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Message from the President: Confessions of an Internet Researcher

In my presidential address at The Ohio State University in spring 2014, I spoke of the challenges of researching the complex interaction of national security policy, telecommunications, and the myriad topics that provide the context for the key decisions made by U.S. officials through the 20th century. One question that has frequently come up when I have explained my project to other groups has been “if few scholars have written about this, there is very little existing narrative, and the classification issues are so troublesome, how are you able to find out anything in order to know where to look for more?” The answer has been that I have relied upon online research tools to a much greater extent than I could have imagined when I first began working on my book *Plexus: The United States, International Telecommunications, and National Security, 1920-1945*. In this column I want to share how I have managed to use these tools for online research, admit to some ambivalence about the long-term implications of this, and make an appeal for collaborative work from across the Ohio Academy membership to enhance those tools.

One tool in particular I have utilized has been Google Books. I suspect that most of you have dipped into this extensively in the years since Google brought it online. But I have found it particularly helpful given the ambiguities in my project. Quite simply, I would not have found as much as I have in the archives without the information gleaned from repeated searches through the digitized materials found in that database. To be sure, there are a tremendous number of online research tools available now, and most academic libraries subscribe to a great many of them. But increasingly I find that I am using Google Books as my initial search venue when I encounter new names of individuals, committees, or specialized terminology in archival documents or older published works.

An example of how I have done this that I often share with my students has to do with a key discovery I made about something termed “Operation Deep Freeze.” This was a proposed submarine telegraph cable across the North Atlantic that an ITT subsidiary offered to lay for the United States Air Force in the 1950s to meet a significant and specific security concern. For a variety of reasons, the cable would never be laid and the subsidiary would sue the United States government (unsuccessfully) to recoup the survey costs. Because it seemed central to the developing narrative, I poked around in the standard literature in technological and military history to see what might come up. But herein lay a problem: Operation Deep Freeze was also the general name for the U.S. exploration of Antarctica in the same period. The

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Ohio Academy of History/National History Day Award Winner

Abby White, a student at Shaker Heights High School, was this year's winner of the Ohio Academy of History award at Ohio History Day in April. In June, she won 3rd place in the Senior Paper Division at the National History Day competition in College Park, Maryland.

Upcoming *Ohio Academy of History* Conference
March 27-28, 2015
at Ohio Northern University

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usual scholarly research tools, including JSTOR, gave me everything I did not want about the wrong side of the earth. But when I put “Operation Deep Freeze” into Google Books, I began to get hits on the frozen wonder I was actually interested in, and these hits came from books that had nothing to do with history or even the United States. I soon found myself in legal studies and analyses of British regulatory politics. These in short order led to discussions about NATO communications and technical details involving communications in the Mediterranean and the Near East. In short order I generated a bibliography of books to obtain, source notes to gather, and promising archival leads. These in turn led me to a very different understanding of a heretofore overlooked aspect of the Killian Report, a major Eisenhower administration effort to mitigate vulnerabilities to Soviet surprise attack.

What impressed me in particular was that I was getting this information from deep inside books that I would never, ever have thought to consult, and from parts of the library that I would never have imagined would contain off-hand references to my topic at hand. On the one hand, to be honest, this is not surprising. The scholarly world is full of such interconnections. On the other hand, however, the ability to find and exploit those interconnections, and to get into them well beyond one’s “normal” academic sources, is enormously helpful. It would have been simply impossible to have learned of this information in any meaningful amount of time by wandering the stacks skimming books in possible relevant sections for something as interconnected as this topic. Quite frankly, I used the library better, and armed with the information I found I used the archives better as well.

The second tool, I hesitate to admit, has been Wikipedia. But I’m not using it the way that you would think. Most of us will admit to using the online encyclopedia to resolve discrete inquiries—rushed for time and desirous of the exact date of something for that afternoon’s lecture, and so on—but fewer of us will admit to being regular Wikipedia editors. For several years now I have been editing Wikipedia entries on the individuals, corporations, and concepts relating to the book project.

In some instances, I’ve done this to correct errors and anchor them to citations to the relatively obscure published sources that I’m working over. In doing so I’m adhering to one of the core ideas of Wikipedia, which is to make available only that information that can be referenced to published sources. So there are lists of office holders in relatively obscure parts of the federal government in Wikipedia that have been corrected. I also made interconnections between entries to help establish the corporate linkages and evolutions with some of the communications firms in the story. As a result, there is a much more robust set of corporate ownership chronologies for some of the key companies I’m looking at in the project. I’m also crafting short biographies of individuals, particularly scientists, who were remarkable in their own time but whose shine has faded in the march of time.

Why do this, particularly if I wasn’t going to get the credit? In part it was a form of service. The information I’d gathered wasn’t remarkable and didn’t warrant publication on its own—it was simply data gathered from published sources. But the existing entries in Wikipedia were missing that data or listed it incorrectly. If someone was going to make it correct, this was the time to do it. And the information was not, so far as I could tell, available elsewhere. I was the first to aggregate it, and, particularly with the corporations, others could well take the information that I had gleaned from the material and use it to their own advantage later. Why let all of the discoveries I had made vanish into the filing cabinet when the book was over?

The other reason was, I will also admit, a form of laziness. Some of the data I had entered would otherwise have remained buried in files on my computer, organized in folders that would require me to take time to navigate through before I found the detail I needed. By putting it on Wikipedia, I knew that I could load up the entry on a particular FCC Commissioner and get what I myself had put there.

Some of you will point out at this point that what can be added can be subtracted or altered. Certainly, and that is a risk taken with this method. But the things I’m mucking about with are suf-

ficiently obscure, or at least uncontroversial, that it seems to me that there’s a low risk of malicious editing or revision.

And this brings me, then, to my appeal. As you work on your own research projects, I urge you to check what there is in Wikipedia and go so far as to improve it. Indeed, the greater value would come if you were to contribute your knowledge to fill in where there is *not* a page. Some years ago I was involved with a prize competition that had a person’s name attached to it. No one seemed to know who the person was being honored by the prize. It is said that we all die twice—once when we actually expire, and twice when we are no longer remembered. In a bid to ensure that this individual did not die the second time, I constructed a Wikipedia entry for him sourced to all of the things that I could locate online about him, including a great many things that I could only locate by using Google Books to uncover his past and his impact. The outcome? No one has changed the page since I made it, which is fine, but at least I conferred a little bit of immortality. Moreover, since I was able to put in there my discovery that the individual had been a covert CIA operative (revealed long after his death), someone might find that reference when trying to make sense of archival records from the CIA that they’ve obtained—and another piece of a scholarly puzzle may fall into place. So go forth and preserve what you know, and use all the amazing tools we now have at our disposal for the benefit of those who will follow our lead.



Jonathan Winkler,
Ohio Academy of History President

Ohio Academy of History Executive Council Meeting 4 April 2014

Location: 340 Page Hall, The Ohio State University

In attendance: Bosworth; Brooke; Connell; Douglass; Friedman; Grunden; Hedler; Heiss; Kern; MacLean; Roth; K. Selby; Weaver; Winkler.

Called to order: 12:00 p.m.

Officers' Reports

President's Report (Heiss):

- Distributed written report and thanked OSU for hosting the Spring 2014 conference. Also thanked Kelly Selby for chairing the program committee. Emphasized certain points off the written report, specifically: A reminder that Ohio Northern will be hosting the 2015 Spring conference 27-28 March. Ann Heiss will be chair of program committee. Also, the organization still faces challenges with stagnation in certain areas. Heiss recommends reinvigorating the membership committee and the *Proceedings* to help drive the group forward and maintain academic relevance. Also, hope to finish the revision of the Handbook. Suggested that signs, emails, etc. be given standard templates for consistency and so that they can be passed down to future committee chairs. Finally, creation of a calendar outlining the tasks expected of officers/committee chairs and their respective deadlines was discussed.

Vice President's Report (Winkler):

- Discussed the highlights of a written report and list of committee assignments:

Winkler plans to continue the 3-year rotation of committee membership and will expand recruitment efforts to include underrepresented institutions and to target schools from across the state. Along these lines, Winkler hopes to strengthen the program committee and develop a more continuous structure and membership for the committee. Plans are in motion to overhaul and refocus the Professional Development and Outreach Committee to focus more on places where future teachers are being taught. The public history committee will be held in abeyance until the organization gets a better grasp on what our goals should be in that regard and what our relationship should be with public history in the state. This discussion will be resumed at Fall meeting(s). Winkler also outlined three objectives for the presidency. There was discussion and general agreement that, whenever possible, the organization should work to plan Spring conferences as far in advance as possible in order to build the event into a more significant, regional conference.

Past President Report (Wood):

- Wood (absent) submitted a written report regarding the *Proceedings* and the Membership Committee that was then summarized and elaborated upon by Heiss. Heiss offered to co-chair the Membership Committee with Wood in an effort to handle the group's substantial responsibilities. With the demands on the group, unfortunately some of the duties aren't effectively ad-

ressed. K. Selby volunteered to have a student update the list of historians in Ohio that was last revised in 2009-2010. Douglass suggested splitting off publicity to a separate committee and MacLean reminded the Ex. Council that there was discussion at the Fall 2013 meeting of using targeted brochures to encourage membership and that could be used to help update the list of historians in the state.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Kern):

- Discussed the highlights of a written report, namely: The Jr. Faculty Research fund is currently in a 15-month CD with .25% interest as opposed to the 13-month .10% CD it was in previously. Pre-registration for the Spring Conference came to 72. This was significantly higher than last year's pre-registration numbers and this was likely due to the successful roll out of the online registration option through the OAH/OHS website. The committee thanked Betsy Hedler for her work making sure the online registration ran smoothly. At Winkler's request, Kern indicated that the most substantial recurring cost for the organization is the expenses for awards (Distinguished Historian, Dissertation, plaques, etc.). These typically come to \$1500+ and come before the costs related to organizing and running the Spring Conference. Douglass broached the possibility of investing in treasuries to get a better return and while this is certainly a possibility (and up to the Ex. Council to decide), Kern expressed his concern that the organization maintain some liquidity. It was pointed out that the Academy's checking account may suffice to serve this need.

Archivist's Report (MacLean):

- Discussed the contents of a written report, namely: The Handbook is now $\frac{3}{4}$ complete and MacLean thanked everyone for their feedback and suggestions for revisions. She is currently rearranging the introduction and also solicited help from committee chairs in finishing that section to which K. Selby indicated that she would pass along her suggestions for the Handbook. When Section 4 is finished in the next few weeks, MacLean will run it by the President and other officers for finishing touches. The OHS seems to be thriving and is more engaged /active in growing historical interest in the state. It is working with much better finances. Statehood Day is going very well and MacLean expressed her thanks to the Academy for its financial support.

Updates from Ohio Historical Society (Hedler):

- The Ohio Historical Society is in the process of rebranding and will in the future (from May 24, 2014) be known as the Ohio History Connection. Also, Megan Wood, former Ohio Historical Society Liaison to the Ohio Academy of History, has accepted a position as Associate Vice President, Education & Visitor Experience of the Historic Ford Estates in Michigan.

Award Committee Report:

- Ex. Council unanimously approved via email the editor's pre-circulated report without debate.

Award Committee Reports

Distinguished Historian (Heiss):

- Written report circulated in advance. Also, discussed need for a more robust competition next year for this and all awards.

Dissertation Award (Douglass):

- Written report circulated in advance. Out of three nominees Steve L. Haynes from Kent State University was selected as the recipient. Suggested including an announcement about the award in the Newsletter as a way to solicit nominations and perhaps increasing the number of submissions allowed per institution (there are only six doctoral programs left in the state and of those, University of Toledo's is "on life support.") The possibility was raised of expanding to include an award for a superior MA thesis but this should be in addition to the dissertation award and not in lieu of.

Public History Award (Weininger):

- Written report circulated in advance. Christie Weininger was the only nominee but was very worthy of the award. Betsy Hedler reassured the Ex. Council that the award was publicized via the Ohio Public History community.

Publication Award (Harp):

- Report circulated in advance. There were seven submissions for the award. Alice Conklin won the award for a work by a senior scholar while Daniel Rivers won the junior scholar award. A review of the number of nominees over the past 30 years indicated an increase in that when the Academy included synopses of nominees in the newsletter, there tended to be more nominees for the award. In recent years, these synopses have been left out and the number of nominees has declined. MacLean suggested adding synopses back into the Newsletter.

Distinguished Service Award (Weaver):

- Written report distributed and approved without objection.

Teaching Award (Roth):

- Greg Anderson was the winner out of four nominees. There were no nominees from small, liberal arts colleges; however, nominees are kept in the pool for three years. Discussion: nominees and winners should be successful at teaching general education and survey courses in addition to more specialized classes. It was generally agreed that perhaps the Ex. Council should consider more hard copy letters when soliciting nominations and in communication with departments. Discussion: consider experimenting with the award next year by splitting the pool into thirds with phone calls, letters and emails. Further consideration about making a special effort to contact two-year and community colleges and also engaging the services of development and publicity people at institutions.

Junior Faculty Research Grant (Griech-Polelle):

- No applications this year, need to work on soliciting more nominees through direct communication with faculty chairs.

Standing Committee Reports

Conference Committee (Brooke):

- Things went well, a few last minute crises needed to be ironed out but generally all on track.

Program Committee Report (K. Selby):

- Overall the program seemed good but K. Selby worried

there were too many proposals for individual papers and too few panels. Discussion about the overall goal & purpose of the conference: academic history; broad-based platform for what's going on in the state; agenda for advocating issues; cheaper alternative to regional and national conferences. Comparative CFP from Great Lakes conference includes statement of purpose & target audience. Perhaps OAH CFP should include same & be specific about target audience and conference focus each year. There is also a problem with no-shows, both presenters and session chairs – some as late as the week before the conference. Proposed: anyone accepted for the conference will be dropped from the program if draft and registration is not provided within a certain time (e.g. six weeks.) Recommended: handbook can clarify what things should be handled at which committee meetings. Grunden and Heiss support remaining inclusive but possibly coming up with a theme for each conference. This may help focus the proposals, facilitate easier creation of panels, and allow the Academy to invite people to participate according to the theme. K. Selby suggested the possibility of structuring some sessions catering to graduate student issues and asked that the program committee know in advance how long the conference will be in order to make the committee's planning easier. Grunden noted that serving on a panel with a former professor was a draw for him when he attended the conference.

Nominating Committee (Hale):

- Ex. Council unanimously approved the nominating committee's pre-circulated report without debate.

Public History (Award) Committee (Weininger):

- Ex. Council unanimously approved the committee's pre-circulated report without debate.

Professional Development K-12 (Connell):

- Since the annual meeting is really the only professional development the Academy does, Connell agrees with Winkler's idea to suspend the operation of the committee pending further consideration.

New Business

Academy Prizes:

- Main concern is increasing number of nominees. Also, committee must confirm eligibility (may contact Hedler) to ensure nominees, where required, are members of the Academy.

Academy Historian:

- Ex. Council discussion: splitting the duties of Archivist and Historian and finding a Historian who will attend OHS meetings and write a history of the Academy. Conversation tabled again.

Academy Roster:

- The membership committee will take care of updating this.

Extending Ex Council Term of Past Presidents:

- Heiss and Connell mentioned that extending this term to two years would improve continuity.

Academy Website:

- Website needs updated; Heiss requested (Hedler agreed it's feasible) the website host an online option for contributing to the endowment fund. All reports were approved unanimously by the Ex. Council or were deemed approved without objection by the President unless otherwise noted.

Meeting adjourned: 2:55.



Spring 2014 Prizes and Awards

2014 Distinguished Historian Award

Shelley Baranowski

University of Akron

2014 Distinguished Service Award

Christie Weininger

Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center

2014 Public History Award

Celebrating the Legacy of the New Deal

Massillon Museum

2014 Publication Awards

Alice Conklin

The Ohio State University, *In the Museum of Man: Race, Anthropology, and Empire in France, 1850-1950*

Daniel Rivers

The Ohio State University, *Radical Relations: Lesbian Mothers, Gay Fathers, and Their Children in the United States since World War II*

2014 Distinguished Teaching Award

Greg Anderson

The Ohio State University

2014 Dissertation Award

Steven Haynes

Kent State University, "Alternative Vision: The United States, Latin America, and the League of Nations during the Republican Ascendancy"

CALL FOR PAPERS

Ohio Academy of History Annual Meeting and Conference at Ohio Northern University, Ada, OH March 27-28, 2015

The Ohio Academy of History seeks papers in all fields of history for the Spring 2015 Annual Meeting and Conference to be held at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. We *strongly* encourage the submission of full panel sessions, with papers, comment, and chair, addressing any historical topic, area, or time period. Panels on world history or non-western history are especially appreciated. Proposals focusing on historiography, methodology, pedagogy, and public history are also encouraged. Individual papers *may* be proposed, but they are less likely to be accepted on their own due to the difficulty of combining them with others to form a panel with a coherent theme. In addition to traditional format sessions (scholarly papers with chair and commenter), 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 to the chair of the Program Committee, Mary Ann Heiss mheiss@kent.edu, by November 1, 2014.

Proposals must include:

- a paper title and 150-word abstract (and in the case of a complete panel, a 250-word description of the panel theme)
- a one-page biography, resume, or curriculum vita
- complete contact information (telephone/cell number and email/postal address)

Presenters must register for the conference by March 1, 2015 to be included in the program.

CALL FOR SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Articles and Reviews

The Ohio Academy of History requests submissions from members for the Spring 2015 *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. Molly Wood as a word document attachment at mwood@wittenberg.edu by **December 12, 2014**.

Member News

The Ohio Academy of History requests news and announcements from members for the Spring 2015 *Ohio Academy of History Newsletter*. We are interested in hearing about promotions, new appointments, publications, conference presentations, grants received, prizes and awards, retirements, obituaries, etc.

Please send your news, or if you are a department chair, your department's news and announcements to General Editor Dr. Molly Wood as a word document attachment at mwood@wittenberg.edu by **December 12, 2014**.

CALL FOR AWARD SUBMISSIONS

Ohio Academy of History 2015 AWARDS

2015 Distinguished Historian Award

The Ohio Academy of History invites nominations for its annual Distinguished Historian Award. The award honors a historian whose teaching and scholarship, including substantial publications, transcend specialized fields and have an interest to persons beyond the discipline of history. The nominee should have a close affiliation with a college, university, or historical agency of Ohio, if not actually residing in the state. The award recipient will deliver a public address during the opening evening of the annual Spring Conference of the Ohio Academy of History and receive recognition during the business meeting at the Spring Conference. A letter of nomination of worthiness for the award and a copy of the nominee's curriculum vita must reach the committee chair by **November 1, 2014**.

Chair:

Jonathan Reed Winkler

Ohio Academy of History President (*ex officio*)

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Committee Members:

Mary Ann Heiss, Immediate Past President, Ohio Academy of History (*ex officio*) mheiss@kent.edu

Note: For this year, Mary Ann Heiss holds this position twice, as immediate past president and as chair of the program committee, as mandated by the Ohio Academy of History by-laws.

2015 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 2013 to July 2014). 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 **November 1, 2014**.

Chair:

Martha Santos (2015), University of Akron, santos@uakron.edu

Committee Members:

George Vascik (2016), Miami University, Hamilton, vascikgs@muohio.edu

Drew Swanson (2017), Wright State University, drew.swanson@wright.edu

2015 Distinguished Service Award

The Ohio Academy of History invites nominations for its annual Distinguished Service Award. The recipient of this award receives an honorary lifetime membership in the Ohio Academy of History. To nominate an individual, either for specific achievement or for long-time distinguished service to the Ohio Academy of History, please submit your recommendation to the committee chairperson. Deadline for nominations is **November 1, 2014**.

Chair:

John McNay (2015), University of Cincinnati-Blue Ash College mcnayjt@ucmail.uc.edu

Committee Members:

Jennifer Nalmpantis (2016), Lakeland Community College jnalmpantis@lakelandcc.edu

Korcaighe Hale (2017), Ohio University-Zanesville halek@ohio.edu

2015 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 by **November 1, 2014**.

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

Chair:

Amy Bosworth (2015), Muskingum University, bosworth@muskingum.edu

Committee Members:

E. Sue Wamsley (2016), Kent State University at Salem ewamsley@kent.edu

Benjamin Pugno (2017), Columbus State Community College bpugno@csc.edu

CALL FOR AWARD SUBMISSIONS

Ohio Academy of History 2015 AWARDS *(continued from page 7)*

2015 Junior Faculty Research Grant

The Ohio Academy of History created a research grant for junior faculty and made the first annual award in 2011. The Academy now invites proposals for the fourth 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, one 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, 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 **November 1, 2014**.

Chair:

Thomas Mach (2015), Cedarville University,
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Committee Members:

Catherine Rokicky (2016), Cuyahoga Community College, Western,
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Randy Roth (2017), The Ohio State University
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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.

2015 Publication Award

The Ohio Academy of History invites nominations for its annual Outstanding Publication Award. Scholarly monographs published by members of the Academy between November 1, 2013 and October 31, 2014 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 **November 1, 2014**.

Chair:

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Ohio Academy of History Luncheon and Business Spring Meeting 5 April 2014

Presiding: Mary Ann Heiss, OAH President

Welcome and President's Report: Mary Ann Heiss

- Many thanks to The Ohio State University for hosting the OAH, and especially to Peter Hahn, chair of the Department of History, and John Brooke, Local Arrangements chair.
- Thanks also to Kelly Selby of Walsh University, who headed up the Program Committee.
- Spring 2015 meeting at Ohio Northern University, 27-28 March 2015.
- Reminder of OAH website, electronic newsletter, and other material at www.ohioacademyofhistory.org.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer: Kevin Kern

- See Sec-Treas report submitted to Ex Council by Kevin Kern for details.
- General report on financial health of the organization.

Report of the Nominating Committee: Korcaighe Hale

- Nominees for each position are acknowledged, biographies and ballots are on the lunch tables
- Call for nominations from the floor—none received.
- Voting proceeded. Votes were collected and counted.
- Results: VP: Drew Cayton; Sec-Treas: Kevin Kern; Public College EC seat: Walter Grunden.

Awards Presentations:

- (Distinguished Historian Award was made on Friday Evening: Martin Wainwright presented the Award to Shelley Baranowski).
- Dissertation Award: John Douglass presented the Award to Steven Haynes.
- Public History Award: Kelly Selby presented the Award to representatives of the Massillon Museum's project, "Celebrating the Legacy of the New Deal."
- Publication Award: Steve Harp presented Awards to Alice Conklin and Daniel Rivers
- Distinguished Service Award: John Weaver presented the Award to Christie Weininger (unable to attend).
- Teaching Award: Randy Roth presented the Award to Greg Anderson.

No New Business

Introduction of the New OAH President:

Mary Ann Heiss introduced Jonathan Reed Winkler.

Presidential Address:

Jonathan Reed Winkler, "On the Recovery of Forgotten Things: The Historical Roots of the Snowden Revelations."

Announcements / For the Good of the Order / Formal Closing of the Luncheon/Business Meeting and Reminder about Afternoon Panels

2014-2015 OAH Executive Council

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Ohio Academy of History FINANCIAL REPORT

FALL BALANCES

Balance as of October 11, 2013:

\$11,056.80

(plus \$100.38 in associated savings account)

Junior faculty grant endowment:

\$10,506.40

Endowment:

CD *(Chase 6/30/2014)*

\$5,091.98

CD *(Now Chase 6/11/2015)*

\$4,843.16

\$9,935.14

Debits since fall report:

Ohio Historical Society:

(\$424.28)

Contribution to JFRG CD:

(\$1,457.00)

Deposits since Fall report:

Dues and contributions to endowment:

\$350.00

SPRING BALANCES

Balance as of April 1, 2014:

\$ 9,525.52

(plus \$100.38 in associated savings account)

Junior faculty grant endowment:

\$11,960.09

Endowment:

CD *(Chase 6/30/2014)*

\$5,109.83

CD *(Now Chase 6/11/2015)*

\$4,843.61

\$9,953.44

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