A Celebration of New York History

Today’s historical community at LIU’s Hutton House is as dynamic as it is diverse. Our staff of lecturers are scholars, curators, preservationists, librarians, archivists, genealogists, re-enactors and local and world-renowned historians. For the seasoned student curious about New York history, the LIU School of Professional Studies is developing more than 10 original daytime lectures for Hutton House devoted to the rich history of the Empire State.

Among the guest speakers for 2019 will be Tweed Roosevelt, a graduate of Harvard and chairman of the Theodore Roosevelt Institute at LIU; J. Fernando Peña, a graduate of Berkeley, Stanford and Harvard, former librarian for the Grolier Club in New York City and current director of the LIU Rare Books Program; Monica Randall, author of The Mansions of Long Island’s Gold Coast; and Paul Mateyunas, author of North Shore Long Island: Country Houses, 1890-1950.

“LIU is an epicenter for historical studies,” said Rita Langdon, LIU Post campus historian and dean of the LIU School of Professional Studies. “We are working to preserve and strengthen the region’s appreciation for New York’s most valuable commodity – our cultural, social and economic history.”

In the spirit of preservation, we are pleased to share the news that the LIU Palmer School of Library and Information Science, whose faculty will be presenting lectures in Hutton House in the upcoming year, recently received a $695,000 grant from the David Lion Gardiner Foundation to preserve the archives of master builder Robert Moses. (See story on back cover).

The following is an overview of our history-based lectures available in the winter term.

When E.F. Hutton Talks…
Explore how New York became the financial capital of the world from four engaging Wall Street executives.
(Every Monday beginning Jan. 21 at 2 p.m.; 4 sessions; $100)

Hyde Park on Hudson
Enjoy a special screening and lively discussion of the award-winning movie as it chronicles the King and Queen of England’s visit to U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s upstate New York home.
(Feb. 14 at 9:30 a.m., 1 session, $30)

From Cuneiform to Kindle: The History of the Book, 3000 BC to the Present:
Learn the untold stories of the famed Grolier Club collection from its former librarian and archivist.
(Feb. 26 at 1 p.m., 1 session, $30)

To register for our lectures, visit our website at https://webapps.liu.edu/HuttonHouse or call 516-299-2580.
Long Island University is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation has approved a grant in the amount of $695,000 to fund the Robert Moses Archival Project in partnership with the New York State Department of Parks and the New York State Archives. The program will be overseen by the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at LIU, which has been dedicated to the digitization and preservation of Long Island’s irreplaceable historical records.

“From Huntington to the Hamptons, from Fire Island to Gardiners Island, the history of Long Island is rich and varied,” said Dr. Kimberly R. Cline, president of Long Island University. “By working to preserve Robert Moses’s archival heritage, we’re bringing another part of that history to life.”

The project is directed by Dr. Gregory S. Hunter, director of the Palmer School’s Certificate of Advanced Study in Archives and Records Management.

“The influence of Robert Moses on New York State is unparalleled,” said Kathryn Curran, executive director of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, in a statement. “Access to his archives will offer researchers new insight not only to the man, but to the social, political, economic and cultural influences surrounding his massive projects.”

“One of the more distinguishing features of this effort lies in the fact that three major entities are working together to move this project forward: New York State government, Long Island University, and a dynamic Foundation, whose mission is to deepen our appreciation for New York State history,” said Brian X. Foley, deputy regional director of Long Island States Parks Region. “The Robert Moses digitization project aligns perfectly with Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s ‘Path Through History’ initiative. One can rightly characterize it as a digital path through history.”