

Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, VERMONT STATE HOUSE

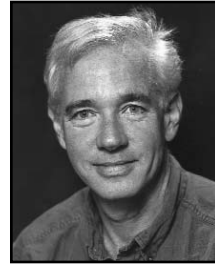
- 6:30 P.M. **Early conference registration**
- 7:30 P.M. **Welcome**
- 7:45 P.M. **Thomas Jefferson speaks**
- 8:30 P.M. **Wine and cheese reception with Thomas Jefferson** (cosponsored by the Jefferson Legacy Foundation)



Colonial Williamsburg's Bill Barker as Jefferson

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, U-32 JR. / SR. HIGH SCHOOL, EAST MONTPELIER

- 7:30 A.M. **Registration and continental breakfast**
- 8:45 A.M. **Opening remarks by Governor Jim Douglas**
- 9:00 A.M. **"The Strange Career of the Right to Vote in the U.S.,"** address by Alexander Keyssar, Professor of History and Social Policy, John F.Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- 10:00 A.M. **Breakout sessions**
- 11:30 A.M. **Buffet lunch**
- 12:30 P.M. **Address** by Joanne Bland, Director, National Voting Rights Museum and Institute
- 1:30 P.M. **Breakout sessions**
- 3:00 P.M. **Questions and answers with keynote speakers and Vermont Secretary of State Deborah L. Markowitz**



Alexander Keyssar



Joanne Bland

Lodging - Accommodations are left to the individual. VHC has secured a room block at the Comfort Inn in Berlin for \$70 for a double. The block will be held until October 7. For reservations, call (802) 229-2222 – and be sure to mention the conference.

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Breakout Session Topics

HISTORY OF VOTING IN VERMONT - Explore Vermont's 212-year voting history with State Archivist Gregory Sanford.

MONEY, MEDIA, AND REFORM - Anthony Gierzynski, University of Vermont associate professor of Political Science, discusses how campaign finance and the mass media adversely affect participation in U.S. elections. Join him in speculating what can or should be done.

SHOULD FELONS VOTE? THE PROS AND CONS OF ENFRANCHISING CONVICTS - Should convicted felons be allowed to vote after they've served their time? Hear from Tom Giffin, a correctional instructor for the Community High School of Vermont, and Deputy Defender General Anna Saxman.

THIRD PARTIES AND INSTANT RUN-OFF ELECTIONS - Alexander Keyssar examines the influence of third parties on elections, and how well a system like Instant Run-off Voting manages the impact. Consideration will be given to recent Vermont elections.

VOTING, DE TOCQUEVILLE, AND CIVIL SOCIETY: TOWN MEETING AS A SCHOOLHOUSE OF CITIZENSHIP - Frank Bryan, University of Vermont Professor of Political Science, provides a history of the Vermont town meeting tradition and facilitates a discussion on town meeting today.

WHY IS NATIONAL VOTING PARTICIPATION SO LOW? - Former Vermont State Representative Terry Bouricius discusses the Center for Voting and Democracy's research into low national voting rates and invites participants to cast their votes for turning the tide.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE THEN AND NOW - Marilyn Blackwell, an independent scholar of women's history, provides an overview of women's suffrage and leads a discussion on how women have influenced elections over the course of history.

THE YOUTH VOTE: COMBATING APATHY AMONG 18-25-YEAR-OLDS - Vermont Secretary of State Deborah Markowitz talks about what Vermont is doing to reinvigorate young voters, including getting kids involved well before they can cast a ballot. She will also lead a brainstorming session to discuss how state leaders, political candidates, schools, and civic organizations can best encourage young people to vote.

Conference Registration

REGISTRATION FEE - Adult: \$110; student: \$55 (enclose proof of high school or college enrollment). Fee includes Friday's reception, Saturday's continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments, and a copy of *The Right to Vote: The Contested History of Democracy in the United States*. Space is limited.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Students and teachers are especially encouraged to attend. **Payment and registration must be received in our office by October 24.** (Cancellation policy: refund less \$25 administrative fee until October 24; no refund after October 24.) One person per form, please; for multiple registrations, photocopy this form.

SCHOLARSHIPS - A few scholarships are available. The deadline is October 10. Applications available at www.vermonthumanities.org or by contacting the council by phone or e-mail.

Registration Form

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FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE (DAY) _____

E-MAIL _____

VEGETARIAN MEALS? _____ YES _____ NO

IS THIS YOUR FIRST VHC CONFERENCE? _____ YES _____ NO

SPECIAL NEEDS? _____

CONFERENCE FEE: \$110 ADULT / \$55 STUDENT \$ _____

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Voting Rights and Wrongs . . .

The Starts and Stops along the Road to Universal Suffrage

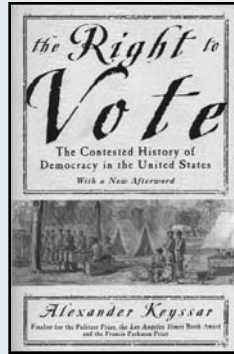
**VERMONT HUMANITIES COUNCIL
AUTUMN CONFERENCE 2003**

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Where does our right to vote come from? What obstacles did the voting movement encounter as the call for universal suffrage grew and what more are in the way? And why, more than two centuries after America undertook its great democratic experiment, is the right to vote embraced by relatively few, taken for granted by many, and rejected by increasing numbers of eligible citizens?

Explore these issues at our 29th Autumn Conference. It opens Friday evening at the Vermont State House with Colonial Williamsburg's Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson. Saturday's program is at U-32

Jr. / Sr. High School in Montpelier. Alexander Keyssar, Ph.D., author of *The Right to Vote: The Contested History of Democracy in the United States*, will give the morning keynote address on the history of voting in the United States. Keyssar is professor of history and social policy at Harvard University. His book was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in history.



Joanne Bland will give the afternoon address. Bland is co-founder and director of the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute, where she works to increase voter awareness. She will discuss black suffrage and her experience as an eleven-year-old participant in one of the Civil Rights Movement's most pivotal events — the 1965 voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

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