

Announcements

THE HAGLEY MUSEUM AND LIBRARY announces the publication of a new guide to its research collections: "The Seagram Company Ltd. and Bronfman Family." This free brochure describes the Seagram archive recently opened for research at the Hagley. Previously published brochures on Hagley's research collections include the following: "Consumer Culture: Advertising, Design & Public Relations," "American Women's History," "Business and the State," and "Industrial and Commercial Architecture." Complimentary copies of any of these brochures may be obtained by contacting the Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society, Hagley Museum and Library, P.O. Box 2620, Wilmington, DE 19807. Telephone (320) 658-2400, or e-mail crl@udel.edu.

THE CENTER FOR THE HISTORY OF BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY invites papers for the conference, "Commodifying Everything: Consumption and Capitalist Enterprise" at the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, Delaware on October 12 and 13, 2001. Paper proposals should focus on historical processes of commodification since c. 1700, especially the spread of the market to new areas of social and material life and the spatial dispersion of consumption on a market model throughout the world. We encourage a broad definition of consumption that encompasses material goods, experience, services, and information, and we hope to stimulate interaction among scholars exploring these aspects of consumption. Proposals may consider themes such as identity, performance, and design if they connect to issues of market relations. Proposals are due by February 16, 2001 and should include an abstract of no more than 500 words and a brief c.v. Funds may be available to support travel to the conference by speakers. Please direct proposals and queries to:

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The Hagley Museum and Library holds many research collections that support the study of consumption. We invite scholars engaged in this work to inquire concerning our resources and the research grants available to support use of these collections. More information is available on our web page at www.Hagley.org.

ENGINEERING POSTWAR INDUSTRY, 1940s–1970s: The Relative Trajectories of Mass and Specialty Production in the U.S., U.K., and Japan. The Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society invites paper proposals for a conference and planned essay collection focusing on the interplay between mass production and specialty (custom and batch) manufacturing after 1940s in three prominent industrialized nations. Projects focusing on specific sectors and technologies are especially welcomed, as well as cross-national comparative studies. Research on public policy or prescriptive discourse about managerial or research approaches falls outside the conference's focus. The conference dates will be July 12–13, 2001. At least partial support for travel and local expenses will be provided to all conference presenters. Proposals (a one page abstract and a brief vita) should be sent, by November 1, 2000, to: Philip Scranton, Director, CHBTS, Hagley Museum and Library, P.O. Box 3630, Wilmington, DE 19807.

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