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## New York City Culture in the Jazz Age



Presenter: **Susan Ingalls Lewis Ph.D.**,  
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*In the 1920s, New York City was the global epicenter of the modern age, as symbolized by its rising skyline. Art, design, music, theater, publishing, radio, and advertising beamed out of the city to the rest of the nation and the world. Individuals of diverse identities came together to contribute to a unique cultural blossoming that included not only the Harlem Renaissance, but an unprecedented mixing of peoples and backgrounds. Yet all was not as rosy as it*

*might appear in hindsight: racism, prejudice and poverty existed just below the city's shiny surface, while prohibition led to crime and corruption. This presentation will explore New York as a cultural icon, as well as its national and international influence.*



**Susan Ingalls Lewis** is a Professor Emerita at the State University of New York College at New Paltz, as well as an affiliate faculty member in the Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies Program. Dr. Lewis received her B.A. from Wellesley College in 1970, and her Ph.D. from Binghamton University in 2002. She continues to teach courses on American women's history and New York State history and is currently co-editing *Suffrage and its Limits: The New York Story* (to be published by SUNY Press). Dr. Lewis is also co-authoring *Girls to the Rescue: the Impact of World War I on Girls' Series Fiction*, to be published by McFarland & Company.

Professor Lewis's monograph, *Unexceptional Women: Female Proprietors in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Albany, New York, 1830-1885* (Ohio State University Press, 2009) was awarded the Hagley Prize in Business History for the best book published the field. She has also been named Liberal Arts & Sciences Teacher of the Year (2007-08), won the LA & S Excellence in Scholarship Award (2011), and was awarded a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching (2017). Dr. Lewis is a Fellow of the New York Academy of History, and author of the blog, *New York Rediscovered*. She is also the co-author, with her husband Richard, of *The Power of Art*, a college art appreciation textbook, and its companion blog *Lewis Art Café*.

**\*Directions:** Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie at 67 South Randolph Ave. can be accessed from Hooker Ave. OR take Route 9 to Sharon Dr. (near Holiday Inn). At the end of Sharon turn left onto Beechwood then the first right onto Ferris Lane, next an immediate left to S. Randolph. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie is on the right.

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