57th Annual Missouri Conference on History and Midwest Regional Meeting of Phi Alpha Theta
March 11-13, 2015

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University of Missouri–St. Louis
Department of History
Welcome to the 57th Annual
Missouri Conference on History!

A hard-working program committee, chaired by Professor Kevin Fernlund of the University of Missouri–St. Louis, has put together an exciting program beginning with the Digital History Showcase on Thursday morning and concluding with the Poster Presentations on Friday afternoon. Our keynote luncheon on Wednesday features St. Louis Mercantile Library Professor Carlos Schwantes, who will compare the commercial fortunes of two historic cities, St. Louis, Missouri, and Venice, Italy. Following the luncheon Professor Priscilla Dowden-White of the University of Missouri–St. Louis will lead a roundtable discussion, The Meaning of Ferguson, Missouri, about the recent events that have brought the St. Louis region to national attention. Throughout the conference, members of the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, will present panels on a wide variety of topics, and a panel on National History Day will explore the interaction of academic historians and institutions with students in Missouri’s middle schools and high schools.

Special thanks go out to the Missouri History Museum for sponsoring our pre-conference reception and to the State Historical Society of Missouri for hosting a conference reception featuring the political cartoons of Tom Engelhardt.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference. There’s a lot to talk about!

Best wishes,

Louis S. Gerteis
President, 2015 Missouri Conference on History

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**Wednesday, March 11**

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
**Pre-Conference Reception**  
*Bixby’s at the Missouri History Museum, Forest Park*  
5700 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, Missouri, 63112  
The Missouri Conference on History welcomes the new President of the Missouri History Museum, Dr. Frances Levine, at this Pre-Conference event. While in St. Louis, attendees should be sure to take in the many exhibits currently at the Missouri History Museum.  
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**Thursday, March 12**

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

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

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
*Board Room I*

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
**Sessions**

**Digital History Showcase**  
*Conference Room A*  
**Convener**  
Emily Jaycox, Missouri History Museum  
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**Thursday, March 12**

Robert Manley, St. Louis Mercantile Library  
*Mercantile Library Digital Reference Room*

Shannon Davis, Washington University  
*Documenting Ferguson*

Gary Larsen, Springfield-Greene County Library District  
*Over There: Missouri & the Great War; Community & Conflict: The Impact of the Civil War in the Ozarks*

Gerald Hirsch, The State Historical Society of Missouri  
*Missouri Digital Newspaper Project*

**Schools and Scholarship**  
*Conference Room B*  
**Chair**  
Rob Good, Ladue Horton Watkins High School  
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**Papers**  
Lisa Gilbert, Saint Louis University  
*Resistance within Slavery: Representations in Scholarship and Schools*

Nancy M. Ehrlich, Independent Scholar  
*One Room Combination School and Church House*

Luke Ritter, Troy University  
*Civil Religion in America’s Early Public Schools*

**Comments**  
**Audience**

**Phi Alpha Theta Panel**  
*Valley Amphitheater*  
**Chair**  
Patrick McGarrity, McKendree University  
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**Papers**  
Frank S. Shaw, Western Illinois University  
*Navigating the Holocaust: Sephardim and Spanish Diplomacy in Vichy*
Thursday, March 12

Zach Crawford, Western Illinois University
The Administration of Death: Karl Brandt, Philipp Bouhler, Viktor Brack, and Leonardo Conti
Kathleen J. Miller, University of Central Missouri
Lutheran Deaconesses: The Milwaukee Experience

Comments
Audience

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Refreshments

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Sessions

Where History Leaves Us: Historical Archaeology in Missouri, 1769-1875 Conference Room A
Chair
Michael J. Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation
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Papers
Steve Dasovich and Brianna Patterson, Lindenwood University
“So, he is like a myth, right?”: The Oral Tradition and Archaeology of the Founding of St. Charles, Missouri
Emma Verstraete, Lindenwood University
Settlement of the Little Flat Creek Valley, Barry County, Missouri
Judith Finot and Jordan Schaefer, Lindenwood University
The Identification of a Nineteenth-Century Church: Archaeological and Historical Documentation of the Dardenne Presbyterian Church
Michael J. Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation
A Sense of Charity: Archaeological Excavation of the Worthy Woman’s Aid and Hospital

Commentator
Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office

Thursday, March 12

Sexuality: Religious and Commercial Conference Room B
Chair
Kathleen Nigro, University of Missouri–St. Louis
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Papers
Morgan Creekmore, University of Oklahoma
As Above, So Below: Interpretations of the Body and Sexuality in Kabbalah, Hasidism, and New Age Judaism
Patrick Dobson, Johnson County Community College
Walking Kansas City Streets: Moralists, Prostitutes, and the Pendergast Machine, 1920-1940

Comments
Kathleen Nigro

Phi Alpha Theta Panel Valley Amphitheater
Cold War Espionage: Foreign Spies and Domestic Surveillance
Chair
Timothy C. Westcott, Park University
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Papers
Adam Benson, University of Central Missouri
The Motives behind Soviet Espionage in the Twentieth Century
Andrew S. Olden, McKendree University
A Game of Cat and Mouse: J. Edgar Hoover’s Pursuit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Comments
Timothy C. Westcott

Class and Community in the Transatlantic World Conference Room C
Chair
Kenneth Winn, Missouri State Archivist, 1991-2007
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Thursday, March 12

Papers
Greta Bell, California State University, Fresno
Kevin Deen Scharlau, University of Missouri–Kansas City
*Edge of the Precipice: Joseph Smith Jr. from Kirtland to Far West and the Redemption of Mormonism in America*

Comments
Kenneth Winn

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Keynote Luncheon  Great Room A
Carlos Schwantes, St. Louis Mercantile Library Endowed Professor of Transportation Studies, University of Missouri–St. Louis
*Distant Glory: Comparing the Commercial Empires of Venice and Saint Louis*

Carlos Schwantes holds a doctorate in American History from the University of Michigan. He has written or edited twenty books about various facets of the American West and about transportation. His most recent book is *Just One Restless Rider: Reflections on Trains and Travel* (University of Missouri Press, 2009). Before coming to the University of Missouri–St. Louis he taught at the University of Idaho. He is an avid landscape photographer.

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Sessions

Roundtable Discussion: The Meaning of Ferguson, Missouri  Conference Room A
Chair
Priscilla Dowden-White, University of Missouri–St. Louis
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Roundtable
Clarissa Hayward, Washington University

Thursday, March 12

Andrew Hurley, University of Missouri–St. Louis
Keona Ervin, University of Missouri–Columbia

Comments
Audience

The Great War and the Missouri “Home Front”
Conference Room B
Chair
Steve Randoll, St. Charles Community College
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Papers
James N. Tallon, Lewis University
*Albania in the First World War*
Petra DeWitt, Missouri University of Science & Technology
*Duty, Courage, and Patriotism: The Missouri Home Guard during the Great War*
Timothy C. Westcott, Park University
*Catastrophe or Triumph? The Kansas City Public Health Service Reacts to the 1918 Influenza Epidemic*

Comments
Steve Randoll

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Settlement and Social Division
Chair
Robert D. Ubriaco Jr., Meramec Community College
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Papers
Jaime Juhas, McKendree University
*Aztec Life on Lake Texcoco*
Cameron Harsey, McKendree University
*Division and Riots: A Comparison between Chicago 1968 and Tiananmen Square 1989*
Thursday, March 12

Loel L. Hickman, University of Missouri–St. Louis
*The Lead Belt Riot of 1917: Repression of Immigrants in a Missouri Lead Mining Community*

**Comments**
Robert D. Ubriaco Jr.

**Parks, Cemeteries, and Landscapes** *Conference Room C*

**Chair**
Esley Hamilton, St. Louis County Parks
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**Papers**
Ruth Keenoy, Landmarks Association of St. Louis, Inc., and Nancy Ylvisaker, Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum
*Bellefontaine Cemetery*
Esley Hamilton, St. Louis County Parks
*Tower Grove*
Carol Grove, University of Missouri–Columbia, and Cydney Millstein, Architectural & Historical Research, LLC
*Hare & Hare*

**Comments**
Esley Hamilton

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Refreshments**

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Sessions**

**The Places We Live: Urban Archaeology in Missouri, 1865–1950** *Conference Room A*

**Chair**
Michael J. Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation
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**Papers**
Joe Harl, Archaeological Research Center of St. Louis
*Are There Really Any Archaeological Remains under Those Buildings: Information Learned and Hazards of Urban Archaeology*
Mary Lynn Longsworth, University of Missouri–St. Louis
*Playing for Keeps: St. Louis Children of the Nineteenth Century, Their Toy Marbles, and Their Families*
Meredith Hawkins Trautt, Archaeological Research Center of St. Louis
*Investigations into a Turn-of-the-Twentieth-Century Working-Class Neighborhood in the City of St. Louis, Missouri*
Brianne Greenwood, Missouri Department of Transportation
*The Soul of the Foot: Below-Ground Investigations and Above-Ground Remembrances*

**Comments**
Judith Deel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office

**Panel on National History Day in Missouri** *Conference Room B*

**Convener**
Maggie Mayhan, The State Historical Society of Missouri
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**Panel Members**
Peter Acsay, University of Missouri–St. Louis
Maggie Mayhan, The State Historical Society of Missouri
Paul Teverow, Missouri Southern State University

**Comments**
Audience

**Phi Alpha Theta Panel** *Valley Amphitheater*

**Public Health**

**Chair**
Petra DeWitt, Missouri University of Science & Technology
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Friday, March 13

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Sessions

Setting the Stage: Getting Ready to Remake St. Louis—A Look at Harland Bartholomew and Raymond Tucker

Conference Room A
Chair
Maire Murphy, Washington University
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Papers
Emily Jaycox, Missouri History Museum
Mapping Recovery: A Look at the Use of Maps by Harland Bartholomew
Mark Abbott, Harris-Stowe State University
Who Knew?: Harland Bartholomew as Neighborhood Conservationist
Andrew Theising, Southern Illinois University–Edwardsville
Not Just Pruitt-Igoe: Raymond Tucker and a Revolution in Municipal Governance

Comments
Maire Murphy

America: Biography, Baseball, and the Klan

Conference Room B
Chair
Andrew Hurley, University of Missouri–St. Louis
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Papers
Larry G. Brown, University of Missouri–Columbia
Circumstance and Pomp: The Life of Jean Baptiste Charbonneau
Peter K. Johnson, University of Central Missouri
The Mysterious “Mr. Bean Solid”: Tracing the Life of Eugene Pourée dit Beausoleil

Friday, March 13

8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Conference Registration

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Vendor Displays

Thursday, March 12

Papers
Brenda Thacker, University of Missouri–St. Louis
Quarantine Island and Public Health in Nineteenth-Century St. Louis
Daniel Schneider, University of Missouri–St. Louis
A Brief History of American Healthcare Policy
Jason Brown, Lindenwood University
The Disease of Government: Finding Cures through Private Development

Comments
Petra DeWitt

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Opening Reception, An Evening with Tom Engelhardt

Grand Ballroom A
Missouri Conference on History attendees have the first opportunity to celebrate the newest title published by the State Historical Society, Four Turbulent Decades: A Cartoon History of America, 1962–2001. The book features works by Tom Engelhardt, longtime political cartoonist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, selected from the SHSMO art collection by curator Joan Stack. This event includes a public interview of Engelhardt by SHSMO trustee and recently retired Missourinet director Bob Priddy as well as a book signing.

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Michele R. (Scout) Johnson, University of Arkansas  
*The Life, Double-Life, and Afterlife of Kathy Ainsworth*

**Comments**  
Audience

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**Valley Amphitheater**

**The Great Twentieth-Century War**

**Chair**  
Peter Acsay, University of Missouri–St. Louis  
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**Papers**

Janelle Brimer, University of Missouri–St. Louis  
*The German Revolution Has Begun: American Reaction to the Nazi Party during the 1930s*

Matt Brimer, University of Missouri–St. Louis  
*The Bombing of Dresden: Ethics, Aerial Warfare, and the Aftermath*

Leah Huesing, University of Missouri–St. Louis  
*John le Carre: Narratives of Intrigue and Cold War*

**Popular Culture**

**Comments**

Peter Acsay

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Refreshments**

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Sessions**

**US Civil War**  
**Conference Room A**

**Chair**  
Louis Gerteis, University of Missouri–St. Louis  
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**Papers**

Chris Huggard, Northwest Arkansas Community College  
*Pea Ridge: Civil War Battle, Collective Memory, and the Making of a National Park*

Dennis Boman, Lindenwood University  
*Slavery, Loyalty, and Unionism*

**Comments**

Silvana Siddali, Saint Louis University

**Popular Culture in Twentieth-Century America**  
**Conference Room B**

**Chair**  
Kevin Fernlund, University of Missouri–St. Louis  
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**Papers**

Kelsey T. Frady, University of Missouri–Columbia  
*Gladys Wheat: Advancing Art across Missouri during the First World War*

Edward Salo, Arkansas State University  
*What Can Green Lantern Teach Us about Race Relations: Use of Comic Books as Primary Sources in History Class*

Joan Stack, The State Historical Society of Missouri  
*The Civil Rights Cartoons of Tom Engelhardt: Evidence and Instruments of Social Change in Missouri during the 1960s and 1970s*

Niklas Trzaskowski, Mississippi State University  

**Comments**  
Audience
Public, Private, Political: The American Family in the Nineteenth-Century United States  Conference Room C
Chair  
Lorri Glover, Saint Louis University  
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Papers  
Paula Hunt, University of Missouri–Columbia  
Every Mother’s Duty: “The Slave’s Friend” and the Abolitionist Recruitment of Children
Sarah Lirley McCune, University of Missouri–Columbia  
“I Know No Reason for Her Act”: Mothers Who Committed Suicide, St. Louis, Missouri, 1875 to 1900
Stan Maxson, University of Missouri–Columbia  
“At the Time of Freedom”: The Making of Emancipation in Howard County, 1863–1870

Comments  
Lorri Glover

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

Great Room A  
Join the Missouri Conference on History in celebrating exceptional scholarship on the Show-Me state.  
Please note this luncheon is not included in the registration fee.

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Sessions

The Police and the African American Community in Late Nineteenth-Century St. Louis  Conference Room A
Chair  
Louis Gerteis, University of Missouri–St. Louis  
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Papers  
Marshall Hier, Esquire  
The Real Story behind the Blues Ballad: “Duncan Shot a Hole in Brady’s Breast”
Allen Wagner, University of Missouri–St. Louis  
The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Approach the Twentieth Century

Comments  
Louis Gerteis

Distance, Community, and African American Farm Owners  Conference Room B
Chair  
Debra Foster Greene, Lincoln University  
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Papers  
Mark Schultz, Lewis University  
The Geography of Settlement and Race Relations among Black and White Farm Owners in Georgia, Arkansas, and Missouri
Heidi Dodson, University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign  
Black Community Development in the Missouri Delta—Migration, Landownership, and Social Networks
Spencer D. Wood, Kansas State University, and Jess Gilbert, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
“You Don’t Own Me”: Black Landowners and New Deal Planners Build Democratic Communities in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, 1937–1965

Comments  
Debra Foster Greene

Utopianism, Syncretism, and Mining in the Americas  Conference Room C
Chair  
Steve Rowan, University of Missouri–St. Louis  
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Papers
Alice Regina Lapoint, University of Oklahoma
   *The Goddesses and Mary: The Survival of Indigenous Female Deities in New Spain*
Eric C. Sonnicksen, Western New Mexico University
   *A Tale of Two Potosí: Mining and Divergence in the Americas*

Comments
Steve Rowan

**The Great Depression and the Second World War**

*Valley Amphitheater*

**Chair**
Jeffrey Smith, Lindenwood University
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**Papers**
Arley R. Ward, University of Arkansas
   *Segregation at Home: Inequality on the Home Front*
David Harrisville, University of Wisconsin–Madison
   *Conquerors in a Strange Land: German Soldiers Imagining and Encountering Civilians in the Soviet Union*

**Comments**
Jeffrey Smith

**Poster Presentations** *Conference Room F*

**Posters**
Bridget Watkins, Westminster College
   *Reel Rosies: Exploring Gender Roles in Mainstream World War II Movies*
Jack Ketcher, Westminster College
   *Strategic Failures: The Strategic Hamlet Program and Early US Involvement in Vietnam*
Meredith Bolen, Westminster College
   *Tortoise Tussles: Class, Culture, and the Historical Evolution of a Scientific Theory*

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**Friday, March 13**

John York, Westminster College
   *Go West Young Ma’am: The Myths and Realities of Women on the Frontier*
Andrew Flanigan, Westminster College
   *So You Want Independence, Eh? The Role of Education in Canada’s Quiet Revolution*
Levi Molenhour, Southern Illinois University–Edwardsville
   *“I Hope to Have God on My Side, but I MUST have Kentucky”: A Case Study of One State’s Significance in the American Civil War*
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