

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pennsylvania Historical Association 2016 Annual Meeting Call for Proposals**

The Pennsylvania Historical Association invites proposals for its 2016 annual meeting to be hosted by Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, October 6–8, 2016.

The conference theme will be “Technology, Business, and the Environment,” but the program committee welcomes proposals on all aspects of Pennsylvania and Mid-Atlantic history. In addition to sessions focused on traditional scholarship, the program committee encourages panels that feature pedagogy, public history, or material culture. Roundtable discussions that foster audience involvement are welcome as well. Full session proposals are strongly preferred, but the committee will consider individual papers. Graduate students are encouraged to submit proposals. The PHA also supports student research with a poster session showcasing work focused on all aspects of Mid-Atlantic history.

All program participants must be PHA members at the time of the annual meeting.

Proposals must be submitted electronically by February 15, 2016, to: <https://sites.google.com/site/pha2016meeting/>

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### **Call for Student Research Proposals Pennsylvania Historical Association 2016 Annual Meeting Shippensburg, PA**

Recognizing the importance of introducing the next generation of scholars and teachers to the best practices of the profession, the Pennsylvania Historical Association is pleased to announce the inclusion of a poster session for student research at its 2016 annual meeting. Proposals must list a faculty mentor and may include up to three students per proposal. The proposals may consist of topics focused on any historical theme, period, or methodological approach related to the Mid-Atlantic region. Students will be expected to conduct original, primary source–based research, preferably in an archival setting, during the course of their project along with significant secondary source analysis. The committee will also consider projects that address innovative techniques for teaching Pennsylvania history at the K-12 level.

Research for the project need not be completed by the May 15 application deadline, but the proposal abstract should convey a clear understanding of the historical and scholarly context of the specific subject matter. We encourage students currently working on projects to submit their proposals as soon as possible. The program committee will inform applicants and faculty mentors of their proposal's status during the summer, with a project completion check to be confirmed by September 15. Undergraduate students selected for the session will receive a complimentary one-year PHA membership and the registration fee will be waived.

Proposal Due Date: May 15, 2016

For additional information or to submit a proposal, please visit the 2016 PHA annual meeting website at <http://sites.google.com/site/pha2016meeting/>. Questions may be directed to Dr. John Bloom at [jdbloo@ship.edu](mailto:jdbloo@ship.edu)

### **State Museum and Archives Complex Turns Fifty in 2015!**

On Saturday October 24, 2015, Pennsylvanians from across the Commonwealth will come together at The State Museum to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of The State Museum and Archives Complex in Harrisburg. At this black-tie dinner, produced by the JDK Group, we will welcome governors, community

leaders, historians, and other proud Pennsylvanians to celebrate the rich history of the state.

Guests will progress through the museum for interactive opportunities with curators and museum staff. The event will also include a preview of two new exhibits: *Pennsylvania Modern Architecture Juried Photo Exhibit* and *Pennsylvania Icons*. This fundraising event will benefit the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, which financially supports the priorities of The State Museum and State Archives through private funding for educational programs, exhibits, capital projects, and preservation. Sponsorship opportunities are available and include valuable benefits for supporters. Your sponsorship will assist in educating and inspiring people of all ages so that the past will become a useful tool for understanding the present and envisioning the future.

For more information, please contact PHF at 717-787-2407 or RA-paheritage@pa.gov.

### Catholic University Starts Archives Blog

The Catholic University of America's University Archives in Washington, DC, has recently started a blog on Catholic history called "The Archivist's Nook." It can be accessed at: <http://www.lib.cua.edu/wordpress/newsevents/category/acua/archivistsnook/>

### New Journal on Pietism Now Available

The *Journal for the History of Reformed Pietism* (JHRP) has been launched in the Netherlands. JHRP is a blind-reviewed online journal for the history of Reformed Pietism in Early Modern times and aims to offer a platform for researching Reformed Pietism from an international and interconfessional perspective. You can access it via <http://jhrp.godgeleerdheid.vu.nl/index.php/jhrp>, where you can register to acquire a login and password. The editors are advised by a board of leading scholars in the field, whose names appear on the home page.

### 2016 History Education Conference

The National Council for History Education Conference will be held in Niagara Falls on April 21–23, 2016. The theme of the conference is "Crossing Borders" and more information can be found at [www.nche.net/conference](http://www.nche.net/conference).