

# THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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## *Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic*

**78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
October 22-24, 2009**

**Widener University  
Chester, Pennsylvania**

Dear colleagues,

I invite you to attend the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association hosted by Widener University this October. The Program Committee, chaired by Janet Lindman, has put together a great program featuring new research about Pennsylvania's past and its many connections across the region's people, culture, commerce, and art.

Available on-line at [www.pa-history.org](http://www.pa-history.org) is the program, "Conference at a Glance," a registration form, and hotel and travel information.

All conference activities will take place on Widener University's main campus in Chester. The conference will begin on Thursday evening with a reception featuring a photographic exhibit of local history, and an interactive plenary session, "African-Americans in Pennsylvania: Communities in Common," at Widener University's Alumni Auditorium. Friday morning's plenary will feature Jane Flitner of the Brandywine River Museum discussing "Wyeth Family Artists and the Brandywine Valley." At Friday evening's banquet and after the awarding of the Klein and Crist article prizes for 2007-2008, keynote speaker Carla Mulford of Pennsylvania State University will introduce us to the chronicling of Benjamin Franklin's life by his foremost biographer, J.A. Leo Lemay. Concurrent panel sessions are scheduled on Friday and Saturday, and I encourage you to extend your stay by visiting one or more nearby points of interest such as Winterthur or Eleutherian Mills in Delaware, Brandywine Battlefield in Chadds Ford, or the Caleb Pusey House in Upland and the rededication of Penn's Landing Memorial in Chester on Saturday afternoon.

October 1 is the deadline for meal requests and also to reserve a room at Widener University's new, "green" hotel, the Best Western Widener Hotel and Suites. Please reserve your rooms by calling the hotel directly: 610-872-8100.

I look forward to seeing you in October.

Sincerely,

Rachel Batch  
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