

Twenty-Second Biennial New Sweden History Conference | Call for Papers

Contested Spaces: Colonial and Indigenous Concepts of Landscape Along the Delaware River Valley

The New Sweden History Conference (NSHC) explores the history of the New Sweden Colony (1638-1655) and its legacy in colonial America. As the only conference dedicated to New Sweden, the NSHC provides research and networking opportunities for a wide audience of professors, students, and avocational historians. The NSHC is a collaboration between the Swedish Colonial Society, the American Swedish Historical Museum, the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society, the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, Old Swedes Historic Site, the McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, the New Sweden Centre, Trinity Episcopal (Old Swedes) Church in Swedesboro, NJ, the New Sweden Alliance, and the University of Delaware.

The NSHC invites proposals for papers engaging with this year's topic: *Contested Spaces: Colonial and Indigenous Concepts of Landscape Along the Delaware River Valley*. The beliefs and practices behind the use of landscape and natural resources varied among the groups that occupied the region along the Delaware River. The Swedes, Dutch, Lenape, British, Finns, Susquehannock, and Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) approached farming, mapping, property rights, and waterways differently over time. Successful proposals will explore one or more of these groups and their relationship with each other in the context of land use along the Delaware River. The NSHC invites submissions from researchers addressing the topic through the fields of archaeology, art history, economics, history, linguistics, material culture, musicology, religious history, or other related disciplines.

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Committee. If selected, the author will present their research at the conference on Saturday, November 4, 2023. The selected presenters will receive an honorarium, assistance with travel and housing costs, and admission to the conference.

Submission Guidelines:

- Conference presentations are limited to 30 minutes.
- Following the conference presentations, authors will assemble in a panel to field questions
- Papers and/or supplementary materials will be disseminated to conference attendees
- Abstracts (of no more than 500 words) and CVs are due by Friday, June 2, 2023 -Full papers and/or supplementary materials are due September 22, 2023 -The conference will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, in Liberty Hall at the Museum of the American Revolution, 101 South Third Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Please submit all abstracts via e-mail to:

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