

Announcements

A CONFERENCE ON NEW ENGLAND SLAVERY AND THE SLAVE TRADE, sponsored by the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, the Du Bois Institute of Harvard University, the Museum of Afro-American History in Massachusetts, the National Park Service, and Suffolk University, will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, on April 21–23, 2004.

The program committee for the conference includes Ira Berlin, University of Maryland (chair); James Horton, George Washington University; and Joanne Melish, University of Kentucky. New Englanders' pride in their abolitionist heritage tends to obscure the fact that slavery was once a commonplace institution in the region. In its call for papers, this conference hopes to encourage research shedding new light on this understudied aspect of the history of American slavery. Topics the conference might address include Puritanism and slavery; comparisons of the enslavement of Blacks and Native Americans in New England; comparative studies of slavery in New England and other regions; laws pertaining to slavery and manumission; rethinking the definition of New England "slave community"; free Blacks in New England and the first stirrings of an abolitionist movement; the New England slave trade and the Atlantic world; as well as the question of how museums might appropriately present any of the above material to the public.

Presentations need not be strictly limited to the colonial period, but might extend through the first quarter of the nineteenth century. Public history treatments of New England slavery and the slave trade will be critically examined during the conference; presentations could include museum exhibits, first- and third-person interpretation in historical reenactments, documentary films, and more.

Because the Colonial Society intends to print a volume of selected proceedings drawn from the conference, formal academic papers should not have been previously printed elsewhere.

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The Eighth Annual Conference of the EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT (ESHET) will be held on February 26–29, 2004, at the Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia and Treviso, Italy. Members of the Scientific Committee are Richard Arena, Ferruccio Bresolin, Alberto Giacomini, Maria Cristina Marcuzzo, Pier Luigi Porta, and Erich Streissler.

The theme of the conference is “Money and Markets,” but proposals for papers or sessions on all aspects of the history of economic thought are welcome. Selected papers on the conference theme will be published in a volume. Submit an abstract of no more than 200 words for a paper, or no more than 400 words for a session, before September 15, 2003. Ph.D. students are invited to present a paper to a special seminar held on the day prior to the conference. Applications with supporting letters by their supervisors and a proposal should be sent by September 15, 2003. A few grants to cover accommodation costs will be made available.

Proposals may be submitted to:

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The ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS HISTORIANS (ABH) will hold its Annual Conference on Business and Society at the University of Nottingham International Business History Institute on June 25–26, 2004. The primary aim of the conference will be to develop business history perspectives on the relation between business and society through a mixture of workshops and sessions. Whether considering specific issues like corporate governance, accountability, industrial relations, politics, or general matters like the interaction of business and society, commentators of every kind have contributed to an extensive debate on the relation between business and society. More recently, after the accounting scandals associated with the likes of Enron and WorldCom, even greater concern has been expressed about the inability to regulate large-scale business. This debate has also raged whenever bodies like the World Trade Organization meet to discuss global trading issues.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following: the attitude of society toward business; the impact of business on society; business patronage of the arts; corporate social responsibility; corporate governance and investment trends; accounting and accountability; business and environmental pressures and trends; health and safety; labor, exploitation, and paternalism; government and public affairs (including political ideologies); lobbying and the boundaries between states and firms; business reputations and corporate image; imperialism, multinationals, and globalization; international organizations and "fair trade."

However, the organizers gladly accept papers on any topic related to business history, even those that fall outside the conference theme. Indeed, the organizers welcome historians and social scientists working in all disciplines and on any time period or country. Proposals are welcome for either individual papers or entire sessions (normally one-and-a-half hours). Authors for each paper must provide a title, an abstract of no more than two pages, and a brief CV. The deadline for submissions is November 30, 2003.

Please send them to:

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The ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE will take place on April 2–4, 2004, Royal Holloway, University of London. The conference program committee seeks proposals in all aspects of economic and social history covering a wide range of periods and countries, particularly papers of an interdisciplinary nature.

The committee invites proposals both for individual papers and for entire sessions (three to four speakers, one-and-a-half hours' duration). Suggestions for sessions should include proposals and synopses for each paper, although the committee reserves the right to determine which papers will be presented in the session if it is accepted. If a session is not accepted, the committee may incorporate one or more of the proposed papers into other panels.

For each proposed paper, please send (preferably by e-mail) a brief CV and a short abstract of 400 to 500 words to:

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For full consideration, proposals must be received by September 26, 2003. Notices of acceptance will be sent to individual paper-givers by November 14, 2003. The Economic History Society will offer limited financial support to enable new researchers to attend the conference when this is not available from their institution.

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The ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION announces that its Sixty-third Annual Meeting will take place on September 19–21, 2003, in Nashville, Tennessee. The theme of the meeting will be “Transitions in Economic History.”

For information, contact:

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CENTER FOR THE HISTORY OF BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY, Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, Delaware, annually offers short-term grants-in-aid support for scholarly research in the imprint, manuscript, pictorial, and artifact collections. These grants are designed to assist researchers with travel and living expenses while using the research collections. Scholars receive a stipend, make use of the

research holdings, and participate in the programs of the Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society. A wide range of American and international topics can be explored in our printed, manuscript, and pictorial resources, which include business, economic, industrial, technological, cultural, architectural, labor, and women's history.

More information on Hagley's research collections may be obtained through our on-line catalog at <http://www.hagley.org>. Further information on our grants and fellowships can be obtained from the Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society's Web site: <http://www.hagley.lib.de.us/center.html>. Low-cost housing may be available on the museum grounds. Stipends are for a minimum of two weeks, a maximum of two months, not to exceed \$1,400 per month. Deadlines for each year are March 29, June 28, and October 31.

For information, contact:

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The HAGLEY-WINTERTHUR FELLOWSHIPS IN ARTS & INDUSTRIES represent a cooperative program of short- to medium-term research fellowships for scholars interested in the historical and cultural relations between economic life and the arts, including design, architecture, crafts, and the fine arts. Fellows receive a stipend, make use of the rich research collections of both the Winterthur Museum, Gardens, and Library (www.winterthur.org) and the Hagley Museum and Library. These fellowships are intended to support serious scholarly work. They are available to both degree candidates and senior scholars, as well as applicants without advanced degrees. Applications are welcome from scholars and writers working independently as well as college and university teachers, librarians, archivists, museum curators, and scholars from fields other than the humanities. As much as possible, recipients should be prepared to devote their full time to the fellowship for the duration of their appointment. As centers for advanced study in the humanities, Hagley and Winterthur are focal points for a community of scholars. Fellows are expected to participate in seminars that meet at both institutions, as well as to attend noontime colloquia, lectures, and

other public programs offered during their research stay. Low-cost accommodations may be available at both institutions. Stipends are for a minimum of one month and a maximum of six months and do not exceed \$1,400 per month. The deadline for application is December 1, 2003.

For information on how to apply, please contact:

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Mail completed applications to:

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