The 55th Annual Missouri Conference on History
The Drury Lodge
Cape Girardeau
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Southeast Missouri State University
Welcome to the 55th Annual Missouri Conference on History!

On behalf of The State Historical Society of Missouri; the Missouri Conference on History Steering Committee; our partner, the Missouri Humanities Council; and our host, the History Department at Southeast Missouri State University, I welcome you to the fifty-fifth annual Missouri Conference on History. This year’s proceedings include papers and panels on all aspects of history, including Missouri and Midwestern, American, European, and non-Western, as well as the public history fields of historic preservation, museums, historic sites, and archives.

This year also marks the centennial of the Missouri state flag, and I hope you will join us for the special commemorative events at the Oliver-Leming House in Cape Girardeau. One of the two original Missouri state flags, on loan from the Champ Clark House and Museum, will be on display in the historic home where it was designed and crafted by Marie Oliver.

Enjoy the conference and welcome to Cape Girardeau, where the river turns a thousand tales.

Sincerely,

Joel P. Rhodes
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Conference Schedule

Thursday, March 21

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Conference Registration

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Vendor Displays

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Steering Committee Meeting  River Room

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
The Crisis and Controversy of Indian Removal  State Room
   Chair and Commentator
     James M. Phillips, Rosemary Berkel and Harry L. Crisp II
     Museum
   Panelists
     B. J. McMahon, Northwest Missouri State University
     “Humane and Considerate Attention,” Indian Removal from Missouri, 1803-1838
     Megan Campbell, Southeast Missouri State University
     The Indian Removal Debate: Lewis Cass and Jeremiah Evarts
     Henry H. Goldman, Longview Community College
     Building the Santa Fe Road

Violence, Industry, and Healing in the Nineteenth Century
Delta Room

   Chair and Commentator
     LeeAnn Whites, University of Missouri-Columbia
   Panelists
     Matthew A. Byron, Young Harris College
     Making a Career out of Dueling: Duels, Politicians and the Mississippi Valley
     William G. Lewis, University of Missouri-Columbia
     Looking East: The Rise and Fall of Shipbuilding on
Western Waters
Karen Ann Powers, Independent Scholar

Nuns and the Catholic Hospital System in the United States in the Nineteenth Century

Perspectives on the Oliver Family: From the “Hog Pen” School to National Prominence  Heritage Room

Chair and Commentator
John “Jack” Oliver, Bryan Cave Law Firm

Panelists
Frank Nickell, Southeast Missouri state University
   Robert Burrett Oliver: “Family Patriarch in Law, Education, Drainage, and History”

John Oliver, Malone University
   John Oliver: A Man from Missouri Who Set About to Remake the University of Pittsburgh and the Study of History

Dexter Oliver, Naturalist, Son of James Arthur Oliver
   James Arthur Oliver: A Life in Natural History

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

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Using Missouri’s Court Records in the Classroom: A Roundtable Discussion  State Room

Moderator
Jeffrey Smith, Lindenwood University

Discussants
Becky Carlson, Local Records Program, Missouri Secretary of State
Bill Glankler, Local Records Program, Missouri Secretary of State
Mary McIntosh, Local Records Program, Missouri Secretary of State
Linda Myers, Local Records Program, Missouri Secretary of State
Thursday Sessions

African-American Music in Jim Crow Missouri  
*Delta Room*

**Chair and Commentator**
Randal Jelks, University of Kansas

**Panelists**
Cara Moore, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
*The Best Twelve Bars of St. Louis and Who Played Them*
Kathleen Reynolds, Southeast Missouri State University
*Missouri’s King of Ragtime: Scott Joplin’s Music as an Expression of Agency During the Jim Crow Era*

One’s Place in the World: Mapping and Space in Medieval Thought  
*Heritage Room*

**Chair and Commentator**
Phyllis E. Pobst, Arkansas State University

**Panelists**
Joni Hand, Southeast Missouri State University
*One’s Place in the World: John of Bedford and the “Bedford Hours”*
Megan H. Foster-Campbell, Illinois Central College
*Travelling Across Borders: Illuminated Pilgrim’s Badges in the Margins of Flemish Devotional Manuscripts*
Art Marmorstein, Northern State University
*The Ultimate Debate: Eschatological Ideas in Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Apologetics in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages*

Love, Loss, and Life on the Margins: Reclaiming Identity, Embracing a Cause, and Establishing Agency in Nineteenth-Century Missouri  
*River Room*

**Chair**
LeeAnn Whites, University of Missouri-Columbia

**Panelists**
Megan Boccardi, Quincy University
*“It Is Peculiarly Women’s Province to Go About Doing Good”: Southern Sympathizing Women in Post-War Little Dixie, 1865-1880*
Thursday Sessions

Paula Hunt, University of Missouri  
*Elijah Lovejoy: Publishing, Faith, and Abolition in 1830s St. Louis*

Sarah Lirley McCune, University of Missouri  
*Dishonor, Desertion, and Suicide: Respectability and Death Investigations in Late Nineteenth-Century St. Louis*

**Commentator**  
Kenneth H. Winn, Supreme Court of Missouri

12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  
**Historical Performance Luncheon**  
*Missouri and Lincoln Rooms*

**Moderator**  
Geoff Giglierano, Missouri Humanities Council

Doug A. Mishler, University of Nevada-Reno  
*Ernie Pyle: Reporting on the Greatest Generation*  
Sponsored by the Missouri Humanities Council

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Missouri Preservation: Utilizing Lists of Most Endangered Historic Places**  
*State Room*

**Moderator**  
Karen Bode Baxter, Missouri Preservation

**Discussants**  
Bill Hart, National Trust/Missouri Preservation Partner in the Field

Penny Pitman, Missouri Preservation

Andrew Weil, Landmarks Association of Greater St. Louis

Alyssa Phares Lage, Historic Preservation Commission of Cape Girardeau

**Progressivism and New Visions for St. Louis**  
*Delta Room*

**Chair and Commentator**  
John A. Karel, Tower Grove Park
Thursday Sessions

Panelists
John Wagner, Saint Louis University
  Evolution of a Sustainable Park: Forest Park in St. Louis, Missouri
Mark Abbott, Harris-Stowe State University
  Imagining the Use of Open Space in St. Louis: The Visions of George Kessler and Harland Bartholomew
Jeffrey Smith, Lindenwood University
  When Cemeteries and Parks Part: Bellefontaine Cemetery and Progressive Land Use Reform

Roundtable: Missouri Natural History and the History of Missouri  Heritage Room
Moderator
Daron Dierkes, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Discussants
Nuala Caomhanach, American Museum of Natural History
  The Growth of Botanical Thought in St. Louis during the 19th Century
Daron Dierkes, University of Missouri-St. Louis
  1859: The Year Nature Changed
Michael Long, Webster University
  Engelmann Biography
Kim Kleinman, Webster University
  Edgar Anderson Teaching at Shaw Nature Reserve
Peter Hoch, Missouri Botanical Garden
  Anderson Retrospective
Doug Holland, Missouri Botanical Garden
  Natural History Collections as Historic Sources

Perspectives on the Public Response to the Civil War  River Room
Chair and Commentator
Pam Sanfilippo, Ulysses S. Grant National Historical Site
Panelists
Timothy C. Westcott, Park University
  Aggression Resisted and Arrested: The 1855 Pro-
**Thursday Sessions**

*Slavery Convention*
Justin Rowe and Thomas Summerhill, Michigan State University

*Tools of Political Intrigue*
Joan Stack, The State Historical Society of Missouri

*The Rise and Fall of General Nathaniel Lyon in the Missouri State Capitol: State Sanctioned Art and Missouri’s Public Memory of the Civil War*

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5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Missouri State Flag Centennial Reception**
Oliver-Leming House
740 North Street

One of the two original Missouri state flags, on loan from the Champ Clark House and Museum, Bowling Green, will be on display in the historic home where it was designed and crafted by Marie Oliver in 1908 and 1909. Shuttles will provide transportation to and from the Drury Lodge, the Oliver-Leming House, and the Alumni Center.

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7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Missouri State Flag Centennial Dinner**
Aleen Vogel Wehking Alumni Center
Southeast Missouri State University
926 Broadway

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Keynote Address

*Saving the Missouri Flag*

by

**US Senator Roy Blunt**
Friday Sessions

Friday, March 22

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

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Vendor Displays

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  America in the Early Cold War  State Room

Chair and Commentator
Kevin Jon Fernlund, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Panelists
Dustin Gann, Washburn University

From the Shores of the Great Salt Lake to the Banks of the Missouri River: Celebrating Mid-Century Centennial Anniversaries

Nick LaCasse, University of Alabama-Huntsville

Controlling Atoms: Evaluating the Atomic Energy Commission during the Eisenhower Years, 1952-1958

The Formation and Uses of Historical Myths: Heroes, Rape, and Antiquity  Delta Room

Chair and Commentator
Art Marmorstein, Northern State University

Panelists
Daron Dierkes, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Black Legend, White Legend, Nationalism, and the Great Man View of History

Jessica McCulley, University of Missouri-St. Louis

The “Rape Myth” in the Reconstruction South

Ashley Ray, University of Missouri-St. Louis

The Myth of Continuity between Ancient and Modern Greeks
A Constructive Learning Strategy to Think Historically
Supported with Iconographic Representations  Heritage Room

Moderator
Felipe Tirado, National University Autonomous of Mexico

Discussants
Sergio Méndez, National University Autonomous of Mexico
Felipe Tirado, National University Autonomous of Mexico

Understanding the Symbolic in the Built Environment  River Room

Chair and Commentator
Adam Criblez, Southeast Missouri State University

Panelists
Darren Bell, Southeast Missouri State University
         *The Joplin Union Depot as a Progressive Era Structure*
Karen L. Daniels, Missouri Department of Transportation
         *Not in Their Back Yard: The Fight against the Weldon Spring Bridge*
Gracjan Kraszewski, Mississippi State University
         *A Publicity Stunt Becomes Proud Symbol: Boise State University and Its Blue Football Field*

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Refreshments

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Missouri Association of Museums and Archives: Advocating (not Lobbying) for Missouri’s Heritage: Simple Ideas for Local, Statewide and National Advocacy  State Room

Moderator
Linda Endersby, Missouri State Museum

Discussants
Missouri Association of Museums and Archives

The Uses, Misuses, and Boundaries of History in Fiction about Missouri’s Civil War  Delta Room

Moderator
Timothy C. Westcott, Park University
Friday Sessions

**Discussants**
Jim Erwin, Independent Scholar
*Guerrillas in Civil War Missouri*
Steve Yates, University of Mississippi Press
*Morkan’s Quarry*
Steve Wiegenstein, Columbia College
*Slant of Light*

**Regional, Ethnic, and Racial Identity in Missouri**  
*Heritage Room*

**Chair and Commentator**
Lawrence O. Christensen, Missouri University of Science and Technology

**Panelists**
J. Blake Perkins, West Virginia University
*Politics of Economic Growth and Federal Regional Development in the Ozarks, 1966-1981*
Zachary Stuart Garrison, University of Cincinnati
*Dreißigers in the “Promised Land”: German Immigration and Antislavery in 1830s Missouri*
Shonda Hemphill, Southeast Missouri State University
*The Journey from Segregation to Integration: Charleston, Missouri’s Response to the Brown Decision*

**Renegotiating Popular Conceptions of Gender**  
*River Room*

**Chair and Commentator**
Keona Katrice Ervin, University of Missouri-Columbia

**Panelists**
Leanna Duncan, University of Tulsa
*Changing Magazines, Changing Roles: Women and Social Movements in “Essence” and “Cosmopolitan”*
Stuart Hinds, Miller Nichols Library, University of Missouri-Kansas City
*From Blackface to Max Factor: The Evolution of Female Impersonation in Kansas City*
Friday Sessions

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Awards Luncheon and Business Meeting  
Missouri and Lincoln Rooms

- 2013 MCH Award for Best Student Paper
- 2013 Lynn and Kristen Morrow Missouri History Student Prize
- 2013 MCH Award for Best Article on Missouri History
- 2013 MCH Award for Best Book

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

German American Patriotism in Antebellum Cincinnati, Civil War St. Louis, and World War I St. Charles  
State Room

Chair
Steven Rowan, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Panelists
Luke Ritter, Saint Louis University
Nativism and the Formation of German American Identity in Antebellum Cincinnati and St. Louis
Kristen Anderson, Webster University
German Immigrants and the Memory of the Civil War in St. Louis
Rebecca Odom, Saint Louis University
Becoming “True Americans”: German Culture and American Patriotism at St. Charles Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Commentator
Walter Kamphoefner, Texas A&M University

The Winds of Civil War in Missouri  
Delta Room

Chair and Commentator
Louis Gerteis, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Panelists
James B. Sullivan, Defense Intelligence Agency
The Jackson-Frost Conspiracy and the Coming of the Missouri Civil War
Nancy Mills Ehrlich, Independent Scholar
The Independence Corral
Meghan Day, Southeast Missouri State University
Friday Sessions

The First Emancipation Proclamation: Northern Reaction to John C. Fremont’s Attempt to Free Missouri Slaves in 1861

Minority Populations in Southeast Missouri  Heritage Room
Chair and Commentator
Daryl Fridley, Southeast Missouri State University
Panelists
Joe Bradshaw, Cape Central High School, Cape Girardeau Public School District
Shades of Gray: A Study of the Unique Relationship between Thad Snow and Owen Whitfield
Andrew Tilmon, Cape Central High School, Cape Girardeau Public School District
German Culture under Attack during the Great War: The Disappearance of the German Language from Cape Girardeau County
Steve Richardet, Cape Central High School, Cape Girardeau Public School District
Southeast Missouri and the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Gender, Journalism, and the Coming of the Revolutionary War
River Room
Chair and Commentator
Lorri Glover, Saint Louis University
Panelists
Matthew J. Reardon, University of Iowa
A “Manly Spirit”: The Gendered Origins of the American Revolution
Michael Marden, University of Missouri-Columbia
Boston Political Authors and Pseudonymous Essaying on the Eve of the Revolution

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  Refreshments

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Making History Public: A Public History Project Roundtable
Discussion  State Room

Moderator
Ellen Ryan, Southeast Missouri State University

Discussants
A. J. Medlock, Southeast Missouri State University
Christopher W. Kinder, Southeast Missouri State University
Jessica Reisenbichler, Southeast Missouri State University
Michael Parker, Southeast Missouri State University
Meghan Day, Southeast Missouri State University

New Perspectives on Foreign Relations  Delta Room

Chair and Commentator
David Cameron, Southeast Missouri State University

Panelists
Emily L. Sajdak, Southeast Missouri State University
  *Between the Wars, Between the Powers: Egypt, 1919-1939*
Erik A. Moore, University of Missouri-Kansas City
  *Laws of Culture: Projections of U.S. Culture through International Law*

Considerations of Historical Identity and Imagery  Heritage Room

Chair and Commentator
Dalton Curtis, Southeast Missouri State University

Panelists
Brianna DeWitt, Southeast Missouri State University
  *Historical Identity*
Steven Michael Malone, Southeast Missouri State University
  *Anatomy in Sixteenth-Century Renaissance or Reformation Wittenberg*
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