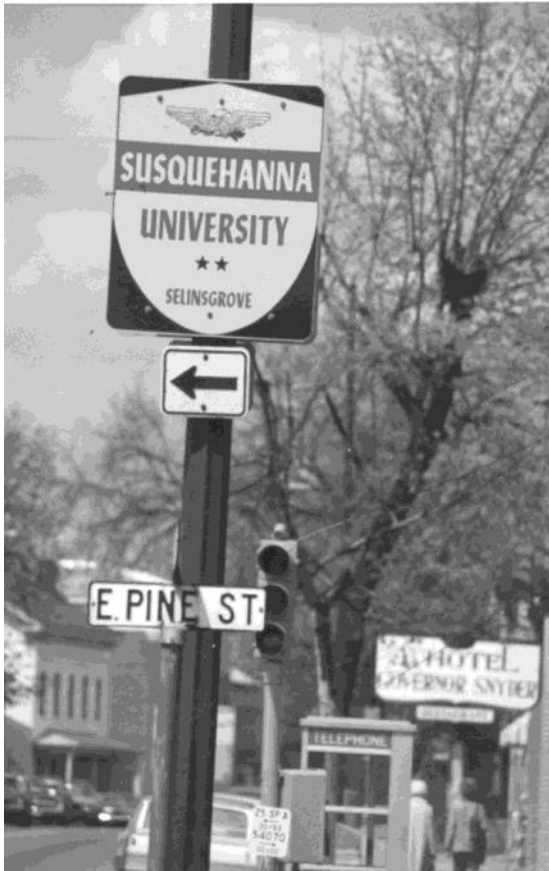


*New Perspectives on
Pennsylvania's Past*

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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Program

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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

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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”

Curtis Miner, State Museum of Pennsylvania, “Blue Collar Titleists: Democratizing Golf in 20th Century Pennsylvania”

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”

William Pencak, Pennsylvania State University, “The Philadelphia Dispensary: Universal Health Care in 1786?”

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”

Karen Guenther, Mansfield University, “Palatines Under Attack: British Immigration Policy and Frontier Defense in Pennsylvania During the French and Indian War”

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

Session 10: In Pursuit of Freedom: African-American Court and Prison Stories in Nineteenth-Century Philadelphia—Degenstein Conference Room (Lower Level)

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
Pittsburgh: Economic Development and Environmental Image-
Making in the ‘Post-Industrial’ Metropolis”

Adam Levine, Independent Historian, “The Grid vs. Nature: A
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



Session 15: Ethnic and Racial Identity in Nineteenth-Century Pennsylvania—Shearer-Weber Dining Rooms 1-2

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

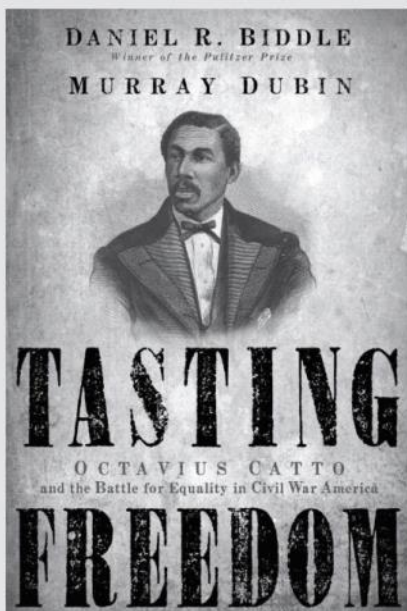
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