

Central New York History is National History!

Author Daniel Koch returns to his Central New York roots and, while here, will speak on his upcoming 2022 publication of *Land of the Oneidas: Central New York State and the Creation of America, From Prehistory to the Present* at 2 pm Sunday, July 24, 2022 at the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum (NAHOF) in Peterboro NY. Dr. Koch will emphasize the importance of the CNY region to our national history.

Koch came to the attention of NAHOF with the article *Flying the Confederate Flag in the North is a Special Sort of Disgrace* (*History News Network*) and *Teaching Anti-Racism on the New York Frontier: Beriah Green's Oneida Institute* (*History of Education Society*). He also published *New York, New France: French Ambitions on Oneida Lake in 1634* (*New York Almanack*).

Dr. Koch grew up in Oneida NY. He completed a B.A. in History and French at the State University of New York at Albany, with a year abroad at the Université de Paris (IV) Sorbonne and (X) Nanterre. He then studied for an M.St. and D.Phil. (Ph.D.) in History at the University of Oxford. Koch is currently the Senior Deputy Head (Vice Master) at Bedford School. He will be taking up post at Loughborough Grammar School as Headmaster in September 2022.

The main interests of Daniel Koch, apart from History and education, are languages, and he is a keen sportsman. Growing up in New York, he played American Football and Baseball. At Oxford, he rowed in the Christ Church 1st VIII. Currently he coaches rugby. He enjoys running and triathlon. He is a member of the Bedford Harriers Athletic Club. Koch currently lives with his wife and two children in Bedford, England, and visits his hometown of Oneida each July.

A five dollar admission includes the Koch program and entrance to the Hall of Fame and Museum. The National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum (NAHOF) is open from 12 – 4 pm on Saturdays and Sundays June 4 ~ August 28, 2022 and 12 – 4 pm Monday – Wednesday until August 10. NAHOF is located at 5255 Pleasant Valley Road, Peterboro NY. Down the street, the exterior exhibits of the Gerrit Smith Estate National Historic Landmark (GSENL) are open from dawn to dusk. The buildings of the Estate are open on Saturday and Sunday from 1 – 4 pm. Both sites are also open for special events and pre-arranged group tours. COVID protocol may be required according to the coronavirus status at the time of an event. Please check for updates at www.nationalabolitionhalloffameandmuseum.org, nahofm1835@gmail.com, and 315-684-3262.