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Welcome to the 63rd Annual Missouri Conference on History. While we wish that we could meet in person to share stories of new scholarship and past conferences, the world is a much different place from the last time the conference convened in March 2020. To say that the past 12 months have been difficult, eye-opening, and heartbreaking would be an understatement as we consider the impact of Covid-19. We mourn the loss of nearly 2.5 million people globally, including over 500,000 in the United States and over 8,000 Missourians. We hold our friends and families in our thoughts and hope for a better tomorrow.

While the conference traditionally embraces scholarship on global issues—and this year is no different—Missouri's Bicentennial in 2021 offers a unique theme that can be found throughout the sessions and plenaries. In the Wednesday evening plenary, I open the conference with a reflection not only on the past year, but on the previous two hundred years of Missouri statehood. Our keynote plenary on Thursday afternoon features a fellow Missourian, Jarod Roll, discussing his recent book, "Poor Man's Fortune: White Working-Class Conservatism in American Metal Mining, 1850–1950." On Thursday evening, Missouri 2021 and Friends of Arrow Rock are pleased to present a performance of "Voices of Arrow Rock, Spirit of the Missouri Frontier," which brings to life the experiences of those living in early Missouri.

We want to thank all of our sponsors for their continued support of the conference. Please visit the conference's website to view information on each sponsor. The steering committee has been especially helpful in developing the conference for this year and future years. Finally, the programming committee—John Brenner, Christina George, Maggie Mayhan, and Sean Rost—worked tirelessly to transition the conference to a virtual format and craft a program dedicated to celebrating and interpreting Missouri's Bicentennial.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Kremer

President, 2020-2021 Missouri Conference on
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Executive Director, The State Historical
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Wednesday, March 10

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

OPENING PLENARY

Gary R. Kremer, *State Historical Society of Missouri*

To open the 63rd Annual Missouri Conference on History, join Gary R. Kremer, president of the Missouri Conference on History and executive director of the State Historical Society of Missouri, for a conversation on Missouri's bicentennial history drawn from his forthcoming book, "All That Goes to Make the Me in Me: A Historian's Perspective on Missouri at 200."



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Thursday, March 11

9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1. THE KEIFER-SCHOLZ FAMILY FROM SILESIA TO KANSAS CITY, 1890 TO THE PRESENT: A TRANSATLANTIC COLLABORATIVE, ONLINE, STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT | MCH A

Moderator

Donna Gabaccia, *University of Toronto*

Presenters

Li Gerhalter, *University of Vienna*, "[You look] like a fine American, like a millionaire in the making.' Transatlantic Migration of Young Women from Rural Areas throughout Europe in the Early 20th Century"

Andrew Bergerson, *University of Missouri-Kansas City*, "The Kiefer-Scholz Collection: Using Local Resources to Create an Online, Transnational, Graduate Research Seminar"

Alexandra Eleonore Imprisi, *University of Vienna*, "Piecing the Puzzle Together: Exploring Adaptation through the Cultural Artifacts of a Silesian family in Missouri"

Kathleen Foster, *University of Missouri-Kansas City*, "Learning through Conversation: Conducting Oral-History Interviews with the Kiefer-Scholz Family"

2. LIFE ON THE MISSOURI FRONTIER | MCH B

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Moderator

William Eddleman, *State Historical Society of Missouri*

Presenters

Fatme Myuhtar-May, *Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives*, "Tangled Roots - Shared Heritage: Discover NEARA"

Christine Boston, *Lincoln University*, "The Don Carlos Archaeology Project: Initial Observations and Findings"

Sherilyn Farnes, *Texas Christian University*, "'An Incongruous Assortment at all Times': Community Relationships in Western Missouri, 1821–1841"

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

3. ON CAMPUS/OFF CAMPUS | MCH A

Moderator

Timothy Westcott, *Park University*

Presenters

Maurine Beasley, *University of Maryland*, "A Mizzou 'First Woman'"

Linda Endersby, *University of Missouri-Columbia*, "The Wizard and the Tigers: Thomas Edison and the Fire that Destroyed the University of Missouri"

Timothy Westcott, *Park University*, "'The Blood of the Martyrs is the Seed of the Church': The Life and Martyrdom of Dr. Eleanor Chesnut"

Debra Foster Greene, *Lincoln University*, "'Her Exile:' Anna Julia Cooper, 1906-1910"

4. MISSOURI BETWEEN THE WARS | MCH B

Moderator

Dustin Gann, *Midland University*

Presenters

Benjamin Moore, *Fontbonne University*, "Neighborhood Kitchen No. 1: Feeding St. Louis's Working Class, 1918-1921"

Dustin Gann, *Midland University*, "The Urban League comes to Kansas City: Understanding the Group's Local Activities and Regional Influence"

Kelly Hangauer, *University of Iowa*, "The Heart of America, The Heart of the World: International Identity of Kansas City Women Reformers in the 1930s"

Robert Bagley, *Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville*, "The Legacy of Homer G. Phillips Hospital"

5. COMMUNITY, RELIGION, & LAW IN 19TH CENTURY MISSOURI | MCH C

Moderator

Jeremy Neely, *Missouri State University*

Presenters

Scott Both, *Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville*, "Mormon Constitutional Theology in Missouri during the 1830s"

Kenneth Alford, *Brigham Young University*, "Was Joseph Smith's 1838 Missouri Court-Martial Legal?"

Mara Cohen Ioannides, *Missouri State University*, "From Witkovo to Lexington"

Mariko Pegs, *University of California-Berkeley*, "19th Century African American Women Pursuing Redress Along the Diagonal"

12:30 - 1:15 p.m.
KEYNOTE PLENARY

Jarod Roll, *University of Mississippi*, "'The unorganized of Missouri are always with us': Southwest Missouri Metal Miners and the Long History of White Working-Class Conservatism"

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1:45 - 3:00 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

6. MURDER, MIRRORS, AND MODERN EDUCATION: REFLECTIONS OF IDENTITY IN 19TH CENTURY MISSOURI | MCH A

Moderator

Sarah Lirley, *Columbia College*

Presenters

Kendyl Schmidt, *Saint Louis University*, "'ALL CAN BE SEEN WITHOUT DIFFICULTY': How Antebellum St. Louis Used Murder and Execution to Reassert Racial Hierarchies"

Shannan Mason, *Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville*, "True Reflections: Looking Glass, Race and Victorian Identity Formation"

Lauren Jackson, *University of Missouri-Columbia*, "The Struggles of the Institution: Missouri's Public School System, 1865-1870"

7. REGULATING CLASS, RACE, AND ETHNICITY IN EARLY TWENTIETH-CENTURY AMERICA | MCH B

Moderator

Jason McDonald, *Truman State University*

Presenters

Shannon Fetzner, *Truman State University*, "Pauperized and Degenerated: Eugenicists' Perceptions of Native Americans in the Early Twentieth Century"

Nick Pruett, *Truman State University*, "'Gentlemen with Few Peers': Harry Laughlin's Working Relationships with Select Eugenics Movement Leaders"

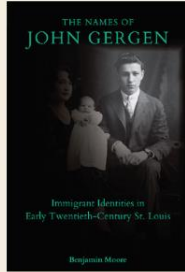
Alexandra Miller, *Truman State University*, "'The Making of Useful Citizens': Social Engineering in Kansas City Parks, 1893-1923"



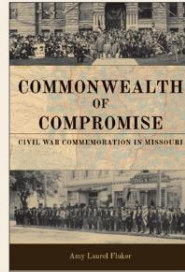
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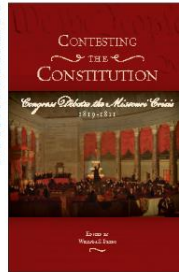


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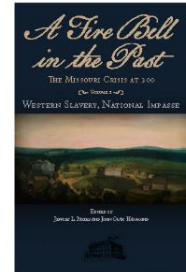


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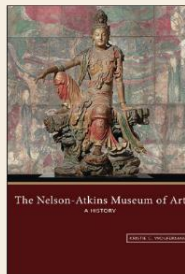
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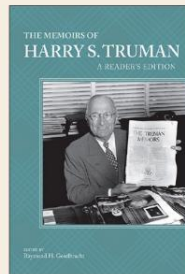
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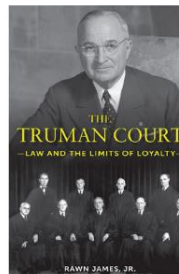
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The Missouri Crisis at 200, Vol. I, Western Slavery, National Impasse
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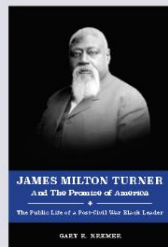


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8. CONTESTING THE CONSTITUTION: CONGRESS DEBATES THE MISSOURI CRISIS, 1819-1821 | MCH C

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Moderator

William S. Belko, *Missouri Humanities Council*

Presenters

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Christopher Childers, *Pittsburg State University*

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9. "STRICTLY ATTENTIVE TO MY BUSINESS:" ULYSSES S. GRANT'S LIFE IN AND OUT OF POLITICS | MCH D

Moderator

Nick Sacco, *National Park Service*

Presenters

Nick Sacco, *National Park Service*, "I Don't Like to See a Republican Beat the Party': Ulysses S. Grant and Missouri Politics in the 1850s"

Nathan Provost, *Liberty University*, "War is an Extension of Politics: Ulysses S. Grant's Change of Politics"

Frank Scaturro, *Grant Monument Association*, "President Grant and Equal Rights"

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10. MARGINALIZED MISSOURI VOTERS | MCH A

Sponsored by the University of Central Missouri

Moderator

Jason Roe, *Kansas City Public Library*

Presenters

Sara Brooks Sundberg, *University of Central Missouri*, "A Voice for the Vote: Laura Runyon, the Warrensburg State Normal School and Woman's Suffrage"

Jon Taylor, *University of Central Missouri*, "Dr. William J. Thompkins: Kansas City Civil Rights Activist, Democratic machine member, and Recorder of Deeds"

11. KANSAS CITY JAZZ: FROM RAILYARDS TO THE MAIN STAGE | MCH B

Moderator

Sandra Enriquez, *University of Missouri-Kansas City*

Presenters

Gabriella Roderer, *University of Missouri-Kansas City*, "Going Off the Rails: Exploring the Impact of the Railroad on the Development of Musical Culture in Kansas City, Missouri (1869–1905)"

Cynthia Ammerman, *Kansas City Latin Jazz Orchestra*, "Chilean Exiles Who Shaped Kansas City Latin Music Culture: 1976 to 2020"

12. THE LEGISLATURE & THE LAW | MCH C

Moderator

Catherine Rymph, *University of Missouri-Columbia*

Presenters

Evan Elizabeth Hart, *Missouri Western State University*, "Abortion on Trial: the Case of State v. Goodson, 1923"

Nathan Elwood, *Missouri Legislative Library*, "Missouri Monsters: The Satanic Panic in the Missouri General Assembly"

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY EVENING PLENARY

Voices of Arrow Rock, Spirit of the Missouri Frontier

Voices of Arrow Rock, Spirit of the Missouri Frontier is a theatrical production bringing to life voices of early Arrow Rock citizens whose experiences help us understand what people's lives were like during the early to mid-19th century on the Missouri frontier. These voices transcend time and geography and help give a platform for underrepresented voices of the past. During the Thursday Evening Plenary, the creators and performers behind *Voices of Arrow Rock* will discuss the project and present excerpts from the theatrical production.

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2021 MISSOURI CONFERENCE ON HISTORY SCHEDULE

Time	MCH A	MCH B	MCH C	MCH D
Wednesday, March 10				
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Opening Plenary with Gary R. Kremer <i>Sponsored by the State Historical Society of Missouri</i>			
Thursday, March 11				
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.	The Keifer-Scholz Family From Silesia to Kansas City, 1890 to the Present...	Life on the Missouri Frontier		
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	On Campus/Off Campus	Missouri Between the Wars	Community, Religion, & Law in 19th Century Missouri	
11:45 - 12:30 p.m.	Break			
12:30 - 1:15 p.m.	Keynote Plenary with Jarod Roll <i>Sponsored by the State Historical Society of Missouri</i>			
1:15 - 1:45 p.m.	Break			
1:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Murder, Mirrors, and Modern Education: Reflections of Identity in 19th Century Missouri	Regulating Class, Race, and Ethnicity in Early Twentieth-Century America	Contesting the Constitution: Congress Debates the Missouri Crisis, 1819-1821	“Strictly Attentive to My Business:” Ulysses S. Grant’s Life In and Out of Politics
3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	Marginalized Missouri Voters	Kansas City Jazz: From the Railyards to the Main Stage	The Legislature & The Law	
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Break			
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Thursday Evening Plenary with Voices of Arrow Rock, Spirit of The Missouri Frontier <i>Sponsored by State Historical Society of Missouri and Friends of Arrow Rock</i>			
Friday, March 12				
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Activism & Public Policy in Recent Missouri History	Uncovering Missouri’s Women Suffragists	United We Stand, Divided We Play	
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Libraries, Archives, & Public History	Stories From The Santa Fe Trail: Migrants, Jews, & Painted Ladies	National Japanese American Student Relocation Council Experience in Missouri	
11:45 - 12:30 p.m.	Break			
12:30 - 1:15 p.m.	Awards Plenary			
1:15 - 1:45 p.m.	Break			
1:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Tales From the Ballot Box	Missouri Cultural History in Traditions, Recipes, and Photographs	The Rights Revolution in Missouri	
3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	War & American Society	Public Spaces, Digital Spaces, Cultural Spaces	Studies in Nativism & Extremism	

Friday, March 12

9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

13. ACTIVISM & PUBLIC POLICY IN RECENT MISSOURI HISTORY | MCH A

Moderator

Keona Ervin, *University of Missouri-Columbia*

Presenters

Candace Borders, *Yale University*, "Towards a Method of Refusal: Black Women's Public Housing Activism in St. Louis"

Robbie Paul, *University of Missouri-Columbia*, "The Unthinking Cruelty of Urban Renewal"

Rachel Gholson, *Missouri State University*, "Laying the Foundation for Black Lives Matter"

14. UNCOVERING MISSOURI'S WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS | MCH B

Moderator

Elyssa Ford, *Northwest Missouri State University*

Presenters

Keely Danielsen, *Northwest Missouri State University*, "Philanthropist & Suffragist: Christine Biddle Blair Graham, 1852-1915"

Emily Tillman, *Northwest Missouri State University*, "The Roving Suffrage Reporter: Clara Somerville (Withee), 1892-1960"

Madison Barben, *Northwest Missouri State University*, "Like Mother Like Daughter: Florence Richardson Usher, 1889-1966"

15. UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE PLAY | MCH C

Moderator

Steven Hoffman, *Southeast Missouri State University*

Presenters

Maxwell Abbott, *Southeast Missouri State University*, "Black City Beautiful: Black Chicagoans and the City Beautiful Movement, 1871–1922"

Aaron Schmidt, *Southeast Missouri State University*, "A 'Y' without a Gym?: Facility Shortcomings and Adaptive Athletics at the Black YMCA in St. Joseph, Missouri, 1904–1956"

Toni Hammes, *Southeast Missouri State University*, "From Saddle to Stable: The Rise and Fall of African American Horse Racing, 1860s–2010s"

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

16. LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES, & PUBLIC HISTORY | MCH A

Moderator

John Dougan, *Missouri State Archives*

Presenters

Christina Miller, *Missouri State Archives*, "Butter, Beeves and Bowel Obstructions:
Researching Missouri's Non-Population Schedules"

Natalie Cote, *Northwest Missouri State University*, "Ready or Not: Emergency Planning
in Midwestern Museums"

Kirsten Mouton, *Livingston County Library*, "A Technological Stroll Down Memory
Lane"



17. STORIES FROM THE SANTA FE TRAIL: MIGRANTS, JEWS, & PAINTED LADIES | MCH B

Moderator

Luke Ritter, *New Mexico Highlands University*

Presenters

Laura Gonzales, *New Mexico Highlands University*, "Caves, Cribs, and Cathouses: Frontier Prostitution in the Southwest"

Billie Mathews, *New Mexico Highlands University*, "'Free Land' for Missouri Families in Territorial New Mexico"

Stephen Beauchamp, *New Mexico Highlands University*, "Jewish Immigrants and the Transformation of Las Vegas, New Mexico, 1849-1957"

18. NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL EXPERIENCE IN MISSOURI | MCH C

Moderator

Kathleen Seale, *State Historical Society of Missouri*

Presenters

Debra Griffith, *Missouri University of Science & Technology*, "Finding the WWII Nisei Students of the Missouri School of Mines; the resources utilized"

Larry Gragg, *Missouri University of Science & Technology*, "Strangers in Strange Towns: The Japanese-American Experience at Missouri Colleges and Universities During World War II"

Kathleen Seale, *State Historical Society of Missouri*, "Justice, Americanism, Citizenship, and Leadership: The Role of the Japanese American Citizens League in Missouri"


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AWARDS PLENARY

1:45 - 3:00 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

19. TALES FROM THE BALLOT BOX | MCH A

Moderator

Virginia Laas, *Missouri Southern State University*

Presenters

Nicole Evelina, *Independent Scholar*, "Taxes and Trollops: How Tax Revolts and St. Louis' Social Purity Laws Influenced Missouri's Suffrage Movement"

James Endersby, *University of Missouri-Columbia*, "Kansas City and the Poll Tax: The American Experiment in Compulsory Voting"

Julia Huskey, *Tennessee State University*, "L.C. Dyer, Michael Gill, and the 1912 12th Congressional District election"

20. MISSOURI CULTURAL HISTORY IN TRADITIONS, RECIPES, AND PHOTOGRAPHS | MCH B

Moderator

Petra DeWitt, *Missouri University of Science & Technology*

Presenters

Alex Primm, *Independent Scholar*, "Searching for the Secret Heart of France in Missouri"

Rob Connoley, *Independent Scholar*, "Ozark Food Origin Story: Interpreting a moment in time through contemporary cuisine"

Elizabeth Eikmann, *Saint Louis University*, "Un-Fair Images: The Gerhard Sisters Portrait Photography at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis"

21. THE RIGHTS REVOLUTION IN MISSOURI | MCH C

Moderator

Christopher Deutsch, *University of Missouri-Columbia*

Presenters

Chris Ketcherside, *Saint Louis University*, "World War II and the Civil Rights Activist"

Mary Maxfield, *Saint Louis University*, "'The Building is Jumping': Lesbian Organizing in 1970s St. Louis"

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

22. WAR & AMERICAN SOCIETY | MCH A

Moderator

Thomas Gubbels, *Lincoln University*

Presenters

Luke Cryer, *Westminster College*, "Selling Sensationalism: Journalism, Nationalism, and the Spanish-American War"

Claire Wehking, *University of Missouri-St. Louis*, "Antonia Sentner's Fight Against Deportation: An Example of the Federal Government's Fight Against Communism"

Brady Mullican, *Westminster College*, "'The Enemy in Our Hands': Analyzing the Legal Argument of Self-Defense as a Justification for the My Lai Massacre"

23. PUBLIC SPACES, DIGITAL SPACES, CULTURAL SPACES | MCH B

Moderator

Joan Stack/Maggie Mayhan, *State Historical Society of Missouri*

Presenters

Augusta Welsh, *Southeast Missouri State University*, "Away from Keyboard"

Peter Reckling, *Southeast Missouri State University*, "Racism in Residential Architecture"

Lakin Fraker, *Southeast Missouri State University*, "Creating a Space for Change"

24. STUDIES IN NATIVISM & EXTREMISM | MCH C

Moderator

Sean Rost, *State Historical Society of Missouri*

Presenters

Sean Rost, *State Historical Society of Missouri*, "'The Gatling-Gun of the Patriotic Movement': Gilbert O. Nations and the Rise of an American Menace"

Brooke Thompson, *Westminster College*, "Not So Homegrown Hatred: A Short History of Neo-Nazis in America"



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