



**Association of Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS)  
2017 Conference  
Poughkeepsie Grande Hotel & Conference Center  
Poughkeepsie, NY**

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**Schedule includes Speakers and Topics**  
(Changes may occur depending on speakers' final availability)

**October 30, 2017 (Monday)**

**6:00-8:00pm – Board of Trustees Meeting**

**October 31, 2017 (Tuesday) – Conference Registration 10am-12:30pm then 2-5pm (closed during Conference Kick-Off)**

**10:00-11:15 am – Concurrent sessions**

- A. *The Story of Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum*  
Speaker: George R. DeMass, Oswego Town Historian
- B. *Creating an Historic Garden and Landscape*  
Speaker: Barbara Hobens, Town of Hyde Park Historian
- C. *The Unabashed Vernacular Digital Collection – Our Web, Our Way*  
Speaker: Sue Gardner, Deputy Town of Warwick Historian and Local History Library Albert Wisner Public Library

Lunch on your own – not part of conference fees

**1:00pm -- APHNYS Official Conference Kick-Off: Welcoming by APHNYS President and Other Officials**

**1:45-3:00pm – Concurrent Sessions**

- A. *Clothing the Skeleton: Government Historian's Role in Assisting Genealogists*  
Speaker: Ray LaFever, Town of Bovina Historian and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of APHNYS
- B. *Restoring & Reinterpreting Southampton's Oldest Burying Ground*  
Speaker: Zachary Studenroth Southampton Town Historian
- C. *From Seneca Falls in 1848 to 1917: Securing Woman Suffrage in New York State*  
Speaker: Walter Gable, Seneca County Historian

**3:15-4:30pm – APHNYS Annual Meeting & Elections includes “State of the State’s History with NYS Historian Devin Lander**

**4:30-5:30pm – Free Time to view Exhibit and Vendors**

**5:30-6:30pm Cash Bar & Reception**

**6:30-8:30/9:00pm -- Buffet Dinner** (Part of conference fees include on Pre-registration form)

*Key to the Continent: The Hudson Valley's Role in the American Revolution* by Keynote Speaker: Denise Doring VanBuren: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President General of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; Editor-in-Chief of *American Spirit* magazine; 2016 recipient of Martha Washington Woman of History Award

**November 1 (Wednesday): Conference Registration Open 7am-5pm**  
**Exhibits and Vendors Area Open 8:30am**

**7:00-8:30am: Breakfast** – Part of conference fees included on Pre-registration form

**8:45-10:00am – Concurrent Sessions**

A. *Use it or Lose It – Innovative Ways of Preserving Historic Sites*

Panel Members: Lisa Weiss, President of Cider Mill Friends, Poughkeepsie, NY  
Michael Frantz, Vice President of Cider Mill Friends, Poughkeepsie, NY  
Lydia Higginson, CEO of Dutch's Spirits, Pine Plains, NY  
Ralph Fedele, President of Friends of the Irondale Schoolhouse, Millerton, NY  
Rick Soedler, East Fishkill Historical Society, East Fishkill, NY

B. *Building History Communities in the Digital Age*

Speakers: Devin Lander, NYS Historian; Bill Jeffway, Executive Director of Dutchess County Historical Society; and William Tatum III, Dutchess County Historian

C. *Basic Orientation for Newly Appointed Historians*

Speaker: Christine Ridarsky, Chairman of New Historian Orientation Training Subcommittee and City of Rochester Historian

**10:15-11:30am – Concurrent Sessions**

A. *Nelson Rockefeller and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority: A Pioneering Step in New York Transportation History*

Speaker: Andrew J. Sparberg, Independent Scholar; MTA Long Island Rail Road Manager (Retired); and Adjunct Lecturer School of Professional Studies City University of New York

B. *Debunking Local History Myths: Triumph or Tragedy?*

Speaker: Mary Cascone, Town of Babylon Historian

C. *Orange County Dairies and Their Milk Bottles*

Speaker: Alexander Prizgintas

**11:30am-12:45pm – Buffet Lunch** (Part of conference fees included on Pre-registration form)

**1:00-5:00pm – Afternoon in-the-field Sessions (Required to pre-register for these sessions). Check with Registration Table to see if there were cancellations or any available seats)**

**Tour A: FDR Library/Museum and Springwood (FDR's Home)**

**Tour B: Eleanor Roosevelt's Valkill, the FDR Library/Museum**

**5:30-6:30pm: Cash Bar & Reception**

**6:30-8:30/9:00pm: Buffet Dinner: Annual Awards Presented** followed by performance by the *Dutchess Antislavery Singers*

**November 2 (Thursday): (Exhibit and Vendor Area Closes at Noon)**

**7:00-8:30am: Breakfast** (Part of conference fees include on Pre-registration form)

**8:45-10:00am – Concurrent Sessions**

A. *A Rare Glimpse of the Enslavement of Indians in Orange County, New York*

Speaker: Clifton Patrick, Town of Chester Historian; Ginny Privitar, Member Chester Historical Society and Reporter for “The Chronicle” newspaper

B. *Influence of Palatine Immigration on Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, and New York State*

Speaker: Nancy V. Kelly, Rhinebeck Town Historian

C. *How to Become an APHNYS Registered Historians*

Presenter: Sandra Bradford, Chairman of Registered Historians Subcommittee and Town of Hector Historian

**10:15-11:30am – Concurrent Sessions**

A. *Serving New York State’s Collecting Institutions: The Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York Initiatives*

Speaker: Anastasia Matijkiw, Program Coordinator of Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York

B. *Child Labor in the Village of Walden*

Speaker: Mary Ellen Matise, Village of Walden Historian

C. *A Method in the Madness: General Rosalie Jones and Her 1912 Votes for Women Pilgrimage to Albany*

Speakers: Natalie Naylor, Professor Emeritus Hofstra University and Jane Mathews Swersey, Retired High School Social Studies Teacher

**12:00 Noon – Conference Concludes**