The State Historical Society of Missouri Announces Fellowship Opportunities

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COLUMBIA, Mo., April 12, 2022—The State Historical Society of Missouri is seeking proposals for two Center for Missouri Studies fellowships to begin January 1, 2023. Each fellowship carries a stipend of $5,000 for a project that results in the completion of a 6,000 to 8,000-word scholarly essay on one of the two topics listed below. The deadline for submitting proposals is Sept. 6, 2022, and the competition is open to both academic and independent scholars.

Topics for 2023 Center for Missouri Studies Fellowships:

- **Rural-urban conflicts in Missouri.** Proposed projects should examine a conflict, or perhaps two or more related conflicts, that have divided the state’s rural and urban populations. Any time period in Missouri’s history may be considered. Proposals will be judged on their potential to increase understanding of how and why rural-urban divisions persist within Missouri.

- **Missouri and the arts.** Proposals should consider the history of some aspect of aesthetic sensibility and explore how it has shaped Missouri’s cultural or artistic identity. This fellowship opportunity invites a broad range of potential topics: art/artists, music/musicians, literature/authors, architecture/architects, etc. Other possibilities might include Missouri’s association with foodways, industrial design, dress, fashion, pageants, theater, concerts, gardens or park design, or any other subject that illuminates how Missouri and Missourians have perceived, defined, and created beauty, style, and taste.

The fellowship awards will be announced in December. The chosen projects will be considered for publication in the *Missouri Historical Review*, the only quarterly journal devoted to scholarship on Missouri’s history. Fellowship recipients will also have an opportunity to make a public presentation of their work.

Launched in 2015, the Center for Missouri Studies Fellowships underwrite valuable scholarship about Missouri’s past, including the interdisciplinary study of Missouri history and culture. “The fellowships are designed to promote scholarship in underexplored areas of Missouri history and culture,” said State Historical Society of Missouri executive director Gary R. Kremer. “They encourage us to take notice of the lessons that can be found, when we look at our past in new ways and in new places.”

Further information regarding the fellowships and how to apply for them is available online at shsmo.org. Proposals may be submitted online at shsmo.org/awards/center-fellowship

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