

**DRAFT Schedule**

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**Fourth Annual Midwestern History Conference**

**Grand Rapids, Michigan**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018**

## **Registration**

## **Morning Plenary**

**Joe William Trotter, Jr.**, Carnegie Mellon University.

## **First Panel Session**

- **Art and Public Purpose in Midwestern History**

- *Lending 'Distinction to the City': Examining the Educational Impact of the Cleveland Museum of Art, 1916-1930.*

**Christa Adams**, Cuyahoga Community College.

- *Modeling 'Civic Effectiveness' in the Midwest: Charles Mulford Robinson's Progressive Era Urban Planning.*

**Brian Ingrassia**, West Texas A&M University.

- *Public Art and the Twentieth-Century Midwest Mall.*

**Janna Jones**, Northern Arizona University.

- *Born in Grand Rapids: Emory Douglas, Black Panther Party Revolutionary Artist.*

**Jo-Ann Morgan**, Western Illinois University.

- **Histories of Higher Education in the Midwest**

- *Beyond the Border War: The Relationship Between KU & MU Civil Rights Activists, 1946-1950.*

**Mary Beth Brown**, University of Missouri at Columbia.

- *We Are Not Children: The Fight Against In Loco Parentis at KU and MU in the 1960s and 1970s.*

**Craig Forrest**, University of Missouri at Columbia.

- *The Life and Death of IPFW: A Cold War Experiment in Joint-Campus Operation.* **Eleanor Hannah**, Indiana University – Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

- *Women's Education in Oxford, Ohio, 1853-1928: The Leaders and Their Vision for Educating Women.*

**Jacqueline Johnson**, Miami University of Ohio.

## **First Panel Session (Continued)**

- **Making the Midwest Home: Religious Settlement in the Midwest, 1840-1920**
  - Chair: **Heath Carter**, Valparaiso University.
  - *Neighbors in an 'Uninhabited Region': Dutch Immigrants and Ethnic Tension in Rural Iowa.*  
**Andrew Klumpp**, Southern Methodist University.
  - *Catholic Americanization: The Immigrant Work of Laywomen at the East St. Louis National Catholic Community House.*  
**Jeanne Petit**, Hope College.
  - *'The Mormons ... Were Becoming Unpopular, Nay Odious': The Development of Anti-Mormonism in the Upper Mississippi River Valley, 1840-1841.*  
**Brady Winslow**, Texas Christian University.
- **Midwestern Experiences of War in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries**
  - *Raiders and Regulators: Food and the Development of Midwestern Identity in Andersonville Prisoner of War Narratives.* **Douglas G. Gardner**,  
Indiana University – Purdue University at Columbus.
  - *'Without Thought of Each Other Except as Soldiers Disabled': The Experience of Black Veterans in Midwestern Branches of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.*  
**Kelly D. Mezurek**, Walsh University.
  - *'Dogface Poets': Ernie Pyle and Bill Maudlin Up Front in Italy, 1943-44.*  
**Greg Sumner**, University of Detroit Mercy.

## **First Panel Session (Continued)**

- **Midwestern History Journals (Roundtable)**
  - Chair: **Marvin Bergman**, State Historical Society of Iowa.
  - **Dawn Bakken**, Indiana University at Bloomington.
  - **Donna M. DeBlasio**, Youngstown State University.
  - **Sara Phillips**, Wisconsin Historical Society.
  
- **Miners, Mound-Builders, and Maritime Geography: Conflict and Place-Making in the Early Midwest, 1787-1848**
  - *Of Mounds and Mammoths: Settler-Colonial Place-Making, Ohio's Ancient Landscape, and the Origins of Midwestern Identity, 1787-1832.*  
**Joshua J. Jeffers**, Middle Tennessee State University.
  - *Envisioning a Maritime Midwest: Competing American Ambitions at the Chicago Portage, 1795-1848.*  
**John William Nelson**, University of Notre Dame.
  - *The Midwest and the Nation Revisited: The Illinois/Wisconsin Border and the Legacy of the Northwest Ordinance, 1818-1848.*  
**Patrick Allan Pospisek**, Grand Valley State University.

## **First Panel Session (Continued)**

- **Public History and Midwestern History (Roundtable)**

- Chair: **Rachel Boyle**, Newberry Library.
- **Suzanne Fischer**, Michigan History Center.
- **Eric Paul Hemenway**, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.
- **Leo Landis**, State Historical Museum of Iowa.

- **Responding to Change in the Rural Midwest, 1920 to Present**

- *Michigan State College Agricultural Engineering Models, Farm Modernization, and the Changing Rural Landscape, 1920s – 1950s.*  
**Eric F. Gollannek** and **Shirley T. Wajda**, Michigan State University.
- *Melvin, Iowa and Trump's America: A Personal Examination of One Small Town and the 2016 Presidential Election.*  
**Michael Knock**, University of Notre Dame.
- *'Utilitarianism Run Mad': Lake Drainage and the Troubled Origins of Iowa's Public Parks Movement.*  
**Joseph Otto**, Jasper County Historical Museum of Iowa.
- *Margery Burns is Tilting at Windmills: Rural Schools in a Modern America.*  
**Emily Prifogle**, Princeton University.

## **First Panel Session (Continued)**

- **The State of Midwestern History: Past, Present, Future (Roundtable)**

- Chair: **Jon Lauck**, Midwestern History Association.
- **Diane Dillon**, Newberry Library.
- **Kristin Hoganson**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- **Michael Steiner**, California State University at Fullerton.
- **Joe W. Trotter, Jr.**, Carnegie Mellon University.

- **Writing in the Midwest Across Time and Distance**

- *Dr. Milo M. Quaife's Dynamic Take on Juliette M. Kinzie's Niche in the History of Early Nineteenth-Century American Literature.*  
**Franklin E. Court**, Northern Illinois University.
- *Gaying FPS: A Magazine of Young People's Liberation.*  
**Eric Denby**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- *Write Soon: The Critical Role of Danish Immigrant Correspondence.*  
**Kristin Jacobsen**, Loyola University Chicago.
- *Sino-American Rapprochement and Chinese Literature in the American Midwest: Paul Engle, Hualing Nieh Engle, and the International Writing Program, 1971-1989.*  
**Anthony J. Miller**, Miami University of Ohio.

**Luncheon Plenary Session:**

**Writing on the Midwest**

**Bonnie Jo Campbell**

**Phil Christman**

**Melissa Fraterrigo**

**Meghan O’Gieblyn**



## **Second Panel Session**

- **The Diamond, the Park, the River, and the Sea: Midwestern Histories of Sport and Recreation**
  - *Iowa by the Sea: Migrant Iowans and Their Annual Picnics in Long Beach.* **Wayne Anderson**, University of Iowa.
  - *Uncle Sam at Bat: Independence Day Baseball in the Nineteenth-Century Midwest.* **Adam J. Criblez**, Southeast Missouri State University.
  - *Down by the River: An Examination of the Hope College Pull, 1898 – Present.* **E. Bruce Geelhoed**, Hope College.
  - *To Promote or Preserve? The Politics of National Park Expansion in the Upper Great Lakes Region.* **Theodore Karamanski**, Loyola University Chicago.
  
- **Faith and Freethought in the Midwest**
  - *'Invitation to the Dance': Robert Ingersoll, Dwight Moody, and the Iconoclastic Gilded Age.* **Justin Clark**, Indiana Historical Bureau.
  - *Faith and Reason Clash in the Great Lakes.* **Michael Edmonds**, Wisconsin Historical Society.
  - *Holiness in the Heartland: A History of Wesleyan-Holiness Denominations in the Midwest.* **Barton E. Price**, Indiana University – Purdue University at Fort Wayne.
  - *Emmanuel Missionary College: A Reaction to Race and Politics in the Early 1900s.* **Jon-Philippe Ruhumuliza**, Andrews University.

## **Second Panel Session (Continued)**

- **Historical Geography and the Midwest**

- Commentator: **Janson Lantzer**, Butler University.
- *Virginia Extended in Ohio: The Upland South Planter Elite in the Scioto Valley.*  
**Timothy Anderson**, Ohio University.
- *Pennsylvania Germans in Indiana in the Mid-Nineteenth Century: A Super-Ethnic Pietistic People.*  
**Bruce Bigelow**, Butler University; and  
**Steven O'Malley**, Asbury Theological Seminary.
- *Sources of Information for Tracing the Origins of Early Nineteenth-Century Immigrants to the Eastern Old Northwest.*  
**Gregory Rose**, The Ohio State University at Marion.
- *The 'There' in 'There Is No There There.'*  
**Gleaves Whitney**, Hauenstein Center at Grand Valley State University.

- **Histories of Boat Building in Michigan**

- *Built in Bay City: 'Gals' from the Valley, 1905-1976.*  
**Ron Bloomfield**, Central Michigan University.
- *Making Waves: Michigan's Boat-Building Industry, 1865-2000.*  
**Scott M. Peters**, Michigan Historical Museum.
- *Boats Made in Holland: A Michigan Tradition.*  
**Geoffrey D. Reynolds**, Hope College.

## **Second Panel Session (Continued)**

- **Melody in the Middle West: Music History and the Heartland**

- *Made in America: The Federal Music Project in the Midwest and the Construction of American Identity.*  
**Renée D. Gardner**, Purdue University.
- *Forgotten Soldiers: Historical Mysteries and Inconsistencies of the 'Iron Brigade' Band.* **Arthur Haecker**, East Tennessee State University.
- *'R. Hutchinson, Iowa City': Musical Cultivation in Nineteenth-Century Iowa.*  
**C.A. Norling**, University of Iowa.

- **Midwestern History and the Early American Republic**

- *The Northwest Ordinance, Partisan Politics, Frontier Policy, and the Growth of the Union in the Early Republic.*  
**Seán Thomas Kane**, University of Missouri at Kansas City.
- *Treachery and Cunning: The Dodge Family in the Mississippi Valley.*  
**Tracey Lee Roberts**, University of Wisconsin at Platteville.
- *Unlikely General: 'Mad' Anthony Wayne and the Battle for America.*  
**Mary Stockwell**, Independent Scholar.

- **New Directions in African American Midwestern History (Roundtable)**

- Chair: **Erik S. McDuffie**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- **Elisabeth Todd-Breland**, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- **Joe W. Trotter, Jr.**, Carnegie Mellon University.

## **Second Panel Session (Continued)**

- **What is the Midwest? : An Interdisciplinary, Collaborative Approach to Midwestern History (Roundtable)**
  - **Rachel Boyle**, Newberry Library.
  - **D. Bradford Hunt**, Newberry Library.
  - **Liesl Olson**, Newberry Library.
  
- **Immigration and Ethnicity in the Civil War Era**
  - Chair: **Stephen E. Towne**, Indiana University – Purdue University at Indianapolis.
  - *‘A Card from the Brave Irish Boys’: The American Civil War and the Transformation of the Indianapolis Irish, 1850-1875.*  
**Mathieu W. Billings**, University of Indianapolis.
  - *Senator Oliver P. Morton’s Plan for Immigration Reform.*  
**A. James Fuller**, University of Indianapolis.
  - *Immigration at the Centennial.* **Krista Kinslow**, Boston University.

## **Second Panel Session (Continued)**

- **New Perspectives on Midwestern Environmental History**

- *The Illinois Prairie Path and Grassroots Environmental Activism: Preserving Open Space in Response to the Midwest's Rapid Suburbanization.*  
**William C. Barnett**, North Central College.
- *Utilizing the 'Worthless' Animal: The Musseling Industry of the Ohio River, 1880-1930.* **Kristen Fleming**, University of Cincinnati.
- *Environmental History Reconsidered: The Midwestern Legacy of Paul Gruchow.* **Christian Knoeller**, Purdue University.
- *The Long Trek for Wilderness in Illinois, 1974-1990.*  
**Kevin McKelvey**, University of Indianapolis.

- **History of Midwestern Technology and Science**

- *Fighting for a Prairie Particle Accelerator: Postwar Regional Physics Ambitions at the Midwestern Universities Research Association.*  
**Amy Bix**, Iowa State University.
- *Revisiting Pullman: Midwestern Technologies of Power and Mutualist Design.* **Simon Cordery**, Iowa State University.
- *The Mining Midwest: A Brief History.*  
**Jeff Schramm**, Missouri University of Science and Technology.

### **Third Panel Session**

- **Conflict, Dynamism, and Tension in Midwestern Political Culture**
  - *'From the Pen of Lucifer': Secession and Constitutional Reform in Civil War Illinois.* **William Clift**, Florida State University.
  - *Yankees, European Immigrants, and the Making of Midwestern Political Culture.* **Sara Egge**, Centre College.
  - *Democracy and the Informed Citizen: A South Dakota Perspective.* **John E. Miller**, South Dakota State University.
  - *Warren G. Harding, Midwestern Editors, and the Idea of the State.* **Andrew Seal**, University of New Hampshire.
  
- **Future Directions of Midwestern History**
  - Chair: **Erik S. McDuffie**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
  - *Val Gray Ward, the Kuumba Theatre, and the Performance of Diaspora in Chicago.* **Olivia Hagedorn**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
  - *The Latino Midwest: Past, Present, and Future.* **Carolina Ortega**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
  - *Garveyism in the Midwest: A Micro-Study of the Universal Negro Improvement Association in Akron, Ohio.* **Stephanie Sulik**, University of Texas at Arlington.
  - *Rust-Belt Politics and Mass Incarceration in Global Wisconsin, 1976-1996.* **Ian Toller-Clark**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

### **Third Panel Session (Continued)**

- **Insurgency and Reform: Populism, Radicalism, and Progressivism in Midwestern History**
  - *After the March: Jacob Coxey's Career After the 1894 'Coxey's Army' March, Proto-New Deal Activism, and the Mayoralty of Massillon, Ohio, 1931.* **Wesley R. Bishop**, Purdue University.
  - *Ideological Origins of a Radical Democrat: The Early Political Thought of Tom L. Johnson.* **Michael E. Megery**, University of Akron.
  - *William T. La Follette, Populism, and Agrarian Progressivism.* **Jeff Wells**, University of Nebraska at Kearney.
  
- **Midwestern History in World War I**
  - *The Women of Southwest Minnesota and the Great War.* **Anita Talsma Gaul**, Southwest Minnesota State University.
  - *How is Patriotism Measured? The World War I Era German-American Experience in John Herrmann's Foreign Born.* **Sara Kosiba**, Troy University.
  - *Contrary to the Peace and Dignity of the State: Peace Officers of the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety in World War I.* **Andrew McGuire**, University of Nebraska at Kearney.
  - *Midwesterners Against the Hun: The American 32nd Division in World War I.* **Jeff Schultz**, Luzerne County Community College.

## **Third Panel Session (Continued)**

- **The Midwest's Northern Borderlands**
  - Information forthcoming from **Jon Lauck**.
  
- **Preserving and Sharing Midwestern History**
  - *How to Bring History to Life*. **Don Hickey**, Wayne State College.
  - *Saving Red Bridge: A Grad Student's Guide to Historic Preservation*. **Joseph Otto**, Jasper County Historical Museum of Iowa.
  - *Connecting the Upper Peninsula's History: Using Railroad Lines to Evaluate Industrial Heritage*. **Valentin Pulido**, Eastern Michigan University.
  - *The Heart and Soul of Michigan's Oral History Association: Geneva Wiskemann*. **Jane Karoline Vieth**, Michigan State University.



### **Third Panel Session (Continued)**

- **Struggles for Civil Rights in the Midwest**

- *The Untold Story of the Civil Rights Movement on Chicago's North Shore.*  
**Mary Barr**, Kentucky State University.
- *'Either I've Moved Away From Them or They Have Moved Away From Me': Moderation vs. Moral Majority & The Fight for Affirmative Action in Indianapolis.* **Tiffany M. Costley**, University of Indianapolis.
- *A Promise Unfulfilled: Dayton's Pioneering Integration Plan and Washington's Failure to Fulfill the Promise of the Fair Housing Act of 1968.*  
**Eric Rhodes**, Miami University of Ohio.
- *Not to Be Forgotten: The Milwaukee Fair Housing Struggle.*  
**Peggy Rozga**, University of Wisconsin at Waukesha.

- **What the Midwest Read: Print Culture in the American Heartland, 1870-1950 (Roundtable)**

- Chair: **James J. Connolly**, Ball State University.
- **David Nord**, Indiana University at Bloomington.
- **Liesl Olson**, Newberry Library.
- **Christine Pawley**, University of Wisconsin at Madison.

**Break, With Food (75 minutes)**

## **Late Afternoon Plenary**

**Jefferson Cowie**, Vanderbilt University.

## **Fourth Panel Session**

- **Agricultural Labor History in the Midwest**

- *Michigan and the Grape Boycott: A Visual Journey.*  
**Elizabeth Clemens** and **Deborah Rice**, Wayne State University.
- *Bitter Harvest: Agriculture and Grower-Farmworker Relations.*  
**Katie Sutrina-Haney**, Indiana State University.
- *FDR's Hoosier Dirt Farmer: Claude Wickard and Alternative Farm Labor During WWII.* **Jill P. Weiss Simins**, Indiana Historical Bureau.

- **Boosterism and Community Development in the Midwest**

- *The Minnesota Transfer Railway: A Catalyst for Economic Development.*  
**Brian McMahon**, Independent Scholar.
- *Solomon Comstock and the Growth of the Upper Midwest.*  
**Jennifer Johnson**, Becker County Historical Society of Minnesota.
- *How the West Was Sold: Theodore F. Koch, German Investors, and Created Communities, 1884-1930.*  
**Robert P. Schoone-Jongen**, Calvin College.
- *Location, Location, Location: Young Men and the Search for an Advantageous Abode in the Antebellum Midwest.*  
**William Wagner**, University of Colorado at Denver.

## **Fourth Panel Session (Continued)**

- **Competing Visions of Midwestern Politics and Philanthropy**
  - *Patronage, Place, and the Scope of Philanthropic Responsibility.*  
**Philip D. Byers**, University of Notre Dame.
  - *The Congressional Career of Jesse P. Wolcott of Michigan.*  
**Philip A. Grant, Jr.**, Pace University.
  - *Hayseed: Henry A. Wallace and the American Plan for a Postwar World.*  
**Luke Pickelman**, University of Nebraska at Kearney.
  
- **The Long Reach of Midwestern Women into the WWI Council of National Defense and 1918 Children's Programs**
  - Chair: **Jo Ellyn Clarey**, Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council.
  - *Schooling for War in Rural WWI Jasper County, Indiana.*  
**Sue Caldwell**, Indiana Genealogical Society.
  - *Riding the Rails on the Children's Special: Weighing and Measuring Babies Along Michigan's Interurban Lines.*  
**Melissa Fox**, Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council.
  - *Children's Recreation as a Defense Measure: The Case of Grand Rapids, Michigan.* **Jayson Otto**, Aquinas College.

## **Fourth Panel Session (Continued)**

- **Midwestern Histories of Immigration and Ethnic Community During the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries**
  - *Ohio and California Grange Reaction to Chinese Immigration and Exclusion, 1879-1906.* **Eli Bosler**, Kent State University.
  - *The Syrians of Sioux Falls, 1900-1917.*  
**Stephen R. Cusulos**, Independent Scholar.
  - *Canal Diggers, Community Builders: The Irish on the Illinois & Michigan Canal.* **Eileen McMahon**, Lewis University.
  - *Scots in St. Louis: A Chronology of Scottish-Americans and their Community in the Gateway Region, 1780-1980.*  
**Thomas Richardson**, National Archives and Records Administration.
  
- **Midwestern Histories of Slavery, Abolition, and Freedom**
  - *'No Man Punished For His Treason': The National Christian Association Against Secret Societies Remembers the Civil War, 1868-1923.*  
**Mike Davis**, Northwest Florida State College.
  - *The Fugitive Slave Experience in 'Indian Country': Perrysburg, Ohio as a Case Study.* **Roy E. Finkenbine**, University of Detroit Mercy.
  - *Two Venturesome Michigan Women.*  
**Ellen Huppert**, Independent Scholar.
  - *'We Have Got to Do the Work Ourselves': The Greenville Settlement in Randolph County, Indiana, 1820-1870.*  
**Jazma Sutton**, Indiana University at Bloomington.

## **Fourth Panel Session (Continued)**

- **The Midwest: How the Heartland Made America  
(Preview and Discussion of Documentary Film)**
  - **Dan Manatt**, Democracy Films.
  
- **Midwestern Politics, Post-1945**
  - Chairs: **Catherine Stock**, Connecticut College; and  
**Jon Lauck**, Midwestern History Association.
  - *Charlie Stenvig's T-Party: Working-Class Populism in 1960s Minneapolis.*  
**Jeffrey Bloodworth**, Gannon University.
  - *The Speech: Robert F. Kennedy, Indianapolis, and the Death of Martin Luther King, Jr.*  
**Ray Boomhower**, Indiana Historical Society
  - *Indianapolis, the 1980s, and a New Republican Party.*  
**Ted Frantz**, University of Indianapolis.
  - *'You Mean There Is Segregation Here?': The Making of Colorblind Suburban Populism in Wisconsin, 1964-1976.*  
**Ian Toller-Clark**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
  
- **Native American History and the Midwest**
  - *Applying Game Theory to the Strategic Options Available to the Separate Tribes Known as 'Tecumseh's Confederation' and Their Control of the Lower Great Lakes From 1807 to 1811.*  
**Evelyn M. Buday**, Ivy Tech Community College.
  - *U.S. Army Indian Scouts on America's Middle Frontier: The Case of Sgt. James 'Akicita' King.* **Dave Grettler**, Northern State University.
  - *What Does It Mean to 'Decolonize One's Self' in Native American History?*  
**Bryan C. Rindfleisch**, Marquette University.

## **Fourth Panel Session (Continued)**

- **Region of Righteousness: Aspects of Midwestern Religious Culture**
  - Chair: **Wallace Thornton, Jr.**, Independent Scholar.
  - *As at the Beginning: The Radical Holiness 'Pentecost' Reformation in the American Midwest.* **David Bundy**, New York Theological Seminary and Manchester Wesley Research Centre (United Kingdom).
  - *Charles Grandison Finney and the Multiplication of Midwestern Evangelical Minds.* **William C. Kostlevy**, Brethren Historical Library and Archives.
  - *'These Are Days that Drive All Thoughtful Men and Women to Prayer': Midwestern Churches During the Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919.*  
**Gari-Anne Patzwald**, Independent Scholar.
  
- **State and Regional Identities in the Midwest**
  - *'America Needs Farmers': State Exceptionalism in 1980s Iowa.*  
**Cory Haala**, Marquette University.
  - *U.P. North, Not Midwestern: Regional Identity in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.* **Peter V. Krats**, University of Western Ontario.
  - *The Pioneer Woman Versus Modernism: Post-1930s Ambivalence Toward an American Nationalist Myth.*  
**Patricia Oman**, Hastings College.
  - *The Indian on the Cupola: Regional Identity in Kansas Public Memory.*  
**Cheyenne White**, Kansas State University.



## **Fourth Panel Session (Continued)**

- **Work and Land, Town and Country in Midwestern History**

- *Inter-War Migration Exodus of Southern Laborers, 1915-1938.*  
**Becky Samons Ardrey**, University of South Alabama.
- *Managing Mobility: Worker Transience and Employer Control in the Fox River Valley, Wisconsin.*  
**Jillian M. Jacklin**, University of Wisconsin at Madison.
- *The Role of the Sioux Falls Stockyard in the Development of Sioux Falls.*  
**Michael J. Mullin**, Augustana University.
- *The Progressive Era Professionalization of Nursing in Minnesota.*  
**Joshua Preston**, University of Minnesota.

**END:**

**Possible Evening Get-Together at a Local Brewery**

**Stay tuned!**