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Conference Speakers

Mark Lender (Keynote Speaker)

Morning at Monmouth, 28 June 1778: Charles Lee and the Opening Rounds—What Really Happened?

Abstract: Historians have long considered the Battle of Monmouth to be one of the most difficult of Revolutionary engagements to understand. Fought on 28 June 1778, it was the longest single day of fighting of the entire war as well as the first test of the retrained Continental Army after the Valley Forge winter. The battle also witnessed a dramatic conflict between Washington and the army's second-ranking officer, Major General Charles Lee. The men differed in their political and military views, and generations of historians have condemned Lee's conduct at Monmouth, for which he was court-martialed. In this presentation, however, I will argue that Lee in fact fought capably at Monmouth and that his court-martial and disgrace had nothing to do with his battlefield performance. Such a defense of Lee will entail a close look at what really happened on the morning of 28 June—and shed new light on a genuinely critical episode in the War for American Independence.

Bio: Mark Edward Lender holds a Ph.D. in American History from Rutgers University and is now Professor Emeritus of History at Kean University (Union, New Jersey), from which he retired as Vice President for Academic Affairs in 2011. He has written and taught widely on early American social, military, and institutional history, with an emphasis on the War for Independence; and he is the author or co-author of ten books and numerous articles and reviews, including *A Respectable Army: The Military Origins of the Republic, 1763-1789* (with James Kirby Martin), and *Citizen Soldier: The Revolutionary War Diary of Joseph Bloomfield* (also with Martin). His most recent article, "The Traitor's Epiphany: Benedict Arnold's Virginia Campaign and the Quest for Reconciliation," will appear in the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*. 2016 saw two new books: *The War for American Independence* (ABC-CLIO), a general history of the conflict, and *Fatal Sunday: George Washington, the Monmouth Campaign, and the Politics of Battle* (University of Oklahoma Press, with Garry Wheeler Stone), which received the 2017 Distinguished Book Award from the Society for Military History and the Distinguished Writing Award from the U.S. Army Historical Foundation. *Fatal Sunday* was also a finalist for the George Washington Prize. Lender's scholarship has won a number of other awards, including the Cincinnati History Prize, the Mark Keller Award, the Richard P. McCormick Prize, and the Richard J. Hughes Award, the New Jersey Historical Commission's highest award for service to New Jersey history. He is currently writing a new history of the Conway Cabal.

Conference Speakers

Patricia Chappine

New Jersey Women in World War II

Abstract: Real-life Rosie the Riveters worked the lines in New Jersey's factories while others sold war bonds, planted victory gardens and conserved materials for the war effort. Thousands more served as nurses and in branches of the armed forces like the Women's Army Corps and the U.S. Navy's Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. African American women fought a double war: one against the nation's enemies and another against discrimination. This program explores the pivotal roles that New Jersey women played in World War II and discusses the importance of using local archives to bring the past to life.

Bio: Patricia Chappine is an adjunct professor at Stockton University. She earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in Holocaust and genocide studies from Stockton University, a master's degree in history from Drew University and is currently a doctoral student in the History and Culture Program at Drew University.

Regina Fitzpatrick

Researching the Revolutionary War and Civil War Military Service of New Jersey Residents

Abstract: New Jersey has a wealth of military service records especially for those interested in Revolutionary and Civil War ancestors. Together, we'll be reviewing useful primary record collections, both State and Federal, available at the New Jersey State Archives and National Archives, plus supporting secondary materials available at the New Jersey State Library.

Bio: Regina Fitzpatrick is Genealogy Librarian at the NJ State Library. In addition to the Genealogy Collection, a non-circulating 18,000 plus item collection, she also oversees the Map and Atlas Collection, and the New Jersey State Library Archives collection. Prior to working at the Library, Regina worked for the New Jersey State Archives, where she became an expert on New Jersey Genealogical Collections, including Revolutionary and Civil War military collections, and helping to conduct family history research. At the State Library, Regina currently provides general Reference Services, in addition to specific Genealogy assistance, and teaches classes on conducting New Jersey Genealogy research.

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Maren Read

Preserving the Institutional Records of the U.S. Navy: An Overview of the Naval History and Heritage Command and the Navy Archives

Abstract: For over 133 years the Navy Archives and its predecessors have preserved and provided access to Navy records and research information to customers worldwide. This presentation will provide an overview of the Navy Archives, discuss the challenges of managing one of the largest archives in the Federal government, and share information on how researchers can access the collections.

Bio: Maren L. Read is the Director, Navy Archives, Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC), where she is responsible for the overall management of the Navy Archives, one of the largest archives in the Federal government. The Archives includes the operational archives, ships history collections, aviation history collections, photo archives and the NHHC Freedom of Information Act Office. She has worked as an archivist and records manager in the Department of Defense (DoD) for almost eight years, joining the Navy Archives in 2016 first as Deputy Director and then as Director. Prior to working for the DoD, she was the Archivist for Manuscript Collections at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana and the Photo Reference Archivist at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She received her Master's in Library Science with a specialization in Archives, Information, Records Management from the University of Maryland-College Park.



New Deal WPA Art, Clarkson S. Fisher Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, Trenton, New Jersey, Photographs in the Carol M. Highsmith Archive, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division.

John Cotton Dana Library Celebrates its 50th Anniversary in the Federal Depository Library Program

Dana Library at Rutgers-Newark and depository coordinator Wen-Hua Ren were recently spotlighted by the FDLP. The following article was written by GPO Outreach Librarian Lara Flint and originally published in the FDLP's online [newsletter](#).

How should a library celebrate its 50th anniversary as a depository when the designation date falls on Dec. 28, with only five days left in the year?

For John Cotton Dana Library at Rutgers University that didn't seem like enough time for proper recognition of this important event. So the library decided to go all-out and spend all of 2017 highlighting its Government documents collections and services.

The depository from Newark, New Jersey, led by Coordinator Wen-Hua Ren, is the subject of the latest Depository Spotlight.

The cornerstone of Dana Library's 50-year celebration is its 50 Mini Sessions on Online Government Resources series. These 15-minute educational sessions are held in the lobby of Dana Library during free periods and are open to the public.

The topics presented show the full range and scope of Government information, and include:

- Narrative Profiles (Census data on cities and towns)
- EDGAR Filings and Forms (business data)
- National Jukebox
- The Department of Agriculture's Plants database
- The Internal Revenue Service
- Declassified documents
- And much more!

Four library staff are lending their expertise to this project by teaching the sessions. You can see the full calendar of talks at the library's [online guide](#).



Dana Library

“The shifting demographics of our user community pushes us to be innovative with how we deliver information to our users and how we engage them,” Dana Library Director, Dr. Consuella Askew, said while describing the initiative. “Ms. Ren, along with her colleagues, has responded to the information needs and expectations of our users by meeting them where they are, offering concise instruction sessions on the most relevant online Government resources and catching them at their point of need.”

Another aspect of the anniversary celebration is publicity for the depository collection. This is being accomplished using a combination of in-person and online methods. People in the library will find an extensive Government documents display in the main lobby.

Depository Coordinator Wen-Hua Ren has carefully chosen a wide variety of documents that showcase New Jersey as well as the breadth and beauty of published materials sent through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). On the library’s website, a list of 50 popular Government websites provides another avenue for finding timely and relevant Government information.

This library’s celebration of its depository anniversary is also in keeping with its namesake. John Cotton Dana innovated at his first Library Director position with the Denver Public Library by instituting open stacks and a separate children’s room. Dana later worked at the Newark Public Library, where he acquired foreign language material to support the city’s immigrant population and established a business branch. Because of his activity in and for the community, John Cotton Dana was known as “Newark’s First Citizen.”

GPO appreciates and recognizes Dana Library and its staff’s commitment to not only providing access to Government information, but helping their patrons find, utilize, and understand the print and online resources available to them through the depository.

In the tradition of John Cotton Dana and of the FDLP, their dedication shows the importance the depository and library have had to the community and the university over the course of a full half century.

“The staff at Dana Library feel honored and proud to be a depository and to serve the campus,” Depository Coordinator Wen-Hua Ren said. “‘Keeping America Informed’ has been our ultimate goal and mission as information specialists.”

We look forward to seeing what this creative, active depository will do in its next 50 years with the FDLP!



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