

Professional Conferences for Public Historians

Candidates in the M.A. Program who matriculate Fall 2007 and later must attend five professional conferences as part of their degree program. This list is intended to assist students in locating appropriate opportunities.

Local Organizations

Connecticut League of History Organization

www.clho.org

- The Connecticut League of History became a nonprofit organization in 1950, the organization serves to unite, support, and promote historical interests and activities state wide.
- The Connecticut League of History Organizations has an office at 940 Whitney Avenue in Hamden CT; the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation is also housed there.
- Every year the League offers a “Professional Basics” series of intensive workshops on best museum practices. These are usually offered in the late winter and early spring.
- For more information on the organization’s programs please visit www.clho.org/programs.htm

Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation

www.cttrust.org

- Established in 1975 as a non-profit organization, the Connecticut Trust’s mission is to preserve the character and ensure the vitality of Connecticut’s historically significant places. The organization does this through education, advocacy, collaboration and support, the Trust assists residents and community organizations throughout the state to preserve, protect and revitalize Connecticut’s historically significant communities.
- The Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation has an office at 940 Whitney Avenue in Hamden CT, along with the Connecticut League of History Organizations.
- To learn more about what this organization offers please visit www.cttrust.org/index.cgi/8576

Connecticut Commission in Culture and Tourism

<http://www.cultureandtourism.org>

- “The Historic Preservation and Museum Division functions under state and federal law as Connecticut's State Historic Preservation Office. The division administers a broad range of federal and state programs that identify, register and protect the buildings, sites, structures, districts and objects that comprise Connecticut's cultural heritage. The division operates six historic properties: Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine, Henry Whitfield State Museum, Sloane-Stanley Museum, Prudence Crandall Museum, Viets Tavern and Amos Bull House.”
- The commission offers the Annual Governor’s Conference on Culture & Tourism. This is the largest statewide culture and tourism event with over 600 in attendance. It provides a unique and invaluable opportunity to network and exchange ideas and strengthen the arts, history, tourism, and film sectors. For more information see :
www.cultureandtourism.org/cct/cwp/view.asp?a=2128&Q=302662&cctPNavCtr=|44193|44194

Connecticut Council for the Social Studies

www.ctsocialstudies.org/

- The CT Council for the Social Studies is an affiliate of the National Council for the Social Studies. The goal of the organization is to promote the social studies through service to teachers.
- For news and summer events please visit the home page. If you are interested in other events and conferences please go to www.ctsocialstudies.org/conferences.htm

Association for the Study of Connecticut History

<http://asch.ccsu.edu/Default.htm>

- The Association for the Study of Connecticut History (ASCH) is a non-profit organization which promotes the historical study of Connecticut. ASCH was started in 1970, since 1975 ASCH has published *Connecticut History*, which is currently the only professional journal devoted to the history of Connecticut.
- ASCH offers a fall conference and some years supplements it with a second conference in the spring. To learn more about the organization's upcoming events please go to www.asch.ccsu.edu/Upcoming_Events.htm

Hartford Foundation

www.hfpg.org/

- The Hartford Foundation serves as the Greater Hartford's community-wide charitable endowment and is committed to improving the quality of life for residents throughout the region.
- The organization offers learning opportunities in non-profit management. Topics include fundraising, planning, financial management, human resources, technology, board development, employment law, diversity, and ethics, among others.
- For more information on the organization's non-profit support programs see <http://www.hfpg.org/nsp/> and click on "learning opportunities."

Greater Hartford Association of Historic Houses and Museums (GHAHHM)

Contact: Elizabeth Giard, President (860) 522-9258

- A group of historic organizations in the greater Hartford area.
- Meets four times a year for professional development programs.
- Annually offers an Interpreter Training Symposium (usually in the late winter or early spring.)
- Membership is \$25. Membership checks should be sent to Jim Bennett GHAHHM Treasurer, Historical Society of Glastonbury, P.O. Box 46, Glastonbury, CT 06033.

New England and National Organizations

New England Museum Association

www.nemanet.org

- For more than 75 years the New England Museum Association has been the only organization in New England serving museums of all sizes and the people who work for and with them.
- The mission of the New England Museum Association is to strengthen member museums and museums in the region. To achieve this mission, NEMA fosters communication and ethical conduct; provides professional development; promotes excellence in museum operations; and encourages support for the museum community.
- For information on the organization's conferences please visit www.nemanet.org/conferences.html
- Scholarships exist to fund student conference attendance.

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

<http://www.preservation.ri.gov/>

- The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission is the state agency for historical preservation and heritage programs.
- The Commission offers the Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference each spring. For more information see: <http://www.preservation.ri.gov/conference/>

American Association of Museums

www.aam-us.org

- "AAM's mission is to enhance the value of museums to their communities through leadership, advocacy, and service."

- The American Association of Museums has been bringing museums together since 1906, helping to develop standards and best practices, gathering and sharing knowledge, and providing advocacy on issues of concern to the entire museum community. AAM is dedicated to ensuring that museums remain a vital part of the American landscape, connecting people with the greatest achievements of the human experience, past, present and future.
- Some of the Committees within this organization are the *Committee for Diversity in Museums*, *Committee on Museum Professional Training (COMPT)*, *Committee on Education (EdCom)*, *Development and Membership Committee (DAM)*, *Media and Technology Committee* and the *Museum Association Security Committee (MASC)*
- For more information on the event offered by this organization please see www.aam-us.org/site/sitemap.cfm and then click on “Events.”

American Association for State and Local History

www.aaslh.org

- “The American Association for State and Local History provides leadership, service, and support for its members, who preserve and interpret state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful in American Society.”
- AASLH began in 1904, under the wing of the American Historical Association. Then called the Conference of State and Local Historical Societies, AASLH become the American Association for State and Local History in 1940.
- For programs and annual meeting information please go to the main homepage and then click on either “programs” or “professional development.”

National Council on Public History

www.ncph.org

- National Council on Public History, the professional association devoted to the study and practice of public history. For more than 25 years, NCPH has worked to enhance the public's awareness of the value and uses of history and to serve the growing community of public historians.
- The NCPH MISSION is to make the public aware of the value, uses, and pleasures of history, advise historians about their public responsibilities, help students prepare for careers in public history and to provide a forum for historians engaged in historical activities in the public realm.
- For information about the O'Brian Lecture Series please visit the Organization's home page.
- For more information concerning the organization's event offered please reference www.ncph.org/act.html. You can also click on the “activities” link on the home page.

Oral History Association

<http://omega.dickinson.edu/organizations/oha/about.html>

- The Oral History Association, established in 1966, seeks to bring together all persons interested in oral history as a way of collecting and interpreting human memories to foster knowledge and human dignity.
- The OHA also sponsors regional organizations including the New England Oral History Association.
- The OHA offers an annual conference which rotates among four geographic regions: Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, and Southwest. For more information see http://omega.dickinson.edu/organizations/oha/org_am.html