SEEKING CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNITY IN FRAGMENETS OF ABENAKI HISTORY

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ABSTRACT
In 1799 and 1800 the Abenaki man Pierpol (also known as Perepole or Pierre Paul) sold his lands and home on the Sandy River in what is now Strong, Maine. Although these sales are in some ways evidence of declining Indigenous influence in what is now western Maine, they also suggest how Abenakis continued to inhabit this region. The Wabanaki peoples of today's western Maine, northern New Hampshire and Vermont, and southern Quebec—collectively known as Abenakis—remain poorly understood by the non-Native peoples. In the early colonial period Abenakis used place names and diplomacy to mark the networks that linked their communities and demonstrated their connection to this region. How did colonial forms of violence and territorial possession change these regional connections? This presentation will offer preliminary answers by reconnecting apparently isolated Abenaki individuals like Pierpol to the larger networks that continued to connect them to other Wabanakis and to their changing homelands.

WHEN
Wednesday, March 17th, 2021
7:00–8:00 pm AST/6:00–7:00 PM EST

WHERE
Zoom Meeting – Please pre-register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpc-GvqTsvEtGOTshRkoSNGTpeMSiCED-L

DETAILS
Please join us for the seventh lecture in APANB-AAPNB 2020-2021 Speaker Series with Dr. Hall. A brief Q&A will follow the presentation.

BIO
Joe Hall teaches early North American and Native American history at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. His current research focuses on a larger version of this abstract, reconnecting the apparently isolated details of Abenaki presence. He hopes that such work will help Abenakis establish more clearly the extent of their continuous and continuing presence in the region.

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