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Welcome to the 65th annual meeting of the Missouri Conference on History! As the birthplace of Route 66, site of one of the Civil War’s most important early battles, and part of the Trail of Tears, Springfield and southwest Missouri have witnessed their share of major historical developments. Drawing together scholars from around the world, the scholarship of this year’s conference reflects the richness of Missouri’s past and a fascinating breadth of other topics.

The conference begins Wednesday evening with a welcome reception at the Historic Firehouse No. 2, sponsored by the State Historical Society of Missouri. The highlight of Thursday’s program will be the luncheon plenary of Dr. Anne Twitty, an Associate Professor of History at the University of Mississippi and presently a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Legal History at the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy at the University of Missouri, who will deliver a keynote address titled “Learning from the Law and Its Limits in Missouri’s Freedom Suits.” After Thursday’s concurrent sessions of panels, the Department of History and the College of Humanities and Public Affairs at Missouri State University will sponsor an evening reception at the History Museum on the Square. Friday’s luncheon will include both the annual business meeting and also recognition of the 2023 winners of the Book Award, the Lawrence O. Christensen Article Award, the Petra DeWitt Student Paper Prize, and the Lynn and Kristen Morrow Missouri History Student Prize.

We want to thank our sponsors, whose continued support makes the Missouri Conference on History possible.

Please visit the exhibitors’ tables and the conference website, https://mch.shsmo.org, to learn more about our sponsors. The presenters, chairs, and commentators who make up our panels also deserve recognition for their part in building such a strong program. As ever, the Steering Committee composed of volunteers from across Missouri has played a vital role in developing the conference for this year and the years to come. Finally, the Programming Committee of Sean Rost, Danielle Griego, and Jeremy Neely has worked diligently for the past several months to help bring his year’s conference back to the Ozarks.

Jeremy Neely
Steering Committee President, Missouri Conference on History
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Friday 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Missouri Conference on History brings together history educators and other professional historians to share research, exchange information on teaching methods and curricula, consider ways to promote interest in history, and discuss other concerns common to all historians.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

5:30–7:30 p.m.
WELCOME RECEPTION | HISTORIC FIREHOUSE NO. 2
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THURSDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION | GLENDALOUGH LOBBY

8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
EXHIBITOR DISPLAYS | GLENDALOUGH LOBBY/GLENDALOUGH 1C

9:00–10:15 a.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1. POLICY, POLITICS, AND POLITICIANS IN THE 20TH CENTURY | GLENDALOUGH IA

Moderator
Jon Taylor, University of Central Missouri

Presenters
Jon Taylor, University of Central Missouri, “In the Shadow of FDR and Harry Truman: Missouri’s Liberal Senatorial Turn, 1940–1987”
Kobby Barda, University of Haifa, “Falwell’s Church-Planting Legacy and Its Influence on US–Israel Relations”
Elizabeth Dorssom, Lincoln University, “Flexible Law: The Impact of Legislative Resources on Policy Adoption”
2. MORALITY, MODERNITY, AND IDENTITY | GLENDALOUGH IB

Moderator
Bukola Oyenini, Missouri State University

Presenters
Hope Howell Hodgkins, University of North Carolina–Greensboro, “Missouri Compromise? Walter Raleigh Lenoir and the Literacies of Slaveholding”
Lucas Volkman, Moberly Area Community College, “Missouri Catholics Confront Modernism in the Early Twentieth Century”

3. GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN HISTORY | ANNE McLESTER ROOM

Moderator
Raffi Andonian, Celebrity Historian

Commentator
Kevin King, Landmarks

Presenters
Derek Weber, Conflux Co-Learning, “Restoring the Soul/Mission of a School to Serve a New Generation”
Rebecca Glenn, Champ Clark House, “Saving Champ Clark’s Honeyshuck”
Aja Corrigan, St. Louis Preservation Crew, “Going Back to Get It: STEM Innovations to Empower Youth with Preservation Skills”

10:30–11:45 a.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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4. ATHLETICS, RECREATION, AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS | GLENDALOUGH IA

Moderator
Tom Dicke, Missouri State University

Presenters
Andrea Mullins, Southeast Missouri State University, “Queen of the Stadium: The Historical Importance of Stella Walsh’s Life and Legacy”
Linda Endersby, University of Missouri–Columbia, “Inventing the Outdoors: Physical Innovation and Mental Images”
Kyle Yarber, Kansas City Automotive History Society, “The Boys of Southwest Blvd.: How Three Young Men from Kansas City Impacted Auto Racing for Decades”

5. CONSPIRACY, DISCRIMINATION, AND ACTIVISM IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY | GLENDALOUGH IB

Moderator
Petra DeWitt, Missouri University of Science & Technology

Presenters
Nathan Elwood, Missouri Legislative Library, “Black Bolsheviks: Anti-Radicalism and Anti-Communist Conspiracism against Black Activists in St. Louis during the Interwar Period”
Emily Hand, William Woods University, “Prejudiced towards Pleasure: Pre-War Discrimination and Queer Men’s Experiences Post World War II”

6. THE EXPERIENTIAL CIVIL WAR: A PEDAGOGY ROUNDTABLE | ANNE McLESTER ROOM

Moderator
Jessica A. Cannon, University of Central Missouri

Presenters
Jessica A. Cannon, University of Central Missouri, “Immersive Empathy: Exploring the Lives of Civil War Americans”
G. David Schieffler, Crowder College, “Actually, History Does Change: Teaching History as Interpretation Using the Rifle Musket Debate”
Megan L. Bever, Missouri Southern State University, “Searching for Liquor with Undergraduates: A Collaborative Civil War–Era Research Project”
Lauren K. Thompson, McKendree University, “Contested City: Interpreting St. Louis’s Civil War Sites”
12:00–1:30 p.m.
KEYNOTE PLENARY LUNCHEON | RATHDANGAN BALLROOM
Anne Twitty, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy and University of Mississippi, “Learning from the Law and Its Limits in Missouri’s Freedom Suits”

1:45–3:00 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

7. THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI AT 125 | GLENDALOUGH IA
Moderator
Kathleen Seale, The State Historical Society of Missouri

Presenters
Bill Eddleman, The State Historical Society of Missouri, “History in the Media: Outreach at the Cape Girardeau Research Center”

8. THE CIVIL WAR AND MEMORY IN THE WEST | GLENDALOUGH IB
Moderator
Jeremy Neely, Missouri State University

Presenters
Jisung Lee, University of Missouri–Kansas City, “The Abandoned West: The First Year of the Western Sanitary Commission, 1861 to 1862”
Sarah Gross, Veterans Legal Institute, “The Organization, Establishment, and Legacy of the Missouri State Militia: A Historical Approach to Understanding Veterans’ Benefits in Missouri during the Civil War Era”
Jackson Hodges, University of Missouri–Kansas City, “We Deem It Entirely Fitting: Civil War Memory in Oklahoma”
9. TRUMAN, WAR, AND THE HOMEFRONT IN MEMORY AND LEGACY

ANNE McCLESTER ROOM

Moderator
Raffi Andonian, Celebrity Historian

Commentator
Bianca Rowlett, University of South Carolina–Sumter

Presenters
Jason Kirby, Francis Marion University, “A New Era before the Storm: William C. Westmoreland and the End of World War II in the Age of Harry Truman”
Arley Ward, University of Arkansas, “Oklahoma and the Fair Employment Practices Committee”
Raffi Andonian, Celebrity Historian, “Remembering the Atomic Bomb with the Manhattan Project National Historical Park”

3:15–4:30 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10. AGRARIANS AND SOCIAL POLICY IN THE PROGRESSIVE ERA

GLENDALOUGH IA

Moderator
Bill Eddleman, The State Historical Society of Missouri

Presenters
Benjamin Moore, Fontbonne University, “Canning as Social Policy: Preserving St. Louis during the Great War”

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11. HOLOCAUST HISTORY IN THE HEARTLAND AND BEYOND | GLENDALOUGH IB

Moderator
Sarah Panzer, Missouri State University

Presenters
Amy Lutz, St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum, “Carl Lutz: Missouri’s Forgotten Hero”
Helen Turner, St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum, “Transplanting Trauma: Holocaust History in the Heartland”

6:00–8:00 p.m.
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FRIDAY, MARCH 18

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8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
EXHIBITOR DISPLAYS | GLENDALOUGH LOBBY/GLENDALOUGH IC

9:00–10:15 a.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS
12. ARCHAEOLOGICAL MISSOURI | GLENDALOUGH 1A

Moderator
Deloris Gray Wood, Dent County Historical Society

Presenters
Christine Boston, Marie Taylor, and Taimen Taylor, Lincoln University, “Infrared Scanning and Historical Archaeology: A Discussion”
Michael Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation, “From Beginning to End: Excavation of the Louis Beaudoin Site”
Deloris Gray Wood, Dent County Historical Society, “Finding Cherokee Campsites from Harmony to Hooker on the NPS Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Northern Route in Old Crawford County”

13. LETTERS FROM THE EDITOR | GLENDALOUGH IB

Presenters
Rachel Kersey, Ozarks Studies Institute
John Brenner, The State Historical Society of Missouri
Andrew Davidson, University of Missouri Press
Mary Conley, University of Missouri Press

14. MISSOURIANS AND THE HOLOCAUST | ANNE McLESTER ROOM

Moderator
Kathleen Seale, The State Historical Society of Missouri

Presenters
Debra Griffith, Missouri University of Science & Technology, “Rabbi Isserman: Social Justice Warrior”
Petra DeWitt, Missouri University of Science & Technology, “Hitler’s American Friends: The German American Bund in Missouri”

10:30–11:45 a.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS
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15. REEXAMINING ST. LOUIS’S IMMIGRANT HISTORY | GLENDALOUGH IA

Moderator
Jeffrey Smith, Public Historian

Presenters
Emily Jaycox, Missouri Historical Society, “A Tale of Two St. Patrick’s Day Parades: Irish Nationalism, Community, and Conflict in St. Louis, Missouri”
Christopher Gordon, Missouri Historical Society, “The St. Louis Chinese American Collecting Initiative: Recording and Preserving a Community’s Past”
Peter Tao, Tao + Lee Associates, Inc., “New Discoveries and New Perspectives: The Little-Known Stories of Chinese Americans in Missouri’s History”

16. CONGRESS AND ITS CONSTITUENTS | GLENDALOUGH IB

Moderator
Timothy Westcott, Park University

Presenters
Kendrick Nunnery, Lincoln University, “Rutherford B. Hayes and the Election of 1877 and Southern Policy and the Black Response”
Timothy Westcott, Park University, “George Graham Vest: Protector of Yellowstone”
Robert Gates, Dahlgren Heritage Foundation, “The Navy Comes to Dahlgren . . . or Does It?”

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17. THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD IN THE 1950S | ANNE McLESTER ROOM

Moderator
Steven Wagner, Missouri Southern State University

Presenters
Braden Drake, Missouri Southern State University, “Chasing Shadows: How Cold War Fears and Paranoia Led to Drastic Action in Guatemala 1952–1954”
Kay Ellis, Missouri Southern State University, “How Silence and Subterfuge Ambushed a Senator”
Madelyn Enlow, Missouri Southern State University, “Satellite Politics: Sputnik and the US Government”

12:00–1:00 p.m.
BUSINESS MEETING AND AWARDS LUNCHEON | RATHDANGAN I & II

1:15–2:30 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

18. ART, LITERATURE, AND REGIONALISM | GLENDALOUGH IA

Moderator
Sean Rost, The State Historical Society of Missouri

Presenters
Brandon Broughton, Springfield–Greene County Library District, “From Wealtheow to Widow Tarkey: A Geodiachronic Analysis of Women in the Bear’s Son Tale Type”
George Speer, Northern Arizona University, “Old Masters or New? The Politics of Regionalism at the Nelson-Atkins ‘Gallery of Art’ in the 1930s”
19. CRIME, PUNISHMENT, AND FRONT-PAGE NEWS | GLENDALOUGH IB

Moderator
Mara Cohen Ioannides, Missouri State University

Presenters
Mara Cohen Ioannides, Missouri State University, “How West Can You Get? A Jewish Murder-Suicide in Jasper County”
Nancy Stiles, University of Missouri–St. Louis, “The Most Foolish, as Well as Despicable, Hoax”

2:45–4:00 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

20. NEW DIRECTIONS IN GEOGRAPHY AND PUBLIC HISTORY | GLENDALOUGH IA

Moderator
Sean Rost, The State Historical Society of Missouri

Presenters
Levi Cullifer, University of Missouri–St. Louis, “Segregated Education: Mapping Out St. Louis's First Public African American Schools”
Suman Kumar Roy, University of Central Missouri, “Lost Panorama and Public History”

21. POSTER PERSPECTIVES | GLENDALOUGH IB

Moderator
Danielle Griego, The State Historical Society of Missouri

Presenters
Angela Wells, Missouri State University, “Mummies in Missouri: The Curious and Controversial History of Human Remains Held in Missouri Museums”
Taylor Libbert, Truman State University, “Timeline of Missouri Literature: What Stories Say about the Show-Me State”
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