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Welcome to New York!

Thank you for attending the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society. Welcome to the City College of New York, in the heart of Harlem, and the Edith Macy Conference Center, in Briarcliff Manor.

New York City and the lower Hudson River Valley are fitting places for exploring “Town and Country,” the theme of this year’s meeting. The relationship between rural and urban environments has been central to the area’s history. Before New York underwent a transformation into a booming hub of international commerce, it offered fertile ground for hunting, fishing, and farming for millennia. Thousands of years ago, the Lenape people and other Native Americans inhabited and sustained themselves in what is now upper Manhattan. Likewise, a band of the Wappinger tribes of Native Americans thrived in the rich land between the Hudson and Pocantico rivers in what is now Briarcliff Manor. During the 17th century, enslaved people cleared the acres and acres of forests to make way for roads, plantations, and Dutch people’s settlement of “Nieuw Haarlem.” As New York City emerged as a prosperous metropolis within the colonies, wealthy merchants built country homes in Harlem during the early to mid-eighteenth century. The agricultural labor of southern slaves and commerce with slave societies helped create this prosperity, making New York one of the wealthiest cities in the world by the mid-19th century. Initially, urban growth only strengthened farming and rural life within New York, as semi-subistence farmers and slaves worked to feed the burgeoning population. As Westchester County emerged as a site of country homes for the wealthy during the 19th century, farming remained a mainstay. Even in Manhattan, the last working farm did not disappear until the 1940s.

Today, Harlem and the lower Hudson Valley are part of one of the most urban, densely populated areas within the United States. Yet renewed interest in locally grown food and urban gardening have revived farming in this region from the rooftops and vacant lots of Harlem to the villages of the Hudson River Valley. Our tour of Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture will offer us a glimpse of the vibrant agricultural scene in New York.

Thank you to all of the participants, attendees, and our hard-working committees. A special thank you to Drew Swanson and the program committee for an exciting slate of sessions and speakers, and to Joe Anderson and Jim Giesen for being fun collaborators in planning the wonderful weekend we have in store for you.

--Adrienne Petty
## Conference at a Glance

**Thursday, June 23**

8:00 a.m.
Registration OPENS
NAC Ballroom, ground floor
The City College of New York

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Session I
Keynote Address, NAC Ballroom

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Session II

12:00 p.m.
Return to Ballroom to retrieve luggage

12:30 p.m.
Buses leave City College

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Tour at Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture

4:00 p.m.
Check-in at Edith Macy Center

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Cocktail Hour

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Dinner

**Friday, June 24**

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.
Breakfast

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8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
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1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
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Session V

3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Break

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Session VI

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Dinner

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7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.
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Session X

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**Sunday, June 26**

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.
Breakfast

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Session XI
Full Conference Schedule

Wednesday, June 22: The City College of New York
3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Meeting of Executive Council and Officers
History Department Conference Room  NAC 5/144

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NAC Ballroom

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Session I
Keynote Address  Ted Steinberg, Case Western Reserve University
"Can New York City Survive the Sea?"
NAC Ballroom

10:30 am-12:00 pm
Session II
A: Wastelands: A Roundtable
NAC Ballroom
Facilitator: William Thomas Okie, Kennesaw State University

"From Wasteland to Forest: The Politics of Land in Nineteenth-Century France," Andrea Williams, Colorado State University

"The Graveyard of Georgia: Wealth, Migration, and Mortality in the Cotton Belt Wetlands," Philip Mills Herrington, James Madison University

"False Hope in the Cotton Belt: Abandoned Lands After the Civil War," Erin Stewart Mauldin, Samford University

"Amber Waves of Broomsedge," William Thomas Okie, Kennesaw State University

"The Pine Barrens of the American South," Albert G. Way, Kennesaw State University

"A Wasteland Four Miles Beyond the Lincoln Tunnel: Secaucus as a post-Agricultural Wasteland," Tina Peabody, University of Albany, SUNY

"Immobile Dreams: Trailer Parks as Wastelands," Rebecca Hartman, Eastern Oregon University

"Conquering the 'Bad Lands': British Farming's War on Wastelands," Clare Griffiths, Cardiff University

"Recreation and Reclamation: Post Strip-Mining in Germany," Thomas J. Fleischman, New York University
B: “Pre-Industrial Agrarian Households in Interaction with Urbanized Society: Social-Ecological Perspectives”
Lippman Room  NAC 6/308
Commenter: Hans Jörgensen, Umeå University

"Agrarian Households' Exchange with Towns Before Industrialization: Two Swedish Regions in the 19th Century," Mats Morell, Stockholm University and Maths Isacson, Uppsala University


“Socio-Ecological Interactions and the Resilience of Pre-Industrial Agriculture - From Bad Weather to Socio-Economic Crisis in Mid-19th Century Sweden,” Mats Morell, Stockholm University, Maths Isacson, Uppsala University, Anna Westin, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Tommy Lennartsson, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Iréne Flygare, Stiftelsen Upplandsmuseet, and Marja Erikson, Uppsala University

C: “African American Agricultural Education in the American South”
History Department Conference Room  NAC 5/144
Chair and Commenter: Mark Hersey, Mississippi State University

"Arkansas Jeanes Supervisor Teachers, 1908-1950," Cherisse R. Jones-Branch, Arkansas State University–Jonesboro

"Ham and Eggs: Using Food to Fight for Civil Rights," Dawn Herd-Clark, Fort Valley State University

"Arkansas' Rosenwald Schools, 1918-1932," Chelsea McNutt, Arkansas State University–Jonesboro

D: “Observing and Recording: Using Rural Sources”
Rifkind Center Room  NAC 6/316
Chair and commenter: Philip Homan, Idaho State University

"The Farm Diary: Urban-Designed Standardization and Rural Self-Expression," Catharine Anne Wilson, University of Guelph

"Serepta Jordan: A Young Woman's Life During Disunion," Minoa Uffelman, Austin Peay State University

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Dining Area and Commons

7:00 am
Editorial Board Meeting
Spruce

8:00-10:00 am.
Registration
Lobby

8:30 am-10:00 am.
Session III

**A: “Town vs. Country: A Roundtable on Teaching State History”**
Hickory/Dogwood

Facilitator: Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, Iowa State University

Rebecca Howard, University of Arkansas
Jeffrey Bremer, Iowa State University
Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma
Debra Reid, Eastern Illinois University
Brian Cannon, Brigham Young University
B: “The Italian Agrarian Reform (1918-1965): Society and Landscape”
Birch

Chair: Joe Anderson, Mount Royal University

“Conflicts and Exchanges between Urban Centres and Rural Areas during the Italian Agrarian Reform; a Local Scale Research Approach (1950-65),” Nicola Gabellieri, University of Genoa

“Internal Migration and Land Reform: the Development of Rural Citizenship in Italy (1918-65),” Simone Misiani, University of Teramo

“Rome and Its Surroundings before the Agrarian Reform: a ‘Longue Durée’ Relationship,” Renato Sansa, University of Calabria

C: “Liberty Hyde Bailey and The Holy Earth: One Century In”
Maple

Chair: Jenna Tonn, Harvard University


"Religion of Liberty Hyde Bailey," Gilson Waldkoenig, Gettysburg Seminary

10:30 am-12:00 pm
Session IV

A: “Producing Knowledge, Stabilizing Value: Advertising, Commerce and the Agricultural Sciences in Germany and the U.S. Before 1920”
Oak

Chair and commenter: Emily Pawley, Dickinson College

“Advertising and Enlightenment: Commercial Communication and the Practical Sciences in Eighteenth and Nineteenth-Century Germany,” Denise Phillips, University of Tennessee


“Science and the Production of Value in Capitalist Agriculture on the Great Plains,” Jeremy Vetter, University of Arizona
**B: “Plant Industry”**
Hickory/Dogwood

Chair and Commenter: Daniel Kevles, Yale University

"The Crop Protection Institute and the Chemicalization of American Agriculture," Adam M. Romero, University of Washington, Bothell

"Laboratories in the Field: Crop Breeding in the Hawaiian Sugar Industry, 1903-1930," Lawrence H. Kessler, Temple University

"No Acceptable Substitute: California's Failed Scheme to Replace Rural Chinese Fruit Farm Laborers with Urban White Women in the 1890s," Bethany Hopkins, University of California at Davis

**C: “Making and Maintaining Rural Identities”**
Maple

Chair and Commenter: Adrienne Petty, City College of New York


"Patterns Not at First Apparent: Outsiders in 1960s Kentucky," Ed Slavishak, Susquehanna University

**D: “Plantation Experiences in the American South and the Caribbean”**
Birch

Chair and commenter: Erin Stewart Mauldin, Samford University

"Slave Births and Field Works in Plantation Nevis," Hideaki Ito, Saitamagakuen University

"The Urban Mastery of Rural Bondspeople: Absentee-Owned Operations in the Delta," Kelly Houston Jones, Austin Peay State University


12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
**Presidential Luncheon**
Dining Room and Commons

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
**Presidential Address, Alan Olmstead**
Auditorium
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Registration
Lobby

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Session V
A: “Roundtable Book Discussion of Gabriel Rosenberg's *The 4-H Harvest: Sexuality and the State in Rural America*”
Auditorium
Facilitator: David Danbom, Independent Scholar
Deborah Fitzgerald, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Neil Maher, New Jersey Institute of Technology-Rutgers University, Newark
Tore C. Olsson, University of Tennessee
Gabriel Rosenberg, Duke University
B: “New Perspectives on Leisure Spaces in the Twentieth-Century South”
Maple
Chair and commenter: Albert Way, Kennesaw State University
"Who Were the 'Rich Yankees?: Owners of Sporting Plantations in the South Carolina Lowcountry, 1900-1950," Daniel Vivian, University of Louisville
"Northern Sportsmen and Conflicts over Land and Wildlife in the Red Hills Region, 1900-1925," Julia Brock, University of West Georgia
"Edmonson County's National Park Problem: Urban and Rural Influence in the Creation and Preservation of Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky, 1912-1972," Alyssa Warrick, Mississippi State University
C: “Confronting Food Crises and Developing New Market Linkages, 1870-1950”
Oak
Chair and commenter: Kendra Smith-Howard, University of Albany, SUNY
"Famines and Food Command: Diverting American Wheat Surplus from Europe to Asia, 1862-1921," Thomas Finger, Northern Arizona University
"Tasting Rocky Ford: Developing Colorado's Cantaloupe Industry," Marcus Anthony Hernandez, University of Arizona
D: “Organism Promotion”
Birch
Chair and commenter: Harriet Ritvo (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
"The Merino Craze: Promoting a Rare Breed in the Early American Republic," Benjamin Hurwitz, George Mason University
"A Social Enterprise? The Cork Boom and *la Mission Civilisatrice* in French Colonial Algeria," Andrea E. Williams, Colorado State University
"Country Trees and City Christmases: A Southern Yuletide Commodity Network," Aaron Thomas, Mississippi State University

E: “The Long Reach of Agricultural Expertise”
Hickory/Dogwood
Chair and commenter: Brendan Matz, New York University
"Arsenic and Old Lace, Horticultral Plant Protection in Sweden 1760-1940," Inger Olausson, Linköping University
"Science in the City and on the Steppe: Vasilii Dokuchaev and the Emergence of Genetic Pedology in Late Imperial Russia," Mary Bailes, University of Glasgow
"CMEA Agricultural Development and Trade: Judgements by Swedish Authorities and Agencies During the Cold War," Hans Jörgensen, Umeå University

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Session VI

A: “Agricultural Modernization, Science, and Environment: The Americas and the Cold War”
Maple
Chair and commenter: Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma
"Cold War New York and the Latin American Countryside: The Rockefeller Foundation's Colombia Agriculture Project," Timothy Lorek, Yale University
"Nitrogen Fertilization and Environmental Change: The Transnational Politics of Nitrogen Science and Policy in Cold War Chile and its Aftermath," William San Martin, University of California at Davis

B: “Gender and the Appeal of the Countryside To City Women, 1850s to 1960s”
Oak
Chair and commenter: Grey Osterud, Independent Scholar
"Langham Place Feminists and Redefining Femininity in Relation to New Opportunities in Agriculture as Women Farmers," Karen Sayer, Leeds Trinity University and Nicola Verdon, Sheffield Hallam University

“Investing Life and Legacy into the Bio-Dynamic Farming Company Loverendale, Netherlands," Margreet van der Burg, Wageningen University

"Breakfast at Six: Novelist Mary Scott and Post-War Farming Wives in New Zealand (1953-1965)," Rachel Bell, Massey University

Panel C: “Gardening as Redemption”
Birch

Chair and comments: Philip Mills Herrington, James Madison University

"Detroit's Urban Gardens from Progressive Era to the Present," Megan Birk, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

"Searching for Back-to-the-Landers in the Census: Preliminary Findings from Depression Era New England," Dona Brown, University of Vermont

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Chair: Tom Robertson, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Prakash Kumar, Pennsylvania State University
Gabriela Soto Laveaga, University of California-Santa Barbara
Tore C. Olsson, University of Tennessee
Nicole Sackley, University of Richmond
Sigrid Schmalzer, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
B: “Contested Rural Landscapes in Twentieth-Century Kentucky”
Oak
Chair and commenter: Sara Egge, Centre College
"Growing A New Appalachia: The Food Landscape of the Pine Mountain Settlement School, 1913-1949," Karen Hudson, University of Kentucky
"Stinking Creek Stories: Life, Agriculture, and Community in Rural Southeastern Kentucky," Kathryn Engle, University of Kentucky
"To Keep All Their Topsoil From Washing Away: Writer Jesse Stuart and the Maintenance of the Twentieth-Century Rural Landscape of Kentucky," Dale Potts, South Dakota State University

C: “Cultivation and Conflict: Agricultural Visions and Realities in the Aftermath of War in France and America, 1790s-1940s”
Hickory/Dogwood
Chair and commenter: Deborah Fitzgerald, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
"War of Hedgerows: Agricultural Practice and Revolutionary Ideology in the Aftermath of the Vendee Insurgency of the 1790s," Joseph Horan, Colorado School of Mines
"Colonization, Reclamation, Reforestation: Race and the Cut-Over Lands Problem between Two World Wars," Owen James Hyman, Mississippi State University
"Food Will Write the Peace: Demobilization, Agriculture, and the Enduring Legacy of World War II," Kellen Backer, Syracuse University

D: “Muckrakers: Histories of the Agricultural Press”
Birch
Chair: Benjamin Cohen, Lafayette College
"The Local Agricultural Press' Role in Building the Economy in Northern Illinois, 1841-42," Wayne Duerkes, Iowa State University
"City Newspaper, Rural Newspaper, 1900-1920," Dorothy J. Smith, Carleton University
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Session VIII
A: “‘Keep Manhattan, Just Give Me That Countryside’: Rejecting the Town, Embracing the Country, and Redefining Gender Ideals”
Maple
Chair and commenter: Gabriel Rosenberg, Duke University
“The Feminine Sources of Rural Masculinity in Mid-Nineteenth Century Iowa,” Michael Belding, Iowa State University
"Escape from New York: Gender and the Rural Safety Valve, 1856-1884," Katherine Jellison, Ohio University
“‘A Farm Girl Underneath’: A City Woman's Escape to the Country in King Vidor's Stranger's Return," Wayne Anderson, University of Iowa
"Goodbye City Life!: Green Acres and the Agrarian Masculinity," Margaret Weber, Iowa State University

B: “Legacies of Agricultural Development on Three Continents”
Hickory/Dogwood
Chair and commenter: Jenny Leigh Smith, Georgia Institute of Technology
"U.S. Land Reform Programs in Cold War Nepal, 1952-1972," Tom Robertson, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

C: “Claims on the Land”
Oak
Chair and commenter: Christopher Clark, University of Connecticut
"Men and Women in White Meet John Deere - A Convoluted Medieval Liaison," James G. Ferguson, Jr., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
"Dreams of Elysian Fields: Recreational Connections Between Hoboken and Manhattan, 1796-1898," Marika Plater, Rutgers University
"Every Man His Own Avenger: The Politics of Property Seizure from Urban Tenements to Tenant Farms in the Nineteenth Century United States," Adam Wolkoff, SUNY Buffalo

D: “Energy Flows in Agrarian Spaces”
Birch
Chair and commenter: Jeremy Zallen, Lafayette College
“The First Power Plants of the Massachusetts Bay Colony 1620-1676," Jordan T. Coulombe, University of New Hampshire
"Spirited Townsmen and Fields of Enterprize: The Uneven Linkage of Farmer and Factor by the First Generation of Steam-Powered Vessels," John Busch, Independent Scholar

"Country Roads: Markets, Infrastructure and Liberty in Marion County, IN in the early 19th Century," Kelly Wenig, Iowa State University

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Lunch
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1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Session IX

A: “Teaching and Researching the Country in Town: A Roundtable on Agricultural History at Non-Land Grants”
Maple
Facilitator: Sara Morris, University of Kansas
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Debra Reid, Eastern Illinois University
Adam Romero, University of Washington, Bothell

B: “Keep on Truckin’: Commodity Flows Between Urban Markets and Rural Agroecosystems”
Oak
Chair and commenter: David D. Vail, University of Nebraska–Kearney
"U.S. School Lunches: Nutritional Guidance or Agricultural Policy?," Michelle Mart, Pennsylvania State University–Berks
"Suburban Strawberries: The Rise of California Plasticulture in Post-War America," Stacy N. Roberts, University of California at Davis

C: “Of Hives and Hay: Discursive Networks of Agrarian Improvement in Early Modern Britain”
Birch
Chair and commenter: Rebecca Woods, Columbia University
"Ignorant Bliss: Idealistic Analogy and Improvement in Early Modern Bees," Adam Ebert, Mount Mercy University
"Clover and Ryegrass on the Move: Networks of Fodder in Eighteenth Century Britain and Its Empire," Maura Capps, University of Chicago
D: “Histories of Rural, Urban, and International Boundaries”
Hickory/Dogwood
Chair and commenter: Jenny Barker-Devine, Illinois College

"When a Township is the Opposite of a Town: The Pennsylvania Township and Borough System and the Question of Farmland Preservation," Terry Necciai, Independent Scholar

"Grain, Smuggling, and Trade with the Enemy: Agriculture and Commerce Between the United States and the Canadas, 1807-1814," Patrick Callaway, University of Maine

"Bringing the City to the Country: Manufacturing a New Countryside in Post-World War II North Carolina," Tyler Greene, Temple University

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Session X

A: “Why is all Conservation Trans-situ? (Or Conservation as Dance)”
Birch
Chair: Kellen Backer, Syracuse University

"Edible Palimpsest: Remembered Kitchen Gardens and Forgotten Agricultural Landscapes," Jennifer Jordan, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

"Making Place with Shared Space: Place Making of Chinese and Latin American Immigrants in Brooklyn's Sunset Park," Brian Walter, Sunset Park High School, University of California- Santa Cruz

"Multispecies Solidarities: A Co-conspiracy for Survival among Karen Refugees and 'Their' Plants," Terese Gagnon, Syracuse University

"Of Ice and Fire: Mixing it Up at the Mistura," Virginia Nazarea, University of Georgia

B: “All Creatures Sick and Well: Animal Health and Welfare”
Maple
Chair and commenter: Adam Ebert, Mount Mercy University

"All Milk. All Healthy: Pastoral Perceptions Between Farmers and Consumers During the 1993 Posilac Approval," Nicole Welk-Joerger, University of Pennsylvania

“A History of Bird Feeding: Sunflower Production, Poultry Confinement, and Twentieth Century Americans' Care of Birds," Michael Winslow, University of Iowa

C: “Revisiting the Farm Crisis Era”
Hickory/Dogwood
Chair and commenter: Katherine Jellison, Ohio University

"Children, Families and Extension: Innovations in Response to the Farm Crisis of the 1980s," Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, Iowa State University
"Reestablishing Rural-Urban Liberal Networks in the Upper Midwest During the Reagan Revolution," Cory Haala, Marquette University

"Selling the Farm to Save the Farm: Agrarian Activists' Urban and Suburban Outreach During the Farm Crisis," Rebecca Shimoni Stoil, Johns Hopkins University

D: “The Rural/Urban Divide”
Oak

Chair: Jeannie Whayne, University of Arkansas

"Town and Country Make a Grange: Caroline A. Hall and the Grange's Urban-Rural Foundations," Carolyn Ostrander, Syracuse University

“A River of Change: Pine Bluff and the Flood of the Arkansas River in 1908,” Edward Andrus, University of Arkansas

"Woods, Ownership, Influence - Forest Companies and Local Authority. The Case of Kramfors AB in Gudmundrâ 1870-1900," Ewa Axelsson, Umeå University

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Oak
Jeannie Whayne, University of Arkansas, United States
Clare Griffiths, Cardiff University, United Kingdom
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