

“Federal History in Times of National Crisis and Change”

Society for History in the Federal Government Annual Conference

National Archives II, College Park, MD

March 31, 2011

- 8–8:45 am: Registration, Lower Level Foyer
- 8:45–9:00 am: Welcome, **Pete Daniel** SHFG President
- Presentation of 2011 Roger R. Trask Award to **Philip L. Cantelon**
- 9:00–10am: **Trask Lecture by Philip L. Cantelon**, followed by Q&A

10:15–11:45am: **First Session Panels**

Session 1, Room A:

Digital Triumphs and Trials: Online Outreach in Federal History Offices

Chair: **Laura Turner O’Hara**, Office of the Historian, U.S. House of Representatives

Presenters: “Making Materials Available Digitally in the Era of ‘Do More with Less,’”
Annette Amerman, Historian, Marine Corps History Division

“DocsTeach: Where Social Media, Public Assets, and Institutional Objectives Meet,” **Stephanie Greenhut**, Education Technology Specialist, National Archives

“George Washington Greet the Digital Age,” **Becca Milfeld**, Technology Outreach Specialist, Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens

Session 1, Room B:

Understanding Financial Crisis: New Sources, New Methodologies, New Insights

Chair: **Mark A. Carlson**, Historian, U.S. Federal Reserve Board

Presenters: “Taking Care of Business: Bank Manuscript Collections and the Panic of 1893,”
Paula Petrik, Department of History and Art History, George Mason University

“The Devil and the Details: Cliometrics and the Banking Crisis of 1893,” **Wayne Zandbergen**, Department of History, George Mason University

“Theodore Roosevelt, Lawrence O. Murray, and the Struggle for Banking Reform,” **Jesse Stiller**, Historian, U.S. Treasury Department

Session 1, Room C:

Challenges Large and Onerous: Cybersecurity, 1965 into the Future

Chair: **William J. Williams**, Chief, Center for Cryptologic History, National Security Agency

Presenters: “Eternal Questions: Cybersecurity in the U.S. Government since 1965,” **Michael Warner**, Command Historian, U.S. Cybercommand

“Digital Investigations and the FBI,” **John Fox**, Chief Historian, Federal Bureau of Investigation

“Not Just on Weekends, Cyber Warriors in the Air National Guard,” **Susan Rosenfeld**, Historian, Air National Guard

Session 1, Room D:

The Federal Government During the ‘Good War’

Chair: **Keith W. Olson**, Professor Emeritus, Department of History, University of Maryland at College Park

Presenters: “From Social Security to Homeland Security: The Early Years of the Federal Security Agency, 1939–1945,” **Dean Kotlowski**, Professor, Department of History, Salisbury University

“The Pacifist Farmer at War: Visual Images of Amish and Mennonite Farm Families in World War II Propaganda,” **Katherine Jellison**, Professor, Department of History, Ohio University

Session 1, Auditorium:

Crisis and Change in the *Foreign Relations of the United States Series, 1861–2011*

Chair: **William B. McAllister**, Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State

Presenters: “Congress and the Development of the *Foreign Relations of the United States Series*,” **Aaron Marrs**, Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State

“The Foreign Relations of the United States Series in the Gilded Age,”
Peter Cozzens, Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State

“A Series for All Seasons: The Transformation of FRUS in an Era of Globalism,”
Joshua Botts, Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State

11:45 am–1:00 pm Luncheon and Awards ceremony

1:00–1:30 pm Business Meeting

1:30–3:00 pm **Second Session Panels**

Session 2, Room A:

Federal Agency Programs to Commemorate the Civil War and War of 1812

Chair: **Kristin Ahlberg**, Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State

Presenters: “Commemorations of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War and the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 in the National Park Service,” **Robert Sutton**, Chief Historian, National Park Service

“The Senate’s Civil War: Using the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War to Explore the Senate’s Role in Wartime,” **Betty Koed**, Associate Historian, U.S. Senate Historical Office

“Commemorating Wars that Shaped America,” **Thomas Boghardt**, Senior Historian, Department of the Army

Session 2, Room B:

Federal Art in Times of National Change

Chair: **Farar Elliott**, Curator, Office of Art and Archives, U.S. House of Representatives

Presenters: “Reconstruction-Era Art in the Capitol: Seth Eastman’s Frontier Paintings,” **Felicia Wivchar**, Office of Art and Archives, U.S. House of Representatives

“New Deal Art,” **Kathy Erickson**, Fine Arts Program, Government Services Administration

“Works Project Number One: Art in the Interior Building,” **Diane Ziegler**, Department of Interior

**Session 2, Room C:
Two Perspectives on Civil Rights**

Chair: **Dean Kotlowski**, Professor, Department of History, Salisbury University

Presenters: “Experimental Citizenship: HUD’s Market-based Housing Assistance Experiment and Changes in Citizenship in the Post Civil Rights Decade,” **Melanie Schmidt**, Department of History, University of California at Los Angeles

“The Democratic Reaction to Eisenhower’s Civil Rights,” **Keith W. Olson**, Emeritus Professor, University of Maryland at College Park

**Session 3, Auditorium:
Developing Digital History in a Federal Context**

Chair: **Benjamin Guterman**, National Archives and Records Administration and Society for History in the Federal Government Publications

Presenters: “Tracking Changes,” **Cheryl Regan** and **Betsy Nahum-Miller**, Interpretive Programs Office, Library of Congress

“Using Online Exhibitions to Engage Audiences and Explore Social Change,” **Elizabeth Mullen**, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine

“Sharing American Stories: Exploring National Park Service Museum Collections On-Line,” **Joan Bacharach**, National Park Service

3:00–3:15 pm Coffee Break

3:15–4:45 pm

Third Session Panels

Session 3, Room A:

Cryptology and Communications: Securing U.S. Government Communications

Chair: **Nathan Ensmenger**, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania

Presenters: “An Accidental Cryptologist—The Contributions of Genevieve Young Hitt in Times of National Crisis,” **Betsy Rohaly Smoot**, Senior Historian, Center for Cryptologic History, National Security Agency

“Codewords: What Are They and What Do They Mean?” **James David**, Curator, Space History Division, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

“The Despatch Agent System: Securing U.S. Diplomatic Correspondence Before World War I,” **Mark T. Hove**, Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State

Session 3, Room B:

Social Security: Economic Crisis and Policy Debates in Historical Context

Chair: **Dr. Franklin Noll**, President, Noll Historical Consulting

Presenters: “The Decades Before Social Security,” **Richard Gabryzewski**, U.S. Social Security Administration

“The Social Security Trust Funds in Historical Perspective: Understanding Current Policy Debates,” **Larry DeWitt**, U.S. Social Security Administration

Session 3, Room C:

Narrating Change: Oral History and New Perspectives in Federal History

Chair: **Lu Ann Jones**, Historian, National Park Service

Presenters: “‘Watts Happened While I Was There’: Oral History, House Staffers, and a Tumultuous Decade, 1965–1975,” **Albin J. Kowalewski**, Office of the Historian, U.S. House of Representatives

“‘The Power to Try all Impeachments’: The Senate Oral History Project and Presidential Impeachment Trials,” **Katherine Scott**, Associate Historian, U.S. Senate Historical Office

“Go for Broke: Community Displacement, Oral History, and the Japanese-American 442nd Regimental Combat Team in World War II,” **Tom Weiner**, Veterans History Project, Library of Congress

**Session 3, Room D:
Waging the Cold War in Space**

Chair: **Bill Barry**, Chief Historian, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Presenters: “What We Officially Know: 15 Years of Satellite Declassification,” **Jeffrey Charlston**, University of Maryland University College

“The United States and the Evolution of India’s Space Program,” **Ashok D. Maharaj**, Guggenheim Fellow, Division of Space History, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

“NASA’s Mission Control: Centralizing and De-Centralizing the Preparation of Manned Spaceflight, 1959–1998,” **Douglas Jerolimov**, University of Virginia

**Session 3, Auditorium:
Military innovations in the 20th Century**

Chair: **Erin Mahan**, Chief Historian, Office of the Secretary of Defense

Presenters: “U.S. Shipbuilding Programs During World War I: A Reappraisal,” **William J. Williams**, Chief, Center for Cryptologic History, National Security Agency

“‘Into the Line of Fire’: The 142nd Infantry Regiment in Combat, 1918,” **Gregory Ball**, Historian, United States Air Force History and Museum Program

“Innovation and Adaptation in the U.S. Army Infantry, 1930–1941,” **Earl Catagnus, Jr.**, Department of History, Temple University

“Historicizing Weapon Systems Acquisition in the U.S. Army: The Case of the Advanced Attack Helicopter, 1964–1985,” **Thomas C. Lassman**, Curator, Division of Space History, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

4:45 pm Conclusion of conference