

**PHA Annual Meeting  
October 11-13, 2018, Lancaster, PA**

**Thursday, October 11**

*All Thursday afternoon and evening events to be held at LancasterHistory.org,  
230 North President Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603.*

4 to 6 p.m. PHA Council Meeting      **Wheatland Carriage House at LancasterHistory.org**

4 – 5:30pm: Guided Tour of President James Buchanan’s Wheatland  
**Sponsored by LancasterHistory.org**  
**Attendees must register for tour when registering for conference.**

6 – 7:15 p.m. Opening Reception      **Ware Commons at LancasterHistory.org**

7:30 Keynote      **Ryder Hall at LancasterHistory.org**

“Thaddeus Stevens, Disability and the Enduring Struggle for Civil Rights”  
Thomas K. Gilhool (award-winning civil rights attorney and former Secretary of  
Education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)

**Sponsored by the Millersville University Honors College**

**Friday, October 12**

*With the exception of Panel 2, all Friday events to be held at the Lancaster County Convention  
Center in the Marriott Penn Square, 25 South Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.*

**Session # 1 Plenary 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**      **Commons on Vine**  
*Benjamin Franklin, A Conversation: Editing, Archiving, and Writing about a Historical Icon*

Moderator: James Green, Library Company of Philadelphia  
Comments: The Audience

Papers:      “Editing Franklin’s Papers”  
Ellen Cohn, The Papers of Benjamin Franklin

“Current Scholarship on Franklin, with Ideas for Future Research”  
Carla Mulford, Penn State University

**Morning Coffee** – Available 9:30 – 11:30am in Commons on Vine  
**Sponsored by The McNeil Center for Early American Studies**

**Session #2 9:45 to 11 a.m.**

**Panel 1**

**Federal Room A**

*Natural Disasters and Response*

Chair: Richard Burkert, Johnstown Area Heritage Association

Commentators: Richard Burkert  
Paul Fetzer, Misericordia University

Papers: “Strike Three: The 1977 Johnstown Flood and its Aftermath”  
Pat Farabaugh, Saint Francis University

“Man’s Mistakes, Nature’s Wrath:  
Pennsylvania Environmental Disasters and Media Coverage”  
Megan McGee Yinger, Penn State Harrisburg

**Panel 2      Fondersmith Auditorium, Fisher Parish House of Trinity Lutheran Church**

*Music in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Pennsylvania*

*Session to be held in Fondersmith Auditorium in the Fisher Parish House of Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 South Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602. A tour of Trinity Lutheran Church will follow this session at 11:15 a.m.*

Chair and Commentator: Amy Schutt, SUNY Cortland

Papers: “The Hermits of the Wissahickon: Pietists Musicians and Poets”  
Barbara Lewis, University of North Dakota

“Music at the May 1766 Inaugural Services at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster”  
Tanya Kevorkian, Millersville University

“Native-Language Hymns from the Moravian Archives”  
Sarah Eyerly, Florida State University

**Sponsored by The Historic Lancaster Walking Tour Corp.**

**Panel 3**

**Independence Room A**

*20<sup>th</sup> Century Pennsylvania Politics from the Center to the Fringe*

Chair: Michael Birkner, Gettysburg College  
Commentator: Ken Heineman, Angelo State University  
John McLarnon, Millersville University

Papers: “What Election Results Reveal: 50 Years of Presidential Voting in a Rural Pennsylvania County” (1968-2018)  
Kimberly Neitz, Independence University

“The War Within: The Fight for Party Modernization and a More Inclusive Republican Party in Philadelphia, 1961-1965”  
Steve Lilienthal, Independent Scholar

“Organizing for the Cooperative Commonwealth: Reading, Pennsylvania Socialists and U.S. Politics, 1927-1939”  
Ian Gavigan, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

**Session #3 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Panel 4**

**Federal Room A**

Roundtable: *“Suffer the Little Children”: Media, Memory, and the Trauma of Mass Institutionalization*

Chair: Dennis Downey, Emeritus, Millersville University

Discussants: Bill Baldini, career broadcast journalist  
Kathleen Pavelko, WITF Media, Inc.  
James Conroy, Center for Outcomes Analysis and Pennhurst Memorial and Preservation Alliance

**Panel 5**

**Federal Room B**

*What's New on the Old Pennsylvania Frontier?*

Chair and Commentator: Patrick Spero, American Philosophical Society

Papers: "The Four Nations of Indians upon the Susquehanna: Murder, Diplomacy, and Political Identity on the Pennsylvania Frontier, 1717-1722"  
Paul Douglas Newman, University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown

"Stump and Ironcutter: Who Rescued Them?"  
Linda A. Ries, Pennsylvania Historical Association

"Exile at Aughwick: George Croghan, Fort Shirley, and Native American Alliances at the Outbreak of the French and Indian War in Pennsylvania"  
Jonathan Burns, Juniata College | Presented by Andrew Dudash, Penn State University, University Park

**Panel 6**

**Independence Room A**

*Exploring Industrial Pennsylvania through T.M. Fowler's Late 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Bird's Eye Views*

Chair and Commentator: David Schuyler, Franklin & Marshall College

Papers: "T.M. Fowler's Bird's Eye Views of Pennsylvania: An Overview"  
Curt Miner, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

"The Landscapes of Anthracite Mining Towns"  
Paul Shackel, University of Maryland

"The Geography of Pennsylvania's 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Pulp and Paper Mill Industry"  
John Clark, Lafayette College

**Panel 7**

**Independence Room B**

Roundtable: *Maritime Resources in Erie, Pennsylvania*

Chair: Daniel Barr, Robert Morris University

Discussants: Ben Ford, Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Joseph Lengieza, Flagship Niagara League  
Benjamin Scharff, Mercyhurst University

**Members Meeting 12:30 to 1 p.m.**

**Commons on Vine**

Luncheon: 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

**Commons on Vine**

Speaker: Andrea Lowery, Executive Director of Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

“The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

**Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission**

**Afternoon Coffee** – Available 3 – 4pm in the Commons on Vine

Session #4 2:15 to 3:30

**Panel 8**

**Federal Room A**

*Stress and Structure in Pennsylvania Higher Education*

Chair: Catherine Anne Rios, Penn State Harrisburg

Commentator: Andrew Arnold, Kutztown University

Papers: “‘There is strength in our collectiveness’: Gay Activism at Pennsylvania State Colleges during the 1970s and 1980s”  
William Bergmann, Slippery Rock University

“Prelude to Controversy: Friends of Democracy and the Vetting of Roy E. Harris for the Pennsylvania College for Women”  
Richard Mulcahy, University of Pittsburgh/Titusville

**Panel 9**

**Federal Room B**

Roundtable: *From Boxcar to Heritage Site:*

*Creating the Cumberland Valley Railroad Museum at Shippensburg Station*

Chair: Allen Dieterich-Ward, Shippensburg University

Discussants: Tiffany Weaver, Penn State Harrisburg  
Steven Burg, Shippensburg University  
Christy Fic, Shippensburg University  
Mitchell Burrows, Shippensburg Revitalization Group

**Panel 10**

**Independence Room A**

*Race and Gender in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Pennsylvania*

Chair: Rachel Batch, Widener University

Commentator: Diane Wenger, Wilkes University

Papers:

“Guiding Madison: An Examination of Madison Ulysses Ayles and his Experience with the Children’s Aid Society”  
Charles Withers, Villanova University

“‘But You’re Black’: The Overlooked Community of Scranton, Pennsylvania”  
Glynis Johns, Architectural Heritage Association

**Sponsored by Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology**

**Panel 11**

**Independence Room B**

*Everyday Life in Pennsylvania: 1910-1940*

Chair: Silas Chamberlin, CEO Downtown, Inc.

Commentator: Adam Bentz, Lebanon County Historical Society

“‘Seems to be about Regular’: Standing by in Central Pennsylvania”  
Ed Slavishak, Susquehanna University

“Father Liebel’s War: The Home Front in North Central Pennsylvania during the Second World War”  
Michael Gabriel, Kutztown University

“See if You Can Run a Fire Company”  
Richard Lindberg, Independent Scholar

## Session #5 3:45 to 5 p.m.

### Panel 12

**Federal Room A**

#### *Commerce and Community*

Chair: Louise Stevenson, Franklin & Marshall College

Commentator: Dennis Deslippe, Franklin & Marshall College

Papers: "We are Living in a Material World: Commerce, Space, and Race in the 'Suburban' Marketplace of Northeastern Philadelphia, 1950-1965"  
Matthew Smalarz, Manor College

" 'The Pleasure of Thy Society': The Importance of Family, Community, and Region in the Early Reform Work of George W. Taylor"  
Julie Holcomb, Baylor University

"Leaves and Cigars: Charting Tobacco Commerce in Southern Pennsylvania"  
Caitlin Black, Penn State Harrisburg

### Panel 13

**Federal Room B**

Roundtable: *"The Worst President Ever?": James Buchanan, Pennsylvania's Favorite Son, Reconsidered*

Chair: Patrick Clarke, Director of President James Buchanan's Wheatland

Discussants: Thomas Balcerski, Eastern Connecticut State University  
Joshua Lynn, Eastern Kentucky University  
Michael Birkner, Gettysburg College

### Panel 14

**Independence Room A**

#### *Spotlight on Pittsburgh*

Chair and commentator: Allen Dieterich-Ward, Shippensburg University

Papers: "Pittsburgh's New Approaches to Community Development in the 1990s"  
Dan Holland, University of Pittsburgh

"Telling the History of the Death Penalty in Pittsburgh"  
Bill Lofquist, SUNY Geneseo

"The Contested Meaning of Rail Trails in the Reinvention of Pittsburgh"  
Silas Chamberlin, CEO, Downtown, Inc.

## Panel 15

**Independence Room B**

*New Approaches to Material Culture*

Chair: Anne Verplanck, Penn State Harrisburg

Commentator: Aimee Newell, Luzerne County Historical Society

Papers: "Benedict Arnold's Houses: The Making and Unmaking of an American"  
Laura Macaluso, Independent Scholar

"Empire in Your Pantry: Telling Global Stories in a Local History Exhibit:  
Tim Betz, Director, Morgan Log House, Lansdale

"The Making of Museum Makers: The Landis Brothers of Lancaster County"  
Bruce Bomberger, Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum

"A Preference for the 'Finer Types' -- Cecilia Beaux's Portraits of Gilded Age  
Boys and Men"  
Tara Tappert, Independent Scholar

## Friday Dinner and Awards Ceremony

*Dinner and the awards ceremony take place in the Commons on Vine at the  
Lancaster County Convention Center in the Marriott Penn Square.*

Remarks by Robert Sandow, Lock Haven University; Chair, Philip S. Klein Book Prize  
Committee, and Carla Mulford, Pennsylvania State University, Chair, William Pencack  
Undergraduate Research Prize Committee

Keynote: "Our Ghosts of Slavery: Finding and Facing the History of Slavery at Mid-Atlantic  
Colleges," featuring Former PHA President Randall Miller, St. Joseph's University

**Sponsored by Saint Joseph's University History Department**



## **Saturday Oct. 13**

*All Saturday events to be held at the Lancaster County Convention Center in the Marriott Penn Square, 25 South Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.*

### **Session 6 Plenary 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.**

**Commons on Vine**

Roundtable: Pennsylvania Politics 2018

Chair: Ken Heineman, Angelo State University

Comment: The Audience

Discussants: Terry Madonna, Franklin & Marshall College  
Katie Meyer, WITF Public Radio  
John Micek, Harrisburg *Patriot-News*

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<p><b>Morning Coffee</b> – Available 9:30 – 11:30am in the Commons on Vine <b>Sponsored by Department of History, Millersville University</b></p>
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### **Session 7 10 to 11:15 a.m.**

#### **Panel 16**

**Montgomery House, State Room**

Roundtable: *The Place of Pennsylvania in National History*

Chair: Robert Shaffer, Shippensburg University

Discussants: Georgette Hackman, Cocalico School District  
Kate Lukascewicz, Sewickley Academy  
Stephanie Townrow, LancasterHistory.org

**Panel 17****Federal Room A***Women's Lives*

Chair: Janet Moore Lindman, Rowan University

Commentator: Marion Roydhouse, Jefferson (Philadelphia University and Thomas Jefferson University) East Falls Campus

Papers: "Home Inquiries: Magazines for Women and Architectural Research"  
Laurin Davis, Penn State University"From Industrial Nursing to Psychiatric Nursing:  
The Evolution of Nursing Education in Pennsylvania's Anthracite Region"  
Karol Kovalovich Weaver, Susquehanna University**Panel 18****Commons on Vine***New Light on Classic Issues in Revolutionary Era Pennsylvania*

Chair: Tim Shannon, Gettysburg College

Papers: "Pittsburgh, the West and Nation: Examining Conflict and Unity on the  
Revolutionary Frontier"  
Jay Donis, Lehigh University"Foreign Affairs and the Ratification of the Constitution in Pennsylvania"  
Robert Smith, Worcester State University"The 'Indian Atrocity' Question in Pennsylvania Politics during the  
Revolution"  
Shannon Duffy, Texas State University**Panel 19****Federal Room B***Pennsylvania Politics and the Army of the Potomac*

Chair: Corey Brooks, York College

Commentator: Peter Carmichael, Gettysburg College

Papers: "A Clash of Cultures: George Gordon Meade and the Politics of War"  
Jennifer Murray, Oklahoma State University"Autumn 1863 as a Test of Loyalty in the Army of the Potomac"  
Zach Fry, Department of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and  
General Staff College"Kissing Goes by Favours':  
Partisan Politics and the Promotion of Pennsylvania's Civil War Officers"  
Timothy Orr, Old Dominion University

Poster Session: 11:30 to 12:30

**Commons on Vine**

Luncheon: 12:45pm

**Commons on Vine**

Speaker: Tim Shannon, Gettysburg College

“The hellish Authors of my Ruin’: Making and Unmaking Peter Williamson’s Indian Captivity”

**2 – 3pm:** Guided Tour of the Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith Historic Site

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### **End of Conference**

Thank you for attending! We look forward to seeing you for next year’s Annual Meeting, October 17-19, 2019 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.