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**MISSOURI  
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Missouri Conference on History

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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.

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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 this year's conference back to the Ozarks.

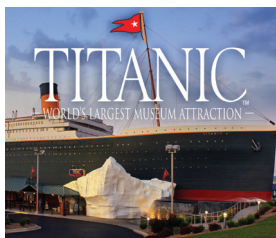
A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jeremy Neely". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "J" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

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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 IC**

**9:00–10:15 a.m.**

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### **1. POLICY, POLITICS, AND POLITICIANS IN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> 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* | [GLENDA LOUGH 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** | GLENDA LOUGH 1A

##### **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** | GLENDA LOUGH 1B

##### **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 |  
GLENDA LOUGH IA**

**Moderator**

Kathleen Seale, *The State Historical Society of Missouri*

**Presenters**

Kathleen Seale, *The State Historical Society of Missouri*, “The History of  
Rotoscope: Journey of Preservation and Access”

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

Heather Richmond, *The State Historical Society of Missouri*, “New Digital  
Collections at SHSMO: The Genealogy, Transportation, and Slavery  
Documents Collections”

**8. THE CIVIL WAR AND MEMORY IN THE WEST | GLENDA LOUGH 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**

Jason McCollom, *Missouri State University—West Plains*, “Cooperative  
Harvests: Transnational Agrarian Movements in the US and Canada,  
1900–1915”

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

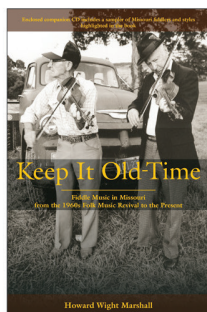
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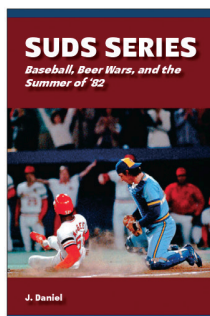


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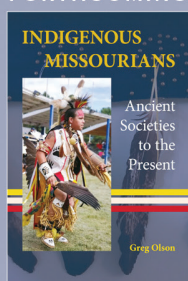
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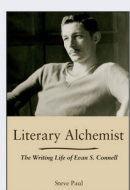
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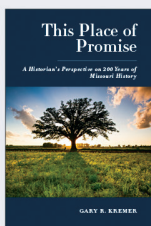


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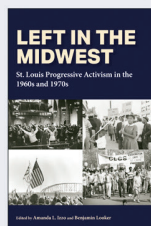
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2		
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	CONFERENCE	
8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	EXHIBITOR DISPLAYS	
9:00–10:15 a.m.	Policy, Politics and Politicians in the Twentieth Century	
10:30–11:45 a.m.	Athletics, Recreation, and the Great Outdoors	Contemporary
12:00–1:30 p.m.	KEYNOTE PLENARY (RATHDANGAN BALLROOM)	
1:45–3:00 p.m.	The State Historical Society of Missouri at 125	Th
3:15–4:30 p.m.	Agrarians and Social Policy in the Progressive Era	Holocaust
6:00–8:00 p.m.	EVENING RECEPTION – HISTORY MUSEUM C	
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3		
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	CONFERENCE	
8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	EXHIBITOR DISPLAYS	
9:00–10:15 a.m.	Archaeological Missouri	
10:30–11:45 a.m.	Reexamining St. Louis’s Immigrant History	
12:00–1:00 p.m.	BUSINESS MEETING	
1:15–2:30 p.m.	Art, Literature, and Regionalism	Criticism
2:45–4:00 p.m.	New Directions in Geography and Public History	

# HISTORY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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## 7, MARCH 15

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## MARCH 16

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Morality, Modernity, and Identity	Grassroots Community Engagement in History
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## MARCH 17

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Letters from the Editor	Missourians and the Holocaust
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Congress and Its Constituents	The United States and the World in the 1950s
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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.**

THURSDAY EVENING RECEPTION |  
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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* | [GLENDA LOUGH IA](#)

### **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* | [GLENDA LOUGH 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”

Kathleen Seale, *The State Historical Society of Missouri*, “‘You Can Believe’:  
Missouri Soldiers’ Holocaust Accounts”

**10:30–11:45 a.m.**

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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 |**

**RATHDANGANI & 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 Wealthew 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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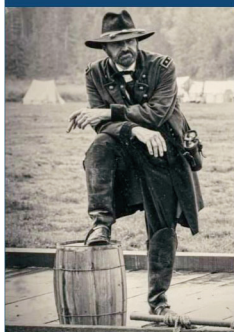
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