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Local Arrangements

Fred V. Carstensen
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PRATT & WHITNEY TOUR

3:45-5:15 p.m.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST AMONG NEW YORK'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

PRESIDING: VINCENT P. CAROSSO, New York University

PAPERS: Consolidation in the Securities Market: Wall Street,

1860-1890

DEBORAH S. GARDENER, New York Stock Exchange Competition in the Community: Branch Banking in New

York City, 1898-1933

BENJAMIN J. KLEBANER, City College of CUNY

COMMENT: HAROLD P. ANDERSON, Wells Fargo Bank, San

Francisco

5:45 p.m. onwards, Thursday, March 8

COCKTAIL PARTY AND BANQUET

Benton Art Museum, University of Connecticut

SPEAKER: DR. BADI FOSTER, President, Aetna Institute

Why Corporate Education?

3:45-10:15 a.m., Friday, March 9

MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

PRESIDING: PAUL USELDING, University of Illinois

PAPERS: Entrepreneurial Objectives, Organizational Design,

Technology, and the Cotton Manufactory of Almy and

Brown, 1789-1797

JAMES L. CONRAD, JR., Nichols College

Management as a Context of Technology: The Lowell Mills,

1821-1880

STEVEN LUBAR, National Museum of American History

Before Edison: The Corporate History of the Electric-

Dynamic Light Company, 1878-1880

CHARLES D. WREGE, Rutgers University

RONALD G. GREENWOOD, General Motors Institute

COMMENT: LOUIS P. CAIN, Loyola University of Chicago

10:15-10:30 a.m., Friday, March 9

Coffee

10:30-12 noon, Friday, March 9

MANAGEMENT AND LABOR RELATIONS

PRESIDING:

THOMAS WEISS, University of Kansas

PAPERS:

Paternalism and Corporate Welfarism in the Large Enterprise:

The Norton Company Experience

CHARLES W. CHEAPE, Oklahoma State University

Technology, Labor Relations, and Occupational Disease CHARLES LEVENSTEIN, University of Connecticut

WILLIAM MASS, University of Massachusetts

COMMENT:

DANIEL NELSON, University of Akron

12:00-1:15 p.m., Friday, March 9

Lunch

1:30-3:00 p.m., Friday, March 9

BIG BUSINESS IN THE 1890s

PRESIDING:

WAYNE G. BROEHL, JR., Darthmouth College

PAPERS:

The Timing of Investment in Large Scale Steel Manufacture:

The Case of Nova Scotia

KRIS INWOOD, University of Guelph

Trusts and Combines: A New Census

DAVID BUNTING, Eastern Washington University

Supply-Side History of the Great Merger Movement: The

Harvester Trust as a Test Case

KENNETH FOX, SUNY—Old Westbury

COMMENT:

FRED V. CARSTENSEN, University of Connecticut

3:00-3:15 p.m., Friday, March 9

Coffee

3:15-4:45 p.m., Friday, March 9

GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

PRESIDING: WILLIAM H. BECKER, George Washington University

PAPERS: Rationalizing, Reforming, and Regulating Life Insurance: The

Crusade of Elizur Wright, 1845-1885

LAWRENCE B. GOODHEART, Eastern Connecticut

University

Banking Innovation in the 1920s: The Growth of Financial

Service Conglomerates

EUGENE N. WHITE, Rutgers University

Bank Holiday versus Insurance Holiday of 1933

THOMAS F. HUERTAS, Citibank, N.A. JOAN L. SILVERMAN, Citibank, N.A.

COMMENT: BRUCE R. DALGAARD, University of Minnesota

5:45 p.m. onwards, Friday, March 9

COCKTAIL PARTY AND BANQUET

Trinity College, Hartford

PRESIDENTIAL PAUL J. USELDING, University of Illinois ADDRESS The Rise and Fall of Economic Regions

8:45-10:15 a.m., Saturday, March 10

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT: BUSINESS, FOUNDATIONS, ACADEME

PRESIDING: STEVEN A. SASS, University of Pennsylvania

PAPERS: Progress and Profits: G.E., A.T. & T. and the Establishment

of American Industrial Research

LEONARD REICH, Thomas Edison Papers

Foundations, Social Science and Indicative Planning in the

American 1920s

GUY ALCHON, University of Delaware

Pure Science and Profits: Rediscovering Academic-Industrial

Ties in American Research

JEFFREY STURCHIO, New Jersey Institute of Technology

COMMENT: MEL HORWITCH, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

10:15-10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 10

Coffee

10:30-12:00 noon, Saturday, March 10

AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS IN AMERICA AND AFRICA

PRESIDING: WILLIAM N.

WILLIAM N. PARKER, Yale University

PAPERS:

Specialization and the Origins of Agribusiness: John Hare

Powel and American Livestock Breeding

JUDITY McCAW, University of Pennsylvania

Baltimore's Dairy Industry and the Fight for Pure Milk,

1900-1925

JOYCE E. WESSEL, University of Virginia

Bureaucracy, Business, and Africa During the Colonial Period:

Who Did What to Whom?

DENNIS M. P. McCARTHY, Iowa State University

COMMENT:

JEREMY ATACK, University of Illinois

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BANKING IN EARLY AMERICA

PRESIDING:

BARBARA BENSON KOHN, Manufacturers Hanover Trust

Company

PAPERS:

The Bank of North America and Robert Morris's Management

of the Nation's First Fiscal Crisis

ELIZABETH M. NUXOLL, The Papers of Robert Morris

Financing Antebellum Economic Expansion: A View from

New York and Philadelphia

DANIEL HODAS, Mercy College

The Structure of Banks in Antebellum New England: Some

Social and Economic Implications

NAOMI R. LAMOREAUX, Brown University

COMMENT:

GEORGE D. GREEN, University of Minnesota

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