



**A Work in Progress: The Willard House Garden Restoration**

Much progress has been made in the historic reconstruction of the Willard House garden. Check out our [blog](#) for an update on all that has been accomplished this year. Glen Madeja, former CWHL Executive Director and current Head Gardener, oversees the day-to-day maintenance and gradual reshaping of the landscape. His restoration efforts are based on historic pictures from our Archives.



We thank Glen and all of the supporters of the garden for their generosity and hard work. The garden restoration has been funded almost entirely by small donations. Please consider joining the effort to re-create this unique and beautiful space by donating [here](#). (Please note "gardens" on the form.)

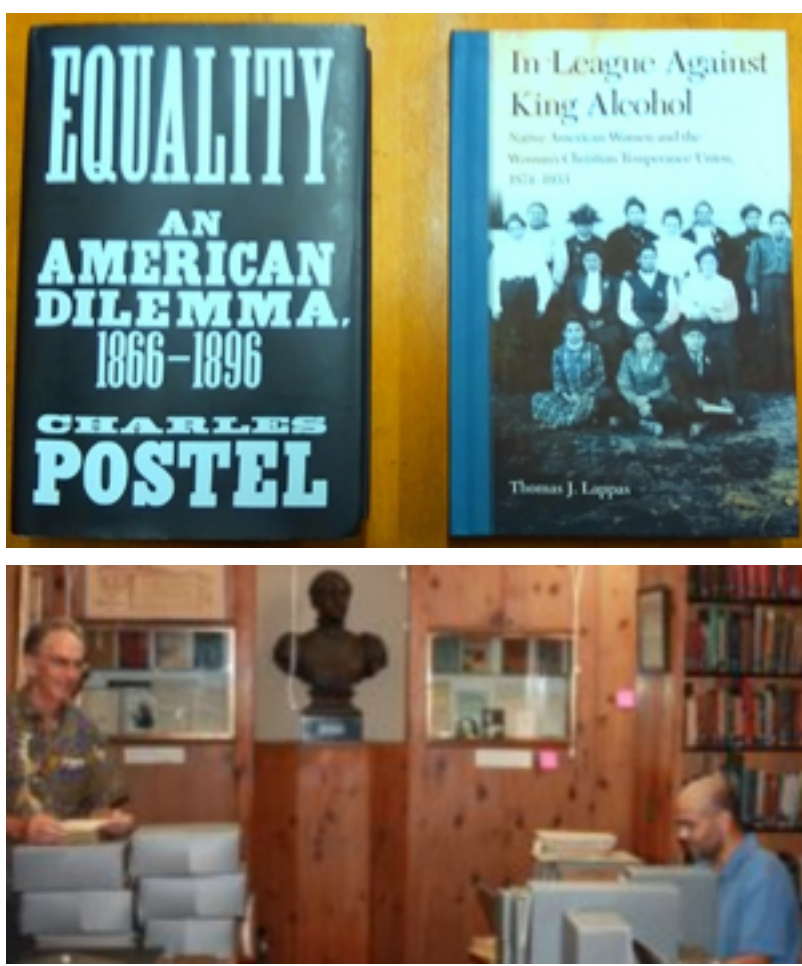
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**From the Archives: Book Notes**

We are always glad to see our researchers' work published, and even happier when those publications get wide attention. This month, two recent books received positive recognition.

Charles Postel's *Equality: An American Dilemma, 1866-1896*, won honorable mention in the H. Wayne Morgan Book Prize for political histories conferred by the Society of Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era. His study of three nineteenth-century organizations – the WCTU, the Grange, and the Knights of Labor – explores the ways in which the egalitarian ideals of each movement played out in reality.

Thomas Lappas's *In League Against King Alcohol*, a groundbreaking study of Native American women and the WCTU, received a thorough and positive review in the latest issue of the *Journal of the Gilded Age & Progressive Era*. Bonus: the review of Tom's book was written by Cate LiaBraaten, Loyola PhD candidate and, until this month, the CWHL's Museum Operations Manager. Her well-written review nicely summarizes the book and shows its importance.



Pictured here: above, the books; below, the authors at work in the Archives in 2016 – a serendipitous encounter.

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**Thank You Cate!** 🌸

This month, Cate LiaBraaten is stepping down as the CWHL's Museum Operation Manager. We are happy to announce that she will be joining our Museum Council. Supporting emerging professionals in public history is a key goal of the Center for Women's History and Leadership. In a new [blog post](#), Cate reflects on what she's learned while working at the Frances Willard House for the past three years. Thank you Cate for your dedication and creativity!

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**Update – Stay Tuned for Reopening!**

Plans for reopening the museum to visitors are in the works, and we hope to open for prescheduled tours this summer. Stay tuned for more information about when and how to book your visit!

Our public programs will continue to take place online. The WCTU Archives has reopened by appointment only.

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May print from the Willard House Dining Room

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