



OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY NEWSLETTER

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What's Inside:

President's Message



First, allow me to introduce myself. I am the current president of the Ohio Academy of History. I am also a professor of history at the University of Dayton where I teach modern United States History, urban and the history of technology. If I am known at all, it is as an historian of US airports. I must confess that I did not know as much as I should have about the Ohio Academy of History before accepting Scott Martin's invitation to run for president of the organization. I had attended a number of confer-

ences when I was a junior scholar and had served on the program committee for a conference shortly after I received tenure. However, service as department chair and then as the Executive Director of the Urban History Association occupied most of my time and energy from the late 1990s through 2014. When Scott's invitation came, though, I was looking for an opportunity to once again serve a professional organization.

So it was in early 2016 that I began reacquainting myself with the Ohio Academy of History. What I found made me wonder why I had lost touch with this organization. First, it sponsors an annual conference. That in itself is no mean feat and a tribute to the dedication of the officers of the OAH, all of whom serve as volunteers. And especially at a time when travel budgets are under stress, a history conference in Ohio represents not just a bargain, but a wonderful opportunity to present one's scholarship in front of an audience of nearby colleagues. Second, the OAH sponsors a number of awards. It recognizes books, dissertations and teaching. There is a fund that supports research by junior scholars. And there is an award for senior scholars as well. I know that we are not in this for the awards, but, especially for junior faculty, the dissertation award and the research fund could be extremely valuable. And, finally, the OAH's membership is open to all varieties of historians – academic and public; K-12; college and university; professional; and dedicated amateur.

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Upcoming Ohio Academy of History Conferences

March 23-24, 2018:
University of Dayton

2019:
Miami University, Middletown

2020:
The Ohio State University



The Ohio Academy of History newsletter is edited and published for the Ohio Academy of History by the Ohio History Connection.

A recent article in my local newspaper emphasized the large number of colleges and universities in Ohio. Given those numbers, the membership of the Ohio Academy of History should be far larger than it is. To that end, I am sending a message to the chairs of all history departments in Ohio this fall asking them to forward information about the Ohio Academy to their faculty. And I will especially remind them that new faculty are offered a free year of membership. My message will also ask everyone to forward information about the OAH to their colleagues outside of academia. I plan to contact those I know working in local historical societies, museums and with the National Park Service in the Dayton area. I am also hoping that this information will get to K-12 teachers as well.

While building the membership of the OAH alone might be a worthwhile goal, I believe it has potential to do more. As Scott noted in his message last year, the OAH can and should be a major advocate for excellence in history education in the state of Ohio. At a time of great challenges for the humanities and the liberal arts at the university level, the OAH can be a voice in Columbus and elsewhere on the value of history as a field of study. For example, it can monitor the implementation of the College Credit Plus Program to ensure that the quality of history instruction really is the equivalent of a college-level introductory course. The OAH can be a forum for interaction between college/university historians and K-12 teachers. And the OAH can offer an entry to significant professional service to our junior faculty. I know too well that service does not receive anywhere near the weight scholarship and teaching do in tenure and promotion decisions. However, the future of the profession is dependent on introducing the next generation to the importance of service to those organizations that have helped define history as a special and unique profession in the first place. Service with the OAH might be a way for our junior and even mid-career colleagues to first “act local” to gain the experience to one day “think (and act) global.”

To the members of the Ohio Academy of History, I urge you to acquaint your colleagues with the organization. For non-members who may receive this newsletter – please consider joining. At \$25 it is a real bargain – and you can combine that with a discounted

membership to the Ohio History Connection for \$75. (If you haven't been to the museum in Columbus, it is really worth the trip – the Lustron Home exhibit was amazing.) And to all, please consider participating in the Ohio Academy of History annual conference, March 23-24, 2018 at the University of Dayton.

--Janet Bednarek
Ohio Academy of History President

Call for Submissions for Spring 2018 Newsletter:

Articles and Reviews

The Ohio Academy of History requests submissions from members for the Spring 2018 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 by December 18, 2017.

Member News

The Ohio Academy of History requests news and announcements from members for the Spring 2018 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. Shawn Selby as a word document attachment at sselby@kent.edu by December 18, 2017.

In Memoriam **Jacob H. Dorn**

The Department of History is saddened to share that Dr. Jacob H. Dorn, professor emeritus, passed away September 5, 2017 after suffering a heart attack over the weekend. He was 77 years old. Jake retired in June 2012, after an extraordinary career of 47 years of teaching, scholarship, and service at Wright State and in the wider community.

Jake was among the founding faculty of the University. He obtained his PhD. from the University of Oregon at the remarkably young age of 25. Shortly thereafter, he began teaching at what was then the Dayton campus of Ohio State and Miami Universities in 1965. He joined the faculty full time when the university became independent, and rose to the rank of full Professor by 1974. He taught American history, and specialized in social, intellectual and religious history, particularly in the Progressive Era. In 1972 he founded, and was the director for the next fifteen years, of the university's Honors Program. He oversaw countless senior and Master's theses. Generations of students considered him an outstanding teacher and mentor.

He was also an accomplished scholar. Jake was the author of *Washington Gladden: Prophet of the Social Gospel* (Ohio State University, 1967), just reprinted in paperback. He and his colleagues Carl M. Becker and Paul G. Merriam compiled *A Bibliography of Sources for Dayton, Ohio, 1850-1950* (1971), funded by the National Science Foundation. He was the editor of a collection of essays, *Socialism and Christianity in early 20th Century America* (Greenwood Press, 1998). He was also the author of numerous articles, contributions and book reviews in a variety of scholarly journals and edited collections.

Jake believed strongly in selfless service to the uni-



versity, the profession, and the wider community. He was deeply involved with the Ohio Academy of History, serving two terms as president and on virtually every committee. He was particularly active in the Dayton Council on World Affairs (DCOWA), served as a first reader with the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, and was involved with the National Council on U.S./Arab Relations. He served on the board of the American Baptist Historical Society, with the Ohio Board for United Ministries in Higher Education, and with many, many other organizations. He gave of his time freely for innumerable presentations to community groups large and small.

As one former colleague remembered, "I admired and appreciated Jake for his dignity, depth of scholarship, wisdom, and compassionate concern for people." As another stated, "Jake

Dorn was the department." He will be missed by the faculty with whom he worked and the generations of students whom he taught. A memorial service in his memory will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St, Dayton, OH 45402 at 11:00 AM. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that contributions be made to the Jacob H. Dorn Scholarship Fund. Checks made out to the Wright State University Foundation may be sent to the attention of Sara Woodhull, Wright State University Foundation, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Dayton OH 45435 with a notation that they should be directed to the Dorn fund.

Jonathan Reed Winkler
Professor & Chair
Department of History
Wright State University

SPRING 2017
Conference Report

The Ohio Academy of History held another successful annual conference March 31-April 1, 2017, at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Thanks for the wonderful venues and complex arrangements go to conference chair John Brooke, Joan Cashin, Melissah Pawlikowski and Daniel Rivers, all of The Ohio State University. Events were held in Page Hall, Mendenhall Lab and Hagerty Hall, as well as the Great Hall Art Gallery in the Ohio Union.

No conference can be a success without a strong program, such as was provided by the program committee including Marsha Robinson and Rob Waters (co-chairs), Hall Friedman, E. Sue Wamsley, Mary Ann Heiss and Jim Seelye. The program included twenty sessions involving more than 80 participants. Paper presenters, session chairs, and respondents came from 33 different institutions of higher learning – more than half from institutions in Ohio, with the others coming from eight different states (Indiana, Alabama, Texas, Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia, Illinois and West Virginia) with one international participant (University of Belgrade).

Highlights of the conference included a panel organized by OAH President Scott C. Martin on the impact of the College Credit Plus program on history education in Ohio, in addition to roundtables on the work of Michael Flamm (*In the Heat of Summer: New York Riots of 1964 and the War on Crime*) and Christopher Phillip (*The Rivers Ran Backward: The Civil War and the Remaking of the American Middle Border*). Other session topics ranged from Byzantine exceptionalism to the 1960s Generation Clash, and from the imperial impact of World War I to NASA. Those interested in political, social, military, African-American, economic, and gender history all found panels of interest. A copy of the full program can be found at: www.ohioacademyofhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/3-29-Program-2017-Ohio-Academy-of-History.pdf.

The conference also included a lecture by Susan Hartmann, named the OAH Distinguished Historian for 2017. Her well-attended lecture was entitled, “When Republicans were Feminists.” It was followed by a reception in Page Hall.

2017 Award Citations

Dissertation Award

Jesse Tarbert

When Good Government Meant Big Government: Nationalism, Racism, and the Quest to Strengthen the American State, 1918-1933

Case Western Reserve University, 2016

Dr. Tarbert's pathbreaking dissertation offers a re-conceptualization of the period from the first World War to the New Deal as an era of government growth. He explains how a vision of "administrative reform" modeled on the structures and techniques of contemporary business shaped the federal government, an interpretation that promises to rewrite a portion of the current American political history narrative. The argument is compelling and the primary research is extensive; moreover, the dissertation limns complicated political maneuvering in clear and often grace-

ful language. Of particular interest, Tarbet explores the importance of race, in particular the efforts of Southern whites to prevent the Federal government from implementing policies which would challenge or weaken segregation, as an important element in how Federal agencies were organized in the 1920s.

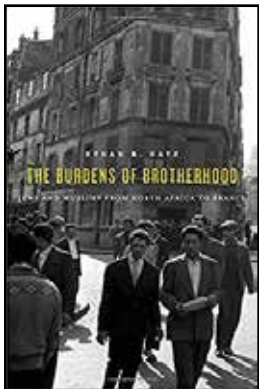
This work stood out in a competitive field of entries. The committee trusts that Dr. Tarbert's dissertation will soon be an important book, and congratulates him on receiving the award.

Publication Awards

Ethan B. Katz, University of Cincinnati

The Burdens of Brotherhood: Jews and Muslims from North Africa to France

Harvard University Press, 2015



The Ohio Academy of History Publication Award Committee, consisting of Michael Brooks, Robert Ingram, and Sean Pollock, is pleased to announce that *The Burdens of Brotherhood: Jews and Muslims from North Africa to France*, authored by Ethan B. Katz, of the University of Cincinnati, is the winner of

this year's junior scholar publication award.

The Burdens of Brotherhood incorporates primary source materials from archives located on at least three continents, including dozens of interviews. Katz uses French Jewish-Muslim relations to help

readers rethink mid-20th century French history. Though the book mainly focuses on the period between the 1920s and the 1970s, the author makes it clear that the book's themes continue to bedevil France. His argument is that 20th century French Jewish-Muslim relations cannot be reduced to stories of anti-Semitism, Israel, and Palestine. Instead, Katz shows that French Jews and Muslims often did not prioritize their ethnic or religious identities over their national ones. Moreover, as he powerfully demonstrates, French Jews and Muslims were as often allies, friends, and peaceful neighbors as they were inveterate enemies. What drove them from amity to enmity was contingency, not inevitability.

The story is compellingly told within the context of

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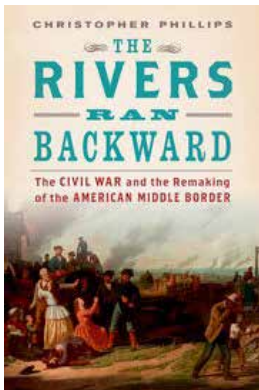
the unraveling of the French empire in North Africa. For while Jews were sometimes considered natural outsiders in France, they had the linguistic and cultural means needed to assimilate. North African Muslims, in contrast, came to France often without

Christopher Phillips, University of Cincinnati

these means and largely after the imperial collapse. In sum, the book makes important contributions to scholarship on postcolonial France and French ethno-religious history.

The Rivers Ran Backward: The Civil War and the Remaking of the American Middle Border

Oxford University Press, 2016



The Ohio Academy of History Publication Award Committee, consisting of Michael Brooks, Robert Ingram, and Sean Pollock, is pleased to announce that *The Rivers Ran Backwards: The Civil War and the Remaking of the American Middle Border*, authored by Christopher Phillips, of the University of Cincinnati, is the winner of this year's senior scholar publication award.

This book powerfully demonstrates that there is still much to learn about the American Civil War. It distinguishes itself by successfully reconceptualizing the war's consequences. Phillips first shows that before the war began the border states along the Ohio River conceived of themselves as part of a coherent region with common interests and a shared culture. Moreover, the border states stretching west from Ohio to

Missouri saw themselves as America's future during the 1850s. When the war came, border families, communities and states were either divided about what to do or downright loathe to engage in the war. But the war was not to be avoided. The book's second half explains why some of the border states came to conceive of themselves as Northern states while others like Kentucky and Missouri thought of themselves as Southern ones. The consensus that had existed before the war was shattered forever, with consequences for both the region and the nation as a whole.

Phillips's cogent and lucid prose reflects decades of immersion in the sources, including a remarkable amount of archival research. In narrating the Civil War-era history of what he calls the "Middle Border," Phillips incorporates vivid vignettes in a way that makes the book fascinating to read as well as a major new contribution to literature on the Civil War, which is no small feat. ■

Ohio Academy of History Annual Meeting

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Ohio Academy of History seeks papers in all fields of history for its annual regional conference, March 23-24, 2018 at the University of Dayton. 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.

Proposals may consist of individual papers, sessions on a common theme, or discussion panels. Panels might address topics like the following and we are open to other topics.

- *The Centennial of the Great Flu Pandemic*
- *The Centennial of the end of World War I*
- *The History of Globalization and the Reactions to Globalization*
- *Technology and History*

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 wel-

comes 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 2017** to the chair of the program committee:

Chairperson:

Dr. John Weaver
Sinclair Community College (retired)
jdweaver477@gmail.com

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.

OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY 2018 AWARDS CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

2018 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 2016 to July 2017). 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, 2017**.

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Committee Members:

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2018 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 **January 1, 2018**.

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:

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2018 Distinguished Service Award

The Ohio Academy of History invites nominations for its annual Distinguished Service Award. The Distinguished Service Award is given “to a person or persons who have actively contributed to the Ohio Academy of History through specific achievement or through long-time distinguished service.” 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 **December 15, 2017**.

Chair:

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2018 Distinguished Historian Award

The Ohio Academy of History is now accepting nominations through **December 15, 2017** for the 2018 annual award of “The Ohio Academy of History Distinguished Historian.”

This award will go to a historian:

- *whose teaching and scholarship, including substantial publications, transcends specialized fields and*
- *who has an interest to educate persons even beyond the discipline of history.*

The person will also have a close affiliation with a college, university, or historical agency in Ohio, if not actually residing in the state.

The recipient of the award will agree to deliver a public address during the opening evening of the annual spring meeting of the Academy.

Members of the Academy may nominate persons to receive the award with a written message to:

Janet Bednarek

*President, Ohio Academy of History
Professor, University of Dayton
jbednarek1@udayton.edu*

2018 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, 2016 and October 31, 2017 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, 2017**.

Chair

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2018 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, 2017.**

Chair:

Ruth Wallis Herndon,
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Committee Members:

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Deborah Marinski,
Ohio State University—Southern Campus,
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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.*

The Ohio Legal History Initiative

For a number of years Ohio State Professor David Stebenne and I have had an active interest in fostering knowledge and appreciation of Ohio's legal history among members of the state's bench and bar. Both of us are Ohio Academy of History members. David is Professor of History and Law in the Ohio State University. I have taught as an adjunct at the University of Toledo College of Law, and have written several works of or related to Ohio legal history, the most recent a modern edition of former Ohio Supreme Court judge Frederick Grimke's 1856 essay, "The Rights of Women in a Democratic Republic."

The project on which David and I are engaged would publish Ohio legal history in a regular series of article-length works, that Ohio lawyers and judges can readily access and are actually likely to read. We have called the project the "Ohio Legal History Initiative" because we do not believe it would require establishing a new, freestanding organizational entity. To the contrary, we think that once the first of such works are published the project will find a home either in one of the existing institutions of the organized bar, or in a newly formed legal history society such as we understand is presently under consideration.

This year we proposed the project to members of the incoming class of Fellows of the Ohio State Bar Foundation, as an opportunity for the personal service that

each performs during the first year of membership in the organization. We are pleased that six have volunteered, to serve, in effect, as our first board of editors. And we are highly gratified that Dean Alan Michaels has agreed not only to endorse the project, but to have the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law support it in its start-up phase, by applying to the Bar Foundation for a grant, and providing administrative assistance in disbursing the funds to pay start-up expenses.

On the agenda of the first meeting of our six Foundation Fellows to be held in Columbus on Friday, September 8th, is the framing of a call for papers – actually a call for proposals to write papers – for publication under the scheme of the project. Of book-chapter length, separately printed with a distinctive craft paper cover, they are intended to inaugurate a series of such works with wide distribution among the bench and bar, thus developing as a new legal history readership constituency.

We will be looking to the Academy's membership as well as to others in Ohio who teach in the field, to write for the project. To this end, I want to offer you a "heads-up" to expect more detailed information in the call for papers to be issued in September.

You are welcome to contact me if there are any questions.

Donald F. Melhorn

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: **Fourth Annual Midwestern History Conference**

Proposal Submission Deadline:

Friday, January 12, 2018 (non-negotiable)

The Midwestern History Association and the Hauenstein Center at Grand Valley State University invite proposals for papers to be delivered at the Fourth Annual Midwestern History Conference, to be held on June 6, 2018 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

This conference continues a discussion which has unfolded over the last three years at collaborative conferences designed to spark – and sustain – a revival of Midwestern studies in American historiography. Last year's Midwestern History Conference attracted more than one hundred participants serving on nearly thirty panels.

We welcome papers relating to all aspects of the history of the American Midwest. Individual proposals should be a maximum of 300 words. Panel proposals are also welcome, and should be a maximum of 1,000 words. All proposals must be accompanied by short vitas of the participants. All proposals must also contain contact information for every presenter included in the proposal.

Proposals should be sent to Scott St. Louis of Grand Valley State University's Hauenstein Center at stlouis1@gvsu.edu.

There is no registration fee for attending the Midwestern History Conference, but there will be a request to register online in the coming months.

The Midwestern History Association, created in the fall of 2014, is dedicated to rebuilding the field of Midwestern history, which had suffered from decades

of neglect and inattention. The MHA advocates for greater attention to Midwestern history among professional historians, seeks to rebuild the infrastructure necessary for the study of the American Midwest, promotes greater academic discourse relating to Midwestern history, and offers prizes to scholars who excel in the study of the Midwest.

To become a member of the Midwestern History Association, please contact MHA Secretary Michael Skaggs at skaggs michaela@gmail.com.

Inspired by Ralph Hauenstein's life of leadership and service and housed at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the Hauenstein Center is dedicated to raising a community of ethical, effective leaders for the twenty-first century. Launched with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Center's Common Ground Initiative engages leading scholars, writers, and public officials in conversations about the cultural, political, and intellectual challenges that Americans face.

As a proud partner of the Midwestern History Association, the Hauenstein Center is committed to supporting historical scholarship on the American Midwest. Home to the Great Plains and Great Lakes; known for agriculture and industry; for majestic countryside and great cities; labeled the Breadbasket, the Heartland, and the Rust Belt; the history of the Midwest – its peoples and places, cultures and conflicts, aspirations and afflictions – is the history of America's most common ground.

Proposals are due no later than **January 12, 2018**.

MINUTES

OAH Executive Council Meeting

1 April 2016

In Attendance: Martin, Keefer, Winkler, Friedman, Heiss, Hedler, Seelye, Selby, Weaver, Kern, Wamsley, Raffensperger, Wood

Call to order: 12:30

I. President's Report (Martin)

A. Remembrance of Drew Cayton

B. Committee Activities

-Problem with getting sufficient nominations for awards. We are not giving most awards this year for lack of submissions

Seelye: Chairs of Committees should write direct emails to chairs, and direct outreach to solicit nominations

Raffensperger: Part of large problem regarding lack of outreach and low profile of the organization

Wamsley: Difficulty in receiving nominations for teaching award. Is there a list to use?

Winkler: A list exists of all historians in the state, with contact people for each section of the state. This list will be updated and current within a couple of months.

C. Building OAH Membership

Suggestions for increasing profile and attendance for conferences

Kern: Each of us discuss the OAH with our colleagues

Martin: Designate OAH liaisons for each institution?

Raffensperger: Talk to others in your field

Winkler: Program Committee next year should continue to pursue panels from other fields.

C. Outreach to HS SS/History Teachers/ Impact of College Credit Plus on Teaching of History

-this will inevitably hurt enrollment in UG survey classes

-to be certified for CC Plus, teachers will be needing more graduate history classes.

-If we as an organization are concerned with the teaching of history, we need to take notice and either have an opinion or try to influence the process/issue a statement

-The law says that the institutions must provide mentors for these teachers. There is also the professional development piece that a lot of institutions are ill-equipped to do.

-this has much to do with the quality of instruction school kids are receiving.

-OAH should develop professional development opportunities for these teachers. Might even be a fund-raising opportunity, and could build membership from ranks of teachers.

-OAH offer services for assessing these programs?

-Would be good for our visibility as an organization and raise our profile, too.

-Concurrently hold professional development thing at the conference each spring?

Winkler: Could Martin prepare a document as to what this professional development plan would look like.

II. V-P Report (Martin)

Finding people for committee assignments. Still looking for a few people

Local arrangements are set for next year

Seelye, Friedman, Wamsley, Heiss volunteer for program committee

Kern: we should have some rotating membership on this committee, with people rotating over the years to provide continuity.

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III. Past President's Report (Winkler)

Oversaw membership committee, have five district coordinators in place. Will be maintaining database and coming up with a regular pattern so that it can be updated every year.

Can use this to help promote the organization, get nominations for awards, participants in conference, etc.

General thanks to Winkler for spearheading this effort.

IV. Sec-Treas. Report (Kern)

-written report

-With no charter, we can't buy investment instruments. Winkler and Kern are exploring other options for investing money.

-IF we incorporated now, we would lose our standing as a group founded in the 1930s, it would be hard to transfer money into the new organization.

V. Archivist's Report

No archivist

VI. Award Committee Reports

A. Dissertation Award (Vascik)

-only one submission. Will be rolled over into next year's pool

B. Distinguished Historian Award (Winkler)

-Ron Lora

C. Distinguished Service Award (Nalmpantis)

-Nalmpantis will present tomorrow

D. Jr. Faculty Research Award (Rokicky)

-Randy Browne (written report)

E. Publication Award (Dunak)

-only one submission. Will be rolled over into next year's pool

F. Teaching Award (Wamsley)

-No nominations

VII. Conference Committee Report (Selby)

A number of student helpers and attendees.

-86 paid attendees

-Rooms all prepared

VIII. Program Committee Report (Seelye)

Thanks to Heiss for her help in planning the program

-A solid program, trying to expand subject areas

-Programs are printed

-Emailed Mary Cayton, unable to attend, but thanked the OAH

IX. Nominating Committee Report (Keefer)

The four-year and two-year positions have been flipped (written report)

--we need a roster to make sure that positions are being filled in the right order each year

X. Membership Committee (Winkler)

Already discussed under past-pres. Report.

XI. Newsletter Report (Wood)

Nothing to report. Missed fall deadline but got back on board for spring.

XII. Old Business

A. Archivist Position

-Heiss volunteers, under the condition that no one tell Clarence

B. Proceedings ad-hoc committee (Heiss)

-no report.

-Winkler proposed ad hoc committee to examine the issue of whether we should continue proceedings or not. Heiss, Grunden, Wood. Will contact Steffel.

Will report at fall meeting.

XIII. New Business

A. New contract with OHC (Hedler)

Distributed copies. Updated to reflect current standard relationship

Winkler moved and Friedman second that the contract be approved. Unanimously approved.

Adjourned at 2:15.

MINUTES

OAH Executive Council Meeting

5 November 2016

In Attendance: Martin, Hedler, Raffensperger, Weaver, Kern, Bednarek, Waters, Brooke, Dorazio Dean

Call to order: 12:21

I. President's Report (Martin)

- normal business: New members for all of the appointive committees (Diss., Service, JFRG, Pub., Teaching)
- It would be good to streamline the information flow by getting it centralized (things like Calls for Papers and Nominations). Hedler will keep past ones on the website
- State of Ohio once again revising content standards for Social Studies/Financial Literacy. OAH was called to nominate some people, Martin nominated Michael Brooks and Jim Seelye.

II. V-P Report (Bednarek)

Nothing to report.

III. Past President's Report (Winkler)

Nothing to report.

IV. Sec-Treas. Report (Kern)

- have not received invoice from Kent-Stark for Spring Luncheon
- Friends of OAH to invest money?
- Hedler:** Could explore possibility of OHC invest money for OAH, like they do for the Ohio History Alliance.
- Robinson:** Can we get the Ohio Legislature to make a resolution to Charter the organization, perhaps retroactively.
- Kern:** Will start an email thread with Martin, Bednarek, Winkler, and Hedler to discuss options; and then report at the spring meeting.

V. Archivist's Report (Heiss)

No Report

VI. Award Committee Reports

A. Dissertation Award (Swanson)—Written

Report

B. Distinguished Historian Award (Robinson)—

--Two Nominations

C. Distinguished Service Award (Hale)

—Written Report

D. Jr. Faculty Research Award (Roth)

-No Report, Call will go out

E. Publication Award (Pollock)

-move deadline to Dec. 15.

F. Teaching Award (Pugno)

—Written Report

VII. Conference Committee Report (Brooke)

- Three Hotels, Blackwell (should be filled first), Hampton in the Short North, Hilton Olentangy Gardens
- no problems so far with other arrangements (rooms, lunches, etc.)
- May be a problem getting OSU to pay for the usual breakfast, coffee, etc. due to cuts in Arts and Sciences budget.
- should have the same "footprint" of rooms that we had last time it was at OSU.

Robinson: Miami—Middletown wants to host 2019
Waters second, Unanimous

Brooke: OSU in 2020

VIII. Program Committee Report (Robinson/Waters)

- Need more submissions
- Have Plenary panel, one book panel, three full panels, 15 individual papers

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--Robinson wants to resurrect Proceedings, would volunteer to be editor. Pool would include a self-selecting option for consideration, nominate papers.

--Brooke friendly amendment to make the Executive Council the Editorial Board, and chairs submit one-page report on nominated paper if and when asked.

-Bednarek friendly amendment to be co-editor. Unanimously approved.

-Will amend email blast to include the new publication opportunity in the Call for Papers

IX. Nominating Committee Report (Mezurek)—Written Report

X. Membership Committee (Winkler)

-No Report

-Martin thinks we should cast our membership nets more widely to include High School Teachers in light of College Credit Plus—send invitations to teachers now teaching College Credit Plus.

-Hedler said we can give contact hour certificates as an incentive to teachers. However, spring conference hits at same time as spring exams/testing, so that might make it less appealing for teachers. Also, content of conference tends to be too narrowly-focused for their needs.

-Martin: have some pedagogical panels as an added incentive

-Hedler has a connection with the Ohio Council of the Social Studies which sends out email blast monthly. OAH could send out a conference announcement there.

-Brooke: Could have panels on thinking and teaching history that would include H.S. Teachers, professors, grad students, etc.

-Martin moved to waive dues for the first year for high school teachers. Bednarek second. Unanimously ap-

proved.

XI. Newsletter Report (Wood)

Wood will circulate one via email. Newsletter committee has elected not to produce a fall newsletter this year. This is why the calls were late this year—so we will need to make sure Newsletter Editor prompt committee chairs to submit calls in a timely manner with or without the newsletter.

(Not in minutes: Kern will contact Wood and Selby to talk about future fall newsletters)

XII. Old Business

Financial Report already addressed this.

XIII. New Business

A. Adjunct Representation on Exec. Council

-Selby suggested the Exec. Council have representation from adjunct ranks. Martin suggested that we also add a seat for NTT as well if we do this. Martin moved, Brooke second. Bednarek volunteered to write the amendment. Unanimous.

B. Membership Drive for H.S. Teachers in Light of CCP -already discussed

C. Year-to-year OAH Continuity

—already discussed

D. Motions from the floor.

Hedler: We need more envelopes. Exec Council approves of this

Dorazio-Dean: Asked about the status of the Public History Committee/Award. Will investigate reviving the Committee and Award.

Brooke 1st, Bednarek 2nd to adjourn

Adjourned at 2:48.

MINUTES

OAH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

31 March 2017

In Attendance: Martin, Hedler, Heiss, Weaver, Raffensperger, Pamela Dean, Robinson, Hudson, Kern, Brooks, Waters

Call to order: 1:22 PM

I. President's Report (Martin)

--Distributed written report:

A. Organizational Procedures and Structures should be looked at in the coming year, rewrite the Handbook accordingly. Add links for templates for calls for papers, nominations, etc. Heiss said she would take that on.

B. Committee Activities: no nominations for several categories. Need to reinvigorate this process. Use Winkler's regional list to beat the bushes, perhaps? Bednarek used a list to compile a list of every department chair in the state. Waters already has a list of chairs. On the bright side, we got three very strong Distinguished Historian nominees. The Dissertation award also going to a strong recipient.

C. Prospects for future

1. Building Membership. We need to continue these efforts.

Raffensperger said we need to do more to arrange to have more non-US. Suggested running conference in conjunction with Ohio Medieval Colloquium, which meets in spring. Martin suggested doing the same with early U.S. symposium.

Hudson asked how difficult it would be to get principals and superintendents on board to increase membership. Hedler said there is a list of these for the state and could use it for contact.

Martin said building membership ought to be tied to:

2. Closer ties with K-12 educators: get in contact with Ohio Council for the Social Studies. Hedler works with them and volunteered to help these efforts. Martin said we can also reach out to middle school students as well. In general, should cast our nets wider—to serve both the needs of history in the state and our own well-being.

3. College Credit Plus is not going away and will have far-ranging impact on how well or poorly history is taught in the state. Maybe the Ohio Academy can weigh in on the process of mentoring and providing professional development for these CCP faculty. Devise some sort of minimum standards for what this should be, at least on an advisory basis. Robinson wondered if we were dumbing-down content to make it age-appropriate for middle-school students—some humanities should be either later or restricted. Martin agreed this is an issue, and perhaps this ought to go into OAH recommendations to the state—reintegrating developmental standards into who takes what and when for CCP. Maybe an ad-hoc committee should be formed for this.

II. Vice President's Report (Bednarek)

-populated committees. Will email committees and thank former chairs. Heiss suggested directing new committee chairs to the Handbook to make their jobs easier. Heiss will be updating Handbook in places to help this process

III. Past President's Report (Winkler)

-not here

IV. Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Kern)

Written report. Financial report, plus issue regarding incorporating or not.

Martin suggested lobbying a state legislator to retroactively incorporated.

Kern recommended forming an ad hoc committee of Martin, Bednarek, Kern, Hedler, and Winkler to determine what to do, and then report back to the Executive Council.

V. Archivist's Report

Written report circulated. If you have suggestions, let

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Heiss know.

VI. Award Committee Reports

- a. Dissertation Award--yes
- b. Distinguished Historian Award--yes
- c. Distinguished Service Award—no award, no nominees
- d. Junior Faculty Research Award—no award, no nominees
- e. Publication Award—Senior and junior awards
- f. Teaching Award—no nominees

VII. Conference Committee Report:

under control

VIII. Program Committee Report:

written report circulated. Had to circulate two calls. Turned down some undergraduates and one person who did not provide a C.V.

Diverse group, from many fields and many states.

Will send in the calls and templates to archivist to be used for future conference.

IX. Nominating Committee Report

Written report circulated. Difficulty finding nominees

X. Membership Committee

--not here.

XI. Newsletter Report

--Wood not here, suggested ending it. Kern argued to maintain it for both membership and historic reasons. Martin suggested routinizing it to make it earlier. Bednarek will contact Shawn Selby to be new editor

XII. Old Business

Bednarek and Robinson will be putting out Proceedings: President's address, dist. Hist. address, and a couple of papers

XIII. New Business

Change in web hosting. Hedler recommends not current web provider, but will get a backup copy of the website. Hedler will try to find a new vendor and will get back to the Exec. Council with a quote and we will vote on this via the listserv.

Adjourned at 2:48

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FALL BALANCES

CHECKING BALANCE, 30 SEP 2016: (plus \$100.38 in associated savings account)	\$29,978.64
BALANCE WITH OHC:	\$3,952.52
REMAINING ENDOWMENT CD:	\$5,135.48
Debits since fall (postage, envelopes, fall Exec. Council meeting, etc.)	(\$365.64)
Credits since fall	\$210.00

SPRING BALANCES

CHECKING BALANCE, 28 FEB 2017:	\$29,978.64
BALANCE WITH OHC, 31 DEC 2016:	\$3,796.88
REMAINING ENDOWMENT CD (11/23/17 maturity)	\$5,135.48



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