



# OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY NEWSLETTER

## Spring 2018

**Join us at the University of Dayton  
for the Spring Conference!**



**T**he 2018 Annual Conference of the Ohio Academy of History will be held at the University of Dayton on Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24. Program Committee Chairman John Weaver ([jdweaver477@gmail.com](mailto:jdweaver477@gmail.com)) and Conference Committee Chairman John White ([jwhite2@udayton.edu](mailto:jwhite2@udayton.edu)) have put together a great conference with a number of highlights. After Friday night's address by Distinguished Historian Timothy Gregory of The Ohio State University, there will be a film. Titled "Jordan Anderson Writes a Letter," it deals with the life of a former slave in post-Civil War Dayton and an interaction with his former master in Tennessee. It was produced at the University of Detroit Mercy and history professor Roy Finkenbine and theatre professor Arthur Beer from that university will be discussing the film at the showing. There will be ten concurrent sessions spread across Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. In addition, there will be a roundtable on "Writing Good History for the Educated General Reader", sponsored by the Ohio Legal History Initiative, a book panel on Ethan Katz's *The Burdens of Brotherhood: Jews & Muslims from North Africa to France* – the recipient of the 2017 Junior Faculty Publication Award, as well as sessions dealing with public history. Saturday afternoon will include free, guided tours of the Dayton Aviation Heritage

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National Historical Park. Although no transportation will be provided, parking is ample near the park.

A limited number of rooms has been set aside at the Marriott at the University of Dayton for OAH members wishing to book directly through the hotel. Cost is \$127/night and reservations must be made via the link on the OAH website. They may also be placed directly with the hotel at 1-800-450-8625. Deadline to secure the OAH rate is February 23, 2018.

Conference registration is available on the OAH website at [www.ohioacademyofhistory.org/spring-conference-registration](http://www.ohioacademyofhistory.org/spring-conference-registration) ■



**Paul Laurence Dunbar House Historic Site**  
*NPS Photo / Tom Engberg*



**Kennedy Union, University of Dayton**  
*Courtesy of the University of Dayton*

## Restaurants near the University of Dayton

[www.tripadvisor.com/RestaurantsNear-g60785-d5790031-University\\_of\\_Dayton-Dayton\\_Ohio.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/RestaurantsNear-g60785-d5790031-University_of_Dayton-Dayton_Ohio.html)

This website provides a long list of restaurants near the University of Dayton campus, including those on the Brown Street Corridor. Below are a couple of lists of recommended restaurants from that website—some within walking distance; others in driving distance, but not too far.

*Within walking distance of campus on the Brown Street Corridor; Recommended (close; good food; sit-down; faster service):*

### **Bibibop Asian Grill**

### **El Rancho Grande**

### **North Village Chinese Restaurant**

### **Ginger and Spice**

### **Jimmie' Ladder 11**

### **Butter Café**

*Great place on Brown Street, but only open for breakfast and lunch*

*Oregon District (will need to drive; parking can sometimes be an issue):*

### **Jay's Seafood**

### **Dublin Pub**

*Others (with warnings):*

### **Carillon Brewing Company**

*Historic Brew pub on the grounds of Carillon Park. Will need to drive. Limited menu. Can be crowded on the weekends.*

### **Pine Club**

*Finest dining in the area, also within walking distance (near Dayton-Oakwood border); limited parking – however, no reservations, cash or check only. \$\$\$\$*

### **Cocos**

*Better dining, long walking distance, but parking available. My experience has been VERY slow service. \$\$\$*

*Also, note there are any number of fast food restaurants as well, many within easy walking distance. ■*

# OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY

## Draft of 2018 Meeting Program

### FRIDAY MARCH 23

**Registration:** Kennedy Union, Second Floor Lounge,  
3:00-5:00 p.m.

### SESSION ONE: 3:30-5:00 P.M.

BOOK PANEL:

#### ETHAN B. KATZ, THE BURDENS OF BROTHERHOOD: JEWS AND MUSLIMS FROM NORTH AFRICA TO FRANCE

Kennedy Union

**Panelists:** Willard Sunderland, University of Cincinnati;  
Erik Jensen, Miami University; Alexander Kaye, Ohio State  
University

**Response:** Ethan B. Katz, University of Cincinnati

**Moderator:** Janet Bednarek

PAPER PANEL:

#### FASCIST MOVEMENTS IN 20TH CENTURY EUROPE

Kennedy Union

*Fighting the "Moskauer Fieber": Austria and the  
Heimwehr Movement in the Age of Fascism*  
Jason C. Engle, Southern New Hampshire University

*"The Case of Trumpism: Fascism, Populism, or  
Something Unique?"*

Michael B. Loughlin, Ohio Northern University

**Chair/Commentator:** Anca Glont, University of Dayton

PAPER PANEL:

#### WORLD WAR II AND AMERICAN SOCIETY

Kennedy Union

*"Black Airmen, Stevedores, and WACs on Trial: Race,  
Rank, and Gender in World War II Courts-Martial"*  
Sandra Bolzenius, Independent Scholar

*"A Break for the Underdog": German and Italian POWs  
in Michigan, 1943-1946"*

Gregory Sumner, University of Detroit-Mercy

**Chair/Commentator:** Versailles Washington, University  
of Dayton

PANEL DISCUSSION:

#### PUBLIC HISTORY

Kennedy Union

Edward Roach, National Park Service; Betsy Hedler, Ohio  
History Connection; Pamela Dean, Cleveland History  
Center; others TBD

### DINNER ON YOUR OWN

5:00-7:00 p.m.

### DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN LECTURE

7:15 p.m. / Kennedy Union Ballroom

Timothy Gregory, Ohio State University

### FRIDAY EVENING FILM SCREENING

8:45 p.m./Kennedy Union Ballroom

"Jordan Anderson Writes a Letter"

**Discussants:** Roy E. Finkenbine, University of Detroit  
Mercy; Arthur J. Beer, University of Detroit Mercy

### SATURDAY MARCH 24

**Registration:** Kennedy Union Second Floor Lounge,  
8:00-10:00 a.m.

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST:

Kennedy Union Ballroom, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

### SESSION TWO: 9:00-10:15

ROUNDTABLE

#### WRITING GOOD HISTORY FOR THE EDUCATED GENERAL READER

Kennedy Union

Presented by the Ohio Legal History Initiative

**Panelists:** Donald F. Melhorn, Jr.; Marshall and Melhorn,  
Toledo; David Stebenne, The Ohio State University; John  
Winkler, Attorney-at-Law

PAPER PANEL

#### MAJORING IN RADICALIZATION: TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICAN COLLEGE STUDENT PROTESTS FOR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Kennedy Union

"The Small Ohio College as a 'Field of Action'"

William Marling, Case Western Reserve University

"Daring to Struggle, Daring to Win: The Students for a  
Democratic Society at Kent State University, 1967-1970"

Michael Daniel Goodnough, Kent State University

"'Lest We Forget': 50 Years After the Orangeburg  
Massacre"

Kimberly Stahler, Kent State University

**Chair/Commentator:** Leonne Hudson, Kent State  
University

PAPER PANEL

#### MEDICINE, SOCIETY AND IMAGES OF AMERICA IN LATE 18TH AND EARLY 19TH CENTURIES

Kennedy Union

"The Ohio Company, Medical Practice, and Westward  
Expansion, 1786-1794"

Rebekah A. S. Brown, Bowling Green State University

"The Cholera Paradox: Alcohol and the Medical  
Profession's Response to the 1832 Cholera Epidemic in  
Aberdeen, Scotland and Louisville, Kentucky"

Aaron Hoffman, Community College of Allegheny County

"There is the Real Scioto': Conceptualizing Ohio from

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*France to the Banks of the Scioto"*

*G. Matthew Adkins, Columbus State Community College*

**Chair/Commentator:** *Joan Cashin, Ohio State University*

PAPER PANEL

**THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR**

*Kennedy Union*

*"Our Airmen Were Going to Raid Cologne Every Night Week After Next": Harry 'Bud' Fisher, an American Censor in the British Army during the First World War"*  
*Donald C. Eberle, Northwest State Community College*

*"A Small Town and the Great War: Northborough, Massachusetts, 100 Percent Americanism, and World War I"*  
*William Mulligan, Murray State University*

*"25 Years Ahead of its Time: The American Aerial Torpedo in World War I"*  
*Michael Taint, Independent Historian*  
**Chair/Commentator:** *Jason Bieber, University of Dayton*

**TEACHING WORKSHOP ON HISTORICAL LITERACY**

*John White, University of Dayton*

Teachers and professors often attempt to integrate primary sources into their classes but are frustrated at students' inability to comprehend historical documents. In the broadest of terms, this is because reading history requires a unique set of reading strategies that few teacher preparation or graduate History programs address. This workshop is designed to assist teachers at the secondary and college levels who wish to increase historical literacy in their students. Using government documents, letters, memoirs, newspaper accounts, and even folklore sources from the Irish famine of 1845-51, we will examine historical literacy techniques and strategies that can be used with any historical era or phenomenon.

**SATURDAY MARCH 24**

**SESSION THREE: 10:30-11:45 A.M.**

PAPER PANEL

**CREATIONISM AND TURKS, JEWS, AND WOMEN**

*Kennedy Union*

*"All About Adam: Fundamentalism, Creationism, and Gender"*  
*Susan Trollinger, University of Dayton and William Trollinger, University of Dayton*

*"Dinosaurs and Jews at the Creation Museum: History, Memory, and the Future of Evangelical-Jewish Relations in America"*  
*Dustin Nash, Muhlenberg College*

*"Creationism and Politics—The Turkish Connection"*  
*Carl Weinberg, Indiana University*

**Chair/Commentator:** *Jason A. Hentschel, University of Dayton*

PAPER PANEL:

**EDUCATION AND SOCIETY**

*Kennedy Union*

*"A Great Injustice Has Been Done to Our Children: African-American Education in Iowa, 1838-1900"*  
*David Brodnax, Trinity Christian College*

*"Miss Grundy in the 20th Century North American Childhood Consensus"*  
*Jonathan Anuik, University of Alberta*

*"Unalloyed and Unmellowed by Judgment, Wisdom and Experience': The Student Homophile League and the Homophile Movement, 1966-1971"*  
*Joel Baehler, Kent State University*

**Chair/Commentator:** *John White, University of Dayton*

PAPER PANEL

**19TH CENTURY PRESIDENTS: NEW PERSPECTIVES**

*Kennedy Union*

*"Protecting Lincoln: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to the Nation's Capital"*  
*Chris Blubaugh, Ohio Dominican University*

*"Complicated Narratives: Rutherford B. Hayes"*  
*Dustin McLochlin, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library*  
**Chair/Commentator:** *Scott Martin, Bowling Green State University*

PAPER PANEL

**NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS IN THE POST-WORLD WAR II ERA**

*Kennedy Union*

*"Cloak and Dagger on Display: The Uncertain Fate of American Intelligence"*  
*Hayley Fenton, Ohio State University*

*"We Haven't Forgotten': The Ohio Korean War Bonus"*  
*Zachary M. Matusheski, Ohio State University*

*"The Congressional Career of Charles A. Vanik of Ohio"*  
*Philip Grant, Pace University*

**Chair/Commentator:** *John Weaver, Sinclair Community College*

**LUNCH 12:00-2:00 p.m.**

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS & BUSINESS MEETING**

*Kennedy Union Ballroom*

**TOURS 2:30-4:30 p.m.**

*Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park Interpretative Center*  
*Paul Lawrence Dunbar House ■*

# Nominees for OAH Council

## VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT:

### Lavanya Vemsani

*Shawnee State University*

Lavanya Vemsani is Professor of History in the department of Social Sciences at Shawnee State University. She holds two doctorates in the subjects of Religious Studies (McMaster University) and History (University of Hyderabad). She was awarded South Asia Council of the Canadian Asian Studies Association's (SAC/CASA) Best Thesis Honorable Mention prize for her Ph.D. thesis at McMaster University. She was awarded BOT (Board of Trustees) Distinguished Teaching Award at Shawnee State University. Her research and teaching interests are varied, and multiple. She researches and publishes on subjects of ancient history and religions as well as current history of India. She is the author of two books: *Krishna in History, Thought, and Culture: An Encyclopedia of the Lord of Many Names, Hindu and Jain Mythology of Balarama*. Her third book, *Modern Hinduism Text and Context*, is slated for publication in Spring 2018. In addition a number of her articles on History and Religions of India are published in numerous academic journals. She is currently working on two book projects, *India: A New History* and *Ancient Settlement Patterns of South India*. Currently, she is the Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Indic Studies* and Associate Editor of the *Journal of South Asian Religious History*.

## COUNCIL MEMBER: TWO-YEAR/REGIONAL

### Caryn Neumann

*Miami University*

Caryn E. Neumann is a Senior Lecturer in Interdisciplinary and Communication Studies at Miami University of Ohio Regionals. She is an Affiliate with the Department of History; Black World Studies; and Women, Gender, and Sexualities. Neumann earned a doctorate in Women's History from The Ohio State University, working under Professor Susan M. Hartmann. Her current work is focused on the history of popular culture, specifically comic books. She is a book review editor for *H-Net* and the Assistant Editor of the *Federal History Journal*.

## COUNCIL MEMBER: 7-12 TEACHER

### Dr. Perry Rogers

*Columbus School for Girls*

Perry Rogers has taught a variety of history and government courses at the secondary and university level over a 42-year career and just retired as department chair and Assistant Head of School at Columbus School for Girls. Prior to that, he was a professor on the history faculty at The Ohio State University and continues to teach on the university level as an adjunct. In addition to several articles and conference presentations on Roman history, he is the author of three two-volume university textbooks for Pearson/Prentice Hall: *Aspects of Western Civilization (7e)*, *Aspects of World Civilization*, and *The Human Spirit: Sources in the Western Humanities*. He has also served as a College Board consultant in World History for several years presenting at Advanced Placement workshops and summer institutes, as well as a consultant to McGraw Hill Publishers. Perry holds an M.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles and a Ph.D. from the University of Washington.

## COUNCIL MEMBER: PRIVATE UNIVERSITY

### Dr. Kelly Mezurek

*Walsh University*

Kelly D. Mezurek is an associate professor at Walsh University, where she teaches United States history. Her book, *For their Own Cause: The 27th United States Colored Troops* (The Kent State University Press, 2016), is a 2017 Ohioana Book Award Finalist in nonfiction. Mezurek's essay, "De Bottom Rails on Top Now: Black Union Guards and Confederate Prisoners of War," will be included in *Civil War Prisons II* (forthcoming 2017), a collection edited by Michael P. Gray. Mezurek is on the advisory board for the Emerging Civil War Book Series with the Southern Illinois University Press and served as a member of the Ohio Civil War 150 Advisory Committee. She also served as nominating committee chair for the Ohio Academy of History 2015-2017. ■

## Support Ohio History Fund Grant Program

**T**he Ohio History Connection’s History Fund grant program is one of the few grant programs in the state just for history, pre-history, and historic preservation projects—and it needs your help to grow. If you receive a refund on your Ohio income taxes, consider donating a portion of it to the “Ohio History Fund” tax “check-off,” line 26d on your state tax return.

Your donation with those from your friends, relatives, and thousands of other history lovers makes possible grants for local history projects in places big and small throughout Ohio. Since the Ohio History Fund started in 2012, it has made 54 grants in 33 counties for a total of \$522,000. Proving that there is a great need for the History Fund, it has received 249 grant applications from

55 counties, totaling almost \$3 million in requests! For a list of grant recipients, visit [www.ohiohistory.org/preserve/local-history-office/history-fund/recipients](http://www.ohiohistory.org/preserve/local-history-office/history-fund/recipients)

Not receiving a tax refund? You can still help: buy an Ohio History mastodon license plate. Twenty dollars from the sale of each set of plates benefits the History Fund grant program. To learn more, visit: [www.bmv.ohio.gov/vr-sp-organization.aspx](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/vr-sp-organization.aspx)

You can also make a donation directly to the Ohio History Connection for the History Fund, visit [www.ohiohistory.org](http://www.ohiohistory.org) and click on “Give.” Be sure to designate your gift “for Ohio History Fund.”



The more you give to the Ohio History Fund, the more grants it can make to organizations like yours that preserves history in our state. Questions about the History Fund? Visit [www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund](http://www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund) or call Andy Verhoff in the Ohio History Connection’s LocalHistory Service department at 614-297-2341 or email [averhoff@ohiohistory.org](mailto:averhoff@ohiohistory.org). Thanks! ■



GIVE TO THE OHIO HISTORY FUND  
ON YOUR STATE TAX RETURN.



### How the Tax “Check-Off” Works

- Although we call it a “check-off,” on your tax form, you won’t find a box to check.
- Toward the end of your individual Ohio state income tax return, after you’ve calculated the amount of your refund (if you are receiving a refund), you’ll find line 26 that asks “Amount of line 24 to be donated.”
- One of the six options is “Ohio History Fund,” line 26d
- Under “Ohio History Fund,” fill in the amount that you’d like to contribute. Last year’s average contribution was \$9.38, so even a small donation can make a big difference—but if want to round it up to special year, please do—for example contribute \$20.03 for the year of Ohio’s bicentennial, or for the year you were born.
- The amount you contribute to the Ohio History Fund through your Ohio state income tax return goes to support the History Fund, which, since 2013, has made 54 grants totaling \$522,000 to support local history projects in communities throughout Ohio—all because of donation from generous history-minded Ohioans like you. Thank you!

# Ohio Academy of History Executive Council Meeting

## 4 November 2017, Ohio History Connection

**In attendance:** R. Berenstein, L. Hudson, M. Robinson, C. Rafensberger, S. Selby, J. Weaver, S. Martin, J. Bednarek, B. Hedler, K. Kern, R. Herndon

**Called to order at 12:00 p.m.**

### Officers' reports:

#### President's Report (*Bednarek*)

Discussed with J. Winkler about updating the OAH email list off of the AHA master list. Sent an email in the early Fall 2017 to introduce OAH to departments across the state and to solicit nominations for awards, inform of the conference, etc. Some positive feedback and one new membership resulted. Suggested that regular contact from the OAH to the list would help keep the organization in front of current and potential members & would increase the visibility of the organization. Also met with Ed Roach (historian w/ National Park Service in Dayton) about possibilities of connections between the OAH and the Park Service. This would also help our connections with the broader public history community. Secured agreement for the Park Service to participate in the 2018 Spring conference. Offered the idea of some sort of organizational restructuring to help lighten load on Betsy Hedler—perhaps a sort of Executive Director position. This would also aid in institutional memory, organizational efficiency, etc. Idea tabled to New Business.

#### Vice President's Report (*Conn*)

No report. Bednarek will reach out regarding transition ahead of the 2018 conference.

#### Past President's Report (*Martin*)

No report. At this point there was some concern raised about the unreliability of OAH emails (including the Newsletter) being delivered to everyone on the listserv.

#### Secretary-Treasurer's Report (*Kern*)

Discussed the highlights of a written report, namely: Finances are good. A 3-year endowment CD will mature within a month of the Fall meeting. Janet recommend letting it roll over into a 1-year CD. Approved with unanimous consent. If we

register as a non-profit incorporation, our date of organization would be set at 90 days after the date of incorporation. But the Ohio State Dept. suggests we could register as a charity with the Attorney General's office to achieve similar benefits as incorporation but without the revised incorporation date. This is essential to abide by the letter of last winter from the Attorney General's office which threatened a fine if the OAH did not clarify its status as a non-profit. We are already registered with the IRS as a charity and will need a copy of the determination letter from the IRS as partial evidence of our status. That determination dates from 1970. The IRS letter will also be helpful to provide for donors as proof that their contributions will be tax-exempt. Close watch must be kept on our finances since, if our liquid assets exceed \$50,000 our tax responsibilities change.

#### Archivist's report (*Heiss*)

Discussed the contents of a written report, namely: Constitution and Handbook revisions are nearly complete. There is a newly updated file of officers. And each officer was sent the sections of the Constitution and Handbook pertinent to their roles within the OAH. Bednarek suggest Heiss may be the person to take on the role of Executive Director.

### Award Committee Reports

#### Distinguished Historian (*Bednarek*)

There is one nomination in the pipeline, but previous nominations can still be considered. A decision on the recipient will come soon.

#### Dissertation Award (*Mach*)

No report.

#### Public History Award (*Weininger*)

No report.

#### Publication Award (*Ingram*)

No report.

#### Distinguished Service Award (*Wilson*)

No nominations yet but people are at work soliciting.

#### Teaching Award (*Berenstein*)

No nominations have come in for several years. The committee will try to encourage nominations through

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personal outreach & Janet will include this in her email to the newly created departmental list following the Exec. Meeting. Berenstein asked about info from prior years and it was suggested that Heiss may have access to past chairs of the committee to get possible names of unsuccessful past candidates. Robinson suggested opening up consideration to educators at 2-year institutions as well.

### **Junior Faculty Research Grant (Herndon)**

Discussed the contents of a written report. No applications last year. Committee will do outreach to Dept. Chairs for nominees..

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **Conference Committee (White)**

A tentative plan for room reservations has been set based on the 2017 OSU conference. There will be sessions Friday afternoon & Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon will include Park Service tours of the Dunbar House and Wright Plaza (transportation on your own.) This will run approx. 2:30-4:30. Kern recommended seeing if anyone would be interested in screening a documentary Friday night after the Distinguished Historian talk. OSU and OU will have book tables with other regional presses potentially participating, as well. The Park Service and the Miami Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau may provide materials. There is a possibility of a few sessions dealing with secondary education. A small block of rooms set aside at Marriott at University of Dayton with a mid-Feb. cut off date for reservations. OSU's undergraduate research conference is on the same weekend and so may affect participation from that school.

### **Program Committee (Weaver)**

Only two paper proposals so far. Weaver has contacted Ethan Katz (winner of the 2017 Junior Faculty Publication Award) to do a book panel and he agreed to do it Friday afternoon. There will be a public history roundtable with the Park Service dealing with heritage and history in the post-modern city (focusing on Dayton and Cleveland). There is a general hope to emphasize public history at this conference and possibly eventually in the OAH as a whole. Discussed the possibility of a session centered on the 50th anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### **Nominating Committee (Barnes)**

Diane Barnes, chair of the committee, has quit.

### **Membership Committee (Winkler)**

Winkler will remain as chair. We currently have 128 members including ten students and 91 professional historians. There is still hope to achieve a larger membership.

### **Proceedings (Robinson)**

The Proceedings has been dedicated to Vlady in recognition of his contributions to the OAH. Committee would like information on the process for submission and acceptance to the Proceedings to be sent to anyone accepted to present at the Spring Conference and this will go in the Spring 2018 Newsletter. There was one paper accepted from the 2017 conference.

## **New Business**

### **Ohio History Connection update (Hedler):**

*Timeline* magazine and *Echoes* newsletter will be merged into a bimonthly release. OAH members will still be given a \$10 discount on OHC membership.

### **Other New Business:**

General discussion of Bednarek's earlier comments regarding need for organizational restructuring to create a COO or Executive Director position. Perhaps the position of Archivist (and Ann Heiss) would be logical choice to fill this role, at least temporarily. Perhaps it should be established by way of a 2-year term for the president. Kern worries that it will be difficult to get people willing to serve in Exec. Director role and suggest that the two most recent presidents could work together to maintain continuity. Perhaps it would also be difficult to get presidents to serve 2-year terms. Suggestion also made to create a master calendar that includes deadlines for each duty, nomination, deadline, etc. that could be maintained and passed forward to ensure organizational efficiency. Also, more reliance on the Handbook could help clearly define roles, deadlines, etc. Bednarek asked for concrete and specific proposals to be delivered at the Exec. Council meeting at the Spring Conference in 2018.

An idea was presented to set up a Twitter/Instagram account for the OAH with a graduate student in charge of posting updates.

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The Ohio Legal History Initiative asked for an announcement to be included in the Fall 2017 Newsletter but there was some confusion regarding their request to use the OAH listserv. It was agreed that they would be asked to pay for their access to the listserv – perhaps they would be willing to sponsor the coffee station at the Spring Conference in exchange for a blast across the OAH listserv. It was also suggested that the OAH encourage the Initiative to set up a panel at the conference.

Raffensberger questioned why previous Exec. Council members don't necessarily return to serve in other roles. Perhaps it is a matter of burnout. Or the perceived value for participants in the OAH and attendees at the conferences (scholarly feedback, professional development, etc.) Discussion of establishing themes for upcoming conferences to build a foundation; or perhaps recruiting prominent historians to deliver a lecture as a way to increase visibility and to establish a larger presence on the annual conference calendar.

It was also proposed that people paying for memberships after September will get the end of that year as well as the entire following year as part of their membership rather than getting a few months at full price and then being forced to renew again the following year. Also, a possible adjustment for public historians was proposed. This was all tabled for further discussion and vote at the Exec. Council meeting at the Spring 2018 conference.

The 2019 Conference will be at Miami University – Middletown, not Oxford.

The 2020 Conference will once again be at Ohio State University.

Some general discussion about possible themes or panel focuses for the 2019 and 2020 conferences based on notable anniversaries and historical milestones.

All reports were approved unanimously by the Ex. Council or were deemed approved without objection by the President unless otherwise noted. Meeting adjourned at 2:45. ■

## UPCOMING EXHIBIT

# Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American WWII Experience

**F**rom February 17, 2018 through March 18, 2018, Oberlin College and Conservatory will host the national traveling exhibition, *Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American WWII Experience*. Planned by Go For Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC) and funded in part by a grant from the National Park Service, this professionally designed and interactive exhibit chronicles the national story of the Japanese American experience during WWII as well as local stories of compassion in support of Japanese Americans from communities across the country.

In the wake of the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, many officials and community members viewed residents of Japanese ancestry, U.S. citizens and immigrants alike, with fear and mistrust. Japanese Americans were targets for harassment and discrimination, and families on the West Coast were forcibly removed to government-run incarceration camps. The *Courage and Compassion* exhibit covers events from the attack on Pearl Harbor, through the fateful decision to incarcerate Japanese Americans in wartime camps and ultimately to the postwar fight for redress. It also brings alive the stories of local communities like Oberlin, Ohio that showed courage and compassion to Japanese Americans who were suspected of disloyalty solely because of their ancestry. Oberlin was selected as one of the 10 cities to host the exhibit because of its support for the cause of Japanese Americans affected by internment. The College and Conservatory recruited and admitted nearly 40 Japanese American students during the war; city residents defended the students when their presence was questioned; and Nisei (second-generation Japanese American) students here spoke out and demonstrated against racism

and wartime discrimination. The exhibit places this story of Oberlin's response to incarceration in the broader context of both Oberlin's history of activism as well as current debates around sanctuary cities and campuses.

Work at Oberlin on the project began two years ago after staff from the Go For Broke Foundation contacted history professor Renee Romano to see if the college would be interested in participating. Romano and a steering committee of faculty, librarians, and community members recruited history students to do further research about the Nisei who attended Oberlin. This research encompassed college and community newspapers, administrative and admissions records, yearbooks, and oral histories. Students have also been involved in writing the script for Oberlin's section of the exhibit, in planning events in conjunction with the exhibit, and in coordinating publicity and outreach.

*Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience* will be free and open to public at the Richard D. Baron '64 Art Gallery, located at 65 E. College St. Oberlin, Suite 5. The exhibit will be open to the public on Saturdays from 10:00am-5:00pm and Sundays from 12:00pm-5:00pm from February 17, 2018 through March 18, 2018, and can be scheduled for school visits during the week. During its month-long visit to Oberlin, the city, College, and Conservatory will be hosting a series of events related to the exhibit, including academic lectures, documentary film screenings, and talks by internment survivors.

A full programming schedule is available at [go.oberlin.edu/courage-and-compassion](http://go.oberlin.edu/courage-and-compassion). For further information, contact Renee Romano at [rromano@oberlin.edu](mailto:rromano@oberlin.edu). ■

# OHIO HISTORY DAY Call for Judges and Volunteers

**O**hio History Day invites you to spend a Saturday in March or April learning from and being inspired by passionate and knowledgeable students! There are plenty of opportunities to participate. Be a judge at one of the 10 regional competitions across Ohio and/or the state competition. To register as a judge, visit [www.ohiohistoryday.org](http://www.ohiohistoryday.org) or contact Shoshanna Gross, State Coordinator at [sgross@ohiohistory.org](mailto:sgross@ohiohistory.org) or 614.297.2526.

Ohio History Day is a year-long research project designed for students in grades 4–12. Each year, students pick a topic based on an annual theme and develop a project to illustrate the historical significance of the topic. The program culminates in regional and state level contests that take place in March and April. **All Contests are free for the public and take place from 9am–5pm.**



## Ohio History Day Regional Contest Dates

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

**REGION 9:** Chillicothe High School, 421 Yoctangee Pkwy, Chillicothe, OH 45601

### SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

**REGION 1:** Bowling Green State University Bowen-Thompson Student Union, Bowling Green, OH 43403

**REGION 2:** Terra State Community College, 2830 Napoleon Rd, Fremont, OH 43420

**REGION 3:** Cleveland History Center (Check-in for Exhibits, Papers, and Websites),  
10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106

### SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018

**REGION 6:** Ohio Wesleyan University, 61 South Sandusky Street, Delaware, OH 43015

**REGION 7:** Piqua Junior High School, 1 Tomahawk Trail, Piqua, OH 45356

### SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

**REGION 8:** University of Cincinnati, Tangeman University Center, 2766 UC Main Street, Cincinnati, OH 45221

**REGION 10:** Ohio University Zanesville, 1425 Newark Road, Zanesville, OH 43701

### SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

**REGION 4:** Youngstown State University, 1 University Plaza, Youngstown, OH 44505

**REGION 5:** Kent State University, Stark Campus, 6000 Frank Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720

### SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

**STATE CONTEST:** Ohio Wesleyan, 61 S Sandusky St, Delaware, OH 43015



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# Ohio Academy of History

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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### SPRING BALANCES

CHECKING BALANCE 28 FEB 2017: (plus \$100.38 in associated savings account)	\$29,978.64
BALANCE WITH OHC:	\$3,796.88
REMAINING ENDOWMENT CD: (11/23/17 maturity)	\$5,135.48
DEBITS SINCE 28 FEB:	
Conference supplies:	85.39
OSU Conference expenses:	3,164.55
Awards (Historian, Diss. History Day):	850.00
Student help:	150.00
Website (rebuild, main- tenance, payment):	729.55
	(\$5,429.49)
CREDITS SINCE 28 FEB	
Dues and Conference Fees:	\$2,630.00

### FALL BALANCES

CHECKING BALANCE, 29 SEPT 2017:	\$27,179.15
BALANCE WITH OHC, 30 SEPT 2017	\$7,416.16
REMAINING ENDOWMENT CD (11/23/17 maturity)	\$5,143.19



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