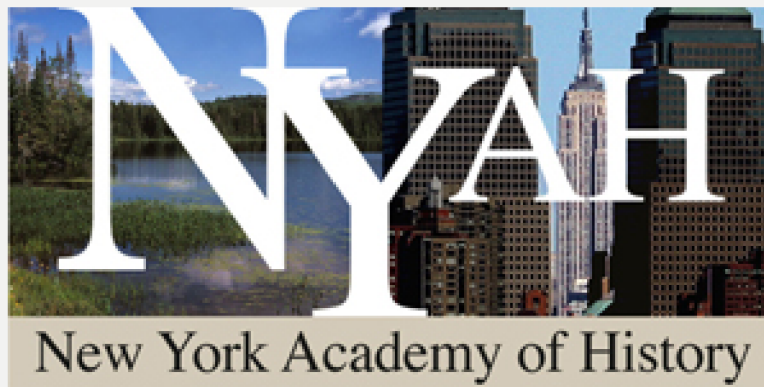

NEWSLETTER

November, 2023



News From the Fellows

DENNIS CONNERS

Dennis Conners has written the history of James Street, the boulevard of mansions, in Syracuse. His research will be published next year by Syracuse University Press and the Onondaga Historical Society. He is also transcribing the diaries of ardent central New York abolitionist Anvil Northrup who writes about such events as hearing Frederick Douglas speak and learning of the assassination of President Lincoln.

SETH KAMIL

Seth Kamil, the President & Founder of Big Onion Walking Tours is writing a thesis on the provisioning plantations of Colonial New York and New Jersey and the supplying of sustenance foods & goods to Barbados prior to 1770. The final chapter will be a public history examination of the extant sites relevant to this history.

MYRA YOUNG ARMSTEAD

Myra Young Armstead published *Memory and Enslavement: Schuyler House, Old Saratoga, and the Saratoga Patent in History, Historical Practice, and Historical Imagination* in collaboration with the National Park Service. The book is available to read online https://www.oah.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/508_SARA.508.pdf.

ERIC WASHINGTON

On May 23rd the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission enthusiastically designated Manhattan's (Former) Colored School No. 4, at 128 West 17th Street, as an individual landmark thanks to the hard work of Eric Washington. Washington was also honored with the Historic District Council's 2023 Grassroots Preservation Award. HDC president Frampton Tolbert wrote "We are honoring you for your incredible work to preserve, protect, and raise awareness around (Former) Colored School No. 4 and its incredible significance to the African American experience and to New York City at large."

RIC BURNS

Ric Burns is completing a groundbreaking two-part documentary film presenting the extraordinary power, beauty and drama of Dante's great masterwork, the Divine Comedy, set within the circumstances of the poet's own life and the turbulent times he lived in. The film is coming to PBS Easter, 2024.

ELLEN SNYDER GRENIER

Ellen Snyder Grenier has published, *The House on Henry Street: The Enduring Life of a Lower East Side Settlement*. Grenier's powerful narrative addresses stories about poverty, immigration and migration, human rights, and public health from its founding in 1893 to the present day.

TIMOTHY J. SHANNON

Timothy J. Shannon, Gettysburg College, recently published *Peter Williamson, French and Indian Cruelty: A Modern Critical Edition* (Edinburgh University Press, 2023). The book is a modern edition of Peter Williamson's narrative of his time in North America as an indentured servant, Indian captive, and soldier during the era of the Seven Years' War, including his eyewitness account of the fall of Oswego in 1756.

Do you have news to share? Email Gretchen Sorin at gretchen.sorin@oneonta.edu

Farewell



Jameson Doig

Jameson Doig was an emeritus professor at Princeton University. His research and writing focused primarily on transportation politics. He was the author of “Metropolitan Transportation Politics and the New York Region,” “New York: The Politics of Urban Regional Development,” and “Empire on the Hudson: Entrepreneurial Vision and Political Power at the Port of New York Authority.” For additional information, see.

<https://www.princeton.edu/news/2019/11/04/jameson-doig-scholar-politics-and-public-policy-dies-86>

Alexander Garvin

Lifelong New Yorker Alexander Garvin was a writer and architect. He was heavily involved in urban planning in New York as well as helping with the planning of the rebuilding of the former World Trade Center site. Read his obituary here.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/obituaries/2021/12/22/urban-planner-alexander-garvin-dies/>



Cal Jones

Cal Jones was the Manhattan Borough Historian for almost a decade. His work included uncovering the lost history of [Seneca Village](#). Peter Eisenstat called him “a one-of-a-kind person, one of those people whose deep knowledge and passion for history erased the lines and distinctions between so-called ‘professional’ and ‘amateur’ historians. Read more about Cal Jones here.

<https://www.centralparknyc.org/articles/remembering-cal-jones-manhattan-borough-historian-emeritus-friend-of-the-central-park-conservancy>



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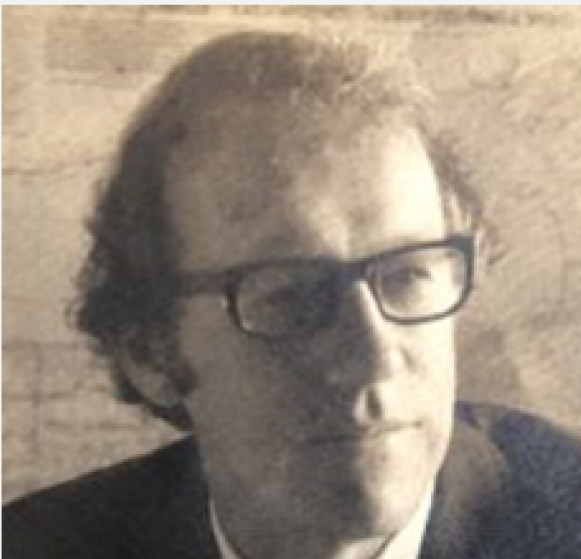
Joan Davidson served as the chairwoman of NYSCA (the New York State Council on the Arts) and as a Commissioner for New York Parks. Most significantly, she was the president of the J.M. Kaplan Fund, a foundation established by her father, Jacob M. Kaplan, in 1945. She and her father were responsible for saving and restoring many important historic structures in New York City, including the Gracie Mansion Conservancy. "I always thought we were different because we did not just write checks, we stepped in and got involved," she said about the Kaplan Fund's giving strategy. For more about her incredible life.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/11/nyregion/joan-kaplan-davidson-dead.html>

Faye E. Dudden

Faye Dudden, the Charles A. Dana Professor of History emerita, at Colgate University passed away on October 16, 2020. She was 72 years old. Her scholarship contributed to our knowledge of women's roles in a variety of areas. Her books included *Serving Women: Household Service in Nineteenth-Century America* (Wesleyan Univ. Press, 1983), and *Women and the American Theatre: Actresses and Audiences, 1790-1870* which won the George Freedley Memorial Award, and *Fighting Chance: The Struggle over Woman Suffrage and Black Suffrage in Reconstruction America*. Read the full obituary here.

[https://www.historians.org/research-and-publications/perspectives-on-history/february-2021/faye-e-dudden-\(1948%E2%80%932020\)](https://www.historians.org/research-and-publications/perspectives-on-history/february-2021/faye-e-dudden-(1948%E2%80%932020))



Wendell Tripp

Wendell Tripp served as editor of *New York History* and director of publications for 37 years at the former New York State Historical Association. Tripp was also director of library services for 10 years and an adjunct professor in SUNY Oneonta's Cooperstown Graduate Program for more than 35 years. He wrote several books including *Through Poverty's Vail*, *World of the Founders: New York Communities in the Federal Period*, *A Bibliography of Newspapers in Fourteen New York Counties*, co-edited with Sylvia Faibisoff, *Coming and Becoming: Pluralism in New York State History*. You can find his full obituary here.

<https://obituaries.thedailystar.com/obituary/wendell-tripp-1088841914>

Mark Your Calendars

NEW YORK STATE HISTORY DAY

New York State History Day is scheduled for April 14 in Oneonta. History Day, a national program, brings together middle and high school students from all over New York State to present their year-long projects in history. It takes 100 judges to evaluate their exhibitions, documentaries, papers, websites and performances. If you would like to support New York State History Day by serving as a judge contact Kara Jones at joneka843@oneonta.edu.

THE NEW YORK HISTORY CONFERENCE

The New York History Conference will take place in Albany at the Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza on June 20-21, 2024. William Walker, Associate Professor at SUNY Oneonta's Cooperstown Graduate Program revived the conference last year and a steering committee led by Jennifer Lemak, Curator and Devin Lander, Historian, of the NYS Museum and both Fellows of the Academy are leading a team of scholars and public historians to plan next year's event. The theme is New York History: Contact and Conflict. <https://nystate-history.com/>

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