

## About the Keynote Speaker and Faculty Commentators

**Edward Ayers** is President Emeritus of the University of Richmond, where he now serves as Tucker-Boatwright Professor of the Humanities. He has written and edited 10 books, including *The Promise of the New South: Life After Reconstruction* and *In the Presence of Mine Enemies: Civil War in the Heart of America*. He is also co-host of *BackStory with the American History Guys*, a nationally syndicated radio show and podcast.

**Kathryn Cramer Brownell** is Assistant Professor of History in the Department of History at Purdue University. Her recent book, *Showbiz Politics: Hollywood in American Political Life*, explores the institutionalization of Hollywood in American politics from 1928-1980. She is currently working on a political history of cable television from the Nixon administration through the Clinton years.

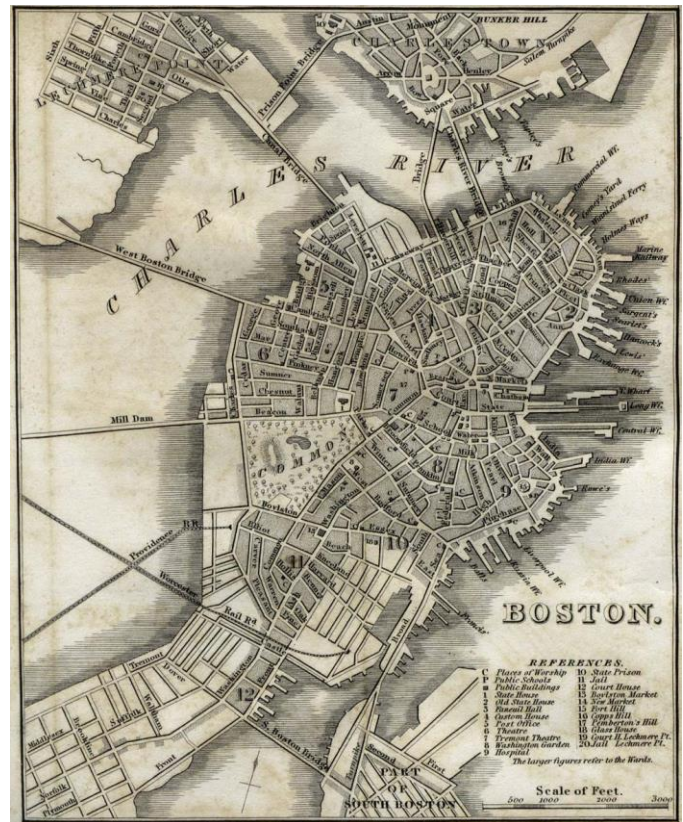
**Eric Jarvis** is a Visiting Lecturer at Boston University. He is working on a book manuscript based on his doctoral dissertation, "'Metropolis of Discontent': Chicago and the Evolution of Modern Liberalism, 1890-1920."

**Katherine Jewell** is Assistant Professor of History at Fitchburg State University. Her current books project, *Dollars for Dixie: Business and the Transformation of Southern Conservatism in the Twentieth Century*, is forthcoming from Cambridge University Press.

**Brendan McConville** is Professor of History at Boston University. His research focuses on the intersection of politics and social developments in Early America. He is the author of *These Daring Disturbers of the Public Peace*, *The King's Three Faces: The Rise and Fall of Royal America, 1688-1776*, and *The American Revolution, 1763-1789*.

**Sarah Phillips** is Associate Professor of History at Boston University. She is the author of *This Land, This Nation: Conservation, Rural America, and the New Deal*. Her current book project, *The Price of Plenty: From Farm to Food Politics in Postwar America*, examines the domestic politics sustaining the massive farm surpluses of the post-World War II era that established the United States as the predominant and most problematic of the state actors in the international food regime.

**Andrew Robichaud** is Assistant Professor of History of Boston University. His current book project — tentatively titled *The Animal City: Remaking Human and Animal Lives in Nineteenth-Century America* — traces the evolving roles and significance of animals in urban environments and explores interconnected legal, political, cultural, ecological, and social changes.



## Region, Space, and Place in American History

**Edward L. Ayers,**  
Keynote Speaker  
**April 1-2, 2016**

**Conference organizers:** Daniel Burge, Christina Carrick, Daniel DeFraia, Dalia Haitayan, Matthew Lavallee, Matthew Pressman, David Shorten, and Robert Shimp.

**Conference Schedule: Saturday, April 1, 2016**  
**All presentations in Boston University's Photonics Center**  
**8 St. Mary's St. 9<sup>th</sup> floor, Rm. 901, Boston MA, 02215.**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016**

**BREAKFAST: 9:00-9:30**

**PANEL I: 9:30AM-11:00AM**

*Allegiance and National Identity in Early America*

Chair: Robert Shimp

Alexander R. Jablonski, Binghamton University:

"A More Immediate Dependence: The Politics of Allegiance in Early New England, 1620- 1660"

Christina Carrick, Boston University: "The Space Between: David Greene and a Loyalist Merchant Network in the Early American Republic."

Samuel Alonzo Dodge, Lehigh University:

"Are the Preachers United?: Methodism and National Identity in New York and Upper Canada in the Wake of the War of 1812"

Comment: Brendan McConville, Boston University

**PANEL II: 11:00AM-12:30PM**

*Dixie: Race and Place in the American South*

Chair: Daniel Burge

Lindsey M. Cantwell, University of Colorado, Boulder:

"Sometimes We are Elated, but Most Generally Depressed": Hope and Despair in the Civil War Diaries of Confederate Women"

Sarah Leventer, Boston University:

"The Rise of the Sunbelt South, The Civil War, and the Vietnam War in 1970s Film"

Johnathon Booth, Harvard University:

"Dethroning Justice: Race, Space, and Criminalization in Jim Crow Atlanta"

Comment: Katherine Jewell, Fitchburg State University

**LUNCH BREAK: 12:30PM-1:50PM**

**PANEL III: 2:00PM-3:30PM**

*Parks and Rec: Building the Environment*

Chair: Dalia Haitayan

C. Ian Stevenson, Boston University:

"This is Not Wilderness Area: Cape Cod National Seashore and Redefining the National Park Service"

Max Fraser, Yale University:

"The Hillbilly Highway and the Problem of Regionalism: A Transappalachian Perspective on Postwar America"

Shawn Driscoll: Worcester State University:

"The Heart of the City: The History of Blackstone and Franklin Squares, Their Unique Place in Boston's History and their Future"

Comment: Sarah Phillips, Boston University

**PANEL IV: 3:30PM-5:00PM**

*Above the Belt: Political Parties in the North and West*

Chair: Matthew Lavallee

Benjamin Welton, Boston University:

"The Legacy and Reality of the Republican Party in America's Most Liberal State"

Christopher J. Fobare, University of Massachusetts, Amherst:

"Republicans Free Labor Ideology and Its Discontents, 1873-1884"

Ian Toller Clark: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

"The Deindustrialized New Right: Grassroots Conservative Populists, the New Right, and the Postindustrial Economy in the Midwest"

Comment: Kathryn Brownell, Purdue University

**KEYNOTE and REFRESHMENTS: 5:00PM**

Edward Ayers: "The Moving Puzzle of American History"

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**Conference Schedule: Saturday, April 2, 2016**  
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**SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2016**

**BREAKFAST 9:00AM-9:30AM**

**PANEL V: 9:30AM-11:00AM**

*A Place to Congregate: Public Space and Recreation*

Chair: Daniel DeFraia

Natalie Novoa, University of California, Berkley:

“Cultural Significance of Public  
Recreation in Oakland”

Sam Shupe, Boston University:

“A Space to Ride: Bicycle, Genteel Recreation, and  
Public Space in Portland, Maine, 1880-1990”

Amanda Katz: Carnegie Mellon University

“Main Street, U.S.A.: Place, Placeless, or Sense of  
Place”

Comment: Andrew Robichaud, Boston University

**PANELVI: 11:00AM-12:30PM**

*Space for Reform: Education and Progress*

Chair: Christina Carrick

Mia Michael, Boston College:

“‘Brutes,’ ‘Hordes,’ and ‘Pioneers oh my! How  
Women Used Immigration to Determine their Space  
and Place in the Progressive Era’”

Kathleen King, University of Colorado, Boulder:

“Education in America to 1865: Pillar or Splinter of  
the Republic?”

Cody Ewert, New York University:

“New Frontiers on the Old Frontier: The Progressive-  
Era American West and the Rise of Modern Public  
Education”

Comment: Eric Jarvis, Boston University

**LUNCH 12:30/AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT**