

# DISASTER! A CONFERENCE ON DISASTERS IN HISTORY

**2011 Hagley Fellows Conference**  
**Saturday April 9, 2011 - Hagley Soda House**  
**Wilmington, Delaware**

On Saturday April 9, 2011, Hagley Museum and Library will host, "Disaster! A Conference on Disasters in History," a conference sponsored by the Hagley Fellows of the University of Delaware.

The conference will bring scholars and the public together to examine disasters of all kinds as a topic of research and as a contested historiographical field. Scholars will demonstrate the ways in which disasters have shaped societies, cultures, and environments since 1700. Papers explore how disasters inform the histories of business, technology, consumption, the environment, work, and everyday life.

Michael Adas, Abraham E. Voorhees Professor of History and Board of Governors' Chair at Rutgers University, will deliver the keynote address. A schedule of presenters and additional details are available at the website listed below.

The conference is free but you must register before April 1. Attendees may also purchase lunch. You can register by sending the enclosed registration form to Carol Lockman in Hagley's Center for Business, Technology, and Society at (302) 658-2400, ext. 243, or [clockman@hagley.org](mailto:clockman@hagley.org).

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## SCHEDULE

**8:30 - 9:00 Coffee and Registration**

**9:00 - 9:15 Opening Remarks**

**9:15 - 10:45 Panel One**

**Interpreting Disaster in Popular Culture**

Chair: Amanda Casper, Hagley Fellow

Zachary M. Hilpert, College of William and Mary  
"Monsters Among the Ruins: Fabricating Ethnic and Racial Villains for Late 19th- and Early 20th Century Urban Disaster Reportage"

Liz Skilton, Tulane University  
"Talking About the Tempest: Constructing A Gendered Hurricane"

Erika Piola, The Library Company of Philadelphia  
"Gory and Graphic: The Production and Consumption of Nineteenth-Century Disaster Lithographs in Philadelphia"

Commentator: Julie Wosk  
SUNY Maritime College, New York City  
Professor History of Art, English, and Studio Painting

**10:45 - 11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00 - 12:30 Panel Two**  
**Responding to Disaster**

Chair: Jennifer Mathews, Hagley Fellow

Jaffa L. Panken, University of Pennsylvania  
"From Evangelical to Humanitarian:  
The American Missionary Response to the  
Near Eastern Crisis, 1890 to 1923"

Carola Hein, Bryn Mawr College  
"Disaster and Rebuilding in Japan"

Philip Whalen, Coastal Carolina University  
"Felicitous Disaster: The Phylloxera Epidemic and the French Wine Industry"

Commentator: Kerry Smith  
Brown University, Providence RI  
Associate Professor of History

**Lunch 12:30 - 1:30**

**1:30 - 3:00 Panel Three**  
**Overlooked Disasters**

Chair: Mike Pospishil, Hagley Fellow

Mike Esbester, Oxford Brookes University  
"Everyday Disasters: Scale and Subjectivity in the History of Disasters"

Matthew Mulcahy, Loyola University  
"The Port Royal Fire of 1703"

Robert Reid, University of Southern Indiana  
"The Great Flood of 1937; the  
Twentieth Century Katrina"

Commentator: David Shearer, Professor,  
University of Delaware Department of History;  
Coordinator, Hagley Program

**3:00 - 3:15 Coffee Break**

**3:15 - 4:00 Keynote Address**

Michael Adas, Abraham E. Voorhees  
Professor of History and Board of Governors  
Chair, Rutgers University

**4:00 - 4:10 Closing Remarks**

**4:10 - 5:00 Reception**



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Sponsored by the Hagley Fellows Program at the University of Delaware

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is free and open to the public and includes coffee and an evening reception.

\$11 for lunch

### Payment (for lunch)

Check (payable to Hagley Museum and Library)

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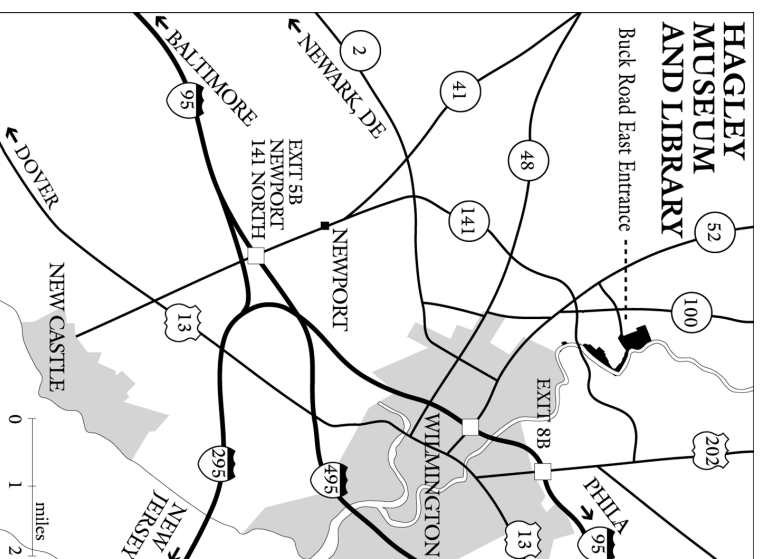
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**From the north:** Take I-95 south to exit 8B (West Chester exit) in Delaware. Follow Route 202 north (Concord Pike) for 1.3 miles. Stay in the left lane to turn left onto Route 141. Follow Route 141 south for 2 miles, get into the right lane to turn right onto the bridge. After crossing the bridge, turn right at the next traffic light onto Route 100 north. At the next traffic light, make a right onto Buck Road East. After the stop sign, go straight through the gates and follow signs to the Soda House.

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