

Registration Form

Registration Deadline: Monday, June 2, 2008

Name _____
Organization _____
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Registration Fee \$40.00 \$ _____
Registration Fee for students
(include copy of student ID) \$25.00 \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to Mass Humanities and mail to
Mass History Conference, Mass Humanities
66 Bridge Street
Northampton, MA 01060

Registrations cannot be refunded; however, you may
send another person in your place.
Questions? Call 413-584-8440.

Registration Fee includes refreshments
and box lunch (vegetarian option available).

Please check the sessions you will attend.

A: Morning Sessions (choose one)

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B: Afternoon Sessions (choose one)

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*Sessions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
Please note: no confirmations will be sent.*

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Monday, June 9, 2008 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Hogan Campus Center, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester

Co-sponsored by Mass Humanities, The University of
Massachusetts Amherst Program in Public History,
and the Massachusetts Historical Society.

PROGRAM

9:00 – 9:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 9:45 Welcome

9:45 – 10:00
*Bay State
Legacy
Award*

Abbot Lowell Cummings

Abbott Lowell Cummings' meticulous scholarship and unique vision—into the past as well as the future—has transformed the practice of material culture study in Massachusetts. An architectural historian perhaps best known for his longtime association with the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Abbott also helped found Boston University's New England and American Studies Program, and the Vernacular Architectural Forum. Cummings' landmark study *The Framed Houses of Massachusetts Bay, 1625–1715* is but one of dozens of influential books and articles he has produced since 1953. Abbott Cummings' work is keenly observant, analytically penetrating and richly humane, and has come to define the way we understand our shared landscapes.

10:00 – 11:00
*keynote
address*

Dennis Fiori, President, Massachusetts Historical Society

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:30
*concurrent
sessions
A*

1 Multilingualism in Your Programs
and Exhibitions
2 Developing Innovative Partnerships
3 Fresh Eyes: Finding Your Organization's
Hidden Treasures

4 Interpreting Unrecognized Stories
5 Virtual Archives: Preparing to Create
a Digital Collection

12:30 – 1:30
lunch

Topic tables at lunch include Massachusetts history on the Web
Oral history—gathering the stories

1:30 – 2:45
*concurrent
sessions
B*

1 Future Options for Historic House
Museums
2 Preserving Institutional Memory
3 Bi-Lingual Oral History

4 Where is the Next Generation of Visitors
and Volunteers Coming From?
5 Using Technology to Document Historic
Properties Surveys

2:45 – 3:00 Break / Refreshments

3:00 – 3:30
*capstone
session*

Barbara Silberman, Principal, Heritage Partners

Dennis Fiori was appointed Director of the Massachusetts Historical Society in 2005. Previously, he was Director and CEO of the Maryland Historical Society, Director of the Concord Museum, Deputy Director for Programs at the Institute of Museum and Library Services in Washington DC, and Deputy Director of the Maine Arts Commission.

Barbara Silberman is a principal with Heritage Partners Consulting, which specializes in strategic planning, audience development and interpretation for historic sites and museums. She founded and directed the Heritage Philadelphia Program, which provided grant funding to more than 450 historical organizations in the Philadelphia region. She currently serves as the Chair of the American Association for State and Local History Historic House Committee and is a board member of AASLH.