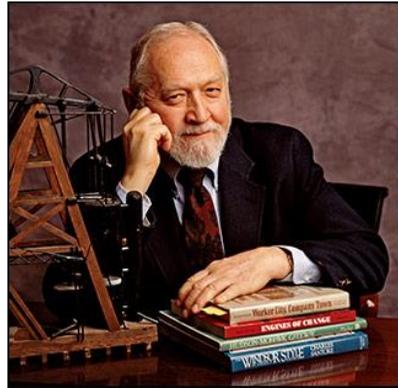


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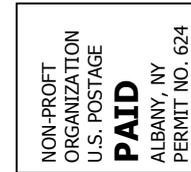
Karen Mahar, Ph.D.
Professor of History,
Siena College,
Loudonville, NY

Dr. Mahar has a doctorate in American History and a certificate in Feminist Studies from the University of Southern California, and has been teaching at Siena College since 1998. She is currently the chair of the History Department and co-chair of the American Studies Program. Her first book was a study of the gendering of the American film industry, *Women Filmmakers in Early Hollywood* (2006), and she is one of the co-authors, with Dr. Wendy Pojmann and Dr. Reeves-Ellington, of *Doing History: An Introduction to the Historian's Craft, with Workbook Activities*, Oxford University Press, 2015.



Joshua Hauck-Wheaton
Archivist, Dudley
Observatory and the
Museum of Innovation
and Science

Mr. Hauck-Wheaton has a MSIS with a focus in Archives and a MA in Public History, both from the University at Albany. He has worked at archives, museums and historic sites throughout the capital region. He now works with the extensive GE collection in the archives at the Museum of Innovation and Science (MiSci) and with 160 years of astronomical history housed in the Dudley Observatory archives.



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Cluett, Peabody & Co. circa 1890
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Morning Lectures Gender in the Archives

Dr. Karen W. Mahar

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Dr. Mahar is interested in the social and cultural construction of the American business executive as white, male, and elite. Worried that it appeared they did no "real" work and exhibited no traditionally masculine skills, Mahar finds that early executives crafted and defended their public status largely through appearance, including, of course, the popular detachable white collar. Her research at RCHS focuses on the Cluett, Peabody & Co., the company that created the famous Arrow shirt collars and shirts. Her work juxtaposes the reality of gender in the workplace and the fantasy of the modern business executive created by both advertising and the executives themselves.

Joshua Hauck-Wheaton

"A Scientific Sweatshop: The Industrialization of American Science and the Women of Dudley Observatory"

In the early part of the twentieth century, a small independent observatory undertook a scientific task that would have challenged much larger institutions: to create a catalogue recording the infinitesimal motions of the stars in the sky. Under the leadership of Lewis Boss, the Dudley Observatory succeeded in fixing the positions of over 30,000 stars, requiring the use of a very special telescope, a great deal of Carnegie money and the largest crew of young women in American astronomy.

10:00am – 11:30am

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Dudley Observatory Staff, 1915
Dudley Observatory Archives

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The Hart Cluett House & The Carr Building

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