

# Massachusetts Historical Society

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Call for Papers for the Massachusetts Historical Society's 2022  
Conrad E. Wright Research Conference

## **Underrepresented Voices of the American Revolution**

July 2022

In recent decades, scholars have unearthed and revived stories of a diverse and wide-ranging cast of characters who lived through America's political formation. This much-needed corrective has unraveled a traditional narrative of wealthy white male revolutionaries rebelling against a white male dominated imperial government. The lead up to the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence offers an opportunity to highlight and share the latest scholarship on the topic of underrepresented voices of the American Revolution whether that be from the perspective of Native Americans, women, African Americans, loyalists, ethnic and religious minorities, children, or neutrals in a global war that put the question of representation at its core. This conference invites scholars from various disciplines to submit papers that explore the broad themes associated with historic individuals or groups not traditionally considered in discussing the American Revolutionary Era.

As an organization that operates within academia and the public history arena, the Massachusetts Historical Society both champions important scholarship and supports vital public history initiatives like professional development for K-12 instruction. This conference will serve both constituencies—scholars and K-12 educators—by providing a platform to consider how the classroom serves as a key site of historical representation. Teachers will be invited to attend the traditional academic sessions, and scholars in turn will be invited to participate in a concluding teacher workshop at the end of the conference. We encourage participation from scholars who are eager to engage with and learn from K-12 educators, as well as teachers who are looking to incorporate the latest scholarship into the classroom.

The conference and workshop will take place at Suffolk University and the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston on 14-16 July 2022. The panels and presentations will take place on 14-15 July with the teacher workshop on 16 July. **Note that all papers for presentation must be ready for precirculation to commenters and conference registrants six weeks prior to the conference date.**

Interested parties are encouraged to submit either individual paper presentations or full panels (with or without commenters) by **4 January 2021**. Application materials must include a paper description and CV for individual submissions and paper descriptions and individual CVs along with a panel proposal for full panels. Paper proposals should not exceed one page and accompanying CVs should not exceed five pages in length. Please submit application materials and/or questions to [research@masshist.org](mailto:research@masshist.org)