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## The Pitfalls and Possibilities of Microhistory

**FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011** at Northwestern University,  
Leopold Room (Harris Hall 108), 1881 Sheridan Rd, Evanston campus  
**FREE and OPEN to the PUBLIC**

9:30 a.m. Welcome by CCHS Director, T.H. Breen.

9:45-10:30 a.m. Keynote: Alan TAYLOR (University of California at Davis), winner of the Pulitzer and Bancroft prizes—The View from Mount Vision: Histories Large and Small

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Morning Panel

**Michael Martoccio** (NU)—Microhistory and the Lost States of Europe: Reconciling Microhistorical and Microeconomic Analysis

**Strother Roberts** (NU)—The Forest for the Trees: Using Microhistory to Study Early Modern Climate Change

**Andrew Wehrman** (NU)—An Infectious Practice: The Contentious Career of Dr. Azor Betts, Smallpox Inoculator, 1774-1809.

Chair and commentator: Marion (Buddy) GRAY (Western Michigan University)

1-2 p.m. Lunch (catered)

2-4 p.m. Afternoon Panel

**Peter Thilly** (NU)—Murder at Pagoda Anchorage: Smuggling and Maritime Customs in Fuzhou, 1861-1875

**Julia Fein** (University of Chicago)—The Mysterious Case of the Missing Minerals: Old Guard and New Scientists in the Irkutsk Museum

**Jason Johnson** (NU)—Spies in the Village: A Microhistory of the Failures of East Germany's Stasi  
Chair and commentator: Geraldo CADAVA (Northwestern University)

Reception to follow.

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