



# OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY NEWSLETTER

## Fall 2018

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**T**imothy E. Gregory, The Ohio State University, received the Distinguished Historian Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to history.

The Dissertation Award was presented to Ayse Baltacioglu-Brammer of The Ohio State University for her study “Safavid Conversion in Ottoman Anatolia and the Ottoman Reaction, 1440s-1630s.”

Mitchell Lerner, The Ohio State University, was presented with the Distinguished Teaching Award in recognition of excellence in the teaching of history

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Betsy Hedler, Ohio History Connection, in recognition of outstanding service to the historical profession and to the Ohio Academy of History.

The Academy presented two Publication Awards. This award is presented annually to a member of the Academy for the outstanding historical publication of the preceding year. These awards were presented to Sam White, The Ohio State University, for his book, *A Cold Welcome: The Little Ice Age and Europe’s Encounter with North America*; and to Randy M. Browne, Xavier University, for his book, *Surviving Slavery in the British Caribbean*.

The Academy presented two Junior Faculty Research Grants. The grant is intended to help defray the costs of domestic or international travel necessary

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### Upcoming Ohio Academy of History Conferences

**March 22-23, 2019:**  
**Miami University,**  
**Middletown**

**2020:**  
**The Ohio State University**



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## 2018 Awardees (Continued from page 1)

to conduct research on a significant scholarly project (most likely, one yielding a scholarly article or monograph). This year's grantees are Nicole Jackson, Bowling Green State University, "Colonization in Reverse: Black British Family Activism in 'Post'-Imperial England;" and Thomas Weyant, The University of Akron, "Political and Social Activism during the Vietnam Era at Northern Appalachian Universities."



< **Mitchell Lerner  
and Dwayne  
Beggs.**



^ **Ruth Herndon  
and Ayse  
Baltacioglu-  
Brammer.**



^ **Ruth Herndon  
and Thomas  
Weyant**

< **Kevin Kern and  
Betsy Hedler**

## MINUTES

# Ohio Academy of History Executive Council Meeting

March 23, 2018 Humanities Building, RM 470 – University of Dayton

**Call to order—12:20**

**In attendance:** Bednarek, Hudson, Kern, Hedler, Herndon, Weaver

**Minutes:** Approved

## Officers' reports:

### President's Report

- Going forward, need to tighten up organizations, deadlines, calendar. Will be willing to work with Archivist to come up with template for chairpeople of committees
- It's been an honor to serve, looking forward to being past president.

### Vice President's Report

Did not attend, no report submitted

### Past President's Report

Did not attend, no report submitted

### Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- Discussed written report
- Purchased strong box for Sec-Treasurer
- Registered with state as charitable organization

### Archivist's Report

- Did not attend, submitted written report
- Bednarek suggested that she work with Archivist in coming up with template, calendar, and duties. Also discussed need to recruit co-editor to help Shawn Selby.

## Standing Committee Reports:

### 1. Conference Committee Report 2018 [Bednarek/White]

- We are ready for the conference
- OU and OSU Press will have book exhibits
- Breakfast for 63 in West Ballroom
- Lunch deluxe pasta buffet in West Ballroom

### 2. Program Committee Report 2018 [Weaver]

- Written report submitted
- a good program, but unbalanced (heavily U.S.)
- more events for K-12 and Public History than usual
- film screening
- No questionnaires for chairs this year.

### 3. Nominating Committee Report [Bednarek]

- Was difficult: ended up being the committee herself. One resigned, one left state. Used the chair and faculty email list to get nominations. Is pleased with what she has. President-elect Lavanya Vemsani is an Asian Historian from Shawnee State with Ph.D.s in History and Religious Studies. Also editor of International Journal of Dharma and Hindu Studies—will help diversify exec. Council discipline-wise.
- found K-12 teacher and textbook author for that position.
- Nominating Committee needs to be reconstituted.

### 4. Membership Committee—no report

### 5. Newsletter Committee [Selby]

- Did not attend, submitted written report
- Difficult to acquire substantial content for Newsletter despite emails sent to OAH membership as well as departments throughout the state. May need to reduce to a single newsletter each year. Will gauge workload to determine the need for a co-editor.
- Hedler: Email sent twice—first to members, then to all including lapsed members with link to newsletter to spur renewals.

### 6. Proceedings [Robinson]

- Did not attend, no report submitted

## New Business

### 1. Report from the OHC [Hedler] –

a. Renewal of Agreement

Identical to last contract with one addition: Added to Section 5, one complimentary membership to the OHC representative. Motion to approve (Bednarek), 2nd (Kern)—Unanimously approved

### 2. Looking forward (Bednarek)

- continue to strengthen organizational skeleton, stronger sense of calendar, dates, and templates, will work with Heiss to do that.
- Hedler suggested Board Member orientation—perhaps conference call in spring

### 3. Motions from floor--none

Adjourn--1:03

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Call for papers for 2019 Spring Conference

**CFP: Ohio Academy of History Annual Meeting  
University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio 23-24 March,  
2018**

The Ohio Academy of History seeks papers in all fields of history for its annual regional conference. Papers may deal with any area or time period, including World, Latin American, African, Asian, European, Oceanian, as well as American. Proposals focusing on historiography, methodology, pedagogy, and public history are also welcome. The Ohio Academy of History is planning on publishing an on-line proceedings of select conference papers. These can be found here: [www.ohioacademyofhistory.org/proceedings/](http://www.ohioacademyofhistory.org/proceedings/) We welcome submissions from faculty and graduate students.

Paper sessions generally include three papers (20 minutes each) and a chair or commentator. In addition to traditional format sessions (scholarly papers with chair and commentator), the Ohio Academy welcomes non-traditional formats such as roundtables, discussion panels, or teaching-focused formats. We do not at this time solicit or accept undergraduate papers.

Submit proposals no later than **1 December 2018** to the chair of the program committee:

**Steven Conn**  
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Proposals must include:

- *a title and 150-word abstract of each paper*
- *a short biography, resume, or curriculum vita (one page) of each participant*
- *telephone numbers and e-mail and mailing addresses*

Those interested in chairing or commenting on papers should contact the committee chair with their areas of expertise.

Presenters must register for the conference by 15 February 2018 to be included in the program.

Further information about the Ohio Academy, including membership and conference registration (when it becomes available), may be found on our website: [www.ohioacademyofhistory.org](http://www.ohioacademyofhistory.org). ■

## Call for Submissions for Spring 2019 Newsletter: Articles and Reviews

The Ohio Academy of History requests submissions from members for the Spring 2019 Ohio Academy of History Newsletter. We are interested in receiving a variety of submissions, including, but not limited to, articles about members' research, travel to archives or conferences of interest, the historical profession, book or film or museum reviews, teaching and pedagogy, or other topics of interest to Ohio Academy members. Submissions should be no longer than 1000 words and will be subject to editing for content and format.

Please send submissions to General Editor **Dr. Shawn Selby** as a word document attachment at [sselby@kent.edu](mailto:sselby@kent.edu) by **December 14, 2018**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GRANT CALL:

# Junior Faculty Research Grant

The Ohio Academy of History invites proposals for its annual Junior Faculty Research Grant. The purpose of the grant is to help defray the costs of travel necessary for a significant scholarly project. The current grant award is \$500. The grant is not restricted to any geographic area, methodological approach, or chronological period. The Ohio Academy of History will announce the award recipient at its Spring Conference.

To be eligible, the applicant must be:

- *an untenured faculty member at an Ohio college or university;*
- *a recipient of a Ph.D. in history within the past six years;*
- *a member of the Ohio Academy of History.*

To apply, please submit:

- *a one-page curriculum vita;*
- *a one-page budget with justification for how funds will be used;*
- *a three-page explanation of the project's objectives, sources and methods, significance, and timetable, as well as its contribution to the larger project;*
- *a letter of recommendation in support.*

Applications and supporting materials should be sent in PDF format to the chair of the Grant Committee by December 15, 2018.

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**Please note:** *The successful applicant is expected to file, within eight months, a one-page report on how the funds were spent, with the report to be considered for publication in the Academy Newsletter. Acknowledgement of this Academy support should also appear in any published work that results from this research. Successful applicants are encouraged to present on their findings at subsequent Ohio Academy annual conferences.*

## Request for Author

Working on behalf of an interested party, the Department of History at Ohio State University is looking for someone with a strong background in U.S. history to write a history of the Swiss in Central Ohio. Please direct inquiries to:

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## Call for Award Nominations

### 2019 DISSERTATION AWARD

The Ohio Academy of History invites submissions for its annual outstanding doctoral dissertation award. The dissertation must have been completed, and the doctorate awarded to the nominee, during the previous academic year (August 2017 to July 2018). Each Ph.D. granting institution in Ohio may nominate one dissertation. There is a \$250 award for the winning dissertation. An electronic copy of the dissertation, along with a nomination letter from the chair of the department or the director of graduate studies, should be sent to each member of the Dissertation Award Committee. The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2018.

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### 2019 DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD:

The Ohio Academy of History invites nominations for its annual Distinguished Teaching Award. The award recognizes faculty in mid- or late career who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to teaching and service in Ohio. The committee is cognizant of the work involved in putting forward nominations for the teaching prize, so each nomination will be kept on file and considered annually by the committee for at least three years. Please send a nomination letter with supporting evidence (in an electronic format) to the chair of the Teaching Award Committee, Dr. Dwayne Beggs ([abeggs@lourdes.edu](mailto:abeggs@lourdes.edu)) by January 1, 2019.

Appropriate supporting evidence should include:

- *course syllabi*
- *examination questions and paper assignments*
- *student and peer evaluations*
- *any other evidence of a sustained record of impact on students*

### 2019 PUBLICATION AWARDS:

The Ohio Academy of History invites nominations for its annual Outstanding Publication Award. Scholarly monographs published by members of the Academy between November 1, 2017 and October 31, 2018 are eligible. Books by previous winners may be considered, although no individual may win the award more than twice. Nominees should send one copy of the book directly to each member of the Publication Award Committee and to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Academy of History, Kevin Kern. The copy sent to the committee chair should also include a brief description of the book. Deadline for submissions is December 15, 2018.

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# LITTLE STORIES OF THE GREAT WAR: Ohioans in World War I

by Kristen Newby,  
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**Grenade training lantern slide:** Soldiers received a variety of weapons and artillery training, including how to throw grenades. The *World War I Training Slides Collection* captures training practices at American military camps.

Via *Ohio Memory*.

Ohio has participated in every major U.S. conflict to date, World War I being no exception. Ohio contributed to the war effort in every way imaginable, from supplying soldiers and training them at Camp Sherman in Ross County, to manufacturing equipment and machinery at factories across the state, to Ohio women volunteering and stepping into the workforce, to families growing produce in “victory” gardens. Ohioans played an invaluable role in the Great War, and their experiences and sacrifices were shared by nearly all Americans.

As part of its effort to commemorate the World War I Centennial and Ohio’s role in the war, the Ohio History Connection (OHC) is making World War I collections at Ohio institutions more accessible to teachers, students, and researchers through the Little Stories of the Great War: Ohioans in World War I project. Little Stories of the Great War builds upon the work of a previous planning grant funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) through which project staff identified World War I collections at Ohio institutions and compiled them in an online [WWI union bibliography](#). During the current two-year implementation phase of the project, again

funded by NEH, project staff are digitizing World War I collections from OHC’s own holdings, as well as the holdings of fourteen cultural heritage institutions across Ohio.

All digitized content is available in the *World War I in Ohio Collection* on *Ohio Memory*, the statewide digital repository for primary source material documenting Ohio’s past. Collections selected for this project work together to tell the story of Ohio’s role in the Great War, both on the home front and overseas, and include photographic materials; posters and cartoons; letters, postcards and other correspondence; diaries and scrapbooks; military uniforms and accoutrements; and various military and organizational records. Users can learn about Camp Sherman by viewing regimental portraits or photographs showing various aspects of camp life, or by reading letters written by soldiers who trained there. *Photographs*, *lantern slides*, and *stereographs* show soldiers during gas, artillery, and trench construction training exercises. Wartime sentiments on the American home front are well documented by *advertisements and posters* encouraging Americans to ration food, purchase Liberty bonds, and enlist in the Armed Forces. One recent addition is a series of archival materials from the *Cincinnati Art Museum*. This archive includes letters and photographs from Art Academy of Cincinnati students who left the Academy to serve in the military or pursue other war work, correspondence documenting a *national poster competition* to promote the 1918 war savings stamp campaign, as well as documents advertising a national call for war posters.

In addition to digitization, project staff are creating educational resources so that K-12 teachers can more effectively utilize the digital collection in the classroom. Lesson plans, resource guides, and interactive classroom activities are freely available on the *‘For Teachers’ page* on Ohio Memory. Users can also connect directly with Ohioans’ World War I stories by transcribing handwritten documents on our Ohio in World War I Transcriptions site at [transcribe.ohiohistory.org](#). By transcribing letters, diaries, and more, you will help to reveal stories of Ohioans during World War I, making these first-hand accounts more accessible and easily discoverable. Completed transcriptions are added to that item’s record on Ohio Memory, making the original document full-text searchable. Transcription is a unique opportunity to make a personal connection with those who served, and to experience a soldier or nurse’s journey through enlistment, training, deployment, and service abroad.

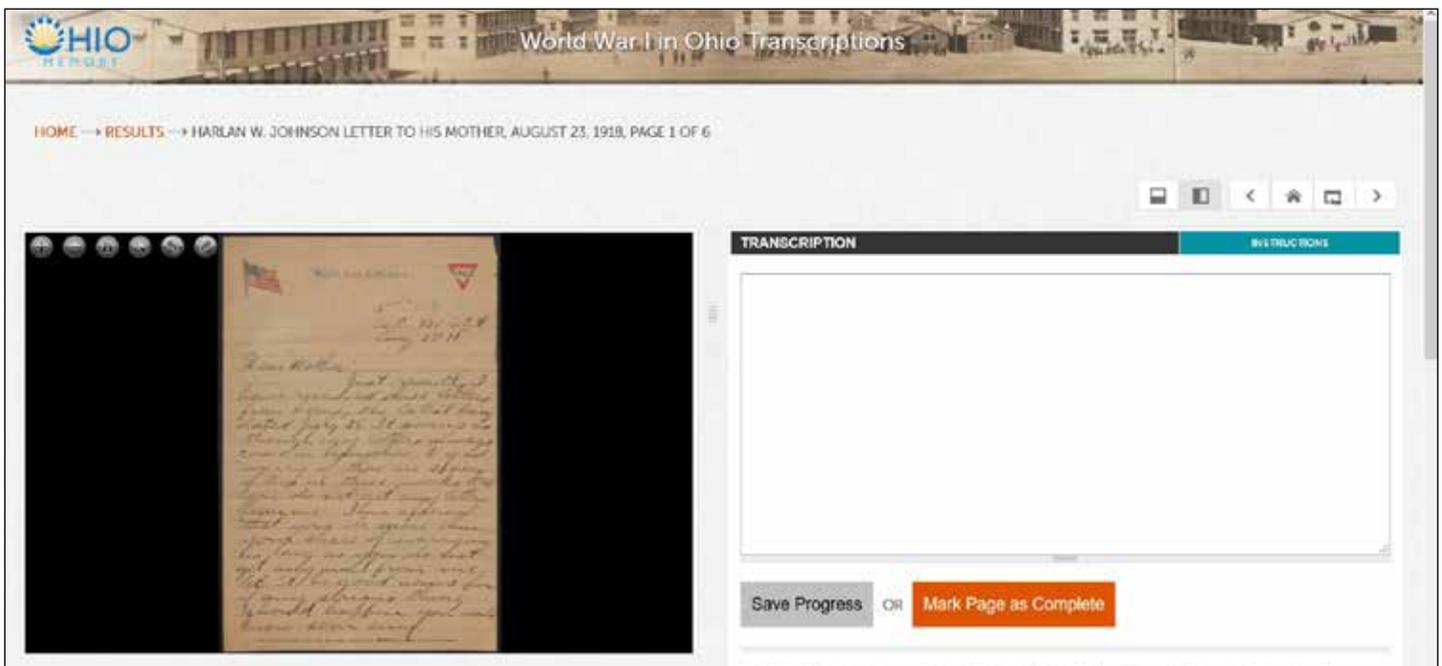
Over the next year,

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visit Ohio Memory to view new collections as we continue to connect local communities with their World War I history! If you have questions, please contact project staff at [ohiomemory@ohiohistory.org](mailto:ohiomemory@ohiohistory.org). For more information on statewide commemorative events and programs, such as the **Ohio Poppy Project**, please visit the **Ohio in World War I Centennial Commission website**, or contact Amy Rohmiller at [arohmiller@ohiohistory.org](mailto:arohmiller@ohiohistory.org).

< **'If I Fail' Red Cross poster:** Illustrated by Arthur G. McCoy in 1918, this poster encourages women to enroll as Red Cross nurses. Via Ohio Memory.



^ **Transcription tool screenshot:** Transcribing this letter from Harlan W. Johnson, member of the 168th Aero Squadron, to his mother, in which he describes the skills required to become an aero-observer.

# 2018-2019 OAH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS



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Spring 2018

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#### FALL BALANCES

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|--|-------------|
| CHECKING BALANCE<br>29 SEPTEMBER 2018:<br>(plus \$100.38 in associated<br>savings account) | \$27,179.15 |
| BALANCE WITH OHC:  | \$7,416.16  |
| REMAINING ENDOWMENT CD:<br>(11/23/17 maturity)   | \$5,143.19  |

#### SPRING BALANCES

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| CHECKING BALANCE,<br>28 FEBRUARY 2018: | \$27,179.15        |
| BALANCE WITH OHC,<br>31 DECEMBER 2017  | \$7,644.38         |
| REMAINING ENDOWMENT CD                 | \$5,148.60         |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>                   | <b>\$40,072.51</b> |



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