

# The Urban History Association

## Urban History News - October 2022 edition

**Beyond the Academic Job Market (Virtual Event):** Join three scholars working in academic adjacent and non academic fields. They will share their experiences and offer tips for translating your skills and branching out beyond your scholarly fields. There will be ample time for conversation so bring any and all questions! Register [HERE](#) for the Zoom link. **Meeting Date: November 4, 2022 at 1pm Eastern**

**UHA 2023 Conference Dates:** The 2023 UHA Conference will be October 26th - 29th, 2023 in Pittsburgh, PA. A Call For Papers will be circulated in September. We will continue adding to the new conference site so please [check here for the most up-to-date information!](#)

**UHA Online Program Interest:** The Programming Committee is working on creating new online programs and would like your input! Please fill out [this form](#) to help them determine where they can be most useful.

**Spring UHA bibliographies:** Our spring 2022 bibliographies are available! Click [here](#) for German articles and books, [here](#) for Canadian articles and books, [here](#) for U.S. books, and [here](#) for U.S. articles. NEW bibliography for French books and articles [here](#). **Our full set of fall bibliographies will be available next month!**

If you are interested in contributing a bi-annual bibliography for a subject area we don't yet cover, or if you want to let us know about an article or book we missed, please email us at [info@urbanhistory.org](mailto:info@urbanhistory.org).

## Open calls

Do you want to help guide new directions in UHA programming? The **UHA is searching for a new co-chair for the programming committee for 2023!** Members at any career stage are welcome, including graduate students. Help build upon emerging series like "Conversations on the Academic Job Market," and bring your ideas for seminars, readings groups and more! If interested, [click here](#). We also would like to thank the two current co-chairs, Rachel Sturman and Constanze Weise for all of their amazing work and dedication!

**2022 New Deal Book Award:** [The Living New Deal](#) has opened submissions for their 2022 New Deal Book Award. [Click here](#) for more details about how to submit. **Deadline: November 14, 2022.**

**Hiring:** The University of Maryland (UMD) is seeking to hire a new Director of the National Center for Smart Growth (NCSG) to build upon current initiatives, establish a new research agenda, and lead in ongoing conversations about smart growth. [Click here](#) for more information. **Review of applications begins December 1, 2022.**

**Buell Dissertation Colloquium:** The Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture invites submissions for its biennial Dissertation Colloquium, to be held in New York City on April 28–29, 2023. Up to twelve doctoral students from universities worldwide will be selected to present a 20-minute talk, drawn from their doctoral research. [Click here](#) for submission guidelines. **Deadline: January 6, 2023.**

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## News from *The Metropole*

*The official blog of the Urban History Association*

In October, *The Metropole* hosted the sixth annual Graduate Student Blogging Contest. Winner [Bridget Laramie Kelly](#) explored the life of Rose Goethe, an enslaved and then emancipated woman, and how her attempts to reclaim property lost at the hands of the Union Army and American government represents larger issues regarding policies and attitudes preventing the accumulation of generational wealth for many African Americans. In addition to the contest, [Timothy Gilfoyle](#) contributed a discussion of the autobiography of George Appo (1856-1930), whose personal carceral history--he was arrested over a dozen times--provides "a rare window into this subaltern world of incarcerated men." [David S. Rotenstein](#) documented the life of domestic worker Lucille Walker of Silver Spring and what it says about the erasure of Black domestic workers from suburban history, and how we might better locate "Black history in white spaces": "Black women and men who worked and who slept in these homes are mostly invisible in the histories of suburbia." Last but not least, Amanda Seligman appraised the life and talents of historian [Henry Binford](#) and his admonishment to always "look up": "It was perhaps on this unplanned detour [on a class architecture tour] that he imparted one of his most important lessons to this budding urban historian: Look up! The second story has as much to teach you as the first."



For a full list of *The Metropole's* editorial team members, [click here](#).

For blog submission guidelines, [click here](#).

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## Meet Bridget Laramie Kelly!

### Current position:

A third year PhD student of International Urban History scheduled to take her pre-qualifying exams this February 2023 and begin dissertation research the following summer.

### Dissertation:

**Convict Conscription and the Harlem Uprising of 1943: The Origins of the Warfare State in World War II New York City** develops a new framework for understanding the Harlem “Riot” of 1943 as an anti-colonial uprising, paying special attention to the centrality of women as actors and their central role in the violence. At the same time, it foregrounds the governmental reaction to the uprising and the creation of a new juridical and political category of degraded sub-citizenship, which I call the “convict conscript,” based on a pre-trial “probationary” status for arrested “rioters” who, under the guise of “benevolent” leniency and after extensive investigation of their intimate and psychological lives, were “offered” and “accepted” conscription into US military service.

### How did urban history/UHA inform your career pursuits?

Bridget’s interest in urban history began as an undergraduate student of Kerby Miller’s where she co-published “Stumbling towards Heaven? Edmond Ronayne’s Responses to the Great Famine and Gilded Age America,” a microhistory of an Irish emigrant’s survival story from famine to fire in Chicago during a period of industrial, social, and economic change. For seven years Bridget taught social studies in urban schools in Austin, Texas and Saint Louis, Missouri until she accepted a graduate position as a Chancellor’s Fellow at Washington University-St. Louis.

### Any future plans?

Bridget’s broader intellectual interests include urbanization, American Indian studies, and race and gender in the city. Bridget hopes to continue her career in academia and is currently applying for external funding to support her research project in New York City.

Are you a grad student or early career professional working on a new scholarly/public/digital project you’d like featured in our next newsletter? Have you recently started a new job? Completed a dissertation chapter? Published research? **We want to share your work!**

**Please send your news here:** [dsheinin@urbanhistory.org](mailto:dsheinin@urbanhistory.org)

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## News from UHA Members

Our Operations and Special Projects Assistant, **Daniela Bohórquez Sheinin** had her book chapter published in the edited volume, *Exploring the Transnational Neighbourhood: Perspectives on Community-Building, Identity and Belonging* with Leuven University Press. ***Ruins and Representation: Remembering Flushing Meadows-Corona Park in Queens, New York City*** (pg. 195-218) is [available for download here!](#)

**Coming Soon:** Cambridge Scholars Publishing will be offering **UHA members a 25% discount** on their upcoming publication [Urban Histories in Practice: Morphologies and Memory](#). The code will be available at login when it is released.

**Current UHA Members:** Do you have professional news you'd like to share? Email it to [info@urbanhistory.org](mailto:info@urbanhistory.org) for inclusion in the next e-newsletter. **Not a member or need to renew?** Visit our membership page here: [urbanhistory.org/membership](http://urbanhistory.org/membership).

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## Join the UHA today!

Not a member? We hope you'll join today. Membership dues support all regular UHA programs and projects and are critical to our continued operation. UHA members receive free online access to the *Journal of Urban History*, as well as substantially discounted rates for physical copies of the *Journal of Urban History* (\$40.50 a year) and *Urban History* (\$58.00 per year for U.S. or international subscribers), discounted registration rates for the UHA conference, and invitations to luncheons at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians. We also do sponsored memberships, so faculty can sponsor a graduate student and pay their membership fee!

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