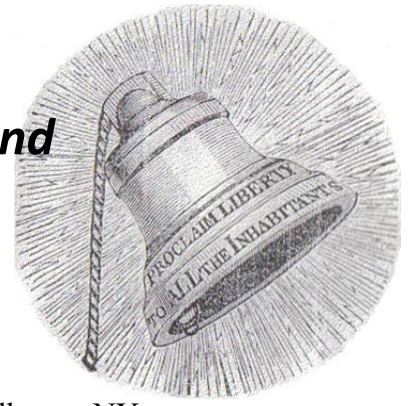


Call for Proposals:

Breaking Free: Civil War, Emancipation, and Beyond



The 14th Annual Underground Railroad Public History Conference
Organized by Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region, Inc.

April 17-19, 2015

Russell Sage College, Troy, NY and at The Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence, Albany, NY

2015 commemorates the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, the assassination of Lincoln, and the start of reconstruction. For the 14th annual public history conference, URHPCR invites workshops, presentations and activities that explore the relationship of the UGRR to these developments and to the complexities of shaping the emerging society which followed the civil war, as well as explore the relationship of these developments to our present day.

We invite proposals that address reinterpretations, teaching, new research, and other ways to illustrate, address, and understand these developments historically and contemporarily. We welcome proposals that are related to the Underground Railroad, the institution of slavery, the Civil War, the assassination of Lincoln, the transition to a post-war society, reconstruction, and related topics.

Possible questions to be considered:

- ◆ How did Underground Railroad activists transition to post war politics?
- ◆ How did the assassination of Lincoln change the course of the Civil War, ensuing emancipation and reconstruction?
- ◆ What were the representations and misrepresentations of slavery and resistance? How did these contribute to the Civil War? How did they impact developments after the Civil War?
- ◆ What are the stories of Black public office holders in the reconstruction period and the years following?
- ◆ How did Ida B. Well's crusade against lynching change the realities of the post war period?
- ◆ How did reconstruction and the Freedman's Bank impact the development of the African American community after emancipation?
- ◆ How did the rise and demise of abolitionist newspapers affect public understanding of race issues?
- ◆ What was the shifting role of the federal government in creating the framework for freedom after the Civil War?

Proposals on related questions are also welcomed.

Roundtable and interactive workshop experiences are encouraged. Panels, cultural and artistic activities, and media productions are welcome. Workshop presentations will be paired if thematically related. Workshops will be 75 minutes long if two presenters are paired, 60 minutes if one person presents. Presenters will be notified of session length in advance.

Proposals should include: (1) title, (2) brief content description, (3) type of presentation, (4) names and full contact information, including titles, of presenters/facilitators, (5) target audience (youth, adult, multi-age, family with young children), and (6) technology needs.

Proposals should be submitted by October 30, 2014

Postal mail to URHPCR, PO Box 10851, Albany, NY 12201 or via email to urhpcr2015@gmail.com

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