

**Researching New York 2016**  
*Looking Back Looking Forward: Exploring Intersections of Society, Government and Law*  
Presented in collaboration with the New York State Historical Association

**Thursday - November 17 2016**

**11:30 AM: Registration ~ Barnes and Noble Reading Room, Science Library**

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**SESSION I: 12:15 – 1:45 PM**

***Do Not Forget the Ladies: A Study of New York Women in the Aftermath of War***

*Picturing Modernity: Transnational Photography, Eastman Kodak, and the Feminine Consumer in the Americas, 1920-1940*  
**Eric Martell, University at Albany, SUNY**

*Finding Common Ground: Local 1199, Labor Feminism, and the Coalition of Labor Union Women, 1962-1974*  
**Peter Kuno, University at Albany, SUNY**

*“The Marine Went Gay”: A Material Culture Study of Demobilization of Women after the Second World War*  
**Ellie Burhans, Hudson River Maritime Museum**

Comment: **Monica Mercado, Colgate University**

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***Individual and Public Investments in Intellectual Improvement, 1783-1812***

*Measuring the Expansion of Schooling in Early Republican New York*  
**Rob Koehler, New York University**

*The Limits of the Board of Regents and the Origins of New York’s Common Schools*  
**Mark Boonshoft, New York Public Library**

*Profit and Principle: New York Copyright and the Production of Learning*  
**Nora Slonimsky, CUNY Graduate Center/McNeil Center for Early American Studies**

Comment: **Robb K. Haberman, Columbia University, John Jay Papers**

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***Off the Shelf: Digital Tools for Public Historians***

**David Hochfelder, University at Albany, SUNY**  
**Ann Pfau, 98 Acres in Albany**

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**SESSION II: 2:00 – 3:30 PM**

***Arts, Culture, Collections***

*A Trustworthy Collaboration: Eleanor Roosevelt and Martha Graham’s Pioneering of American Cultural Diplomacy*  
**Camelia Lenart, University at Albany, SUNY**

*Fletcher Steele: One Landscape Architect’s 60 year influence on New York*  
**Jane Verostek, SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry**

*The Joseph F. Krautwurst Collection: A Case Study- Acquiring & Making Public Family-Held Collections*  
**Larry Naukam, Rochester NY Public Library, retired**

Comment: **Susan Ingalls Lewis, SUNY New Paltz**

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## ***Constitutional Debates***

*Race and the New York State Constitutional Convention of 1821: Debating Equality*

**David Fiske, Independent Scholar and Author**

*National Ramifications: The New York State 1894 Constitution, Horse Racing, and United States Military Preparedness*

**Lizzie Redkey, Western Governors University**

*The Forest Preserve Debate at the 1938 New York Constitutional Convention*

**Philip Terrie, Bowling Green State University**

Comment: **Thomas Baker, SUNY Potsdam**

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## ***More than the 40-Hour Work Week: Even More for Historians to Consider in Labor Records***

*PERB Records: Navigating Cases at the New York State Archives*

**Emily Allen, New York State Archives**

*Strike a Better Balance: Retirement Records in Labor Collections*

**Jodi Boyle, University at Albany, SUNY**

*Little Book of Answers: Using Collective Bargaining Agreements for Historical Research*

**Barbara Morley, Cornell University**

Comment: **Alan Kowlowitz, Center for Technology in Government; University at Albany, SUNY**

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## **3:30-4:15 Break/Exhibitor Showcase**

**Barnes & Noble Reading Room**

Spend some time in the exhibit area visiting our exhibitors, including a book signing with Friday keynote speaker Daniel Czitrom, author of *New York Exposed: The Gilded Age Police Scandal that Launched the Progressive Era*

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## **SESSION III: 4:15 – 5:45 PM**

### ***Making History and Government Come Alive:***

#### ***Promoting Awareness of the 2017 Constitutional Convention Referendum***

Panelists will discuss how their organizations use various programming and media to bring essential civics concepts to life. Particular emphasis will be placed on the efforts to draw attention to the upcoming 2017 NYS Constitutional Convention Referendum.

*Moderator:* **Robert Bullock, Rockefeller Institute of Government**

*Panelists:* **Susan Arbetter, WCNY Public Broadcasting**

**Mary Miller, NY News Publishers Association Newspapers in Education Program**

**Martha Noordsy, NYS Bar Association Law, Youth and Citizenship Program**

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## **Revolutionary Origins**

*Monuments to the Vultures: Examining the Story of Benedict Arnold and John André in New York*  
**Laura Macaluso, PhD**

*It Must Have Been Assault: George Washington, Memory and the Revolutionary War*  
**Thomas A. Chambers, Niagara University**

*The Hamilton Free School (1818-1857): The Continuing Legacy in North Manhattan*  
**Don Rice, Dyckman Farmhouse Museum Alliance**

Comment: **Thomas Wermuth, Marist College**

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**5:45 PM Reception**  
**Campus Center - Patroon Room**

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**7:00 PM Public Forum**  
**Campus Center Assembly Hall**

### ***The Constitutional Convention in Contemporary and Historical Perspective***

*On November 7, 2017, voters will go into voting booths throughout New York State and, as they are every 20 years, will be faced with the constitutionally mandated question, "Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?" (N.Y. Const., Art XIX, sec 2). In only nine instances in New York State history have we convened a Constitutional Convention to consider how the New York State Constitution might be altered, potentially changing how government in Albany works. Join our panel for a discussion of the history of previous constitutional conventions and perspectives on the upcoming referendum.*

*Recognizing the importance of this civic participation opportunity, a coalition has been formed to conceive and implement a campaign designed to ensure that each of New York's voters goes to vote with a clearer sense of what a Constitutional Convention could achieve. This keynote panel discussion is an important part of the coalition's work.*

Discussants:

**Gerald Benjamin, SUNY New Paltz**  
**Christopher Bopst, Sam-Son Logistics, Inc.**  
**Henrik (Hank) Dullea, Cornell University**  
**Peter Galie, Canisius College**

Moderator: **Robert Bullock, Rockefeller Institute for Government**

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**Friday November 18, 2016**

**8:30 AM: Registration, Continental Breakfast**  
**Barnes & Noble Reading Room**  
**Science Library**

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**SESSION IV: 9:00-10:30 AM**

***Policy and Government***

*Volunteers and the State: Implementing the Immigration Reform and Control Act in New York*  
**Ean Oesterle, CUNY Graduate Center**

*Nelson Rockefeller and the MTA: A Pioneering Step in New York Transportation History*  
**Andrew J. Sparberg, CUNY School of Professional Studies; Independent Scholar**

*Moreland's Act: The Origins of Executive Investigation*  
**John T. Evers, Albany County Historian**

Comment: **Carl Bon Tempo, University at Albany, SUNY**

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***Work, Labor and Politics***

*1926 Tombs Breakout Try Sparked Correction Officer Training in NY and USA*  
**Thomas C. McCarthy, NYC Dept. of Correction (retired)**

*Radical Politics and Labor Organization: Leon Davis and the Pharmacists' Union of Greater New York*  
**Daniel J. Smith, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences**

*A Building Bonanza: The Empire State Plaza in an Era of Urban Renewal, 1962-1978*  
**Stacy Sewell, St. Thomas Aquinas College**

Comment: **Gerald Zahavi, University at Albany, SUNY**

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***Clashing Cultures in Early New York***

*Framing the Iroquois Twins of Creation as Representative of Choice*  
**Kevin J. White, SUNY Oswego**

*1763: The Dutch Church in New York Calls Upon the Rev. Archibald Laidlie to Preach in the English Language*  
**Kate Lynch, Independent Scholar, 2015-16 Albert A. Smith Fellow (fellowship completed)**

*Charles Loosely and Thomas Elms, Brooklyn's First Impresarios of Sport*  
**Lucas Rubin, Brooklyn College**

Comment: **Chad Anderson, Hartwick College**

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***Communities of Reform***

*West New Brighton, Staten Island, and a Community of Reformers*

**Marguerite Maria Rivas, Manhattan Community College**

*The Abolition Movement Transforms: Bridging the Gap from Anti-Slavery Politics into the Women's Suffrage Movement*

**Cara Dellatte, Staten Island Museum**

*"Suffragists in Every Town and County": How New York Women Won the Vote*

**Christine L. Ridarsky, Rochester City Historian**

*Raising Daughters While Raising Hell: Modeling Motherhood on the Road to New York's Vote*

**Suzanne Schnittman, Independent Scholar**

Comment: **Gaylynn J. Welch, SUNY Potsdam**

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***Educating New Yorkers***

*Something Interesting Will Come of It: Reading Choices of New York City Children in 1910*

**Robert Sink, Independent Scholar**

*Deploying the "Ultimate Weapon" in Public Schools: Congressperson Franck Becker (R-NY) and Church-State Debates of the Long Sixties*

**Christopher Hickman, Tarleton State University**

*The Morganville Question: Rural Community Resistance to State Policy Implementation*

**Casey T. Jakubowski, University at Albany, SUNY**

Comment: **Richard Hamm, University at Albany, SUNY**

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***Machine in the Middle? Tammany Hall at the Intersection of Culture, Economics, Politics, and Policy***

**A Roundtable**

*Tammany's Vision of Politics and Society*

**James Connolly, Ball State University**

*Transatlantic Tammany: The Irish Roots of the Nation's Most Famous Political Machine*

**Terry Golway, POLITICO States**

*Toppling the Keystone: Tammany Hall and the Ratification of the Income Tax in New York State*

**John D. Buenker, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Emeritus**

Moderator: **Robert Chiles, University of Maryland, College Park**

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**12:15 PM: Lunch/Keynote**  
**Campus Center Ballroom**

***New York Exposed: The Gilded Age Police Scandal That Launched the Progressive Era***  
**Daniel Czitrom, Mount Holyoke College**

New York Exposed begins with the explosive charges levelled against the New York Police Department and Tammany Hall by the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst in 1892. Two years later, Parkhurst's crusade forced the first sensational political investigation of the modern era and kick-started the Progressive movement. Established by the New York State Senate, the Lexow Committee heard testimony from nearly 700 witnesses, representing all walks of New York life. It revealed in shocking and unprecedented detail how the police force managed New York's lucrative vice economy, extorted payoffs from respectable businesses, and enjoyed immunity from charges of police brutality. The narrative unfolds amidst the larger contexts of machine politics, national elections, the depression of 1893, vote fraud and vote suppression, and police violence. The effort to root out corrupt cops and crooked politicians morphed into something much more profound: a public reckoning, messy and contentious, over what New York—and the American city—had become since the Civil War. Professor Czitrom's talk will dig into the research challenges faced in conceiving and writing this book, as well as focus on several key themes that still have enormous resonance today: vote fraud and vote suppression; police brutality; the stubborn resilience of partisan politics; and anti-urbanism in American life.

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**SESSION VI: 2:00 – 3:30 PM**

***New York Histories of Public Health and Medicine in War and Peace***

*Albany and the 1832 Cholera Epidemic: Environmental Conditions and the Human Toll of a Novel Epidemic*  
**Bianca Englese, University at Albany, SUNY**

*La Gardienne du Phare: Winifred Holt and the Committee for Men Blinded in Battle in France*  
Evan Sullivan, University at Albany, SUNY

*Cannabis Intoxication as Public Health: Economic Deprivation, Protest, and Self-Medication in New York City, 1930-1940*  
**Bob Beach, University at Albany, SUNY**

Comment: **Andrew Morris, Union College**

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***Mid-19th Century New York: Intersectionalities of Culture, Politics, Law, and Nation***

*The Prophet Matthias and the Construction of Antebellum Religious Insanity*  
**Alexandra Leah Prince, University at Buffalo**

*The Heresy of Secession Will Be Rebuked: The Civil War, Treason, and the Curious Case of New York Lawyer Algernon Sydney Sullivan*  
**Joseph Landgraf, Villanova University**

*America, Defined: How American Landscape Painters of the Nineteenth Century Articulated and Understood a Constantly Changing American Identity*  
**Jacob Chaires, University at Maryland**

*Thomas Cole and the Politics of the American Renaissance*  
**P. Matthew DeLaMater, University at Albany, SUNY**

Comment: **Patrick LaPierre, SUNY Canton**

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***Housing, Politics, and Community: From the New Deal to Trump***

**A Roundtable Discussion**

*Trump, the Housing Crisis, and the Burden of New York History*

**Peter Eisenstadt, Historian**

*Housing, Citizen Participation, and the Cooper Square Committee*

**Marci Reaven, NY Historical Society**

*New York City Housing From the Urban Crisis to Gentrification: Lessons and Questions from Upper Manhattan*

**Robert W. Snyder, Rutgers University**

Comment: **The Audience**

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**SESSION VII: 3:45-5:15 PM**

***The Broad and Deep Field of New York State History: A Conversation***

Devin Lander, New York State Historian

Will Tatum, Dutchess County Historian Association of Public Historians in New York State,

Melissa Brown, The Buffalo History Museum

Erin Richardson, New York State Historical Association, Fenimore Art Museum, and The Farmers' Museum

Join the panel assembled by New York State Historian, Devin Lander, for a wide-ranging discussion about marshaling partnerships, resources, and content to advance the field of New York State History. Bring your triumphs, questions, and suggestions and join in the conversation. Learn more about the new initiatives from Office of State History—the new website and Artifact | NY— and hear more from the panelists and your colleagues about ongoing work across New York State.

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***Communities, Cultures, and Conflict: New York Catholics in the 18th and Early 19th Centuries***

***The Catholics of Albany: The Founding of St. Mary's Church in the Early Republic***

**Margaret Lasch Carroll, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences**

***The Rathburn Apostates***

**Anna O'Meara, Museum Association of New York**

***Pope Martin I: New York Catholics and Their Alliance with Martin Van Buren, 1812-1830***

**Jason K. Duncan, Aquinas College**

Comment: **Peter Galie, Canisius College, Emeritus**

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**5:30 PM: Bus to NYS Museum**

**6:00 PM Reception**

**7:30 PM**

***The Borscht Belt: Past, Present and Future***

**Marisa Scheinfeld, Photographer and Author**

Join photographer and author Marisa Scheinfeld for a lively discussion of the "Borscht Belt"—a region in the southernmost part of the Catskill Mountains that was once the playground of American Jews. Scheinfeld, who grew up in the region, has spent the past five years documenting the dramatic degradation of some of the most famous Borscht Belt hotels, resorts, and bungalow colonies. As a special addition to the lecture, Scheinfeld will exhibit 2-D and 3-D original objects and Borscht Belt memorabilia from her personal collection. Book signing to follow.

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**Saturday, November 19, 2016**

**8:30 AM: Registration & Continental Breakfast**  
**New York State Museum**

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**SESSION VIII: 9:00 10:30 AM**

***From Slavery to Citizenship: African Americans in New York***

*"For Divers Good Causes and Considerations": Manumission Practices of Albany, NY Slaveholders, 1799-1824*

**William A. Meredith, SUNY Delhi**

*A Deep and Solemn Roar: Abolitionism and Antislavery in the Capital Region*

**Ryan C. Jones, Independent Scholar, From Memory Films**

*James Parker: Hero of the McKinley Assassination, and the Pursuit of Full African-American Citizenship*

**Nicolas Hardisty, Rhode Island College**

Comment: **Laura Wittern-Keller, University at Albany, SUNY**

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***New York State History Day: A Round Table Discussion***

The history community in New York State is broad and diverse supporting student work by providing access to primary and secondary source materials, feedback, and support in a variety of settings. The New York History Day contest relies on this community to participate as one of over 100 judges for Contest Day in April. The New York State History Day Contest coordinator as well as students, teachers, and parents will share their experience.

**Sarah Loveland, History Day Coordinator, New York State Historical Association,**

**Alicia Malanga, Farnsworth Middle School**

**Aneesh Muppidi, student, Farnsworth Middle School**

**William Riedy, parent, Bethlehem Middle School**

**Joe Riedy, student, Bethlehem Middle School**

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***Digitizing Dutch Colonial Documents for Online Delivery: A Case Study***

**Kimberly Gianfrancesco, New York State Archives**

**Monica Gray, New York State Archives**

**Jesse Brown, New York State Archives**

Comment: **Joe Festa, New York State Historical Association**

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**SESSION IX: 10:45- 12:15 PM**

***The New York State Constitution: Historical Perspectives***

*New York State Begins: The 1777 State Constitution and Its Lessons for 2017*

**Bruce W. Dearstyne, Historian**

*The Constitution's First Revision: Martin Van Buren and the 1821 Constitutional Convention*

**Helen E. Freedman, Associate Justice Appellate Division (Ret. 1st Dept.)**

*The Constitution in Action: State Courts and Dual Constitutionalism in New York State History*

**Henry M. Greenberg, Greenberg Traurig, LLP.**

Comment: **Sherri G. Cash, Utica College**

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***From Waterway to Graffiti Gallery...and Beyond: Historians and Contested Public Spaces***  
A Roundtable Discussion

Daniel J. Broyld, Central Connecticut State University  
Vashon Broyld Sr., Photographer  
Michael J. Brown, Rochester Institute of Technology  
Michelle Finn, City of Rochester, NY

Moderator: Christine L. Ridarsky, Historian, City of Rochester, NY

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***Digital Tools for Exploring and Accessing Primary Sources***

*Harvest of History at The Farmers' Museum*

Mary Alexander, Manager of School and Education Programs, The Farmers' Museum

*Curricula To Go— 3C Frameworks in Action*

Sarah Loveland, NYS History Day Contest Coordinator, New York State Historical Association

*HistoryForge: A Model Web Environment for Exploring Local History through Historic Maps*

Rod Howe, Executive Director, The History Center in Tompkins County and  
Robert Kibbee, Trustee of The History Center and lead designer of HistoryForge

*APIs, WARCS, and NPL: How Technology has Created New Opportunities for Historical Research*

Gregory Wiedeman, University at Albany, SUNY

Moderator: Erin Richardson, New York State Historical Association

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**12:30 Lunch**  
**Closing Plenary**

***Voices of the Unheard: A Walking Tour of the Memory and Legacy of the Rochester Police Riots of 1964***  
Verdis LeVar Robinson

**Verdis LeVar Robinson** is currently the interim National Manager of The Democracy Commitment, a national initiative for advancing civic and democratic learning in community colleges, after serving as a tenured Assistant Professor of History and African-American Studies having taught writing-intensive, web-enhanced, service-learning courses at Monroe Community College (MCC) in Rochester, New York, for ten years. In addition to serving as MCC's TDC Campus Coordinator since the beginning of the initiative, he has served on TDC National Steering Committee and on the Advisory Council for its Economic Inequality Initiative. Professionally, Verdis is a fellow of the Aspen Institute's Faculty Seminar on *Citizenship and the American and Global Polity*, and the National Endowment for the Humanities' Faculty Seminar on *Rethinking Black Freedom Studies: The Jim Crow North and West*. He is also a Public Scholar of the New York Council for the Humanities. Additionally, Verdis is the founder of the Rochester Neighborhood Oral History Project that created a walking tour of the community most impacted by the 1964 Race Riots, which has engaged over 300 members of Rochester community in walking, discussing, and learning about the legacy of Jim Crow Rochester. He holds a B.M. in Voice Performance from Boston University, a B.S. and an M.A. in History from SUNY College at Brockport, and an M.A. in African-American Studies from SUNY University at Buffalo.