

21th Annual New Sweden History Conference
Call for Papers

Bridging Many Worlds

Exploring Concepts of Changing Cultural Identities in the New Sweden Colony

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 diverse audience of professors, students, and avocational historians.

The NSHC invites proposals for papers engaging with this year's topic: *Bridging Worlds*. The colonial Mid-Atlantic region was a mixture of Lenape, Susquehannock, Swedish, Finnish, English, and Dutch peoples. This theme invokes exploration of physical and sociopolitical environmental impacts on cultural practices. How did experiences of migration and deracination affect traditional customs and concepts of identity during this period, 1638-1776.

The NSHC invites submissions from researchers addressing this topic through the fields of archaeology, anthropology, architecture, historic preservation, history, material culture, military history, religious history, the digital humanities, or other related disciplines.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Committee. Presenters will receive an honorarium.

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, Dept of Anthropology, University of Delaware, the McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, the New Sweden Centre, Trinity Episcopal (Old Swedes) Church in Swedesboro, NJ, and the New Sweden Alliance.

Submission Guidelines:

- Conference presentations are limited to 30 minutes, Key Note Speaker 45.
- Following the conference presentations, authors will assemble for a Panel Discussion with Q&A.
- Abstracts (of no more than 250 words) and CVs are due by May 31st, 2021. Notification of your application status will be sent by June 15th.
- Descriptions of presentations, bibliographies, and any supplementary materials are due on October 1st, 2021.
- Exact conference location TBD but will be in the Delaware Valley region on October 23 or 16, 2021. Finalized details to follow.
- Conference will be a combination of in person and Zoom Webinar.

Please submit all materials via e-mail to:

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