The 50th Annual
Missouri Conference on History
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Welcome to the 50th Annual Missouri Conference on History!

Perhaps it is significant that the fiftieth Missouri Conference on History places the gathering on the very same April dates as the first meeting in 1959. Held in Memorial Student Union on the University of Missouri campus, the opening conference was a collaborative effort, “open to all history teachers throughout the State,” with high hopes to return annually “if enough interest is shown.”

Fortunately, the conference has proved a valued tradition throughout the history community, serving its original purpose to “acquaint teachers with recent developments in historical research, stimulate reflection on the nature of history, and establish personal contacts between historians.” Surely this last goal has the greatest meaning at the half-century mark with the involvement of three distinguished scholars who attended the first conference and serve our 2008 meeting as co-presidents: Richard S. Kirkendall, Perry McCandless, and William E. Parrish.

On behalf of the City of Columbia, the University of Missouri, The State Historical Society of Missouri, and the Conference Steering Committee, welcome to the 2008 Missouri Conference on History! I trust you will enjoy a rich academic and rewarding collegial experience.

Best Wishes,

Gary R. Kremer
Executive Director
The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Perry McCandless, University of Central Missouri
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The 50th Annual
Missouri Conference on History
Conference Schedule

Wednesday

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception
Appetizers and Cash Bar
Courtyard by Marriott, Salon D

7:00 p.m.

Evening Lecture
University of Missouri Campus, Ellis Library Auditorium

The MU Department of History invites all conference attendees to the
department-sponsored lecture, “How and Why the Nazis Held out until the
Bitter End,” by noted historian Sir Ian Kershaw.

Knighted in 2002, Kershaw has taught at universities in Great Britain and
West Germany and has been Professor of Modern History at the University
of Sheffield since 1989. He is a celebrated, award-winning author of several
works, including Making Friends with Hitler and the definitive two-volume
biography Hitler 1889-1936: Hubris, and Hitler 1936-1945: Nemesis; and
most recently, Fateful Choices: Ten Decisions that Changed the World,
1940-1941.

A reception will follow at the History Department quarters in Read Hall.

Thursday

Courtyard by Marriott

Continental Breakfast
8:00-10:00 a.m.

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

Conference Registration
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Steering Committee Meeting
8:30-9:45 a.m., McNair Boardroom
Thursday Sessions

10:00-11:30 a.m.

The Cost of Loyalty in Civil War Missouri
Salon A

Chair  LeeAnn Whites, University of Missouri

Papers  “Northern Invaders, Southern Revenge: The Defense of Southern Culture in Southeast Missouri”
  Zachary S. Garrison, University of Missouri

  “Foreigners in Their Own Country: Who Were the Unionists of Little Dixie?”
  Matthew E. Johnston, University of Missouri

Comments  Susan L. Flader, University of Missouri

Missouri, 1820: Indian Relations and an Election
Varsity Room

Chair and Comments  William E. Foley,
  University of Central Missouri

Papers  “Compromising Their Rights: The U.S. Senate and the Kickapoo Treaties of 1819 and 1820”
  Michael W. Beatty, University of Missouri-St. Louis

  “Missouri’s Era of Not-So-Good Feelings: William Clark and Missouri’s First Gubernatorial Election”
  Jeffrey Smith, Lindenwood University

Response to Injustice
Salon B

Chair and Comments  Jamaine Abidogun, Missouri State University

Paper  “‘Am I my Brother’s Keeper?’: Gary Player’s Response to Apartheid in South Africa from the Sixties to the Present”
  Jason Carson, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Thursday Sessions

Planes, Trains, and Steamboats: Transportation History at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection
Salon C

Chair  William T. Stolz, Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Columbia

Presentations

“Missouri’s Airline: TWA’s ‘Around the World Service’”
David Boutros, WHMC-Kansas City

“T. J. Moss Tie Company: A Look into a Great Business Collection”
William M. Fischetti, WHMC-St. Louis

“A Boatload of Information: The E. B. Trail Collection at the WHMC-Columbia”
David Moore, WHMC-Columbia

“Railroads You Never Rode: The Lexington and St. Louis, the St. James & Little Rock, and the Missouri Island & Southern Railway Companies”
Mark Stauter, WHMC-Rolla

Audience Comment

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Luncheon

Reminiscences of Early Missouri Conferences on History
Salon D

Co-presidents of the 2008 Missouri Conference on History
Richard S. Kirkendall, University of Washington
Perry McCandless, University of Central Missouri
William E. Parrish, Mississippi State University

1:15-2:45 p.m.

Missouri Towns in the Civil War Era
Salon A

Chair and Comments  William G. Piston, Missouri State University
**Thursday Sessions**

**Papers**  “Carr W. Pritchett and the Civil War Era in Glasgow and Fayette”  
Lawrence O. Christensen, Missouri University of Science and Technology

“The Civil War’s Impact on Urbanization in Missouri”  
Donald B. Oster, Missouri University of Science and Technology

**Courting History: Using Circuit Court Records in the Classroom**  
Salon B

**Chair and Comments**  Jeffrey Smith, Lindenwood University

**Papers**  “Finding Control in a Powerless World”  
Mary Ann Scanio, Lindenwood University

“A Combined Response to Need: Road Construction in Territorial Missouri”  
Christopher Keagy, Lindenwood University

**Recreating Lost Urban Landscapes: The Virtual City Project**  
Salon C

**Chair**  Louis S. Gerteis, University of Missouri-St. Louis

**Presentations**  
“Digitizing Historical Fire Insurance Maps”  
Jerold Siegel, University of Missouri-St. Louis  
Dave van Bakergem, University of Missouri-St. Louis

“Recreating the Old St. Louis Waterfront”  
Andrew J. Hurley, University of Missouri-St. Louis  
Adam Michalski, University of Missouri-St. Louis

**Audience Comment**
Thursday Sessions

3:00-4:30 p.m.

**Remembering Lewis Atherton: Inspiring Teacher and Eminent Scholar**
Salons A and B

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

**Roundtable**
Lawrence O. Christensen,
Missouri University of Science and Technology
William E. Foley,
University of Central Missouri
Perry McCandless,
University of Central Missouri
William E. Parrish,
Mississippi State University
J. Neal Primm,
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Richard W. Sellars,
historian, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Lewis Atherton, a member of the University of Missouri Department of History for thirty-seven years, will be remembered by a few of the more than fifty graduate students who earned a PhD degree under his supervision. The author of four books and over thirty articles focused on southern, western, and Missouri history, Atherton believed that his greatest joy came through the relationships developed with his students, their spouses, and families and that his success was measured by the number of responsible positions his graduate students held throughout the United States.
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Wine and Hors d’oeuvres Reception

Exhibit Preview: Thomas Hart Benton in the 1930s
University of Missouri Campus, The State Historical Society of Missouri

During the 1930s, Missouri artist Thomas Hart Benton became a leading figure in the regionalist movement, emerging as one of America’s best-known artists. This exhibition examines Benton’s artwork from the decade with a focus on lithographs and drawings that reflect his aesthetic and political ideas and provide insight into the social climate of the United States during the Great Depression.
7:00 p.m.

Banquet and Keynote Address
University of Missouri Campus,
Reynolds Alumni Center

“Faith and Foreign Policy:
An Exploration into the Mind of Harry Truman”

Richard S. Kirkendall,
University of Washington

Richard S. Kirkendall gave the inaugural keynote address at the first Missouri Conference on History in 1959, and we welcome his return to Columbia for the fiftieth annual meeting. As a young faculty member at MU, Kirkendall was intrigued by the promise of the collections at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library in Independence, which opened for research shortly after the 1959 conference. Kirkendall developed this initial interest into a career focus on Missouri’s president, authoring a number of articles and essays on Truman as well as editing and supplying the introductions for *The Truman Encyclopedia; The Truman Period as a Research Field*; and associated *Reappraisal*; and *Harry’s Farewell: Interpreting and Teaching the Truman Presidency*. Kirkendall also wrote the fifth volume in the series *A History of Missouri* (1919 – 1953) and is presently focusing on the themes of war and religion in Truman’s life and career. In addition to serving at the University of Missouri, Kirkendall has held faculty positions at Wesleyan University, Indiana University, and Iowa State University and is currently the Scott and Dorothy Bullitt Professor Emeritus of American History at the University of Washington.
Friday Sessions

**Friday**
Courtyard by Marriott

**Continental Breakfast**
7:00-8:30 a.m.

**Registration**
8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

**Vendor Displays**
8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**8:30-10:00 a.m.**

*Christian Curiosities and Evangelical Enthusiasms*
Salon A

**Chair and Comments**  Eric G. Tenbus,
University of Central Missouri

**Papers**

“*The Five Lives of St. Rumwald, Infant Confessor*”
Mary Ellen Rowe, University of Central Missouri

“The White Lady of Starkenburg: A Tale of Two Cultures”
Carol Piper Heming, University of Central Missouri

**Lost Ships: Defeat in the Orient**
Salon B

**Chair and Comments**  Robert Wiegers, Central Methodist University

**Papers**

“The Legacy of the USS *Wake*”
Paul M. Edwards, Center for the Study of the Korean War,
Graceland University

“The Lasting Shame of the *Pueblo*”
Lisa A. Hecht, University of Illinois-Springfield

“Legend and the *Sand Pebbles*”
Gregory Edwards, Center for the Study of the Korean War,
Graceland University
Friday Sessions

The Missouri History Scholarship Series
Varsity Room

Moderator  Lynn Wolf Gentzler,
The State Historical Society of Missouri

Roundtable
Louis S. Gerteis, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Alan R. Havig, Stephens College
Lynn Morrow, Office of Secretary of State, Missouri State Archives
Diane Mutti Burke, University of Missouri-Kansas City
William E. Parrish, Mississippi State University
Bonnie Stepenoff, Southeast Missouri State University

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
1908: The Birth of Journalism Education and a Watershed for the Modern Media
Salon A

Chair and Comments  Michael D. Murray, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Papers  “1908, The Founding of Journalism Professionalism at the University of Missouri”
Betty Houchin Winfield, University of Missouri

“Foreign Voices Yearning to Breathe Free: The Immigrant Press at the Turn of the Twentieth Century”
Berkley Hudson, University of Missouri

“Legal Impacts on 1908 Journalism”
Sandra Davidson, University of Missouri

Law Enforcement and Crime in Kansas City
Salon B

Chair  William O. Wagnon, Washburn University

Papers  “Organized Crime and New Deal Justice: The Angelo Donnici Case of 1939”
Patrick E. McLear, Missouri Western State University
Friday Sessions

“Kansas City, 1961: How J. Edgar Hoover Ambushed the Kansas City Police Chief and Secured His Position in the New Kennedy Administration”
Galen Johnson, Missouri Western State University

Comments  William O. Wagnon, Washburn University, and Lawrence H. Larsen, University of Missouri-Kansas City

New Explorations of Mississippi Valley Colonial History
Varsity Room

Chair and Comments  Kenneth H. Winn, Missouri Department of Higher Education

Papers  “Battle over a Battle: St. Louis Historians and the Battle of 1780”
Carolyn Gilman, Missouri History Museum

“Land Fraud in Upper Louisiana: A Misconception”
Thomas Danisi, Independent Scholar, St. Louis

12:15-1:15 p.m.

Awards Luncheon and Business Meeting
Salon D

2008 MCH Award for Best Book
presented by Debra Greene, Lincoln University

Nominees
The Opium Debate and Chinese Exclusion Laws in the Nineteenth-Century American West by Diana L. Ahmad
The Civil War’s First Blood: Missouri, 1854-1861 by James Denny and John Bradbury
Independent Immigrants: A Settlement of Hanoverian Germans in Western Missouri by Robert W. Frizzell
Voices of the Heart: Asian American Women on Immigration, Work, and Family by Huping Ling
Friday Sessions

Alamo in the Ardennes: The Untold Story of the American Soldiers Who Made the Defense of Bastogne Possible by John C. McManus
The Border Between Them: Violence and Reconciliation on the Kansas-Missouri Line by Jeremy Neely
The St. Charles Guards: McCausland’s Company of the Oregon Battalion by Robert M. Sandfort
A Fatal Drifting Apart: Democratic Social Knowledge and Chicago Reform by Laura M. Westhoff

Selection Committee
Debra Greene, chair
Dennis K. Boman, St. Louis University
David Fiedler, Independent Scholar, St. Louis

2008 MCH Award for Best Article
presented by Kenneth H. Winn,
Missouri Department of Higher Education

Nominees
“The Hummer” by Armin Wm. Schannuth, Higginsville Advance
“The Nightingale” by Armin Wm. Schannuth, Higginsville Advance
“Edward Miller’s Town: The Reconceptualization of Pleasant Hill by the Pacific Railroad of Missouri” by James R. Shortridge, Missouri Historical Review, July 2007
“Fairground Park: Revitalized and Reenergized” by Jean Wasko, Voices, Summer 2007

Selection Committee
Kenneth H. Winn, chair
Diana Ahmad, Missouri University of Science and Technology
Patrick McLear, Missouri Western State University
1:30-3:00 p.m.

**African American Architecture in Missouri**
Salon A

**Chair and Comments**  Tiffany Patterson, Missouri State Historic Preservation Office

**Papers**

“The Shotgun House: An African American Legacy in Central Missouri”
Brett S. Rogers, William Woods University

“Ragtime Archaeology: The Scott Joplin House Project in St. Louis, Missouri”
Timothy E. Baumann, Missouri Valley College

**Twentieth-Century Environmental Problems Here and Abroad**
Salon B

**Chair and Comments**  Walter A. Schroeder, University of Missouri

**Papers**

“‘We Believe We Have the Place’: Land Liquidation of the Ozark Land and Lumber Company”
Amy Strickland, Missouri Geographic Alliance, Drury University

“A Comparative History of Environmentalism in the United States and the Netherlands in the 1970s”
Adam Sundberg, University of Central Missouri

**War and Violence**

Varsity Room

**Chair and Comments**  Steven D. Reschly, Truman State University

**Papers**

“B. F. Jenkins: Pioneer Farmer and Union Soldier”
Cherié L. Weible, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

“‘Bloody Bill’ Anderson’s Threat Carried Out: An Instance of Rape in Civil War Missouri”
Robert W. Frizzell, Northwest Missouri State University
Friday Sessions

“The Violent Frontier: A Historiographic Look at the Evolution of Western Violence Through History, Film, and Literature”
Mark A. Neels, University of Missouri-St. Louis

3:15-4:45 p.m.
Missouri and the Great War
Salon A

Chair and Comments  Eli Paul, National World War I Museum

Papers  “The Collections of the National World War I Museum, 1920-2008”
Doran L. Cart, National World War I Museum

“Research Opportunities in the Library and Archives of the National World War I Museum”
Jonathan Casey, National World War I Museum

“Lessons of Liberty: New Educational Programs of the National World War I Museum”
James M. Barkley, National World War I Museum

Over There: Should We Go?
Salon B

Chair and Comments  J. Christopher Schnell,
Southeast Missouri State University

Papers  “‘A Total Departure from his Heritage’: Harry S Truman and the Origins of the Vietnam War”
Nicole L. Anslover, Waldorf College

“‘Fight for the Guard’: The Impact of the Perpich Case on the Control of the Missouri National Guard”
Jordan Rustemeyer, Central Methodist University
The Politics of Race and Emancipation in Wartime Missouri

Varsity Room

Chair  Gary R. Kremer, The State Historical Society of Missouri

Papers

“Für Einheit und Freiheit: German Americans and the Politics of Emancipation in St. Louis”
Kristen Anderson, University of Iowa

“Race, Radicalism, and the Limits of Reconstruction in Wartime Missouri”
John McKerley, University of Iowa

“‘A Soldier’s Wife is Free’: Enslaved Kin and Their Claims to Military Citizenship in Civil War Missouri”
Sharon Romeo, University of Iowa

Comments  LeeAnn Whites, University of Missouri
Driving Directions from Courtyard by Marriott to Turner Avenue Parking Garage on University of Missouri campus. Parking is free in the garage after 5:00 p.m.

From LeMone Boulevard, turn right on Highway AC or Grindstone Parkway;
Turn right onto Highway 63;
Exit at Stadium Boulevard (about 1 mile) and turn left;
Follow Stadium Boulevard to Maryland Avenue (about 2 miles) and turn right;
Follow Maryland Avenue to Turner Avenue (about ½ mile) and turn left;
Enterance to Turner Avenue Parking Garage is on right.

Walking Directions from Turner Avenue Parking Garage to Ellis Library and The State Historical Society of Missouri:

**Wednesday Evening Lecture**
Turn right on Rollins Street (on north side of garage);
Walk two blocks toward Ellis Library;
Enter northernmost set of double doors on west side of library;
Auditorium is on the left.

**Thursday Evening Reception (State Historical Society) and Banquet (Alumni Center)**
Turn right on Rollins Street (on north side of garage);
Walk two blocks toward Ellis Library;
Turn left to walk around the front of the library.
The Society’s entrance is on the front of the library toward the northeast corner.

The Alumni Center is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Rollins Street and Maryland Avenue, directly across the street from the Turner Avenue Parking Garage.

Other Parking Options:
Most faculty and staff parking lots and garages are available for visitor parking after 5:00 p.m. Check signs at entrances for restrictions.