

# Bringing Archives to the Public

Upstate New York Archives Conference,  
Skidmore College, June 12-13, 2003

Presented by Lake Ontario Archives Conference and  
Skidmore College, Lucy Scribner Library Special  
Collections

Thursday, June 12, 2003

8:30-9:00

Registration, Continental Breakfast

9:00-12:00

Concurrent Workshops

Workshop 1: **“Preservation of Scrapbooks and Memorabilia”**

Workshop Leader: Karen Brown, Preservation Librarian, University Libraries,  
University at Albany, SUNY, formerly of the Northeast Document Conservation Center

Workshop 2: **“Records Management for Archivists: an Introduction”**

Workshop Leader: Geoffrey A. Huth, Manager of Records Service Development, New  
York State Archives

12:00-2:00

Lunch on your own

Thursday, JUNE 12, 2003 CONFERENCE SESSIONS

1:30-2:00

Registration

2:00-3:15

## Session 1: “Community Uses of Public Records”

Introduction: Chris Hunter, Archivist, Schenectady Museum

"Taking History to the Public with Public Records"

Kathleen Marchione, Saratoga County Clerk

## “Creating the University at Albany Historical Murals”

Geoff Williams, University Archivist, University at Albany, SUNY

3:30-5:00, Concurrent Tours:

## Session 2A: Guided tour of the Historical Society of Saratoga Springs.

Located within the Canfield Casino in historic Congress Park, the Historical Society of Saratoga Springs features exhibits relating to the development of Saratoga Springs and features its Sweeney Archives and the world famous Bolster Photograph Collection. The tour is an additional \$3 charge.

## Session 2B: Guided tour, New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center

Tour the New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center and learn about the New York State Veteran Oral History Program. Museum exhibits interpret New York's military contributions from the American Revolution through Operation Desert Storm. The tour is an additional \$3 charge.

5:00-7:00

Reception: Pohndorff Reading Room, Skidmore College Special Collections, Lucy Scribner Library

# Friday June 13, 2003

8:30-9:00

Registration, Continental Breakfast supported by the Capital Area Archivists of New York

9:00-10:00

Plenary session: **“The New York State Archives in the Twenty-first Century”**  
Christine Ward, Acting New York State Archivist

10:15-10:45

Annual Business Meeting

10:45-12:00

Concurrent sessions:

**Session 3: “The Ins and Outs of Mounting Public Exhibits”**

Introduction, Linda Kennedy, Assistant Librarian, Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society

**”Adventures with Exhibits: Successful Exhibit Projects Using Archival Records”**

Chris Hunter, Archivist, Schenectady Museum

**“Inappropriate Images: Exhibiting Controversial Materials”**

Karen Grimwood, Archives Assistant, M. E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University at Albany, SUNY

**Session 4: “Getting Materials Out of the Box: Using Archival Records on the Internet”**

Introduction, Susan D’Entremont, Regional Archivist, Documentary Heritage Program

**“Ithaca College Archives on the Internet: Digital Projects using OCLC Hosted Options”**

Bridget Bower, College Archivist, Ithaca College Library

**“Archival ‘DIY’: Constructing a Photograph Database Linked to the Web”**

Amy Schindler, Manuscripts Curator, M. E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University at Albany, SUNY

12:00-2:00

Luncheon and Presentation

**“In Their Own Words” – Field Horne, Historian and Director of The Conference on New York State History**

2:00-3:15

Concurrent Sessions:

Session 5: **“Using Archival Material in University-Level Courses”**

Introduction, Barbara Morley, Media Curator, Kheel Center for Labor Management Documentation and Archives

**“Making History Live at Alfred University,”**

Laurie McFadden, University Archivist/Associate Librarian, Alfred University

**“Incorporating Archival Methods to Teach Labor History College Courses: A Report from the Trenches,”**

Patrizia Sione, Associate Archivist, Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation and Archives

Session 6: **“Oral History and Archival Programs”**

Introduction, Nancy Piatkowski, Archivist, Episcopal Diocese of Western New York

**“Documenting Union College: Going Beyond the Written Record”**

Ellen Fladger, Archivist and Head of Special Collections, Union College Special Collections

**“Capital Voices ~ Capital Lives: New York Capital Region Aural History Project”**

Dr. Gerald Zahavi, Associate Professor, Department of History, University at Albany, SUNY

3:30-4:45

Concurrent sessions:

Session 7: **“Understanding User Trends in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A discussion”**

Discussion Leaders:

James Folts, New York State Archives

Virginia Bolen, Librarian, Schenectady County Historical Society

## Session 8: “Using Historical Records in the Classroom: K-12”

Introduction, Julie Daniels, Coordinator of Educational Programs, New York State Archives

"Developing Teaching Materials and Approaches with Historical Records"  
Patrick Peterson, Director, and Bonnie Churcher, Gifted and Talented Teacher,  
Holland Patent Teacher Center

"Training Teachers to Use Historical Records"  
Ruth Shippee, Social Studies Teacher, and Mary Borden, Science Teacher,  
Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES, Southern Adirondack Education  
Center

## Conference Notes:

### Saturday

The conference ends Friday night, but consider spending the day Saturday visiting the museums of Saratoga and strolling the streets of downtown Saratoga Springs. Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Lake George and the Adirondack Mountains are within a short drive of Saratoga Springs

### Directions to Skidmore College

Please see Skidmore College's website at [http://www.skidmore.edu/map/campus\\_directions.htm](http://www.skidmore.edu/map/campus_directions.htm) for directions and a map of the campus. The conference will be held in Palamountain Hall. Those staying in residence halls will need to pick up their keys in Case Center. Parking tags will be provided. Ample parking will be located near the conference site

### Luncheon Banquet

Due to popular demand, the Friday night dinner has now become a luncheon. The 2003 luncheon will be held from 12-2 on Friday, June 13, 2003, at the Aikins Dining Center on the Skidmore campus. Keynote speaker will be Field Horne, author, historian and director of the Conference on New York State History. His topic will be “In Their Own Words,” the use of first person accounts in depicting Saratoga Springs around 1900. Lunch will be buffet style and include chicken Parmesan, vegetable lasagna, mixed green salad with vinaigrette, pasta salad, and a fresh fruit platter. Lunch and dinner on Thursday are on your own in the Case Center or at any one of Saratoga Springs’ fine restaurants.

### Residence Hall Accommodations

Air-conditioned residence hall accommodations are available near the conference site on the Skidmore College campus. Single and double rooms are available and are arranged suite style, with six rooms sharing a living room and bathroom. The cost is \$52/night per room. There is a \$10 deposit for keys that will be returned when you check out at the information desk at the Case Center. There is no discount for roommates. If you are choosing to share a room, please provide us with the name of your

roommate. LOAC cannot be responsible for assigning roommates. Towels and bed linens will be provided. You may want to bring clothes hangers. Check-in will be until 9 o'clock PM each evening at the information desk in the Case Center.

If you need accommodation for a physical disability please add a note to the registration form requesting an accessible room.

## Conference Fees

The cost for the conference is \$30/person. The LOAC membership fee is in addition to the conference fee and is required of all attendees. If you wish to join LOAC or remain a member without attending the conference, please send the registration form and a check for \$5 to Chris Hunter at the address on the form.

## Questions

If you have any questions, please contact the planning chairs:

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