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Celebrate Archives Week! October 8-14

Many archives, libraries and other facilities in the Capital District will be celebrating archives week with special events. Take advantage of this opportunity to better acquaint yourself with your archival neighbors! The following list represents just a few events in the area. For more information visit the Capital District Library Council's schedule of events at: http://www.cdlc.org/Programs_And_Services/dhp/ArchivesWeekSched06.shtml

University in Exile, 1933-1953: Refugee Scholars in New York, the New School for Social Research, and the German and Jewish Intellectual Émigré Collection
Thursday, October 12, 4-6 pm
The Standish Room in the Science Library, University at Albany

This program will feature an overview of the widespread exile and escape of intellectuals and academics from Nazi

CAA Welcomes Archives Students

On the evening of September 21 Capital Area Archivists and the Society of American Archivists Student Chapter met at Lark Tavern in downtown Albany.

About fourteen people attended the event, including 7 students, and 2 archivists/librarians new to Albany. Everyone had a great time talking archives, Albany and everything else. We plan to host more socials in the future and hope to see you there!



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Germany and their impact on United States political and intellectual landscape.

This period of immigration is documented in The German and Jewish Intellectual Émigré Collection, accessible at the University at Albany Libraries’ M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives. Selections from the Émigré Collection will be on exhibit during the event.

Moderator: Dr. Joel Berkowitz, Chair of the Judaic Studies Department and Associate Professor of Modern Jewish Studies, University at Albany, SUNY

Panelists:

Dr. Claus Dieter Krohn, Professor of Social and Cultural History, University of Lüneburg, Germany

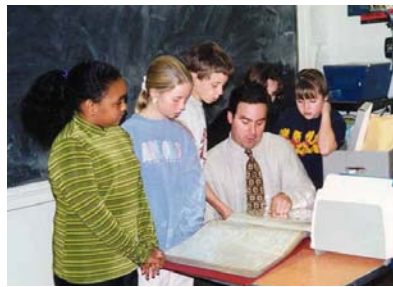
Dr. Johannes F. Evelein, Chair of Dept. of Modern Languages and Literature, Trinity College, Hartford, CT

Dr. John Spalek, Professor Emeritus, Department of Languages and Literature, University at Albany, SUNY

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**Albany County Hall of Records Teachers’ Reception
Wednesday, October 11
4:00-5:30pm**

95 Tivoli Street
Albany, NY



The Albany County Hall of Records is holding a reception for area teachers. The Albany County Hall of Records contains a wealth of resources for teachers including: land patents, almshouse records, marriage records, arrest-jail logs & Bertillion Cards (mug shots), military records, building plans, newspaper scrapbooks, census records, oral histories, church records, photographs, city clerk records, police blotters, Civil War allotments, property maps, court records, slave manumissions, deeds and immigration records.

In addition to these resources, Albany County Archivist, Craig Carlson, offers a *Hands-on History Program* that engages students in primary source research. This program is a service of the Albany County Hall of Records and is provided at no cost to Albany County Schools. Come tour the facility and learn more about how the Albany County Hall of Records can help energize your students as they investigate real life Albany County history.

Presenter: Craig Carlson,

Albany County Archivist

Registration is requested. Light refreshments provided. To register please contact the Albany County Hall of Records at 436-3663 Ext. 204

**Schenectady City History
Center Open House
Wednesday, October 11 and
Friday, October 13
9:00am-1:00pm
Schenectady City Hall
105 Jay Street
Schenectady, NY**

The Schenectady City History Center open house will be featuring "School's In" and office machinery exhibits, as well as displaying treasures uncovered during the recently completed government records inventory. Visitors will be able to watch archivist Cynthia Seacord in action as she works on processing the newly acquired John Papp photograph collection.

**Montgomery County
Department of History and
Archives Volunteer Open
House
Friday, October 13
9:00am-3:30 pm
9 Park Street
Fonda, NY**

The Montgomery County Department of History and Archives will be providing a free tour of the facility and is also seeking new volunteers for

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the archives.

The Quilt as Document Exhibit

Rensselaer County Historical Society

October 7-December 23

12:00pm-5:00pm Tuesday-Saturday

**57 Second Street
Troy, NY**

This exhibit looks at signature quilts and commemorative quilts as documents that can shed light on many aspects of local history. This exhibit in the gallery adjacent to RCHS’s research library will highlight the museum’s quilt collection in a new way. Included will be a 1922 WCTU quilt from Lansingburgh recently acquired by the museum, two quilts made from shirt fabrics that illustrate that major local industry, Troy’s Bicentennial Quilt and a “crazy quilt” that incorporates silk ribbons from local organizations. A newly made

Troy Quilt completed in 2005 will be on loan for the exhibition. Related archival collections and research will also be presented.

Gates and Arnold: The Continuing Controversy

Lectures

Thursday, October 12

2:00pm

**Saratoga Town Hall
30 Ferry Street
Schuylerville, NY**

So, what did occur between generals Horatio Gates and Benedict Arnold in the American camp after September 19, 1777? About what did they argue, and why? Some answers are lost to time, but others remain, fueling controversy to this day. Come learn “the rest of the story” from two Saratoga National Historical Park Rangers.

Seneca Ray Stoddard’s Photos of Lake George and Lake George and Adirondack Guide Books Exhibit and Tour

**Hillview Free Library
October 10-24
Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday, during normal library hours
3717 Lake Shore Drive
Diamond Point, NY**

Visitors will tour the library where they will view Stoddard’s Lake George photos from the 19th century. These photos provide important visual records of hotels and steamboats and depict activities of the summer visitors of the era. The guidebooks date from the 1870s.



State Archives Appoints Director of Operations

The New York State Archives has announced the appointment of Kathleen Roe to the position of Director of Operations.

In her new title, Ms. Roe will provide leadership and strategic direction for the State Archives

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Articles and announcements are accepted on an ongoing basis.

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in two program areas: Government Records Services and Archival Services. The Director of Operation's responsibilities include working closely with both local governments and State agencies on records management and archival issues as well as with private institutions and organizations that hold historical records around the State.

Ms. Roe has been with the State Archives since 1979 and has held positions of increasing responsibility with the most recent being Chief of Archival Services. She is a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists and past president of the Council of Historical Records Coordinators, now called the Council of State Archivists. Ms. Roe's publications and papers are numerous as are her contributions to the archival profession and to the programs of the New York State Archives.



New Digital Resources from the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives

Capital Punishment Clemency Petitions Digitized

The Capital Punishment Clemency Petitions Collection has been digitized and links to PDF files of the petitions are available from the finding aid for the collection at <http://library.albany.edu/speccol1/findaids/apap214.htm>.

Unlike judicial proceedings, claims raised in clemency petitions are free of procedural defaults that can mask error, unfairness, or irrationality in a given death sentence. Petitions thus can reveal what the sentencing authority may not have known because of attorney error, prosecutorial misconduct, newly discovered evidence, or other reasons. As part of his work with The Constitution Project, William J. Bowers established the Capital Punishment Clemency Petitions Collection at the National Death Penalty Archive



Membership in Capital Area Archivists of New York (CAA) is available for individuals in the capital district. Dues are only \$5 per year, and membership benefits include our informative newsletter meetings, and programs.

To renew your membership or to become a CAA member see the CAA website for forms and information:

<http://library.albany.edu/caa/>

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Behind the Scenes at the State Archives

Maria Holden, Conservation Specialist and Coordinator of Collections Management Unit will host a tour of the New York State Archives 11th floor for CAA and the SAA Student Chapter in November. This will include the research area, reference area, conservation lab, SmartBoard classroom, and of course stacks of stacks! Keep an eye on the Capital Area Archivists' website and listserv and your mailbox for a date.

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(NDPA) in the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives. This collection comprises approximately 150 clemency petitions in death penalty cases, from almost two dozen jurisdictions.

Additional information about the NDPA and a complete list of collections is available at <http://library.albany.edu/speccol/ndpa.htm>.

New Labor History Resources Available Online

IUE-CWA Local 301's publications for 1939-1962 are now available in PDF format through the finding aid for the collection available at <http://library.albany.edu/speccol/findaids/apap023.htm>. Local 301 has been representing workers at General Electric's Schenectady facility since 1936. The newspaper is the only consistent source for information prior to the 1960s and provides background for any history of Local 301. Local 301's publications from 1962-1990 as well as 7 reels of microfilm, 32 audio and video recordings, and over 10 cubic feet of records are available in the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.

The digitization of the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) newsletters was begun with the support of CSEA with issues of *The Civil Service*

Leader from the years 1946-1947 and 1950-1953 currently available in PDF format through the online finding aid for the collection at <http://library.albany.edu/speccol/findaids/apap015.htm>. Also, over 700 images documenting labor from the early 20th century to the present from the records at <http://library.albany.edu/speccol/findaids/apap015.htm>. The Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., or CSEA, is the largest public employees' union in New York State with over 260,000 members.

Over 4,000 images from the records of United University Professions (UUP) are now available online thanks to the support of UUP. The digitized collection can be accessed at <http://library.albany.edu/speccol/findaids/apap039.htm>. UUP was created in 1973 and is the union representing more than 32,000 academic and professional faculty on 29 State University of New York campuses, plus System Administration, Empire State College, and the New York State Theatre Institute.

Special Collections Blog

If you're interested in finding out more about what's happening at the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, visit the department's new blog available directly at <http://liblogs.albany.edu/grenander/> and linked from the Department's Web page (<http://library.albany.edu/specco>

[ll/](#)). This blog provides a venue to publicize collections and events that might not otherwise be widely shared. The Department welcomes your comments and hopes you will subscribe to the feed.



Archivists Go 3D!



Local archivists, students and others enjoyed the opportunity to don 3D glasses and take in Gwen Spicer's excellent workshop "It's Like I Can Touch You" last May at the University at Albany. Archivists learned what to do (and what not to do) with those mysterious artifacts that make their way into traditionally flat collections of records.

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