

# State Historian's Update

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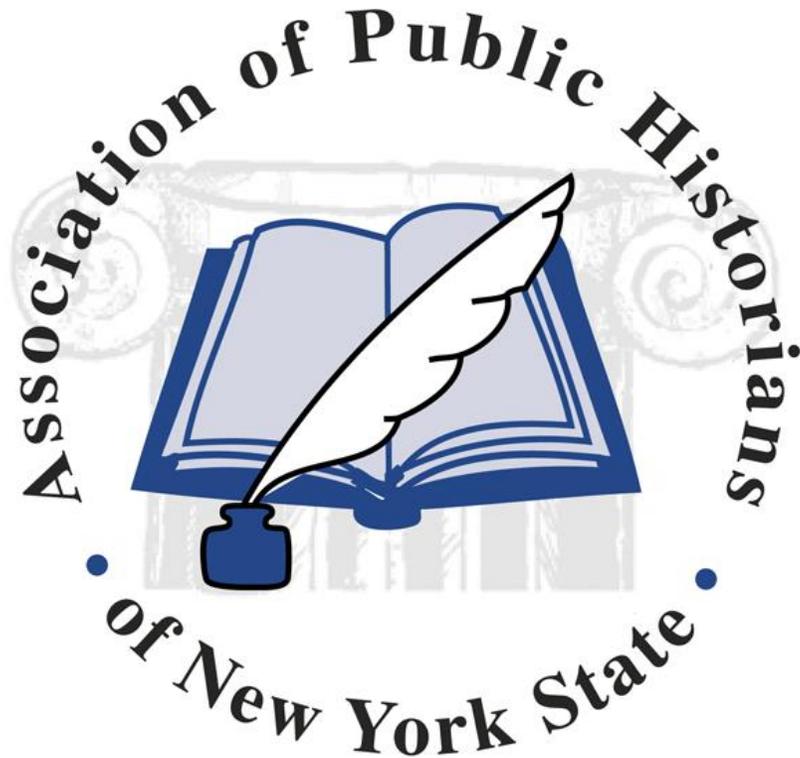


# New York State Historian

The New York State Historian position was created by an act of the Legislature in 1895 to “provide for the appointment of a State Historian and for the compilation of the military and naval records of the State.”



# Local Government Historians



New York is one of only two states in the nation that require that all villages, towns, cities, counties, and boroughs appoint a local historian.

All local government historians report to their municipalities and to the State Historian according to Cultural Affairs Law 57.07 and 57.09.



# Office of State History Website

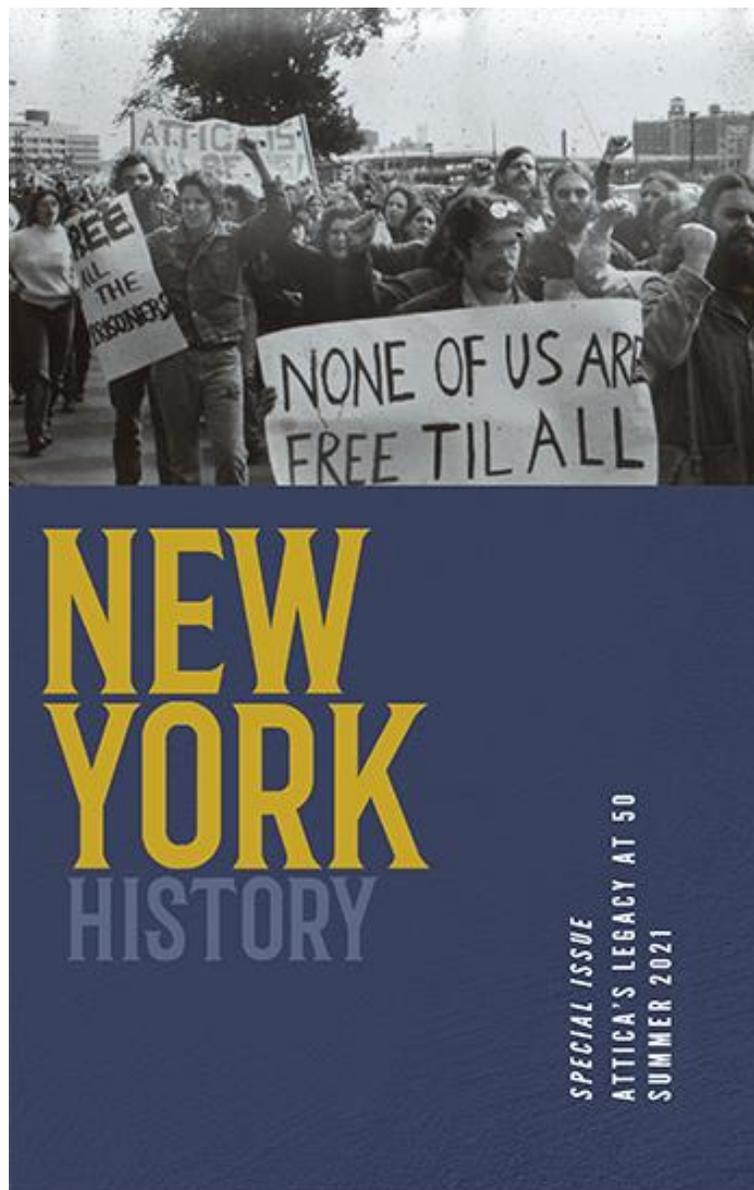
The website acts as a clearing house of information related to the diverse field of history in NYS including events, news, grant and funding information, project highlights, and other material of interest to professional historians and the public alike.



# A New York Minute in History Podcast



# New York History Journal



# The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution



# New York State 250<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Act

- Passed Legislature by unanimous vote in June 2021.
- Awaiting Governor's signature.
- Creates State Commission with 13 voting members. Commissioners of SED and NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation are co-chairs. The head of Empire State Development and State Historian are also named members. Remaining members are appointed.



# NYS 250<sup>th</sup> Commission Duties and Functions



The Commission is directed to develop, plan, promote, and coordinate activities to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup>.

The legislation emphasizes the complexity of the American Revolution and mandates interpretation beyond the battles and leaders. It notes NY's role in an unfinished Revolution that includes abolition, women's suffrage, indigenous displacement, etc.



# New York State History Day Update

- Due to **COVID-19**, the **NYS History Day program was virtual both in 2020 and 2021.**
- Beginning in 2022, the Cooperstown Graduate Program at SUNY Oneonta will be the lead NYS History Day organization.





**THANK YOU!**

