

2019 New Jersey History Conference

New Jersey Women Make History

Friday, November 1, 2019

Douglass Residential College, Rutgers University – New Brunswick

Preliminary Program

7:30 – 8:50 am Registration, Breakfast, Poster Session (Trayes Hall)

9 – 10:30 am Welcome, Keynote, Awards (Trayes Hall)

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Keisha N. Blain

Dr. Keisha N. Blain is Associate Professor of History at the University of Pittsburgh, Editor-In-Chief of *The North Star*, and President of the African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS). She is the author, most recently, of the award-winning book, [*Set the World on Fire: Black Nationalist Women and the Global Struggle for Freedom*](#) (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018).

10:35 – 11:50 am Morning Panel Sessions (Douglass Student Center)

Through the Archival Lens: New Jersey Women Artists of the Twentieth Century

Moderator: Fernanda Perrone, Archivist and Head, Exhibitions Program and Curator, William Elliot Griffis Collection, Special Collections and University Archives, Rutgers University Libraries

Notable Contributions of Mary Bartlett Cowdrey to Art History

Carol McCarty, Public History Fellow, Zimmerli Art Museum

Cloistered Artist: The Unusual Career of Sister Mary of the Compassion

Clifford Brooks, Librarian, Union County College

New Jersey Women Artists in the Miriam Schapiro Archives

Stephanie Crawford, Project Archivist, Special Collections and University Archives, Rutgers University Libraries

NJ Women and Public Spaces

Moderator: Laura Troiano, Ph.D., Adjunct Faculty and Research Project Manager, Clement A. Price Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience

Flaming Parasols: Women and the Late 19th Century Boardwalk

Aris Damadian Lindemans, Ph.D., Architectural Historian, Architect, Adjunct Professor, New Jersey Institute of Technology

Beatrice Winsor: Librarian, Museum Director, and Advocate for Women's Equality

Timothy Crist, President, Board of Trustees, Newark Public Library; Co-Founder and President, Newark History Society

Public Space, Muslims and the Urban Mosque: Women, New Africa, and the Beloved Community

Mikal Naeem Nash, Professor of History, Essex County College

Unearthing NJ Women

Moderator: Lucia McMahon, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of History, William Paterson University

More Than a Myth – In Appreciation of Penelope Stout

Jeanne M. Vloyanetes, Professor of History, Brookdale Community College

“As a Woman Would Not Forget Her Infant”: Female Faith and Political Pietism in the Diary of New Jersey’s Dina Van Bergh

Paul Soltis, Interpretive Specialist, Wallace House & Old Dutch Parsonage

Hannah Glover and Quaker Teas in Evesham, New Jersey, circa 1806 - 1839

Adam Heinrich, Ph.D., R.P.A., Assistant Professor, Department of History and Anthropology, Monmouth University

12 – 1:30 pm

Lunch and Poster Session (Trayes Hall)

Special Performance by Susanna Rich of *Shout! Poetry for Suffrage*

Susanna Rich is an Emmy-Award nominee; a Fulbright Fellow in Creative Writing; a Professor of English Studies at Kean University; and a recipient of the Presidential Excellence Award for Distinguished Teaching.

1:35 – 2:50 pm

Afternoon Panel Sessions I (Douglass Student Center)

We Were There Too: New Jersey Women During the Vietnam War

Moderator: Keri Giannotti, Museum Educator, New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation

Ann Kelsey (Librarian in Special Services)

Ruth Ann Burns (Journalist)

Other speakers - To be announced

NJ Women and Professional Life

Moderator: Isha Vyas, Division Head, Middlesex County Office of Arts and History

“May This Be Her Monument”: Alice Hooe-Foster’s Legacy of Black Female Entrepreneurship in Montclair, New Jersey

Sydney Johnson, Doctoral Student, American Studies, Rutgers University - Newark

Elizabeth Blume: Spotlight on Newark’s “Lady” Lawyer

Linda Forgosh, Executive Director and Curator, Jewish Historical Society of New Jersey

Against the Odds: 19th Century New Jersey Women Photographers

Gary D. Saretzky, Archivist (Retired)

NJ Women and Education

Moderator: Jacquelyn Litt, Ph.D., Dean, Douglass Residential College

We Are Present and Future Women: The Freehold Young Ladies Seminary 1844-1897

Bernadette Rogoff, Director of Collections, Monmouth County Historical Association

The Founding of the New Jersey College for Women: The Struggle for Women's Access during the Progressive Era (1870 – 1930)

Patricia Shay, Ed.D., Consultant, Hillsborough County, Florida Public Schools

NJ Women in World War II: Newark State Teachers' College Students and the War Effort

Examining Gender and World War II through the Nancy Thompson World War II Scrapbook

Laura Hurley, Museum Educator and Archivist, Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park

New Jersey Women Changing Their World: NSTC Women After World War II

Christina LaRosa Leedy, Adjunct Professor of History, Kean University

2:55 – 4:10 pm

Afternoon Panel Sessions II (Douglass Student Center)

NJ Women and Political Participation

Moderator: Erica Ryan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History and Director of Gender and Sexuality Studies, Rider University

New Jersey Women's Political Participation in the 18th and early 19th Centuries

Linda Garbaya, Assistant Professor in American History, Clermont Auvergne University, France

New Jersey Women Make the Newspapers!

Caryn Radick, Archivist, Special Collections and University Archives, Rutgers University – New Brunswick

Iron-Jawed Roses: Anti-Suffrage and the Question of Female Citizenship during World War I

Vivian E. Davis, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Bergen County, New Jersey

NJ Women in Early America

Moderator: Maxine Lurie, Ph.D., Chair, New Jersey Historical Commission and Professor of History, Seton Hall University

Witnesses to Colonization: How Women Shaped Delaware Valley Society in the Late Seventeenth Century

Jean Soderlund, Professor of History Emeritus, Lehigh University

A Revolutionary Woman: Theodosia Prevost at the Hermitage during American Revolution

Victoria Harty, Executive Director, The Hermitage Museum

Abigail Bowne Haywood (1793 – 1863): New York City – Born Socialite, Seller of land parcels to African Americans, and Wife of southern sympathizer Judge George Haywood

Guy Weston, Visiting Scholar, Rutgers University

NJ Women and Medicine

Moderator: Michele Rotunda, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Economics, Government, and History, Union County College

"She doesn't know what fear is." Women Who Fought to Contain the 1918 Influenza Pandemic

Mark Nonestied, Division Head, Historic Sites and History Services, Office of Arts & History, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Women Who Lead the Charge to Establish Early Twentieth Century Hospitals in Middlesex County, New Jersey

Linda Whitfield Spinner, DMH, LCSW, President, Medical History Society of New Jersey

The Power and Presence of Women Sustaining the Kenney Memorial Hospital (aka Community Hospital), Newark, 1927 – 1952

Sibyl E. Moses, Ph.D., Professional Librarian and Independent Researcher

4:30 – 5:30 pm Conference Reception

New Brunswick Performing Arts Center

11 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

More information to be announced