

## **Featured Speakers:**

### **Early American History as Atlantic History: Dr. John Donoghue**

Over the last three decades, scholars have increasingly emphasized the "Atlantic" contexts of early American history. This is far from a mere trend, as the Atlantic approach has revealed far more about early American history than work which explores the period largely as a mere prelude to the rise of the American nation-state. Dr. Donoghue's remarks will reflect on how the Atlantic approach helped him discover a previously unrecognized strain of abolitionism in the radicalism of the English Revolution (1640-1660) articulated by colonists living in both New and Old England.

### **West African Rice Farmers in the Atlantic World:**

#### **Dr. Edda Fields-Black**

Dr. Fields-Black will discuss the development of rice-growing technology in early pre-colonial West Africa and the importance of both West African rice and West African rice farmers in South Carolina and Georgia's plantation economies.

### **The African Diaspora in World History: Dr. Patrick Manning**

The African experience of migration and settlement- in slavery and freedom - is one of the major movements of humanity. This overview traces connected histories in Africa, the Americas, and Eurasia in eras of enslavement, industrialization, and contemporary times. It argues for the concept of "diaspora" as an important alternative to "nation" in explaining the modern world. The presentation is based on the author's book *The African Diaspora: A History through Culture* (2009).

## **Breakouts:**

### **Using Local Historical Sites in the Curriculum.**

Pat Collins, Executive Director of the Butler County Historical Society (PA) and Joyce Schmidt, President of the West Jefferson Hills Historical Society.

Using local historical sites as their examples, Pat and Joyce will inspire participants to think creatively about ways they can use their own local and usually small historic sites as a valuable teaching resource.

## **Breakouts (cont.):**

### **Using Photo-Story and other Software/Hardware in the Classroom.**

Adam Hadbavny, Social Studies teacher, Knoch High School.

Adam will demonstrate how to incorporate technology into the curriculum.

### **Slavery and Freedom in 1800 Philadelphia: The Ganges Africans' Story.**

Andrea Reidell, Education Specialist, National Archives at Philadelphia.

In this interactive presentation, participants will learn about the compelling but little known story of slavery and freedom in early American history - and one of the earliest slave trade violations. Attendees will use a variety of primary documents - including records from the National Archives and the Pennsylvania Abolition Society - to piece together the Ganges case.

### **Blasting Through the Silence: The Allegheny Arsenal Explosion of 1862.**

Andrea Reidell, Education Specialist, National Archives at Philadelphia.

In this interactive presentation, participants will learn about one of the great "unknown" tragedies of the Civil War. Attendees will use a variety of primary documents to piece together the story of the September 1862 explosion at the Allegheny arsenal in the Lawrenceville section of Pittsburgh that resulted in dozens of civilian casualties, many of whom were women and young girls.