Fifth Annual New Sweden History Conference

This conference series examines the history of the New Sweden Colony (1638-55) and the Swedish- and Finnish-American ethnic groups that succeeded the colony along the Delaware River. Previous programs have presented a variety of topics, including the colony’s origins in 17th century Swedish political and economic aspirations; New Sweden’s relations with its Native American neighbors and its chief colonial competitor, New Netherland; and population change along the Delaware in the 17th and 18th centuries. In 2003, the conference helped to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Trinity Episcopal (Old Swedes’) Church, Swedesboro, NJ, with a program about the history of the Church of Sweden’s Delaware Valley mission, 1697-1786.

Presenters at all of the programs in the series are outstanding scholars in history and anthropology from the US and the Nordic countries. They have included Daniel K. Richter, University of Pennsylvania; John M. Murrin, Princeton University; Jean R. Soderlund, Lehigh University; Peter O. Wacker, Rutgers University; Stellan Dahlgren & Hans Norman, Uppsala University; Hans Ling, National Heritage Board, Stockholm; Charles T. Gehring, New Netherland Project; James F. Turk & Lorraine E. Williams, New Jersey State Museum; Karen M. Reeds, independent scholar; and Peter S. Craig, Swedish Colonial Society.

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The 2005 New Sweden History Conference will focus on relations between the Swedish- and Finnish-American descendants of the New Sweden colonists and some of their European-American neighbors, including Quakers, Anglicans and German Pietists, led by the charismatic Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. The conference will also provide an overview of ethnic change along the Delaware from the time of the New Sweden Colony until nearly the end of the 18th century.
New Sweden and its European Neighbors, 1638-1786:

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Directions & Parking:
From the North: Take I-76 East to Exit 346A (South St.) which EXITS ON THE LEFT. Turn right onto South St.
From the South: Take I-76 West to Exit 346A (South St.) which EXITS ON THE LEFT. Turn left onto South St.
Visitor parking is available at the University Museum parking garage (from South St. exit, take first left on to Convention Ave. Garage on right.) To reach Houston Hall, return to South St. (which becomes Spruce St.) and walk NW past M useum to cross 33rd & 34th Sts. Houston Hall is on NORTH side of Spruce St., just past Irvine Auditorium and opposite H U P. For additional campus visitor parking locations visit <www.business-services.upenn.edu/parking> or call M CEAS at (215) 898-9251.

Schedule

8:30 Registration

9:15 Welcome: Daniel K. Richter, Professor of History and Director, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania; Margaretha Talerman, Curator, American Swedish Historical Museum; Kim-Eric Williams, Governor, Swedish Colonial Society

Morning Program: 9:30 – Noon

Session Chair: Daniel K. Richter
Marianne S. Wokeck, Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis. “Change in the Ethnic Composition of European Communities in the Delaware Valley, 1638-1786”
A. Gregg Roeber, Professor of Early Modern History and Religious Studies and Co-Director, Max Kade German-American Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University. “Bishops and Provosts and Commissaries, Oh My! Mutual Misunderstandings in the 17th Century Atlantic Protestant World”
Peter S. Craig, Historian, Swedish Colonial Society. “Relations Between the Swedish and German Lutheran Churches on the Delaware in the 18th Century”
Kim-Eric Williams, “Roses Among the Thorns: Colonial Swedes and Anglicans on the Delaware”
Questions and Discussion

Noon: Buffet Luncheon, Hall of Flags

Afternoon Program: 1:00 - 3:30

Session Chair: Christina W. Lassen, Councilor, Swedish Colonial Society
Kim-Eric Williams, “Roses Among the Thorns: Colonial Swedes and Anglicans on the Delaware”
Emma Jones Lapsansky-Werner, Professor of History and Curator of Special Collections, Haverford College. “Into the Modern World: Quakerism, Capitalism and Development in Early Pennsylvania”
Geoffrey Plank, Associate Professor of History, University of Cincinnati. “Peace and Amnesia: John Woolman and the History of the Delaware Valley in the 17th and 18th Centuries”
Questions and Discussion

Post-Conference Reception
courtesy of the McNeil Center for Early American Studies.

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$35 per person ($25 for students and high school teachers), which includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch and cumulative New Sweden Bibliography. Make checks payable to “Trustees of The University of Pennsylvania” and mail by Monday, November 14 to the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, 3619 Locust Walk, 3rd Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19104-6233. You may also register online at: www.mceas.org/newsweden. Questions please call (215) 898-9251.

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