

Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting
October 22-24, 2026
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

“Revolutionary Legacies in the Mid-Atlantic”

Thursday, October 22

All Thursday events will take place at the **National Museum of Industrial History**, 602 E 2nd St, Bethlehem, PA 18015. The museum offers free parking, at 524 E 1st St, Bethlehem, PA 18015 and there is also on-street parking.

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

Katherine Faull, Ph.D., Vice President, Institute for Moravian History and World Heritage

“Contested Ground: Reconciling World Heritage with Local Memory across the Moravian Church Settlements.”

Friday, October 23

Northampton Community College: 3835 Green Pond Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18020

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

9:15-10:30 AM First Session

1. Unearthing Pittsburgh’s Labor History: Methods, Approaches and Practice

Chair: Zachary Brodt, University of Pittsburgh Library System

1. Alonna Carter, Associate Curator, Museum of African American History at the Senator John Heinz History Center
Hidden Labor: Uncovering Black Pittsburgh Women’s Work in the 19th and Early 20th Century
2. James Miller Jr., Duquesne University
Against God and Government: Catholics Versus Communists in the Battle for Pittsburgh’s UE Local 601, 1947-1950

3. Glenna Van Dyke, Duquesne University Archives and Special Collections
Of Steel Rosies and Pink-Collar Ladies: A Case Study of Female Clerical Workers at the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Duquesne Works, 1940-1950

2. Foregrounding Untold Histories: New Black History and Underground Railroad Museums in Pennsylvania

Roundtable

Chair: Peter Miele, Susquehanna National Heritage Area

1. Samuel Black, Heinz History Center
2. Leroy Hopkins, Underground Railroad Center of Pennsylvania
3. Randy Harris, Lancaster History/Stevens & Smith Center for History and Democracy

3. Native Americans and Pennsylvania

Chair: Jay Donis, Thiel College

1. Danny Younger, President, Lenape Chapter 12, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology
The Actual Route & Speed of the 1737 Walking Purchase
2. Scott Wert, Conrad Weiser High School
Provincial Interpreter Conrad Weiser and the Complicated Legacies of Peace and War
3. Aaron Leudtke, Syracuse University
Haudenosaunee Cultural Authority in the Era of Academic Extraction and Exploitation

10:45-12:00 PM Second Session

4. In the Shadow of Gleaming Towers: Pittsburgh's Transformation from Below Roundtable

1. Piers Berry, Duquesne University
2. Allen Dietrich-Ward, Shippensburg University
3. Daniel Holland, Carnegie Mellon University
4. Andrew Simpson, Duquesne University

5. The President's House and Preservation

Chair: Andrew Lang, Montgomery County Parks, Trails & Historic Sites

1. Michael Coard, Avenging the Ancestors Coalition (ATAC)
The "Black Eye" on George Washington's "White House"
2. Mindy Gulden Crawford, Preservation Pennsylvania
Liberty and Legacy: 250 Years of Preserving—and Reinterpreting—Pennsylvania's Past

3. Sharon Ann Holt, Independent Scholar
4. Lynda Kellam, University of Pennsylvania

6. A Digital History of the Walking Purchase of 1737
Roundtable

1. Andrea L. Smith, Lafayette College
2. Katelyn Lucas, Cultural Heritage Preservation Officer, Delaware Nation
3. Cooper Pitts, Lafayette College
4. Hannah Verbeke, Lafayette College
5. Lila DeAvila, Lafayette College

12:15-1:20 PM Luncheon Speaker

Daniel Richter, Ph.D., *Roy F. and Jeannette P. Nichols Professor of American History Emeritus*
at the University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Richter is the author of numerous books and articles. His speech will launch *Native Americans and Pennsylvania*, Revised and Expanded Edition, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Historical Association and Temple University Press.

1:30-2:30 PM John Frantz Memorial
Led by Karen Guenther

1:45-3:00 PM Student Research Session, organized by Bonnie Rock-McCutcheon
Laub Lounge

3:00 PM- Undergraduate networking session, organized by Adam Bentz
Laub Lounge

3:15-4:30 PM Third Session

7. African American History in the 19th Century

Chair: Lucian Holness, Pennsylvania State University

1. Amanda McGee, Ithaca College
Sovereignty, Slavery, and the 'Connecticut Problem': Jurisdictional Boundaries
and the Limits of Gradual Abolition in the Post-Revolutionary Mid-Atlantic
2. Cameron Sauers, Pennsylvania State University
Dangerous Boys and Girls: Justifying Juvenile Incarceration in Antebellum
Pennsylvania

3. tonya thames-taylor, West Chester University
Seeding Revolution: The Inner-Light and the Self-Evident Truths of Mary Ann Shadd Cary

8. Defining Justice: Military Memory, Frontier Violence, and the Persistence of Extralegal Culture in Early America, 1754–1790

Chair: Daniel Barr, Robert Morris University

1. Cameron Kline, Syracuse University
Iron, Paper, and Indigenous Land in Pennsylvania's Susquehanna Valley, 1736-1756
2. Sarah Donovan, William & Mary University
"Our Candid Love to Justice": Raising Troops, Extralegal Violence, and Leveraging Military Authority along the mid-Atlantic Frontier, 1754-1765
3. Chris Pearl, Lycoming University
Murder, Memory, and Diplomacy on the Susquehanna: The Pine Creek Murders and the Legacy of the American Revolution

9. Revisiting Philadelphia In the Jazz Age

Chair: Erica Ryan, Rider University

1. Zachary Matusheski, Independent Scholar
Coolidge and the Sesqui: New Insights into Calvin Coolidge's Visit to Philadelphia in 1926
2. Julie Still, Rutgers/Briar Brush Nature Center
The Bird Masque and Civic Engagement in the 1920's Philadelphia Area
3. Bart Everts, Rutgers University
Crossing the Delaware: The Bridge Joint Commission and the Making of the Ben Franklin Bridge

4:45-6:00 PM Fourth Session

10. Indian Run: An African American Community in 19th Century Rural western Pennsylvania

Chair: Roland Barksdale-Hall, Independent Scholar

1. Jay Donis, Thiel College
Getting to Indian Run: The Journey From an Enslaved to a Free Geography

2. Angela Jaillet-Wentling, PA Department of Conservation of Natural Resources
Living as a Practice of Freedom: Historical archaeology at Indian Run (Pandenario), Site 36ME253
3. Samantha Taylor, Senior Archaeologist III, AECOM
Archaeology of Diasporic Communities and Turn of the Century Rural Economies: A Case Study at the Allen Residence (36ME253)

11. Women and Children in Early America

Chair: Elizabeth Bugaighis, Northampton Community College

1. Benjamin Werkley, James Madison University
Women and Children Prisoners of War during the American Revolution in Pennsylvania
2. Jamie McGrail, Duquesne University
Rethinking Brandywine: An Analysis of the Role of Women in the Battle of Brandywine, 1777
3. Shayna Murphy, Binghamton University
Brought to Bed at the Almshouse: Poor Women, Pregnancy, and the Medicalization of Childbirth in the Philadelphia City Almshouse, 1790-1850

12. 20th Century Pennsylvania

Chair: Roger Simon, Lehigh University

1. Arielle Harris, Independent Architectural Historian
Property, Power, and Preservation: The Contested Fate of 17 Elliott Avenue in Suburban Pennsylvania
2. Maxine Wagenhoffer, Wilson College
Cigarettes and a Women's College: Women's Smoking at Wilson College in the Early Twentieth Century
3. Thomas Weyant, Black Hills State University
Drafting Resistance: Pittsburgh Students and the 1967 Draft Act

6:30-7:00 PM

Reception at Blue Grillhouse

4431 Easton Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18020

7:00-8:45 PM

Banquet at Blue Grillhouse

"George Washington's Legacy of Slavery and the Fight for American Memory."
John Garrison Marks, Ph.D.

Dr. Marks is the author of *Black Freedom in the Age of Slavery: Race, Status, and Identity in the Urban Americas*, and co-editor of *Race and Nation in the Age of Emancipations: An Atlantic World Anthology*. He will share research from his latest book "*Thy Will Be Done: George Washington's Legacy of Slavery and the Fight for American Memory*."

8:45 PM Grad Student and Emerging Scholars Happy Hour

Saturday, October 24

8:30AM Registration Opens
8:30AM-11:30AM Book Hall and Vendors

9:00- 10:15 AM Fifth Session

13. Pennsylvania and the Arts

Chair: Brian Alnutt, Northampton Community College

1. Emma Leuschner, Pennsylvania State University
Painter's Folly: A Catalyst for Revolutionary Memory and American Art
2. Matthew Lynch, Temple University
Between the Lines of the Visible Hand: A Cultural History of Penmanship Pedagogy in the USA from the Late 18th to Early 20th Centuries
3. Jonah Weaver, Saint Vincent College
Truly the Light is Sweet: The Ecclesiastical Excellence of the Pitassi Stained Glass Studio

14. Race, Gender, and Culture in Progressive-Era Pennsylvania

Chair: John Bloom, Shippensburg University

1. Erin Murphy, Shippensburg University
The Second Ku Klux Klan in the Philadelphia Suburbs: A Case Study of Phoenixville, Chester County
2. Rose Hannon, Shippensburg University
Civic Duty and Community Nursing: The Civic Club in Shippensburg

3. Riley MacIntyre, Shippensburg University
Playing for Assimilation: "Pop" Warner, Carlisle Football and Native American Education

15. Sweet Freedom: Maple Sugar as a Moral Market in the Early Republic

Roundtable

Chair: Camille Kaszubowski, Seton Hill University

1. Adrienne E. Foos, St. Bonaventure University
2. Kristofer Gossett, Mercyhurst University
3. Ben Scharff, Mercyhurst University

16. Local Films

The Fries Rebellion, produced by Lower Macungie Historical Society

Echoes of Freedom: The African American Experience in the Lehigh Valley, produced by PBS39

10:30- 11:45 AM Sixth Session

17. Trans-Atlantic Influences, Foodways, and Pennsylvania

Chair: Michael B. McCoy, SUNY-Orange

1. Christopher Fritsch, Tarrant County College-Trinity River
Experiencing Independence in the Eyes of Others: Franklin's understanding and presenting foreign volunteers
2. Ryan Cosner, Independent Scholar
"Pepper-pot, Smoking Hot": Identity, Orality, & the Coloniality of Power in the Anglo-Atlantic World
3. Jamie Noerpel, York College of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Dutch Foodways: You Eat What You Are

18. "Semiquin-what?" America 250: Takeaways from the Public History Field Roundtable

Chair: Adam Bentz, York County History Center

1. Andrew Lang, Montgomery County Parks, Trails & Historic Sites
2. Valerie Long, York County History Center
3. Kyle McKoy, Mercer Museum, Doylestown

19. Politics and Political Economy, 1960-2000

Chair: Tristan Milazzo, Independent Scholar

1. Tom Bloss, Shippensburg University
Revealing Pennsylvania's Role in the 1960 Democratic National Convention
2. Kaylee Becker-George, Shippensburg University
The Privatization of Our History: The Effect of Neoliberalism on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in the 1980s
3. Carlin Diehl, Shippensburg University
Saving the Screen: Communities, Colleges, and the Preservation of Independent Theaters in Central Pennsylvania

20. Religion and Early Pennsylvania

Chair: Beverly Tomek, Monroe County (MI) Community College

1. Norman E. Donaghue, Independent Scholar
Jacob Brumbaugh (1726-1799), Dunker Farmer, Pacifist Patriot, and Foresighted Father
2. Jordann Heckart, Baylor University
Gendering Religious Liberty: Quakers and Religious Dissent
3. Shane Billings, Shippensburg University
Swedish Pastors in the American Revolution: Adding Anders Göransson to the History
4. Evan Portman, West Virginia University
A Question of Class and Conscience: Pennsylvania Benedictines Oppose the Union Draft