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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
Thursday Sessions

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. McLear, 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
Thursday Sessions

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 Sessions

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*

*Sponsored by the History Graduate Student Association*

**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
Friday Sessions

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
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. Mc Kerley, The State Historical Society of Missouri
Friday Sessions

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 Transhorizonal 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
Friday Sessions

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 Unstifled Female Sexuality*

Saints and Pilgrims: Religion and Popular Culture in Comparative Perspective  *Salon B*
*Sponsored by the History Graduate Student Association*
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*
*Sponsored by the History Graduate Student Association*
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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