



OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY 2019 SPRING CONFERENCE

at

Miami University – Middletown

Ohio's First Regional Campus, est. 1966





The Ohio Academy of History was established in 1932 and is made up of amateur and professional historians from universities, colleges, high schools, elementary schools, and the general public. It issues awards for outstanding publication, teaching, service, and dissertations. It also monitors and comments on the dissemination of historical knowledge in Ohio's schools, colleges, and universities. The Academy holds its annual business meeting during the spring accompanied by scholarly sessions on topics of historical interest.

We thank you for helping us continue the tradition.



Main Reading Room, Library of Congress

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**A Message from Dr. Moira Casey,
Associate Dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Applied Science**

Welcome to Miami University Regionals and to the Middletown Campus. It is exciting for our campus to be the host campus for this meeting of the Ohio Academy of History, and I encourage you to take a walk around the campus to see what we have to offer. We at Miami Regionals are very proud of Miami University's core liberal arts curriculum that supports all of our bachelor degree programs; history courses play a significant role in that curriculum, with almost three thousand of our Regionals students taking history courses in a given academic year. I am pleased that we are able to support the work of historians by hosting this conference, and I hope that you all have an enriching conference experience.



**A Message from the Dr. Steven Conn
President of the Ohio Academy of History**

Welcome to Middletown, to Miami University and to the annual gathering of the Ohio Academy of History. On behalf of the OAH let me say that we're delighted that you've come and we hope you find the panels, programs and conversation stimulating and rewarding. The Ohio Academy of History runs on the energy of its volunteers and so I urge you to become involved with the organization if you aren't already. Run for one of the elected positions or join one of the standing committees—that's the best way to ensure that the OAH remains a lively part of the intellectual life of historians all over the state.

MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS MAP

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REGIONALS

LEGEND

- 1 MIRIAM G. KNOLL CAMPUS & COMMUNITY CENTER
- 2 JOHNSTON HALL
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- 8 THESKEN HALL
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- ♿ ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE



* For more information about BCRTA's bus stops and routes: www.butlercountyrta.com

For more information about each building's offices, please see the directory inside each building entrance or contact 513-727-3200.





**OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY
ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE**

**Miami University – Middletown Regional Campus
March 22-23, 2019**

Friday, March 22

11:00-1:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting

1:00 p.m. Registration Desk Opens, Johnston Hall 142. Lunch can be purchased in the cafeteria in Johnston Hall until 2:00 pm.

1:30-3:00 p.m. Session I

A. Atlantic Histories: Faith, Identity and Exchange, Johnston Hall 202

Chair: 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, Thesken Hall 105

Chair: David Torbett, Marietta College

- “‘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,
Thesken Hall 108**

- Jacqueline Johnson, Miami University
- Margaret Breidenbaugh, Miami University
- Marsha R. Robinson, Miami University

3:15-4:45 p.m. Session II

A. Looking Back at the Civil War, Thesken Hall 110

Chair: Bradley S. Keefer, Kent State University

- "Farewell to Grog: The Union Navy Abolishes the Spirit Ration," Scott Christopher Martin
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, Thesken Hall 105**

Chair: 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, Johnston Hall 202

Chair: Kevin Kern, University of Akron

- "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, Thesken Hall 108

Chair: Helen Sheumaker, Miami University

- “The McGuffey Readers’ Afterlives: Designing Exhibition Spaces,” Kaylie E. Schunk, Miami University
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5:00-6:00 p.m. Presidential Plenary in Johnston Hall 115

“Dynamic Synergy: History in a Twenty-first Century Museum”
Elizabeth Pierce, President & CEO
Cody Hefner, Director of Communications
Cincinnati Museum Center

6:00-7:45 p.m. Dinner — On Your Own or With Colleagues — see a partial listing of restaurants on the back of this program

8:00 p.m. We gather in the Miriam Knoll Community Center, Johnston 142

- **Welcome to Miami University – Wietse de Boer, Chair, Department of History**
- **Welcome and Introduction of the 2019 Distinguished Historian – Pres. Steven Conn**
- **Distinguished Historian’s Address:**
“Zen and the Art of Doing Automotive History Fast and Furiously”
John Heitmann
University of Dayton

Reception to follow, with live music provided by Jim McCutcheon, Miami Faculty
“The Guitar Man”
<http://jim.mccutcheon.biz/>



Saturday, March 23

8:00-8:45 Continental Breakfast, Miriam Knoll Community Room, Johnston Hall 142

Courtesy of the Society for Military History

8:30 Registration Desk opens Johnston Hall 142

9:00-10:30 a.m. Session III

A. Perspectives on Military History, Thesken Hall 105

Chair: Molly Wood, Wittenberg University

- “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, Thesken Hall 110

Chair: Andrew Offenburger, Miami University

- “‘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, Thesken Hall 108

Chair: Jeremy Taylor, Defiance College

- “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 the Women's Suffrage Centennial, Thesken Hall 108

Led by Megan Wood, Ohio History Connection

B. Disasters! (In Ohio), Thesken Hall 105

Chair: 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, Thesken Hall 110

Chair: Caryn Neumann, Miami University

- "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, Johnston Hall 202

Chair: Thomas Sosnowski, Kent State University

- "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
- "There's No Pleasure in Life Anymore': Prohibition Portrayed in the *Mutt and Jeff* Newspaper Comic Strip," Don Eberle, Napoleon Area Schools

12:30 p.m. Ohio Academy of History Luncheon and Business Meeting
Miriam Knoll Community Center, Johnston Hall 142

- **Business Meeting**
- **Elections**
- **Presidential Address by 2019-2020 Ohio Academy of History President**

Lavanya Vemsani
Shawnee State University

“Where Do We Stop? Presentism in History Education”



**In 2020, the Ohio Academy of History will convene
at the Ohio State University**

3:00 p.m. Self-guided walking tour of historical Middletown. Visit www.itsmiddletown.org/blog for more details.

The Ohio Academy of History thanks the following for their support of this year's meeting.

- The Office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Applied Sciences of Miami University and all of the faculty and staff who have contributed to hosting this conference.
- Miami's Humanities and Creative Arts Department for hosting this year's meeting and the support of the History Department.
- Historian Anne Delano Steinert who graciously loaned to Miami Regionals the "Finding Kenyon Barr" exhibit in the Galleria of the Miriam Knoll Community Center. To learn more of Ms. Steinert's work about curating this lost Cincinnati African American community of 20,000 people and the Over-the-Rhine Museum, visit <https://www.wvxu.org/post/finding-kenyon-barr-and-cincinnati-lost-lower-west-end#stream/0>.
- Jim McCutcheon, Ohio Arts Council Touring Artist and the winner of the 2017 Governor's Award for the Arts in Arts Education, has taught at Miami for almost 40 years and he is a versatile musician whose activities include classical guitar performance, teaching, arranging and composing. McCutcheon writes articles and CD reviews for *Soundboard*, the journal of the Guitar Foundation of America. He hosts "The Intimate Guitar," a weekly radio program on Dayton Public Radio. McCutcheon holds a B.S. in Physics from the University of Dayton, as well as a B.Mus in Guitar Performance and a Master of Music degree in Music Education, both from Wright State University. jim.mccutcheonmusic.com.
- The Miami Regionals History Club
- Catering by Central Connections

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Miami University Main Campus in Oxford, Ohio. (approx. 25 miles west of Middletown on lovely I-73)

- **“Freedom Summer 1964” walking tour** <http://ohio.org/destination/freedom-summer-walking-tours/>
- **William Holmes McGuffey Museum** <https://miamioh.edu/cca/mcguffey-museum/wh-mcguffey/>

Middletown Visitors Bureau <https://itsmiddletown.org/>

Middletown Historical Society <https://www.middletownhistoricalsociety.com/>

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

Middletown Art Center <https://www.middletownartscenter.com/>

Butler Country Historical Society <https://bchistoricalociety.com/>

RESTAURANTS (reservations suggested)

Where To Dine Near Campus

Veracruz Mexican Restaurant

1230 Elliott Drive
Middletown, OH 45044
(513) 422-4271

<https://www.facebook.com/veracruzmiddletown/>

Taku Japanese Steakhouse

4750 Roosevelt Blvd,
Middletown, OH 45044
(513) 423-8888
<http://www.takumiddletown.com/>

Where to dine downtown near the galleries, and shops

Gracie’s

1131 Central Ave.
Middletown, OH 45044
(513) 915-7476
<http://www.graciesmiddletown.com/>

West Central Wine

1120 Central Avenue
(513) 594-1036 <http://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

And many more local restaurants