

The 24th Conference on NEW YORK STATE HISTORY

THURSDAY, JUNE 5 REGISTRATION 4:00-5:00 OLIN 107

10:00-5:00 Montgomery Place historic mansion open for tours (on your own)

CONFERENCE OPENS

4:00-5:00 Registration, Olin 107

5:00-6:30 Walking Tour of Tivoli

Led by Dr. Bernard Tieger, Bard College (emeritus)
Gather on Olin steps at 4:45

Settled about 1715, Tivoli was a ferry landing and produced cloth and bricks. Frenchman Peter de Labigarre platted Tivoli in the 1790s; it never grew much beyond serving as a home to commercial fishermen and railroad workers. The village, incorporated 1872, also produced hats, barrels and boxes. At the end of the 19th century Tivoli began to

decline. In very recent years it has drawn many Bard students and others as residents, and has become something of a tourist destination. Our guide will be village historian Dr. Bernard Tieger, proprietor of a popular Tivoli bookstore. After the tour we will enjoy dinner at Tivoli's excellent Mexican restaurant.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6 REGISTRATION 8:00-4:00 OLIN 107 • EXHIBITIONS 8:00-4:00 OLIN 201-202

Friday 9:00 • Olin 203

The Darker Side of History

- Stockade City in the Southern Tier
Michael P. Gray, East Stroudsburg University
- The Governor and the Tiger: The Fall of Gov William Sulzer
Jack Hotchkiss, Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum

Comment: Vernon Benjamin, Marist College

Friday 9:00 • Olin 204

New York in Literature

- Mohicans in Fiction and Poetry
Warren Broderick, New York State Archives
- The Defining Moment: Irving's *History of New York*
Finn Pollard, University of Edinburgh

Comment: Kirkpatrick Sale, Independent Scholar

Friday 9:00 • Olin 205

The Marketplace

- The Marketing of the Beech-Nut Packing Company
James Crawford, Canajoharie Library
- The Hudson-Mohawk Region Industrializes
Edward Howe, Siena College
- Women in the Marketplace: Albany 1830-1885
Susan Ingalls Lewis, SUNY New Paltz

Comment: Sean Kelley, Hartwick College

FRIDAY BREAK 10:30-11:00 • EXHIBITIONS 8:00-4:00 OLIN 201-202

Friday 11:00 • Olin 203

Immigration and Americanization

- Becoming New Yorkers, Becoming Americans: Three New York City Churches
Kyle T. Bulthuis, UC Davis
- Inter-ethnic and Inter-racial Relations in NYC
Karen Jaw, Columbia University

Comment: Joyce Goodfriend, University of Denver

Friday 11:00 • Olin 204

Twentieth Century Politics

- New York Political Dynasties: The Italian American Experience
Salvatore J. LaGumina, Nassau Comm. College
- New York Women's Support for Proportional Representation
Elisabeth Israels Perry, Saint Louis University

Comment: Lisa Keller, SUNY Purchase

Friday 11:00 • Olin 205

Recent History

- Transience, Immutability, and Historical Perspective
Mary A. DeMarco, Greenfield Town Historian
- Going Back Home: A Unique Public Program
Heather Wagner, Fort Drum

Comment: Bill McDermott, Clinton Town Historian

FRIDAY LUNCH 12:30-1:30 KLINE COMMONS

Friday 1:30 • Olin 203

Coercive Americanism: World War I, the Red Scare, and Ethnic Politics in New York City

- Rethinking the Ethnic Politics of World War I
Christopher Sterba, Independent Scholar
- Patriotism in New York Schools 1917-23
Todd Pfannestiel, Clarion University

Comment: to be announced

Friday 1:30 • Olin 204

Architecture as Document, Documents as Architecture

- Influences on New York's Early Dutch Architecture
Shirley W. Dunn, Independent Scholar
- The Introduction of the Gambrel Roof
Walter R. Wheeler, Hartgen Archaeological Associates
- Wealth, Class and Architecture in Ulster County's Stone Houses
Neil Larson, Neil Larson and Associates

Comment: Paul Malo, Syracuse University (emeritus)

Friday 1:30 • Olin 205

State-Owned Materials for Local Historians

- Jim Folts, New York State Archives
 - Vicki Weiss, New York State Library
- The surveying and granting of public lands; the development of canals, railroads, highways, and public utilities; the evolution of modern school districts; and local contributions to the nation's wars are all documented in the Archives' holdings. Folts will provide an overview of records containing information about localities, give examples, and discuss access tools for learning more about the Archives' holdings. Weiss will explain the usefulness of Library holdings, including published series with local data, and the rich collection of manuscripts, maps, and newspapers covering all of New York State.

Friday 4:00-5:30

Walking Tour of Rhinebeck

Led by Cynthia Owen Philip, Independent Scholar
The hamlet of Rhinebeck has been a river, road, and rail transportation hub throughout its history. It was purchased by five Dutchmen in 1688 from the Lenape Indians. Some of their descendants still live there. The oldest house dates from 1701, but most were built with the railroad (1851) or in the 1880s. Join us for a guided look at this community's survival and adaptation. Gather on Olin steps at 3:45.

FRIDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

- 4:00-5:30 Walking Tour of Rhinebeck
- 6:00 Reception – Kline Commons Terrace
- 7:00 Dinner – Kline Commons
- 8:30 The Wendell E. Tripp Lecture in New York State History

Friday Evening 8:30

The Wendell E. Tripp Lecture in NYS History

Dr. J.A. Jacobs, Universiteit van Amsterdam
A Troubled Man: Wouter van Twiller and New Netherland in 1635

In August 1635, New Netherland director Wouter van Twiller and his councillors wrote a letter to their superiors in Holland. The previously unknown letter covers many points from the early history of New Netherland and enables us to come to a different appraisal of van Twiller as director.

This event is made possible by the New York Council for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.



SATURDAY, JUNE 7 REGISTRATION 8:00-10:30 OLIN 107 • EXHIBITIONS 9:00-12:00 OLIN 201-202

Saturday 8:45 • Olin 203

Resort Locales

- J.W. Wood Architect: Building for the Hudson Valley's Boosters
Annon Adams, Independent Scholar
- Coney Island and the Development of Brooklyn Mass Transit
Brian J. Cudahy, U.S. Department of Transportation (retired)

Comment: John McGuire, SUNY Oneonta

Saturday 8:45 • Olin 204

Welfare Structures

- Consequences of New York's Faith-Based Initiative
Eve P. Smith, University of Windsor (emerita)
- Child Welfare in Nassau County
Ruth Shackelford, Long Island University

Comment: Natalie Naylor, Hofstra University (emerita)

Saturday 8:45 • Olin 205

Historical Geography

- Land Elevation and Early Settlement Patterns in Western New York
Thomas Rasmussen and Mark McGovern, Alfred University
- Documenting New York's Turnpikes
Dorothy Kubik, Independent Scholar

Comment: Jim Darlington, SUNY Cortland

SATURDAY BREAK 10:15-10:30

Saturday 10:30 • Olin 203

Slavery

- Transatlantic Slave Trading in 18th Century NY
Guillaume R. Martin, Queens Univ (Ontario)
- Slavery and 19th Century New York City: Complicity and Resistance
Alan J. Singer, Hofstra University

Comment: Myra B. Young Armstead, Bard College

Saturday 10:30 • Olin 204

Public Response to Crisis

- The Golden Age of Recycling and the Triumph of Political Interest
George Callas, Columbia University
- Smallpox in Rochester 1902-03: A Community in Crisis
Teresa K. Lehr, SUNY Brockport

Comment: Harvey Strum, Sage College of Albany

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Schools

- Public School Records: An Untapped Resource
Andrew Arenson, Arlington Middle School
- The Pioneer of Rural Schools
Rick Bechard, Independent Producer

Comment: Jacob Ludes, New England Association of Schools and Colleges

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ACCOMMODATIONS...

...on campus will be in air-conditioned residence halls which are fairly typical of college facilities. Both single and double (2 single beds) rooms are available with shared bathroom facilities. Bed linens, blanket, pillow, and towels will be provided. On Friday morning, breakfast may be purchased on your own in the Café in Bertelsmann Campus Center; on Saturday, the Café is not open, but coffee, tea, pastry and fruit will be provided in the "break" location in Olin starting at 8:30.

For those preferring private accommodations.

Red Hook (10 minutes)

- Red Hook Inn (sold out)
- Gaslight Motel, 845-758-1571

- Hearthstone Motel, 845-758-1811
- 1821 House B&B, 845-758-5013
- Grand Dutchess B&B (sold out)
- Sage House B&B, 845-758-4001
- CD Diplomat B&B, 845-757-4305
- Lombard's B&B, 845-758-3805
- Rhinebeck (15 minutes)
- Rhinebeck Motel, 845-876-5900
- Village Inn, 845-876-7000
- Beekman Arms, 845-876-7077
- Kingston (20 minutes)
- Holiday Inn (sold out)
- Ramada Inn, 845-339-3900
- Super 8 Motel, 845-338-3078
- Superlodge Motel, 845-338-4200

- The Ramada Inn (\$95 single/double) and the Superlodge Motel (\$60 single/double) are holding discounted rooms until May 16. Call them directly and identify yourself as part of the Conference.



GETTING THERE

Annandale-on-Hudson is located just off Rte 9-G in northwestern Dutchess County. It is most conveniently reached from Exit 19 (Kingston) of the Thruway or from the Rte 199 exit of the Taconic Parkway. Amtrak (1-800-USA-RAIL) stops at Rhinecliff station, whence the campus is a short cab ride (book ahead of time: Rhinebeck Taxi, 845-876-2020; Red Hook Taxi, 845-758-1478).