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## **2013 CAA Annual Meeting and Lecture**

### **“Before the Waters Rise (and After): Coordinating Statewide Response to Records Disasters”**

WHEN: Wednesday, May 29, 2013, 5:00 - 6:00 PM with a light reception to follow.

WHERE: Albany County Hall of Records, 95 Tivoli Street, Albany, NY 12207

New York State has suffered the effects of three significant tropical storms in the last two years, most recently Hurricane Sandy. During these storms, many records were damaged or destroyed, but many were also saved because of the work of the New York State Archives' disaster response team.

With decades of experience responding to records disasters, the New York State Archives in collaboration with the New York State Library has developed effective and innovative systems to mitigate, respond to, and recover from disasters. Maria Holden, Chief of Archival Services, and Geof Huth, Director of Government Records Services, of the State Archives, will discuss the Archives' work reaching out to constituents, collaborating with regional, state, and national agencies, conducting rapid onsite fieldwork, and developing a body of disaster resources to help save the historical record of New York State.

RSVP suggested. To RSVP or for further information, contact Brian Keough by phone at (518) 437-3931 or by

e-mail at [bkeough@albany.edu](mailto:bkeough@albany.edu).

Parking is free. For directions see ACHOR's website at: <http://www.albanycounty.com/departments/achor/default.asp?id=383>.

### **CDLC Partners with Greater Hudson Heritage Network for Connecting to Collections Grant**

The Capital District Library Council (CDLC) is proud to be one of Greater Hudson Heritage Network's partners in their Connecting to Collections grant. Last fall, Greater Hudson Heritage Network was awarded \$250,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to present preservation training to address at risk collections in New York State: books and paper; photographic collections; digital materials; and historic objects. Training will be provided via:

- A webinar series (14 in all), viewable independently or in groups to encourage discussion and networking
- Web-based how-to video tutorials
- A circuit rider mentoring program where professionals will provide house calls to organizations throughout the state

- An interactive cross-disciplinary knowledge portal website

All of the above information is or will be available through the web site at <http://www.c2cnys.org/> The web site is being constantly updated. Two webinars have been scheduled and are open for registration:

- Disaster Prevention and Preparedness, June 18, 2013, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Disaster Response and Recovery, August 6, 2013, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Each webinar has a registration fee of \$10.00. Participants are invited to view the webinar from the comfort of their own home or office. Those wishing to have a more interactive experience or who do not have the technology for viewing a webinar at home are welcome to a group viewing at the Capital District Library Council, 28 Essex St, in Albany. Pre-registration is required for all webinar participants, but is especially encouraged for those wishing to take part in the group viewing at CDLC because space is limited.

### **CSPAN Visits the University at Albany**

The University at Albany's M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives was prominently featured on C-SPAN2's BOOKTV on the weekend of December 8-9, 2012. The program featured a discussion of the Grenander Department, the National Death Penalty Archive and the M. Watt Espy Papers. Our feature was part of C-SPAN's *LCV (Local Content Vehicle) 2012 Cities Tour* of all of America's state capitals. Albany, N.Y. was featured in December 2012. To view all of the Albany institutions and individuals featured go to: <http://www.c-span.org/LocalContent/Albany/>.

### **CDLC Workshop: Determining Historical Value**

The Capital District Library Council is offering the *Determining Historical Value* workshop on Thursday, June 27, 2013, 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$10.00. This workshop is appropriate for anyone responsible for archival records, including beginners.

The workshop will be held at CDLC, 28 Essex St, Albany, NY 12206. Plenty of street parking is available.

**Description:** Learn to identify, appraise and select manuscripts and records of historical value for your collection. Participants will also discover how to assess the historical significance of records currently in their collections and identify their research potential for patrons. Terminology, concepts and standards used by archivists will be discussed.

**Presenter:** The presenter is Susan Hughes, Processing Archivist, Syracuse University Archives. She holds an MA in History with a Public History concentration. With over 25 years' experience in the archival profession, she has also conducted oral histories, supervised a preservation microfilming program, consulted for various local governments and historical organizations and was Regional Archivist for the Documentary Heritage Program in Central New York. Susan is a trustee emerita of the Erie Canal Museum in Syracuse. For more information, or to register for the workshop, contact Susan D'Entremont, Regional Archivist for the Capital District, at [susan@cdlc.org](mailto:susan@cdlc.org) or 518-438-2500.

## **The New York State Family History Conference**

**September 20-21, 2013**

**Holiday Inn and Conference Center, Liverpool, New York (just outside Syracuse)**

For complete details, visit the Conference website at [www.NYSFHC.org](http://www.NYSFHC.org).

The New York Genealogical & Biographical Society and the Central New York Genealogical Society are cosponsoring the first ever statewide genealogical conference in New York. Attendees will have an opportunity to build genealogical research skills or advance their existing research skills. The two-day conference — scheduled for September 20-21 — will include twenty lectures in two parallel tracks; two luncheons and a dinner, all with riveting speakers; and exhibits by vendors and societies. Pre-conference research activities will be available on September 19. For exhibitor information, visit [www.NYSFHC.org](http://www.NYSFHC.org).

Conference Speakers:

- Blaine Bettinger, The Journal of Genetic Genealogy
- Ruth Carr, New York Public Library (retired)

- Sachiko Clayton, New York Public Library
- Laura Murphy DeGrazia, CG, FGBS, NYG&B Record
- Stefani Evans, CG, National Genealogical Society
- James D. Folts, New York State Archives
- Karen Mauer Green, CG, FGBS, NYG&B Record
- Eric Grundset, Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- Terry Koch-Bostic, National Genealogical Society
- Michael Leclerc, Mocavo
- Joseph Lieby, Palatines to America German Genealogical Society
- Maira Liriano, New York Public Library
- Kathleen Roe, New York State Archives
- Paula Stuart-Warren, CG
- D. Joshua Taylor, [findmypast.com](http://findmypast.com)

SAVE THE DATE  
Capital Region Archives Dinner  
Wednesday, October 9, 2013

### **Image Permanence Institute Sponsors Webinars on Preservation**

The Image Permanence Institute's National Endowment for the Humanities funded **Sustainable**

## **Preservation Practices for Managing Storage Environments—Series II**

II includes nine webinars providing information on a variety of topics including recent preservation research and tips for dealing with broad environmental challenges such as summer heat and humidity and winter dryness. *These webinars are offered free-of-charge.*

Webinars have been developed with a structured curriculum so that each presentation can stand alone as a reference on a particular topic. IPI's goal is to provide useful tools and information that will allow participants to make informed decisions and to initiate successful environmental management practices at their own institutions. **We strongly encourage teams of collection care, facilities management, and administrative staff to participate.**

Webinars will be presented on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 3:30 EDT between January and September 2013. Feel free to sign up for as many webinars as you like. Unless noted otherwise, webinars will be presented by IPI staff.

Information about IPI's webinars can be found on their website at

<http://ipisustainability.org/webinar-info-series2/>.

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The organizers of ***Researching New York 2013*** invite proposals for presentations on any aspect of New York State history—in any time period and from any perspective. This annual conference brings together historians, archivists, public historians, graduate students, teachers, documentarians, and multimedia producers, to share their work on New York State history. We especially encourage submissions addressing the the intersections of religion and church history with the secular, civic, and public life of its citizens. Religion, religious practice, and expressions of spirituality infuse the history of New York State in myriad ways. Numerous events in American religious history originated or unfolded in the churches, schools, courts, and legislative bodies, as well as in the streets and communities across New York. While welcoming submissions on all aspects of New York State history, we also seek proposals that examine any aspect of religion and spirituality in the long history of New York. Sponsored by the

University at Albany  
Department of History and the History Graduate Student Organization and the New York State Archives Partnership Trust, the conference will take place on November 14 & 15 on the University at Albany campus, Albany, New York.

Proposals are due July 1, 2013. Complete panels, workshops, media presentations, or sessions are preferred; partial panels and individual submissions will be considered. For complete sessions please submit a one-page summary of your session and a one-page abstract and curriculum vita for each individual participant. For individual submissions, include a one-page abstract and one-page curriculum vita. Submissions must include name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address. Submit electronically to [resrchny@albany.edu](mailto:resrchny@albany.edu). All proposals must include all anticipated audiovisual needs and time constraints.

For further information, visit the ***Researching New York*** Web site at <http://nystatehistory.org/researchny>.

We also seek commentators for panels. Please indicate your interest by contacting us at [resrchny@albany.edu](mailto:resrchny@albany.edu),

indicating your area of expertise. Please submit a one-page vita, with your e-mail.

**23rd Annual New York State Archives Student Research Awards Entry Deadline: July 1, 2013**

The Student Research Awards program is a statewide competition open to all New York State students in grades 4-12. The State Archives will award three prizes; one each for students in Grades 4-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12.

The awards program encourages students to explore the wealth of historical records held in historical repositories in New York State.

For additional information, guidelines and entry form visit:

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?NYSArchivesPartnersh/666b684455/44021f960e/c95da1b323>

**34th Annual Conference on NY State History, Cooperstown, NY**

Registration for the Conference on New York State History is: \$115 or \$95 for members of the New York State Historical Association, Archives Partnership Trust or

Association of Public Historians of New York State.

The Conference on New York History will be at the New York State Historical Association's Cooperstown campus this June 6-8. The Conference is an annual meeting of academic and public historians, librarians, educators, publishers and independent historians coming together to discuss the latest research, publishing and programming on New York History.

Highlights this year include:

- Keynote speaker, Walter Stahr, author of *Seward: Lincoln's Indispensable Man*, sharing his research on his definitive new biography of a great New Yorker of the 19th century.
- Presentations by seventy New York historians on topics as diverse as the Civil War Draft riots and the Rockefeller Drug Laws
- Research, archival and publishing panels with representatives from the New York Academy of History, the State Historic Preservation Office and the new editors of the New York History journal.

- A special performance of Fiddle Tunes of the North Country by John Kirk and Quickstep Music. The music for this performance is based on the rediscovered collection of sheet music and journals of Clarence Lockwood, a performer who traveled throughout the North Country from 1896-1921.

- A Living History workshop of craftspeople from The Farmers' Museum's interpretive staff. The workshop includes hands-on components including blacksmithing, open hearth cooking, printing and other skills

For more information go to the Conference on New York State History website at:

[http://www.nysha.org/nysha/for\\_teachers/cnysh](http://www.nysha.org/nysha/for_teachers/cnysh)

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