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Call for Papers

Extreme Makeovers: Histories of Self-Fashioning in the Mid-Atlantic

November 4, 2006

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania invites presentations for its 2006 symposium, "Extreme Makeovers." In the spirit of Benjamin Franklin's lifelong pursuit of self-creation, the symposium explores the contexts and strategies for self-fashioning in American history from colonial self-improvement to contemporary self-help.

Presenters are encouraged to interpret the theme broadly and may explore any historical period, with a geographic focus on Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, or the mid-Atlantic region (comparative work including this geographic focus will also be considered). Possible presentation topics include but are not limited to: Transcendentalism and perfectionism; self-creation through fashion, etiquette, and deportment; programs for moral and spiritual development; social mobility; work ethics; entrepreneurialism; rags-to-riches myths; autodidacticism; and more.

Symposium participants will be encouraged to submit versions of their papers to the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* for publication.

To submit, please send a 500–700 word abstract and brief CV/resume to Kathryn Wilson, Director of Education and Interpretation, The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Electronic submissions welcome at kwilson@hsp.org. Please respond by June 1, 2006.

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