



THE STRATEGIC PLAN
Charting Our Future

IN EARLY 2005, THE MASSACHUSETTS Historical Society began the most comprehensive planning effort in its history. In order to chart a course for the next five years, a Strategic Planning Committee convened to examine the current state of affairs, identify key concepts, and set primary goals. The effort would entail a thorough analysis of all aspects of the Society's operations and its larger environment. Comprised of Trustees, Members, and staff, and chaired by Trustee Sheila Perry, the committee began with months of research. A round of surveys and interviews gathered information from Members and Fellows, peer institutions, staff, and other stakeholders. The Trustees engaged in an unprecedented self-assessment and embarked on an examination of the Society's financial status. Throughout 2006 and into the spring of 2007, the committee met frequently to craft the Strategic Plan. Their work culminated in a retreat last April, at which the Board of Trustees approved the plan in concept.

Throughout its deliberations, the committee found itself stating two vital ideas again and again: an affirmation of our core mission and an acknowledgment of the many things we already do well. That allowed the committee to isolate where we need to go in the future, either to build on those strengths or improve in other areas. The committee's recognition of the value of our mission catalyzed a desire to articulate it better as a purpose with a history, a present, and a future. Many discussions in the committee and with the Board resulted in this mission statement:

The Massachusetts Historical Society is an independent research library that collects, preserves, makes accessible, and communicates manuscripts and other materials in order to promote the study of history of Massachusetts and the nation—a mission it has pursued since 1791.

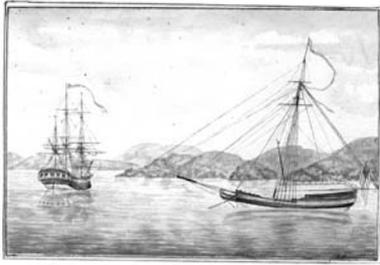
As a complement to this concise declaration of purpose, the committee also crafted the Society's first vision statement. That document, available in full at www.masshist.org, makes a firm commitment to the principle that public knowledge of our nation's past is fundamental to its future.

Of course, if everything the Society does well were enough, we would have no need to plan a future path, but continued excellence requires continued improvement. Much of the committee's work involved identifying those areas and determining concrete strategies for the next five years. As set out in the Strategic Plan document, those strategies fit into four broad goals:

- ☞ Advance the stewardship and availability of the Society's unique collections;
- ☞ Increase the understanding of the relevance of history among key audiences;
- ☞ Increase awareness of the Society's unique role and value; and
- ☞ Build a broad institutional commitment to secure the resources essential to achieve the Society's goals.

Other important objectives appear among the details in each of these four, including endorsements of ongoing MHS operations and

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"Plan & Elevation of the Tontine
Crescent, now erecting in Boston."
From the *Massachusetts Magazine*, 1794.
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The MHS occupied the Tontine
Crescent from 1794 until 1833.

clear statements of implicit institutional values, such as the desire to take a stronger role in improving the teaching of history and the need to embrace financial development and professional communications and public relations activities. In perhaps its boldest move, the committee concluded that the time has come to promote and organize the Society as a national institution—a formal realization of the scope of our collections and researchers and of the seminal role that Massachusetts played in the founding and building of the nation.

Since the Board of Trustees approved the central concepts of the Plan last April, the committee has amended the narrative and is adding to it documents to guide the actual implementation. These final pieces include

- ☛ a phasing chart that matches key investments that will move the plan forward with three-year financial projections to clarify the impact of the plan,
- ☛ a list prioritizing among the strategies, and
- ☛ benchmarks that will allow us to assess progress periodically.

Over the next five years, the committee will monitor the Plan's implementation. You will find progress reports here and elsewhere, as well as continued evidence in more subtle places, including several new ventures and commitments described in the pages that follow.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



When we met last spring at the 2007 Annual Meeting, my presentation focused on the Strategic Plan, and now it is also the focus of this issue of the *Miscellany*. At times, it seems as if planning dominates all of our activities. As I began to write this piece, I thought that enough may have been said on this subject. Then I began to reflect on the importance of planning and why the MHS undertook this effort in the first place.

Early in my career, almost 30 years ago, planning surfaced as an increasingly impor-

tant step to the successful achievement of institutional mission. For historical organizations, many mired in the 19th century, charting a future course has become crucial. It is one thing to be steeped in tradition, proud of your past and the values that past has gradually bestowed. It is another to be frozen by your own history.

Periodic reassessment ensures that an institution will take the steps needed to evolve and grow in a meaningful, thoughtful way. The goal of such review must be to avoid a gradual, agonizing erosion of the ability to sustain your mission until the only solution is a radical change. I have lived through such revolutions and the attendant turmoil. Give me a well-planned evolution any day.

Planning also provides trustees, staff, and stakeholders the opportunity to reflect on their institution's essence. For the MHS, that is our nationally significant collection and our role as an independent research library. Planning is also a unifying process aimed at reaching a consensus to establish a clear understanding of mission and a commonly held set of goals.

In my preface to the draft to the forthcoming Strategic Plan document, I cast the plan as a road map. I conclude that no one ever fully knows what lies on the road ahead, or over the next mountain, but thanks to the work of the Strategic Planning Committee we have a new guide to a promising future.

—Dennis Fiori, MHS President

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THE ANNUAL APPEALS 2007 & 2008

The Annual Appeal 2007, which ended on June 30, yielded over \$310,000 to cover expenses in our operating budget. These generous contributions came from over 480 Members, Fellows, and friends. You have our deepest appreciation for supporting the Massachusetts Historical Society through unrestricted gifts. They benefit all aspects of this fine research library.

The goal for the Annual Appeal 2008 is \$340,000, lofty indeed, but essential to maintaining our leadership position in the

promotion of history to as wide an audience as possible. We hope that you will continue to support our vital work and thank you in advance.

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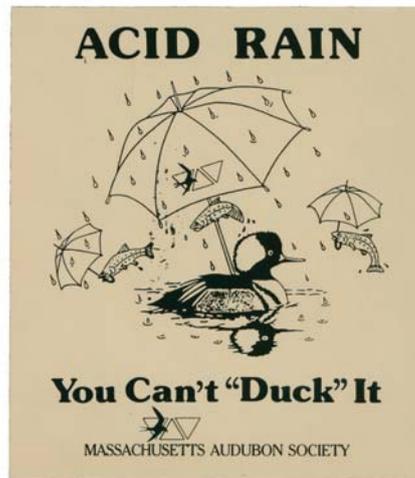
NEW ACCESSIONS

The Massachusetts Historical Society is pleased to announce an agreement with the Massachusetts Audubon Society (Mass Audubon) to take on deposit the organization's historical records and make them available for research in the MHS's reading room. Founded in 1896 by Harriet Hemmway and Minna Hall when the use of bird feathers in women's fashions threatened birds with extinction, Mass Audubon has expanded its role over the past 120 years, making it the largest conservation organization in New England. Probably best known for its 43 wildlife sanctuaries across the state, Mass Audubon has been a groundbreaker in the conservation movement through its education and advocacy activities.

Over the past year, Director of Collections Services Brenda Lawson and Manuscript Processor April Johnson have worked with Bancroft Poor, Mass Audubon's vice president for operations, and other senior staff members at Mass Audubon to transfer almost 100 cartons of records from Mass Audubon's headquarters in Lincoln and the Visual Arts Center in Canton. Among the records are a complete set of the organization's extensive publications including the *Curious Naturalist* and *Sanctuary* magazines; administrative records such as board and committee minutes, correspondence, and internal memoranda; and records relating to the acquisition and administration of the sanctuaries.

The gathering of research materials is not yet complete—the next step is to select and transfer historically valuable records from the individual sanctuaries—but the process of organizing and describing the collection has already begun. When completed sometime in 2008, this rich and valuable collection will become available to researchers for the first time. Mass Audubon's records are a significant contri-

bution to the Society's collecting initiative in the environmental history of Massachusetts. It joins, among other collections, the personal papers of Allen Morgan, the former vice president of Mass Audubon, and Charles H. W. Foster, the state's first



Sticker warning of the dangers of acid rain, produced by the Massachusetts Audubon Society in the 1980s.

The Mass Audubon records are on deposit at the MHS.

director of environmental affairs, and the records of the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

Late in 2006, the MHS received a remarkable addition to our collection of Adams Family Papers when Mrs. Catherine Adams Hull of Manchester, Mass., generously donated 99 Adams-related manuscripts. The Adams-Hull Collection (formerly on deposit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History) includes a note by Abigail Adams about the smallpox vaccination, an 1816 letter from James Madison to John Adams regarding (among other subjects) Adams's opinion of Madison's administration, and John Adams's recollections of his education in an 1821 letter to Thomas Dawes (featured as the June 2007 Object of the Month at our website: www.masshist.org/objects/2007june.cfm). Other highlights include a brief note signed by the Marquis de Lafayette regarding his departure from America in 1825, a letter from John Paul Jones to John Adams acknowledging Adams's approbation in 1780, and Louisa Catherine Adams's report on her husband's (John Quincy Adams) health to her granddaughter in 1846, just two years before his death. Mrs. Hull is a direct descendant of John and Abigail Adams through their second son, Charles.

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The Humane Society of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a lifesaving organization founded in 1786 to assist individuals and ships in need of rescue, deposited additions to its collection of records at the MHS. The organization, still in existence today, then maintained lifeboats and rescue stations along the Massachusetts seashore and provided instruction in lifesaving. The new materials include meeting minutes and other manuscript records dating back to 1857, printed sermons and discourses delivered before the Humane Society from 1787 to 1800, and lifesaving medals. Thanks to the generosity of the Humane Society, the entire collection of manuscripts, printed materials, and medals will be comprehensively organized, described, and cataloged over the next year.

Thomas A. Halsted and Elinor Moore, executors of the estate of Isabella Halsted, donated a small collection of family correspondence of Harriot Appleton Curtis (1841–1923). Harriot was the daughter of Nathan Appleton and Maria Theresa (Gold) Appleton. In addition to her parents, correspondents in the collection include her brother-in-law Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. These papers enrich other manuscript collections already at the MHS by drawing connections between the two sides of Harriot's family: the Appleton family papers contain the papers of Nathan Appleton and his family and the Curtis-Stevenson family papers include the Civil War papers of Harriot's husband, Greely Stevenson Curtis, as well as other Curtis and Appleton family correspondence.

Although most of the Society's acquisitions are thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able from time to time to purchase manuscript items and collections. Three recent examples represent specific areas of interest for MHS collecting. A letterbook of the Boston & Lowell Railroad Corporation, the first railroad in Massachusetts incorporated in 1830, contains copies of outgoing letters signed by Patrick Tracy Jackson as treasurer from 1831 to 1834. The letters pertain to laying out the original route of the railroad, purchasing cars and railroad ties, and requesting engineering advice. The Society holds other Patrick Tracy Jackson business papers.

The William Gage Hammond papers, a small collection of family correspondence, is comprised primarily of letters Hammond (1848–1892) received while serving as a private in Company A of the 50th Massachusetts

Volunteers during the Civil War. His sisters and parents, among others, sent news of the family and activities in his hometown of Salem, Mass. Although the Society holds hundreds of collections of letters and diaries of Civil War soldiers, very few discuss the reaction to the war on the homefront.

Another small collection of letters, these written by Massachusetts jurist Edmund Trowbridge (1709–1793) to William Bollan (d. 1776), shared information across the Atlantic from 1760 to 1778. While Bollan was in London acting as colonial agent for Massachusetts and later for the Massachusetts Council, Trowbridge sent news of Bollan's daughter Fanny, who was staying with the Trowbridges, as well as his thoughts on colonial politics, the monetary crisis in the colony, common law, English and colonial jurisdiction, procedural matters regarding Indian deeds and the Plymouth Company, and the reaction to the Stamp Act.

We also are pleased to announce that the records of Christ Church in the City of Boston—the Old North Church—are now open for research. Best known as the church where sexton Robert Newman hung two lanterns on April 18, 1775, to alert Paul Revere that British soldiers were proceeding “by sea” on their way to Lexington, the Old North forever after has been linked with this patriotic story. The records of Old North, however, date from the church's founding in 1722, when Boston's



Pres. Gerald R. Ford and the Rev. Robert W. Gollidge, followed by the Rt. Rev. John Burgess, carry the Third Lantern down the aisle of Boston's Old North Church on April 18, 1975, the 200th anniversary of the hanging of the first two lanterns. This event inaugurated the Bicentennial celebrations around the country. From the newly opened records of the Old North Church (Christ Church in the City of Boston), on deposit at the Society.

only Anglican church, King's Chapel, was bursting at its seams. Names of individual parishioners that appear in vital records and pew records will undoubtedly be of interest to genealogists and family historians, but the collection also documents the changes in a Boston neighborhood and, through building records and extensive histories prepared by generations of church historians, the story of an organization keenly aware of its significance as a historic landmark from early in the 19th century.

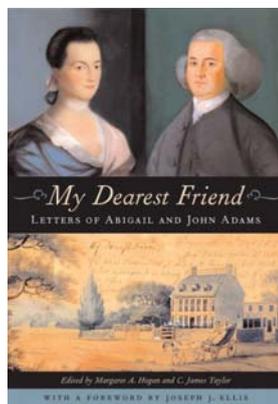
The records were transferred from the archives of the Episcopal Diocese of Boston and from church offices in 2004, with additions in 2006, but have not been available to researchers until now. Thanks to funding from the Old North Foundation, the collection is now organized and described in a searchable finding aid at the MHS website at www.masshist.org/findingaids/doc.cfm?fa=fao290. We are proud not only to have been entrusted with the care of such a rich collection but also to make it available for use. With every new accession or deposit that arrives at the Society, it is our final goal to see that it becomes a usable resource.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS *from the* ADAMS PAPERS

Two exciting new projects are on the way from the Adams Papers, one nearing completion and the other just beginning.

This October, Harvard University Press will publish *My Dearest Friend: Letters of Abigail and John Adams*. Edited by Margaret A. Hogan and C. James Taylor of the Adams Papers, this is the first new trade edition of Abigail and John's letters in over 30 years and is the only published collection that covers the full span of their correspondence from 1762 to 1801. Remarkably, almost a quarter of the 289 letters to be published have never before appeared in print. Always articulate and always candid, John and Abigail carried on a correspondence that documents not only the most significant period in American history but also their own special partnership. The Adams Papers will celebrate the launch of this book with a reading of selections of these letters by Sen. Edward and Victoria Kennedy and Gov. Deval and Diane Patrick at Faneuil Hall on Monday, November 19 (see the list of Fall Events for information). Please join us.



In January 2008, the Adams Papers will begin editing the diaries and autobiographical writings of Louisa Catherine (Johnson) Adams (1775–1852), a central figure in the unfolding story of the Adamses' second generation. Louisa Catherine's writings vividly chronicle her family life with the accomplished and exacting John Quincy Adams, even as they illuminate the social and political setting of the courts of Europe and the centers of power in the fledgling United States during the first half of the 19th century. Hers is the distinctive voice of one born outside of the Adamses' New England haunts who took her place as a beloved and consequential First Lady. The three-year undertaking, to date partially funded by generous friends of the Adams Papers, will result in a complete scholarly edition with essential annotation, as well as a shorter selected edition intended for general audiences. Judith S. Graham will direct the project.

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HISTORY AND MEMORY *A Conversational Series*

This October, the Society will brave two new frontiers in public programming at once: a year-long thematic series on History and Memory and a new conversations format.

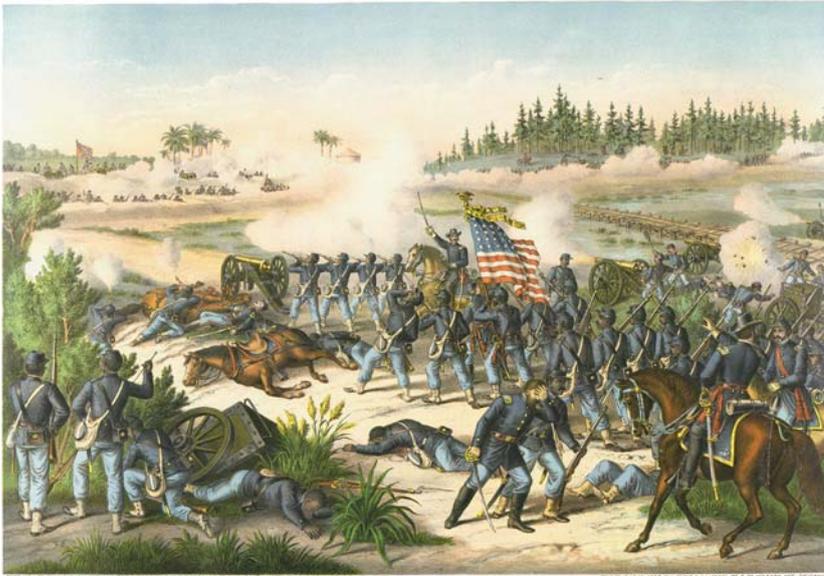
Introduced with three programs in the fall and expanded further in the spring, the series will present panels and discussions that build upon one another. All together, they will introduce a framework for examining how we make meaning of the past, and the format will allow participants to delve into questions about and different understandings of public memory and historical narrative. Guided by leading researchers on different topics, each meeting will investigate the recording, preservation, and transmission of historical memory. We will look at case studies of who chooses what to tell and what motivates the choice, as well as how narratives change over time. And, bringing the discussion to our own age, we will look at how those narratives influence our assumptions and actions today.



The panel discussion "The Civil War Remembered: Union, Confederate, and African American Perspectives" will launch the series on October 3 at 6:30 in the Boston Public Library. Panelists will include David Blight of Yale University (African American), W. Fitzhugh Brundage of the University of North Carolina (Confederate), Nina Silber of Boston University (Union), and John McCordell of Middlebury College. The MHS is cosponsoring the event with the Boston Athenæum; the American Civil War Institute at Tredegar/Richmond has organized it.

Fall Events

OCTOBER



SEPTEMBER

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SEMINAR 5:15 PM
Nature Past, Present, & Future: The Role of Henry Thoreau, Bob Marshall, Bud Heinselman, & Margaret Davis in Bringing History to Ecology & Conservation
 David R. Foster, Harvard Forest
 Environmental History Seminar

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LECTURE 6:30 PM*
The Yankee & the Tsar: John Quincy Adams & Russia
 Lynn Parsons, State University of New York, College at Brockport
 Lecture commemorates the 200th anniversary of the opening of U.S.-Russia relations and our first minister to Russia, John Quincy Adams.

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SEMINAR 5:15 PM
Becoming Muslim American: Identity Struggles of Bangladeshis in the U.S.
 Nazli Kibria, Boston University
 Immigration & Urban History Seminar

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EXHIBITION DAILY 1–4 PM
“Moments of Destiny”: Two Centuries of Russian-American Diplomatic Relations
 A special exhibition from the MHS collections, open to the public seven days a week until October 31. See page 11 for full description.

* Refreshments served at 6 PM



= U.S.-Russian History event

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BROWN BAG 12 PM
John Quincy Adams’s Mission to Russia
 Natalia Suchugova
 Dr. Suchugova, a Fulbright Fellow at the Society, is a Senior Lecturer in Foreign Languages, Russia State University for the Humanities, Moscow.

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PANEL 6:30 PM
The Civil War Remembered: Union, Confederate, & African American Perspectives
 David Blight, Yale University
 Nina Silber, Boston University
 John McCardell, Middlebury College
 W. Fitzhugh Brundage, University of North Carolina
Location: Boston Public Library
 Co-hosted by the MHS and the Boston Athenæum
 History & Memory Conversational Series



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SEMINAR 5:15 PM
Darkness in New Light New England: Punishing Bestial Acts in the 1790s
 Richard D. Brown, University of Connecticut, & Doron Ben-Atar, Fordham University
 Early American History Seminar

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SEMINAR 5:15 PM
The Clean-Up of Boston Harbor
 Steve Rudnick, University of Massachusetts—Boston
 Environmental History Seminar

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SEMINAR 5:15 PM
A Sporting Chance: Billie Jean King, Title IX, & the Revolution in Women’s Sports
 Susan Ware, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Location: Schlesinger Library, Harvard University
 Women & Gender History Seminar

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CONVERSATION 6:30 PM*
Searching for Memory: The Brain, the Mind, & the Past
 Daniel Schacter, Harvard University
 History & Memory Conversational Series



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SEMINAR 5:15 PM
Only in New York: Italian Immigration, Urban Culture, & the Currency of the Ethnic Movement
 Paul Schmitz, Boston University
 Immigration & Urban History Seminar

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FILM PREMIER 6:30 PM*
The Three Dumas
 This documentary explores the life and career of Alexander Dumas. The grandson of a slave, he overcame the obstacles of prejudice to become a role model of contemporary literature. The film’s producers will be on hand for discussion.

NOVEMBER

1 SEMINAR 5:15 PM
The Poor & the Minimum Cost of Living in Colonial Massachusetts
 Nian-Sheng Huang, California State University Channel Islands
 Early American History Seminar

7 BROWN BAG 12 PM
Religion & Insanity in the United States, 1820–1880
 Loren Broc, University of Rochester

13 SEMINAR 5:15 PM
Paul Ehrlich & the International Origins of the American Environmental Movement
 Tom Robertson, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Environmental History Seminar

15 CONVERSATION 6:30 PM*
The Battle for Christmas
 Steve Nissenbaum, University of Massachusetts—Amherst
 History & Memory Conversational Series



19 SPECIAL EVENT 7 PM
My Dearest Friend: An Evening with Abigail & John Adams

27 ANNUAL DINNER 6:30 PM
 Michael Beschloss, speaker
 Harvard Club, \$175/person. Contact Julie Arrison at (617) 646-0572 or jarrison@masshist.org. To RSVP online, visit www.masshist.org/dinner.

29 SEMINAR 5:15 PM
"He Talk Lie": Chinese Interpreters in 19th & Early-20th-century America
 Mae Ngai, Columbia University
 Immigration & Urban History Seminar

NOV 30 MASSACHUSETTS
DEC 1 HISTORY
 BOOK FAIR

Authors include Robert Allison, Jim Craig, Eric Jay Dolin, Eve LaPlante, Diane Rapaport, and Bonnie Hurd Smith. Visit the www.masshist.org after October 1 for full schedule and admissions information.

BROWN BAG LUNCHESES
 Brown bag lunches feature the work of researchers currently working in the MHS collections. All are open to the public.

SEMINARS
 Each session considers a pre-circulated paper. The programs are free and open to the public, but there is a subscription charge for advance copies of the papers. Please see the Society's website, www.masshist.org, for information on the seminars. You may also call 617-646-0540 or send an e-mail to seminars@masshist.org.



= History & Memory event: see page 5 for more information.

DECEMBER

5 BROWN BAG 12 PM
The Poor in Early Massachusetts, 1630–1830
 Nian-Sheng Huang, California State University Channel Islands

6 SEMINAR 5:15 PM
Founding Brothers & Sisters: Sibling Relations in the Era of the American Revolution
 C. Dallett Hemphill, Ursinus College
 Early American History Seminar

13 SEMINAR 5:15 PM
Prelude to the Culture Wars: The Politics of Gender in the Vietnam Era
 Robert Self, Brown University
 Women & Gender History Seminar

On November 19, the MHS will celebrate the publication of *My Dearest Friend: Letters of Abigail and John Adams*. Harvard University Press's new edition of Abigail and John's vital correspondence includes many previously unpublished letters, the original manuscripts of which are among the Society's most valued treasures. To mark the occasion we have reserved Faneuil Hall for this free public event. Several contemporary couples who understand the challenges and sacrifices of public service will read John and Abigail's extraordinarily moving words about the founding of our nation and their lifelong devotion to one another.



Readers will include Sen. Edward and Victoria Kennedy and Gov. Deval and Diane Patrick.

At Faneuil Hall. Free & open to the public.

A few weeks later, the MHS will begin its own evening conversations at 1154 Boylston with Prof. Steve Marini of Wellesley College serving as facilitator. Each conversation will begin at 6:30, preceded by an informal reception at 6:00. A suggested short reading for interested audience members to peruse before each program will be available on the MHS website under "Events."

The guest on October 22 will be Prof. Daniel Schacter, the William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Psychology at Harvard. Dr. Schacter's discussion of the biological and social bases for memory will provide us with core understandings to carry through the historical issues we will address in later conversations. On November 15, Prof. Steven Nissenbaum, author of *The Battle for Christmas*, will share his research into the ways in which cultural, social, and economic factors invented and shaped memories surrounding Christmas—both private experiences and public commemorations. His work illustrates the enduring contest for how people will remember this holiday.

We are excited to bring these ideas and their researchers to our audiences, particularly in a format that allows everyone to engage in an ongoing discussion. And the overarching topic, History and Memory, seems especially fitting for the MHS—an organization that supports the making and remaking of history every day.

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Each winter, we are reminded of the treasures we are responsible for when a new crop of proposals for fellowship support arrive from across the country and around the world. The number of applications we receive seems to grow each year, and the creativity of the candidates, whose projects address almost every collection we hold, always impresses the selection committees. Twenty-five years ago we offered no fellowships of any kind; we made our first award, a two-month research grant, in 1983. This year, though, the five MHS-sponsored competitions attracted 248 proposals for funding in 2007–2008, 213 in three competitions for scholarly researchers and 35 in two competitions for elementary and secondary school teachers. When the dust settled, we awarded 31 fellowships to scholars (including 10 through our collaboration with the New England Regional Fellowship Consortium) and 5 to schoolteachers and agreed to host 2 more funded by other organizations.

For a list of every recipient's name and project title, please see the facing page. Two of our scholar fellows deserve special mention, as does a third researcher who will spend September through early December at the Society courtesy of a Fulbright Fellowship from the Council for

International Exchange of Scholars. Through the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities, we were able to offer two long-term grants for research at the Society this year. Nian-Sheng Huang, professor of history at California State University Channel Islands, arrived in June and will remain in residence through late December. A native of Beijing, Professor Huang has a well-earned reputation among scholars for his first two books—*Benjamin Franklin in American Thought and Culture, 1790–1990* (1994) and *Franklin's Father Josiah: Life of a Colonial Boston Tallow Chandler, 1657–1745* (2000). His present project is a history of poverty in Boston from 1630 to 1830. Lisa Tetrault, assistant professor of history at Carnegie Mellon University, will be with us steadily from the beginning of October to the end of March and intermittently thereafter for two or three months. Her project, a revision of her doctoral dissertation, promises an important new understanding of the woman suffrage movement from 1865 to 1890. Natalia Suchugova, our Fulbright Fellow, arrives for a three-month stay in early September. Dr. Suchugova, a senior teacher in the Foreign Languages Department at the Russian State University for the Humanities in Moscow, is studying U.S.-Russian relations in the early 19th century, a period that includes John Quincy Adams's tenure as U.S. Minister in St. Petersburg. Fellows become part of the MHS community while they are here, especially those on long-term grants, and we are looking forward to the coming months with all three scholars.

Another long-term addition to our activities this year comes thanks to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, which awarded Robert F. Karachuk a one-year fellowship with the Adams Papers editorial project. A doctoral candidate at the University of Connecticut, Mr. Karachuk is a graduate of Yale and has a law degree from Tulane. He joins the Adams Papers staff with an excellent background in documentary editing, having been an associate editor of the now completed *Documentary History of the Supreme Court of the United States, 1789–1800*.

This year's five teacher fellows were in residence during the summer. Representing public and private schools throughout the Commonwealth, each fellow spent four weeks at the Society, using our collections to create primary-source-based lesson plans and classroom activities. The recipients of the Charles Francis Adams Trust fellowships, Joshua Otlin, Teresa Collins, and Thomas Bowler, mined the Adams Family Papers for documents related to topics such as John Adams's classical education, the correspondence of Abigail Adams, and John Quincy Adams's role in America's westward expansion. Timothy Castner and Elizabeth Lambert, the two fel-

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS 2007–2008

MHS-NEH LONG-TERM FELLOWSHIPS

Nian-Sheng Huang, Professor of History, California State University Channel Islands, "The Poor in Early Massachusetts, 1630–1830"

Lisa M. Tetrault, Assistant Professor of History, Carnegie Mellon University, "Memory of a Movement: Re-Imagining Woman Suffrage in Reconstruction America, 1865–1890"

FULBRIGHT FELLOW

Natalia Suchugova, Senior Teacher, Foreign Languages Department, Russian State University for the Humanities (Moscow), "U.S.-Russian Relations in the Early 19th Century"

NHRPC-ADAMS PAPERS FELLOWSHIP

Robert Karachuk, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Connecticut

MHS SHORT-TERM FELLOWS

Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati Fellowship

Peter C. Messer, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Mississippi State University, "Revolution by Committee: Law, Language, and Ritual in Revolutionary America"

Andrew Oliver Research Fellowship

Christopher Reed, Professor, Art Department, Lake Forest College, "Bachelor Japanese: Japanese Aesthetics and the Construction of Masculinity"

Twentieth-Century History Fellowship

Kenneth Weisbrode, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Harvard University, "The State Department's Bureau of European Affairs and American Diplomacy, 1909–1989"

Marc Friedlaender Fellowship

Kenneth P. Minkema, Executive Director, Jonathan Edwards Center, Yale University, "Biblia Americana"

African American Studies Fellowship

Hilary N. Green, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, "Educational Reconstruction: African-American Education in the Urban South, 1865–1890"

Ruth R. & Alyson R. Miller Fellowships

Dana Magill Cooper, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Stephen F. Austin State University, "Our American Cousin: Mary Endicott Chamberlain"

Ann Schofield, Professor, American Studies and Women's Studies, University of Kansas, "Women in Black: A Comparative Study of Class, Gender, and Mourning in Britain and the United States"

W.B.H. Dowse Fellowships

Kevin M. Sweeney, Professor, History and American Studies, Amherst College, "The Possession and Use of Firearms in America, 1620–1820"

Shona Johnston, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Georgetown University, "The Catholic Anglo-America in the 17th Century"

Benjamin F. Stevens Fellowship

R. Todd Romero, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Houston, "Colonizing Childhood: Native American Children in Early New England"

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowships

Edward Andrews, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of New Hampshire, "Prodigal Sons: Indigenous Missionaries in the British Atlantic, 1640–1790"

Michael Les Benedict, Emeritus Professor, Department of History, Ohio State University, "'The Favored Hour': Constitutional Politics in the Era of Reconstruction"

Gregory A. Donofrio, Ph.D. Candidate and Visiting Lecturer, Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University, "The Container and the Contained: Preserving the Historic Uses of Historic Food Markets"

Holly Kent, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Lehigh University, "'All Reform Depends upon You': Femininity, Authority, and the Politics of Authorship, 1821–1861"

Christine LaHue, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Ohio State University, "The Resurrection of John Wise"

Katherine Rieder, Ph.D. Candidate, History of American Civilization, Harvard University, "'The Remainder of Our Effects We Must Leave Behind': American Loyalists and the Meaning of Things"

Timothy M. Roberts, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Bilkent University (Turkey), "The American Opium Trade and Christian Missions in the Near East"

Rachel Tamar Van, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Columbia University, "Free Trade and Family Values: Kinship Networks and the Culture of Early American Capitalism, 1782–1891"

Bryan Waterman, Assistant Professor, Department of English, New York University, "Looking for Elizabeth Whitman: Connecticut Salons, National Newsprint, Regional Folklore"

2007 ADAMS TEACHER FELLOWS

Thomas Bowler, Holyoke High School, "Greek and Roman Influence on the American Concepts of Liberty and Democracy"

Teresa Escobales Collins, Boston College High School, "The Writings of Abigail Adams"

Joshua Otlin, Hudson High School, "John Quincy Adams and Westward Expansion"

2007 SWENSRUD TEACHER FELLOWS

Timothy Castner, Nashoba Regional High School (Bolton, Mass.), "The Interplay between Religion and Politics during the Formation of the United States"

Elizabeth Lambert, Miscoe Hill School (Mendon, Mass.), "The Classical Connection: Antebellum Boston as the New Athens"

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL FELLOWSHIP CONSORTIUM FELLOWS

Loren A. Broc, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of Rochester, "Religion and Insanity in the United States"

Lynda Pinney Domino, Ph.D. Candidate, History of Technology and Science Program, Iowa State University, "Medical and Tactical Implications of Advances in Civil War Weaponry, 1861–1865"

John Henris, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of Akron, "Apples Abound: Farmers, Orchards, and the Cultural Landscapes of Agricultural Reform, 1832–1856"

Adam Jortner, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of Virginia, "A Political History of American Miracles, 1780–1848"

Jason D. LaFountain, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History of Art and Architecture, Harvard University, "A History of New England Puritan Art"

Peter Messer, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Mississippi State University, "Revolution By Committee: Law, Language, and Ritual in Revolutionary America"

Sasha Nichols-Geerdes, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of California at Los Angeles, "'Ancient Customs' of Trade: Markets and Market-places in Colonial Boston, New York, and Philadelphia"

James Roberts, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Johns Hopkins University, "New England's Greater Caribbean 'Adventures': Maritime Merchants, Work, and Slavery to the Early 1800s"

Rachel Tamar Van, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Columbia University, "Great Expectations: Free Trade, Family Values, and the Culture of Early American Capitalism, 1782–1891"

Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of Virginia, "New England's Elite: Young Northerners in the Civil War Era"

lows supported by the Sidney A. Swensrud Foundation, each drew on collections while investigating their topics. For example, Elizabeth combed the records of Brook Farm and the Horace Mann papers to highlight connections between ancient Greece and 19th-century Boston, while Timothy explored numerous published sermons and the Elbridge Gerry papers to examine the interplay of religion and politics in 18th-century America. Teacher fellows will share their projects, and the Society's collections, with their students and colleagues when they return to their classrooms this fall. Several teacher fellowship projects from past years are available for viewing on the MHS website: www.masshist.org/education.

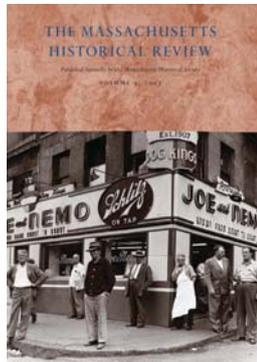
Our fellowship programs are never-ending circles, and the arrival of our most recent recipients coincides with the start of a new round of competitions. The flyers inserted in this issue of the *Miscellany* announce our three scholarly competitions. You may find out about research fellowships as well on our website, www.masshist.org, where we have also posted information on our teacher awards.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL REVIEW

Volume 9 of the *Massachusetts Historical Review*, scheduled to arrive in your mailbox in September, will carry you across both centuries and oceans. Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., opens the volume with the essay on history and the quest for knowledge that he presented last October at our annual meeting a few months before his death. Rebecca Scott recounts life on a sugar plantation in Cuba at the end of slavery there in the 1880s and early 1890s. An appendix by Scott's colleagues Kathleen López and Rebecca E. Pite supplements the story with correspondence drawn from our collections. Daniel A. Gilbert reveals how proponents of urban renewal promoted the development of Government Center in the 1950s and early 1960s through their disparagement of old Scollay Square, which occupied the same site. Colin Nicolson uncovers a surprising "plan to banish all the Scotchmen" in Boston on the eve of the American Revolu-

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tion. And Tracey Lovette Spencer and James E. Spencer, Jr., offer the marvelous World War I diary of their grandfather, Bruce Wright, an African American Cantabrigian who fought in France.

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BOSTON SEMINAR *in* WOMEN'S & GENDER HISTORY

Tennis player Billie Jean King, Title IX, and the modern revolution in women's sports will be on the agenda when the Society and the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America undertake a new initiative, a seminar series on the history of women and gender. Historian Susan Ware, the former editor of *Notable American Women*, will make the presentation on Thursday, October 18, at 5:15, at the Schlesinger Library, 10 Garden Street in Cambridge. The two sponsors will take turns hosting subsequent sessions.

The new series recognizes the complementary interests of the MHS and the Schlesinger Library. It is hard to think of any area in American history that has been more vibrant in recent decades than women's history—unless it is the related subject of the history of gender. Both the Society and the Schlesinger Library have contributed to this development through their collections, which provide fundamental resources for scholars of women's history and gender history. Through the Boston Seminar on the History of Women and Gender, the sponsors will offer a forum for discussing the most exciting new research.

At each session, participants will discuss a work in progress with the author and a commentator. Every essay will be pre-circulated to subscribers; subscription is open to everyone for an annual fee of \$20.00. In addition to the Boston Seminar on the History of Women and Gender, the Society also sponsors the Boston Early American History Seminar, the Boston Environmental History Seminar, and the Boston Immigration and Urban History Seminar. For information on all four series, please see the "Events" section of our website, www.masshist.org.

Images in this Miscellany

Head on pages 5, 6, and 7: from the preface of New Illustrated Self-Instructor in Phrenology and Physiology, by O. S. and L. N. Fowler, New York, 1859.

Civil War illustration, page 6: The Battle of Olustee, Fla. Feby. 26, 1864. Chromolithograph by William Kurz and Alexander Allison, 1894.

Map of Russia, facing page: detail of Carte de la partie Européenne de l'empire de Russie, 1809.

• SPECIAL EXHIBITION •

“MOMENTS OF DESTINY”: TWO CENTURIES OF RUSSIAN-AMERICAN
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS FROM THE MHS COLLECTIONS

For two centuries, Massachusetts men and women have witnessed or taken part in momentous events in modern Russian history, and their firsthand accounts, captured in letters and diaries, will be on view from September 27 to October 31 at the Massachusetts Historical Society. Visitors to the exhibition will see the diary that John Quincy Adams kept as a teenager in Russia during the American Revolution and the account that his wife, Louisa Catherine Adams, wrote of her epic passage across war-torn Russia 30 years later at the end of the Napoleonic Wars, while her husband served as the first American minister at the court of the Czars. Items from the personal papers of Ambassadors George Meyer and Curtis Guild include vivid descriptions of the Russian imperial court in the tumultuous years leading up to the Russian Revolution. Other documents on display provide a view of the celebrated visit of the Russian fleet to Boston in 1864 in support of the Union cause during the American Civil War; Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.'s behind-the-scenes role in the Khrushchev visit to the United States in 1959 (Khrushchev insisted on visiting Disneyland); and the signing of the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in Moscow in 1963, as Sen. Leverett Saltonstall witnessed it.

Open September 27 to October 31, seven days a week, from 1 to 4 PM. Entrance to the Society as well as the exhibition is free.

For more information contact Anne Bentley, Curator of Art, at (617) 646-0508 or abentley@masshist.org

JOIN US IN RUSSIA TRIP BEGINS OCTOBER 18

John Quincy Adams remains a distinctive figure in American history not only for his role as our nation's sixth president but also for his service as a foreign minister to Great Britain, the Netherlands, Prussia, and Russia. 2007 marks the 200th anniversary of the opening of American-Russian diplomatic relations. Pres. James Madison named JQA our first minister to Russia in 1809. His thirst for knowledge and love of languages made him the ideal candidate for this assignment.

The MHS will commemorate the occasion throughout the year, but the highlight among these programs is the *In the Footsteps of John Quincy Adams* tour of Russia crafted to suit our friends and supporters. Limited space remains on this rare opportunity to tour Moscow and St. Petersburg with Nancy Coolidge, MHS Trustee Emerita and veteran conductor of tours to Russia, and Peter Lauritzen, a world-renowned guide and an authority on Russian history and culture. The tour will include first-class accommodations, unique sightseeing and entertainment opportunities, and fine dining. To learn more, please contact MHS President Dennis Fiori at (617) 646-0520. Travel arrangements are being managed by Sally Sells of Travel Anywhere. She can be contacted at (800) 923-4300 or by e-mail at ssells@tvlanewhere.com.

WELCOME THE NEW TRUSTEES

On May 23, three new Trustees joined the Board: Pauline Maier of Cambridge, Ralph C. Martin II of Boston, and Frederick Pfannenstiehl of Wayland. Professor Maier is the William Rand Kenan, Jr., Professor of American History at MIT, where she has been on the faculty since 1978. After graduating from Radcliffe College, she studied as a Fulbright Scholar at the London School of Economics and earned a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University. Professor Maier has taught at the University of Massachusetts—Boston, the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Yale University. Among her contributions to the study of American history are many articles and books, including the highly acclaimed *American Scripture: Making the Declaration of Independence*, published by Alfred A. Knopf in 1997.

Mr. Martin is a partner at Bingham McCutchen LLP and managing principal of Bingham Consulting Group. A graduate of Brandeis University and the Northeastern University School of Law, he was Suffolk County District Attorney from 1992 to 2002. He currently serves as chairman of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and board director of BlueCross BlueShield of Massa-

chusetts. He has received numerous awards and honors for his legal work, including Massachusetts Super Lawyer (*Boston Magazine*), the Pro Bono Award for “Prosecutor of the Year,” and the National Black Prosecutors’ Association President’s Award of Excellence.

Mr. Pfannenstiehl, a graduate of Tufts University in the field of economics, has been the chairman and owner of Educor, Inc., since 1982. In his prior professional experience he has also been a senior vice president of Bradford School Corporation and president at both Burdett College and Bay State College. Today he also provides guidance to many other organizations and companies: as the chairman of the board of Bay State College, lifetime overseer of the Rivers School, and a lifetime board member of the USS Constitution Museum. Other boards he serves on include those of the Mt. Washington Bank, the Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center, the Boston Private Bank and Trust Company, and the Paraclete Foundation. Not least among these, of course, has been his valuable leadership as chair of the MHS Audit Committee.

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