

**Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting
October 10-12, 2024
Johnstown, Pennsylvania**

“Identity and Politics in the Mid-Atlantic”

Thursday, Oct. 10:

4:00 – 7:00 PM **PHA Council meeting** **Johnstown Flood Museum,
304 Washington St.**

6:30 PM **Registration Opens** **Johnstown Flood Museum**

7:00 PM **Opening Reception** **Johnstown Flood Museum**

7:30 – 8:45 PM **Opening Plenary: Narrating Immigration in Pennsylvania History**
Johnstown Flood Museum

Moderator: David Witwer, Penn State - Harrisburg

Speaker: Katherine Benton-Cohen, Georgetown University

Panelists:

Richard Burkert, Johnstown Area Heritage Association (retired)

Lynne Calamia, Roebbling Museum

Andrew Sandoval-Strausz, Pennsylvania State University

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Heritage Association, and Pennsylvania State University Press*

Friday, Oct. 11: Holiday Inn - Johnstown

8:00 AM **Registration Opens**

8:30 - 9:45 AM **Session 1**

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

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 Inhabitation: 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 Klanderma, Bucknell University

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9:45-10:15 AM Break - New Members Meet and Greet

10:15-11:45 PM Session 2

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

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

Sponsored by Department of History at Duquesne University

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

Sponsored by Department of History at Lycoming College

Conserving and Controlling Pennsylvania Landscapes

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

Sponsored by the Department of History/Philosophy at Shippensburg University

11:45-12:15 PM PHA Members Meeting Ballroom

12:15-1:30 PM Lunch Plenary Ballroom

The Laurel Hill Settlement – A Pennsylvania Parks Untold Story

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

Sponsored by Department of History at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Johnstown Area Heritage Association, and Pennsylvania Highlands Community College

1:30-3:00 Session 3

Archives of Underrepresented and Marginalized Groups

Chair/Moderator: David Grinnell, University of Pittsburgh

Roundtable Participants:

Josué Hurtado, Temple University

Heidi Abbey Moyer, Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg

John Anderies, William Way LGBT Community Center

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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

Elena Frye, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Emma Lashley, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Elizabeth McCrear, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Sponsored by 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

Sponsored by Slovenian Savings & Loan

3:45-5:15 PM Student Research Session 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 Harmony”
Cameron Antoniotti, Slippery Rock University
- “The Post-Anthraxite 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

“#ThisPlaceMatters: Marietta, PA”

Eric Schubert, Millersville 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”

CharlieStoops, 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

Sponsored by Department of History at Duquesne University, Department of History at Lycoming College and Somerset Trust Company

4:00-5:15 Session 4

Civil Rights Book Club 1: Slavery and Abolition in Pennsylvania¹

Chair: Beverly Tomek, Monroe County Community College

Commenter: Jeanine Mazak-Kahne, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

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.

Roundtable Participants:

Tim Messer-Kruse, Bowling Green State University
Angela Murphy, Texas State University
Douglas Egerton, LeMoyne College

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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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6:00 – 8:15 PM Reception and Awards Dinner: Johnstown Heritage Discovery Center
Seventh & Broad Streets (Rt. 56), Johnstown, 15906

Plenary: Returning to the Homeland: A Lenape Journey

Participants:

Jeremy Johnson, Director of Cultural Education of the Delaware Tribe of Indians

Douglas Miller, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

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

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

Saturday, October 12: Holiday Inn - Johnstown

8:30 AM Registration Opens

9:00 - 10:15 AM Session 5

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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History in the Public Interest at Villanova University***

**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

Charline Rowland, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

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University and Pennsylvania State University Press***

10:15-10:30 AM Break

10:30-11:45 AM Session 6

Between Loyalty and Liberty: Political Identity and Republican Values

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

“Exploring the Intersection of Mental Health and Gender in the Commonwealth: A Case Study of Dixmont State Hospital and Harrisburg State Hospital”

Madeline Canales, Andrew Simpson, and Hannah Stokes, 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

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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