

Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting
October 9-11, 2025
York, Pennsylvania

“Rights, Reform, and Protest in the Mid-Atlantic”

Thursday, October 9

All Thursday events will take place at the York County History Center located at 121 N. Pershing Ave, York, PA 17401.

3:00-6:00 PM	PHA Council Meeting
6:00 PM	Registration Opens
6:00-7:00 PM	Opening Reception
7:00-8:30 PM	Opening Plenary Speaker

Peter Levy, historian and author of *The Great Uprising: Race Riots in Urban America during the 1960s* and *The New Left and Labor in the 1960s*, will offer a compelling discussion on the long-lasting impact of racial uprisings and labor movements in shaping the nation’s history.

Friday, October 10-

Yorchtowne Hotel-48 E. Market St., York, PA 17401

8:00 AM	Registration Opens
8:30 AM -5:00 PM	Book Hall & Vendors
8:30-9:00 AM	Members Meeting

9:15-10:30 AM First Session

1. Medicine, Care, and Advocacy in Rural Communities

Chair: Drew Simpson, Duquesne University

1. Lawrence Knorr, Liberty University
19th Century Medical Practice in a Pennsylvania Dutch Community
2. Hannah Stokes, Duquesne University
Reforming Care, Resisting Stigma: Margaret Cleaves and Women’s Mental Health Advocacy in Pennsylvania
3. Judith Newman, Penn State Abington
Parallel Discoveries of Illness Causality in History ... and in Childhood

2. Influential African American Families of 19th-Century Central Pennsylvania

Chair: Anne Gray, William C. Goodridge Freedom Center

1. Sam Dorm -Friends of Lebanon Cemetery
2. Rebecca Anstine- York County History Center
3. Alison Renner- William C. Goodridge Freedom Center

3. “Pennsylvania’s Revolutionary War: Politics, Loyalists and Military History”

Chair: Paul Douglas Newman, Pitt-Johnstown

1. Christopher Pearl, Lycoming College
2. Marcus Gallo, John Carroll University
3. Wayne Bodle, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

4. Rituals of Power and Protest: Expressions of Identity, Resistance, and Community in Pennsylvania

Chair: Rachel Batch, Widener University

1. Tina Charles, Independent Scholar
Feeding Freedom: Black Oyster Vendors and Economic Resistance in York, Pennsylvania
2. Karol Weaver, Susquehanna University
“Birds Triumph”: Pigeon Racing in Pennsylvania’s Anthracite Coal Region
3. Joy Giguere, Penn State York
“A half holiday in the borough”: The Klan Funeral of Orran L. Barshinger in Dallastown, Pennsylvania

5. Engaging Tomorrow’s Historians: Hands-On Learning and Community Engagement

Chair: Steven Burg, Shippensburg University

1. John Bloom, with students Joe Baxter, Hannah Cornell, Rachel Fuhrman, and Jack Tobey, Shippensburg University
Narrating the Pandemic in Pennsylvania: A Student Oral History Project on COVID in the Cumberland Valley
2. Corey Brooks, Cindell Behrmann, and McKenzie Brooks, York College of Pennsylvania
The Policy History Briefing as High-Impact Engagement Pedagogy
3. Dominic DelliCarpini, York College of Pennsylvania
Teaching Civic Rhetoric in a Political Hurricane: Historical Words as Civic Engagement

10:45-12:00 PM Second Session

6. "Pennsylvania’s Revolutionary Identities: Gender, Sex, and the American Franklin"

Chair: Beverly C. Tomek, Monroe County Community College, MI

1. Camille Kaszubowski, Seton Hill University
2. John McCurdy, Eastern Michigan University
3. David Curtis, Belmont University

7. Stories, Clicks, Shares and Comments: Growing Audiences using Digital Media in Public History

Chair: Jim McClure, Hometown History

1. Jamie Noerpel, Hometown History

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2. Dominish Miller, Hometown History

Stories, Clicks, Shares and Comments: Growing Audiences using Digital Media in Public History (Same as Above)

3. Jim McClure, Hometown History

Stories, Clicks, Shares and Comments: Growing Audiences using Digital Media in Public History

4. Emma Fredericks, A&E Networks

The Humanities, Public History, and Ethical Storytelling

8. Voices of Change in Education

Chair: Scott Wert, Conrad Weiser High School

1. Andrew Chesnut, Shippensburg University

Clem Chesnut: Profile of a Normal School Graduate

2. Aaron Fountain, Independent Scholar

The Philadelphia Student Bill of Rights Campaign

3. Judith Newman, Penn State Abington

Student Activism and the Removal of Eponyms That Glorify Unethical Researchers

4. Charles Stambaugh, North Eastern York County History in Preservation

Inspiring High School Students for Sustainability of History Preservation

9. Roiling the Waters: Pennsylvania Politics in the 1960s and 1970s

Chair: Kenneth Heineman, Angelo State University

1. Michael Birkner, Gettysburg College

Scott, Blatt, and the 1964 U.S. Senate race in Pennsylvania

2. Steve Lilienthal, Independent Scholar

The Politics of Things to Come: Pennsylvania's 1970 Campaign for Governor

3. James Young, Pennsylvania Labor History Society

Demanding Democracy: The Early Years of PSSU

10. War and Remembrance in the 19th Century

Chair: Diane Miller Sommerville, Binghamton University

1. Michael Young, University of Pittsburgh

The True North Strong and Troubled: America's Patronage of Early Canada's Rebellions

2. Matthew Robinson, Independent Scholar

Newly Discovered U.S. Colored Troops Medal, A tribute to the men of the 8th Regiment

3. Barbara Gannon, University of Central Florida

Go tell Pennsylvanians that at Olustee they still Lie: The 8th United States Colored Troops and the Battle of Olustee

12:15-1:30 PM Luncheon Speaker

• Samantha Dorm, Co-founder of the Friends of Lebanon Cemetery, has dedicated herself to preserving York's African American history. Her recent project, "*Paved Over Prominence*," utilizes Augmented Reality to recreate York's lost African American built environment, ensuring the past remains accessible to future generations.

1:45-3:00 PM Third Session

11. "Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Frontiers: Indigenous, Backcountry, and Underground"

Chair: Linda Ries, Editor, Pennsylvania History

1. Tim Shannon, Gettysburg College
2. Sarah Donovan, The College of William & Mary
3. Jonathan Burns, Juniata College

12. Sweet Freedom: Maple Sugar Production, Consumer Activism, and the Moral Economy in the Early Republic

Chair and Commentator: Camille Kaszubowski, Seton Hill University

1. Benjamin Scharff, Mercyhurst University
2. Adrienne Foos, St. Bonaventure University
3. Kris Gossett, Mercyhurst University

13. Freedom and Slavery on the Ground and in Memory

Chair: Lucien Holness, Penn State University

1. Grant E. Stanton, Drew University
The Philadelphia Bray Schools: A Story of Black Education in Early America, 1758–1845
2. Donna Rilling, State University of New York at Stony Brook
Houses of Our Own: Property, Patronage, and Antislavery
3. Cory James Young, University of Iowa
Memories of Slavery and Settler Colonialism in Pennsylvania's Centennial County Histories

14. Shaping Reputation and Challenging Norms: Women's Agency in Pennsylvania History

Chair: Karol Weaver, Susquehanna University

1. Zachary Brodt, University of Pittsburgh
From Alien Landlord to Queenly Benefactress: Pittsburgh's Changing Perceptions of Mary Schenley

2. Maxine Wagenhoffer, Wilson College
The Career of Eve Garrette: A Wilson Woman's Political Impact
3. Emma Lashley, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
The Wanton Women of Western Pennsylvania: Identifying Individuals of the Sex Work Industry in Early 20th Century Rural Pennsylvania

15. Grappling with the History of Pennhurst: Understanding the Past by Imagining Beyond the Archive

Chair: David Bradley, Independent Artist

1. Lisa Sonneborn, Temple University
2. María Teresa Rodríguez, Universidad Católica de Uruguay
3. Jonathan Atiencia, Independent Advocate

3:15-4:30 PM Fourth Session- Student Research Session

4:45-6:00 PM Fifth Session

16. Recognizing the Whole History: Reforming University Institutional Legacy through Research and Outreach

Chair: Frank Vitale, Millersville University

1. Harrison Wick, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
The IUP Social Justice Project: Rediscovering Legacy Collections
2. A. Nicole Pfannenstiel, Millersville University
Studying Our School: Place-Based Research and Programming through the Millersville Institutional Legacy Initiative
3. Frank Vitale, Millersville University
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17. Power, Property, and Virtue in the Early Mid-Atlantic

Chair: Jay Donis, Thiel College

1. Taylor Fischer, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
One of Lewis Evan's Colored Maps: Land Disputes and Early American Mapping in East Jersey, 1742-1748
2. Griffin Godoy, West Chester University
Colony of Tolerance: The Pennsylvania Colony during the Golden Age of Piracy
3. Daniel Majerowicz, University of California, Riverside
Pennsylvania's Glorious Revolution: The Overthrow of Thomas Blackwell in an Atlantic Context
4. Valerie Long, York County History Center
The Influence of Plutarch on Pennsylvanians in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries

18. Cultural History of Colonial America

Chair: Daniel Barr, Robert Morris University

1. Austin Hodge, Shippensburg University
Nations and Tribes: The Manipulation of Indigenous Nationality in the Eighteenth-Century Mid-Atlantic Region
2. Dean Fick, Shippensburg University
The Impact of Paternalism on the Decline of Indigenous-Pennsylvanian Relations before the French and Indian War
3. Jayla Willard, Shippensburg University
Pennsylvania Witchcraft: The Practices and History of Witchcraft in Pennsylvania

19. "From Enslavement to Legacy: Black Freedom, Service, and Civic Life in York's Armstrong-Wood-Cowles Family" - A Family Affair

Chair: Amaya/Quince Pope/Wright

1. William Armstrong
US Air Force veteran, descendant of Cowles-Armstrong-Wood
2. Mary Wright
Descendant of Cowles-Armstrong-Wood
3. Sam Dorm
Friends of Lebanon Cemetery

20. "Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Peoples"

Chair: Christopher Pearl, Lycoming College

1. Owen Ireland, SUNY Brockport
2. Bev Tomek, Monroe County Community College
3. Michael McCoy, SUNY Orange

6:00-7:00 PM Reception

7:00-8:30 PM Banquet

• Robert Parkinson, author of *The Common Cause: Creating Race and Nation in the American Revolution*, *Thirteen Clocks: How Race United the Colonies and Made the Declaration of Independence*, and *Heart of American Darkness: Bewilderment and Horror on the Early Frontier*, will offer fresh insights into the intersections of race and revolution in early America.

8:30PM-Grad Student and Emerging Scholars Happy Hour

Saturday, October 10

8:00 AM Registration Opens
8:30-11:45 AM Book Hall & Vendors

9:00- 10:15 AM: Sixth Session

21. The Peach Bottom Slate industry and the Welsh quarrymen of Delta, Pa.

Chair: Don Robinson, Old Line Museum

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The Peach Bottom slate industry and the Welsh quarrymen who created it
2. Jeri Jones, Jones Geological Services
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22. “Ring Loud that Hallowed Bell”: Slavery, Women’s Rights, and Liberation Movements in the Mid-Atlantic

Chair: Jennifer Welch, Independent Scholar

1. Robert Schulte, Independent Scholar
From Revolution to Reform: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the Enduring Struggle for American Equality
2. Kristin Stelfox, Independent Scholar
Slavery in the North: Long Island Plantations and Northern Slavery
3. tonya thames taylor, West Chester University
The Glorious Revolution of Grace Douglass, An Entrepreneur, Abolitionist, Suffragist and Reformer

23. Strikes, Scandals, and Social Change

Chair: Andrew Arnold, Kutztown University

1. Tina Charles, Independent Scholar
Confidence, Collapse, and Reform: The 1923 York City Bank Scandal and the Making of Modern Banking Law in Pennsylvania
2. Mark Bulik, Independent Scholar
Of Mummies and Molly Maguires: Performance, Protest and Political Violence
3. Eric Schubert, Millersville University
Barr Spangler (1822–1922) & The Prohibition Party of Pennsylvania

24. Ideas of Republic and Democracy in an Age of Revolutionary Refractions

Chair: Matthew Hale, Goucher College

1. Anna Vincenzi, Hillsdale College
The Meaning of Philadelphia: Views of America’s Republic and Revolution in the Kingdom of Naples
2. Matthew Hale, Goucher College

The Significance of 'I am' in the Era of the French Revolution and Beyond: Self-Referentiality and Individuality in Early American Democracy

3. Armin Mattes, Papers of James Madison
"The Mutability of Meaning:" James Madison and Conceptual Change during the Age of Revolution

25. "Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Public Memory: Museums and America250PA"

Chair: Curt Miner, Curator, Pennsylvania State Museum

1. Adam Bentz, York History Center
2. Michael Burke, Fort Pitt Museum
3. Cassandra Coleman, America250PA

10:30-11:45 AM Seventh Session

26. Collections, Collaborations, and Building Capacity from the Ground Up

Chair: TBD

1. Tyler Stump, Pennsylvania State Archives
2. Jake Wolff, Temple University
3. TBD, Community Historian

27. A Disreputable Commons: AIDS Activism and the politics of race, class, gender, and sexuality in Philadelphia from 1996 to 2010

Chair: Jeff Maskovsky, CUNY Graduate Center

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2. JD Davids, CUNY Graduate Center

28. Interpreting Industrial History and Working-Class Lives in the Mid-Atlantic

Chair: Michael McCoy, SUNY Orange

1. Lynne Calamia, Roebbling Museum
2. Chris Stokum, Eckley Miners' Village

29. The Black Boys at 260 Years

Chair: Christopher Pearl, Lycoming College

1. Jay Donis, Thiel College
2. Brandon Downing, Marietta College

30. Unearthing "Hidden" Voices of the American Revolution in York County, Pennsylvania: The History and Archaeology of Camp Security, York County's Revolutionary War Prisoner-of-War Encampment

Chair: Joy M. Giguere, Penn State York

1. Jonathan R. Stayer, Friends of Camp Security

- The History and Preservation of Camp Security
2. June Burk Lloyd, York County History Center
Voices of Camp Security
 3. John T. Crawmer, George Washington's Mount Vernon
Unearthing Camp Security
 4. Benjamin Werkley, York College
New Avenues of Research and Interpretation for Camp Security: Documenting the Experiences of Women, Children, and Civilians related to the Encampment"