



Maine Statehood and Bicentennial Conference

Thursday, May 30-Saturday, June 1, 2019

This scholarly conference will be open to the public and also seeks to include pre-college Maine teachers and students as well as local historical societies and cultural organizations as participants and presenters. Initial funding has been provided by the President's Office at the University of Maine.

Proposals to present at the conference should be submitted no later than July 15, 2018 to Desiree Butterfield-Nagy at desiree.butterfield@maine.edu. You should receive confirmation within 48 hours. The conference's Digital Commons repository includes links to state bicentennial resources: digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/me200

For further inquiries, please contact Professor Liam Riordan,
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Confirmed Keynote Speakers

Alan Taylor (Thomas Jefferson Foundation Chair, University of Virginia)
Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (300th Anniversary University Professor, Harvard University)

Anticipated panel and paper themes in the call-for-proposals include:

- Separation Votes, Partisan Politics, and “Two Maines,” ca. 1785-1820s
- Maine-Missouri Crisis and National Racial Politics
- Wabanaki Sovereignty, Statehood, and the Maine Constitution
(Native American Programs, UMaine, organizer)
- Mapping Statehood (Osher Map Library, USM, organizer)
- Acadian and Cross-Border Ambiguities in the St. John Valley (Acadian Archives acadiennes, University of Maine, Fort Kent and Franco American Programs, UMaine, organizers)
- Maine land use, settlement, and conservation
- additional themes and topics are encouraged!

Publication plans related to the Maine Statehood and Bicentennial Conference:

Our Digital Commons repository (digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/me200) allows for easy online dissemination and archiving of conference materials. We are currently exploring each of the following publication routes:

- advance access to abstracts of all conference papers and sessions via the Digital Commons
- free distribution of bicentennial-related pre-college curriculum material
- online and print publication of select conference papers in a special bicentennial issue of *Maine Policy Review*
- further development of select conference papers (and others) for traditional print publication as a scholarly essay collection

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Draft Schedule, May 30-June 1, 2019

Thursday, May 30	Reception, tours of three museum exhibits, and opening session at the Hudson Museum, Collins Center for the Arts, and Minsky Recital Hall, University of Maine, 3:30-7:00 pm Dinner for conference participants to follow in the 1833 barn of the Page Farm and Home Museum, University of Maine
Friday, May 31	Morning and mid-day sessions at the University of Maine, Orono Wells Conference Center, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Bus trip after lunch to the Cultural Building at the State House Capitol Complex in Augusta (90 min. drive) 3:00-4:30 pm History Festival of local historical societies and student research in the Atrium of the Cultural Building. Hosted by the Maine State Museum. 5:00 pm Keynote session and discussion [Augusta location TBD] 7:30 pm Dinner at the Governor Hill Mansion, Augusta Bus will return conference participants to Orono
Saturday, June 1	Morning and mid-day sessions at the University of Maine, Orono Wells Conference Center, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Lead Partners (as of April 14, 2018):

Acadian Archives acadiennes, University of Maine Fort Kent
College of Education and Human Development, University of Maine
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Maine
Department of Community Studies, University of Maine at Machias
Department of History, University of Maine
Department of History, University of Maine at Augusta
Department of History, University of Southern Maine
Franco American Programs, University of Maine
Maine Folklife Center, University of Maine
Maine Historical Society
Maine Humanities Council
Maine State Museum, Augusta
Margaret Chase Smith Library, Skowhegan
Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, University of Maine
McGillicuddy Humanities Center, University of Maine
Native American Programs, University of Maine
Osher Map Library, University of Southern Maine
Page Farm and Home Museum, University of Maine

The University of Maine Bicentennial Conference Organizing Committee includes:

Desiree Butterfield-Nagy (Special Collections, Fogler Library, UMaine)
Kreg Ettenger (Maine Folklife Center/Maine Studies, UMaine)
Gretchen Faulkner (Hudson Museum, UMaine)
Barbara Harrity (*Maine Policy Review*, Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, UMaine)
Margo Lukens (English/McGillicuddy Humanities Center, UMaine)
Micah Pawling (History/Native American Studies, UMaine)
Susan Pinette (Franco American Programs, UMaine)
Darren Ranco (Anthropology/Native American Programs, UMaine)
David Richards (Margaret Chase Smith Library)
Liam Riordan (History, UMaine)
Joyce Rumery (Fogler Library, UMaine)
Kim Sawtelle (Fogler Library, UMaine)
Patrick Womac (College of Education and Human Development, UMaine)
Katrina Wynn (McGillicuddy Humanities Center/Maine Folklife Center, UMaine)

University of Maine System partners on the Conference Committee include:

Elizabeth (Libby) Bischoff (History, USM)
Paul Buck (History and Education, UMaine Fort Kent)
Matthew Edney (Osher Map Library, USM)
Robert Bernheim (History, UMaine Augusta)
Allison Hepler (History, UMaine Farmington)
Kim Sebold (History, UMaine Presque Isle)
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