



# OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY NEWSLETTER

## Spring 2020

### What's Inside:

## Ohio Academy of History Conference



### March 27-28, 2020

The Ohio Academy of History will be meeting at Ohio State in Columbus this March 27-28. The program is complete, and it looks like we will have a wonderful array of panels.

The OAH Meeting will be held in four buildings along the south side of the OSU North Oval. We will have registration on Friday in Page Hall, the first class-room building north of Union South Parking. Events on Friday will be in Page Hall, Mendenhall Lab., and Orton Hall, which are two buildings west of Page, on the Oval. On Saturday, we will hold registration and a breakfast and coffee in the Crane Café in Hagerty Hall, and all of the panels will be in Hagerty. The OAH Luncheon will be at the Faculty Club, just west of Orton Hall. [www.osu.edu/map/](http://www.osu.edu/map/)



### Parking on campus:

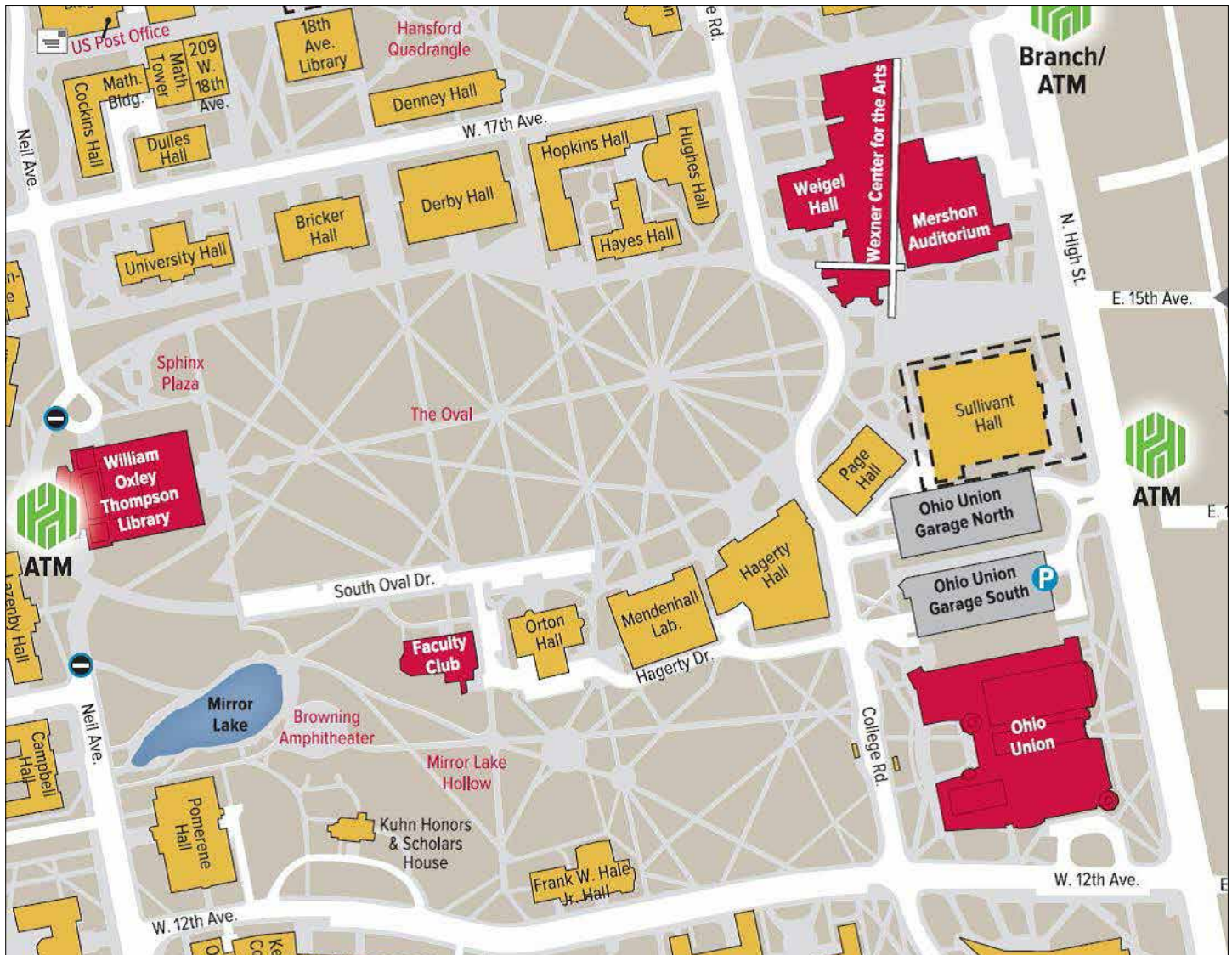
The most convenient parking will be at the Union South Parking Structure, 1759 High Street, Columbus [also accessible from College Road.] The parking fee is \$10 per day. <https://osu.campusparc.com/home/garages/academic-south-campus/ohio-union-south>

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



We have rooms reserved in two hotels:

At the **Blackwell Inn on Campus**: 2110 Tuttle Place, Columbus, 43210; Phone 614-247-4000. A block of ten rooms is reserved for the nights of March 27-28, at \$159 a night. Please reserve by February 26. Please mention the “2020 Ohio Academy of History room-block reservation” for the discount. Parking overnight is \$25.00. The Blackwell is about a ten-minute walk to our meeting buildings on the North Oval. [www.theblackwell.com/](http://www.theblackwell.com/)

At the **Hampton Inn and Suites**, Columbus-University: 3160 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, 43202; Phone: (614) 268-8700; (866) 238-4218. A block of ten rooms reserved for both March 27 and March 28, at \$129. Please reserve by February 28; our group code is “OAC”. Parking is an extra charge, and you will need to drive to campus. [Click here](#) to reserve your room online.

Registration information can be found online at [www.ohioacademyofhistory.org/conferences](http://www.ohioacademyofhistory.org/conferences). The advance registration deadline will be March 16, 2020. On-site registration will be available for an additional fee. Please note that we cannot guarantee lunch for on-site registrants.

We are all looking forward to welcoming you to Ohio State-Columbus! ■

# OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY 2020 Conference Draft Program

See updated and complete program on the website, [www.ohioacademyofhistory.org/conferences](http://www.ohioacademyofhistory.org/conferences)

## FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020:

8.30 a.m.—12 noon

**High School Teachers Session**, Dulles 168

12.30 p.m.—2.30 p.m.

**Executive Council Meeting**

2.30 p.m.—5.00 p.m.

**Registration**, Page Hall, First Floor Lobby

### Friday afternoon, Session I

3.00 p.m.—4.30 p.m.

**Panel: Gender, Religion, and Ethnicity in Early America**, Mendenhall Lab 173

**Panel: Disability, Catastrophe, and Society in Historical Context**, Mendenhall Lab 174

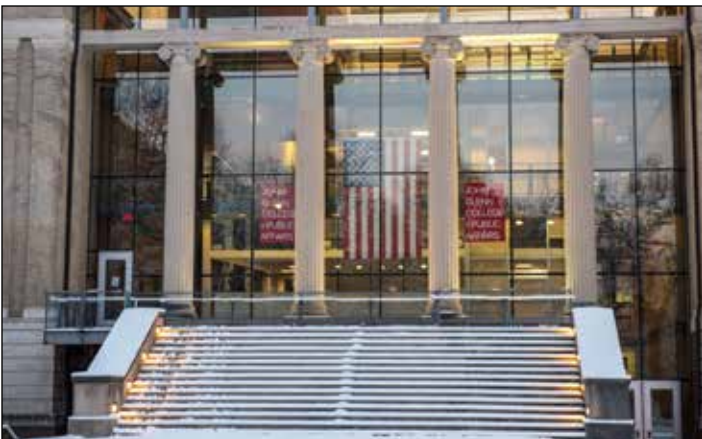
**Roundtable: Constructing Native Americans: Identities, Politics, and Education in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century America**, Mendenhall Lab 175

4.45 p.m.—6.00 p.m.

**Presidential Panel**, Orton Hall 110

8.00 p.m.—10.00 p.m.

**Distinguished Historian Lecture and Reception**, Page Hall 010 and Page Hall Foyer



## SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020:

8.30 a.m.—11.00 a.m.

**Registration, Breakfast, Book Display**, Crane Café, Hagerty Hall

### Saturday morning, Session II

8.45 a.m.—10.15 a.m.

**Panel: The Civil War Era: Allegiance and Memory in the South**, Hagerty Hall 045

**Panel: City, Country, Politics, and Reform in Modern America**, Hagerty Hall 042

**Panel: Military History in the Modern Era: Psychology and Airpower in War**, Hagerty Hall 046

**Panel: Popular Culture and Visual Culture in the Twentieth Century**, Hagerty Hall 050

**Panel: Environmental History in the Midwestern City**, Hagerty Hall 046

### Saturday morning, Session III

10.30 a.m.—12.00 noon

**Panel: Women, Biography, and Activism in Twentieth-Century America**, Hagerty Hall 042

**Panel: Doing Hard History: Addressing Difficult Topics in the Classroom and in Print**, Hagerty Hall 045

**Roundtable: Creating a Journal that Appeals to the Bench, Bar, and Scholars: The Genesis of the Ohio Legal History Review**, Hagerty Hall, 056

**Panel: Race, Segregation, and Struggle in the United States**, Hagerty Hall 050

12.15 p.m.—2.15 p.m.

**Lunch, Election, Presidential Lecture**, OSU Faculty Club

### Saturday afternoon, Session IV

2.30 p.m.—4.00 p.m.

**Roundtable: Joan E. Cashin, War Stuff: The Struggle for Human and Environmental Resources in the American Civil War, Winner of Best Publication Award, Ohio Academy, 2018**, Hagerty Hall 042

**Panel: Museum Studies: Time, Place, and The Shaping of Public Understanding**, Hagerty Hall 045

**Panel: The Physical World and its Representations in Asian History**, Hagerty Hall 046

**Panel: Electoral Politics in Nineteenth-Century America**, Hagerty Hall 050 ■

# Candidate Biographies

## VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT:

### Donna M. DeBlasio

Donna M. DeBlasio is a retired professor of history and former director of the Center for Applied History at Youngstown State University. Prior to coming to YSU in 1999, she was a site manager and historian for the Ohio History Connection (OHC) and the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) and senior historian at Cincinnati Museum Center. At OHC, Dr. DeBlasio was the first manager of the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor; she also worked on exhibits and other projects for the Ohio History Connection. For OHPO, she did Section 106 Review, authored a successful National Historic Landmark Nomination for the Wilson Bruce Evans House, and did coding of Ohio Historic Inventory forms. At YSU, Dr. DeBlasio taught courses in historic preservation, museum studies, and oral history as well as late 19th and early 20th century US history. During her tenure as Director of the Center for Applied History, she received many grants and sponsored programs projects to create museum exhibits, oral history projects, and other applied history activities. Dr. DeBlasio has also published both scholarly and popular works, most of which focus on the history of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley. These include five books (author and co-author) for Arcadia publishing, scholarly articles in *Rethinking History*, *International Journal of Local and Regional History*, and *Ohio History*, and the well received co-authored publication from Swallow Press, *Catching Stories: A Practical Guide to Oral History* (2009). Dr. DeBlasio is currently editor of *Ohio History*, which is published by the Kent State University Press.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

### PRIVATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY:

#### Julie Mujic

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Denison University*

Julie Mujic is a visiting assistant professor at Denison University, where she teaches in the Global Commerce program. She also owns Paramount Historical Consulting in Columbus, Ohio. Mujic is a scholar of the American Civil War, having earned her doctorate from Kent State University. She has published several essays and articles focused on the Midwestern home front during the Civil War and has a manuscript contract with Fordham University Press.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

### TWO-YEAR OR REGIONAL CAMPUS:

#### Bradley Keefer

*Associate Professor, Kent State Ashtabula*

Bradley Keefer earned a PhD from Kent in 2006. His first book, *Conflicting Memories on the 'River of Death': The Chickamauga Battlefield in the Spanish-American War, 1863-1933* was published by the Kent State University Press in 2013. Tangentially related work on copperheads, reenacting, and battlefield preservation appears in *Lesser Civil Wars: Civilians Defining War and the Memory of War* (Cambridge Scholars Press, 2012), edited by incoming OAH president Marsha Robinson. Keefer is also researching a regimental history of the 104th Ohio Volunteer Infantry as well as preparing a chapter on reenacting and the Lost Cause in the forthcoming volume *The Enduring Lost Cause: The Persistence of Bloody Religion* (University of Tennessee Press, fall 2020).

Keefer's previous service to the Ohio Academy of History includes membership on the Publications Committee and two stints on the Nominating Committee (including the current rotation). He has taught at the Kent State Ashtabula Campus since January 2007 and at various Regional Campuses for over 30 years, familiarizing him with their unique issues and concerns.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

### GRADE 7-12 TEACHER:

#### Frank Pape

*Struthers High School*

Frank Pape is a graduate of Youngstown State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History in 2014 and a Master of Arts in History in 2017. While teaching part time at Youngstown State University and writing social sciences curriculum for Quest Forward Learning, he completed licensure program for his 7-12 Ohio teaching license in social studies. He currently works as a social studies teacher at Struthers High School, teaching all 9th grade World History courses. ■

# Ohio History Fund – Support History in Your Community



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

**T**he 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 26f on your state tax return.

Your donation 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 Ohio. Since the Ohio History Fund started in 2013, it has made 73 grants in 37 counties for a total of \$6694,569. There’s a huge need for the History Fund, however. It has received 388 grant applications from 66 counties, totaling more than \$4.7 million in requests! For a list of grant recipients, visit: [www.ohiohistory.org/preserve/local-history-services/history-fund/recipients](http://www.ohiohistory.org/preserve/local-history-services/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](http://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](http://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, to more grants it can make to organizations that preserve history in our state.** Questions about the History Fund? Visit [www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund](http://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](mailto:averhoff@ohiohistory.org). Thanks! ■

## 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 26f
- 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 you want to round it up to special year, please do – for example contribute \$20.03 for the year of Ohio’s bicentennial, or for significant year in your community’s history.
- The amount you contribute to the Ohio History Fund through your Ohio state income tax return goes to support the History Fund, which, since 2013, has made 73 grants totaling \$694,569 to support local history projects in communities throughout Ohio - all because of donation from generous history-minded Ohioans like you. Thank you!

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# 2018 Awardees

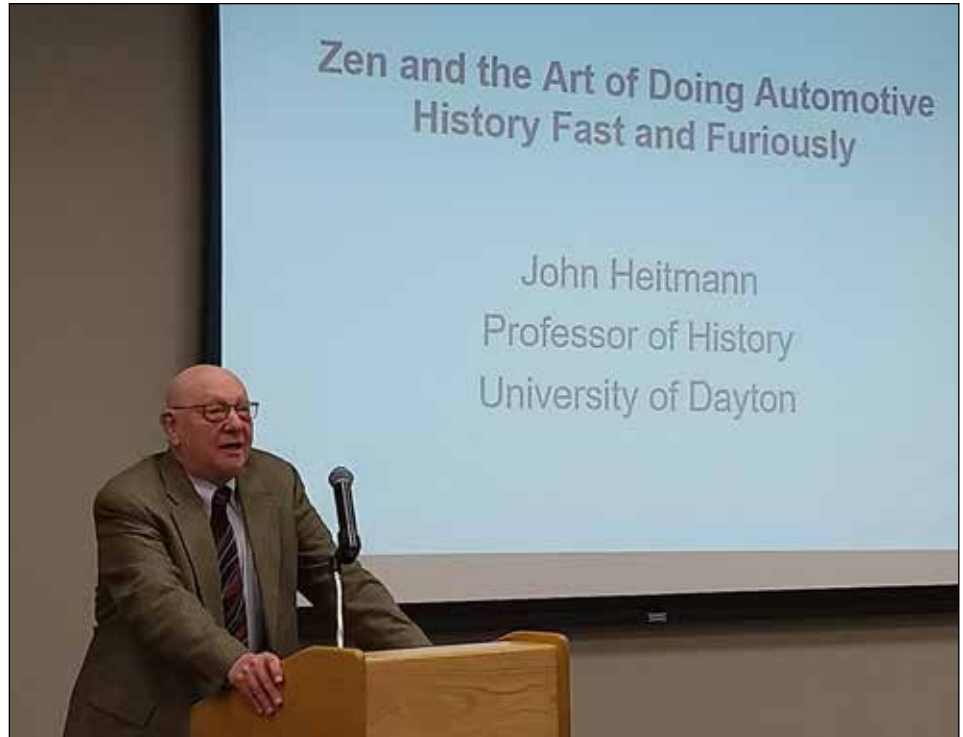
John Heitmann of the University of Dayton, received the Distinguished Historian Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to history.

John Knight, recent graduate of The Ohio State University, received the Dissertation Award for his study, "Our Nation's Future? Chinese Imaginations of the Soviet Union, 1917-1956"

Robin Judd of The Ohio State University, received the Distinguished Teaching Award in recognition of excellence in the teaching of history

The Academy presented one Publication Award. This award is presented annually to a member of the Academy for the outstanding historical publication of the preceding year. This award was presented to Joan Cashin, The Ohio State University, for her book, *War Stuff: The Struggle for Human and Environmental Resources in the American Civil War*.

Kevin Kern presented a plaque to Steven Conn in recognition of his service to the Academy as President in 2018-2019. ■



Michael Brooks presents the Publication Award to Joan Cashin.



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# Junior Faculty Research Award Recipients 2019

## History of the Award:

The Junior Faculty Research Grant originated with Jonathan Winkler, Wright State University, who proposed the committee and the award in 2009. The members of the Ohio Academy approved the award and the committee in 2010, and the first grant was awarded in 2011. The grant is “designed to promote scholarly research by untenured college and university faculty in the state of Ohio.” It is “intended to help defray the costs of domestic or international travel necessary to conduct research on a significant scholarly project,” especially projects that will result in a first scholarly monograph or journal article.



## Citation for Dr. Brandon Downing:

Dr. Brandon Downing is an assistant professor of History at Marietta College. His project title is: “Performative Violence as Political Discourse: Delawares during the Seven Years’ War, 1755-1758.”

Dr. Downing’s project examines Native violence against colonists at the beginning of the Seven Years War in back-country Pennsylvania. He argues that this violence was a deliberate strategy, a series of “calculated decisions” by which the Delaware hoped to gain more control over “their land, security, and diplomacy in a time of great uncertainty.” He challenges the view that such violence was part of an unpredictable and uncontrollable culture clash. Instead, Dr. Downing sees the Delaware as initiating violence as an offensive diplomatic maneuver to communicate rather than a defensive measure to survive.

The JFRG award will help Dr. Downing travel to Philadelphia to do research at the American Philosophical Society’s archives. He approaches the documents prepared to read

through the pamphlets, correspondence, and other materials left by elite colonists in order to understand the Delaware perspective. He will use this research to complete a journal article by the end of the year.



## Citation for Dr. Casey Stark:

Dr. Casey Stark is an instructor in the History Department at Bowling Green State University. Her project title is: “Vesta and the Emperors of Rome.”

Dr. Stark’s project analyzes the relationship between the goddess Vesta, her cult, and imperial/religious authority in the first four centuries of the Roman Empire. During this period, traditional Roman religious practices began to compete with Christianity and emperors promoted or suppressed pagan cults to advance their personal and political agendas. Dr. Stark traces Vesta cult practices from Augustus to Theodosius, who established Christianity as the official religion and closed pagan temples in 394 A.D. She challenges scholars of this period to pay closer attention to Vesta and her cult: to appreciate Vesta’s role as protector of Rome and mother figure for Romans; to see the significance of the office of the priest of Vesta; and to understand the continual adaptations that Vesta’s cult and followers had to make as their religion was pushed out by Christianity.

The JFRG award will help defray the expenses of Dr. Stark’s trip to the Greek and Latin Reading Room in the graduate library at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she will have access to relevant books, serials, and non-circulating reference materials, such as inscription collections. She will use this research to complete her book manuscript by the end of the year. ■

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Ohio University News

### PROMOTIONS:

**Joshua Hill** was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

**Ingo Trauschweizer** was promoted to Professor with tenure.

### AWARDS:

**Mirna Zakic**, Associate Professor of History, was awarded the 2019 Grasseli Brown Faculty Teaching Award in the Humanities from the College of Arts & Sciences at Ohio University.

## You're invited to Settling Ohio: First Nations and Beyond, Feb. 21-22

The first people in Ohio arrived more than 13,000 years ago. These Native Americans overcame rapid changes in climate, eventually building the state's first homes and becoming the state's first farmers.

More than 200 years ago a series of events and actions began to shape the state of Ohio we see today—its government, its economy, and its people. Empires clashed and diverse peoples mingled.

Immigrants "settling" Ohio came from the East Coast and Germany, from free people of African descent to slaves crossing the Ohio River, from merchants to Johnny Appleseed. They fought over what freedom in a rapidly expanding republican nation meant, and they left legacies and institutions of enduring significance, including Ohio University.

Hear from historians, scholars and the Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Nation at Settling Ohio: First Nations and Beyond. The conference will take place at Ohio University's Baker Center on Feb. 21 and 22. It is free and open to the public.

For more information, including a conference program, and to RSVP, go to [www.ohio.edu/settling-ohio](http://www.ohio.edu/settling-ohio)

## Thinking Regionally: Research, Policy, & Practice

### Small Cities Conference May 8-9, 2020 • Muncie, IN

Wide variation in regional economic performance has troubled Americans for more than a generation. Job losses due to international trade and automation, coupled with rapid urbanization, rural population decline, and the divergence in educational attainment between growing and declining places, have had especially dramatic effects on small cities, towns, and rural communities. Scholars and policy makers increasingly recognize the need for regional approaches that address these issues.

Non-metropolitan places regularly encounter public policy challenges spanning multiple communities and jurisdictions. These challenges call for extended scholarly research with a policy or applied focus. Effectively confronting challenges facing rural communities, towns, and smaller cities requires both a better understanding of regional linkages and greater interaction between the academics who study these issues and the policy makers who address them.

For more information go to [www.bsu.edu/academics/centersandinstitutes/cber/events-affiliations/small-cities-conference/2020-conference](http://www.bsu.edu/academics/centersandinstitutes/cber/events-affiliations/small-cities-conference/2020-conference)

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In 2017, E. Sue Wamsley received an Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship from the Virginia Historical Society to look at the papers of Virginia Chase Steedman Weddell for a study on women and U.S. Diplomacy in the Interwar Years.

Currently, she is completing a book titled, "*A Hemisphere of Women: Latin American and U.S. Feminists in the Founding and Development of the Inter-American Commission of Women, 1915-1939*," for the University of Nebraska Press.



# MINUTES

## Spring 2019 Executive Council Meeting

### Ohio Academy of History 2019 Executive Council Spring Meeting Minutes, March 22, 2019

#### **11:15: Call to order**

In attendance: Conn, Vemsani, Mezurek, Hudson, Hedler, Keefer, Robinson, Kern

#### **Approval of Minutes** (see below)

Robinson moved, Mezurek second, unanimously accepted.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Need to think about how to keep committees staffed, and have fewer of them

- For example, should Diss. Committee continue, given shrinkage of History Ph.D.-granting institutions? This should be addressed by the next year's council.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Seconds President's idea—it is difficult to find people for committees

#### **PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- None

#### **SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Distributed written report
- Robinson asked about investing money in financial instruments now that we are recognized as a charitable organization by the state.
- Kern said yes.
- Conn inquired about how much we were comfortable in investing Vemsani suggested 25k.
- Kern suggested that we have a separate instrument for the JFRG
- Mezurek cautioned us from making choices before we decide on strategic planning.
- committee agreed. Will pursue this over email when the time comes.

#### **ARCHIVIST'S REPORT**

- None

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **1. Conference Committee Report 2019 (Neumann)**

Robinson would like a letter to Roscoe Wilson, Chair, Dept. of Humanities and Creative Arts in thanks. They were super-cooperative.

##### **2. Program Committee Report 2019 (Conn)**

- came together really well after extending the deadline. Rejected one or two submissions. Papers grouped together mostly nicely.
- Surprised that we did not hear much back from U of Cincinnati or Wright State.

##### **3. Nominating Committee Report (Keefer)**

- Keefer reported that all positions are filled. John Weaver suggested that the V-P office should always be unopposed. Committee made a good-faith effort to get multiple candidates, but none of the people they asked agreed to.
- Conn referred the issue of amending the constitution to allow single candidates to New Business.

##### **4. Membership Committee--none**

##### **5. Newsletter Committee (Hedler)**

- It turned out well, thanks to Shawn Selby and Kim Koloski(OHC). Please take pictures for future newsletters. The process of having a newsletter kick-starts a lot of the essential functions for the Academy.
- Robinson said that we should get more department announcements and blurbs.

##### **6. Proceedings (Robinson)**

- Last year's is out with two articles, we have five submissions pre-conference for this year's, with chair nominations yet to come, so there is positive growth.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **• Proposed change to Constitution Article IV re: membership for non-tenure track faculty (see below)**

- Hedler said demographics are changing. Conn and Vemsani were wary about creating more positions given the difficulty of filling the positions we have, and that NTT/Adjuncts are not excluded right now.
- Robinson moved to table suggestion to Fall meeting, Vemsani seconded. Unanimous.

##### **• Proposed change to 2020 conference schedule (see below)**

- Getting started Friday morning rather than afternoon

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so high school teachers can have a session devoted to the teaching of historical thinking skills at various grade levels. This would make it easier for them to get here and stay overnight.

- Conn suggests that we try this for one year, on the condition that Rogers and Robinson take it on so that the additional administrative burden doesn't fall on the group as whole. Another issue is that OSU may charge us based on the number of classrooms.
- Mezurek raised the question of whether this is part of the core mission of the OAH.

#### •Strategic Planning for OAH

- Since the fall meeting, Conn contacted Jackie Barton, who volunteered to do this for \$6,500, and Conn strongly recommends her. So we have two questions:
  - 1) Is this a good idea and what do we want to accomplish with it?
  - 2) If we go forward, what are we comfortable paying for this?
- Mezurek added that we also need to commit to follow up on this if we do it.
- Vemsani suggested sending out a survey to the membership. Conn nominated her to head an ad hoc committee to draft a survey which would be distributed

at the meeting, and given suggestions, a larger survey will be sent out via email to the membership.

Conn is skeptical about Survey Monkey in being representative of the membership. Robinson feels that some consultation needs to include the larger membership.

Kern made friendly amendment to add Robinson and Keefer to committee.

5 yea, 2 abstentions.

Conn, Regarding the funding of this, we need to set a figure on how much we are willing to spend.

- Kern suggested 10% of savings--\$4,000. Vemsani suggested between \$2,000-\$4,000
- If Barton would not agree to that, Hedler said that OHC has strategic planners that work for historical organizations.
- sense of the committee not to exceed \$4,000
- Conn wants recommendation from ad hoc committee on what to do next. We could have an executive committee vote electronically for further steps if any.

Vemsani moved, Robinson second to adjourn.

**Adjourned unanimously 12:57** ■

# MINUTES

## Fall 2019 Executive Council Meeting

Ohio Academy of History 2019 Executive Council Fall Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2019

### 12 pm: Call to Order

Present: Vemsani, Hedler, Taylor, Robinson, Sayre, Rogers, Bednarek, Brooke, Kern, Conn(virtual)

### Agenda Approved

Vemsani 1st, Kern 2nd, Unanimous

### I. MINUTES

- Bednarek 1st, Brooke 2nd, Unanimous

### II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The President has been trying to address issues brought up last year, not much to add.

### III. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Committee work is going according to the handbook.
- Looking for a location for 2021 meeting, East Ohio is next on rotation, but will gauge interest at other locations.

### IV. PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Not much to add, some unfinished business including strategic planning.
- Suggested perhaps rethinking some of our committees to make them more rational given current circumstances.

### V. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

- Distributed report. We lost about \$1,000 on conference, but low attendance was the main factor.
- Conn asked whether the distant locations for conferences might hurt attendance. Kern agreed in general, although stressed central locations have not always been successful in boosting attendance.
- Robinson inquired if raising fees might be in order, or having various rates by rank or income.
- Kern suggested investing some of the endowment money to help defray annual conference costs.

### VI. ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

- No report

### VII. AWARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Dissertation Award (Sayre).** Nothing done so far, but a call will be going out.
- 2. Distinguished Historian Award (Conn)**—No report. Bednarek volunteered to help.
- 3. Distinguished Service Award**  
–No committee yet
- 4. Junior Faculty Research Fund (Marinski)**  
–No report
- 5. Publication Award (Taylor)**  
– Committee formed.  
Should be doing things differently to get the word out and solicit more responses?  
–Bednarek suggested sending calls out to Department Chairs around the state.  
–Robinson suggested that we should look into alternate sources for reading copies of books (OhioLink, Electronic versions) if publishers are reluctant to send free copies
- 6. Teaching Award (Heaphy)**  
–No report

### VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Conference Committee Report 2020** (Brooke)—  
Distributed report  
Trying to get conference spaces for free. Tentative agenda is laid out. Has made arrangements for the luncheon (Faculty Club), reception, breakfast, and hotels. Kern thanked Brooke for all of his work on this over the summer.
- 2. Program Committee Report 2020** (Cashin)—  
Report distributed in advance. Has been sent out on H-Net and Department Chairs, OAH Members, and other people. Has even been sent out on Twitter. Brooke said a blast will be sent out to grad students at OSU
- 3. Nominating Committee Report 2020** (Fluker)—  
Call for nominations has been made and sent to newsletter
- 4. Membership Committee**(Winkler)—No report
- 5. Newsletter report** [Selby]—Report sent via email. Difficult to get a lot of submissions despite direct contact with individuals and committee chairs. Has

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tendered his resignation, Bednarek will be taking over. Kern thanked Selby for his exemplary service as editor.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

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### **1. Adjunct/Temporary Faculty position on the board**

- Bednarek strongly supported this, and perhaps also an adjunct position
- Kern read a message from Selby advocating for an NTT position on the Committee
- Taylor suggested that the definition of an Adjunct position might be too narrow, should include people that may not currently be teaching when nominated.
- Vemsani suggested changing the amendment to include two new positions on the Committee: one for Full-Time NTT and one for Adjuncts. The language of the amendment was changed along these lines and Taylor's concerns
- Sayre mentioned that other professional organizations are beginning to expand their tents to include NTTs
- Bednarek moved, Rogers second. Unanimous. Will be put in Fall Newsletter and voted on at Spring Business Meeting.

### **2. How to grow membership**

- Bednarek thought change to constitution will help by including a large group of people.
- Rogers brought up the K-12 constituency, granting CEUs, etc. for a Friday Morning session, when it

would be easier to get teachers to attend. Rogers will spearhead trying to get more K-12 involvement. Brooke said scheduling on Friday mornings at OSU is difficult, but he will keep his eye on this and if there are enough bodies lined up by February, he might be able to find space. Robinson said she has made this work in past conferences, and will help.

### **3. Social Media and OAH**

- Vemsani: We should use Twitter more.
- Robinson suggested LinkedIn, too.

### **4. Strategic Planning**

- Vemsani warned that the profession is shrinking, so we should not be under any illusion that this would immediately grow membership. Academia is changing.
- Main goal: Figure out how can we stay relevant?
- Bednarek: How should we be organized? Do we still need a dissertation award, for example? Not sure we need to spend \$6,500 for this.
- Hedler mentioned that Rob Colby from Ohio Humanities leads strategic planning sessions for \$1,000.
- Bednarek suggested that Council members ought to meet in January or February to discuss streamlining the organization and defining our core mission.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS:**

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**Adjourn:** Bednarek moved, Robinson seconded, unanimously approved. ■

# Constitutional Amendment

**Proposed revisions to constitution regarding adding new positions to exec. Council for non-tenure track & adjunct professors**, to be voted on at the spring meeting.

## **Section 1.**

The officers shall be a President, Vice President who shall be designated President-Elect, and Secretary Treasurer.

## **Section 2.**

The Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by active members in attendance at the annual meeting from a slate of nominees provided by the Nominating Committee and from other nominations that may be made from the floor.

## **Section 3.**

If the office of President shall become vacant, the Vice President shall thereupon become President. In such a case the President shall serve an additional year. If the office of both the President and Vice President shall become vacant, the most recent living president shall return to the presidency until the next annual meeting.

## **Section 4.**

There shall be an Executive Council consisting of the President, Vice President, retiring President, and Secretary Treasurer, appointed officers and a representative of the Ohio Historical Society, all of whom serve ex-officio, plus **seven nine** additional elected members, elected for three-year terms, at least two to be elected each year. Rotation of the elected members of the Executive Council shall ensure that each year there are two members from private colleges and universities, two members from state universities, one member from public history, one member from two-year institutions and regional campuses, **and** one member who has been a social studies teacher from the 7-12 level, **one member who at time of election is in a full-time, non-tenure track position, and one member who at time of election has regularly held an adjunct position.** The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least two persons for each elected position on the Executive Council. Other candidates may be nominated from the floor. The appointed officers who serve ex-officio with the power to vote are the General Editor and Associate Editor of the Newsletter, the Editor of the Proceedings, and the Archivist. No member of the Executive Council may cast more than one vote.

## **Section 5.**

A majority vote of those present shall be sufficient to elect to any elective office.

## **Section 6.**

The Executive Council has authority to

- 1) conduct the affairs of the Academy;
- 2) assist and advise the President;
- 3) determine the amounts of membership dues;
- 4) determine the number, size, and function of committees;
- 5) authorize the President to appoint other officers as it feels necessary to conduct the affairs of the Academy.

## **Section 7.**

The Academy membership at any annual meeting may, by majority vote of those present, overrule the decisions of the Executive Council.

## **Section 8.**

If a vacancy should occur during the three-year term of any elected representative to the Executive Council, the President shall appoint the runner-up nominated for the same position to fulfill the remainder of the term. If the runner-up is unable to serve, the Nominating Committee will select two new candidates from the same type of institution as the original nominees for a special election. The special election may be held by electronic ballot or at the following annual spring meeting. The winner of the special election will serve out the remainder of the original term.

## **Rationale:**

**The demographics of the profession is changing. Full-time, non-tenure track and adjunct positions are increasing – becoming up to half the faculty at some institutions of higher learning. These individuals have perspectives and issues that are different from tenured and tenure-track faculty. The purpose of this amendment is to reach out to these individuals and bring their voices to the Executive Council of the Ohio Academy of History. ■**

# 2019-2020 OAH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS

## SENIOR OFFICERS (ELECTED)

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# Ohio Academy of History FINANCIAL REPORT

## SPRING BALANCES

CHECKING BALANCE, 28 FEB 2019 (plus \$100.38 in associated savings account)	\$34,648.19
BALANCE WITH OHC, 31 DEC 2018:	160.60
REMAINING ENDOWMENT CD:	5,156.33
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$40,065.50</b>

## FALL BALANCES

CHECKING BALANCE, 30 AUG 2019 (plus \$100.38 in associated sav- ings account)	\$33,596.68
BALANCE WITH OHC, 30 JUNE 2019	175.59
REMAINING ENDOWMENT CD:	5,161.76
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$39,034.41</b>



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