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Dear Friends,

The NJCHE is pleased to announce the Seventeenth Annual History Conference at Princeton University on **Friday, December 4, 2009.**

Our United States History session will feature presentations by two eminent historians. **H.W. Brands**, Professor of History at the University of Texas will present a talk on "*Presidents in Crisis: FDR and Obama.*" **Thomas J. Sugrue**, the Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn Professor of History and Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, will present a lecture titled "*Sweet Land of Liberty: The Forgotten Struggle for Civil Rights in the North.*"

Our World History session will focus on the impact of print in the West. This session will feature a presentation by **Rudolph Bell**, Professor of History and Director of the Medieval and Early Modern Data Bank at Rutgers University. Professor Bell will present a lecture on "*A Tale of Two Inventions: The Printing Press and the Internet.*"

Additional information regarding our presenters can be found on the reverse side of this letter. Several exhibitors will be displaying a variety of materials for teaching history and Labyrinth Books will feature a table where you may purchase books written by our presenters. NJCHE is a registered professional development provider with the Department of Education (**Provider #489**). Certificates for **five hours** of professional development credit will be provided to conference attendees.

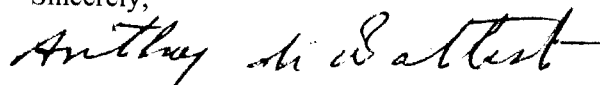
The cost of the conference is **\$75.00 (\$40.00 for retired educators)**, and includes NJCHE annual membership dues. **There will be no on-site registration or refunds made as we are locked into the December 4th date at Princeton.**

A **continental breakfast** at Prospect will be provided for all registrants courtesy of our exhibitors. Luncheon space at Prospect is limited due to available seating, but the **first 200 registrants** will be the guests of **Pearson/Prentice Hall**. We are continuing with the successful format change introduced last year by scheduling lunch at 1:00 p.m. after both sessions are concluded. This will allow for more time with colleagues and speakers, and to view the exhibits. We suggest that you register early as conferences over the last several years have attracted well over 400 registrants. There are additional luncheon facilities along Nassau Street and the surrounding environs. A list of nearby restaurants will be available at the registration area.

Please complete the enclosed registration form (duplicate as necessary) and send it along with your check, purchase order, or copy of the purchase order, payable to the NJCHE by November 6, 2009. Please be mindful of your school district guidelines for conference approval. Confirmation letters with additional information will be sent to all conference registrants by mid-November. Additional registration forms, directions to Princeton, and updated information about the conference will be available on our website at www.njche.com.

We look forward to a wonderful conference and hope you will be able to join us. If you have any questions, please call me at (908) 879-6404, ext. 1281.

Sincerely,


Anthony di Battista
NJCHE President

About our Presenters

Rudolph Bell

Professor of History, Director of the Medieval and Early Modern Data Bank
Rutgers University

Professor Bell's most recent book (with Cristina Mazzoni), *The Voices of Gemma Galgani: The Life and Afterlife of a Modern Saint*, was published in 2003. He is the Director of the Medieval and Early Modern Data Bank at Rutgers University. He is the author of *How to Do It: Guides to Good Living for Renaissance Italians*, and *Holy Anorexia*, both published by the University of Chicago Press. He is also the co-editor (with Virginia Yans) of *Women on Their Own*.

H.W. Brands

Dickson Allen Anderson Centennial Professor of History
University of Texas

Henry William Brands taught at Texas A&M University for sixteen years before joining the faculty at the University of Texas at Austin, where he is the Dickson Allen Anderson Centennial Professor of History. Professor Brands' recent biography of Franklin Roosevelt, *A Traitor to His Class* was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. A frequent commentator on PBS' *American Experience*, he writes on American history and politics, with books including *Andrew Jackson*, *The Age of Gold*, *The First American*, and *TR*. Several of his books have been bestsellers; *The First American*, a biography of Benjamin Franklin was also a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

Thomas J. Sugrue

Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn Professor of History and Sociology
University of Pennsylvania

Professor Sugrue's forthcoming book, *Not Even Past: Barack Obama and the Burden of History*, will be published by Princeton University Press in 2010. His first book, *The Origins of the Urban Crisis*, won the Bancroft Prize in American History, and was named by Princeton University Press in 2005 as one of its 100 most influential books of the past one hundred years and published a new edition of *The Origins of the Urban Crisis* as a Princeton Classic. His most recent book, *Sweet Land of Liberty: The Forgotten Struggle for Civil Rights in the North* (Random House, 2008), has been widely reviewed and was selected as a Main Selection of the History Book Club and a finalist for the 2008 Los Angeles Times Book Prize.