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Upcoming Symposia

2014 promises to be another exciting year for world history in New England. We are pleased to announce that the next symposium has been planned: October 25, 2014: Fall Symposium co-hosted by Middlesex Community College and UMass-Lowell: ***“Industrialization and World History”*** to be held at the Lowell Federal Building. Proposals are being solicited and can be interdisciplinary, research-based, or have a pedagogical framework.

See www.nerwha.org for more information and the Call for Presenters.

Also, the NERWHA Spring 2015 Symposium has been set as well. The date is March 28 and the symposium features Patrick Manning and the theme: “World History through the Northeastern University Passage.”

President’s Message Michele Louro

The conclusion of the academic year offers time to reflect on the many successes of the year and thank those who served NERWHA. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lincoln Paine for his stimulating keynote at the spring symposium. The excellent work of the symposium program committee,

chaired by Dane Morrison, also deserve many thanks for their efforts in planning a very successful symposium at the Southern Maine Community College (SMCC). Special thanks also go to SMCC and the Portland Marine Society for their generous sponsorship.

I reserve a very special thanks to one of our most important members, Mary Jane Maxwell, who resigned from her post as NERWHA

secretary-treasurer to pursue a new journey that will lead her away from New England and to Washington, DC. We will miss her presence and enduring commitment to NERWHA, the WHA and World History Connected. Thank you for your service Mary Jane!

I also welcome and thank Dane Morrison for serving as acting Secretary-Treasurer.

✧ Announcements ✧

Welcome to the NERWHA News Bulletin. As a service to our members, we will provide information on Upcoming Conferences, Recent Publications of Interest and Resources That You Might Have Missed. Tom Rushford, our webmaster, and I plan to provide NERWHA members with updates of interest. Please forward any items that you wish to be added for future consideration. Thanks, Jim Diskant, Vice President
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RECENT PUBLICATIONS



The eighth edition of *The Human Record: Sources of Global History*, 2 volumes, by Alfred J.

Andrea and James H. Overfield, both of the University of Vermont, is in the final stages of production and due out later this year.

Mary Jane Maxwell served as guest editor and contributor to a special forum, “*Travelers and Traveler’s Accounts in World History*,” appearing in *World History Connected*, Volume 10, 2 (June 2013). Contributors to the forum included Dane Morrison whose article draws upon his forthcoming book, *True Yankees: The South Seas and the Discovery of American Identity*.



WHA

23rd Annual WHA Conference in Costa Rica, July 2014

NERWHA is sponsoring a panel at this year's WHA: *"The Power of International Organizations and the International Organization of Power, 1914-1945"* Dane Morrison will moderate, Michele Louro, Heather Streets-Salter and Carolyn Biltoft will present papers.

See [The WHA 23rd Annual Conference 2014](#) for more information.



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Check out the video short of the WHA "Port Cities" Symposium:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYbwykGWYuw&feature=youtu.be>

Lincoln Paine *Reflections*

Since the publication of *The Sea and Civilization: A Maritime History of the World*, I've had the opportunity to talk about world history to more than thirty audiences—colleges and service academies, a law school, bookstores, libraries, private clubs, museums and historical societies, and of course NERWHA—in nine states.

I have another ten talks scheduled, including the WHA in Costa Rica and at least two in California in September, before I can settle into something a little more sedentary. Any suggestions for Los Angeles or San Francisco gratefully received.

Nick Russell *Update*

I arrived in Spain February 1st. So far, I have evaluated the collections of several museums as well as the interior and grounds of buildings associated with the royal family. I have found that the material and architectural evidence provides a solid foundation from which to approach archival sources at the Biblioteca Nacional de España and elsewhere. I am finding more evidence than I expected, and I will probably extend my stay here by several months. Conceptually, some of the most interesting findings regard the ways that European imagery both reflected and differed from actual Chinese exemplars. My findings depict a far

more complex and fluid transmission of imagery and aesthetic norms than was presented to me, for example, by Edward Said and his followers. I am also investigating the possibility that the Palace at Aranjuez, as a whole, was deliberately designed to enhance the king's image by linking him to Chinese imperial splendor and I have continued my work in Spanish theater by studying several important texts inaccessible outside Spain. The actual contents of these works have pleasantly surprised me and have strengthened my conviction as to the strong global interconnections among the dramas of the period.

Recent NERWHA Conferences

FALL 2013

“THE HISPANIC AMERICANS IN WORLD HISTORY”

The Fall symposium took place the University of Vermont (UVM-Burlington) on Saturday, October 26. The Program Committee organized a splendid event. Eighty-six persons, including twenty UVM students, attended.

Attendees discovered in their symposium bag, in addition to the program and the usual university pen and notebook, a handsome laminated bookmark with the official conference image, a scene from the sixteenth-century *Lienzo de Tlaxcala*, courtesy of the symposium coordinator, Holly-Lynn Busier, and a set of Latin American recipes, courtesy of Richard Warner, current vice-president of the WHA.

Following a continental breakfast and welcoming remarks by UVM dignitaries and NERWHA president Michele Louro, the symposium began with a keynote address by the distinguished world historian Felipe Fernández-Armesto, William P. Reynolds Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame, who spoke on “History's Biggest Problem.” In his address, he explored how world historians must grapple with the core issue of history: “What are the essential elements of humanity?” and some of the insights afforded historians by researchers in other disciplines, such as paleoanthropology and primatology.

Following a break for Vermont cider doughnuts and beverages, panels were offered relevant to the symposium’s theme of “The Hispanic Americas in World History.” Spirited discussion ensued in each session following presentation of the papers. The symposium ended with the usual Business Meeting and raffle.)

One of the highlights of the Business Meeting was the surprise presentation to Wilfred (Fred) Bisson, a founding member of NERWHA and emeritus professor at Keene State College, of a certificate of appreciation from the World History Association in recognition of his contributions to furthering world history studies in New England.

SPRING 2014

“MARITIME CIVILIZATIONS IN WORLD HISTORY”

The Program Committee organized an exciting schedule of sessions at Southern Maine Community College, in South Portland, on April 5. The McKernan Center, a nineteenth-century former officers’ quarters with spectacular views of Casco Bay, was the setting for NERWHA’s meetings on global maritime history, an event enjoyed by sixty-five attendees.

Following a continental breakfast and welcoming remarks by Michele Louro, president of NERWHA, and Ronald Cantor, president of Southern Maine Community College, Lincoln Paine delivered the keynote address, “Reflections on *The Sea & Civilization*,” in which he discussed some of the main themes of his recent maritime history, a book that has been received with numerous accolades.

The morning session focused on the theme “Finding the World at Sea—Teaching World History through Maritime Units.” A no-host lunch was followed by a panel on “New Tools and Techniques for Maritime Civilizations in World History.” the afternoon session, “Recent Scholarship on the Sea and Civilizations,” got underway, with Dane Morrison chairing an excellent panel that introduced important new research on maritime civilizations. The Business Meeting, with traditional raffle, concluded the symposium. A copy of *The Sea & Civilization*, went to a lucky winner, David Kalivas announced that the next NERWHA symposium will be held on 25 October 2014 at the historic Middlesex Federal Building in Lowell, Massachusetts. Co-hosts are Middlesex Community College and the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. The theme will be “Industrialization in World History.”