

# Pennsylvania Historical Association



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**Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the First Annual  
Meeting, 1933  
Lehigh University**

**The Conference at a Glance**

The Pennsylvania Historical Association celebrates the 75th anniversary of its first annual meeting at Lehigh University by returning to Bethlehem. The photograph in the center of this program shows the participants at the first meeting on April 28, 1933.

The meeting headquarters will be the Hotel Bethlehem, 437 Main Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018, Web site: [www.hotelbethlehem.com](http://www.hotelbethlehem.com). The hotel is located in the downtown area of the city north of the Lehigh River, adjacent to the various historical sites of Historic Bethlehem. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hotel Bethlehem with a deadline of September 16, 2008.

The conference will begin on Thursday evening with a lecture by Civil War historian Gabor Boritt at Whitaker Auditorium, Lehigh University. The conference sessions on Friday and Saturday will take place at the Hotel Bethlehem. The Friday evening reception, banquet, and address by Peter Cole will be held at Iacocca Hall on Lehigh University's Mountaintop Campus.

For more information on the hotel, meals, maps, and tour of elite and working class neighborhoods of South Bethlehem, see additional packet materials.



*A View of Bethlehem from the North Side* by Nicolaus Garrison, Jr. (1780)  
Courtesy of Moravian Archives

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

5:00-7:00 pm **PHA Council Meeting**  
*Linderman Library, Room 200, Lehigh University*

7:30-8:45 pm **Evening Plenary Session**  
**Harmon Civil War Lecture**  
*Whitaker Auditorium, Lehigh University*  
*Packer Ave. & Webster St.*

Gabor Boritt  
*"A Hungarian Historian, Abraham Lincoln, and the  
Gettysburg Address"*

*Gabor Boritt is the Robert C. Fluhrer Professor of Civil  
War Studies at Gettysburg College where he also  
founded and directs the Civil War Institute. He is a  
prolific scholar of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War.  
Among his recent works is The Gettysburg Gospel:  
The Lincoln Speech that Nobody Knows (2006).*

9:00-10:00 pm **Reception**  
*Whitaker Auditorium Lobby*  
*Lecture and reception sponsored by Lehigh University*  
*Department of History*

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

### HOTEL BETHLEHEM

8:00 am-3:30 pm **Registration**  
*Hotel Bethlehem Lobby*

8:00 am-5:00 pm **Book exhibits**  
*Mezzanine Level*

9:00-10:30am **Morning Plenary Session**  
*Grand Ballroom, Mezzanine Level*

**Still a Keystone? 20th Century Pennsylvania Politics: A Roundtable**

**Moderators:** Michael Birkner, Gettysburg College  
Randall Miller, Saint Joseph's University

**Panelists:** John Bauman, University of Southern Maine  
G. Terry Madonna, Franklin & Marshall College  
David Schuyler, Franklin & Marshall College  
William Shade, Lehigh University  
Michael Young, Pennsylvania State University,  
Middletown

10:30-10:45am **Coffee Break** (*sponsored by Lehigh University Press*)  
*Mezzanine Level*

10:45am-12:15pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**1. Mind and Body in Eighteenth-Century Pennsylvania**  
*Lehigh Room, Mezzanine Level*

**Chair/Comment:** Renate Wilson, Johns Hopkins School of  
Public Health

**Papers:** Elizabeth Lewis Pardoe, Northwestern University  
*"Ephrata's Healers: Tending Bodies and Souls"*  
Bettina Hessler, Northwestern University  
*"Medicine, Religion, and Transnational  
Identities in an Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World"*  
Peter Jaros, Northwestern University  
*"The Character of the Citizen: Physiognomy  
and Republicanism in the Early American Public  
Sphere"*

**2. The Lives and Experiences of Pennsylvania's Miners**  
*Northampton Room, 3rd Floor*

**Chair/Comment:** Walter Howard, Bloomsburg University

**Papers:** Robert P. Wolensky, University of Wisconsin,  
Stevens Point, and King's College  
*"The Avondale Mine Disaster, September 6, 1869:  
Labor, Ethnicity, and Sectionalism in the  
Anthracite Coal Industry's Most Deadly Tragedy"*

Karol Weaver, Susquehanna University  
"Miners and Medical Self-Help in the Anthracite  
Coal Region"

James Walsh, University of Colorado, Denver  
"Mollies in the Rockies: Irish Miners Who Fled  
Pennsylvania Coal Fields for the Silver Rush of  
Leadville, Colorado"

### 3. Pennsylvania's Underground Railroad and African-American Family Life

*Lafayette Room, Mezzanine Level*

**Chair/Comment:** Leslie Patrick, Bucknell University

**Papers:** Joseph W. Becton, Independence National Historic Park  
"Philadelphia and the Beginnings of the  
Underground Railroad"  
Daniel Meaders, William Paterson University  
"Thomas Harrison and Isaac Hopper, the Fathers  
of the Underground Railroad"  
Kimberly Sambol-Tosco, University of Pennsylvania  
"Relational Politics: Family Life and Kinship and  
African-American Public Culture in Pennsylvania  
Before the Civil War"

### 4. The Intersection of Local and Public History

*Monocacy Room, 3rd Floor*

**Chair/Comment:** Kenneth Wolensky, Pennsylvania Historical and  
Museum Commission

**Papers:** Lance Eisenhower and Hillary Kativa, Villanova  
University  
"Catholicism at Eastern State Penitentiary: 1880s  
through the 1940s"  
Susan Clemens-Bruder, Muhlenberg College  
"Public History, Community History, and Oral  
History: Voices of Lehigh Valley Black African  
Heritage since 1920"  
Deborah Arnold and Jane Pollini, Sage Film and Video  
"Preserving Local History With Video"

12:15-1:45pm **LUNCHEON**  
*Hotel Bethlehem, Terrace Room*

**Presiding:** Marion Roydhouse, Vice President, PHA

**Speaker:** Howard Gillette  
"Forging a 21st-Century Interpretive Site for  
Industrial History in Bethlehem"

*Howard Gillette is Professor of History at Rutgers  
University, Camden, and Director of the Mid-Atlantic  
Regional Center for the Humanities, which has taken a  
role in planning for the interpretation of historic sites  
associated with the steel industry in Bethlehem.*

*Co-sponsored by the Delaware & Lehigh National  
Heritage Corridor, Inc., and the Lehigh University  
Department of History.*

1:45-3:15pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

### 1. War in the Peaceable Kingdom: The 1758 Forbes Campaign to the Ohio

*Lafayette Room, Mezzanine Level*

**Chair:** Daniel Barr, Robert Morris University

**Papers:** Christopher Kubiak, Robert Morris University  
"The Pennsylvania Provincial Regiment in the  
Forbes Expedition"  
Brandon Downing, Slippery Rock University  
"John Armstrong: Forging Military Leadership  
in the Peaceable Kingdom"  
Benjamin Scharff, West Virginia University  
"'Necessity will turn me a Cherokee': Irregular  
Warfare and Forbes's Expedition to the Ohio"

**Comment:** Douglas MacGregor, Fort Pitt Museum

## 2. Religious Minorities in Antebellum Pennsylvania

*Monocacy Room, 3rd Floor*

**Chair/Comment:** Jacqueline Akins, Community College of Philadelphia

**Papers:** Steven Burg, Shippensburg University  
"Ministers Between Two Worlds: Antebellum Circuit Riders on the African Methodist Episcopal Church's Fredericktown-to-Harrisburg Circuit"  
Stephen Longnecker, Bridgewater College  
"Black Religion in the Antebellum Border North: Gettysburg's AME Zion Congregation"  
James O. Lehman, Eastern Mennonite University & Virginia Mennonite Conference  
"Peace-Loving Mennonites and Amish Face Dilemmas in Antebellum and Civil War Pennsylvania"

## 3. Pennsylvania's Women at Home and Abroad

*Northampton Room, 3rd Floor*

**Chair/Comment:** Janet Moore Lindman, Rowan University

**Papers:** Dolores Pfeuffer-Scherer, Temple University  
"Let Her Works Praise Her in the Gates": Elizabeth Duane Gillespie's Public Life of Service"

Holly M. Kent, Lehigh University  
"Writing to Take the Place of Talking': The Diary of Mary Holland Rice"  
Masaru Nishikawa, The Japan Institute of International Affairs  
"Falling in Love with Japan: Emma Guffey Miller in Mixed Residence Japan"  
Shawndra Holderby, Mansfield University  
"Chocolate by Moonlight: The Challenges of American Women Chocolate Makers during the Depression and Post War Years"

## 4. Public Health in Bethlehem: From Philanthropy to Professionalism

*Lehigh Room, Mezzanine Level*

**Chair/Comment:** Daniel Wilson, Muhlenberg College

**Papers:** Kelli Oliver, Lehigh University  
"The Evolution of St. Luke's Hospital, 1873-1900"  
James Higgins, Lehigh University  
"Bethlehem in Crisis: The Great Influenza Epidemic of 1918"  
John K. Smith, Lehigh University  
"Professionalizing Public Health in Bethlehem, 1918-1940"



3:15-3:30pm **Coffee Break** (sponsored by the McNeil Center for Early American Studies)  
Mezzanine Level

3:30-5:00pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**1. McNeil Center for Early American Studies Seminar**

*Grand Ballroom, Mezzanine Level*

**Paper:** Patrick Spero, University of Pennsylvania  
"The Imperial Crisis on the Pennsylvania Frontier:  
Race, Riot, and Revolution"

The paper will be pre-circulated and should be read by all who attend. For Web access to a copy, contact [mceas@ccat.upenn.edu](mailto:mceas@ccat.upenn.edu)

\*\*\* please note that the McNeil Center Seminar will run until 5:30pm \*\*\*

**2. Migration and Ethnic Identity in the Mid-Atlantic's Urban Centers**

*Monocacy Room, 3rd Floor*

**Chair/Comment:** John C. McWilliams, Pennsylvania State University, DuBois

**Papers:** Richard C. Allen, University of Wales, Newport  
"The Honorable Stock of Ancient Bretons': Welsh Emigrants, Philadelphia, and Cultural Identity"  
Joanne S. Grasso, CUNY Queensborough Community College  
"Impact of Migration to NYC on Southern Italian Women at the Turn of the Century"  
Matthew David Carter, Cardiff University  
"Pittsburgh's Population Groups: Composition, Status & Mobility, 1850-1890"

**3. Tour of South Bethlehem**

Will include neighborhoods of the elite and the working class as well as views of Bethlehem Steel's blast furnaces.

Meet at Registration Desk, *Hotel Bethlehem Lobby*

**AT LEHIGH'S MOUNTAINTOP CAMPUS**

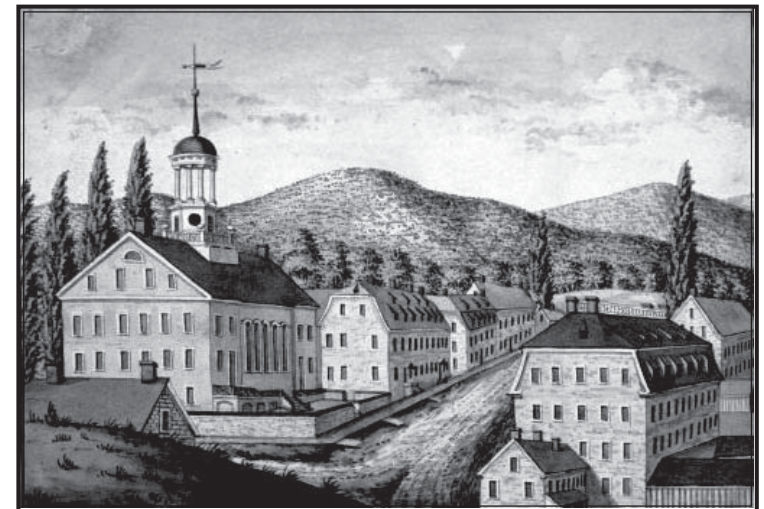
6:00-7:00 pm **Reception**  
*Siegel Gallery, Iacocca Hall Lobby, Lehigh University*  
Sponsored in honor of Lawrence Henry Gipson by the Gipson Institute for Eighteenth-Century Studies

7:00 pm **Banquet and Address**  
*Wood Dining Room, Iacocca Hall, 2nd Floor*

**Presiding:** Charles Cashdollar, President, PHA

Peter Cole  
*"Workers on the Waterfront Unite! Philadelphia's Long-Forgotten Wobblies"*

*Peter Cole is an associate professor of history at Western Illinois University. His books on the World War I era's most inclusive labor union, Local 8 of the Industrial Workers of the World, include Wobblies on the Waterfront: Interracial Unionism in Progressive-Era Philadelphia (2007) and Ben Fletcher: The Life & Times of a Black Wobbly (2007).*



*Bethlehem c. 1820*

Courtesy of Moravian Archives

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
**HOTEL BETHLEHEM**

8:00-10:00 am **Registration**  
*Hotel Bethlehem Lobby*

8:00 am-  
12:00 noon **Book Exhibits**  
*Mezzanine Level*

8:00-9:00 am **PHA Business Meeting**  
*Lafayette Room, Mezzanine Level*

9:00-10:30am **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**1. Native American Perspectives on Pennsylvania's Early History**  
*Northampton Room, 3rd Floor*

**Chair/Comment:** Michelle LeMaster, Lehigh University

**Papers:** Steven C. Harper, Brigham Young University  
"Writing History: Delawares and the Documentation of the Walking Purchase"  
Amy C. Schutt, SUNY, College at Cortland  
"Impacts of the Seven Years' War on Native American Families and Children in Eastern Pennsylvania"

**2. New Perspectives on Twentieth-Century German-Americans**  
*Lehigh Room, Mezzanine Level*

**Chair/Comment:** John Frantz, Pennsylvania State University

**Papers:** Kevin Ostoyich, Valparaiso University  
"Troubling Times for a Cultural Ambassador: Kuno Franke's Attempt to Reconcile America to German Culture During the First World War"  
Birte Pflieger, California State University, Los Angeles  
"Forgive or Forget? German-American Responses in the Case of Kurt Molzahn, A German Pastor and Nazi Spy"  
William W. Donner, Kutztown University  
"Creating Tradition: The Pennsylvania German Groundhog Lodges"

**3. Creating Public Memories of Pennsylvania's Many Pasts**  
*Monocacy Room, 3rd Floor*

**Chair:** Jennifer Janofsky, McNeil Center for Early American Studies

**Papers:** Holly Jean Johnson, Independence National Historical Park  
"Seeds to Suffrage: The Women's American Revolution"  
Carolyn Kitch, Temple University  
"Interpreting 'the Lure of the Mines': Public Memory and Memorial at Pennsylvania Coal History Sites"  
Ed Slavishak, Susquehanna University  
"Photo Ops: Centralia and the Flattening of History"

**Comment:** Elizabeth Ricketts, Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Jennifer Janofsky

10:30-10:45am **Coffee Break** (*sponsored by Pennsylvania State University Press*)  
*Mezzanine Level*

10:45-12:15pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**1. The PHMC Scholars in Residence Program Annual Review: A Roundtable Assessment**  
*Monocacy Room, 3rd Floor*

**Chair:** Paul Douglas Newman, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Editor of *Pennsylvania History*

**Panelists:** Patrick Spero, University of Pennsylvania  
Katharina Hering, George Mason University  
Darlene Miller-Laning, University of Scranton  
Richard McMahon, Dundee University, Scotland

**Comment:** Linda Ries, Interim Director  
PHMC Scholars in Residence Program

**2. Unity and Disunity in Pennsylvania: Case Studies through Time**  
*Northampton Room, 3rd Floor*

**Chair/Comment:** Marc Harris, Pennsylvania State University, Altoona

**Papers:** Kenneth Owen, University of Oxford  
"Political Community During and After the 1776 State Constitution"  
Gary Jones, Muhlenberg College  
"No Fear, No Favor: The Pennsylvania Department of State Police and Labor in the McKees Rocks and Bethlehem Steel Strikes of 1909-1910"  
Roberta Meek, Temple University  
"Urban Renewal or Negro Removal: Housing and Civil Rights Activism in Allentown, Pennsylvania, 1963-1968"  
Thomas Weyant, Notre Dame College  
"'Young People Speaking Their Minds': Draft Resistance and the Anti-War Movement in Pittsburgh"

**3. Pennsylvania and Its Environment**  
*Lehigh Room, Mezzanine Level*

**Chair/Comment:** Michelle Mart, Pennsylvania State University, Berks

**Papers:** William Doody, Indiana Area School District  
"The Environment in Pennsylvania History / Pennsylvania in Environmental History"  
Silas Chamberlin, Lehigh University  
"'A True Recreation of Our Spirits, Our Courage, and Our Love': Hiking Ideology in Twentieth-Century Pennsylvania"

12:15-1:45pm **LUNCHEON**  
*Hotel Bethlehem, Terrace Room*

**Presiding:** Loretta Lobes, Chair, PHA Committee on Women and Minorities

**Speaker:** Nicole Eustace  
"The Politics of Love: Emotion in American History"

*Nicole Eustace is an assistant professor at New York University. Her book titled Passion is the Gale: Emotion, Power, and the Coming of the American Revolution (2008) was published by the University of North Carolina Press.*

*Sponsored by the Committee on Women and Minorities*



*Bethlehem Map 1758*  
Courtesy of Moravian Archives

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