

News and Announcements

The 1996 meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association will be held at the Days Inn, State College, October 3 and 4. Although the official deadline for paper proposals is past, a few spaces may still remain on the program. Contact John McWilliams, Program Chair, Penn State/DuBois Campus, DuBois, PA 15801. Phone 814-375-4819 or 814-234-2773; fax 814-375-4784.

Meetings for 1997 and 1998 of the PHA are planned as of now for Philadelphia (hosted by the Philadelphia Center for Early American Studies) and Muhlenberg College, Allentown, respectively.

The Oral History Association holds its annual meeting for 1996 from October 10-13 at the Holiday Inn-Center City, Philadelphia. The theme is "Oral History, Memory, and the Sense of Place." Proposals that relate oral history to popular and professional notions of history; the construction of local memories; the relationship between vernacular, covert, or suppressed histories and official history; the importance of locale in shaping community identity; the nature and role of nostalgia in local memories; the uses of memory in heritage-based tourism; and related topics are encouraged. Other topics are welcome. The Program Committee invites proposals from oral history practitioners in a variety of settings and disciplines, including academic institutions, museums and historical societies, archives, community organizations, as well as independent historians. Sessions may address oral history as used in a variety of media, including radio, film, video, exhibitions, and drama. Workshops, roundtables, media and performance-oriented sessions, etc. are encouraged as well as regular presentations. Graduate student proposals and proposals related to undergraduate and pre-collegiate use of oral history are welcome, too.

One-page abstracts with title and short vita should be sent for individual proposals. Sessions should have a one-page cover letter, describe the issues to be addressed, a vita for the convener and suggested commentators, in addition to one-page proposals and vitas for each presentation. For further information contact Howard L. Green, New Jersey Historical Commission, CN 305, Trenton, NJ 08625. Phone 609-984-3460. Fax 609-633-8168. E-mail hlgreen@pilot.njin.net OR Linda Shopes, Division of History, PHMC, Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108. Phone: 717-772-3257. Fax: 717-783-1073. E-mail lshopes@11pptn.11.pbs.org (inquiries only). Deadline Dec. 15, 1995.

The Friends Historical Society invites proposals for papers on any aspect of Quaker History for the 11th biennial meeting of the Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists at the Oakwood School in Poughkeepsie, NY, June 21-23, 1996. Send one-page abstracts to Charles L. Cherry, English Dept., Villanova Univ., Villanova, PA 19085 by December 31, 1995.

The Civil War Discovery Trail, a national preservation and heritage tourism initiative of The Civil War Trust in partnership with the National Park Service, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, is seeking to add new sites to Pennsylvania's Civil War Discovery Trail. To date 15 states and the District of Columbia have joined the trail: there are over 300 sites, 16 in Pennsylvania: Gettysburg National Military Park, Lincoln Room Museum, Jenny Wade House, the Confederate States Armory and Museum, Wheatland, The State Museum—Civil War Gallery, U.S. Military

History Institute at the Army War College, GAR Civil War Museum and Library, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, The Civil War Library and Museum, the Johnson House, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Military History Museum, General Lee's Headquarters, John Harris/Simon Cameron Mansion, the American House, and the Woodlands. New sites should be significant for Civil War history, be open to the public, possess historical interpretation, be eligible for inclusion on the National Register, and serve as destination points for tourists. Send suggestions to Linda Post c/o The Pa. Historical and Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA, 17108. Phone: 717-787-9063; Fax: 717-783-1073.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission invites applications for its 1996-1997 Scholars in Residence Program. The program provides support for full-time research and study at any Commission facility, including the State Archives, The State Museum, and 26 historical sites. Residencies are available for four to twelve consecutive weeks between May 1, 1996 and April 30, 1997, at the rate of \$1200 per month. The program is open to all who are conducting research on Pennsylvania history, including academic scholars, public sector professionals, independent scholars, graduate students, writers, filmmakers, and others. For further information and application materials, contact: Division of History, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108; 717/878-3034. **Deadline is January 12, 1996.**

Winterthur Museum is accepting applications for its 1996-97 research fellowship program. Scholars who are pursuing research in American material culture and history are encouraged to apply. The broad range of Winterthur's collections will support scholarly research in a wide variety of disciplines including American art history, social and cultural history, museum studies, American studies, archaeology, and anthropology. Library resources include half a million imprints, manuscripts, visual materials, and printed ephemera supporting the interdisciplinary study of American life into the early twentieth century. The museum collections consist of 89,000 objects made or used in America from 1640 through 1860. Short-term fellowships with stipends ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per month are available to academic, museum, and independent scholars and to support dissertation research. Scholars pursuing post-doctoral research are eligible for NEH fellowships with stipends up to \$30,000 for four to twelve months' work. Furnished rental housing is available on the grounds. Application deadline is December 1, 1995. For an application packet contact Dr. Gary Kulik, Winterthur Research Fellowship Program, Advanced Studies, Winterthur, Delaware 19735, or telephone (302) 888-4649.

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education History Forum invites historians and scholars in related fields to submit proposals for its inaugural meeting on March 7-8 at the campus of Bloomsburg University. Sessions devoted to faculty teaching, course development, and research do *not* require a position in the State System. Michael B. Katz of the University of Pennsylvania will deliver the keynote address on "The War on Welfare Revived." Submissions of individual papers or whole panels should include a one-page abstract of the paper/panel and a short c.v. for participants. Deadline Nov. 20, 1995, although later submissions may be considered. Send proposals to Frank Towers, History Dept., Clarion Univ., Clarion, PA, 16214; 814-226-2741; e-mail towers@vaxa.clarion.edu or Michael C. Hickey, Dept. of History, Bloomsburg Univ., 400 E. 2nd. St., Bloomsburg, PA 17815; 717-389-4161, e-mail hickey@planetx.bloomu.edu