8:15-9:00  Registration (Coffee and refreshments)

9:00-9:15  Welcome remarks and introductions
Guocun Yang, President, ASCH
Kendall F. Wiggin, State Librarian, Connecticut State Library

9:15-10:00  Lawrence Goodheart, University of Connecticut, "The Evolution of the Death Penalty in Connecticut"

Larry Goodheart is a Professor of History at the University of Connecticut. The Association for the Study of Connecticut History awarded the Homer D. Babbidge, Jr. Prize in 2012 for his book The Solemn Sentence of Death: Capital Punishment in Connecticut. A recent essay "Race, Rape, and Capital Punishment in Connecticut" appeared in Patterns of Prejudice, 46:1 (Feb. 2012), 58-77. During 2009-10, he was Senior Fulbright Lecturer in Turkey. He is a member of the editorial board of Connecticut History and the State Historical Preservation Board.

10:00-10:45  Wesley Horton, Attorney, "Prudence Crandall's Inadvertent Influence on the Dred Scott Case"

Attorney Wesley Horton started his law career as the law clerk to Chief Justice House of the Connecticut Supreme Court (1970 to 1971) and has become one of the premier appellate lawyers in the state of Connecticut during a span of 32 years and in hundreds of cases, including the breakout school finance case, Horton v. Meskill, 172 Conn. 615 (1977). He continues to work for the betterment of the Connecticut school systems through Sheff v. O’Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996).

Attorney Horton’s involvement in the legal community extends well beyond his legal practice at HSK. He is the author of The History of the Connecticut Supreme Court (2008), which details the Connecticut Supreme Court, its justices and their opinions from 1784 up to the present. He is a strong advocate for the Connecticut Constitution, wrote the only published book on the Connecticut Constitution, and published the debates of the 1818 constitutional convention for the first time since they took place. Attorney Horton is also interested in helping educate the public and his colleagues on issues of pressing legal concern. He is a former President of the American Counsel Association. He frequently lectures to the Bar on appellate and ethics issues. He is a prolific writer on both appellate and constitutional issues and is often called upon by the print and television press for comment on breaking legal issues.
10:45-11:00  Coffee/Tea Break

11:00-12:00  David Corrigan, Connecticut State Library, "Bad Art/Good History: The Connecticut Governor's Portrait Collection"

David Corrigan has broad training in history, philosophy, American studies, and museum and arts and earned a Master’s degree from Georgetown University. He started his professional career as the Assistant Curator at the New Haven Colony Historical Society (1974-1978), worked as the Exhibit Specialist at Mystic Seaport Museum (1978-1980), became the Curator at Worcester (MA) Historical Society (1980-1982), and has been the Museum Curator for Museum of Connecticut History at the Connecticut State Library after joining its staff in 1982.

12:00-12:30  Lunch Recess

12:30-1:00  Annual Business Meeting

All attendees are welcome at the meeting. Only members can vote.

1:00  Museum tour

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Web search at http://www.cslib.org/directions.htm

• From Interstate 84 Eastbound - take Exit 48, Capitol Ave. The Library is diagonally across Capitol Ave. at the end of the exit ramp.

• From Interstate 84 Westbound - take Exit 47, Sigourney St. Turn Left under Interstate 84; Left again back onto Interstate 84 eastbound. Take Exit 48, Capitol Ave. The Library is diagonally across Capitol Ave. at the end of the exit ramp.

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Parking:
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Registration for 2013 Spring Conference and Business Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2013
Connecticut State Library

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Registration fee includes morning coffee/Tea/refreshments and lunch.

Please register by Saturday, March 31, 2012 to guarantee lunch.

Registration fee:
$30 for general admission Number of registrants _____ x 30 = _________
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Association for the Study of Connecticut History

Annual Business Meeting
Saturday, April 6, 2013
Memorial Hall, Connecticut State Library

Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting of April 7, 2012 at Woodstock Historical Society

3. President’s Report (Guocun Yang)

4. Vice President’s Report (Nancy Steenburg)

5. Treasurer’s Report (David White)

6. Auditors’ Report (Crawford Westbrook and Barbara Beeching)

7. Membership Chair’s Report (Diane Foley)

8. Awards Chair’s Report (Peter Hinks)

9. Editor’s Report (Cecelia Bucki)

10. Program Reports:
    Fall 2012 Conference on “Connecticut & New England in the War of 1812” at Connecticut College (Nancy Steenburg & Guocun Yang)
    Fall 2013 Conference on “300 Years in Northeastern Connecticut – The Not So Quiet Corner” at Pomfret School (Nancy Steenburg & Guocun Yang)

11. Nominating Committee Report (Bruce Stave, chair)
    Proposed Slate:
    Nancy H. Steenburg, Candidate for President
    Gene Leach, Candidate for Vice President
    Jennifer Cote, Director At-Large
    Peter P. Hinks, Candidate for Awards Chair (second term)
    Steven Park, Candidate for Membership Chair
    Rebecca Taber-Conover, Candidate for Secretary (second term)
    (See page 7-9 for candidates’ biographical introductions)

12. Election of Officer and Director at-Large for Board of Directors

13. New Business:
    Approval of revised Bylaws of April 2007
    Announcements – next Board of Directors meeting on May 3

14. Adjournment
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2012
Woodstock Historical Society

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:58 by ASCH Board President, Guocun Yang

2. Approval of the minutes from the annual meeting of April 15, 2011: Bruce Stave brought the motion to approve; it was seconded by Nancy Steenburg. Approved.

3. President’s Report: Guocun spoke about the two successful conferences that took place in 2011- the Spring Civil War conference and the Fall Conference focused on Connecticut Women. He recognized the new editor of Connecticut History, Dr. Cecelia Bucki. Guocun reported that ASCH has a new website and thanked the website committee chair, Diane Foley, and members of the committee, Bruce Stave and Rebecca Taber-Conover. He also thanked the CT Humanities Council for the financial support provided during the past year; they funded the publication of an issue of Connecticut History and the Civil War Conference. Guocun indicated that ASCH needs to be more self-reliant financially and spoke about the board’s efforts in this regard. He thanked the members of ASCH for donating so generously to the annual appeal which raised $2400- a new record.

4. Treasurer’s Report: David White reported that the total income for 2011 was $16841 with expenses of $23,033. See the attached report. He discussed the board’s approval for long term investment utilizing $10,000 in 2011 with plans to invest $20,000 in 2012.

5. Auditor’s Report: Auditors Crawford Westbrook and Barbara Beeching reported that they had met with the Treasurer and everything looked in order. The auditors suggested broadening funding streams for ASCH since a third of the annual budget came from CT Humanities grants. They advised to look for ways to increase membership and revenue.

6. Membership Report: Diane Foley reported that membership was down 10%. She noted, however, that only 1 renewal notice has gone out yet. She and Cecelia would like to change the membership structure to include an institutional membership. They also plan to advertise to younger scholars and public libraries. Diane indicated that the new ASCH website, asch-cthistory.org, is a first step in building awareness of the organization.

7. Awards: Peter Hinks reported that he is reviewing books. He encouraged people to submit nominations for the Bruce Fraser Award.

8. Editor: Cecelia Bucki has already edited one issue of Connecticut History and is working on the spring issue, focused on Connecticut women. She discussed a new feature in the Journal, a section entitled Research Notes. It’s a 500-1000 word section that will highlight significant (and perhaps unknown) archival repositories in the state. Please email her ideas and suggestions at cthistory@fairfield.edu. Cecelia reported that she is planning to do outreach and send out targeted mailings to public libraries to encourage institutional membership. She welcomes ideas.

9. Program Reports: Nancy reported that 135 people attended the Women in Connecticut conference; all but 4 of the presenters were women. 27 papers were presented. The Fall 2012 meeting is on New England in the War of 1812. It will focus on a range of topics related to the War, not just military history and will be held at Connecticut College. The call for papers is being
circulated with a June 15 deadline. The Lyman Allen museum is hosting a collaborative exhibit with other New London institutions on the War of 1812 called the Rocket's Red Glare.

10. Nominating Committee:
   Guocun stated that Jennifer Cote was mistakenly left off of the slate of nominees and asked that she be added. Addition was approved.
   Bruce Stave recommended the slate of nominees (including Jennifer Cote) and motioned for approval; it was seconded by Dave White.
   The slate of nominees was unanimously elected.
   Guocun thanked Joe Avitable and Cathy Fields for their service on the Board.

11. New Business:
   Dr. Walt Woodward presented the ASCH corporate seal to Guocun that had been recently turned over to him by Christopher Collier.

12. Guocun announced that the next board meeting will take place on May 24, 1012.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Taber-Conover, Secretary.
Nominations for the Board of Directors

Jennifer Cote, Director At-Large

Dr. Jennifer Cote is an assistant professor of history at University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, Connecticut, where she has taught since 2008. She teaches courses on American history with a focus on U.S. women and social movements. She has recently begun to focus her work around Connecticut women, and her article, “‘Habits of Vice’: The House of the Good Shepherd and Competing Narratives of Female Delinquency in Early Twentieth Century Hartford” appeared in the winter 2012 edition of American Catholic Studies. Cote holds a Ph.D. from Boston College (2007) and a BA from Mount Holyoke College (2000). She is nominated for a full term after filling a one-year vacancy this past year.

Peter P. Hinks, Candidate for Awards Chair (second term)

Dr. Peter P. Hinks is the author of the award-winning book, To Awaken My Afflicted Brethren: David Walker and the Problem of Antebellum Slave Resistance. He has served as the Senior Research Historian for several major exhibitions at the New York Historical Society including “Slavery in New York” (2005) and “New York Divided” (2006). With the late Professor John Blassingame and Professor John McKivigan, he co-edited Frederick Douglass’s three autobiographies, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, My Bondage and My Freedom, and The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass for Yale University Press. He has also completed a new encyclopedia for Greenwood Press entitled Encyclopedia of Antislavery and Abolition. With Professor Stephen Kantrowitz, Dr. Hinks is co-editing a forthcoming collection of essays for Cornell University Press on the history of black Freemasonry.

Gene Leach, Candidate for Vice President

Dr. Gene Leach is Professor of History and American Studies Emeritus at Trinity College, where he continues to teach from time to time in an adjunct role. He joined the Trinity faculty in 1975 and has chaired the undergraduate and graduate programs in both history and American Studies. Leach’s teaching and scholarship center on the social and cultural history of the US in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Long involved in public humanities work, Leach has chaired Connecticut Humanities and been active in the educational and administrative affairs of the Stowe Center, the Hartford History Center, and other state and local history groups. He is a member of the editorial team and the board of Connecticut Explored; he has recently joined the editorial board of Connecticut History published biannually by ASCH.

Steven Park, Candidate for Membership Chair

Dr. Steven Park attended Wheaton College and Wheaton College Graduate School where he studied history, social science, and education. He then returned to Connecticut to earn master and doctoral degrees from the University of Connecticut where he wrote his dissertation on Rhode Island’s Gaspee Affair. Park attended the Munson Institute at Mystic Seaport and in 2000 started teaching courses in maritime, European, and American history at UConn Avery Point. More recently he has started working with scholars at three UConn campuses to promote engagement and teaching in the digital humanities. In terms of Connecticut history, Park and his students are currently examining the 1814-15 Hartford Convention. He manages UConn’s Digital Learning Center which is located in Homer Babbidge Library on the main campus.

Nancy H. Steenburg, Candidate for President

Dr. Nancy Steenburg earned her Ph.D. in U. S. History from the University of Connecticut 2002. She has taught at the University of Connecticut – Avery Point campus since 1996, where she also has served as the interim coordinator of Maritime Studies, the coordinator of American Studies, and
currently as the Assistant Director of the Bachelor of General Studies program. She is the author of *Children and the Criminal Law in Connecticut, 1635 – 1855: Changing Perceptions of Childhood*, a winner of the Homer D. Babbidge, Jr. Award in 2006. Her current research is on nineteenth-century writer and historian Frances Manwaring Caulkins. She has written new introductions for re-issues of Caulkins’ *History of Norwich, Connecticut* and Caulkins’ *History of New London, Connecticut*.

Dr. Steenburg has been a part of ASCH since 1996 when she was the co-chair of the ASCH conference on “Children and the Family in New England.” She was the Awards Chairperson for ASCH from 2007 to 2009 and has presented a number of papers at ASCH conferences. She has served as Vice President of ASCH for the past four years.

**Rebecca Taber-Conover, Candidate for Secretary (second term)**

Rebecca Taber-Conover is currently the Coordinator of Public Programs at Connecticut’s Old State House. One of the programs she oversees is the lunchtime lecture series. This lively program combines a history lecture with a panel discussion on current affairs moderated by Diane Smith and is televised on the Connecticut Network. Previously, Rebecca served for seven years as Director of Education for Connecticut Landmarks, formerly the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society. She served as project director for numerous collaborations, including The Witching Hour. In collaboration with the Judy Dworin Performance Project, this modern dance performance highlighted the plight of accused Connecticut witches in the 17th century. The program received an Award of Merit from the American Association of State and Local History. While at CTL, Rebecca oversaw the re-interpretation of the Nathan Hale Homestead and the Butler-McCook House & Garden. Rebecca has also worked at the Historic Charlestown Foundation and the Maryland Historical Society. She holds a master’s in History Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program (Cooperstown, NY) and an undergraduate degree in History and Historic Preservation from Mary Washington College (Fredericksburg, VA.)

**Notification: Deborah Donovan, elected as Director At-large in April 2012 and appointed as treasurer for a full term in May 2012 to fill a vacancy**

Ms. Donovan has been on the Board of Directors of the NLCHS for over 10 years and served as Treasurer for three years and as president for five years. During her years living in Kingston, NY she was a member of the Board of Directors of the Hudson River Maritime Museum. She has a BA in English from Boston College and a Master’s Degree in American Studies with honors from Trinity College in Hartford. Her thesis at Trinity was on the Elephant Sealing industry centered in New London in the 19th centuries, a business on which she has become an expert. She has spoken on the subject at the Dublin Seminar and various regional historic organizations in Connecticut.

Ms. Donovan directs the Economic Development and Marketing efforts of seCTer, Southeastern Connecticut’s regional economic development agency, which include print and electronic communications for the organization and all efforts relating to business retention, expansion and recruitment. She recently wrote and continues to oversee implementation of the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Prior to joining seCTer she was Marketing Director for Mystic & More!, the Southeastern Connecticut Tourism District, for five years. Her career in tourism includes over 30 years as a tour operator, planner and marketing executive for local and national companies, most of those years at Adirondack Trailways of Kingston, NY where she was VP of Group Travel.