Ohio Academy of History Annual Meeting and Conference

March 22-23, 2019

LOCATION

Miami University-Middletown Regional Campus
Miriam Knoll Community Center in Johnston Hall
4200 North University Blvd., Middletown, Ohio 45042
Main Operator: 513-727-3200
(Toll-free) 1-86-MIAMI-MID


TRANSPORTATION

By car: miamioh.edu/regionals/about/visit-miami-regionals/directions/middletown-campus/index.html

By air: You will need either a rental car or taxis. Keep in mind that the distance between the conference and the hotels is approximately 4 miles with no direct public bus route.

(continued on page 2)
Dayton International Airport (DAY).  
Approx. 35 miles (45 minutes in regular traffic) from campus via I-75 to Route 122. Car rental is recommended.

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG)  
Approx. 50 miles (One hour in regular traffic. This airport is in Kentucky) via I-75 to Route 122. Car rental is recommended.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** *(Call the hotels directly. They are located along Route 122 near I-75)*

Drury Inn  
3320 Village Dr,  
Franklin, OH 45005  
(513) 425-6650

*There is a block of ten rooms at a group rate for the Ohio Academy of History for March 21-23. The special group rate expires February 20, 2019.*  
King (104.99 + tax) and Double (104.99 + tax)

**Other nearby hotels**

Fairfield Inn  
6750 Roosevelt Pkwy  
Middletown, OH 45044  
(513) 424-5444

Holiday Inn Express  
851 Commerce Center Drive  
Franklin, Ohio 45005  
(937)746-1094

Hampton Inn Middletown  
2880 Towne Boulevard  
Middletown, Ohio, 45044  
(513)-422-6880

Days Inn by Wyndham Middletown  
3458 Commerce Drive  
Middletown, Ohio 45005

*For a more complete guide to hotels, restaurants, shops and attractions, visit the Middletown Visitors Bureau at itsmiddletown.org/visitors-guide. The above list is just a sample.*

**RESTAURANTS** *(Reservations suggested)*

Where to dine near campus

Veracruz Mexican Restaurant  
1230 Elliott Drive  
Middletown, OH 45044  
(513) 422-4271  
www.facebook.com/veracruzmiddletown/

Taku Japanese Steakhouse  
4750 Roosevelt Blvd,  
Middletown, OH 45044  
(513) 423-8888  
www.takumiddletown.com/

Where to dine downtown near the galleries, and shops

Gracie’s  
1131 Central Ave.  
Middletown, OH 45044  
(513) 915-7476  
www.graciesmiddletown.com/

West Central Wine  
1120 Central Avenue  
(513) 594-1036  
www.westcentralwine.com/

Murphy’s Landing Seafood Steakhouse & Canal Pub  
6 S. Broad Street  
Middletown, OH 45044  
(513) 649-8867

The Swire Inn (pub food)  
64 S. Main Street  
Middletown, OH 45044  
(513) 318-9933

Where to dine near the hotels and malls

Buffalo Wild Wings  
3429 Towne Blvd.  
Middletown, OH 45005  
(513) 228-2120

Applebee’s  
3240 Towne Blvd.  
Middletown, OH 45044  
(513) 727-0058

Olive Garden  
6710 Roosevelt Ave  
Middletown, OH 45005  
(513) 424-5344

**LOCAL ATTRACTIONS**

Middletown Visitors Bureau  
itsmiddletown.org/

Middletown Historical Society  
www.middletownhistoricalsociety.com/

Pendleton Art Center  
www.pendletonartcenter.com/middletown_oh.html

Middletown Art Center  
www.middletownartscenter.com/

Miami University Main Campus  
(approx. 25 miles west of Middletown in Oxford, Ohio)

“Freedom Summer 1964” walking tour  
ohio.org/destination/freedom-summer-walking-tours/

William Holmes McGuffey Museum  
miamioh.edu/cca/mcguffey-museum/wh-mcguffey/

Butler Country Historical Society  
bhistoricalsociety.com/
FRIDAY MARCH 22

12:00-1:00 P.M.  EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
1:00 P.M.  REGISTRATION DESK OPENS
1:30-3:00 P.M.  SESSION I

A. Atlantic Histories: Faith, Identity and Exchange
Chaired by Charles Beatty-Medina, University of Toledo

“Three Aspects of Social Death: An Atlantic Study of Shipwreck Captivity”
Andrew Miller, University of Toledo

“English and Colonial Perceptions of Indian Appearance”
Kayla Miller, University of Toledo

Kevin Kostin, University of Toledo

“Crosses and Arquebuses: French Trade Goods among the Huron 1634-1640”
Eric Lopinski, University of Toledo

B. Perspectives on Religious History

“A Noise Like the Roar of Niagara: Deist and Catholic Responses to the Ohio Valley’s Great Revival (1797-c.1805)”
Matthew Smith, Miami University

“Teaching the Diversity of Islam in World History”
Syed S. Uddin-Ahmed, Highland Community College

C. Roundtable:
Freedom of Education for Women of Color in the Miami Valley
Jacqueline Johnson, Miami University
William Modrow, Miami University
Margaret Breidenbaugh, Miami University
Marsha R. Robinson, Miami University

D. Topics in Cultural History

“Music as an Artifact of Literary History: a Caliban Case Study from 21st-Century Opera”
Ryan Whittington, Florida State University

“There’s No Pleasure in Life Anymore: Prohibition Portrayed in the Mutt and Jeff Newspaper Comic Strip”
Don Eberle, Napoleon Area Schools

3:15-4:45 P.M. SESSION II:

A. Looking Back at the Civil War
Chaired by Bradley S. Keefer, Kent State University

“Farewell to Grog: The Union Navy Abolishes the Spirit Ration”
Scott Christopher Martin, Bowling Green State University

“Final Days of General Joshua Woodrow Sill: First Ohio General Killed in Battle during the Civil War”
Daniel Masters, Bowling Green State University

“Greenbacks and Greybacks: Salmon P. Chase, Christopher G. Memminger and the National Currencies of the U.S. Civil War”
Christian Lengyel, Kent State University

B. African American Leadership, Black Military Contributions, and the Demands for Equality during the post-Civil War Era.
Chaired by Amy L. Fluker, Youngstown State University

“The Reaction of Frederick Douglass to Lincoln’s Death”
Leonne M. Hudson, Kent State University

“Recollections of Armageddon: Black Soldiers, Abolitionists, Reconstruction, and the Civil War in the Apocalyptic Rhetoric of William Monroe Trotter”
Aaron Pride, Kent State University

“The Brave but Dead Men of the Rebellion are Buried: John Mercer Langston’s Diminished Use of African American Military Service in His Demands for Equal Rights”
Kelly Mezurek, Walsh University

C. Perspectives on Politics, Ohio and Beyond

“Arthur Brown: Love and Politics”
Scott Sanders, Antioch College

“A Party Divided Cannot Win: The Republican Party and the 1912 Election”
Chris Blubaugh, Ohio Dominican University

“The Congressional Career of Thomas L. Ashley of Ohio”
Philip A. Grant, Jr., Pace University

D. Thinking about the History of Education

“Surviving Sectionalism and Partisan Politics: The Morrill Land Grant Acts of 1857 and 1862”
Lisa Y. Gabbert, University of Texas-Arlington

“The McGuffey Readers’ Afterlives: Designing Exhibition Spaces”
Kaylie E. Schunk, Miami University

“How Capitalism Broke Ohio Higher Education”
Jonathan Tyler Baker, Miami University

(continued on page 4)
5:00-6:00 P.M.  PRESIDENTIAL PRESENTATION
The Ohio Academy of History is honored and delighted to welcome Elizabeth Pierce, President & CEO of the Cincinnati Museum Center.

6:00-7:45 P.M.  DINNER – ON YOUR OWN OR WITH COLLEAGUES

8:00 P.M.  2019 DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN’S ADDRESS AND RECEPTION

SATURDAY MARCH 23

8:00-8:45  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00-10:30 A.M.  SESSION III
A. Perspectives on Military History

“Mexican War Food History”
James Turner, Ohio State University

“Reassessing the Role of National Leadership in General Arthur St Clair’s Defeat by “certain banditti of Indians from the northwest side of the Ohio…””
Michael Taint, Independent Scholar

“The My Lai Massacre Quagmire: The Questions and Controversy Surrounding America’s Great Shame”
Kyle K. Rable, Bowling Green State University

B. Transnational Representations

“The Oldest Place of Worship in the World: Tài Shān in the Expatriate Imagination, 1895-1925”
Christa Adams, Miami University

“In the World of Sky-Scrapers: The Representations of the United States in Romanian Travel Narratives (1919-1940)”
Lavinia Popica, Independent Scholar

“The View from the High Castle: Imagining the Consequences of Axis Victory, 1937-1942”
Timothy Wintour, Kent State University

C. The Changing Shape of Black Communities across the Long 19th Century

“Rhode Island’s African Union: Generational Change and Immediate Abolition, 1790-1830”
Kevin S. Vrevich, Ohio State University

“Building Community in the Face of Exclusion: Racial Segregation in Ross County, Ohio, 1820-1840”
Joshua Wood, Ohio State University

“Should a Leopard Change His Spots? Black Responses to an Amalgamation Proposal”
Jessica Viñas-Nelson, Ohio State University

10:45 A.M.-12:15 P.M.  SESSION IV:

A. Roundtable on Women’s Suffrage –
led by Megan Wood, Ohio History Connection

B. Disasters! (In Ohio).

“Chaired by Rebecca Mancuso, Bowling Green State University

“The 1974 Xenia Tornado”
Jacob Mach, Bowling Green State University

“The 1913 Great Miami River Flood”
Quintin Monnin, Bowling Green State University

“For God’s Sake, Let Me Out: I’m Burning! An Analysis of the 1930 Ohio Penitentiary Fire”
Michael Brooks, Bowling Green State University

C. International Perspectives on Women’s History

“If Any Women Come Over: Gendered Explorations of Early Scottish Migration, Motive and Legacy”
Gina Bennett, University of Texas-Arlington

“More Than Just Homemakers: Transnational Home Economists’ Role in India’s Development, 1964-1972”
Renae Sullivan, Ohio State University

“The Preta Benedita Has Always Been My Slave: Enslaved Women, Children and the Politics of Precariousness in the Late-Nineteenth-Century Slaveholding Society of Rural Ceará, Brazil”
Martha Santos, University of Akron

“Policies Of The Egyptian State: The Coptic Minority Question”
Syed S. Uddin-Ahmed, Highland Community College.

D. The Ohio History Grab-bag

“Marietta as Place: Visions of the New Nation in the Northwest Territory”
Brandon Downing, Marietta College

“A New (Bowling Green State) University”
Robert Michael Carlock, Bowling Green State University

12:30 P.M.  OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY LUNCHEON: BUSINESS AND PRIZES

2:30 P.M.  SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOURS OF MIDDLETOWN AVAILABLE

For further information contact the local planning committee
Caryn Neumann - neumance@miamioh.edu
Marsha Robinson - robins78@miamioh.edu
The Ohio History Connection’s History Fund grant program is one of the few grant programs in the state just for history, pre-history, and historic preservation projects – and it needs your help to grow. If you receive a refund on your Ohio income taxes, consider donating a portion of it to the “Ohio History Fund” tax “check-off,” line 26e on your state tax return.

Your donation along with those from your friends, relatives, and thousands of other history lovers makes possible grants for local history projects in places big and small throughout the state of Ohio. Since the Ohio History Fund started in 2012, it has made 63 grants across 36 counties for a total of nearly $600,000. But even these encouraging figures aren’t enough. Over its lifespan, the Fund has received 347 grant applications from more than 60 counties, totaling more than $4.2 million in requests! For a list of grant recipients, visit www.ohiohistory.org/preserve/local-history-office/history-fund/recipients

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

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

The more you give to the Ohio History Fund, the more grants it can make to organizations like yours that preserve history in our state. Questions about the History Fund? Visit www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund or call Andy Verhoff in the Ohio History Connection’s Local History Service department at 614-297-2341 or email averhoff@ohiohistory.org. Thank you!

Adapted from, Echoes, the bimonthly newsletter of the Ohio History Connection (January/February 2019)
Nominees for OAH Council

**VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT:**

**Marsha R. Robinson**  
*Miami University*

Marsha R. Robinson, Visiting Assistant Professor of World History at Miami University, has been active with the Ohio Academy of History since she was a newly minted PhD from Ohio State. Influenced by Betsy McLean, John Douglass, Vladi Steffel and many others, she served on the Executive Council, helped with planning several annual meetings and now serves as editor of the revived *Proceedings*. A globalist by training, Marsha researches the intersection of gender, empire, trade and comparative definitions of national security. Of the several entries that she wrote for the *Sage Encyclopedia of War* (2016), her favorite was a defining “God” from a global perspective. Her monographs include *Matriarchy, Patriarchy, and Imperial Security in Africa: Explaining Riots in Europe and Violence in Africa* (Lexington, 2012) and *Disobedient Histories in Ancient and Modern Times: Regionalism, Governance, War and Peace* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018). She is co-editor with Caryn Neumann of a 2018 special edition of *Africology: the Journal of Pan African Studies* on the global significance of the film Black Panther (http://www.jpanafrican.org/vol11no9.htm). Marsha’s current contracted monograph, *England’s Improbable Economist*, is a biography of an oft-read eighteenth-century mercantilist and his influence on the trajectory of the British East India Company. She wants to continue the tradition of the OAH as a place of fellowship and mentoring.

**COUNCIL MEMBER, PUBLIC UNIVERSITY:**

**Joan E. Cashin**  
*The Ohio State University*

Joan E. Cashin is a professor of American history at Ohio State University. She has a doctorate from Harvard University, and is the author or editor of seven books on the antebellum and Civil War eras. Her current interests include material culture, environmental history, and animal studies. She has given over a dozen public history lectures in Ohio, and she serves on the editorial board of *Ohio Valley History*. She was a member of the Local Arrangements Committee for the OAH meeting in 2016-2017, and she will chair the Program Committee for the OAH meeting in 2020.

**COUNCIL MEMBER, PRIVATE UNIVERSITY:**

**Janet R. Daly Bednarek**  
*The University of Dayton*


**COUNCIL MEMBER, PUBLIC HISTORY:**

**Meghan Reed**  
*Trumbull County Historical Society*

Meghan Reed is currently the Director of the Trumbull County Historical Society and holds a Master’s in Public History from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Starting in 2015 as TCHS’s first employee in its 175-year history, Reed has spent the last four years growing TCHS’s operating budget, membership and increasing attendance to Warren’s oldest home, the John Stark Edwards House. Additionally, she has secured funding to purchase and renovate an 1894 historic house to revitalize a vacant home and create a Cultural and Educational Center in Warren’s Historic Downtown. Reed’s passion for utilizing museums as community assets led TCHS to launch their first strategic plan in 2018, which seeks to further TCHS’s impact in our community. Meghan has successfully developed and implemented a slate of new programming through TCHS that allows Trumbull County’s history to be more accessible and relatable to the public. In addition, Meghan has brought her philosophies about equitable community engagement and passion for Warren and Trumbull County to everything she has done through her work at TCHS and her volunteer work throughout the community. Outside of work, Reed currently serves as the President of the W.D. Packard Foundation, dedicated to preserving the Packard legacy through improvement projects at Packard Park and Packard Music Hall, as well as sits on the Executive Committee and Governing Council of the Any Given Child initiative, a program through the Kennedy Center that ensures arts education for all Pre K-8 students in Warren City Schools.
George Knepper (1926-2018) passed away on October 20, during the same week as the 25th annual George W. Knepper Lecture at The University of Akron. This lecture series began in 1994, just two years after Dr. Knepper’s retirement from the university. It was endowed in his name to recognize his extraordinary contributions to the history of this region and to the university where he taught. Dr. Knepper grew up near The University of Akron, served in the Navy during World War II, and subsequently received a B.A. in History from UA. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in American Colonial and Revolutionary History from the University of Michigan in 1954 (spending the 1953-54 academic year as a Fulbright Fellow at the University of London), writing a seminal dissertation about the disposition of prisoners of war during the American Revolution. After receiving his Ph.D., Dr. Knepper returned to his native city as member of the University of Akron’s history faculty. During his long career at UA he served as dean of Buchtel College, the official university historian, and president of the Summit County Historical Society, the Ohio Academy of History (1971-72), and the Ohio Historical Society. His many publications include Summit’s Glory (about The University of Akron) and Ohio and Its People, which for many years was the standard text on Ohio History. By the time Dr. Knepper retired in 1992, he had become an institution in himself, and continued to give numerous lectures on Ohio History around the state through the Ohio Humanities Council Speaker’s Bureau, earning the moniker “Mr. Ohio.” I arrived at Akron a few years before he left and found that almost any time when I was in his company, even off-campus, former students would come up to him and greet him. They seemed to constitute a substantial portion of the city’s residents. While his passing represents a profound loss to the community of Ohio historians and the Ohio historical community, both will continue to be enriched deeply by his many contributions.

Junior Faculty Research Grant Report

– Dr. Nicole Jackson, Associate Professor – Bowling Green State University

This summer I traveled to London to participate in two conferences in support of panels I organized with colleagues from the US and England. The first was the annual meeting of the Society of Historians of American Women, convened at the Women’s Library at the London School of Economics on July 6. There, colleagues and I presented on the current state of Black British Women’s History and I gave a paper on the enduring importance of The Heart of the Race: Black Women’s Lives in Britain, originally published in 1985 and finally reissued this year. At the second event I organized a panel at the Caribbean Women (Post) Diaspora: Caribbean Interconnections conference at London South Bank University on July 13. This event was the fourth and final in a series of conferences in England, Jamaica and Canada. Both of these panels brought together scholars from the US and England at every rank (new PhDs, junior, mid-career and senior scholars); and all Black women. These panels were part of a larger project to assess the field of Black British women’s history, which I argued at the Women’s Library does not exist as of yet, and bring scholars together to share our work and strategize future projects. In between I spent some time in the London Metropolitan Archives to consult the Jessica Huntley papers. Jessica and Eric Huntley were Guyanese-born migrants to the UK, owners of Bogle L’Ouverture, one of the many Black community bookshops throughout London, and a member of the Black Parents Movement. And at the Black Cultural Archives, located in Brixton, South London, I visited the papers of Stella Dadzie, founding member of the Organization of Women of Asian and African Descent.
27 OCTOBER 2018, Minutes taken by Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Kern

Call to Order 10:05
Conn, Rogers, Hedler, Bednarek, Mazurek, Neumann, Kern present (VP came, too)

I. Minutes
Bednarek moved, Mazurek second, approved unanimously

II. President’s Report
— some committees still light on members
— Miami-Middletown hosting next conference
— Call for Papers has gone out, Dec. 1 is the deadline for most

III. Vice-President’s Report

IV. Past President’s Report

V. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report
— written report submitted
— consensus that the OAH would pay the unexpected late charges in finishing registration as a charitable organization with the state.
— Mazurek suggested that the Handbook be amended to put responsibility for any future late fees incurred. Agreed by consensus.

VI. Archivist’s Report
None

VII. Award Committee Report
Dissertation
No Report

Distinguished Historian
Some nominations from last year rolling over, no new ones yet

Distinguished Service
Schildknecht email: No nominations received

Junior Faculty
No Report

Publication
No Report

Teaching
Dwayne Beggs email: Call went out in the newsletter and posted on the website, committee will get the word out.

Neumann suggested finding new historians in different

VIII. Standing Committee Reports
Conference Committee Report
— Written report submitted
— March 22-23 is the date, Miami-Middletown Location
— Summary: conference rooms and a block of hotel rooms reserved. Need some guidance on whether music is needed for Distinguished Historian reception
— Hosting Dept. of Humanities of Creative Arts would like to install an exhibit
— Also addressed airports, local attractions, meals
— Robinson also strongly recommended that Call For Papers be distributed widely on a number of different posting sites (e.g., H-Net groups, Listservs, etc.)—takes a lot of effort.

Program Committee
No report until submissions come

Nominating Committee
No report
V-P, Public History, Private, and Public University positions coming up for election this year

Membership
No report

Newsletter
Selby: Written Report submitted
— two newsletters this year, spring and fall.
— email blasts did not produce much in the way of submissions
— still, lots of content
— still have no associate editor, but not sure one is needed
— Is not sure that two newsletters needed each year

IX. Old Business
Adjunct/Temporary position on board
— Bednark: issues include an amendment to the constitution, difficulty in identifying people who are often transient by nature.
— Selby by email advocated that this constituency be represented
— Kern suggested making the position Adjunct/NTT rep to be more inclusive of the constituency
— Conn says we should resolve this one way or another
because it would take time to pass a constitutional amendment.

— Bednarek Moved to amend the constitution to add an adjunct/NTT position to the board. Robinson 2nd. (Article IV, Section 4) Kern added friendly amendment to also change OHS to OHC in the amendment, too.

**How to grow membership**

— Conn asked Rogers if there is a way to get more High School teachers involved. Rogers said that it depends on where the dynamic activity of the organization is; and although it is an ecumenical organization, most of the dynamism is oriented to the college level. Wondered if the OAH could support H.S. history more by, for interest, publishing high school papers.

— Hedler suggested Ohio Council for the Social Studies as a possible venue, which has a publication. Also suggested that OAH could benefit from strategic planning: who do we want to be, and who do we want to serve?

— Robinson suggested that in the past the OAH has tried to become a regional organization.

— Conn said we may need to approach things in a more strategic way. Maybe an online forum?

— Bednarek suggested that we settle on what we HAVE to do, and then add other responsibilities as possible.

— Robinson said that eliminating the fall gathering may have been a mistake. Conn suggested that maybe the Distinguished Historian presentation moved to Fall Meeting if it happens.

— Conn: So how best to go forward with strategic planning?

— Hedler: Local History Services of OHC offers strategic planning service. A series of meeting (S.W.O.T analysis, etc.). Then another series of meetings coming up with concrete steps.

— Mezurek suggested Jacki Barton as a possible facilitator. Conn asked Mezurek to contact her informally to find more information.

— Conn suggested using the Exec. Council be an ad hoc committee of the whole to assess the practicality and need for coming up with a strategic plan. Consensus of Committee to continue. By end of calendar year, will find out sense of a process and cost and make a report to the Exec. Committee. If it seems feasible or reasonable, could then plan a one-day meeting in Jan. or Feb. for strategic planning. If it is too expensive, Conn volunteered to be the facilitator.

— Rogers suggested schools become members of the organization to facilitate linkage.

— Kern: This would require a constitutional amendment

— Bednarek: Strategic Plan should probably come first before the constitutional amendment.

**Social Media and OAH**

— Neumann suggested starting an H-Ohio list. Hedler mentioned that there used to be one that was subsumed under H-Midwest. Neuman said she would be willing to try it.

**X. New Business**

— might need to rethink several things (committees, newsletter)—should be subsumed under strategic planning.

— Kern moved that an ad hoc financial investment committee. VP Vemsani second. Kern, Bednarek, Hedler, Conn nominated to serve. Unanimous consent

— Communication from Ruth Herndon about a JFRG prize we gave out last year to a person who did not use it on that project. Bednarek suggested that Herndon send out a reminder to recipients to submit a written report as required by the grant language.

_Bednarek moved, Mezurek second to adjourn, Unanimous, 12:20_
Departmental Updates from Ohio University (2017-2018)

**Promotions:**
In 2018, Assan Sarr and Mirna Zakic were promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, while Robert Ingram was promoted to Professor with tenure. (See details here: https://www.ohio-forum.com/2018/08/three-history-faculty-promoted-ingram-zakic-and-sarr/)

In 2017, Patrick Barr-Melej was promoted to Professor with tenure.

**Publications:**
In 2018, Joshua Hill, Assistant Professor of History, published his first book: Voting As A Rite: A Modern History of Elections in China (Harvard University Press)

In 2018, Robert Ingram, Associate Professor of History, published his second book: Reformation without End: Religion, Politics and the Past in Post-Revolutionary England (University of Manchester Press)

In 2018, Katherine Jellison, Professor of History and Department Chair, published “Her Your Farm in the Fight: Farm Masculinity in World War II” in Agricultural History (Autumn 2018).

In 2018, Mariana Dantas, Associate Professor of History, published two book chapters:
— “History Approaches to Researching the Global Urban,” in Doing Global Urban Research, edited by John Harrison and Michael Hoyler (Sage)


— “History Approaches to Researching the Global Urban,” in Doing Global Urban Research, edited by John Harrison and Michael Hoyler (Sage)


**Awards:**
In 2018, Partick Barr-Melej, Professor of History, was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Award from the College of Arts & Sciences at Ohio University.

In 2017, Katherine Jellison, Professor of History and Department Chair, was awarded the Grasseli Brown Faculty Teaching Award in the Humanities from the College of Arts & Sciences at Ohio University.

Would you like to see your department’s news in the newsletter? Email updates to Newsletter Editor Shawn Selby at sselby@kent.edu.
Call for BGSU Local History Publication
Awards Nominees

The Center for Archival Collections at Bowling Green State
University Libraries is seeking submissions for its 2018
Local History Publication Awards. We would appreciate
your circulating this information to those who might be
interested in participating. Details are below and also
available at https://www.bgsu.edu/library/cac/services/
engagement.html.

Call for Submissions: 2018 Local History
Publication Awards

The Center for Archival Collections is accepting
submissions for the Local History Publication Awards.
Works published between January 1, 2018 and December
31, 2018 will be accepted.

The Awards Committee will recognize authors for
outstanding publications in two divisions. The Academic
Scholar Division will include works prepared and submitted
by authors who are professional writers or academicians.
The Independent Scholar Division will include works
prepared and submitted by independent or local
researchers, amateurs, and other creative writers who do
not claim “history” as a profession. Each Division winner
will receive a $300.00 cash award and plaque.

Eligible works must address an historical topic within the
nineteen county region of northwest Ohio. Works shall be
judged by the Awards Committee on: literary merit, and
overall significance and contribution to explaining and
understanding the history of the region. Consideration also
will be given for style and content. Other considerations
will include grammar, accuracy, illustrations, layout,
indexes, and distribution.

To submit a work, authors should send two copies to the
Center for Archival Collections, 5th Floor, Wm. T. Jerome
Library, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green,
Ohio 43403, postmarked by February 28, 2019. All works
submitted become the property of the CAC. For complete
information about the award and submissions, please
see Guidelines for Submission. For further information,
please contact Nick Pavlik at the CAC at 419-372-7914
or npavlik@bgsu.edu.

Thank you!

Nick Pavlik
Chair, Local History Publication Awards Committee

Dr. Steven Conn, W. E. Smith
Professor of History – Miami
University of Ohio, will be
publishing a book on the
history of American business
schools tentatively titled:
“Nothing Succeeds Like
Failure: The Sad History of
American Business Schools.”
Call for Chapter Proposals: “Where East Meets (Mid)West: Exploring a Regional Divide”

Volume editors seek proposals for chapters to be included in an edited collection focused on exploring the history, development, and culture of the Eastern edges of the American Midwest and the distinctions between the American East and Midwest. The volume is planned for publication by the Kent State University Press.

Proposals should explain the author’s general approach to the topic and include the sources to be consulted as well as the author’s curriculum vitae. Topics to be explored include, but are by no means limited to, historical understandings of the dividing line between the East and the Midwest; historical examples of friction between the East and the Midwest; examples of the transference of Eastern culture and institutions into the Midwest and, conversely, examples of the development of regionalist culture and institutions in the Midwest; general Midwestern resistance to “derivative” institutions and culture; historical and contemporary examples of frictions between the Midwestern “backcountry” and the Eastern seaboard; the geographical and topographical approaches to designating the East and the Midwest as distinct regions; literary or other cultural understandings of the dividing line between East/Midwest; the political distinctions between East and Midwest; descriptions of the growth of regionalist thought and practices which have contributed to a distinctive Midwestern consciousness; the regional identity of Cleveland; the attempt to embrace Eastern culture in the Midwest (e.g. Ann Arbor); the identity of borderland cities such as Pittsburgh; discussions of debates about whether Ohio is Midwestern; analyses of the real and perceived dividing line between Pennsylvania and Ohio; economic unities and frictions between the East and Midwest.

Chapter proposals will be due July 1, 2019. If a proposal is accepted, the author’s chapter will be due July 1, 2020. Final chapters should be approximately 7,500 words, including notes, and in Chicago style. The editors of the collection will be Jon K. Lauck and Gleaves Whitney. All proposals should be sent to jlauck1941@hotmail.com

Individuals who submit proposals which are received by February 15, 2019 will be considered for inclusion on a discussion panel focused on the themes of the book which will occur at the June 2019 Midwestern History Association/Hauenstein Center conference on Midwestern studies in Grand Rapids, Michigan.


Visit the VOA Broadcasting Museum during the Spring Meeting!

One of America’s best kept secrets is a few miles from the Middletown campus of Miami University, the location of the Spring OAH meeting. The National Voice of America (VOA) Broadcasting Museum in West Chester highlights the history of Bethany Relay Station. Initially built at the order of President Franklin Roosevelt to promote American ideas during World War II, the station operated throughout the Cold War, finally ceasing operations in 1995. Among the displays, visitors can see a battered, cheap radio that an East German man used to learn English and get credible news during the Cold War. They can also learn about Powel Crosley, the mind behind the VOA and the founder of Cincinnati’s WLW radio station. Visitors from overseas, who often know far more about the VOA than Americans because it did not broadcast within the United States, occasionally shed tears at how the VOA bettered their lives.

The museum has partnered with Dr. Caryn E. Neumann of Miami University Regionals (Interdisciplinary and Communication Studies, Affiliate in History) to improve the docent program, better the exhibits, and help publicize the museum. The Service Partnership Institute of Miami Regionals organized the collaboration to strengthen Miami’s community engagement. The museum, open on weekends from 1 to 4 is small, but the impact of the VOA has been mighty. It is right off I-75 at 870 Tylersville Road, West Chester. For more information, please visit: www.voamuseum.org/
2018-2019
OAH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AND OFFICERS

SENIOR OFFICERS (ELECTED)

President
Steven Conn
Miami University
conns@MiamiOH.edu

Vice-President
Lavanya Vemsani
Shawnee State University
lvemsani@shawnee.edu

Immediate Past-President
Janet Bednarek
University of Dayton
jbednarek1@udayton.edu

Secretary-Treasurer
Kevin Kern
University of Akron
kkern@uakron.edu

COUNCIL MEMBERS (ELECTED)

Public History
Pamela Dorazio Dean
Western Reserve Historical Society (2016-2019)
pdean@wrhs.org

Chelsea Griffis
University of Toledo (2017-2021)
chelsea.griffis@utoledo.edu

Leonne Hudson
Kent State University (2016-2019)
lhudson@kent.edu

Public University
Chelsea Griffis
University of Toledo (2017-2021)
chelsea.griffis@utoledo.edu

Private College
Thomas Mach
Cedarville College, (2016-2019)
macht@cedarville.edu

Kelly Mezurek
Walsh University (2018-2020)
kmezurek@walsh.edu

NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL BOARD:

General Editor
Shawn Selby
Kent State University, Stark
sselby@kent.edu

Production Editor
Betsy Hedler
Ohio History Connection
ehedler@ohiohistory.org

Editor of Proceedings
Marsha Robinson
Miami University, Middletown
robins78@miamioh.edu

Archivist
Mary Ann Heiss
Kent State University
mheiss@kent.edu

Ohio Academy of History
FINANCIAL REPORT
Fall 2018

SPRING BALANCES

CHECKING BALANCE, 28 FEB 2018
(plus $100.38 in associated savings account)
$27,179.15

BALANCE WITH OHC, 31 DEC 2017:
7,644.38

REMAINING ENDOWMENT CD:
5,148.60

TOTAL ASSETS:
40,072.51

DEBITS AND CREDITS
SINCE 28 FEB 2018

Debits
Conference expenses/Prize Payments
($4,135.76)

History Day Award
(100.00)

Registration as Charitable Org.
with State ($50/yr. in annual fees, $200/yr. late charges)
(500.00)

Credits
(Conference fees, Dues, OHC Balance)
12,588.31

FALL BALANCES

CHECKING BALANCE, 28 SEPT 2018
(plus $100.38 in associated savings account)
$35,031.70

REMAINING ENDOWMENT CD:
*balance plus interest not paid: $5,155.20 as of Sept. 28.
Maturation date, 8/6/19
5,148.60*

TOTAL ASSETS:
$40,180.30

The Ohio Academy of History newsletter is edited and published for the Ohio Academy of History by the Ohio History Connection.
2018-2019 Ohio Academy of History Committees

Standing Committees

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
(Spring 2019 Annual Meeting)

Marsha Robinson, Chair
Miami University, Middletown
robins78@miamioh.edu

Caryn Neumann
Miami University, Middletown
neumance@MiamiOH.edu

Anthony Miller
Miami University, Hamilton
mille932@MiamiOH.edu

Christa Adams
Miami University Regionals
adamscl6@miamioh.edu

Steven Conn
Miami University (ex officio)
conns@MiamiOH.edu

Lavanya Vemsani
Shawnee State University (ex officio)
 lvemsani@shawnee.edu

Kevin Kern
University of Akron (ex officio)
k kern@uakron.edu

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
(Spring 2019 Annual Meeting)

Steven Conn, Chair
Miami University (ex officio)
conns@MiamiOH.edu

Marsha Robinson
Miami University, Middletown (ex officio)
robins78@miamioh.edu

Caryn Neumann
Miami University, Middletown
neumance@MiamiOH.edu

Lavanya Vemsani
Shawnee State University (ex officio)
 lvemsani@shawnee.edu

Kevin Kern
University of Akron (ex officio)
k kern@uakron.edu

Prize Committees

DISSERTATION AWARD COMMITTEE

Doug Forsyth, Chair
Bowling Green State University
(2019)
dougfor@bgsu.edu

Pamela Sayre
Henry Ford Community College
(2020)
psayre@hfcc.edu

DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN AWARD COMMITTEE

Steven Conn
Miami University
conns@MiamiOH.edu

Janet Bednarek
University of Dayton
jbednarek1@udayton.edu

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

Catherine Schildknecht
Mount Notre Dame High School
cschildknecht@cinci.rr.com

JUNIOR FACULTY RESEARCH FUND COMMITTEE

Zachary Williams, Chair
The University of Akron (2019)
zeru@uakron.edu

Deborah Marinski
Ohio University—Southern (2020)
marinski@ohio.edu

PUBLICATION AWARD COMMITTEE

Michael Brooks, Chair
Bowling Green State University
(2019)
mebrook@bgsu.edu

Thomas Taylor
Wittenberg University (2020)
ttaylor@wittenberg.edu

TEACHING AWARD COMMITTEE

Dwayne Begg, Chair
Lourdes University (2019)
ABeggs@lourdes.edu

Leslie Heaphy
Kent State University (2020)
lheaphy@kent.edu

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bradley Keefers,
Kent State University, Ashtabula
bkeefers@kent.edu

Amy Fluker
Youngstown State University
af fluker@ysu.edu

Thomas Mach
Cedarville University (2021)
macht@cedarville.edu

Marsha Robinson
Miami University, Middletown
robins78@miamioh.edu

Caryn Neumann
Miami University, Middletown
neumance@MiamiOH.edu

Kevin Kern
University of Akron (ex officio)
k kern@uakron.edu

Ruth Herndon
Bowling Green State University
(2011)
ruhernd@bgsu.edu

Robert Ingram
Ohio University (2021)
ingramr@ohio.edu

Kevin Kern
The University of Akron (ex officio)
k kern@uakron.edu

Megan Threlkeld
Denison University (2021)
threlkeldm@denison.edu