



OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY NEWSLETTER

Spring 2019

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

Campus map: map.concept3d.com/?id=1211#!ce/34777?ct/32034,30703,0?mc/39.524296,-84.358414?z/17?lvl/0



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.

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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, Ohio 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.middletownartcenter.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

bchistoricalociety.com/

OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY

2019 Preliminary Program

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

“The Role of Institutional Support in Shaping Anglican Missionary Identity: A Comparative Study of Francis Le Jau and Philip Quaque”

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

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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: Tàì 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"

Renaë 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

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Donate to the Ohio History Fund (and Tell Your Friends)

By Andy Verhoff, Ohio History Fund Coordinator,
Ohio History Connection

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! ■

Taking a deduction without receipts? That'll never fly!

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ON YOUR
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Return.

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How the Tax “Check-Off” Works

- Although we call it a “check-off,” on your tax form, you won’t find a box to check.
- Toward the end of your individual Ohio state income tax return, after you’ve calculated the amount of your refund (if you are receiving a refund), you’ll find line 26 that asks “Amount of line 24 to be donated.”
- One of the six options is “Ohio History Fund,” line 26e
- Under “Ohio History Fund,” fill in the amount that you’d like to contribute. Last year’s average contribution was just over \$9.00, so even a small donation can make a big difference – but if want to round it up to special year, please do. For example, you might contribute \$20.03 for the year of Ohio’s bicentennial, or an amount representing a birthday, anniversary or other memorable occasion!
- The amount you contribute to the Ohio History Fund through your Ohio state income tax return goes entirely to support the History Fund, which, since 2013, has made 63 grants totaling \$598,000 to support local history projects in communities throughout Ohio - all because of donation from generous, history-minded Ohioans like you. 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, PRIVATE UNIVERSITY:

Janet R. Daly Bednarek

The University of Dayton

Janet R. Daly Bednarek is a professor of history at the University of Dayton where she teaches courses on urban history and the history of American aviation. Her work on airport history includes *America’s Airports: Airfield Development, 1918-1947* (Texas A&M, 2001), *Cities Take Flight: A Centennial History of the American Municipal Airport* (American Public Works Association, 2004), and, most recently, *Airports, Cities and the Jet Age: US Airports Since 1945* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2016). Her article, “The Flying Machine in the Garden: Parks and Airports, 1918-1938,” was selected for inclusion in *The Best American History Essays, 2007* (Palgrave, 2007). From 2005 to 2014 she served as the Executive Director of the Urban History Association and from 2016-2017 served as the president of the Ohio Academy of History.

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, 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.

IN MEMORIAM

George Knepper

by Martin Wainwright, Chair, History Department, The University of Akron

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.

MINUTES

Ohio Academy of History Executive Council Meeting

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

- still working on a checklist for conference planning for future presidents and conference committees
- when finished, would like to add it to the handbook.

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

- Bednarek: 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

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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)

[See details here: <https://www.ohio-forum.com/2019/01/hill-publishes-book-on-the-discourse-of-elections-in-china-1840-2018/>]

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)

[See details here: <https://www.ohio-forum.com/2018/07/ingram-authors-book-on-religion-politics-and-the-past-in-post-revolutionary-england/>]

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)

— “An African Woman Petitions Her and Her Daughter’s Freedom in A Colonial Brazilian Mining Town, 1767-1775,” in *Women in Colonial Latin America, 1500-1823: Texts and Contexts*, edited by Nora Jaffary and Jane Megan (Hackett Publishing Company).

[See details here: <https://www.ohio-forum.com/2018/07/dantas-publishes-two-book-chapters/>]

In 2017, **Mirna Zakic**, Associate Professor of History, published her first book: *Ethnic Germans and National Socialism in Yugoslavia in World War II* (Cambridge University Press)

[See details here: <https://www.ohio-forum.com/2017/04/zakic-publishes-book-ethnic-germans-national-socialism-yugoslavia-world-war-ii/>]

In 2017, **Patrick Barr-Melej**, Professor of History, published his second book: *Psychedelic Chile: Youth, Counterculture, and Politics on the Road to Socialism and Dictatorship* (University of North Carolina Press)

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.

[See details here: <https://www.ohio-forum.com/2018/09/barr-melej-selected-for-outstanding-faculty-research-scholarship-and-creative-activity-award/>]

In 2018, **Ziad Abu-Rish**, Assistant Professor of History, was awarded the Grasselli Brown Faculty Teaching Award in the Humanities from the College of Arts & Sciences at Ohio University.

[See details here: <https://www.ohio-forum.com/2018/09/historys-abu-rish-wins-grasselli-brown-faculty-teaching-award-in-the-humanities/>]

In 2017, **Katherine Jellison**, Professor of History and Department Chair, was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Leadership and Service Award from the College of Arts & Sciences at Ohio University.

[See details here: <https://www.ohio-forum.com/2017/11/historys-jellison-wins-outstanding-faculty-leadership-service-award/>]

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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.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

www.kentstateuniversitypress.com/2018/call-for-chapter-proposals/

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 His-

tory) 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/

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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
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FALL BALANCES

CHECKING BALANCE, 28 SEPT 2018 (plus \$100.38 in associated savings account)	\$35,031.70
REMAINING ENDOWMENT CD:	5,148.60*
*balance plus interest not paid: \$5,155.20 as of Sept. 28. Maturation date, 8/6/19	

TOTAL ASSETS: \$40,180.30



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