

Finding the Lost Region: Third Midwestern History Conference

DRAFT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Grand Valley State University

Grand Rapids, Michigan

7:00 AM – 7:45 AM

**Annual Business Meeting for the
Midwestern History Association**

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Morning Plenary Address:

“Title TBD.”

Michael Barone, American Enterprise Institute.

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

First Panel Session

- **“African-American History in the Midwest.”**
 - Chair: **Roy Finkenbine**, University of Detroit Mercy.
 - “Forgotten Son: Oscar Charleston, Midwestern Sports Legend.”
Jeremy Beer, American Philanthropic, LLC.
 - “Black Anarchists in the Midwest.”
Michelle Campbell and Wesley R. Bishop, Purdue University.
 - “The African-American Community of Sioux Falls, 1900-1927.”
Stephen R. Cusulos, Independent Scholar.
 - “Jazz and Kansas City: The Integration of the African-American Community.”
Kevin Silva, Elmhurst College.

- **“Business, Labor, and Capitalism in the Midwest in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries.”**
 - Chair/Commentator: **Jon C. Teaford**, Purdue University.
 - “Old Crow Wing: Midwestern Frontier Fur Trade Capitalism in Crow Wing County, Minnesota, 1800-1850.”
John Byczynski, Western Michigan University.
 - “Discovery of a New Story: The Stockton Township Teacher Strike of 1919.”
Dan Golodner, Wayne State University.
 - “Gilded Frontiers and the Middle West.”
Andrew Offenburger, Miami University.
 - “Farming by Rail: Demonstration Trains and the Rise of Mobile Agricultural Science in the Great Plains.”
David D. Vail, University of Nebraska at Kearney.

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First Panel Session (continued)

- **“Great Lakes History Roundtable: The Past and Future of Maritime History in the Heartland.”**
 - **Jay C. Martin**, Central Michigan University.
 - **Lynne Heasley**, Western Michigan University.
 - **Dana Brown**, Chattanooga State Community College.
 - **Matthew Daley**, Grand Valley State University.
 - **Theodore J. Karamanski**, Loyola University Chicago.

- **“The History of Punk Rock in the Midwest.”**
 - Chair/Commentator: **Dave McMahon**, Kirkwood Community College.
 - “Youth Gone Mad: Rockford Rebels Re-Ignite the Rust Belt’s Radicalism, 1970s-2000s.” **David Ensminger**, Lee College.
 - “‘Livin’ in Sin With a Safety Pin’: The Importance of Cleveland in the Punk Rock Movement.” **Rachael Price**, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.
 - “‘The Recline of Midwestern Civilization’: Midwest Punk and the 1980s.” **Jonathan Williams**, Boston University.

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First Panel Session (continued)

- **“Latinos in the Twentieth-Century Midwest: Pushing the Boundaries of Latino and Midwestern History.”**
 - Chair and Commentator: **Delia Fernández**, Michigan State University.
 - “‘Too Long in a Position of Patron’: Latino-Serving Organizations, Religion, and Fights for Self-Determination in Civil Rights-Era Milwaukee.”
Sergio M. González, University of Wisconsin – Madison.
 - “Ethnic Mexican Migrants in the Industrial Midwest and the Settlement House Movement: Gary, IN, 1919-2001.”
Felicia Morales, University of Notre Dame.
 - “Meatpacking, Mexican Immigration and the Transformation of a Midwest City.” **Carolina Ortega**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
 - “Forging a Midwestern Mexican Community: Seasonal Labor and Consulate Activities in Kansas and Nebraska During the Twentieth Century.”
Bryan Winston, Saint Louis University.

- **“Over There, Back Here: Midwestern Experiences During World War I and Its Aftermath.”**
 - Chair: **Jo Ellyn Clarey**, Greater Grand Rapids Women’s History Council.
 - “Julia Grace Wales and Wisconsin’s Plan to End the First World War.”
Deborah Buffton, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.
 - “‘About Broken Down with Ceaseless Work’: Care of the Ill and the Dead in Rural Areas, and Small Cities and Towns of the Midwest during the Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919.” **Gari-Anne Patzwald**, Independent Scholar.
 - “Between Bolos and the British: Perils and Privations of American Doughboys in Northern Russia, 1918-1919.”
Jeff Schultz, Luzerne County Community College.

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First Panel Session (continued)

- **“Midwestern Politics in the Progressive Era.”**
 - Chair: **Jason Duncan**, Aquinas College.
 - “Exploring Michigan’s Role in the City Manager Movement.”
Neal Buckwalter, Grand Valley State University.
 - “Woman Suffrage and Civic Responsibility in the Midwest: South Dakota, 1914.” **Sara Egge**, Centre College.
 - “Belle Maniates’ Novel *David Dunne*: Champion of the Progressive Movement?” **Patricia Oman**, Hastings College.

- **“Midwestern Regionalism.”**
 - Chair: **Jon Lauck**, Midwestern History Association.
 - Commentator: **Wendy Griswold**, Northwestern University.
 - “The American Midwest: A Region or an Anti-Region?”
Bruce Bigelow, Butler University.
 - “Legacy of Dissent: The Civil War Roots of Midwestern Regionalism.”
Christopher Phillips, University of Cincinnati.
 - “Commemoration and Confrontation: Patriotic Nationalism in the Antebellum Midwest.” **Adam Criblez**, Southeast Missouri State University.
 - “The Midwestern Roots of Theories of Regionalism and Cultural Pluralism.”
Michael C. Steiner, California State University – Fullerton.

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First Panel Session (continued)

- **“Settling the Midwest: Origins, Migrations, Genealogies.”**
 - Chair/Commentator: **John E. Miller**, South Dakota State University.
 - “From the Highlands to the Plain: Scottish Heritage in the Midwestern United States.” **Thomas Richardson**, National Personnel Records Center, NARA.
 - “The Distribution and Origins of German Natives in the Old Northwest in 1850.” **Gregory S. Rose**, The Ohio State University at Marion.
 - “We took Ohio without firing a shot!': Southern Appalachian Migrants Invade the Midwest.” **Emily B. Wagner**, Loyola University Chicago;
Thomas E. Wagner, University of Cincinnati;
Phillip J. Obermiller, University of Cincinnati.

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Lunch Break

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM

Afternoon Plenary Address:

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Erik McDuffie, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Second Panel Session

- “**Fermentation and Frontiers: Midwestern Beer in the 19th and 21st Centuries.**”
 - Chair: **Patrick Pospisek**, Grand Valley State University.
 - Commentator: **William Kerrigan**, Muskingum University.
 - “The ‘White Alien’: German Immigrants, Brewing, and Citizenship in 1850s Chicago and Cincinnati.” **Brian Alberts**, Purdue University.
 - “‘The Cultural Struggle of Immigrant Workers’: Ethnic Fluidity Among Immigrant Brewery Workers in Chicago and Milwaukee, 1895-1914.”
Alison Orton, University of Illinois at Chicago.
 - “Community Memory: Midwest Craft Brewing and Hyperlocal History.”
Josh Sopiartz, Governors State University.
- “**Heartland Heritage: Parks and Public History in Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Wisconsin.**”
 - Chair: **Scott St. Louis**, Grand Valley State University.
 - “Using Public History to Reimagine and Promote Midwestern History.”
Brie Swenson Arnold, Coe College.
 - “Indiana State Parks and the Landscape of Modernity.”
Steven Burrows, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
 - “For the Enjoyment of the People: The Creation of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.” **Kathy S. Mason**, University of Findlay.
 - “The Case for Josette Juneau: Wisconsin’s Fur Trade History in Public.”
Mia Phifer, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

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Second Panel Session (continued)

- **“Histories of Religion in the Midwest.”**
 - Chair/Commentator: **Dave McMahon**, Kirkwood Community College.
 - “Wisconsin Marianism and Upper Midwestern Catholic Culture, 1858-2010.” **Michael Pfeifer**, City University of New York.
 - “For God and Country: Case Studies of Early American Muslims in the Midwest.” **Ryan Schuessler**, Independent Scholar.

- **“Innovative Approaches to Native American History in the Midwest.”**
 - Chair: **Sean O’Neill**, Grand Valley State University.
 - “Applying Game Theory to the Strategic Options Available to Tecumseh’s Native Confederacy for Control of the Lower Great Lakes Prior to the War of 1812.” **Evelyn M. Buday**, Ivy Tech Community College.
 - “‘The young folks [want] to go in and see the Indians’: Davenport Citizens, the Press, and Dakota Prisoners of War.” **Linda Clemmons**, Illinois State University.
 - “Indigenous Nations and Settler Resentment: From the Reagan Era to the Rise of Trump.” **Doug Kiel**, Northwestern University.
 - “Surveying as an Act of War: Conflict over Land Assessment in U.S. Imperial Expansion and in Potawatomi ‘Survivance.’” **David B.H. Lehman**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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Second Panel Session (continued)

- **“The Intellectual History of the Midwest.”**
 - Chair/Commentator: **Paul Murphy**, Grand Valley State University.
 - “Rural Realists and Other Romantics: Agrarianism from Hamlin Garland to John Mellencamp.” **Michael Allen**, University of Washington Tacoma.
 - “Wild Ideas and Rites of Autumn: Dan O’Brien’s ‘Difficult’ Land Ethic.”
Tycho de Boer, Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota.
 - “Horace M. Kallen, Wisconsin, and the Midwestern Roots of Cultural Pluralism, 1911-1918.”
Michael C. Steiner, California State University – Fullerton.

- **“The Woman’s Committee of the WWI Council of National Defense in the Midwest.”**
 - Chair: **Jo Ellyn Clarey**, Greater Grand Rapids Women’s History Council.
 - “Creating ‘An Army of Housewives’: The Woman’s Committee Food Programs of World War I.”
Anita Anthony-VanOrsdal, Michigan State University.
 - “Hooverizing and Managing the Nation’s Women: The Example of Jasper County, Indiana.” **Sue Caldwell**, Indiana Genealogical Society.
 - “Schoolyard Patriots: Municipal Housekeepers and Government in Grand Rapids, Michigan.” **Jayson Otto**, Aquinas College.

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Second Panel Session (continued)

- **“Midwestern Editors’ Roundtable: Shaping Midwestern History.”**
 - **Ray Boomhower**, Indiana Historical Society Press.
 - **Kathy Borkowski**, Wisconsin Historical Society Press.
 - **Sara Phillips**, Wisconsin Historical Society Press.
 - **Laura Weber**, Minnesota Historical Society Press.

- **“Roundtable on Teaching the Midwest.”**
 - **Bruce Bigelow**, Butler University.
 - **Matthew Daley**, Grand Valley State University.
 - **Matthew N. Vosmeier**, Hanover College.
 - **Fred Witzig**, Monmouth College.

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Third Panel Session

- **“Art, Industry, Politics, and War: The Midwest in the Mid-Twentieth Century.”**
 - Chair: **Pamela Riney-Kehrberg**, Iowa State University.
 - “Selling Iowa: The Iowa Industrial Development Commission and the Recruitment of Industrial Manufacturing, 1945-1960.”
Coreen Derifield, East Central College.
 - “John Steuart Curry’s Agricultural Army.”
Lara Kuykendall, Ball State University.
 - “The Isolationist Stance of Ohio Senators Robert Taft and John Bricker after World War II.” **Bernard Lemelin**, Université Laval.
 - “Prisoners of War in World War II Michigan.”
Gregory Sumner, University of Detroit Mercy.
- **“From Wilderness to World Class City: An Exploration of Identity Within the City of Holland by the Holland Film Group.”**
 - **Robert P. Swierenga**, Hope College.
 - **Rob Byrd**, Moondog Productions.
- **“The New Midwestern Politics? A Roundtable on 2016 and Beyond.”**
 - Chair/Commentator: **Ted Frantz**, University of Indianapolis.
 - **Sergio M. González**, University of Wisconsin – Madison.
 - **Cory Haala**, Marquette University.
 - **Matt Reiter**, University of Wisconsin – Madison.

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- **“Poverty, Power, and the Plow: Midwestern Interactions with Slavery and Social Welfare.”**
 - Chair/Commentator: **Kathryn Schumaker**, University of Oklahoma.
 - “The Agricultural Roots of Midwestern Social Welfare.”
Megan Birk, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.
 - “Negro Town: A Farming Settlement of Runaway Slaves on Ohio’s Wyandot Grand Reserve.” **Roy E. Finkenbine**, University of Detroit Mercy.
 - “‘Do Help Us Out of Our Troubles’: The Origins of the Myth of the Second Party System.” **Andrew Wiley**, University of Calgary.

- **“Preserving the Voice of the Individual: A Panel Presented by Members of the Board of the Michigan Oral History Association.”**
 - Chair: **Richard Peiffer**, G. Robert Vincent Voice Library at Michigan State University.
 - “The Importance of Oral History.”
Geneva Kebler Wiskemann, Michigan Oral History Association.
 - “Oral History Projects.”
Jim Cameron, Michigan Department of Education.
Donna Odom, Society for History and Racial Equity.
Karen Schaumann, Schoolcraft College.
 - “The Michigan Oral History Association.”
Richard Peiffer, G. Robert Vincent Voice Library at Michigan State University.

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- **“Regional and Rural Identities in the Midwest.”**
 - Chair/Commentator: **Ned Watts**, Michigan State University.
 - “Defining Success on the Great Plains: An Individual Interpretation.”
Brandon Duxbury, Iowa State University.
 - “‘A Perfect Community’: When the Agricultural History You Write About Is Your Own.” **Zachary Michael Jack**, North Central College.
 - “‘This is not Wobegone’: Rural Identity and Robert and Nell Peters.”
Patricia Stovey, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.

- **“The Significance of Agriculture in the Civil War Era.”**
 - Chair/Commentator: **R. Douglas Hurt**, Purdue University.
 - “Indiana Agriculture During the Civil War.”
Richard F. Nation, Eastern Michigan University.
 - “Midwestern Agriculture and Radical Republican Politics: Oliver P. Morton’s Nationalist Vision of Indiana in the Civil War Era.”
A. James Fuller, University of Indianapolis.
 - “Agriculture, Nationalism, and Civil War Memory at the Centennial Exhibition, 1876.” **Krista Kinslow**, Boston University.

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- **“The Uses of Public Memory in the Rural American Midwest.”**
 - Chair/Commentator: **David Zwart**, Grand Valley State University.
 - “The Uses of the Past: Public Memory and Farm Historical Pageantry During the 1920s.” **Nancy Berlage**, Texas State University.
 - “‘Then We Traveled by the North Star’: African-American Remembrances of Slavery and War in Central Iowa, 1865-1922.”
David Brodnax, Trinity Christian College.
 - “Little House and Little Church: Memory and the Church in the Published Works of Laura Ingalls Wilder.” **John J. Fry**, Trinity Christian College.

- **“Woods, Water, Weather, and Wilderness: Navigating, Conserving, and Transforming Midwestern Environments.”**
 - Chair: **William Kerrigan**, Muskingum University.
 - “The Amazing Journey of the *Grand* and the *Rapids*: Traversing Wisconsin in a 1909 Steamboat.” **Charles Baclawski**, Independent Scholar.
 - “‘We realize that this is a long term proposition’: Soil and Water Conservation in Ottawa County, Michigan, 1935-1955.”
Matthew Daley, Grand Valley State University.
 - “Booming the Cutover: The Campaign for Explosives in the Wisconsin Forest, 1916-1928.” **James Kates**, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater.
 - “Indiana’s Wilderness Fight, 1973-1983.”
Kevin McKelvey, University of Indianapolis.

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

**Reception in Honor of
Midwestern History Association Award Recipients**

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Evening Plenary Addresses:
Locating New Frontiers in Midwestern History**

“Approaching a New Historical Atlas of Midwestern History with
Deep Maps and Digital History.”

Jason Heppler, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

“Title TBD.” **D. Bradford Hunt**, Newberry Library.

8:30 PM – 10:00 PM

**Informal Gathering:
Grand Rapids Brewing Company**

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