September 2014

Dear Friends,

The NJCHE is pleased to announce the Twenty-Second Annual History Conference at Princeton University on Friday, December 5, 2014. This year the conference will focus on new perspectives in teaching World War I. The presentations will explore both World History and U.S. History topics, and will feature several eminent historians, including Michael Adas, Jennifer D. Keene, Peter Stearns and Chad Williams.

Additional information regarding our presenters can be found on our website, www.njche.org, and information is included on the reverse side of this letter. Several exhibitors will be displaying a variety of materials for teaching history and Labyrinth Books will feature a table where you may purchase books by our presenters. NJCHE is a registered professional development provider with the Department of Education (Provider #489). Certificates for five hours of professional development credit will be provided to conference attendees.

The cost of the conference is $75.00 ($40.00 for retired educators), and includes NJCHE annual membership dues. A continental breakfast at Prospect will be provided for all registrants. There are numerous options for lunch along Nassau Street and the surrounding environs. A list of nearby restaurants will be available at the registration area. We suggest that you register early as past conferences have attracted well over 400 registrants.

Please complete the enclosed registration form (duplicate as necessary) and send it along with your check, purchase order, or copy of the purchase order, payable to NJCHE by November 14, 2014. Please be mindful of your school district guidelines for conference approval. Confirmation letters with additional information will be sent to all conference registrants after the registration deadline. The registration form, directions to Princeton, and updated information about the conference will be available on our website at www.njche.org.

We look forward to a wonderful conference and hope you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

Henry Kiernan
Co-President

Louise Maxwell
Co-President
About our Presenters

Michael Adas
Abraham E. Voorhees Professor
Rutgers University

Michael Adas is the Abraham E. Voorhees Professor and Board of Governors’ Chair at Rutgers University. His recent books include "Machines as the Measure of Men: Science, Technology, and Ideologies of Western Dominance" (Cornell U. Press, 5th ed., 2014), which won the Dexter Prize, and "Dominance by Design: Technological Imperatives and America’s Civilizing Mission" (Harvard U. Press, 2006). In 2013 he was awarded the Toynbee Prize for his contributions to the study of global history. Adas is also the co-author with Peter Stearns and Stuart Schwartz of "World Civilizations: The Global Experience" (Pearson, 7th ed., 2014). He is currently writing books comparing the “Misbegotten Wars” of World War I and Vietnam, and Guerrilla Warfare in Global History.

Jennifer D. Keene
Professor of History
Chapman University

Jennifer D. Keene is a Professor of History and Chair of the History Department at Chapman University. She is a specialist in the American experience during World War I. Dr. Keene has published three books on the American involvement in the First World War, — “Doughboys, the Great War and the Remaking of America” (2001), “The United States and the First World War” (2000), and “World War I” (2006). She is also the lead author for an America history textbook, “Visions of America: A History of the United States”.

Peter Stearns
Professor of History
George Madison University

Dr. Stearns became Provost and Professor of History at George Mason University on January 1, 2000; he was named University Professor in January 2011. He has taught previously at Harvard (where he was educated), the University of Chicago, Rutgers, and Carnegie Mellon. A prolific writer, he has authored or edited over 125 books. He also founded and edits the Journal of Social History. During Dr. Stearns’ tenure as Provost, George Mason more than tripled its level of funded research and tripled its number of doctoral programs. Expanding global partnerships included a growing number of dual degree programs and elaborate connections with students and universities in countries like Brazil, China, Russia, South Korea and Turkey. Dr. Stearns left the Provostship July 1, 2014, returning to fulltime faculty with the additional title of Provost Emeritus. Dr. Stearns continues his teaching and writing in world history and social history, including the history of emotions. He also continues writing, conference activity and teaching in the field of academic administration.

Chad Williams
Associate Professor
Brandeis University

Chad Williams is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of African and Afro-American Studies at Brandeis University. He attended college at UCLA, where he earned a BA with honors in History and African American Studies, and received both his MA and Ph.D. in History from Princeton University. Chad is widely recognized as an expert on African Americans and World War I and, more generally, African Americans and the military. His first book, "Torchbearers of Democracy: African American Soldiers in the World War I Era", was published by the University of North Carolina Press. Widely praised as a landmark study, Torchbearers of Democracy won the 2011 Liberty Legacy Foundation Award from the Organization of American Historians, the 2011 Distinguished Book Award from the Society for Military History and designation as a 2011 CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title. Chad has published articles and book reviews in numerous leading journals and collections. He has earned fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, the Ford Foundation and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. He is currently completing a study of W. E. B. Du Bois’ historical writings on World War I.