

## **For Immediate Release**

**Society for American Baseball Research (SABR)  
“Nineteenth Century” and “Origins” Research Committees  
Present a public program: (pre-registration required)  
“NYC 19<sup>th</sup> Century Baseball Interdisciplinary Symposium”**

**Saturday, November 15, 2014, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 524 W. 59<sup>th</sup> St. (10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Aves.), New York, NY**

Both baseball and non-baseball historians of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century will present a day-long interdisciplinary symposium intended to illuminate New York City’s indelible contributions to the origins, growth, spread, and institutionalization of the game as we know it today, and how, in turn New York baseball of the era, impacted the lives of 19<sup>th</sup>-century New Yorkers and Americans beyond.

To help derive a greater understanding of what is known and what is not known about 19<sup>th</sup>-century baseball in and around New York City, the symposium’s planning committee has brought together a rare assembly of both leading baseball historians and experts on 19<sup>th</sup>-century New York City and 19<sup>th</sup>-century life.

The all day program of panel discussions and research presentations will cover the last six decades of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century, which will be divided between baseball’s Pre-Professional Era (1840s-1870) in the morning and its Professional Era (1871-1900) in the afternoon. The \$95.00 registration fee (\$45.00 for students with currently valid College IDs) will include a comprehensive packet of symposium handout materials, a continental breakfast service, and a full hot buffet luncheon with a keynote address by NYC historian, author and curator, Steven H. Jaffe (see below). There will also be an optional post symposium gathering immediately following the day’s program at a nearby restaurant (food and beverage are individual pay).

The interdisciplinary program will feature baseball historians, authors and researchers, including: John Thorn (Official Historian of Major League Baseball); William Ryczek; Tom Gilbert; George Thompson; Robert Bailey; David Dyte; William Lamb; David Nemec; Donald Jensen; Ralph Carhart and David Krell among others. An exclusive “interview” by Gary O’Maxfield of NYC baseball pioneer Daniel Lucius “Doc” Adams (1814-1899) will be provided by his great granddaughter and “Doc” Adams historian, Marjorie Adams.

Three dedicated and highly regarded non-baseball historians, whose devotion to their respective studies go well beyond the letters following their names, will be joining this program as guest faculty. They are:

Keynote Speaker Dr. Steven H. Jaffe, historian, author and curator, currently the guest curator of the exhibition "Activist New York" at the Museum of the City of New York and author, of *New York at War: Four Centuries of Combat, Fear, and Intrigue in Gotham* (Basic Books, 2012), and *Who Were the Founding Fathers? Two Hundred Years of Reinventing American History* (Henry Holt, 1996).

Dr. Ann Fabian, will “Gambling in 19th Century America”. Dr. Fabian is Distinguished Professor of History and American Studies at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. She is the author of *Card Sharps, Dream Books & Bucket Shops: Gambling in Nineteenth-Century America* (Cornell University Press, 1991; paperback, Routledge, 1999).

Dr. David Hochfelder will present “How the Telegraph Helped Make Baseball the National Pastime”. Dr. Hochfelder is Associate Professor of History at University of Albany and author of *The Telegraph in America: A History* (Baltimore and London: John Hopkins University Press, 2012).

The following three pages contain the symposium Program & Schedule and Registration Form with details on how to register. Please, email Peter Mancuso, [peterplus4@earthlink.net](mailto:peterplus4@earthlink.net) or call 10:AM -10:PM, (215) 862-2887 (E.T.) for additional information. Check for space availability after November 1, 2014.

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**Program & Schedule**

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby in front of Lecture Hall L.63 – Immediately inside College Entrance, 524 W. 59<sup>th</sup> St. Check-in & Continental Breakfast Buffet

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM - L.63, Introduction to Pre-Professional (Pioneer) Era (c.1840-1870), John Zinn, Symposium Co-Coordinator, Origins Committee, member,

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM – L.63, Special Presentation, Ralph Carhart, “Protopall – Early GNY Findings”

10:00 AM-11:00 AM – L.63, Panel Discussion, “The New York Game”, Moderator, John Thorn, Official Historian, MLB. Panelists: Tom Gilbert, William Ryczek and George Thompson.

11:00 AM-11:15 AM - 3<sup>rd</sup> Inning Stretch

11:15 AM- 11:45 AM –L.63, Research Presentation, Dr. Ann Fabian, Distinguished Professor of History, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey, “Gambling in 19<sup>th</sup> Century America”

11:45 AM-12:15 PM - L.63, Special Presentation, Marjorie “Crankie” Adams & Gary “Pops” O’Maxfield, “An Interview of Daniel Lucius “Doc” Adams”

12:15 PM -2:00 PM – West End Dining Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – Luncheon and Keynote Address, Dr. Steven H. Jaffe, Writer and Historian

2:00 PM - 2:15 PM – L.63, Introduction to Professional Era (1871-1900), Peter Mancuso, Symposium Co-Coordinator, Nineteenth Century Committee, Chair, Peter Mancuso

2:15 PM - 2:45 PM - L.63, Research Presentation, Dr. David Hochfelder, Associate Professor of History, University of Albany (SUNY), “How the Telegraph Helped Make Baseball the National Pastime”

2:45 PM – 3:30 PM - L.63, Panel Discussion, “New York City Baseball in the Gilded Age”, Moderator, Bob Bailey, Vice-Chair, Nineteenth Century Committee. Panelists: David Dyte, William Lamb and David Nemec

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM – 7<sup>th</sup> Inning Stretch

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM – L.63, Research Presentation, Donald Jensen, “Off the Diamond: “The Sporting Life and Madison Square” see optional, Sun. 11:00AM-12:30, historic “field trip”

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM – L.63, Research Presentation, David Krell, “The ‘Major League’ Resolutes Elizabeth, New Jersey”

4:45PM - 5:00PM - L.63.Closing Remarks and discussion, Peter Mancuso and John Zinn

**Optional : Sunday, November 16, 2014, 11:00AM - 12:30PM: Walking Tour of the Historic Madison Square District, the Center of Gilded Age New York's Sporting Life.** Starting point, lobby of Broadway Plaza Hotel, 1155 Broadway, (West 27th St. & Broadway). The hotel sits on the outfield of the historic baseball grounds of NY's early Knickerbockers. We will tour an area roughly bounded by 23rd and 30th Streets, Madison and 6th Avenues, which was both famous and notorious in the latter 19th century for its entertainment, legitimate and illicit, grand and raw. See the locations once frequented by baseball and other sport celebrities, and the famous and near famous who admired them.

**DIRECTIONS: Driving:** John Jay College is located in northern mid-town Manhattan on the Westside between 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. (north bound) and 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. (north and south bound), and W.58<sup>th</sup> St. (east bound) and W.59<sup>th</sup> St. (west bound). Paid garage parking is available in several neighborhood locations, including on the north side of W. 59<sup>th</sup> St., immediately opposite the College entrance between 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues. The second garage, on right on W.59<sup>th</sup> St. offers a discount with a validated parking stub. Ask college security for parking validation when you enter the college lobby

**Trains:** Penn Sta. (7<sup>th</sup> Ave. & W.33<sup>rd</sup> St.) is the Manhattan Terminus for Amtrak, NJ Rail Transit and the Long Island RR. Grand Central Terminal (E.42<sup>nd</sup> St. and Madison Ave.) is the Manhattan terminus for MTA Metro-North

**Out of Town Buses:** The Port Authority Bus Terminal (W.40<sup>th</sup>-W.42<sup>nd</sup> Sts. & 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Aves) is the Manhattan terminus for numerous suburban and commuter and long distance bus services.

**Subway:** The 59<sup>th</sup> St. (Columbus Circle) Station is just two avenue blocks east of the college. The "A", "B", "C", "D", "#1", "#2" and "#3" trains all stop at this station.

**City Buses:** NYC Transit Authority buses run North on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and South on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and also East and West on 57<sup>th</sup> Street.

**LODGING:** Starting point for the Sunday Madison Square Walking Tour is the **Broadway Plaza Hotel**, Broadway and W.27<sup>th</sup> St. (approx 2 miles from John Jay). There are a limited number of rooms available at our group rates: \$229 per night plus taxes for a 1 bedded, room maximum occupancy 2 people; and \$249 per night plus taxes for a 2 bedded room, maximum occupancy 4 people (a \$60 discount off current rates). There are a limited number of 1 and 2 bedded rooms available. To register or to check availability contact the hotel's GM, Scott Walker by email: [swalker@broadwayplazahotel.com](mailto:swalker@broadwayplazahotel.com) or at his direct phone 212-679-7685. Hotel's phone and website: 212-679-7665, [www.broadwayplazahotel.com](http://www.broadwayplazahotel.com). Mention,19c BB Symposium.

**Hotels within 15 minute walk of John Jay College:**

**6 Columbus Cir.-A Sixty Hotel**, 6 Columbus cir. 212-204-3000, [www.sixtyhotels.com/6Columbus](http://www.sixtyhotels.com/6Columbus)

**Hudson Hotel**, 356 W. 58thSt., 212-554-6000, [www.hudsonhotel.com](http://www.hudsonhotel.com)

**Holiday Inn Midtown / 57<sup>th</sup> St.**, 440 W. 57<sup>th</sup>, 800-439-4745, [www.holidayinn.com](http://www.holidayinn.com)

**REGISTRATION: -Who:** Conference registration is open to both SABR members and to the general public. See Registration Form for fees and payment information. - **When:** Registration commences immediately and will continue until November 1, 2014 or until registration is announced "closed" due to space constraints. - **How:** Registrations are accepted by mail only: send completed Registration Form to: Peter Mancuso, 6970 Ely Road, New Hope, PA 18938. Enclose with personal check **payable to:** "SABR – NYC 19c BB Symposium." Mail by **Nov. 1, 2014**. After mail deadline to confirm if space is available (or for other information ) contact Peter Mancuso: [peterplus4@earthlink.net](mailto:peterplus4@earthlink.net), (215) 862-2887.

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**To register, prepare and mail this form with payment** (see below)

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The Symposium includes handout materials, Continental Breakfast & Buffet Luncheon

Registration: \$95.00 per person, include up to 3 guests: \$95 X \_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed

And/or: \$45.00 per student with a valid College ID: \$45 X \_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed

Guest/s information:

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**Payment and Mailing:**

Please, make check or MO, US dollars, payable to: **"SABR: NYC 19c BB Symposium"**

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