

CONFERENCE at Fairfield University April 5, 2014
“Connecticut Cities: Past, Present and Future”
Association for the Study of Connecticut History (ASCH)

Registration and coffee 8:30-9 a.m. (**Oak Room, Barone Campus Center**)
 WELCOME: 9 a.m.

OPENING PLENARY LECTURE: 9:15-10 a.m. (Oak Room, Barone Campus Center)
 Professor Thomas Sugrue, U. of Pennsylvania
 “Race, Rights, and Rebellion: The Forgotten Struggle for Civil Rights in the North”

MORNING CONCURRENT PANELS: 10:15-11:45 a.m.

- 1) **1) *Growing Cities: Pushing and Crossing Boundaries in 19th century Connecticut***
 Moderator: Peter Baldwin (UConn-Storrs)
 Elizabeth Pratt Fox (Museum consultant), “Developing New Haven’s New Township: Wooster Square and its Neighborhood”
 Peter Hinks, “‘This Beautiful and Rapidly Improving Section of Our City’: Race, Labor, and Industrial Transformation in Early Antebellum New Haven”
 Donald Poland (Central CT State University), “The Case of Hartford, CT (1805-1880): An Early Suburban Milieu”

- 2) **2) *Eyes on the City: Imagery and Identity in Connecticut Cities***
 Moderator: Joan O’Riordan (O’Riordan Migani Architects)
 Phil Birge-Liberman (UConn-Waterbury), “Visualizing Urban History: Using Postcards to Read the Urban Park Landscapes of Connecticut”
 Laura A. Macaluso (Salve Regina University), “The Role of Public Art in Creating City Identity: New Haven”
 Eugene Leach (Trinity College), “Hartford Parks and Planning, 1895-1911: The City Beautiful Gone to Seed.”

- 3) **3) *Research Genealogy Workshop***
 Moderator: Rebecca Taber-Conover (CT Old State House)
 Nora Galvin (CT Professional Genealogists Council), “Not Just a Headcount: What You Can Learn About Connecticut Residents From the US Census Population and Special Schedules”

- 4) **4) *Ethnic “Others” in Urban Connecticut***
 Chair and Comment: Fiona Vernal (UConn-Storrs)
 Sandra Ginsburgh Barnes (U. of Washington), “Maier Zunder: A Leading Citizen of Nineteenth-Century New Haven”
 Melissa Houston (Barnum Museum), “The Showman and the Irish: P.T. Barnum and Home Rule”
 Ann-Marie Adams (*The Hartford Guardian*), “West Indian Migration to Hartford: Finding a Place, Maintaining Ties”

LUNCH 11:45-1 (ASCH membership meeting at 12:30)

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT PANELS: 1 - 2:30 p.m.

- 5) **Digital Tools for Urban History: The Case of Hartford**
 Chair and Comment: Steven Park (UConn-Storrs)
 Jack Dougherty (Trinity College) and Clarissa Ceglio (University of Connecticut and Connecticut Humanities), "Collaboratively Writing Hartford's City-Suburban Past with ConnecticutHistory.org"
 Kevin Finefrock, Mary Mahoney, Ryan Allen, Patrick Casey, Allison Horrocks, Zachary Raslan (University of Connecticut), "Virtual Hartford: Interactive Microhistories and the Digital Humanities."
- 6) **The Materials of Urban History: Research and Teaching**
 Moderator and Comment: Jamie H. Eves (Windham Textile & History Museum)
 Donald Rogers (Central CT State University), "The Progressive Era and Connecticut Cities: A Status Report on a Bibliographic Project"
 David Palmquist (SUNY-Albany and former Bridgeport City Historian), "Doing Twentieth Century History in a State with a Colonial Mindset: the Bridgeport Example."
 Ruth Glasser (UConn-Waterbury), "Teaching Urban History – Getting to the Street."
- 7) **Rusted Factory, Ivory Tower: Post-industrial New Haven**
 Moderator: Cecelia Bucki (Fairfield University)
 James Wunsch (Empire State College, SUNY), "The End of Urbanism? Reconsidering Douglas Rae's New Haven"
 James Cersonsky (Journalist, *The Nation*, *Dissent*, and *Salon*), "Yale: Higher Education's Obligation to Public Education"
 Response: Douglas Rae (Yale University)
- 8) **Struggling for racial equality in Connecticut Cities: The Sixties and After**
 Chair and comment: Peter Marcuse (Columbia U)
 Katelyn Botsford Tucker (Shelton High School), "Civil Rights in the All-American Valley, Ansonia, Connecticut, 1970-1982."
 Stacey Close (Eastern CT State U), "Civil Rights in 1960s Hartford."

FINAL PLENARY ROUND-TABLE 2:45-4 p.m.**The Future of the Connecticut City**

Moderator: Richard Benfield (Central Connecticut State University)
 Prof. Alan Plattus, Yale School of Architecture
 Prof. Douglas Rae, Yale Political Science Department
 Prof. Louise Simmons, UConn School of Social Work and Urban Semester
 Mayor Bill Finch, Bridgeport

RECEPTION (Fairfield U. Office of the President) 4-5 p.m.

To register: www.asch-cthistory.org/spring-meeting