cities and
Nature in Pennsylvania History—Degenstein Meeting
Room 3

Chair: Brian Black, Pennsylvania State University, Altoona

Allen Dieterich-Ward, Shippensburg University, “Greening

History of Topographical Change in Philadelphia”

Susan Rimby, Shippensburg University, “Housekeeping Out-of-
-Doors: Pennsylvania Women and Conservation, 1890-1917”

Comment: David Hsiung, Juniata College
**Session 13: PHMC Black History 2010 Theme and Context Study: Practical Applications**—Degenstein Meeting Rooms 4-5

Chair: Carol Lee, National Register of Historic Places

Panelists:
Craig Stutman, Community College of Philadelphia
Shelby Weaver Splain, Keystone Preservation Consultants

Comment: the Audience

10:30 a.m. Coffee break—Degenstein Mellon Lounge
*Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, Susquehanna University*

10:45 a.m.- Concurrent Sessions
12:15 p.m.

**Session 14: Pennsylvanians, the Civil War and the Big Rig: Commemorating the Civil War Sesquicentennial**—Shearer-Weber Dining Room 3
Co-sponsor: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)

Chair: Rosalind Remer, Remer & Talbott

Panelists:
Barbara Franco, PHMC
Rosalind Remer, Remer & Talbott
Melissa R. Clemmer, Remer & Talbott

Comment: the Audience

Chair: Dennis B. Downey, Millersville University

John Davies, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, “Mathew Carey, Absalom Jones and the Meaning of Community in Early National Philadelphia”

Andrew Tremel, U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, “The Recruitment and Training of a Northern Black Regiment”

Richard Waldron, American Swedish Historical Museum, “How Midwestern Swedish-American Historical Consciousness Came to Philadelphia”

Comment: Dennis B. Downey

Session 16: New Perspectives on Twentieth-Century Pennsylvania—Degenstein Conference Room (Lower Level)

Chair: John M. McLarnon, Millersville University

Stephanie Holyfield, University of Delaware, “Joseph Bancroft and Sons of Philadelphia: Welfare Work, Success, and Failure in the Strike of 1933”

Silas Chamberlin, Lehigh University, “A Question of Character: Earl Shaffer and Conditions on the Appalachian Trail”

Adam Bentz, Lehigh University, “Representative Francis E. Walter and ‘Pennsylvania Pork’”

Comment: John M. McLarnon

12:15 p.m. LUNCHEON Degenstein Meeting Rooms 1-5

Luncheon Speaker—David DeKok, author of Fire Underground

1:30 p.m. Conclusion
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