# The Pennsylvania Historical Association's **ANNUAL MEETING** 10-12 October 2024 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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# Identity and Politics in the Mid-Atlantic

Johnstown 10-12 October 2024

# Purpose

The Pennsylvania Historical Association advocates and advances knowledge about the history and culture of Pennsylvania and the mid-Atlantic region, because understanding how the past informs the present helps us shape a better future. PHA achieves its mission by fostering the teaching and study of Pennsylvania history and culture through:

- Publishing Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid–Atlantic Studies,
- Publishing a book series on historical topics of interest in partnership with Temple University Press,
- Connecting and encouraging the networking of scholars.

The PHA holds its annual meeting in a different Pennsylvania location each fall. The annual meetings bring together historians, educators and history buffs to participate in a wide variety of panel discussions, to hear speakers, and to enjoy meeting others interested in Pennsylvania history. We are pleased to have partnerships with other organizations throughout the Commonwealth to promote an interest in Pennsylvania history.

# **Coming Up**

We hope you'll join us at our future meetings!

- 2025 York, Oct. 9-11
- 2026 Bethlehem

We welcome inquiries about potential venues on our planning horizon. Reach out to Joe Heffley at joeheffley.pha@gmail.com with questions and ideas!

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# Agenda

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

4:00-6:30 PM	Holiday Inn, Napa/Sonoma	Council Meeting
6:30 PM	Johnstown Flood Museum	Registration Opens
6:30-7:00 PM	Johnstown Flood Museum	Opening Reception
7:00-8:30 PM	Johnstown Flood Museum	Opening Plenary

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 AM	Holiday Inn	Registration Opens
8:30-9:45 AM	Holiday Inn	First Session
9:45-10:15 AM	Holiday Inn	New Members Meet and Greet
10:15-11:45 AM	Holiday Inn	Second Session
11:45-12:15 PM	Ballroom	Members Meeting
12:15-1:30 PM	Ballroom	Luncheon Plenary
1:30-3:00 PM	Holiday Inn	Third Session
3:00-3:45 PM	Ballroom	Book Launch
3:45-5:15 PM	Ballroom	Student Research Session
4:00-5:15 PM	Holiday Inn	Fourth Session
6:00 PM	Heritage Discover Center	Reception
6:30-8:30 PM	Heritage Discover Center	Keynote Banquet
8:30-11:00 PM	Heritage Discover Center	Social

# **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

8:00 AM	Holiday Inn	Registration Opens
9:00-10:15 AM	Holiday Inn	Fifth Session
10:30-11:45 AM	Holiday Inn	Sixth Session

# **President's Welcome**



Benjamin Scharff, PhD President of the PHA Associate Professor of History Mercyhurst University Erie, Pennsylvania Welcome All -

As President of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, I would like to welcome you to the 91st annual meeting of our organization!

The theme of this year's meeting, "Identity and Politics in the Mid-Atlantic," recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and that individual and group identity has long played an important role in the region's political culture. This topic is doubly relevant this fall as our nation engages in a contentious election season. Never, it might seem, has identity and politics been so intertwined. The Program Committee, led by Allen Dieterich-Ward, has assembled a wonderful roster of panels and speakers that span a wide range of subjects of interest to our community of scholars. Joe Heffley, the PHA's Meeting Coordinator, along with the Local Arrangements Committee, have worked to provide our attendees with a friendly and enjoyable experience as an organization that bridges past and present and welcomes institutional and independent scholars at all stages of their careers. I would like to give a special thanks to Patty Carnevali and the Johnstown Area Heritage Association for hosting several of our events. We should likewise acknowledge the support of Barb Zaborowski and Penn Highlands Community College for its sponsorship and local arrangements assistance.

I hope attendees will take full advantage of both the wonderful scholarship being presented here as well as the opportunity to engage in the sort of informal personal exchanges that have always been a highlight of our annual meetings.

Regards, Ben Scharff

#### Special Thanks To



Joe Heffley, Annual Meeting Coordinator



Jake Wolff, Social Media and Web Editor

# Our Program & Our Hosts

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the beautiful Laurel Highlands and the City of Johnstown. Founded in 1800 by Joseph Johns, Johnstown has been an integral part of Pennsylvania history in many ways. Beginning in 1834 as the western terminus of the Allegheny Portage Railroad, Johnstown was a major hub on the Main Line of Public Works. As a center for industrialization, in the 1800s, Cambria Iron was the largest manufacturer of iron rails in the United States. Supporter of the Civil War by enlisting both white and black soldiers and serving as a pathway for freedom seekers on the Underground Railroad, Johnstown was a thriving community in the valley of the Conemaugh. This was soon to change.

At 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 1889, the South Fork dam burst sending 20 million tons of water down the narrow valley to Johnstown. The following calamity would result in the death of 2,209 persons and total destruction of the towns of Mineral Point and Woodvale. In 1936, Johnstown would experience its second flood, this time caused by heavy snows and an early thaw. President Franklin D. Roosevelt would visit Johnstown and provide funds for the construction of river walls, declaring Johnstown to be "flood free." In July 1977, the Laurel Run dam burst giving Johnstown yet another flood with a loss of 84 lives.

Today, there are many places to visit in the area that commemorate many pieces of Johnstown's past. You can visit the Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS and its sister park, the Johnstown Flood National Memorial, tour Grandview Cemetery to view the plot of the unknown dead from the 1889 flood, watch the Center for Metal Arts create artwork in the original blacksmith shop of the Cambria Iron Company, or stroll Central Park where there are monuments to Joseph Johns, Civil War veterans, and the 1977 flood.

Our annual meeting theme, "Identity and Politics in the Mid-Atlantic," flows from this history. From the headwaters of our opening plenary, with its focus on the waves of immigrants who forged our industrial history, sessions on Friday and Saturday explore the spectrum of identities that have and continue to shape the region's culture and politics. Our lunch plenary brings the focus back to the Johnstown area by unearthing the formerly "untold story" of the Laurel Hill Settlement, an African American community that has been the subject of an extensive archeological and historical collaboration with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Following the alwaysexciting student research session, we travel for our awards banquet to the Johnstown Heritage Discovery Center and a final plenary by Jeremy Johnson of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the PHMC's Douglas Miller focused on the repatriation of Lenape remains to their ancestral homeland.

We hope that you find all the history of the region to be interesting and engaging and of course hope you will return for future visits. Enjoy the conference.

Sincerely, The Local Arrangements and Program Committees

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#### Patty Carnevali, Johnstown Area Chair: Allen Dieterich-Ward, Shippensburg University Heritage Association Bonnie Rock-McCutcheon [Student Research Session Chair], Joe Heffley, Pennsylvania Historical Wilson College Laurie Rofini, Chester County Archives (Ret.) Barb Zaborowski, Pennsylvania Tristin Milazzo, Members 1st FCU Highlands Community College Kate Lukaszewicz, Classrooms Without Borders Lucien Holness, Penn State University Janet Bowen, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Tim Ziakus, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Matthew Washington, Prairie View A&M University Alonna Carter-Donaldson, University of Pittsburgh Scott Wert, Lackawanna Trail Junior/Senior High School

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

# Thursday, October 10

4:00-6:30 PM PHA Council meeting

Napa/Sonoma Holiday Inn-Johnstown

Johnstown Flood Museum, 304 Washington St., Johnstown, 15901

6:30 PM	<b>Registration Opens</b>	Johnstown Flood Museum
6:30-7:00 PM	Opening Plenary	Johnstown Flood Museum

# Thursday, Opening Plenary

7:00-8:30 PM, Johnstown Flood Museum, 304 Washington St, Johnstown, 15901



#### Plenary: Narrating Immigration in Pennsylvania History

The 2024 PHA Annual Meeting opens with a lecture by Dr. Katherine Benton-Cohen, author of *Inventing the Immigration Problem: The Dillingham Commission and Its Legacy*, followed by a panel discussion on the wideranging depictions of immigrants in Pennsylvania's public memory. The panel will take as its starting point a long-term exhibition at the Johnstown Area Heritage Center, titled "America Through Immigrant Eyes," that provides an immersive experience in which visitors assume the roles of east-central European immigrants to Johnstown ca. 1910. Visitors learn that immigrants

used the family economy and institutions they created to meet their goals, and became American on their own terms. Among other topics, plenary participants will discuss a proposed new concluding section of the exhibition examining the eventual incorporation of these immigrants into the broader community and what their experiences mean for Americans today.

Moderator: David Witwer, Penn State - Harrisburg

Speaker: Katherine Benton-Cohen, Georgetown University Panelists:

Richard Burkert, Johnstown Area Heritage Association (retired)

Lynne Calamia, Roebling Museum

A. K. Sandoval-Strausz, Pennsylvania State University

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# Friday, October 11

8:00 AM

**Registration Opens** 

# Friday, Session 1

#### Beyond Pittsburgh and Philly: Exploring Jewish Life in Pennsylvania's Small Cities and Towns

Napa Saloon

Sonoma Saloon

Tuscanu/Piedmont

Chair/Commenter: Kate Lukaszewicz, Classrooms Without Borders

- "Uncovering the Jewish History of Greenville, Pennsylvania" Charles Salkin, Independent Scholar
- "Jewish Johnstown: Then and Now" Barry Rudel, Independent Scholar
- "A Decade in the Field: The Small Town Jewish History Project" Eric Lidji, Rauh Jewish Archives at the Heinz History Center

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### Emancipatory Politics and the Shaping of Identity

Chair/Commenter: Danya Pilgrim, Temple University

"Sojourning, Residency, and Inhabitance: Navigating Legal Categories in Early Pennsylvania Abolition Law"

Amanda McGee, University of Arkansas

"George W. Taylor, a Practical Antislavery Man: Capitalism, Religion, and Antislavery in Nineteenth-Century America"

Julie Holcomb, Baylor University

"A Pennsylvania Quaker in South Carolina: Martha Schofield and the Ellenton Massacre, 1876–77"

Christina Larocco, Historical Society of Pennsylvania

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### Landscapes of Production and Destruction

Chair/Commenter: Ellen Stroud, Pennsylvania State University

- "Too Poor for Christmas: Consumerism, Appalachian Poverty, and the Cold War" Thomas Weyant, Black Hills State University
- "America Adrift: Floating Nuclear Power Plants and the Decline of American Power" Warren Dennis, Boston University

"After the Flood: Redevelopment following Tropical Storm Agnes (1972) and its Legacies for Community Identities, Politics, and Built Environments in the Mid-Atlantic" Andrew Stuhl and Hannah Klanderman, Bucknell University

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# Friday, Session 2

# 10:15-11:45 AM

# Forging a Future for the Preservation of Catholic Archives of Western Pennsylvania

Napa Saloon

Chair/Moderator: Andrew Simpson Roundtable Participants: Kathleen Washy, Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden Archives Very Rev. Thomas Kunz, Diocese of Pittsburgh Kenneth Parker, Duquesne University

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Sonoma Saloon

#### Presence, Violence, Absence, and Heritage: Exploring Indigenous-Settler Interactions across Centuries of Pennsylvania History

Chair/Commenter: David Horst Lehman, Westminster College

"A Little Valley's Hopes of Prosperity and Preservation Amid Chaos: Swedish Incorporation of English Imperialism in the Delaware Valley and the Decline of Lenape Power Before the Arrival of William Penn: 1669-1682"

Cole Mellinger, Independent Scholar

"Those Abandoned People": Extralegal Violence and the Construction of Indian Policy on the Mid-Atlantic Frontier, 1754-1768"

Sarah Donovan, College of William & Mary

"Presence and Absence in Pennsylvania: Reframing a Revolutionary Museum Object" Laura Macaluso, Independent Scholar

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### Conserving and Controlling Pennsylvania Landscapes

Tuscany/Piedmont

Chair: Steven Burg, Shippensburg University

Commenter: Andre Weltman, Independent Scholar

- ""Not for Ourselves Alone": Upper Class Sportsmen and the Birth of Progressive Conservation" Edward Hauck, Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg
- "Structural Tranquility: Land Leasing And The Cultural Identities of Park Architecture In Michaux State Forest"

Daniel Lewis, Shippensburg University

"The Leased Permanent Campsite Program in Pennsylvania (1913-1954): A History of Outdoor Recreation in the Commonwealth"

Hannah Borkenhagen, Shippensburg University

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11:45-12:15 PM PHA Members Meeting

Ballroom

# Friday, Lunch Plenary 12:15-1:30 PM, Ballroom



### The Laurel Hill Settlement: A Pennsylvania Parks Untold Story

The Laurel Hill Settlement, situated in Laurel Ridge State Park overlooking Johnstown's West End, has been known by several names, including Brown Farm and the Mountain. From at least the 1820s, and possiblu as early as the turn of the 19th century, the settlement was home to an integrated community of Black, White, and Indigenous people. Eight generations lived on the mountain until the property was claimed by the state in 1967. Today, the settlement cemetery is the most visible landmark, but a closer look reveals roads, foundations, groves of trees, and other evidence of 15 decades of life. The Laurel Hill Settlement has a lot to tell us about how this unique community adapted to life on the Pennsulvania frontier, life on the mountain, and life in America during a period of significant economic and social change. Telling these stories is part of a broad effort by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to explore the Untold Stories of Pennsylvania's Parks and Forests.

Participants:

Erin Conlin, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Christopher Schaney, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Elaine Adams, Independent Researcher

Kim Peck, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Ben Ford, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

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# Friday, Session 3 1:30-3:00 PM

### Archives of Underrepresented and Marginalized Groups

Chair/Moderator: David Grinnell, University of Pittsburgh Roundtable Participants: Josué Hurtado, Temple University John Anderies, William Way LGBT Community Center Heidi Abbey Moyer, Archives and Special Collections, Penn State Harrisburg, Penn State University Libraries

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#### Untold Stories Above Johnstown: Student Research on an Early African American Settlement

Chair/Commenter: Jeanine Mazak-Kahne, Indiana University of Pennsylvania Kaulee Becker-George, Indiana University of Pennsulvania Elena Frye, Indiana University of Pennsylvania Emma Lashley, Indiana University of Pennsylvania Elizabeth McCreary, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Sponsored by the Department of Anthropology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania

### Pennsylvania Environmental Strike Force: A Retrospective

Chair/Moderator: Allen Dieterich-Ward, Shippensburg University Roundtable Participants: William M. Eichbaum. World Wildlife Fund K.W. James Rochow, International/Environmental Consultant Larry J. Schweiger, Climate Reality Action Fund Patrick McDonnell, PennFuture

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#### 3:00-3:45 PM Pennsylvania History Series Book Launch Ballroom

### Cradle of Conservation: An Environmental History of Pennsylvania

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Sonoma Saloon

Napa Saloon

**Tuscany/Piedmont** 

# Friday, Student Research 3:45-5:15 PM, Ballroom

Organizer: Bonnie Rock-McCutcheon, Wilson College Participants: "Pittsburgh's Street Academy Program 1969-1973" Stacey Akines, Carnegie Mellon University "Race, Hate, and Steel: The Rosedale Incident and the Myth of Northern Racial Harmonu" Cameron Antoniotti, Slippery Rock University "The Post-Anthracite Presidential Campaign: The 1960 Election in Schuylkill County" Harold Aurand, Penn State University - University Park "The Dandy Cavalry: Philadelphia's Light Horse in the American Revolution" Amanda Charowsky, Lycoming College "The Controversial Usage of Indigenous Mascots in Public Education's Athletics: The North Hills School District Case Study" Thomas DeMauro III, Duquesne University "Heritage Reclaimed: The Quaker Falls Revival" Erin Kelosky, Duquesne University "The Pittsburgh Courier's Impact: African American Experiences in WWII Italy and the Rise of Civil Rights" Serena E. Lalli, Duquesne University "Native Americans of Pennsylvania: The Cultural Protection and Conservation of the Susquehannock-Conestoga People" Matthew Line, Wilson College "Wilson College and Its Effect on the Civil Rights Movement" Jeremiah Loyer, Wilson College "History and Fortitude of the Scranton Lace Company" Erin McGee, Misericordia University "Michael Musmanno: A Contextualization of Pennsylvanian Anti-Communism Within Labor and Electoral Politics" James Miller, Duquesne University "The Fever and the Theater: Philadelphia's Religious Anti-Theater Movement in the Aftermath of The Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793" Eleni Murphy, St. Andrew's School "Keystone Legacies: Tracing Millersville University's Partnership with the Carlisle Indian Industrial School" Bryanna Nase, Millersville University "No Place for a Monastery": Pennsylvania Benedictines' Crusade to Educate (and Convert) Free Blacks" Evan Portman, West Virginia University "Prejudice Within the Parade: Exploring the Racism and Sexism of the Philadelphia Mummers" Ainsley Rush, Slippery Rock University "The Same Train on Different Tracks: Community Involvement in Pittsburgh's South Side Works and the Homestead Waterfront" Aaron Russo, Duquesne University

"Built on Steel and Rockets: How American Cities Like Pittsburgh Have Contributed to the Space Program"

Ryan Srafin, Duquesne University

- "Chauvinism with a Smiling Face: The Immigrant Experience in Industrializing Pittsburgh" Charlie Stoops, Slippery Rock University
- "Double Dare Yinz: A Look Into Pittsburgh's Riot Grrrl Scene" Ellie Troiani, Duquesne University
- "Shale Gas on the Susquehanna: The Riverdale Mobile Home Park Occupation and Fracking in Pennsylvania"

Jonah Weaver, Saint Vincent College

- "Queer History in Franklin County, Pennsylvania" Molly Wolfrum, Wilson College
- "Mechanical Rascals: The Committee System and the Rise of the Mechanic Class during the American Revolution"
  - Matthew Wollett, Duquesne University

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# Friday, Session 4 4:00-5:15 PM

### Civil Rights Book Club 1: Slavery and Abolition in Pennsylvania<sup>1</sup>

Chair: Beverly Tomek, Monroe County Community College

Commenter: Jeanine Mazak-Kahne, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Roundtable Participants:

Angela Murphy, Texas State University

Michael Douma, Georgetown University

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### Forging Identity in the Late 19th Century

Chair/Commenter: Tristin Milazzo, Independent Scholar

"Shall We Arise In Our Might?': How Pennsylvania Women Gained the Right To Be Elected to School Offices in the 1870s"

Wendy Chmielewski, Independent Scholar

- "The Carpatho-Rusyn Diaspora: Pennsylvania Confronts Eastern Rite Catholicism" Harold Aurand, Jr., Pennsylvania State University, Schuylkill
- "The First 'Civic Club' Proper, in Name and Purpose": The Civic Club of Philadelphia and Women's Reform in the City of Brotherly Love" Mary Procopio, Shippensburg University

Sponsored by Tristin Milazzo

### Out of the Closet and Into the Civil Rights Struggle

Chair/Commenter: Laura LeeAnn Lovett, University of Pittsburgh

"Can We See What We Cannot Name?"

Julie Still, Paul Robeson Library, Rutgers University, Camden

- Queer Rights in the State Capital: Governor Milton J. Shapp's Pioneering Queer Rights Struggle" Max Gaida, University of Cologne and Temple University,
- "'Live from Pittsburgh—It's Thursday Night': Professionalizing Western Pennsylvania's Gay and Lesbian Community, Thursday Night Live, 1989-1996" Tim Ziaukas, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

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1 This session is being held in honor of Phil Lapsansky, a dear friend of PHA who passed in 2024. Those who wish to share stories and reminisce are invited to come early to the session.

Sonoma Saloon

**Tuscany/Piedmont** 

Napa Saloon

# Friday, Banquet

6:00-6:30 PM, Reception, Heritage Discovery Center, Seventh & Broad Streets (Rt. 56), Johnstown, 15906

6:30-8:30 PM

### **Banquet and Awards Dinner**



### Plenary: Returning to the Homeland: A Lenape Journey

In 2022 the Federally recognized descendants of the Lenape people repatriated the remains of some of their ancestors and thousands of funerary goods to return them to their homeland. Pennsbury Manor, the home of William Penn in Pennsylvania, provided a safe space for the ancestors to return to the home they knew in life. This unique partnership has grown into bi-annual cultural programming at Pennsbury Manor that underscores the power that the true voices of the Lenape descendants bring to Pennsbury and the Lenape homeland.

Participants:

- Jeremy Johnson, Director of Cultural Education of the Delaware Tribe of Indians
- Douglas Miller, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

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# Friday, Social

# 8:30-11:00 PM, Ethnic Social Club-Heritage Discovery Center

# Presentation: *The Faculty Lounge: A Cocktail Guide for Academics* by Philipp Stelzel, Duquesne University

Everyone is welcome to attend the Social regardless of attendance at the Banquet.

# Saturday, October 12

8:30 AM

**Registration Opens** 

# Saturday, Session 5

# 9:00-10:15 AM

### Imperial Pennsylvania: The Place of Colonial Pennsylvania in the British Empire

Chair/Moderator: Paul Douglas Newman, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Roundtable Participants:

Benjamin Scharff, Mercyhurst University

Daniel Barr, Robert Morris University

Christopher Pearl, Lycoming College

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### Patriotism and Identity in the Second World War

Chair/Commenter: Rachel Batch, Widener University

"The Patriotic Oilman: The Producer's Monthly and the Bradford Oil Field during the Second World War"

Matthew McEwan, Independent Scholar

- "Women of Wilson College: Wartime Response During World War II, 1941-1945" Ciji Holthaus, Wilson College
- ""The Fullest Measure of Fellowship": Letters to a New Chaplain" Jonathan Kadjeski, Wilkes University and King's College

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#### The American Civic Education and Literacy (ACE) Initiative's Democracy Bowl: Making American History and Government Fun in the Era of Act 35

Chair/Moderator: Mark Conlon, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Roundtable Participants:

Christian Wrabley, Greater Johnstown School District

John Smith, Greater Johnstown High School

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Napa Saloon

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Tuscany/Piedmont

# Saturday, Session 6

# 10:30-11:45 AM

#### Between Loyalty and Liberty: Political Identity and Republican Values

Napa Saloon

Chair/Commenter: Ben Scharff, Mercyhurst University

"The Fatal Black-Act: Printers, Politics, And Economics During the Stamp Act" James Sterner, Shippensburg University

"Leveraging Liberty: Robert Levers, Northampton County, and the Formation of American Identity"

Tim Betz, Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society

""Foe of Kings." The United Irishmen, Rufus King, and Politicized Memory in the Election of 1807" Hannah Nolan, University of Maryland

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#### Intersectional Identities from the Margins to the Mainstream

Chair/Commenter: Karol Weaver, Susquehanna University

""Her Claim Upon a Cause of Action": Locating the Local in the Archives of the US Veterans Bureau"

Bridget Keown, University of Pittsburgh

"Intersection Identities from the Margins to the Mainstream"

Madeline Canales, South Park Township Public Library and Andrew Simpson, Duquesne University

"Political Identity at Wilson College: Wilson Women and the Republican Party" Maxine Wagenhoffer, Wilson College

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### **Civil Rights Book Club 2: The Jim Crow North**

Tuscanu/Piedmont

Sonoma Saloon

- Chair: Samuel Black, Heinz History Center
- Commenter: Matthew Washington, Prairie View A&M University

Roundtable Participants:

- Alonna Carter-Donaldson, University of Pittsburgh
- Robert J. Kodosky, West Chester University
- David Taft Terry, Morgan State University

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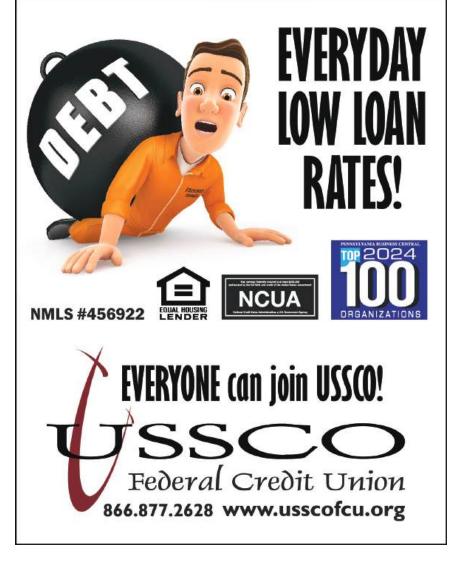
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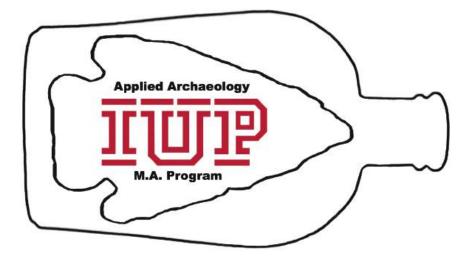


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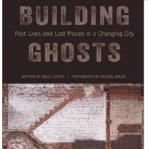
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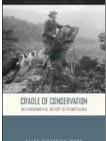
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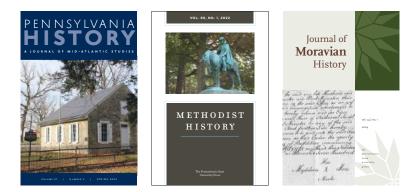
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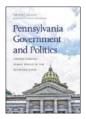
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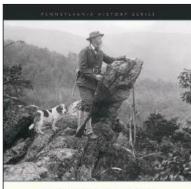
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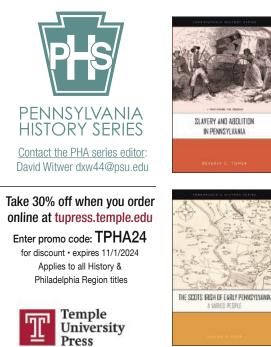
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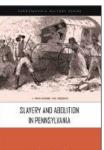
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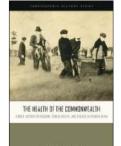
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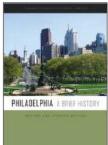
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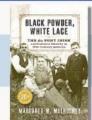
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# The Pennsylvania State Archives and the Pennsylvania Historical Association invite applications for the 2025 Scholars in Residence Program. The program provides support for up to four weeks of full-time research and study in manuscript and state record collections maintained by the Pennsylvania State Archives.

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