

## MHA Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 30, 2024

Continental Breakfast opens at 7:30

7:30 a.m. MHA Meeting followed by Brief Welcome

8:30 - 10 a.m. Panel Session 1

10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Panel Session 2

12-1 pm MHA Awards Break

1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Plenary Session

2:30 - 4 p.m. Panel Session 3

5:00-7:00 p.m. NPR Session Location TBA

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Noon - 1 p.m. Lunch Break

1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Panel Session 6

3 – 4:30 p.m. Panel Session 7



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## Panel Session 1            8:30 – 10:00 am

### **Room A: The State of the Field: Midwestern Studies Roundtable**

Chair: Jon Lauck, *Middle West Review*

Katherine Jellison, Ohio University

Anna T. Hajdika, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Josh Leventhal, Wisconsin Historical Society Press

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa

Patricia Oman, Hastings College Press

Martha Bayne, University of Illinois Press

### **Room B: From the Hearth to the Printer, the Role of Community Cookbooks and Women in the Public Sphere**

Chair: TBA

Catherine Lambrecht, Greater Midwest Foodways Alliance, **TITLE?**

Nancy Webster, Highland Park Historical Society, *When the Angel by the Hearth Entered the Public Sphere and Created the Community Cookbook*

### **Room C: The Midwest in the Civil War Era**

Chair: TBA

Cameron Brown, Independent Scholar, *Lincoln's Winning Smile*

Angelina Kaul, Independent Scholar, *Abraham Lincoln, Hoosier: The Lost Book*

Kenneth Kolk, Independent Scholar, *Remembering the Midwest's Forgotten Civil War Heros: Company I, 25th Michigan Volunteer Regiment, The Only Dutch Speaking Company in the Civil War*

### **Room D: Midwestern Activism**

Chair: Sergio Gonzalez, Marquette University

Eleanor Carter, Loyola University Chicago, *"Other Brothers in Uptown": The Young Patriots Organization, White Southern Migrants, and the Failings of the New Left in Chicago, 1968-1973*

Connor Barnes, Loyola University Chicago,, *A "Better Austin"? School Politics and Neighborhood Transformation on Chicago's West Side*

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Taylor Dorrell, Affiliation, Title?

Nicolas Daniel Soto, University of Illinois Chicago, Title?

## Panel Session 2: 10:15 – 11:45 am

### **Room A: Building Blocks or Beating Heart?: A Roundtable on State and Local History as Midwestern**

Chair: Andrew Klumpp, *Annals of Iowa*

Kevin Mason, Waldorf University

Sara Phillips, Wisconsin Historical Society Press

David Nichols, Indiana University

### **Room B: Freedom and Unfreedom in the Antebellum Midwest**

Chair: TBA

Roy Finkenbine, University of Detroit Mercy, *Strange Bedfellows: A Diverse Underground Railroad Network in Antebellum Wisconsin*

Julie Mujic, Denison University, *Inside Samuel Medary's Collection: The Columbus Editor and an Unpublished Antiwar Poem*

Jennifer Ulmer, Miami University, *Bordered Freedom in Carthagena, Ohio*

### **Room C: Cold War Asia and the Midwest**

Chair: TBA

Anthony Miller, Hanover College, *'2-28' to '6-4' in the US Heartland: T.K. Lin, James Leach, and the Struggle for Democracy in China and Taiwan*

Luke Pickelman, Northwestern Michigan College, *Michigan and the Vietnam War*

Jeff Schultz, Luzerne County Community College, *Paths to Freedom: President Ford, Operation New Arrivals, and the Future Indochinese Diaspora*

### **Room D: Remaking the Rust Belt**

Chair: Cory Haala, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Eric J. Sandeen, University of Wyoming, *Reexamining the Map of the Rust Belt: The Case of South Bend, Indiana*

Joseph Varga, Indiana University, *Breaking the Heartland: Deindustrialization and Its Half-Life in South Central Indiana*

Dustin Gann, Midland University, *Regional Rivalries and a "Return to the River:" Downtown redevelopment in 1970s Omaha*

Jeremiah Brockman, Independent Scholar, *For the Love of All Things Hoppy: The Making of the United States Beer Tourism Industry, 1980-2010*

12:00 – 1:00 pm – MHA Awards Lunch

1:15 – 2:15 pm – Plenary Session:

Delia Fernández-Jones, Michigan State University, **Title**

2:30 – 4:00 pm – Panel Session 3

**Room A: Roundtable: Not Newcomers: Understanding and Incorporating the Latinx Midwest**

Chair: Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa

Carolina Ortega, Indiana University

Juan Ignacio Mora, Indiana University

Emiliano Aguilar, University of Notre Dame

**Room B: Antebellum Communities**

Chair: Julie Mujic, Denison University

Bill Wagner, University of Colorado Denver, *The Rise and Fall of Sinipee, Wisconsin: A Story of Western Townsite Speculation, Epidemic Disease, and Financial Crisis at the Dawn of the Railroad Age*

Deborah Davis Jackson, Earlham College, *Disturbances in the Waters: The Disappearance of an Anishinaabe Village "By the Flinty River" (1815-1915)*

Greg Rose, The Ohio State University at Marion, *Characteristics of the Urban Old Northwest in 1850*

**Room C: The Midwest and the World Wars**

Chair: Dustin Gann, Midland University

Leslie Bellais, University of Wisconsin-Madison, *America's "Traitor State": Wisconsin's Crisis of Loyalty during World War I*

Peter Limbert, Bowling Green State University, *Loyalty, Assimilation, and the Draft: The Selective Service Act and the Birth of Citizenship in the First World War*

Abigail Allcox, Marquette University, *Enemies Within Wisconsin: German Prisoner of War Experience During World War II*

Ray Boomhower, Indiana Historical Society Press, *The Reporter and the Bomb: Wayne Guthrie and Operation Crossroads*

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**Room D: Women of the Progressive Era**

Chair: Megan Birk, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Margaret Sumner, The Ohio State University at Marion, *"A Find Body of Progressive, Intelligent Women,"*

*Hallie Quinn Brown and her Midwestern Social and Intellectual Networking Strategies, 1896-1912*

Tracie Grube-Gaurkee, Texas Christian University, *"The Uncrowned Queen": Beulah Brinton and*

*Milwaukee's First Settlement House*

Bob Bagley, Saint Louis University, *Midwestern Black Women and the East St. Louis, Illinois Riot of 1917*

**5:00 – 7:00 pm** – Evening Event

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## 8:30 – 10:00 am Panel Session 4

### **Room A: Silicon Prairies New Histories of Technology in the post-1945 American Midwest**

Chair: David Munns, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Jacob Bruggeman, Johns Hopkins University, **Talk?**

Sam Franz, University of Pennsylvania, **Talk?**

Elijah Beaton, Indiana University, **Talk?**

### **Room B: The Literary Midwest**

**Chair: TBA**

Michael Steiner, California State University, Fullerton, *Langston Hughes and Gordon Parks, Native Midwesterners and a Region's Ambivalent Promise*

Patricia Oman, Hastings College, *Amarilly Again: The Publication History of Belle Maniates's Amarilly of Clothes-Line Alley*

Joshua Kluever, Binghamton University, *Uncovering Injustice Emma Sigler, Crime Novels, and Political Cover-ups in 1920s Wisconsin*

### **Room C: The Industrial Midwest**

**Chair: TBA**

Paul Spyhalski, Minnesota State University, Mankato, *Minnesota's Cuyuna Iron Ore Range: A Comparative Study of the Range's Non-Citizen Populations in 1918*

Kevin Aaron Moskowitz, University of Texas at Arlington, *Spicer Manufacturing and the Westward Migration of Automobile Suppliers, 1905-1930s*

Ann Vlock, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, *Addressing the Railroad Issue in Missouri and Mississippi River Improvement Plans: The Anti-Monopoly Politics of Ignatius Donnelly at the 1885 Northwestern Waterways Convention*

### **Room D: Historicizing Identity in the Midwest**

Chair: **TBA**

Max Monegan, Indiana University Bloomington, *The Midwest's Role in the Construction of Queer Identity: Normalizing Discourses in the Heartland, 1920-1941*

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Hannah Fuller, Loyola University Chicago, *Only "In the Big City": Isolation, Rurality, and Leisure in Lesbian Chicago, 1971-1996*

## 10:15 – 11: 45 Panel Session 5

### **Room A: Religion and the Left in the Modern Midwest**

Chair: Janine Giordano Drake, Indiana University

Sergio M. González, Marquette University, *Acts of "Radical Hospitality": The 1980s Sanctuary Movement in the Midwest and the Origins of Modern Immigration Justice Movements*

Cory Haala, University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point, *"GIVE US AMERICA'S DREAM BACK!" Progressive Catholic Leadership and the Crises of the 1980s Midwest*

David Mislin, Temple University, *"Dignity and Justice for all People": LGBTQ Rights and the Making of Unexpected Religious Activists in the Small-Town Midwest*

### **Room B: Roundtable: Challenges and Opportunities in Researching and Writing 19th Century**

#### **Midwestern Baseball: History Social History as Sports History**

Chair: TBA

Eric Berg, Bemidji State University,

Peter Morris, Independent Scholar

Robert D. Sampson, *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*

### **Room C: Midwest Environmental Histories**

Chair: Patrick Allan Pospisek, Grand Valley State University

Chase Fleece, Bowling Green State University, *All Hail the Queen of Tomatoland: Cultivation, Corporatization, and Culture in Northwest Ohio's Tomato Fields*

Ramya Swayamprakash, Grand Valley State University, *Not Militant Enough: When Air Pollution and Activism Crossed the Michigan/Ontario Border*

Camden Burd, Eastern Illinois University, *Grassroots Activism and Midwestern Regionalism: The Environmental Origins of the Midwest Academy*

Brittany Fremion, Central Michigan University, *Lessons from a Silent Spring: Contamination and Community Action in St. Louis, Michigan*

**Room D: Indiana!**

Chair: Ted Frantz, University of Indianapolis

Cale Russell Erwin, **AFFILIATION?**, *The Variegated Heartland: Conservatism, Neoliberalism, & the Urban Politics of William H. Hudnut's Indianapolis*

Kelsey D. Green, University of Indianapolis, *The Chinese Question in Indianapolis*

Glory-June Greiff, Public Historian, *What a Deal for Indiana! New Deal Work Projects in the Hoosier State*

Noon – 1:00 pm: Lunch Break

1:15 – 2:45 pm: Panel Session 6

**Room A: New Directions in African American Midwestern Women's History—A Roundtable Discussion of Crystal Marie Moten's Continually Working: Black Women, Community Intellectualism, and Economic Justice in Postwar Milwaukee**

Chair: Erik S. McDuffie, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Courtney Pierre Joseph, Lake Forest College

Crystal Marie Moten, Obama Presidential Center Museum

Jazma Sutton, Miami University

**Room B: Urban Environmentalism**

Chair: Camden Burd, Eastern Illinois University

Casey Huegel, Independent Scholar, *Cleaning Up the Bomb Factory: Grassroots Activism and Nuclear Waste in the Midwest*

Elizabeth Browning, University of Oklahoma, *Brownfields and Black Ecologies: Histories of Risk and Resilience in South Lawndale's Carceral State*

Amy Malventano, University of Kentucky, *The Women's City Club and the Rise of Urban Environmentalism*

**Room C: The Midwest and the Civil Rights Era**

Chair: **TBA**

Adam Petersen, Marquette University, *Charles Stenvig: The Rise of the Law-and-Order Mayor of Minneapolis*

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Russ Crawford, Ohio Northern University, *Title IX and the Big Ten Conference*

Jeff Bloodworth, Gannon University, *Speaker Carl Albert & Rural Populism as a Political Philosophy*

### **Room D: Religion in the Midwest**

Chair: David Mislin, Temple University

Trevor Burrows, Eastern Illinois University, *"A Conscientiously Religious People": Late-Nineteenth and Early-Twentieth-Century Constructions of Religion in the Rural Midwest*

John Fry, Trinity Christian College, *A Midwestern Faith: The Religious Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder*

## **3:00 – 4:30 pm: Panel Session 7**

### **Room A: Midwestern Stories of Racial Violence**

Chair: TBA

Rochelle E Danquah, Wayne State University, *Blue Water Blues: Southeastern Michigan's Role in Racial Terrorism in the Nineteenth Century*

Leon Bates, University of Louisville, *Freedom Gained and Freedom Lost: The Story of John Tucker*

Nicole Poletika, Indiana Historical Bureau, *The Marion Lynching: From Strange Fruit to Seeds of Change?*

### **Room B: Tracing the Steps of the Past**

Chair: Kevin Mason, Waldorf University

Cindy Wilson, Independent Scholar, *Lost History from a Dakota Territory Railroad Survey*

Elizabeth I. Kershnik, Oakton College, & Timothy Dean Draper, Waubensee Community College, *Prairie Footpaths: Personal Explorations of the Physical and Human History of Illinois*

### **Room C: Historicizing Reproductive Healthcare in the Midwest**

Chair: TBA

Vivian Deno, Butler University, *Abortion in the Heartland: A Hoosier History*

Elisabeth Unruh, College of DuPage, *Deliberate Disobedience to Conscience: American Lutheran Debates over Abortion in the 1970s*

### **Room D: Early 20th Century Advancements**

Chair: Jeff Wells, Dickinson State University

Connie Goddard, Independent Scholar, *When Vocational Education's "Hot-Air Engine" Made a 1913 Visit to Grand Rapids*

Gerry Boychuck, University of Waterloo, *Female Suffrage in North and South Dakota, 1913-20*

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