

# The Urban History Association

## Urban History News - November 2022 edition

**Publishing in Urban Studies (Virtual Event):** Join the UHA for a conversation on publishing in urban studies! Hear from academic press editors and a recently published scholar about the ins and outs of book proposals, contracts, the editing process and more! There will be plenty of time for questions! Please visit our [EVENT PAGE](#) to register. **Meeting Date: December 9, 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.

**The National Coalition for History (NCH) needs your help!** In August, President Biden nominated Dr. Colleen Joy Shogan as the 11th Archivist of the United States to succeed David S. Ferriero who retired earlier this year. Dr. Shogan would be the first political scientist to serve as Archivist. The position requires Senate confirmation. [We need your help in ensuring that happens!](#) For additional background, [here is a link to the letter](#) the National Coalition for History sent to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee in support of Dr. Shogan's confirmation.

**(NEW) Fall UHA bibliographies:** Our fall 2022 bibliographies are available! [Click here](#) for a full list of U.S., German and French books and articles!

**Our bibliographies depend on members like you!** If you want to see your geographic area of interest listed and are interested in contributing a bi-annual bibliography, 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 Early Career Committee members!** We invite grad students and early career professionals in any field to help guide UHA programs to better serve our members. Help build upon emerging series like "Conversations on the Academic Job Market," and "Beyond the Academic Job Market." Bring your ideas for seminars, reading groups and more! If interested, contact committee co-chair Daniela Sheinin at [dsheinin@urbanhistory.org](mailto:dsheinin@urbanhistory.org).

**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.**

**CFP: USIH-IUPUI Community Scholars:** In partnership with the Institute for American Thought at IUPUI, the Society for U.S. Intellectual History is pleased to announce the creation of a new opportunity to support contingent faculty, independent scholars, and historians who work beyond the academy. This program will encourage scholarship and directly address the

inequity of resource access that can often impede work. We will select up to 10 scholars for **two years' worth of full onsite and remote access** to IUPUI Libraries' materials and databases, via an IUPUI email address. During that time, they will contribute 6 posts to the USIH blog and participate in USIH annual meeting panels and events. Finally, they will present their scholarship in a culminating conference held onsite at the Institute at IUPUI. Full details [here](#). **Deadline: December 1, 2022.**

**Hiring: Frank Porter Graham Chair in Global History**, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. [Click here](#) for full job description and application details. **Review of applications begins December 9, 2022.**

**Call for Applications: Doctoral Fellows in the History of the Built Environment at Penn.** The Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania School of Design recently launched the [Initiative in the History of the Built Environment](#). The initiative organizes and amplifies existing work at Penn, promotes new scholarship, and supports doctoral students committed to studying history in the fields of city planning, preservation, and design. Beginning with the 2022-23 admissions cycle, the Graduate Group in City & Regional Planning enthusiastically welcomes applications from those wishing to complete a PhD in City & Regional Planning with a focus on the history of the built environment. For more information, [click here](#). **Deadline: December 15, 2022.**

**CFP: 2023 Vernacular Architecture Forum Annual Meeting.** The Vernacular Architecture Forum invites paper and poster proposals for its 44th Annual Conference, May 17 to May 20, 2023 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The paper and poster sessions will be on Saturday, May 20. Papers may address topics relating to vernacular and everyday buildings, sites, or cultural landscapes worldwide and how people use these sites. We also welcome papers that explore new methodologies for researching vernacular architecture, or new pedagogies for engaging students in the analysis of everyday buildings and cultural landscapes. For full details [click here](#). **Deadline: December 19, 2022**

**CFP: Sound, Language & the Making of Urban Space, University of Copenhagen**, August 24th and 25th 2023. This conference centers on the city, the metropolis, and on sound and language as central elements in the production of urban spaces and communities. The organizers particularly welcome contributions that explore ways in which sonic and linguistic approaches to urban communities, lifestyles and practices can enrich each other. [Click here](#) for submission info. **Deadline: January 2, 2023.**

**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.**

**2023 Research Fellowships at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture:** The Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) offers research fellowships of up to three weeks a year to promote the interpretation of Virginia and access to its collections. Thanks to a matching grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and generous gifts from individuals, fellowships carry a weekly stipend of \$1,000 and \$500 for local mileage. [Click here](#) for more information on how to apply. **Deadline: January 27, 2023.**

**Call for Awards Submissions: The Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF)** offers a number of awards and fellowships to promote and support vernacular architectural fieldwork and scholarship, as well as the dissemination of research. Prizes are awarded to recognize the contributions to the study of vernacular architecture. The 2023 awards, prizes and fellowships will be presented at the 44th annual VAF conference in Plymouth, Massachusetts, May 17-20, 2023. [Click here](#) for more information about applying and to see past winners. **Deadline: February 1, 2023.**

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## News from *The Metropole*

The official blog of the Urban History Association

November began with Rob Gioielli's *The Tyranny of the Map: Rethinking Redlining*, a provocative essay about the limitations of redlining maps as a pedagogical tool. The piece accomplished the rarest of feats: generating nuanced, thoughtful conversations on Twitter. Kenneth Alyass followed up with a new entry into the *Disciplining the City* series edited by Matt Guariglia and Charlotte Rosen. *Murder at the Corner Store: Immigrant Merchants and Law and Order Politics in Postwar Detroit*, drawn from Alyass's dissertation research, is a vivid portrayal of Middle Eastern storeowners who "played a considerable role in shifting Detroit and other cities towards incarceration and policing as the solutions to the material manifestations of the urban crisis." New York City was the focus of November's two book reviews. Katie Uva's [review](#) of Annemarie Sammartino's *Freedomland: Co-op City and the Story of New York* praises the author for complicating "pat narratives" and "opening up questions about what housing models might succeed today," while David Helps' [review](#) of scholar-activist Jarrod Shanahan's *Captives: How Rikers Island Took New York City Hostage* reveals how, during this same period, police and prison guard unions used their political power to shape the mayor's response to the financial woes of the 1970s.



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

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

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## Meet Anthony Pratcher!



## Current position:

Assistant Teaching Professor/Honors Faculty Fellow in Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State University. <https://professorpratcher.com/>

## Dissertation:

“Community Consumed: Sunbelt Capitalism, A Praxis for Community Control, and the (Dis) Integration of Civic Life in Maryvale, Arizona” looks at civic engagement and suburban development in Maryvale - a postwar community in Phoenix, Arizona. It explores how policies like urban annexation impacted developing hospitals, parks, malls, and schools.

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

Urban history gave me a perspective on social and cultural analysis that has proven applicable in several different industries.

I learned about regional perspectives that helped create a comprehensive approach to American history. My focus on race and space in the metropolitan southwest has been sharpened through engagement with urban development in the rust belt. This has also come in handy while teaching American history surveys that interweave different regional perspectives into one overarching narrative.

I also work in property management - my understanding of urban history has given a structural grounding in my day-to-day experience. My perspective on how to approach management, as well as investing, is not as easily swayed by contemporary market convulsions.

Also, as an engaged citizen, urban history has helped me better understand the social problems that our cities and communities face every day. It's allow me to better interrogate what actions I think my local politicians to take to improve our surrounding community. It's given me a language to speak with folks outside of Academia, such as community members, policy makers, and public employees about my vision for shared spaces.

Finally, the urban history Association has long been supportive of junior scholars - both financial support and career mentorship from its senior members has helped me eke out an academic career off of the tenure track.

## Any future plans?

I'm working on a manuscript, *Searching for my People: Black Arizonans and the Making of the Metropolitan Southwest*, with University of Arizona Press and developing episodes with the *Footnoting History* podcast.

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

Congratulations to our president, **Joe Trotter**, who will be honored with the [Award for Scholarly Distinction](#) at the **American Historical Association's annual meeting** in Philadelphia in January. The award recognizes senior historians in the United States of the highest distinction.

Cambridge Scholars Publishing is offering **UHA members a 25% discount** on their publications in the series, "The Arts, Design and Culture in Cities," [Urban Histories in Practice: Morphologies and Memory](#) and [Critical Practices in Architecture: The Unexamined](#). **The code is available at the members-only login page on the UHA website.**

**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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