Missouri Valley History Conference

March 1-3, 2018

Resistance & Activism Throughout History
2018 MISSOURI VALLEY HISTORY CONFERENCE

Keynote Address
“Resistance, Activism and the Problem of Results: Thinking About 1968”

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

In 1968, leftist activists in America struggled to reconcile their desire for revolution with their hopes for making significant changes in the life of their nation and in the everyday lives of their fellow citizens. Activists heatedly debated tactics, strategy, and the purpose of the social change movements to which they had dedicated so much. In his keynote address, Farber will explore how some Sixties-era movement activists attempted to reconcile radicalism and pragmatism . . . and how and why some refused.

5:00 pm
Magnolia Hotel Ballroom
Book Signing to Follow Lecture

Dr. David Farber, University of Kansas

David Farber is the Roy A. Roberts Distinguished Professor of History at the University of Kansas. His books include Chicago ‘68, The Sixties: From Memory to History, Everybody Ought to be Rich, and The Rise and Fall of Modern American Conservatism. His history of the American Sixties, The Age of Great Dreams, has been taught in over 1000 college classrooms. He has lectured on American political history all over the United States and in China, Russia, Lebanon, Indonesia, Japan, Germany, France, Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

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Thursday, March 1
Registration Open: 11:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
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Sessions: 2:15–3:45 p.m.
Sessions: 4:00–5:30 p.m.
Welcoming Reception: 5:30–6:30 p.m.
SMH Huddle at Upstream: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 2
Breakfast Buffet: 7:30–8:30 a.m.
Registration Open: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sessions: 8:15–9:45 a.m.
Sessions: 10:00–11:30 a.m.
UNO Roundtable for Undergraduates: 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
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Sessions: 3:15–4:45 p.m.
Western History Happy Hour: 4:00–5:00 p.m.
MVHC Keynote: 5:15 p.m.
Reception & Book Signing: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 3
Breakfast Buffet: 7:30–8:30 a.m.
Registration Open: 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Sessions: 8:15–9:45 a.m.
Sessions: 10:00–11:30 a.m.
Phi Alpha Theta Lunch & Keynote: 11:45 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Sessions: 2:15–3:45 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 1

11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Registration Desk Open | Magnolia Ballroom

12:30-2:00 p.m.
Sessions Begin

Session 1: Resistance & Activism in World History
Location: Library (Phi Alpha Theta Session)

Chair & Commentator: Eric Colvard, Wayne State College

Jonas Chang, Truman State University
McDonald Territory: Secession as Dialogue

Annie Rydland, University of St. Thomas
This Land is My Land: Armenia & Azerbaijan’s Historical Relationships and Claims to Nagorno-Karabakh

Chandler Fielder, Hastings College
Urban Warfare Through the Lens of Northern Ireland: The Loughgall Ambush & Operation Judy

Molly R. McIntosh, University of St. Thomas
Right-Wing Populism and Radicalization: A British Case Study

Session 2: Modern Human Rights, Utopianism, and Identity Politics
Location: Blue Bonnet (Phi Alpha Theta Session)

Chair & Commentator: Sam Goodfellow, Westminster College

Cameron Green, University of Wyoming

Ryan Ries, University of St. Thomas
Methods of Utopia and Realities of Development: The Sino Soviet Split in South Africa

Copper Collier, Graceland University
Human Rights & President Carter: Afghanistan, the Soviet Union, and the 1980 Olympic Boycott

Carter Jeffery, Northwest Missouri State University
Sins of the Fatherland: Constructing Modern German Identity
THURSDAY, MARCH 1
12:30-2:00 P.M.

**Session 3: Civil War Resistance**
Location: Columbine (Society for Military History Session)
Chair: Chris Rein, Combat Studies Institute
Adam Petty, University of Alabama
The Wilderness and Strategy
David Schieffler, University of Arkansas
Unwriting the Freedom Narrative in the Trans-Mississippi:
Contraband Camps at Helena, Arkansas, during the Civil War
Spencer Davis, Emeritus, Peru State College
Frederick Douglas and the Antislavery Strategy
Commentator: Laura Davis, Southern Utah University

**Session 4: Changing Course: Navigating Women’s Roles in American Steamboat History**
Room: Lavender West
Chair: Douglas Biggs, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Laura M. Enomoto, Coastline Community College
Steamboat Travel: ‘An Unheard of Journey for Females’
Robert Roy Foresman, North Dakota State University
Commission the Ladies:
Female Steamboat Innovators on America’s Inland Waterways, 1870-1905
Kassandra L. Nelson, Metropolitan Community College
Emerging from the Shadows: Lending Voice to Steamboat Historian Virginia Burlingame
Commentator: Linda Van Ingen, University of Nebraska at Kearney

**Session 5: Atomic Research, Cold War Modernization, and 9/11**
Room: Lotus
Chair & Commentator: Leisl Carr-Childers, University of Northern Iowa
Katie Rice, Grand View University
“Finding Arlene”: The Story of a History Undergraduate’s Search for One Women’s Amazing Story
Amid the Secrecy of the Manhattan Project
Shannon Hayes, University of Nebraska at Omaha
The Impact of Immigration on Cold War Modernization Efforts: A Case Study of South Korea
Taylor Hamblin, University of South Dakota
Training the South Dakota Army National Guard Officers: The Influence of September 11
THURSDAY, MARCH 1
2:15-3:45 P.M.

Session 6: American History and Popular Culture
Room: Library (Phi Alpha Theta Session)

Chair & Commentator: Spencer Davis, Peru State College

Megan Maul, University of Nebraska at Kearney
The Social and Cultural Meaning of Kool-Aid

William Thompson, Hastings College
Is Suicide a Sin? Robert G. Ingersoll’s American Agnosticism

Chester Pelsang, Truman State University
How Goldfinger Gamed the System

Patrick Vrbka, Doane University
Raymond Yellow Thunder and His Death

Session 7: Nazi Indoctrination and Follow Through
Room: Columbine (Society for Military History Session)

Chair: Chris Simer, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Mike Anderson, University of Kent, UK
An Analysis of the Propagandization of the Diercke Schulatlas für höhere Lehranstalten

Justin Pfeifer, Peru State College
German Responses to Partisan Warfare on the Eastern Front

Carson Teuscher, Oxford University
A Dane Abroad: Reexamining Resistance in Italy, 1942-1945

Chad S.A. Gibbs, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Lessons from the Treblinka Archive: Transnational Collections and their Implications for Historical Research

Commentator: Connie Harris, Dickinson State University

Session 8: Ancient History
Room: Blue Bonnet

Chair & Commentator: Jeanne Reames, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Ann Putz-Haerkost, University of Nebraska at Omaha
The Evolution of the Macedonian Kingdom: From Pastoralism to Urban Center?

Taylor Gruman, University of Missouri, Columbia
The Battle of Tanagra and the Myth Thessalian Class-Conflict

Graham Wrightson, South Dakota State University
Notes on the Origins of the Macedonian Phalanx

Dan Powers, American Public University
The Ionian Revolt as Insurgency
Session 9:  
The Tradition of Resistance & Activism at Haskell Indian Nations University, 1884-Present  
Room: Lavender West

Chair & Commentator: Eric Anderson, Haskell Indian Nations University

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Assimilation & Ambivalence: Student Resistance at Haskell Institute, 1884-1900

P. Cody Marshall, Haskell Indian Nations University  
Native American Mascots: The Red Power Movement’s Lost Opportunity

Clayton Baxter, Haskell Indian Nations University  
Staging Activism: Haskell’s Thunderbird Theatre and Indian Country

Clifford Douma, Haskell Indian Nations University  
Decolonization through Education: Sovereignty & Student Activism at Haskell

Session 10: Women Leaders and their Legacies  
Room: Lotus

Chair & Commentator: Marilyn L. Grady, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Elaine Rice, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Neola Walker: Inspirational Leader of the Winnebago Tribe

Kelley Rice, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Dr. Clair Owens: A Remarkable Nebraska Woman

Margaret Kester, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Dorcas Cavett: A Nebraska Education Pioneer

Marilyn L. Grady, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Alwilda C. Thatcher: An Uncommon Education and an Uncommon Life

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4:00-5:30 p.m.

Session 11: Nebraska & Great Plains History
Room: Lavender West (Phi Alpha Theta Session)

Commentator: Joseph Weixelman, Wayne State College

Katherine Anielak, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Prohibition in Omaha: Its Impact on Business and the Social Sphere

Jacob McGinley, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Samuel McElvie and Amending Nebraska

Joseph Prickett, Hastings College
‘For the Laborer is Worthy of His Hire’:
Moral Authority, Great Plains Urbanity, and the Evolution of the Populist Movement

Jordan Schliesser, Doane College
The Death of Brandon Teena: A Hate Crime That Inspired Change

Session 12: Resistance & Activism in European History
Room: Blue Bonnet (Phi Alpha Theta Session)

Commentator: Devlin Scofield, Northwest Missouri State University

Timothy Martin, St. Cloud State University
Fighting the Devil: Militant Terminology and Its Use by Medieval Ecclesiastics

Lisa Blauvelt, Hastings College
The Schola Medica Salernitana:
An Investigation of the Waning Reputation of a Medieval Medical School

Ryan Robinson, University of Central Missouri
The Faust Tradition in German Nationalism

Kylie Luth, Hastings College
A Staunch Unionist in Victorian Ireland

Session 13: Ancient Military Art
Room: Columbine (Society for Military History Session)

Chair & Commentator: Jonathan Roth, San Jose State University

Seth Kendall, Georgia Gwinnett College
The Art of War in the First Book of Polybius

Laura Valiani, Georgia State University
Polybius and the Battle of Panormus

Chris Newman, Elgin Community College
Troy, the Hittites, and the Mycenaeans
THURSDAY, MARCH 1

4:00-5:30 P.M.

Session 14: The American Revolution and Commerce
Room: Lotus

Commentator: John Grigg, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Timothy C. Hemmis, Texas A&M University
Hard Times and Hard Luck: Merchants and the Economics of Revolutionary Resistance, 1765-1776

Jared Koelzer, Peru State College
All the King’s Men: British Perceptions of Revolutionary America and Plans for its Future

Session 15: Genocide and War in Europe
Room: Library

Commentator: Mary Lyons Carmona, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Holly Polak, South Dakota State University
An Gorta Mor: The Question of Genocide in the Great Famine of Ireland

Eric C. Smith, University of North Texas
Failures in Napoleon’s Style of Command

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
WELCOMING RECEPTION
Magnolia Ballroom

Join us for hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and good conversation!

Society for Military History Huddle
Upstream Brewing Company, 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 2

7:30–8:30 a.m.
Breakfast Buffet  |  Magnolia Ballroom

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Registration Desk Open | Magnolia Ballroom

8:15–9:45 a.m.
Sessions Begin

Session 16: Labor, Suffrage, & the Great War in Europe
Room: Library (Phi Alpha Theta Session)

Commentator: Douglas Biggs, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Dean Michel, Chadron State College
Whalers and Their Place in Society

Caitlin Selle, Truman State University
Hearing History: Studying the 1916 Easter Rising through The Foggy Dew

Tracie Grube-Gaurkee, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Patriotism, Suffrage, and the First World War

Natasha Helme, Northwest Missouri State University
The Great War’s Mental Health Epidemic

Session 17: Vietnam Strategy and Resistance
Room: Columbine (Society for Military History Session)

Chair & Commentator: Jerome Martin, Emeritus, Strategic Command Historian

Mark Boulton, Westminster College
Beallsville’s War Overcoming Tragedy in the Town that Gave Most during the Vietnam War

Justin Major, Louisiana State University
The Principle of Concentration in the Vietnam War

Amy Rutenberg, Iowa State University
The Right Not to Serve:
How Draft Counseling Undermined the Citizen-Soldier Ideal During the Vietnam War
FRIDAY, MARCH 2
8:15-9:45 A.M.

Session 18: Interwar US Army Developments
Room: Lotus (Society for Military History Session)

Chair: John Broom, Norwich University

Chris Rein, Combat Studies Institute
Forging the Sword: The Development, Training & Application of American Tactical Air Doctrine in World War II

Katherine Wilson, Norwich University
Architects of a New Army and the Role of Personal Relationships

Commentator: Steve Bourque, Emeritus, School of Advanced Military Studies, CGSC

Session 19: Resistance in the Great War & World War II
Room: Blue Bonnet

Chair & Commentator: Mark Celinscak, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Roy G. Koepp, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Rudolf Kanzler and the Paramilitary Movement in Bavaria

Andrew McGuire, University of Nebraska at Kearney
World War I, Peace Officers and the Minnesota Commission on Public Safety

Michael P. Berry, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Our Schools in Wartime: The WWI Propaganda Campaign in Public Schools and the National Emergency in Education

Samuel Huston Goodfellow, Westminster College
German Resistance in Southwest Africa: Transnational Nazi Activism, 1930-1948

Session 20: History of the American West and Resistance
Room: Lavender West

Chair & Commentator: Michael Childers, University of Northern Iowa

Robert Nickels, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Does Turner Still Matter?: The Frontier Thesis at 125

Drew D. Folk, Oklahoma State University
Rebuilding, Retention, and Revivals: Religion’s Role in Resisting Fear and Stabilizing Nebraska Sandhills Society during the Great Depression 1929-1941
FRIDAY, MARCH 2
10:00-11:30 A.M.

Session 21: Great Plains & Midwestern History
Room: Blue Bonnet (Phi Alpha Theta Session)

Commentator: Renee Laegreid, University of Wyoming

Travis Willnerd, Doane University
The Republican River Flood of 1935

Kelly J. Herold, University of Nebraska at Kearney
The National Farm Organization in Buffalo County Wisconsin: Violence, Intimidation and Farming in the Dairylând

Shaun Province, Doane University
The Starkweather Effect

Megan Rogers, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Grothan: Women’s History at Historic Sites

Session 22: Revolution, War, & Indigenous History
Room: Library (Phi Alpha Theta Session)

Commentator: Kari Zimmerman, University of St. Thomas

Keziah Johnson, Chadron State College
The Egyptian Revolution of 2011: National Discontent Fueled by Anti-Zionism

Chord Buscho, Minnesota State University, Mankato
El Sendero Luminoso: The Shining Path and the Indigenous People of Peru

Broc Anderson, University of Nebraska at Kearney
The Cuban Revolution and the Evolution of Public Space

Clyde Brant, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Blessing or Curse: Oil Production in the Second World War

Session 23: Great Plains & American Indian History
Room: Lavender West

Chair & Commentator: Elaine Nelson, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Matthew Deepe, Oklahoma State University
Protest on the Southern Plains: The Ghost Dance as Political Resistance and Activism

Chris Steinke, University of Nebraska at Kearney
River Blockades in the Eighteenth-Century Missouri Fur Trade

Catherine J. Warren, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Anthony J. Pasley, University of Nebraska at Omaha
History of the Nemaha Reservation: 19th Century Ioway Identity
Friday, March 2
10:00-11:30 A.M.

Session 24: 19th Century British & American Leaders and Resistance
Room: Columbine (Society for Military History Session)

Chair & Commentator: John Reese, Air College of Command and Staff

Donald Bittner, Marine Corp Command and Staff College
“In the Interest of the Public Service” Royal Marine Artillery Officers’ Failures and Career Consequences, Royal Naval College, 1879-1885

Arka Chowdhury, University of Bengal
Pawns of War: Combat Effectiveness in the Second Afghan War

Randy Mullis, Angelo State University
Red Sticks, Black Hawk, & Yellow Wolf: Early 19th-Century Native American Resistance Strategies

Vernon Volpe, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Mexican American War, or Mexican and Indian War?

Session 25: Religious History and Activism
Room: Lotus

Chair & Commentator: Zachery Smith, Creighton University

Curtis Hutt, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Subaltern Religion: A Critical Pedagogy for Historians

Ofelia May, University of South Dakota
A History of Jesuit Missionary Priests in England Between 16th and 17th Centuries

Charles J. Reid, Jr., University of St. Thomas
Ancient Hebraic Prophetic Thought: Social Justice and Resistance

Hayley Ellis, Grand View University
Iowa’s Militant Suffragist, Eleanor Gordon: How a Unitarian Minister Shaped the Suffrage Movement

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Roundtable: "Thinking about an M.A. in History at UNO"
Magnolia Ballroom
All undergraduate students are invited. Light snacks and beverages will be provided

Facilitators:
Jeanne Reames, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Danielle Battisti, University of Nebraska at Omaha
FRIDAY, MARCH 2
1:30–3:00 P.M.

Session 26: American Indian History
Room: Blue Bonnet (Phi Alpha Theta)

Commentator: Brandi Hagemann, Doane University

Lucas Fralick, University of Wyoming
Tlingit and the United States: Land Law

Christopher Sudol, University of Wyoming
Power Through Water: Southwest Native American Agency

Sawyer Young, Westminster College
Consequences of American Indian Veteran Assimilation Post WWI

Kylie Gower, University of Wyoming
Native American Imagery and Perceptions during WWII

Session 27: 20th Century Lebanon & Israeli Diplomatic and Military Operations
Room: Columbine (Society for Military History)

Chair: Randy Mullis, Angelo State University

Max von Bargen, Ohio State University
British and American Grand Strategy and Peacekeeping in Lebanon, 1982–1984

Kate Tietzen, Kansas State University

Jacob Stoil, School for Advanced Military Studies, CGSC
Israel and the Sea: Lebanon and the Decline of IDF Amphibious Forces

Schlomo Abramovich, Bar Ilan University
Militarism and Religion—Three Generations of Tension in the Israeli IDF

Commentator: Sean Kalic, US Army Command and General Staff College

Session 28: Roman History
Room: Library

Chair & Commentator: Charles King, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Avery Sage, South Dakota State University
Julius Caesar: Speed, Surprise and Innovation at Pharsalus

Gaius Stern, San Jose State University
National Heroes Who Resisted the Romans in Vain

Kwynn Kelly, Baker University
Roman Waterwheels and Gaul: To Feed an Army
FRIDAY, MARCH 2
1:30-3:00 P.M.

Session 29: Defense in the Modern Age
Room: Magnolia Ballroom (Society for Military History)

Chair & Commentator: Christopher Johnson, US Army Command and General Staff College

James Torrence, US Army Command and General Staff College
Strongpoint Defense: From Cold War to Cyberspace

Ian Kent, US Army Command and General Staff College
Defending the US Homeland Against Climate Change

Nicholas Kane, US Army Command and General Staff College
Russia’s Evolving Treat: Information Warfare in Ukraine, 2013-2016

Jason Gully, University of South Dakota
U.S. Ambassadors to Afghanistan After 9/11

Session 30: Historicizing the Civil Rights & Black Power Movements
Room: Lavender West

Commentator: Jennifer Harbour, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Jaycie Vos, University of Northern Iowa
WAFR, Black Power Radio in Durham, North Carolina

Daniel D. Cooley, University of North Dakota
The Black Campus Movement at the University of North Dakota

Lt. Col., Richard T. Cranford, University of Nebraska at Kearney
African American War Correspondents and the Media during World War II

Session 31: American Indian History & Activism
Room: Lotus

Chair & Commentator: Margaret Huettl, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Todd Mormon, University of Missouri, Columbia
The Water Protectors and the Changing Legal Context of the Dakota Access Pipeline Protests

Brianna Tafolla, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Silent Resistance: The Intersection of Native Activism and Western Films, 1910-1930

Kaitlin Sundberg, University of Nebraska at Omaha
“On the Warpath Toward Civilization:” Chauncey Yellow Robe & the Fight for Native Education
FRIDAY, MARCH 2
3:15-4:45 P.M.

**Session 32: History of Gender, Sexuality, and Sterilization**
Room: Library (Phi Alpha Theta Session)

Commentator: **Chad McCutchen**, Minnesota State University Mankato

**Baylee Staufenbiel**, University of Wyoming
The Damaging Effects of Visual Genitalia on Intersex Bodies

**Skye Cranney**, University of Wyoming
Having a Patriotic Time: The Image of Female Celebrities from Hollywood, 1942-1945

**Kristyn Stricker**, Chadron State College
Comfort Women in Japanese Society

**Meredith Underwood**, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Sterilization in the United States, 1907-1975

**Session 33: American Military and Political Leaders Ideals 1930-1945**
Room: Columbine (Society for Military History Session)

Chair: **Connie Harris**, Dickinson State University

**Stephen Bourgue**, Emeritus, School for Advanced Military Studies, CGSC
More than You Appear: Richard G. McKee and the American Campaign in Europe

**Brian North**, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Generating Division and Corps Leaders: How the Interwar Regular Army Officer Corps Enabled Rapid Task Organization Changes in 1944 Europe

**Andrew Soneson**, Springfield Platteview School District, NE
Pete Ellis and the Transformation of the Marine Corps

**Chris Masters**, University of Nebraska, Kearney
It Took a Ski Community to Raise a Mountain Division: The Roughnecks, Athletes, and Scholars of the Tenth Mountain Division of World War II

Commentator: **George Eaton**, US Army Sustainment Command and SMH Coordinator at MVHC

**Session 34: American Religion**
Room: Lotus

Chair & Commentator: **Brady DeSanti**, University of Nebraska at Omaha

**Andrew Long**, Baker University
The Life and Times of Reverend William Monroe Balch

**Harlan Seyfer**, Historian Plattsmouth
When Climate Change Forced the Mormons to Reconsider Their Trail
FRIDAY, MARCH 2
3:15-4:45 P.M.

Session 35: American Civil War
Room: Blue Bonnet (Phi Alpha Theta)

Chair & Commentator: David Nesheim, Chadron State College

Michael Brynda, Drake University
Emancipation Through the Eyes of Freedom Seekers and Union Soldiers

Blake Johnson, St. Cloud State University
Failing God: Confederate Clergy’s Grapple with the Military

Kyle Imdieke, St. Cloud State University
The Enemy Within: Appalachia’s Inner Civil Wars

Alexis Cruz, Drake University
To Save the Union

Session 36: Education and Legal History
Room: Lavender West

Chair & Commentator: Mark Scherer, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Audrey Grant, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Trial of the Century: World War II and the Origins of the Nuremberg Trails

Jacob Hillesheim, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Sanctuary of Belief and Conscience:
The US Supreme Court, Freedom of Speech, and Brandenburg v. Ohio

William Sherman, Iowa State Education Association
Henry Sabin: Rural School Improvement Specialist

Friday, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Lavender East
WESTERN HISTORY HAPPY HOUR
Open to students, faculty, alumni, and all who are interested in western history

Friday, 5:15 p.m.
Missouri Valley History Conference
KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
"Resistance, Activism, and the Problem of Results: Thinking about 1968"
Dr. David Farber
University of Kansas
Reception and book signing to follow
SATURDAY, MARCH 3

7:30-8:30 a.m.
Breakfast Buffet | Magnolia Ballroom

8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Registration Desk Open | Magnolia Ballroom

8:15-9:45 a.m.
Sessions Begin

Session 37: Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 to the Civil Rights Movement
Room: Library (Phi Alpha Theta Session)
Chair & Commentator: John Daley, Pittsburg State University

Morgan Valasek, Hastings College
To Make Us Blacker Than We Are: Teaching Diversity Through the Philadelphia Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793

Mallory Lutz, Washburn University
Colorphobia in the Cradle of Freedom: Racist Violence in Kansas from the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement

Whitney Oachs, University of St. Thomas

Session 38: Progressives and Great Depression
Room: Lavender West
Chair & Commentator: Danielle Battisti, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Addison Caruso, Miami University
John Patterson and the Dayton Flood: A Progressive Reshaping of Urban Structures

Luke Pickelman, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Reconsidering the Career of Henry Wallace, 1936-1946

Laney Holt, Baker University
The Unknown Roosevelt: The Life and Times of Ethel Carow Roosevelt Derby
Session 39: Revolution, Rebellion, and Protest on the Margins of the Great War
Room: Columbine (Society for Military History Session)

Chair: Alexander Vazansky, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Anthony Foreman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Honor in the Beer Hall: German Military Honor and the 1924 Hitler Trial

Joshua Bivins, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
What Did They Know? European Knowledge of the Armenian Genocide

Kenneth Knotts, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
They Kept the Murmansk Railway Running:
The U.S. North Russia Transportation Corps in Action, April–July 1919

Commentator: Bruce M. Garver, Emeritus, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Session 40: Kings & Queens: European History in Transition
Room: Blue Bonnet

Chair & Commentator: Bronwen McShea, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Catey Payne, Baker University
Catherine the Great, 1762–1796

Brooke Menke, University of Nebraska at Kearney
King Louis XVI, New France and Reconstruction of the French Navy

Mary A. Cannaday-Anderson, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Queen Victoria: Grandmother of Europe

Session 41: Reinventing the Past: Community Memory in 20th Century America
Room: Lotus

Chair: Chris Steinke, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Will Stoutamire, Director G.W. Frank Museum of History and Culture
“My Old Colored Liza”: Remembering Race and Domestic Servitude in Kearney Nebraska

Douglas Biggs, University of Nebraska at Kearney
The Dinkey and Community Memory:
Ames, Iowa State College, and the Ames & College Railroad, 1890–2017

Chase Webster, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Reimagining and Misremembering: The Evolution of Tithing Doctrine Within Mormonism
SATURDAY, MARCH 3
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Session 42: World War II
Room: Library (Phi Alpha Theta Session)

Chair & Commentator: Jeff Wells, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Elizabeth Sadusky, University of St. Thomas
Arraigning Racism: Soviet Policy Toward African Americans, 1922–1936

Ryan Smolk, Hastings College
Ordinary Americans:
The Grassroots Resistance to Nazism and Facism in the United States, 1924–1940

Emily Folkerts, Doane University
Bruning, Nebraska: World War II in a Small Town

Tatiana Moore, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Sounds of the Kearney Army Air Field

Session 43: Yesterday’s Threats and Future Risk
Room: Columbine (Society for Military History)

Chair: David Cotter, Gratz College

Christopher Johnson, US Army Command and General Staff College
Taisho Japan: The Once and Future Democracy

Haseef Obaid, Pakistan Army at US Army Command and General Staff College
Defining Pakistan by Understanding Its Independence

Will Tulloch, British Army at US Army Command and General Staff College
British Counter Insurgency Doctrine in Northern Ireland, 1969–1972

James D. Clark, University of Nebraska at Omaha
The Protests Before Revolutions:
The Constitutional Revolution (1905–6) and the Islamic Revolution in Iran (1978)

Commentator: Gates Brown, US Army Command and General Staff College

Session 44: History Workshop – Escape Room
Room: Blue Bonnet

Presenter and Facilitator: Marcia Bennett, University of North Georgia

Escape Room Workshop for Museum Professionals and Educators:
Lessons from Successful Programming at the Dahlonega Gold Museum
SATURDAY, MARCH 3
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Session 45: Protest & Memorialization and American Popular Culture
Room: Lotus
Chair & Commentator: Kent Blansett, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Erin Webster, Newman University
You Live with Straights: How and Why John Lennon Politicized the Beatle’s Breakup

Alexander M. Pauls, University of Northern Iowa
Center of the Wrestling World: Frank Gotch and Iowa Wrestling

Brian Whetstone, Hastings College
From Madhouse to Monument: The Preservation of Mental Health Institutions

Zach Russman, South Dakota State University
The Relationship Between Protestors’ Approach and their Success

Session 46: American Cities and Urban Activism
Room: Lavender West
Chair & Commentator: Sharon Wood, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Blythe Smith, Baker University
Baldwin City, Kansas and its Celebration of the United States Bicentennial

Rachel Hammes, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Cleo Moore and LGBTQ History of Omaha, Nebraska

11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Phi Alpha Theta Luncheon
Magnolia Ballroom

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. David Vail, University of Nebraska at Kearney

"Learning from the Noxious Ones: Exploring the Histories of Insects, Weeds, and other Unsavory Environmental Characters"
SATURDAY, MARCH 3

2:15–3:45 p.m.

Session 47: Cold War History
Room: Blue Bonnet (Phi Alpha Theta Session)

Chair & Commentator: John Franklin, Graceland University

David Lewandowski, University of St. Thomas
The United Sovereign States:
The Influence of the Cold War in the Universal Declaration vs. Covenant of Human Rights

Cannon Marchand, University of Nebraska at Kearney
The Unarming of Police at Kearney State College

Session 48: American History from Revolution to Expansionism
Room: Library (Phi Alpha Theta Session)

Commentator: Erika Lauren Lindgren, Wartburg College

Chandler Casey, Westminster College
No Taxation Without Representation: Riots and the American Revolution

Christopher M. Bonin, University of Nebraska at Kearney
The Henry Affair of 1812: An Incident on the Road to War

Elena Ryan, University of St. Thomas
‘There is even now an ill-omen amongst us’: Violence and Belonging in Jacksonian America

Tyler Amick, Wartburg College
Seward’s Folly:
A Historiographical Assessment of William Henry Seward’s Expansionist Thought

Session 49: Military History & the Cold War
Room: Columbine (Society for Military History)

Chair: David Mills, US Army Command and General Staff College

Marjorie Galelli, University of Kansas
A Challenge to Democracy: Psychological Warfare as a Weapon

Hosub Shim, Korean Army, University of Kansas
The Battle of An Khe Pass: South Korea’s Toughest Battle of the Vietnam War

Molly Schaefer, US Army Command and General Staff College
China Hands, An Imperfect Blueprint

David Cotter, Gratz College
Ethnic War in the Ex-Yugoslavia

Commentator: Thomas Hanson, US Army Command and General Staff College
SATURDAY, MARCH 3
2:15–3:45 p.m.

Session 50: Women Who Paved the Way
Room: Lavender West

Chair and Commentator: Marilyn L. Grady, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Mark Cyza, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
The First Principals: Sisters Aquina, Mary Uriel, Mary Eugenia, & Mary Josephine

Alisha Bollinger, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
Mary Faith Schuster, O.S.B., Her Work and Life

Marilyn L. Grady, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
A Footnote—Crazy Clara: The Gift of Gab and a Maker of Memories

Session 51: Farming and Agricultural History
Room: Lotus

Chair & Commentator: David Vail, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Daniel T. Gresham, Kansas State University
A Genuine Farmers Organization:
The Farmers’ Independence Council and the Making of a Conservative Front Group

Jeremiah Brockman, University of Northern Iowa

Jeff Wells, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Watson Heston’s Populism and Nativism

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The 2019 MVHC theme will be
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Read the 2019 Call for Papers on the next page
Proposals due October 1, 2018
"Human & Civil Rights Throughout History"

2019 Missouri Valley History Conference

2019 Call for Papers
In 1948 the United Nations in Paris, France passed a resolution known as "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights"--the most translated document in the world. Well before the passage of this critical document, historic events around the globe were filled with examples of ordinary and extraordinary individuals who strove for freedom of expression, the abolition of slavery, equality, Indigenous sovereignty, and the right to education. These issues are further complicated by issues of environmental injustice, voting, nationalism, ethnicity, religion, race, sexuality, and gender. The 2019 Missouri Valley History conference invites historical papers that explore how colonization, imperialism, empires, and the rise of nation-states have impacted global human and civil rights throughout history. The deadline for submissions is October 1, 2018. Visit our website for instructions on submissions and the 2019 conference dates: cas.unomaha.edu/history/mvhc

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For over sixty years the Missouri Valley History Conference has been an annual rite of spring for the Midwestern historical community. Founded and organized by the UNO Department of History, the conference is the longest standing professional gathering of historians in our region. With panels on all time periods of history, from the classical era to the modern, and with all topical emphases, from political history to newer social and cultural approaches, the conference allows scholars to exchange ideas and advance historical knowledge. Another theme in the history of the conference is the prominent place of military history. Each year the Society for Military History, a national organization of military history scholars, organizes several panels around military topics. The MVHC also welcomes the very strong involvement of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, as the historical profession seeks to foster growth through undergraduate and graduate history students.
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The Durham Museum has partnered with the University of Nebraska at Omaha’s History Department and Service Learning Academy to produce an immersive, interdisciplinary experience focused on twelve Nebraska women and their experience in the Midwest for students in the spring and fall semesters of 2017. In conjunction with the curriculum of Dr. Elaine Nelson, Assistant Professor of History and Executive Director of the Western History Association, museum staff instructed 30 students enrolled in Women in America Since 1875 and Women and Gender in the American West on conducting oral histories, independent research related to the experience of women in the Western United States and the distillation of that research and the modern oral histories into an exhibition entitled Women in Omaha: A Biographical Sketch Through History. This exhibit is part of The Durham Museum’s newly created program called “Community Classroom.” In this program students used the museum, the staff, collection and exhibit galleries to augment their in-class experience.

Women Featured

Dr. Jacqueline St John
Rita Melgares, JD
Ella Jean Rogers
Sarah Joslyn
Octa Keen, MSN
Rose Blumkin
Linda Garcia-Perez
Edwina Justus
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“A Dakota Writer on Stories Powerful Enough to Change the World” is the title of the 2018 Pilster Great Plains Lecture by Susan Power, an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Tribe of the Dakotas and a noted author. The lecture begins at 7:30pm at the Chadron State College Student Center. FREE.

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Assistant Professor of History
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Learning from the Noxious Ones:
Exploring the Histories of Insects, Weeds, and other
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Saturday, March 3, 2018
11:45-2:00 pm
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Luncheon Cost is $25.00

Dr. David Vail is assistant professor of history at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK). He specializes in agricultural history, environmental history, history of science and technology, and public history. He has published articles in Kansas History, Endeavor, and Middle West Review, and is the author of Chemical Lands: Pesticides, Aerial Spraying, and Health in North America’s Grasslands since 1945. David also serves as advisor for his department’s Phi Alpha Theta chapter (Pi-Nu) and is book review editor for The Public Historian.
Homesteading the Plains

By Richard Edwards, Jacob K. Friefeld, & Rebecca S. Wingo

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