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

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**“Revolutionary Legacies in the Mid-Atlantic”**

## **Thursday, October 22**

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| 3:00-6:00 PM<br>Center, Room 605 | Council Meeting    | Northampton Community College’s Fowler |
| 5:00 PM                          | Guided Tour        | National Museum of Industrial History  |
| 6:00 PM                          | Registration Opens | National Museum of Industrial History  |
| 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM                 | Opening Reception  | National Museum of Industrial History  |
| 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM                 | Opening Plenary    | National Museum of Industrial History  |

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

Dr. Faull is Vice President at the Institute for Moravian History and World Heritage at Moravian University. Previously, she served as Professor of German and Humanities and Associate Provost for Local and Global Engagement at Bucknell University.

*Sponsored by Elizabeth Tyler Bugaighis, Ph.D.*

## **Friday, October 23**

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

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| 8:00 AM                             | Registration Opens     | Laub Lounge, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor of College Center |
| 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM<br>Community Room) | Book & Vendor Exhibits | College Center 220 (David A. Reed                    |
| 8:15 AM- 8:45 AM                    | Members Meeting        | College Center 191                                   |

## **9:00 AM- 10:15 AM First Session**

## **1. Unearthing Pittsburgh's Labor History: Methods, Approaches and Practice**

College Center 146

Chair: Zachary Brodt, University of Pittsburgh Library System

Alonna Carter, 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"

James Miller Jr., Duquesne University

"Against God and Government: Catholics Versus Communists in the Battle for Pittsburgh's UE Local 601, 1947-1950"

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"

*Sponsored by the Department of History at Duquesne University and the Lackawanna Historical Society*

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

College Center 190

Roundtable

Chair: Peter Miele, Susquehanna National Heritage Area

Samuel Black, Senator John Heinz History Center

Leroy Hopkins, Underground Railroad Center of Pennsylvania

Randy Harris, Lancaster History/Stevens & Smith Center for History and Democracy

*Sponsored by the Humanities Endowment of the Northampton Community College Foundation*

## **3. Native Americans and Pennsylvania**

College Center 166

Chair: Jay Donis, Towson University

Danny Younger, Lenape Chapter 12, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology

"The Actual Route & Speed of the 1737 Walking Purchase"

Scott Wert, Conrad Weiser High School

"Provincial Interpreter Conrad Weiser and the Complicated Legacies of Peace and War"

Aaron Leudtke, Syracuse University

"Haudenosaunee Cultural Authority in the Era of Academic Extraction and Exploitation"

*Sponsored by Penn State University Press*

**10:30 AM- 11:45 AM Second Session**

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

College Center 190

Piers Berry, Duquesne University  
Allen Dieterich-Ward, Shippensburg University  
Daniel Holland, Carnegie Mellon University  
Andrew Simpson, Duquesne University

*Sponsored by the Department of History at Duquesne University*

**5. The President's House and Preservation**

College Center 146

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

Michael Coard, Avenging the Ancestors Coalition (ATAC)  
"The "Black Eye" on George Washington's "White House""

Mindy Gulden Crawford, Preservation Pennsylvania  
"Liberty and Legacy: 250 Years of Preserving—and Reinterpreting—  
Pennsylvania's Past"

Sharon Ann Holt, Independent Scholar

Lynda Kellam, University of Pennsylvania

*Sponsored by Preservation Pennsylvania*

**6. Pennsylvania Colleges on Indigenous Homelands: A Research-Based Course Roundtable**

College Center 166

Dr. Andrea L. Smith, Lafayette College  
Dr. Katelyn Lucas, Delaware Nation  
Cooper Pitts, Lafayette College  
Hannah Verbeke, Lafayette College  
Lila DeAvila, Lafayette College

*Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission*

**12:00 PM- 1:30 PM Luncheon Plenary**

Student Life Zone- 2nd Floor of College Center (College Center 260)

**Daniel Richter**, *“Native Americans and Pennsylvania”*

Dr. Richter is Roy F. and Jeannette P. Nichols Professor of American History Emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania and Director Emeritus of the McNeil Center for Early American Studies. *Native Americans and Pennsylvania*, Revised and Expanded Edition, focuses on Indigenous actors, voices, and landscapes, while tracing interconnections among local, continental, and global trends.

*Sponsored by the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor*

1:45 PM- 2:45 PM      **Celebrating the Legacies of Dr. John B. Frantz**  
Led by Karen Guenther

Student Life Zone- 2nd Floor of College Center (College Center 260)

2:00 PM- 3:15 PM      **Student Research Session**  
Organized by Bonnie Rock-McCutcheon  
Laub Lounge-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of College Center

“Saving Lebanon County’s Inwood Iron Bridge”  
Harold Aurand, Penn State University

“Regulations and Decline: Environmental Policy and the Restructuring of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, 1960s-1990s.”  
Sean Barley, DeSales University

“Historic Resorts & Parks of Reading, PA and Their Impact”  
Henry Boettlin, York College of Pennsylvania

“Pink Triangle Activism in the Keystone State, 1970s to the Present”  
Robert Cosgrove, West Chester University

“The Social Implications of Pennsylvania German Textile Production”  
Juliette Crowell, Kutztown University

“Weber Wollen Protestieren: L.A. Wollenweber’s Political Influence”  
Bridget Fleming, Gettysburg College

“The Accomplishments, Achievements, and Legacy of Margaret Disert”  
Lyssa Gable, Wilson College

“Dissenting Women’s Contested Religious Liberty, 1730-1833”  
Jordann Heckart, Baylor University

“Preserving Pennsylvania’s Environmental Legacy”  
Michela Peterman, Shippensburg University

“Radical Ink: Feminisms in the Billboards in the 1970s”  
Aislynn Richards, Wilson College

“Pennsylvania’s Human Rights Pioneer: W. Miller Barbour (1908-1957)”  
Eric Schubert, Millersville University of Pennsylvania

“The Real War Will Never Get in “The Book”: Godey’s Lady’s Book in 1863”  
Jessica Shea, Wilkes University

“The Expansion of Voting Rights”  
Gracie Thornsberry, Monroe County Community College

“Danville State Hospital for the Insane”  
Lukas VanDine, Susquehanna University

“A Nation Divided, A Magazine Continued: Godey’s Lady’s Book in 1861”  
Kailey Vogel, Wilkes University

*Sponsored by the Department of History at Duquesne University*

3:00 PM- **Undergraduate Networking Session**  
Organized by Adam Bentz  
Laub Lounge-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of College Center

*Sponsored by the Department of History at Duquesne University*

**3:30 PM- 4:45 PM Third Session**

**7. African American History in the 19th Century**

College Center 146

Chair: Lucian Holness, Pennsylvania State University

Amanda McGee, Ithaca College  
“Sovereignty, Slavery, and the 'Connecticut Problem': Jurisdictional  
Boundaries and the Limits of Gradual Abolition in the Post-Revolutionary  
Mid-Atlantic”

Cameron Sauers, Pennsylvania State University  
“Dangerous Boys and Girls: Justifying Juvenile Incarceration in Antebellum  
Pennsylvania”

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

*Sponsored by Penn State University Press*

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

College Center 190

Chair: Daniel Barr, Robert Morris University

Cameron Kline, Syracuse University  
“Iron, Paper, and Indigenous Land in Pennsylvania’s Susquehanna Valley, 1736-1756”

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”

Chris Pearl, Lycoming University  
“Murder, Memory, and Diplomacy on the Susquehanna: The Pine Creek Murders and the Legacy of the American Revolution”

*Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission*

**9. Revisiting Philadelphia In the Jazz Age**

College Center 166

Chair: Erica Ryan, Rider University

Zachary Matusheski, Independent Scholar  
“Coolidge and the Sesqui: New Insights into Calvin Coolidge’s Visit to Philadelphia in 1926”

Julie Still, Rutgers/Briar Brush Nature Center  
“The Bird Masque and Civic Engagement in the 1920’s Philadelphia Area”

Bart Everts, Rutgers University  
“Crossing the Delaware: The Bridge Joint Commission and the Making of the Ben Franklin Bridge”

*Sponsored by the Humanities Endowment of the Northampton Community College Foundation*

## 5:00 PM- 6:15 PM Fourth Session

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

College Center 146

Chair: Roland Barksdale-Hall, Independent Scholar

Jay Donis, Towson University

“Getting to Indian Run: The Journey From an Enslaved to a Free Geography”

Angela Jaillet-Wentling, PA Department of Conservation of Natural Resources

“Living as a Practice of Freedom: Historical archaeology at Indian Run (Pandenario), Site 36ME253”

Samantha Taylor, AECOM

“Archaeology of Diasporic Communities and Turn of the Century Rural Economies: A Case Study at the Allen Residence (36ME253)”

*Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission*

### **11. Women and Children in Early America**

College Center 190

Chair: Elizabeth Bugaighis, Northampton Community College

Benjamin Werkley, James Madison University

“Women and Children Prisoners of War during the American Revolution in Pennsylvania”

Jamie McGrail, Duquesne University

“Rethinking Brandywine: An Analysis of the Role of Women in the Battle of Brandywine, 1777”

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”

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### **12. 20<sup>th</sup> Century Pennsylvania**

College Center 166

Chair: Roger Simon, Lehigh University

Arielle Harris, Independent Architectural Historian  
“Property, Power, and Preservation: The Contested Fate of 17 Elliott Avenue  
in Suburban Pennsylvania”

Maxine Wagenhoffer, Wilson College  
“Cigarettes and a Women’s College: Women’s Smoking at Wilson College in  
the Early Twentieth Century”

Thomas Weyant, Black Hills State University  
“Drafting Resistance: Pittsburgh Students and the 1967 Draft Act”

*Sponsored by the Department of History at Indiana University of Pennsylvania*

**7:00 PM- 9:00 PM      Banquet & Awards Dinner at Blue Grillhouse**  
4431 Easton Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18020

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

Dr. Marks is Director of the Public History Research Lab at the American Association for State  
and Local History. His most recent book, *George Washington's Legacy of Slavery and the Fight  
for American Memory*, explores how generations of Americans have remembered and forgotten  
George Washington’s involvement with slavery.

*Sponsored by Antiquus Historicus*

## **Saturday, October 24**

8:30 AM                      Registration Opens                      Laub Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor College Center

8:30 AM- 11:30 AM Book & Vendor Exhibits                      College Center 220 (David A. Reed  
Community Room)

### **9:00- 10:15 AM Fifth Session**

**13.      Pennsylvania and the Arts**

College Center 190

Chair: Brian Alnutt, Northampton Community College

Emma Leuschner, Pennsylvania State University  
“Painter’s Folly: A Catalyst for Revolutionary Memory and American Art”

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”

Jonah Weaver, Saint Vincent College  
“Truly the Light is Sweet: The Ecclesiastical Excellence of the Pitassi Stained Glass Studio”

*Sponsored by Penn State University Press*

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

College Center 146

Chair: John Bloom, Shippensburg University

Erin Murphy, Shippensburg University  
“The Second Ku Klux Klan in the Philadelphia Suburbs: A Case Study of Phoenixville, Chester County”

Rose Hannon, Shippensburg University  
“Civic Duty and Community Nursing: The Civic Club in Shippensburg”

Riley MacIntyre, Shippensburg University  
“Playing for Assimilation: “Pop” Warner, Carlisle Football and Native American Education”

*Sponsored by the Department of History at Shippensburg University*

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

College Center 166

Roundtable

Chair: Camille Kaszubowski, Seton Hill University

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

*Sponsored by Lehigh Valley 250*

10:30- 11:45 AM Sixth Session

**16. Trans-Atlantic Influences, Foodways, and Pennsylvania**

College Center 146

Chair: Michael B. McCoy, SUNY-Orange

Christopher Fritsch, Tarrant County College-Trinity River

“Experiencing Independence in the Eyes of Others: Franklin’s understanding and presenting foreign volunteers?”

Ryan Cosner, Independent Scholar

“Pepper-pot, Smoking Hot”: Identity, Orality, & the Coloniality of Power in the Anglo-Atlantic World”

Jamie Noerpel, York College of Pennsylvania

“Pennsylvania Dutch Foodways: You Eat What You Are”

*Sponsored by Lehigh Valley 250*

**17. "Semiquin-what?" America 250: Takeaways from the Public History Field**

College Center 166

Roundtable

Chair: Adam Bentz, York County History Center

Andrew Lang, Montgomery County Parks, Trails & Historic Sites

Valerie Long, York County History Center

Kyle McKoy, Mercer Museum

*Sponsored by The Albert LePage Center for History in the Public Interest at Villanova University*

**18. Politics and Political Economy, 1960-2000**

College Center 190

Chair: Tristan Milazzo, Independent Scholar

Tom Bloss, Shippensburg University

“Revealing Pennsylvania’s Role in the 1960 Democratic National Convention”

Kaylee Becker-George, Shippensburg University

“The Privatization of Our History: The Effect of Neoliberalism on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in the 1980s”

Carlin Diehl, Shippensburg University

“Saving the Screen: Communities, Colleges, and the Preservation of Independent Theaters in Central Pennsylvania”

*Sponsored by Lehigh Valley 250*

**19. Religion and Early Pennsylvania**

College Center 167

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

Norman E. Donaghue, Independent Scholar

“Jacob Brumbaugh (1726-1799), Dunker Farmer, Pacifist Patriot, and Foresighted Father”

Jordann Heckart, Baylor University

“Gendering Religious Liberty: Quakers and Religious Dissent”

Evan Portman, West Virginia University

“A Question of Class and Conscience: Pennsylvania Benedictines Oppose the Union  
Draft”

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State University Press*