

*Politics and Transformation*

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Welcome to the 2007 meeting of the Missouri Conference on History in St. Louis! The Program Committee has done an excellent job in assembling what I hope you will find to be a stimulating conference that showcases some of the most innovative research and historical activities relating to Missouri.

In April, you will find in your packets a good deal of information about St. Louis and the region. I know that the Conference will focus your attention on the scholarly sessions, individual discussions and the keynote address in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. I hope that you will find time to venture forth and visit some of the many historic sites and repositories in the area. St. Louis's rich heritage is one of its great assets, and as historians, you will particularly appreciate the dedication, skill and care with which your colleagues have preserved, displayed and interpreted that heritage.

I hope you have a rewarding 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Enjoy your visit to St. Louis!

Best wishes,

Louis Gerteis  
President  
2007 Missouri Conference on History

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## ***Politics and Transformation***

### **Conference Schedule**

#### **Thursday**

**Registration**

8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Crowne Plaza Lobby

**Vendor Displays**

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Room 304

**Concurrent Sessions**

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

***Journalism and Community in the Nineteenth Century***

Room 305

**Chair and Comments:** Lewis Perry, St. Louis University

**Papers:** “‘Imported Incendiaries’: Transatlantic Journalism and the Irish Community in New York City, 1801-1810”  
Steven C. Smith, University of Missouri-Columbia

“Sons and Daughters of Zion: The 1838 Mormon War in Missouri”  
Angela Bell, University of Missouri-Columbia

“Newspapers and African American Businesses in the Mid-Nineteenth Century”  
Marlin Christopher Barber, University of Missouri-Columbia

***Religion in St. Louis during the Civil War Era***

Room 306

**Chair and Comments:** John Ayabe, St. Louis University

## *Thursday Sessions*

**Papers:** “The National Identity of German and Irish Catholic Soldiers”  
Kim Beyer, St. Louis University

“Heinrich Boernstein’s *The Mysteries of St. Louis* and the Anticlerical Tradition”  
Deborah Hyland, St. Louis University

“The Sectional Identity of the Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, 1860-1880”  
Marcus McArthur, St. Louis University

*Lunch on your own*

1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

### ***New Research Horizons: Nineteenth-Century Circuit Court Records***

Room 305

**Chair:** Lynn Morrow, Missouri State Archives

**Papers:** “Circuit Court Records and the Undergraduate History Course”  
Michael Everman, Missouri State Archives

“Building a Nineteenth-Century City: Mechanics’ Liens and the Physical and Social Landscape of St. Louis, 1824-1875”  
Bill Glanker, Missouri State Archives

“St. Charles Circuit Court Historical Records Project, 1804-1835”  
Nikolas Henle, Missouri State Archives

**Comments:** Audience

### ***Gender, Race, and Politics***

Room 306

**Chair and Comments:** James L. Huston, Oklahoma State University

*Thursday Sessions*

**Papers:** “Slave Hiring, Gendered Divisions of Labor, and Female Domesticity in Central Missouri, 1821-1861”  
Kristen Epps, University of Kansas

“Rebel Women, Rebel Households, Rebel Supply Line: The Influence of Gender Roles on Guerrilla Warfare in Civil War Missouri”  
Joseph M. Beilein Jr., University of Missouri-Columbia

“Little Dixie’s Women: Rewriting Scripts in the Aftermath of the Civil War”  
Julie Sandland, North Dakota State University

3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

***Depression Politics***

Room 305

**Chair and Comments:** Lawrence O. Christensen, University of Missouri-Rolla

**Papers:** “Franklin D. Roosevelt and Missouri’s Political Leadership”  
J. Christopher Schnell, Southeast Missouri State University

“The 1932 Democratic Primary Campaign Waged by Bennett Champ Clark”  
David Briggs, Southeast Missouri State University

“‘A Damn Fine Lawyer’: The Cape Girardeau Railroad War between Louis Houck and the House of Gould”  
Joel Rhodes, Southeast Missouri State University

***Planes, Trains, Booze, and Baseball***

Room 306

**Chair and Comments:** Jeffrey Smith, Lindenwood University

**Papers:** “Vice in the Sky: A Brief History of Passenger Cigarette Smoking and Alcohol Consumption aboard Commercial Airlines in the United States”  
Daniel Rust, University of Missouri-St. Louis

*Thursday/Friday Sessions*

“The ‘Unholy Alliance’: The Controversial Union of Beer and Baseball in St. Louis”

Nathan Michael Corzine, Purdue University

“Railroads, War, and Banditry in West-Central Missouri during the Civil War”

Armin Schannuth, Independence, Missouri

**Steering Committee Meeting**

4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Room 305

**Reception**

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Meramec West Room, 2nd Floor

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**Friday**

**Registration**

8:00 a.m.-noon

Hotel Lobby

**Vendor Displays**

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Room 304

**Concurrent Sessions**

8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

***The Social Context of Philanthropy***

Room 305

**Chair and Comments:** Kenneth Winn, Missouri State Archives

**Papers:** “James H. Lucas: Eminent St. Louis Entrepreneur and Philanthropist”

Joseph Cook Thurman, Jefferson College

*Friday Sessions*

“Dr. A. W. Reese: Physician, Civil War Surgeon,  
Statesman, Minister”  
V. Jane Davis, University of Central Missouri

***Slavery, Churches, and Black Migration***

Room 306

**Chair and Comments:** Gary R. Kremer, The State Historical  
Society of Missouri

**Papers:** “The Walls of Mt. Moriah: Inside a Missouri Freedmen’s  
Church and Community”  
Brett S. Rogers, William Woods University

“The Schism over Slavery in the Methodist Episcopal  
Church”  
David Ryan Hutchinson, Central Methodist University

“A Changing Landscape: African American Migration into  
the Missouri Bootheel during the Early Twentieth Century”  
Heidi Dodson, University of Virginia

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

***Roundtable: Using Teaching American History Grants to Create  
Lasting Partnerships for Teaching Local History***

Room 305

**Opening Remarks**

Larry Cebula, Missouri Southern State University

**What National Parks and Historic Sites Can Add to a  
Teaching American History Project**

Lana Henry, George Washington Carver National  
Monument

**Local History Museums and History Education**

Michele Hansford, The Powers Museum of Carthage  
History

**Integrating Local and National History**

Paul Teverow, Missouri Southern State University

*Friday Sessions*

**Teaching the Civil War as Local History**

Virginia Laas, Missouri Southern State University

**Coordinating Teaching American History Grants: An Administrator's Perspective**

Pam George, Southwest Center for Higher Education Excellence

**The Power of Local History in the Classroom: A Teacher's Perspective**

Renee Cebula, Carthage R-9 School District

**Concluding Remarks**

William E. Foley, University of Central Missouri

***Twentieth-Century Reform and Politics***

Room 306

**Chair and Comments:** Laura Westhoff, University of Missouri-St. Louis

**Papers:** "Social Reform in the Twentieth Century: The Mary T. Hall Papers of the Missouri Historical Society"  
Molly Kodner, Missouri Historical Society

"Thomas Benson Whitledge and Early Twentieth-Century Republican Politics in Missouri"  
Mark C. Stauter, Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Rolla

"Planting the Seeds for Social Justice: The Missouri Association for Social Welfare, 1900-1915"  
Roland Meinert, Columbia, Missouri

***Art and Artifacts***

Room 312

**Chair and Comments:** Ruth Bohan, University of Missouri-St. Louis

*Friday Sessions/Luncheon*

**Papers:** “Spinning, Weaving, Homespun, and the Saxon Lutherans in Missouri”

Lani M. Kirsch, University of Missouri-Kansas City

“History and Archaeology of a French Colonial Church Complex: St. Ferdinand Church (1789-1836), Florissant, Missouri”

Joe Harl, Archaeological Research Center, St. Louis

12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

**Luncheon and Keynote Address**

Lower and Middle Mississippi Rooms, 2nd floor

**Luncheon**

**Business Meeting**

Louis Gerteis  
University of Missouri-St. Louis

**2007 MCH Award for Best Article**

presented by Bonnie Stepenoff  
Southeast Missouri State University

Selection Committee: Bonnie Stepenoff, chair  
Delia Gillis, University of Central Missouri  
Frederick Fausz, University of Missouri-St. Louis

**2007 Award for Best Book**

presented by Diane Mutti Burke  
University of Missouri-Kansas City

Selection Committee: Diane Mutti Burke, chair  
Patrick Huber, University of Missouri-Rolla  
Michael Steiner, Northwest Missouri State  
University

**Introduction of Speaker**

Louis Gerteis

**Keynote Address**

James Giglio, Missouri State University  
“Stan Musial and the Significance of Sports Biography”

*Friday Sessions*

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

***The United States and China in the Age of Abraham Lincoln***

Room 305

**Chair:** Winston Hsieh, University of Missouri-St. Louis

**Papers:** “Lincoln’s Ambassador to China, Anson Burlingame”  
Kurt Kestler, University of Missouri-St. Louis

“U.S.-China Relations during the Lincoln Era and the  
Establishment of China’s First Foreign Office (Tsungli  
Yemen) in 1860”  
Mason Morgan, Washington University in St. Louis

“Chinese Participants in the American Civil War”  
Winston Hsieh

**Comments:** Lee, Ju Cheon, National Seoul University

***Nineteenth-Century Missouri: New Perspectives***

Room 306

**Chair and Comments:** Silvana Siddali, St. Louis University

**Papers:** “Maria Dierking Herd Neuhaus: Lafayette County German  
Farmwife and Feminist”  
Robert W. Frizzell, Northwest Missouri State University

“Missouri’s Involvement in the Seminole Wars at the Battle  
of Lake Okeechobee”  
Christina Thompson, Central Methodist University

“‘A Crisis Has Arrived in Our Political Affairs’: The Panic  
of 1819 and Debtor Relief Legislation in Missouri,  
1819-1823”  
William M. Snodgrass, University of Missouri-Columbia

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

***Southern Memory and its Impact on Gender Politics***

Room 305

**Chair and Comments:** Joan Johnson, Northeast Illinois University

**Papers:** “Nathan Bedford Forrest, Shelby Foote, and the Politics of Southern Masculinity”  
Court Carney, Texas A&M University

“Remembering the Dead: Memorialization in Postwar Missouri”  
Megan Boccardi, University of Missouri-Columbia

“Ladies’ Memorial Associations and the Persistence of Southern Nationalism”  
Caroline Janney, Purdue University

***European Politics in the Nazi Era***

Room 306

**Chair and Comments:** John Gillingham, University of Missouri-St. Louis

**Papers:** “Nazi *Grossraumwirtschaft*: Myth or Reality?”  
Harm Schroeter, University of Bergen, Norway

“Between Socialism and National Socialism: The Austrian *Staendestaal*”  
Peter Acsay, University of Missouri-St. Louis