



Call for Papers
Ohio Valley History Conference
Contested Histories in the Public

The Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort, Kentucky, will host the conference on October 3–5, 2019.

Now in its 35th year, the Ohio Valley History Conference is open to historians and advanced graduate students from all time periods and specializations, including public and digital history. This year's theme, Contested Histories in the Public, will examine the ways in which historians, public history professionals, and historical affinity organizations affectively research, interpret, and teach difficult histories. The OVHC welcomes proposals for individual papers, full panels, roundtables, and volunteers to chair panels or provide comment. Graduate students are particularly encouraged to attend and present.

Possible topics can include but are not limited to:

Gender and Labor
Environmental Issues
Military History
Activism
Healthcare
Digital History

Race
U.S. History (open time period)
Museum Interpretation
Memory
European History (open time period)
Public History

Submission Process: For a panel or roundtable, please submit the panel title, a 100-word abstract of each paper, and a 1-2 page CV for each participant. For individual papers, please submit a 250-word abstract and a 1-2 page CV. Volunteers to chair sessions or provide comment should submit a 1-2 page CV indicating areas of interest and expertise. All proposals should be in a Word document and include the affiliation and contact information of each participant. The deadline for submissions is **June 15, 2019**. Please send proposals to KHSpublications@ky.gov.

Keynote Speaker: We are proud to announce the Friday night keynote speaker will be Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries from The Ohio State University. Dr. Jeffries's research examines the Civil Rights and Black Power Movement. He is the author of *Bloody Lowndes: Civil Rights and Black Power in Alabama's Black Belt*, which tells the remarkable story of the African American freedom movement in Lowndes County, Alabama. Dr. Jeffries's current book project, *In the Shadow of Civil Rights*, examines the black experience in New York City from 1977 to 1993. Dr. Jeffries's has worked on several public history projects. From 2010 to 2014, he was the lead historian and primary scriptwriter for the \$27 million renovation of the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, the site of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He hosts the podcast "Teaching Hard History: American Slavery," a production of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance Project.

Location and Accommodations: The Kentucky Historical Society is conveniently located in Frankfort, a short drive from airports in Louisville and Lexington. A block of rooms will be available at [the Capital Plaza Hotel](#), within walking distance of KHS. Several chain hotels are also located near the two Frankfort exits off I-64, along with a number of local Airbnbs. Visit <https://history.ky.gov/> for directions to KHS.