



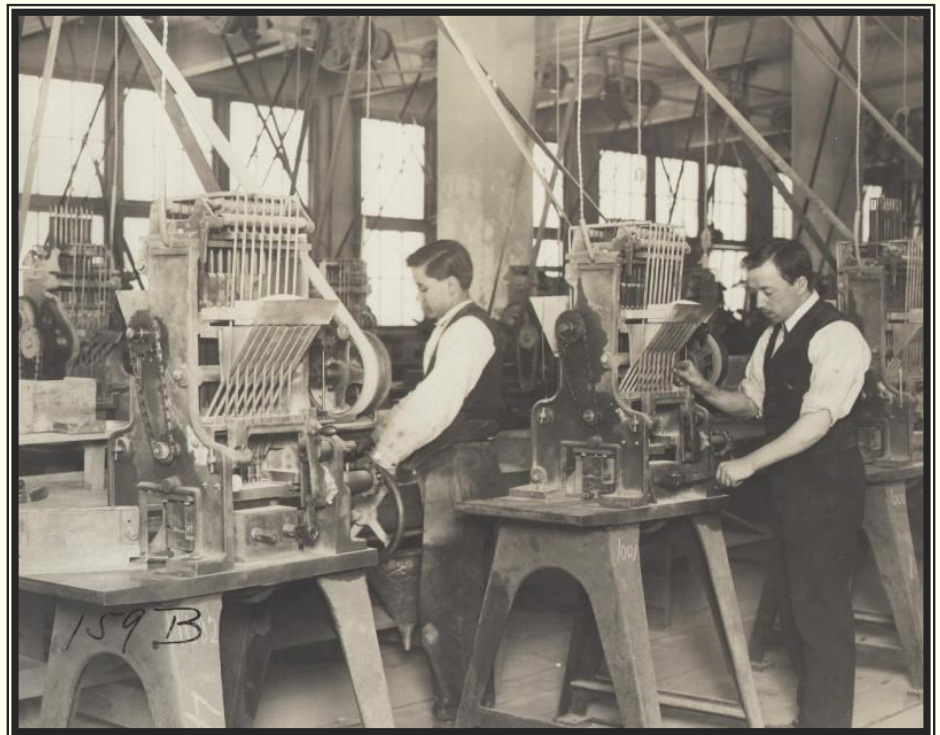
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# DANJ 2016 Conference Speakers

John W. Roberts, Ph.D., *Opportunities in National Park Service Archives and Challenges for 21st Century Archives*

John W. Roberts is the Senior Archivist of the National Park Service. During a career in Public History that spans 40 years, Dr. Roberts has been a staff archivist with the National Archives and Records Administration, Chief of Archives and Chief of Communications for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Chief of the Museum Management Program of the National Park Service, and Chief of the National Register of Historic Places and the National Historic Landmarks Program. In 2010, he was detailed to the State Department as a Cultural Envoy to the Republic of Gabon, where he lectured on Public History at the national university and provided technical assistance in archival and curatorial management to Gabonese cultural institutions. In addition, he has served as a lecturer at the University of Maryland, an administrator at Trinity College (in Washington, DC), and as a senior archivist and historian with a consulting firm, History Associates Incorporated. He is a Past President of the Society for History in the Federal Government, and a member of the Collections Committee of the Historical Society of Washington.

Dr. Roberts is the author of 5 books and more than 30 articles in journals and encyclopedias on various topics in U.S. History and Archival Management. A native of New Jersey, Dr. Roberts is a graduate of Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey). He went on to take both a master's degree and a doctorate in U.S. History at the University of Maryland.



This page: *Sandy Hook Sunset*, NPS photo by Volunteer-in-Park Stan Kosinski, 2-29-2016

Cover page: *Workers operating machine for Edison storage battery production*, NPS Photo, Thomas Edison National Historical Park

Jude M. Pfister, D.Litt., *The Literary Image of George Washington: The George Washington Manuscript Collection at Morristown National Historical Park*

Dr. Pfister, Chief of Cultural Resources, has been at Morristown National Historical Park since 2004, where he oversees the museum, archival, and library programs. He has been with the National Park Service in the field of historic preservation and cultural resource conservation since 1993. A historian by training, he has experience in a variety of settings impacting many of our nation's most important historic sites. His professional interests include American constitutional development; the development of American historiography as a separate discipline; historic preservation and the communication of cultural patrimony to the general public; and understanding the broad scope of historic preservation through the interconnectedness of cultural resources. He is the author of several books as well as multiple articles and reviews. Most recently, *Morris County's Acorn Hall*, was published by the History Press in May 2015. His new book, *Charting an American Republic: The Origin and Writing and The Federalist Papers*, is due for publication in November 2016.

George Tselos, Ph.D.

George D. Tselos is Supervisory Archivist and Head of Reference Services including the Archives, Library and Oral History Program at the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island Immigration Museum run by the National Park Service (NPS). Before coming to Statue/Ellis in 1999, he was Chief Archivist for ten years at the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in New Jersey. Prior to working for the NPS he served as an archivist in the Manuscript Division of the New York Public Library, the Beckman Center for History of Chemistry in Philadelphia and the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs at Wayne State University in Detroit. He has published articles in both historical and archival journals on various topics including Greek-American community history. He received his Ph.D. in American Labor History from the University of Minnesota in 1970 and taught history for seven years at Monmouth College in Illinois and the University of Minnesota before becoming an archivist.

Leonard DeGraaf, *The Documentary Legacy of Theodore Edison*

Thomas Edison National Historical Park archivist Leonard DeGraaf joined the National Park Service in 1991. He is the author of *Historic Photos of Thomas Edison* (Turner Publishing, 2008) and *Edison and the Rise of Innovation* (Sterling, 2013). He received an M.A. in history from Rutgers University in 1986. Mr. DeGraaf discusses the recently-opened papers of Theodore M. Edison. The youngest son of Thomas A. Edison, Theodore was himself an inventor and engineer who devoted much of his life to the preservation of his father's legacy and the promotion of global, national, regional, and local environmental causes. At 450 linear feet, Theodore's papers are a significant resource for studying the Edison family, but they also open new opportunities for research in New Jersey's 20th century conservation movement.

Lara O. Flint, *Government Information Reference and govinfo.gov*

Lara Flint is an Outreach Librarian in the Library Services and Content Management division of the Government Publishing Office (GPO). She has also worked as a depository map librarian, in a local history room at a public library, and as a historic preservationist. Her program covers the wealth of information and the wonderful reference sources available through the Government Publishing Office's govinfo.gov website. Govinfo is a beta website that will eventually replace the Federal Digital System (FDsys). Learn about important government documents such as the Congressional Record, Code of Federal Regulations, Public Papers of the Presidents, and other publications from all three branches of the Federal Government, as well as how to use the site's extensive metadata capabilities to search effectively.



*Arriving at Ellis Island, Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division, 1907*

## Announcements

- ◇ Suzanne Kosempel is the winner of the 2016 Award for Best Government Documents Paper for her paper, [Review of U.S. Government Programs and Resources Aimed at the Prevention of Childhood Obesity: A Bibliographic Essay](#).
- ◇ It's not too late to [register](#) for the 2016 Depository Library Council Meeting and Federal Depository Library Conference taking place on October 17-19.
- ◇ The next DANJ meeting will take place on December 2, 2016 at Monmouth University Library.