

AGRICULTURAL HISTORY SYMPOSIUM  
A Century of Scientific Outreach

Program

**THURSDAY, Sept. 9, 2004**

**6:00-7:00pm** Registration and Reception—Mann Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**FRIDAY—Sept. 10, 2004**

**8:00-8:30am** Registration—Clark Hall—7<sup>th</sup> flr.

**8:30-8:45am** Open Session  
(Greetings from MW, Susan Henry, Dean of CALS, Deborah Fitzgerald, MIT, President of the Agricultural History Society).

**8:45-10:15am** Plenary Session – Clark Hall – 7<sup>th</sup> flr.

Chair: Margaret W. Rossiter, Department of S+TS, Cornell University

Jonathan Harwood, University of Manchester (UK), “On the Decline of Practically-Oriented Agricultural Education: A Study of Germany, 1860-1940, with Reflections on the USA”

Daniel Bouk, Princeton University, "'With One Voice': Michigan State University and the DDT Controversy"

Philip J. Pauly, Professor of History, Rutgers University, “Planting Natives: Americanism in Landscape Gardening, 1830-1930”

Linda Stewart, Mann Library, Cornell University, “Bringing the Past Forward: Digitized Agricultural History at Cornell University”

**10:15-10:45am—Break – Clark Hall**

**Select Session A or B**

*Session A*

**10:45am-12:30pm-Political Economy and Wartime  
Clark Hall—7<sup>th</sup> floor**

Chair: Raymond Craib, History Department, Cornell University

G. St. John Stott, University of Qatar, ““Not Getting with the Program:” Early Mormon Opposition to Market Surplus Agriculture in Upstate New York”

Rose Hayden Smith, University of California at Santa Barbara, "Sisters of the Soil: The Work of the Woman's Land Army of America in World War I"

Kimberly Porter, University of North Dakota, "Iowa's Duty: Extension-Based Food Production in the Great War"

Mark R. Finlay, Armstrong Atlantic State University, "Plant Science on the Grand Scale: The Emergency Rubber Project of World War II"

***Session B***

**10:45am-12:30pm-Liberty Hyde Bailey's Legacy of Scientific Outreach I**

**Kroch Library**

Chair: Melissa Luckow, Department of Plant Biology and L. H. Bailey Hortorium, Cornell University

Short introduction (5min.)—Lee B. Kass, Department of Plant Biology and L. H. Bailey Hortorium, Cornell University, "L. H. Bailey's Contribution to Scientific Outreach"

Robert Dirig, L. H. Bailey Hortorium, Cornell University, "Liberty Hyde Bailey and 'Things of the Garden'"

Donald A. Rakow, The Elizabeth Newman Wilds Director, Cornell Plantations, "L.H. Bailey and the 'Friends of Things that Grow': A Vision for Cornell Plantations"

Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, University of Minnesota, "Liberty Hyde Bailey and the Nature Study Idea"

Anne Pierce, Virginia Beach, VA, "Cornell University's Influence on Nature Study at Hampton Institute, 1898-1953"

**12:30-1:30pm          Lunch - Clark Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> flr.**

**Select Session A or B**

***Session A***

**1:45 – 3:345 pm—Agriculture and Literature/Information—Clark Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> floor**

Chair: Janet A. McCue, Mann Library, Cornell University

Sandra Sherman, University of Arkansas, "William Ellis, Agriculture, and Self-Promotion in 18th Century England"

Dale Potts, University of Maine at Orono, "Where Field and Forest Meet: Valuation of the Small Farm Woodlot in the Popular Literature of Northern New England, 1930-1959"

Lisa Ossian, Southwestern Community College, Creston, Iowa, "Almost an Athens: Poetry of Place and Farm Playlets from Rural Iowa, 1930-1932"

Maria Farland, Fordham University, "Poetic Inspiration and Scientific Expertise: Robert Frost, the "Degenerate" Farmer and the Transformation of American Agriculture"

James Morris-Knowler, Mann Library, Cornell University, "Not Quite a Hundred Years of Support: a Brief but Lively History of the Albert R. Mann Library and its Relationship with the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences"

***Session B***

**1:45 –3:45pm ---Liberty Hyde Bailey's Legacy of Scientific Outreach II  
Kroch Library**

Chair: Lee B. Kass, Department of Plant Biology and L. H. Bailey Hortorium, Cornell University

Daniel Krall, Department of Landscape Architecture, Cornell University, "Liberty Hyde Bailey: Early Advocate of Landscape Design"

Scott J. Peters, Department of Education, Cornell University, "Rousing the People on the Land: Liberty Hyde Bailey's Democratic Vision of Extension Work"

Barbara Kimmelman, Philadelphia University, "Students as Targets of Scientific Outreach at Cornell's Plant Breeding Department, 1907-1915"

George Good, Department of Horticulture, Cornell University, "Horticulture: An Academic Calling"

Kevin Nixon (Presenter), Robert Dirig, Edward A. Cope, Peter Fraissinet, and Sherry Vance, all from Liberty Hyde Bailey Hortorium, Cornell University, "The L. H. Bailey Hortorium: Resources for Taxonomy of Cultivated and Native Plants"

**4:00-5:00pm**—Exhibit on Liberty Hyde Bailey and Reception at Kroch Library with welcoming remarks by Sarah Thomas, University Librarian

**5:15**--Busses to Bailiwick (Tour of Bailiwick and Dinner)  
Board busses in front of Day Hall

**5:30pm to sunset**—Tour of Bailiwick (L.H. Bailey's summer home on Cayuga Lake) led by Scott Peters (Education), followed by dinner at Comstock Lodge. Elaine Engst, University Archivist, will introduce Gould Colman (former University Archivist) who will provide closing remarks on L.H. Bailey at a fireside chat.

**8:30pm**—Busses will make four stops (Holiday Inn, downtown; campus CC lot; Clarion)

**SATURDAY –Sept. 11, 2004--(whole day in Ag Quad area)**

**Select session A, B or C**

***Session A***

**9:00-10:30 Colonial Agriculture**, Myers Room, 401 Warren Hall

Chair: Christophe Bonneuil, CNRS, Paris

Ian Petrie, University of Pennsylvania, "Practical" Agriculture for the Colonies: Cornell and Asian Uplift, c. 1905-45"

Uyilawa Usuanlele, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, "Colonial Forest and Agricultural Resource Conservation and Shifting Cultivation Agriculture in Benin Province, Nigeria, 1899-1917"

Debra A. Reid, Eastern Illinois University, , "Jim Crow Abroad: African-American Extension Agents and Appointments as Technical Experts Serving in Africa"

***Session B***

**9:00-10:30--Plant Pathology I—Whetzel Room 404, Plant Sciences Building**

Chair: Chair and Commentator: Claire Strom, North Dakota State University, and Editor of Agricultural History

Grant M. Barkley and Jennifer A. Fike, Kent State University, "Joseph C. Arthur (1850-1942): First Station Botanist and the Foundation of Modern Phytopathology"

Betsy Mendelsohn, University of Maryland, "Apple Pie Ridge: Cedar Apple Rust in Four States, 1880-1930"

Gilles Denis, University of Lille, "William Farlow Laboratory and the Beginning of the U.S. Institutional Plant Pathology Cryptogamy"

Margreet van der Burg, Wageningen , The Netherlands, "Famous Dutch Women Plant Pathologists Contextualized: Women and Plant Sciences at Wageningen Agricultural College, 1920s -1950s"

***Session C***

**9:00-10:30-- Agricultural Economics in the Past Fifty Years—Warren Hall B45**

Deborah Fitzgerald, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Chair and Commentator

Douglas Slaybaugh, St. Michael's College, "William I. Myers: Cornell Values and the New Deal"

William Tomek, Department of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University, "Agricultural Economics in the Past Fifty Years"

**10:30-10:45am – Break – Myers Room, 401 Warren Hall**

**Select Session A, B or C**

*Session A*

**10:45-12noon—International Agriculture, cont., Myers Room, 401 Warren Hall**

Chair: W. Ronnie Coffman, Department of Plant Breeding and International Programs, Cornell University

Edwin B. Oyer, Former Director, International Agriculture Program, Cornell University, and Emil Q. Javier, former Chancellor of UPLB and President of the University of the Philippines, "Cornell University's Cooperative Agricultural Activities with Institutions in the Republic of the Philippines"

David Bouldin, Cornell University, "Cornell Soilsmen and Soybeans in Brazil"

Rebecca Tally, New York University, "Between Land Reforms: Agricultural Modernization and the Rockefeller Foundation in Colombia, 1949-1962"

*Session B*

**10:45-12noon--Plant Pathology II—Whetzel Room 404, Plant Sciences Building**

Chair Claire Strom, North Dakota State University, and Editor, Agricultural History

William Fry, Department of Plant Pathology, Cornell University, "The Historical and Contemporary Role of Potato Late Blight in the Development and Success of the Plant Pathology at Cornell University"

H. David Thurston, Department of Plant Pathology, Cornell University, "The Historical Impact of the Department of Plant Pathology on International Agriculture"

Karen-Beth G. Scholthof, Texas A&M University, "Whetzel's Dream: Finding a Role for Plant Pathology in the Public Health Arena"

*Session C*

**10:45-12noon-- New York Agriculture I**

Chair: Harold Burstyn, Syracuse University

John Wilkinson, "Archeological and Ethnographic Investigations at the J. Frazee Historic Site in Lysander, Onondaga County, New York"

Erik L. Towne, University of North Dakota, "Disputed Claims to the Land: A Survey of Northeastern New York Land Policy, 1765-1767"

Tricia A. Barbagallo, University at Albany and New York State Museum, "Black Beach, The Mucklands of Canastota, New York"

**12:00-1:00pm -Lunch – Myers Room 401, Warren Hall**

**Select Session A or B**

*Session A*

**1:00-2:30pm Canadian Developments—Whetzel Room 404, Plant Sciences**

Chair: Harry de Gorter, Department of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University

Richard A. Jarrell, York University, "The Interaction of the New York and Ontario Agricultural Communities in the 19th Century"

Patricia Bowley, University of Toronto, "James Robertson, Agricultural Educator and Advocate of Canadian Rural Life "

Stephane Castonguay, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, "Cornell Entomology in Canadian Agricultural Science and Education

Franz Klingender, Canada Agriculture Museum, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, "The Central Experimental Farm: A Centre for Research and Agricultural Outreach"

*Session B*

**1:00-2:30pm—New York Agriculture II—Myers Room 401, Warren Hall**

Chair: Carol Kammen, History Department, Cornell University

Candace S. Broughton, Ph. D, Town Historian, Cattaraugus, NY, "'Hoorah for Cattaraugus!' Anna Botsford Comstock's Cattaraugus Connection"

Noelle Foster, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, "The Development and Adoption of Machine Milking in New York and Beyond: 1905-1950

James W. Darlington, Department of Geography, SUNY Cortland, "From Hardscrabble Farmland to Productive State Forest: New York State's 20<sup>th</sup> Century Reforestation Program"

**2:30-4:30pm—Excursions - Tours depart at 2:30 at the following local:**

--Walking tour of Plantations--meet in Warren Hall Lobby

--Tour of Boyce Thompson Institute --meet in Plant Sciences 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

--Tour of Mann Library – meet in Mann Library lobby.

- Tour of Laboratory of Ornithology (van will leave at 2:30 pm from aria in back of Mann)
- Tour of L. H. Bailey Hortorium (van will leave at 2:30 pm from aria in back of Mann)

**4:30-6:00pm**—Wine-making and wine-tasting in the Finger Lakes. (B45 Warren Hall)  
Join your colleagues for a showing of the 1940's film by the Pleasant Valley Wine Company, "The Story of the Wine" and a tasting of some award-winning NYS wines. Martin Schlabach, Director, Lee Library (NYS Ag. Experiment Station) and Robert Pool, Professor of Viticulture and NYS wine-maker, will provide a short introduction to the film, discuss wine making in the Finger Lakes, and introduce Cornell's new enology program. A reception featuring NYS wines will follow in the adjacent gardens (Dean's Garden & Students' Centennial Garden).

**6:00pm**--Dinner on your own—sign-up sheets for ten or so persons at each restaurant will be circulated at Registration.

Return to hotels on your own.

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