



OHIO ACADEMY of HISTORY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2021

NOTE TO THE ACADEMY:

Serendipity, 2020 and our 2021 Spring Conference

*Marsha R. Robinson,
PhD, Miami University*

2020. Last year enters the purview of historians to capture and record it as a year in which individuals in the United States danced with honesty and felt physical discomfort. This year's conference includes papers that were accepted for the March 2020 conference. We are fortunate that they now provide context for many of the events that happened in the year since then.

There are calls in public discourse for more truth and more information.

The Ohio Academy of History continues to answer this call. Our March 26-27, 2021, conference is a blend of new papers and panels who could not meet last year when the Executive Council decided to delay the conference in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, we return to offering a friendly atmosphere where scholars, public historians and graduate students can present their latest research findings based upon primary source evidence and present new theories about understanding the

distant and recent past. We do this while using 21st-century technology for a socially distanced, virtual meeting, thanks to The Ohio State University who is our platform host.

We issued a fresh call for papers last fall in case panels wanted to address events in 2020. Perhaps there will be more papers on these topics at our 2022 annual meeting. Nevertheless, we continue to pursue our mission of supporting history and history education.

How do we help our students who are living through a time of social conflict? How do educators give multiple sides of the story? You may find methods in the examples presented in Panel 10 - "Doing Hard History: Addressing Difficult Topics in the Classroom and in Print."

Do your students ask about the role of military in national and global conflicts? Bring them anecdotes and references from several of our panels where scholars will share new research findings about the diverse generations engaged in the US Civil War and the Vietnam War. Help them understand that war does not end with the armistice but continues for the injured soldiers and civilians with evidence presented about cases in the US, the Middle East and East Asia in several of our panels.

Politics extends beyond military

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For information on how to register and attend the Ohio Academy of History's 2021 Zoom Conference, please go to our website: <https://www.ohioacademyofhistory.org/conferences/>



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conflict into the contested social spaces of our nation. Two of those spaces in Ohio include African American and Appalachian communities in urban and rural areas. What is the role of the privileged classes and was noblesse oblige ever a value in the United States? How do we mediate these in public discourse in classrooms, museums and media? Do individuals have choices about following one or more the myriad ancestral cultures woven into the American tapestry? How does gender factor into the options? What is the definition of national progress and how do we know that life is getting better for more people? We measure our

national and human family character as we reflect upon what we tell the children.

As historians, we know that our research affects the policies of the immediate, near and even distant future if our work outlives us through our students. There are will be times though when we need to digest what we will learn at the 2021 Annual Meeting by stepping back and away from our classrooms for a moment. I recommend recharging through this new sport called bingewatching. It is popular during the pandemic. Consider the following series: *Bridgerton* and the *Rookie Historian Goo Hae-Ryung*.

Ohio History Fund: Support History in Your Community



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The Ohio History Connection's History Fund grant program is one of the few grant program 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" on line 26a of 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 throughout Ohio. Since the Ohio History Fund began in 2012, it has made 78 grants across our state for a total of \$738,826. Proving that there's a great need for the History Fund, however, it has received 437

grant applications totaling more than \$5.3 million in requests! For a list of grant recipients, visit: www.ohiohistory.org/preserve/local-history-services/history-fund/recipients

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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, to more grants it can make to organizations like yours that preserve history in our state.

Questions? Visit www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund or call Andy Verhoff, Ohio History Fund & Outreach Manager, State Historic Preservation Office, Ohio History Connection, averhoff@ohiohistory.org or 614-562-4490. Thanks!

MARCH 26-27, 2021

OAH Annual Meeting Schedule

A Zoom Conference managed by the Ohio State University Center for Historical Research

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

SESSION I, 3.00 P.M.—4.30 P.M.

Gender, Religion, and Ethnicity in Early America

Chair/Commentator: Martha Pallante, Youngstown State University

Papers: Jared Miller, Bowling Green State University, "Mary Jemison's Reasons for Staying with the Seneca People"

Meghan Kobza, Arrupe College of Loyola University Chicago, "Masquerade Mad: A Transatlantic Phenomenon in Print and Material Culture"

Disability, Catastrophe, and Society in Historical Context

Chair/Commentator: Dea Boster, Columbus State University

Papers: Ron and Mary Zboray, University of Pittsburgh, "Notwithstanding He Had Lost His Hands: Antebellum Cannon Accident Survivors, Disability, and Viability"

Sona Kazemi Hill, Ohio State University, "Defetishizing Disablement of the Iranian Survivors of the Iran-Iraq War"

Roundtable: Constructing Native Americans: Identities, Politics, and Education in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century America

Chair/Moderator: Charles Beatty-Medina, University of Toledo

Presentations by Emily Simone, Kevin Kostin, Christina Klein, Loryn Clauson, Eric Lopinski, all of the University of Toledo

7:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M., DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN LECTURE –

A Welcome to Ohio State from Professor Peter Hahn, Dean of Arts and Humanities

"A Scandinavianist's Lament"

Paul Lockhart, Professor of History, Wright State University

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

SESSION II, 9:00-10:30 A.M.

The Civil War Era: Allegiance and Memory in the South

Chair/Commentator: Brian Schoen, Ohio University

Papers: Kevin McPartland, University of Cincinnati, "We Are for the South Against the North: Confederate Nationalism and the Press in 1861"

Josh Morrow, Ohio State University, "Forming a Lost Cause: Confederate Nationalism, Fusion Spaces, and the Suppression of Black Agency"

Military History in the Modern Era: Psychology and Airpower in War

Chair/Commentator: Hal Friedman, Henry Ford College, Dearborn

Papers: Kyle Rable, Bowling Green State University, "PSYOPS in Vietnam: Another Story of Lost Opportunity"

Michael Taint, Independent Scholar, "Major General George Owen Squier, Father of American Airpower and Military Technocracy"

Popular Culture and Visual Culture in the Twentieth Century

Chair/Commentator: Caryn Neumann, Miami University of Ohio-Middletown.

Papers: Don Eberle, Napoleon Area Schools, "In These Hard Times': Humor and the Depression in the Mutt and Jeff Comic Strip, 1929-1939"

Nicholas Seay, Ohio State University, "The Space of Revolution: Visual Culture and Imagined Geographies in Soviet Tajikistan"

Environmental History in the Midwestern City

Chair/Commentator: Kip Curtis, Ohio State University

Papers: Julie Mujic, Denison University, "The Jeffrey Company's Gift to Columbus: Coal and Corporate Giving in a Pre-Environmental Context"

Michael Sandy, University of Dayton, "Discovery of the World's Largest Trilobite at Huffman Dam, near Dayton, Ohio"

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DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN



This year the award goes to Wright State University historian Paul Douglas Lockhart. Prof. Lockhart is an expert on Scandinavian history especially but on military history more broadly. He is the author of seven books, most recently *Firepower: How Weapons Shaped Warfare in the Age of the Gun*, which comes out in print this year. Lockhart is currently finishing his eighth book, a microhistory of a controversial murder case from seventeenth-century Denmark; his next project is a history of the Lutheran Reformation in the lands of the

Oldenburg monarchy – Denmark, Norway, Iceland, and Schleswig-Holstein. He has been a member of the history department at Wright State since 1989, and in 2014 the University recognized the excellence of his scholarship by naming him the Brage Golding Distinguished Professor.

In his address, "A Scandinavianist's Lament," Prof. Lockhart will reflect on the rewards and pitfalls of working in "peripheral" fields, why national histories still matter, and what we can learn from the Nordic past.

SESSION III, 11:00A.M.-12:30PM

City, Country, Politics, and Reform in Modern America

Chair/Commentator: Michael Flamm, Ohio Wesleyan University

Papers: Dustin Meier, Ohio State University, "Rethinking Municipal Housekeeping: Settlement House Summer Camping in the Progressive Era"

Anthony Bolton, Bowling Green State University, "A Necessary Evil: Public Reaction to the New Deal in Ohio"

Women, Biography, and Activism in Twentieth-Century America

Chair/Commentator: Jean Friedman, Emerita, University of Georgia

Papers: Maxine Wagenhoffer, Ohio State University, "The Celebrity American Girl: Alice Roosevelt Longworth and White Womanhood"

Rachel McLemore, Mount Saint Mary Academy, Little Rock, Arkansas, "Our Mothers Before Us: Memory and the Nineteenth Amendment"

Doing Hard History: Addressing Difficult Topics in the Classroom and in Print

Chair/Commentator: Tracy Teslow, University of Cincinnati

Papers: Randolph Roth, Ohio State University, "Child Homicide in the U.S., 1959-1988"

Kevin Adams, Kent State University, "Narrating the Conquest of Native America"

Race, Segregation, and Struggle in the United States

Chair/Commentator: Glenn McNair, Kenyon College

Papers: Debra Robinson, Diné College, "From Cross Keyes, Southampton, Virginia, to the Flatwoods Community in Logan County, Ohio: The Legacy of Solomon Day."

Scott King-Owen, Bexley City Schools, "Unmaking Black Bexley: Creating a Wealthy, White Suburb, 1860-1960"

Greyson Teague, Ohio State University, "The Fight Never Ends': Augustus Hawkins and the Long History of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

1:00 P.M.—2:15 P.M., OHIO ACADEMY MIDDAY MEETING

Opening Remarks by Professor Scott Levi, Chair of the Ohio State Department of History

Annual Business Meeting and Awards

Presidential Lecture: Donna DeBlasio, Professor Emerita of History and Applied History at Youngstown State University

"Oral History: Catching the Stories of Our Lives."

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,

Chair/Moderator: Christopher Phillips, University of Cincinnati

Presentations by Patrick Lewis, Filson Historical Society, Richard Nation, Eastern Michigan University, and A. James Fuller, University of Indianapolis

Museum Studies: Time, Place, and The Shaping of Public Understanding

Chair/Commentator: Steve Conn, Miami University of Ohio

Papers: Elizabeth Collins, Bowling Green State University, "Birthplace Museum Narratives: The Case of Thomas Edison"

Stephanie Lang, Kentucky Historical Society, "Reclaiming Appalachian Narratives: The Role of Public History Institutions in Shaping Regional Perspectives"

The Physical World and its Representations in Asian History

Chair/Commentator: Robert Haug, University of Cincinnati

Papers: Henry Misa, Ohio State University, "The Qarakhanid Environmental Policy, 840-1212: Animals, Empire, and the Medieval Climate Anomaly"

Ryoko Okamura, Bowling Green State University, "Censorship and Children's Essays: Representations of the Massacre of Koreans during the 1923 Great Kanto Earthquake"

Electoral Politics in Nineteenth-Century America

Chair/Commentator: Mark Summers, University of Kentucky-Lexington

Papers: Chris Blubaugh, Ohio Dominican University, "Protesting Mr. Madison's War: The Hartford Convention of 1814"

Jacob Mach, Bowling Green State University, "The 'Oberlin Letter,' Jacob Cox, and the Ohio Gubernatorial Election of 1865"



Candidate Biographies: 2021

VP/PRES-ELECT



David J. Staley

David J. Staley is an associate professor in the Department of History at The Ohio State University. He is also Director of the Humanities Institute and Director of the Center for the Humanities in Practice (CHiP) and

holds courtesy appointments in the departments of Design and Educational Studies. He is the author of *Alternative Universities: Speculative Design for Innovation in Higher Education* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2019); *Brain, Mind and Internet: A Deep History and Future* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014); *Computers, Visualization and History, 2nd ed.* (Routledge, 2014); and *History and Future: Using Historical Thinking to Imagine the Future* (Lexington Books, 2007). In addition to his written work, he is host of the “Voices of Excellence in the Arts and Sciences” podcast. He has also designed and curated both online and physical exhibitions and has published numerous visual compositions in digital media. From 2003-2008, Staley was the Executive Director of the American Association for History and Computing (AAHC).

SECRETARY/TREASURER



Janet R. Daly Bednarek

Janet R. Daly Bednarek is a professor of history at the University of Dayton. She served as the secretary-treasurer of the Urban History Association from Jan. 2005 to Jan 2015. During her

tenure as secretary-treasurer she worked closely with the board to build the assets of the Urban History Association from \$12,000 to over \$100,000; collaborated with program chairs to plan five major biennial conferences, which saw attendance grow from 200 to over 600 participants; and managed the modernization of the by-laws, oversaw the production of a newsletter, kept notes of all board meetings, and cooperated with the membership secretary in managing the organization’s cash flow. Her scholarship includes two major works on the history of US airports, *America’s Airports: Airfield Development, 1918-1947* (Texas A&M, 2001) and *Airports Cities and the Jet Age: U.S. 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). She is currently working on a history of 20th century Dayton, Ohio. She has written a number of articles for *The Conversation* and has provided numerous interviews to national media outlets including CNN, CNBC, and NPR on both aviation and airport history. She is a past-president of the Ohio Academy of History and currently serves as a board member (private institution) and as newsletter editor.

Melissah J. Pawlikowski

Melissah J. Pawlikowski is the co-director of the Sustainability Studies program and Faculty in Residence in the History Department at Capital University in Columbus. Melissah is revitalizing the role of History across disciplines by developing multidisciplinary programing. Beyond historical narratives, history courses equip students with dynamic critical thinking and communication skills essential to all fields of study and majors. Her long-standing record as a student favorite is well earned. Melissah inaugurated one of the first early American LGBT+ courses in the country at Capital University. Her research explores multiethnic community building and conflict resolution among American Indian, Black and Euro-American squatters of the 18th century Ohio Valley borderlands. Her first book manuscript is currently under review with the University of North Carolina Press.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: PUBLIC COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY



Lavanya Vemsani

Dr. Lavanya Vemsani is a multi-award-winning scholar and Distinguished University Professor of History at Shawnee State University in the Department of Social Sciences.

Vemsani is also an Honorary Visiting Professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University in the Department of Historical Studies. She holds two doctorates in the subjects of Religious Studies (McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada) and History (University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India) respectively. Her research and teaching interests are interdisciplinary and multifold. She researches and publishes on subjects of ancient history and religions as well as the current history of India. Vemsani’s books include *Krishna in History, Thought, and Culture: An Encyclopedia of the Lord of Many Names*; *Hindu and Jain Mythology of Balarama*; *Hinduism in Text and Context*; in addition to a number of

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articles on History and Religions of India. Her upcoming books include *Feminine Journeys of the Mahabharata*; *Hinduism in Middle India: Narasimha, The Lord of the Middle*; and *India: A New History*. She is the Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Indic Religion* (2020-2023); *American Journal of Indic Studies* (2018-2020); *International Journal of Dharma and Hindu Studies* (2015-17), and associate editor of *Canadian Journal of History*; *The Airforce Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs*, and *Journal of South Asian Religious History* (2017-20). Prof. Vemsani served as President of Ohio Academy of History (2019-20).



Rebecca Zietlow

Rebecca E. Zietlow is the Charles W. Fornoff Professor of Law and Values at The University of Toledo College of Law, where she teaches Constitutional Law, Federal Courts, and Constitutional Litigation. She

received her B.A. from Barnard College and her J.D. from Yale Law School. In 2012, she received The University of Toledo Outstanding Faculty Research Award. Professor Zietlow's scholarly interest is in the study of the Reconstruction Era, including the meaning and history of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Amendments. Professor Zietlow is also an expert on constitutional theory, examining constitutional interpretation outside of the courts. Her most recent book, *The Forgotten Emancipator: James Mitchell Ashley and the Ideological Origins of Reconstruction* was published by Cambridge University Press in 2017. Her first book, *Enforcing Equality: Congress, the Constitution, and the Protection of Individual Rights* (NYU Press 2006), studies the history of congressional protection of rights, and the implications of that history for constitutional theory. Her work has been published in the *Columbia Law Review*, *Boston University Law Review*, *Ohio State Law Journal*, *Florida Law Review*, the *Wake Forest Law Journal*, and the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law*, amongst other publications.

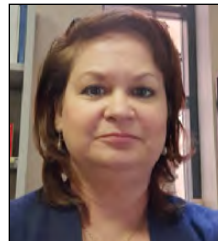
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Tom Suddes

Tom Suddes is an assistant professor at The Ohio State University and coordinator of the E. W. Scripps School of Journalism. Suddes has extensive experience in journalism and currently is a columnist on Ohio

politics in *The [Cleveland] Plain Dealer*, *The Columbus Dispatch*, *Dayton Daily News*, and *Springfield News-Sun*. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to journalism, Suddes was elected to the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame in 2014. Suddes is also associate editor and member of the editorial board at *The [Cleveland] Plain Dealer-Northeast Ohio Media Group*.



Marcelle Wilson

Marcelle Wilson received her doctorate in history from West Virginia University. She currently serves as Site Manager for the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, also known as the

“Steel Museum.” Dr. Wilson developed a ground-breaking series of public history programs, “Sparking Memories,” for individuals suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and memory loss. This series, designed in cooperation with the gerontology program at Youngstown State University, includes a special program for tours of the Steel Museum and two programs that bring artifacts and other primary sources into skilled nursing facilities. Her most recent publication, “Sparking Memories: Memory Tourism for a New Audience,” appeared in *The Public Historian*, August 2020. Dr. Wilson is also a part-time faculty member of Youngstown State University, where she teaches courses in History and in Women’s and Gender Studies. She is currently working on an article, adapted from her dissertation, outlining feminist activity in the American Revolutionary War.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submissions for Fall 2021 Newsletter

Have you or has someone in your department published a book or received an award? Have you or has someone been promoted? Retired? Have your students been involved in particularly interesting projects?

Please send news of your accomplishments as well as those of your colleagues and students for inclusion in the Fall 2021 newsletter.

Send all items to the newsletter editor:
jbednarek1@udayton.edu

Join the Discussions!

The Membership Committee of the Ohio Academy of History convened a Meet & Greet event on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 5pm. This event was specifically geared toward K-12 teachers and university faculty who were new to the state of Ohio and/or new to their positions. The Meet & Greet event for new faculty traditionally occurs on the Friday evening before our fall meeting but in the world that was 2020, we met on Zoom instead. Eighteen historians across the state registered and stopped by our virtual happy hour to introduce themselves, join other historians in learning more about the Ohio Academy of History, and share history happenings in their communities and teaching environments. It was a great conversation – and ran long, actually! – as much momentum was generated and a good time was had by all.

In Spring 2021, the Membership Committee will offer two more programs:

February 18, 2021: Career Exploration for History Majors

April 19, 2021: Activism & Advocacy

Details about both programs and registration links are available on the [OAH website](#). The Membership Committee welcomes all historians in Ohio to join these free, virtual programs...and please pass along the invitation to a colleague who might not yet be familiar with what OAH has to offer!



Call for Judges Ohio History Day

Calling all educators, historians, museum professionals, and anyone with a love of history and community! We need your help to ensure this year's virtual Ohio History Day is a HUGE success for Ohio's students.

Ohio History Day, an affiliate of National History Day, gives students in grades 4-12 the chance to become historians. Based on their own research and aligned to the annual theme, students create exhibits, documentaries, performances, websites and academic papers, and present their findings at competitions. Thousands of students take part in Ohio History Day competitions across the state each year.

To ensure the safety of our students, teachers, judges and staff, this year all ten (10) regional contest and the State Contest will be held virtually. This means you can judge from the comfort of your own home! Ohio History Day students are some of the most dedicated, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic in the state, and by volunteering as a virtual judge you are playing a vital role in helping them continue their learning journey.

Interested in learning more? Check out Ohio History Day's Judge Page for helpful videos, resources, and testimonials from previous judges. To find an Ohio History Day contest and register as a virtual judge, please visit our Sign Up! page here.

Got questions? We have answers – feel free to contact us at historyday@ohiohistory.org. We hope to “see” you soon at a virtual Ohio History Day Contest!

MEETING MINUTES

OAH Executive Council Special Meeting

***OAH Executive Council Special Meeting 7 Aug 2020
1 PM (Zoom)***

Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:04

Robinson proposed \$400 for a grad student to update the list of history professors and public historians.

Cashin Moved, Heiss seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Robinson proposed bringing back Fall Meeting as an online meeting and turn it into a meet and greet for relatively new junior faculty members. Will task the Membership Committee for making arrangements. The Council agreed on this by consensus.

Depending on how many of these new people there are in the updated list, will hold multiple meetings of 12 or 15 or fewer to accommodate everyone.

Public History Committee:

Would like to revitalize the committee and prize.

Both Robinson and Keefer commented that given current conditions both in terms of public attention on interpretations of history and economic stresses on local history organizations, this would be a timely move.

Committee agreed on this by consensus.

Robinson needed to fill last remaining slots in current committee lists. This was accomplished with suggestions from Executive Committee.

Fall Newsletter

should include awards from spring (and we should notify Scott Martin of his Distinguished Service Award).

Bednarek suggested pieces on how institutions around the state are responding to the COVID-19 era.

Should also include info on the meet-and-greet.

DeBlasio mentioned that *Ohio History* is now and open-access journal online. This can be a piece in the Fall Newsletter.

Fall Executive Council Meeting

Will be online, October 17. Due date for nominations, November 15.

Spring Meeting

Given the current uncertainties regarding COVID-19, Robinson proposed Spring Meeting to be virtual. DeBlasio seconded. Unanimously passed.

Will be last weekend in March (25-27), with those on last year's program who still wish to participating in it. Price will be reduced.

Cashin moved, Bednarek seconded we adjourn. Unanimously carried 2:20.

MEETING MINUTES

OAH Executive Council Fall Meeting Agenda

October 17, 2020

Remote Meeting Due to COVID-19 Health Crisis

Call to order, 12:11

Robinson, Keefer, DeBlasio, Hedler, Sayre, Bednarek, Cashin, Mujic, Brooke, Fluker, Vemsani, and Kern in attendance.

Approval of Minutes (see below)

President's Report: *Robinson*

Had a "listening tour" of prospective committee members.

In the future, we need to send links to the Handbook to prospective committee members.

Have a robust slate of committee members, and others who said they will be willing to serve in the future.

Need to empower Public History and Membership Committees in finding members.

We are adding some papers, but not doubling the size of the spring conference.

Local Arrangements: *Brooke*

Conference will not necessarily be a webinar, but rather a regular Zoom situation with a lot of breakout rooms, each with own code. All registrants get codes and passwords for each event. Panelists will share content, with an OSU-affiliated host for each.

Vice President's Report: *DeBlasio*

Hired a grad student to update the Membership List. She did a good job and was done on time.

Past President's Report

Not much to report.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Not much to report. No conference meant no major outlays or receipts. Cut a check for the History Day winner. Will pay grad student for the membership list update.

Archivist's Report

No Report

Standing Committee Reports:

Conference Committee Report:

Already given

Program Committee Report:

Cashin

Contacted everyone almost everyone on the spring program. Three people dropped out, but others found to replace them. One panel collapsed, but one that had collapsed last spring has reconstituted.

Distinguished Historian will present.

Thanks to the other committee members for their hard work.

Nominating Committee Report:

Fluker

Still Looking for nominations for VP/Pres-elect and Public College Rep.

Membership Committee: *Mujic*

Will hold meet-and-greet for new faculty on November 12 at 5:00 (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ohio-academy-of-history-meet-greet-fall-2020-tickets-125350666217>)

E.C. Members should please feel free to register/join

Newsletter Committee: *Bednarek*

Should use the new list to send out. Website needs to be updated, still with 2019 deadlines. Maybe we should also think of extending the deadlines.

Distinguished Historian: We already have one from last year who will be presenting. Suggested suspending the award for this year.

If a few departments send in updates for the spring newsletter, this might prompt other departments to submit reports for future newsletters.

As soon as she hears from Donna, will send out the final version.

Also, we should look toward more

diversity in future Distinguished Historian Award—we can do better. Let's try to trigger a diverse pool of nominees.

Mujic suggested that we pay another \$50 for the grad student to turn the new list into a usable Excel spreadsheet.

Vote to suspend Distinguished Historian award for 2021: Unanimous.

Vote to extend due dates for all nominees and awards to December 15: Unanimous.

Vote for an additional \$50 to the grad student to turn new list into an Excel Spreadsheet: Unanimous.

Proceedings: *Robinson*

We have none.

Public History: *DeBlasio*

We have a committee now: Meghan Reed, Marcel Wilson, Susan Tietz. Will try to reinstitute the Public History Award.

New Business:

Robinson attended OHC meeting and saw new strategic plan. Asked Hedler if we could put a blurb about the revamping OHC campus in the spring newsletter. Hedler said that would be fine after it gets approved.

Kern extended his thanks to Hedler for spearheading the remaking of Geoffrey Parker's Distinguished Historian Plaque after a trophy shop error.

Robinson proposed subcommittee for determining the registration fee for next conference (DeBlasio, Vemsani, Robinson, Mujic, Kern). Will hold a Zoom conference on this for January.

Robinson: Note to Academy will be 2020-focused. Thanks for letting me enter it into the record.

Move to Adjourn at 1:13.

Keefer moved, Kern seconded. Unanimous.

2021 OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS



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FINANCIAL REPORT

February, 2021

CURRENT BALANCES

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3 FEB 2021\$36,655.52
BALANCE WITH OHC	
31 DEC 2020\$427.90
REMAINING	
ENDOWMENT CD:\$ 5,169.51
TOTAL\$42,252.93

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