

## Government Appointed Historians of Western New York

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Dear Historians and Friends,

You are cordially invited to attend the seventh annual Government Appointed Historians of Western New York (GAHWNY) Fall Meeting. The meeting will be held on: **Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Houghton College in Allegany County, New York.** September is back to school time and we think the atmosphere of this rural college campus along the Genesee River surrounded by rolling hills and abundant forests, will be the ideal place to offer a full day of educational programming for historians. Our meeting will be in the beautiful Center of the Arts Recital Hall (see map enclosed) and we are pleased that college president, Dr. Shirley Mullen, will be there to welcome us.

All the speakers for this program are educators (and passionate about history as well!) and will share various aspects on the methodology of doing local history. We are delighted to have **Carol Kammen, Tompkins County Historian, Cornell instructor**, and one of the most well-known authors on doing local history in the country, discussing her latest book, *Zen and the Art of Local History*. The afternoon continues with former college professor **Michael Eula who has stepped into the new role of Genesee County Historian and Records Manager Officer** after our "fearless leader" Sue Conklin retired. Michael will discuss what makes researching local history unique and how effectively communicating stories lie in the unfolding of layers. To wrap up the day, **Brendan Heaney, teacher at Fillmore Central School**, will share excerpts from his dramatic portrayal of the life of Indian captive and local Revolutionary War hero, Moses VanCampen along with his behind the scenes research to ensure historical accuracy.

Our Fall meeting includes the announcement of the **Julia Reinstein Career Achievement Award**, one of GAHWNY's most significant events of the year. We encourage historians to take time to carefully review the enclosed 2015 nomination form and consider the overall career of a historian befitting of this award. The Executive Committee will review the nominations and select the recipient. ***Reminder – the deadline for nominations is September 4<sup>th</sup>*** and forms can be mailed with the meeting registration.

Even though it's the dead of summer the GAHWNY board is working hard behind the scenes. **One of the most exciting projects is the transition to a new user-friendly website format** that we hope to have up and running by Fall. Since GAHWNY's inception Cindy Amrhein has served as webmaster extraordinaire and **GAHWNY.org** has been an immense resource for information on our organization. But with rising costs and Cindy's new position as full time Wyoming County Historian succeeding recently retired Dorie Bannister (*congratulations Cindy and Dorie!*), the Executive Committee will take on management of the website. **More news - we now have a presence on Facebook! Like and promote us at: [www.facebook.com/GAHWNY](http://www.facebook.com/GAHWNY)**

September will be here before you know it so mark your calendars and return the registration form as soon as possible. **The deadline for the early bird special is September 4<sup>th</sup> so don't delay.** Remember guests are always welcome. Stay cool and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

Executive Council Chair - Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian

Executive Council Vice Chair - Michelle Henry, Chautauqua County Historian

Secretary - Candace Broughton, Otto Town Historian

Treasurer - Robert L. Goller, Town of Aurora and Village of East Aurora Historian



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8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave.

Houghton, Allegany County, NY 14744

**2015 Fall Meeting Registration Form**

**Please Print: One form per person**

Check if a new Historian     Check if change of address     Check if a guest

Historian of: \_\_\_\_\_ Year appointed \_\_\_\_\_

Located in the county of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Cost (includes lunch) per person:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 GAHWNY members - *Early Bird discount - deadline September 4, 2015\**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 GAHWNY members and Associate members - *between Sept. 5 - Sept. 15, 2015*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Non-members and Guests

\*Vouchers from municipalities accepted. Registration cost includes meeting materials, refreshments, beverages and a buffet lunch (with vegetarian selections.)

**Deadline for all registrations: September 15, 2015. Sorry no refunds after deadline.**

Checks payable to: GAHWNY  
c/o AMIE ALDEN  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY HISTORIAN  
5 MURRAY HILL DRIVE, MT. MORRIS, NY 14510

Leave this space blank GAHWNY to fill out Received _____ Check # _____ Amount _____
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Phone: 585-243-7955    Email: [historian@co.livingston.ny.us](mailto:historian@co.livingston.ny.us)

Receipts and Certificates of Attendance will be handed out at the meeting.

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Program Schedule

**8:30 A.M. Registration and Refreshments – Center for the Arts Recital Hall**

**9:00 A.M. Welcome – Dr. Shirley Mullen, President Houghton College**

**9:15 A.M. GAHWNY Business Meeting**

**10:00 A.M. Break**

**10:15 A.M. Zen and the Art of Local History. Speaker: Carol Kammen, Tompkins County Historian, Cornell University teacher, and prominent author of numerous books on doing local history.** Carol will discuss her new book, *Zen and the Art of Local History* an engaging, interactive conversation that conveys the exciting nature of local history. Divided into six major themes of being a local historian, topics and sources, staying relevant, getting it right, writing history, and history organizations, the book covers the scope and breadth of local history.

**11:30 A.M. - Presentation of the Julia Reinstein Career Achievement Award**

**12:00 P.M. Lunch – served in the Campus Center**

**1:15 P.M. The Creation of Memory: The Theory and Practice of Local History.**

**Speaker: Michael J. Eula, Genesee County Historian and Records Management Officer.**

Michael has served as County Historian and RMO since August of 2014, when he succeeded the long-serving Sue Conklin. He holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Irvine, along with law degrees from Newport University School of Law and Regent University School of Law. He is a Professor Emeritus of History at El Camino College in California, where he served on the faculty for twenty-three years prior to retirement in 2012.

**2:15 P.M. Break**

**2:30 P.M. Portrayal of the life of Moses VanCampen: behind the scenes.**

**Interpreter and Speaker: Brendan Heaney, teacher at Fillmore Central School.**

Brendan brings this brave and fearless local Indian captive and Revolutionary War hero back to life in short excerpts from a program he wrote and developed. He will then discuss the extensive research and organization that goes into producing an authentic and appealing educational live experience for audiences of all ages.

**3:30 P.M. Program concludes.**

### Directions to Houghton College

From Rochester area: I-390 south to Exit 7 at Mt. Morris. Follow 408 south to Nunda. At light turn right onto 436 South. Follow 436 west to Portageville. Turn left onto 19A. Take 19A to Fillmore then follow Rt.19 south. In Houghton, turn right at Centerville Rd. or turn right at Main entrance.

From Buffalo area: Take I-90 West to Rt. 400 south, then follow Rt.16 to Yorkshire. Turn left at light onto Rt. 39 East to Arcade. Turn right onto Rt.98 south (becomes Rt. 243). Follow 243 into Caneadea. At light, turn left onto Rt. 19 north. Stay on Rt.19 to Houghton. Main entrance will be on the left or turn left on Centerville Rd.

From the Southern Tier: Take I- 86 East to Rt. 305 in Cuba. Follow Rt. 305 and Rt. 19 to Houghton. See above from Buffalo area.

*Be wary of some GPS directions that may take you on remote back roads!*

### **Center for the Arts – Building #12 (parking adjacent to building)**

To reserve overnight accommodation contact: The Inn at Houghton Creek (#23 on map)

Rooms are limited so plan to reserve early! [www.innathoughtoncreek.com](http://www.innathoughtoncreek.com) 585-567-8400

