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Welcome to the 54th Annual Missouri Conference on History!

On behalf of The State Historical Society of Missouri, the Missouri Conference on History Steering Committee, and our partners, the Department of History at the University of Missouri-Columbia and the Missouri Humanities Council, I would like to welcome you to the fifty-fourth annual Missouri Conference on History. Interest in this conference has grown steadily over the past few years; we hope that this conference will be the best one yet.

While you are in Columbia, I hope you will take time to visit the Society's Columbia Research Center and view the artwork currently on display in the main gallery, especially the exhibition *1942: Thomas Hart Benton's Year of Peril*.

Enjoy the conference, and please feel free to communicate any ideas for improving future gatherings to the members of the Steering Committee.

Sincerely,

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Conference Schedule

Thursday, March 29

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Conference Registration

8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vendor Displays

8:30-9:45 a.m.

Steering Committee Meeting *McNair Boardroom*

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Pilgrimage in the Ancient and Medieval World *Salon B*

Chair and Commentator

Anne Rudloff Stanton, University of Missouri-Columbia

Panelists

William B. McKenzie, Southeast Missouri State University

*Pilgrimage to Delphi as Compared to Early Christian Shrine
Pilgrimages*

Kathleen S. Reynolds, Southeast Missouri State University

*Medieval and Early Modern British Perspectives on Medieval
Pilgrimage*

Blowing Hot and Cold: The Winds of War *Salon A*

Chair and Commentator

John Waide, Saint Louis University

Panelists

Andrew Cooperman, Independent Scholar

*Hispanismo vs. the Monroe Doctrine: Spain, the United States, and
the Dominican Republic, 1861-1865*

Randy McGuire, Oak Hills Christian College

Parks College in World War II: Their Finest Hour!

Christine Froechtenigt Harper, Saint Louis University

*A Life for Germany: Günther Freiherr von Maltzahn and the
German Air Force*

Early Ethnography and Paleontology in the Trans-Mississippi West *Varsity Room*

Chair and Commentator

William E. Foley, University of Central Missouri

Panelists

W. Raymond Wood, University of Missouri-Columbia

James Kipp: Fur Trader, Ethnographer, and Missouri Farmer

R. Bruce McMillan, University of Missouri-Columbia

The Discovery of Fossil Vertebrates on Missouri's Western Frontier

10:00-10:15 a.m. Refreshments

10:15-11:45 a.m.

The Many Acts of the Small: New Research into Missouri's Social History *Salon B*

Chair

Thomas J. Gubbels, Lincoln University

Panelists

Tammie M. Busch, Lincoln University

Finding Her Place: The New Woman in Missouri and Her Struggle for Acceptance

Sean Rost, Columbia College-Jefferson City

Trial By Fire: How George Thomas Olds Changed Jefferson City, Missouri

David E. Snead, Missouri State Archives

The Civilian Conservation Corps: A Lesson from Country, State, and Home

Commentator

Brett Rogers, Columbia College

Religion and Society in Comparative Perspective *Varsity Room*

Chair and Commentator

Dennis Kelley, University of Missouri-Columbia

Panelists

Chris Deutsch, University of Missouri-Columbia

"I Stood as an American": Ex-Communists and Religion in Cold War America

Thursday Sessions

- Megan Campbell, Southeast Missouri State University
The Legacy of Franciscan Conversion and Nahua Religion in Contemporary Mexican Catholicism
- Emily L. Sajdak, Southeast Missouri State University
The Muslim Brotherhood and the Influence of Sayyid Qutb's Ideology in Egypt

Perspectives on Teaching about Slavery at the K-12 Level

Salon A

Moderator

Melanie Adams, Missouri History Museum

Panelists

Cindy Neu, Webster Groves School District

Teaching about Slavery to Elementary and Secondary Students: Using Cultural Perspectives through Primary Source Documents

Lisa Gilbert, Missouri History Museum

Teaching about Slavery in a Museum Setting: The Advantages of Informal Education

Connecting Missouri to the Nation: A Postal View of Missouri History *McNair Boardroom*

Moderator

Pamela K. Sanfilippo, Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site

Panelists

Robert G. Schultz, Independent Scholar

Postal Service in Territorial Missouri

David L. Straight, Independent Scholar

The Cultivation of Rural Commerce: Registered Mail in Stony Hill, Missouri

Gary G. Hendren, Independent Scholar

St. Louis Connects to the Suburbs

12:00-1:45 p.m.

Keynote Luncheon *Salons C & D*



Keynote Address

Colin Gordon
The University of Iowa

***St. Louis Blues:
The Urban Crisis in the
Gateway City***

2:00-3:30 p.m.

African American History as Activism in Twentieth-Century Missouri *Salon D*

Chair and Commentator

Priscilla A. Dowden-White, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Panelists

Melanie Adams, Missouri History Museum

Herman Dreer: An Activist Historian

Gary R. Kremer, The State Historical Society of Missouri

*Lincoln University's Midwest Journal: A Magazine of Research and
Creative Writing, 1948-1956*

Gender and the Law in the Antebellum U.S. *Salon C*

Chair and Commentator

LeeAnn Whites, University of Missouri-Columbia

Panelists

Julian Barr, Lindenwood University

*To Love and To Cherish: Marital Violence and Divorce in
Nineteenth-Century America*

Matthew A. Byron, Young Harris College

*Dueling across Borders: The Impotency of Dueling Laws in the
Mississippi River Valley*

Transportation, Public Policy, and State Power in Modern Missouri History *Varsity Room*

Chair and Commentator

Jeff Schramm, Missouri University of Science and Technology

Panelists

Christopher W. Kinder, Southeast Missouri State University

Ahead of His Time: The Influence of Henry Miller on the Development of Southeast Missouri in the Mid-Nineteenth Century, 1840-1870

Thomas J. Gubbels, Lincoln University

The Missouri Highway Department in Transition: 1930-1956

German-American Identity in St. Charles County, Missouri *Salon A*

Chair and Commentator

Jeffrey Smith, Lindenwood University

Panelists

Dorris Keeven-Franke, St. Charles County Historical Society

The Impact of German Ethnic and Cultural Identity on St. Charles County during the Civil War in Missouri

Rebecca Preiss Odom, Saint Louis University

The 1909 St. Charles Centennial Celebration and German Ethnic and Community Identity

Aspects of Western Missouri History *Salon B*

(Part 1)

Chair

Lawrence O. Christensen, Missouri University of Science and Technology

Panelist

Lawrence H. Larsen, University of Missouri-Kansas City

Making the Kawsmouth Midwestern, 1800-1890

Commentator

Donald B. Oster, Missouri University of Science and Technology

(Part 2)

Chair and Commentator

Lawrence O. Christensen

Panelist

Patrick E. McLearn, Missouri Western State University

Stark vs. Graves: The Governor as a Crime Fighter in the Ouster of a Prosecuting Attorney

3:45-4:00 p.m. Refreshments

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Race and Gender in the Civil War Era Salon D

Chair and Commentator

Jennifer Harbour, The University of Iowa

Panelists

Holly A. Pinheiro Jr., The University of Iowa

Opportunity out of Apprehension: New York's Black Regiments during the Civil War

Miller W. Boyd, The University of Mississippi

The Other Way Forward: Alternative Constructions of Black Manhood in Civil War Missouri

Joan Stack, The State Historical Society of Missouri

Dressing a Civil War Heroine: The Implications of Costume Alterations in George Caleb Bingham's General Order No. 11

Black Power, White Flight, and Public Housing Decay in Residential St. Louis Salon C

Chair

Stefan Bradley, Saint Louis University

Panelists

John Newcomer, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Direct Action—Without Warning!!!: Percy Green's Campaign against Job Discrimination in St. Louis

Michael Karp, Saint Louis University

"Entitled to Live": Black Power, Black Women, and Environmental Activism in St. Louis, 1967-1973

Luke Ritter, Saint Louis University

The Discriminating Priority of Integration in Open Housing Activism: St. Louis County, 1961-1982

Commentator

Clarence Lang, The University of Kansas

Teaching and Learning about U.S. History in a Transnational Context *Salon A*

Chair and Commentator

Antonio J. Castro, University of Missouri-Columbia

Panelists

Lawrence J. McAndrews, St. Norbert College

Out of This World?: Internationalization, Higher Education, and United States History

Bethany Hope Henry, University of Missouri-Columbia

National Parks and the Preservation of Native Heritage in Canada and the United States: A Comparison of Policy and Web Pages

5:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner (on your own)

7:30 p.m.

Public Film Screening *Grand Ballroom*

***The Pruitt-Igoe Myth:
An Urban History***



A roundtable will follow the screening. Participants include Colin Gordon, author of *Mapping Decline: St. Louis and the Fate of the American City*, and Paul Fehler, a producer of the film and a geographer by training.

Friday, March 30

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Conference Registration

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Vendor Displays

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Sexual Deviants: Crossing the Line of Respectability *Salon C*

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Chair and Commentator

Lorri Glover, Saint Louis University

Panelists

Chad Denton, University of Missouri-Columbia

The Libertine Body: Desire, Disease, and Excess in the Enlightenment

Sarah Lirley McCune, University of Missouri-Columbia

Prostitution, Suicide, and Respectability: St. Louis, Missouri, Coroner's Inquests, 1875-1900

Andrea Weingartner, University of Missouri-Columbia

The Kansas Free Lovers: Unrespectable Representations of Gender

Cemeteries as Sacred and Secular Spaces *Salon A*

Chair and Commentator

Keith Eggener, University of Missouri-Columbia

Panelists

Jeffrey Smith, Lindenwood University

Graveyard Shifts: The Transformation of the Sacred into the Secular

Eären Hummel, Bellefontaine Cemetery

The Cemetery Landscape: From Burial Ground to Civic Space

Masculinity and Imagined Space in the Twentieth-Century U.S.

Salon D

Chair

Miriam Forman-Brunell, University of Missouri-Kansas City

Panelists

Regina Williams-Decker, University of Missouri-Kansas City
In the Doghouse: Masculinity, Marriage and Morality, 1900-1960
Sam Stillwell, Renaissance Academy
Inside the Bat Cave: Masculinity and the Male Imagination

Public Health in Colonial Africa Salon B

Chair and Commentator

George O. Ndege, Saint Louis University

Panelists

Francis Dube, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
*Public Health and Racial Segregation in South Africa: Mahatma
(M. K.) Gandhi Debates Colonial Authorities on Public Health
Measures, 1896-1904*
Denis Mwanyanja Mwiba, Catholic University of Malawi
*Malaria Outbreaks in Colonial Malawi: The Case of the Lower
Shire Valley*

10:00-10:15 a.m. Refreshments

10:15-11:45 a.m.

Roundtable: Public History Programs in Missouri Salon B

Chair

Joel P. Rhodes, Southeast Missouri State University

Discussants

Elyssa Ford, Northwest Missouri State University
Tracy Gilbertson, The University of Kansas
Steven Hoffman, Southeast Missouri State University
Donna Jean Rausch, Felix Valle House State Historic Site
Ellen Ryan, Kent Library, Southeast Missouri State University
Jon Taylor, University of Central Missouri
Joel Burzinski, University of Central Missouri

**The Home and the Built Environment in Modern America
Salon A**

Chair

John W. McKerley, The State Historical Society of Missouri

Panelists

Clinton D. Lawson, Independent Scholar

Suburban Cowboy: J. C. Nichols and the Building of a Neighborhood, 1880-1950

Ben Humphries, University of Missouri-Kansas City

Refinement and Riffraff: The Biography of a House

Reassessing the Civil War Salon D

Chair and Commentator

William Garrett Piston, Missouri State University

Panelists

Michael D. Robinson, Louisiana State University

A Complete Failure?: A Reassessment of the Role of John J. Crittenden during the Secession Crisis of 1860-1861

Kyle S. Sinisi, The Citadel

Victory through Court Martial: Alfred Pleasonton and the Second Battle of Byram's Ford

Raymond Gregory Lande, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

The Civil War Execution of William Ormsby

Horizons of the Spirit: Time, Space, and American Religious Community Salon C

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Chair and Commentator

Richard Callahan, University of Missouri-Columbia

Panelists

Darin Tuck, University of Missouri-Columbia

Faith in Every Footstep: Mormons, Movement, Miracle, and Transhorizontal Memory

Joshua M. Rice, University of Missouri-Columbia

A Nation Unto God: Christian Mission and National Identity in Antebellum America

Jonathan B. Root, University of Missouri-Columbia

For God and Country: Civil Religion and the Assemblies of God, 1960-1969

Crisis and Controversy in Nineteenth-Century St. Louis

Varsity Room

Chair and Commentator

Louis Gerteis, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Panelists

Mark A. Neels, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

“The Terrible Year”: How the Events of One Summer Changed Life in Antebellum St. Louis

Todd Barnett, University of Missouri-Columbia

The Great Controversy: Media, Religion, and Society in Gilded Age St. Louis

12:30-1:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon and Business Meeting

Grand Ballroom

1:45-3:15 p.m.

**The Evolution of the Marketplace in the Early American West:
Unexpected Challenges and Unintended Consequences *Salon C***

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Chair and Commentator

Peter Kastor, Washington University in St. Louis

Panelists

Jonathan D. Jones, University of Missouri-Columbia

A Commercial Empire of Liberty: Astoria, the Federal Government and Jeffersonian Expansion

William G. Lewis, University of Missouri-Columbia

Down in the Valley?: The Changing Nature of the Ohio Valley Economy in the New Republic

William M. Snodgrass, University of Missouri-Columbia

*“To Bring More Harmonious Actions to Our Business”:
Commercial Organizations in Antebellum St. Louis*

**Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the Popular Culture of the
Twentieth-Century U.S. *Salon A***

Chair

Lynn Wolf Gentzler, The State Historical Society of Missouri

Panelists

Elizabeth Ireland, University of Missouri-Kansas City

"The Girl Around the House": Making the Perfect Housewife, 1930s-1960s

Kelly Wadsworth, University of Tulsa

The Birds, The Bees, and The Bunkers: How All in the Family Unstuffed Female Sexuality

Saints and Pilgrims: Religion and Popular Culture in Comparative Perspective *Salon B*

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Chair and Commentator

Jonathan B. Root, University of Missouri-Columbia

Panelists

Kelly Owens, Southeast Missouri State University

Saint Nicholas or Santa Claus: The Commodification of Saints

Charmagne Schneider, Southeast Missouri State University

Pilgrimage to Jimi Hendrix's Grave

Trade and Politics in Early Modern Europe *Varsity Room*

Chair and Commentator

Robert M. Bliss, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Panelists

Joel D. Benson, Northwest Missouri State University

English-Dutch Relations and a Vision of Free Trade

Kimberly Lynn Casey, Northwest Missouri State University

The House of Stuart and the North American Fur Trade from 1660-1688

3:15-3:30 p.m. Refreshments

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Religion and Society in the Antebellum U.S. *Salon C*

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Chair and Commentator

Cassandra L. Yacovazzi, University of Missouri-Columbia

Panelists

James Leslie, Lincoln University

*“Where freedom cannot be used, there is a state of bondage”:
Quaker Culture in North Carolina and the Problem of a Binary
Model of Religious History in the Revolutionary Era*

Christine Alice Croxall, University of Delaware

*“We believed we must surely die”:
Lived Religion and Interreligious
Exchange in the New Madrid Earthquakes*

Ellen Mays, Southeast Missouri State University

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: The “American Mystic”

The Individual in Context: Using Personal Histories to Explore Larger Themes Salon D

Chair and Commentator

Thomas Spencer, Northwest Missouri State University

Panelists

Greg Olson, Missouri State Archives

*“Your Faithfull Follower”:
Mary Alicia Owen’s Letters to Charles
Godfrey Leland*

Mary Vogt McIntosh, Local Records Preservation Program, Missouri
Secretary of State’s Office

*You Can’t Fight City Hall: One Woman’s Quest for Justice through
Local Records*

Kimberly K. Porter, University of North Dakota

*“Dear Folks All”:
Henry Field, Folk Culture and Reynolds County,
Missouri*

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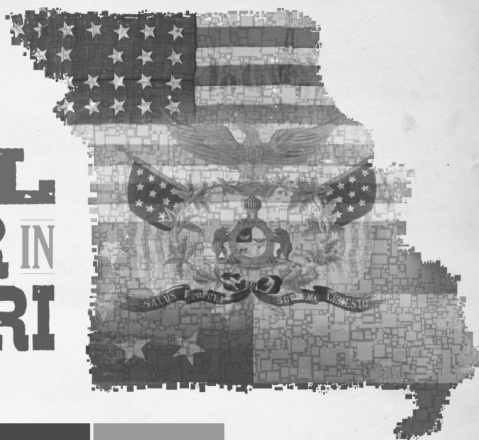


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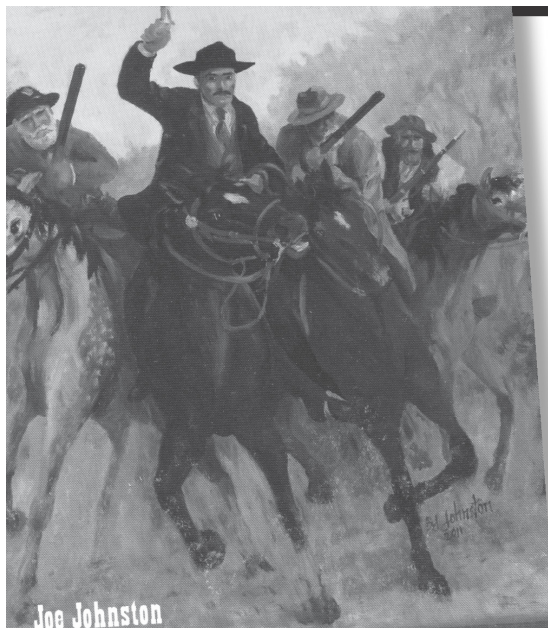


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