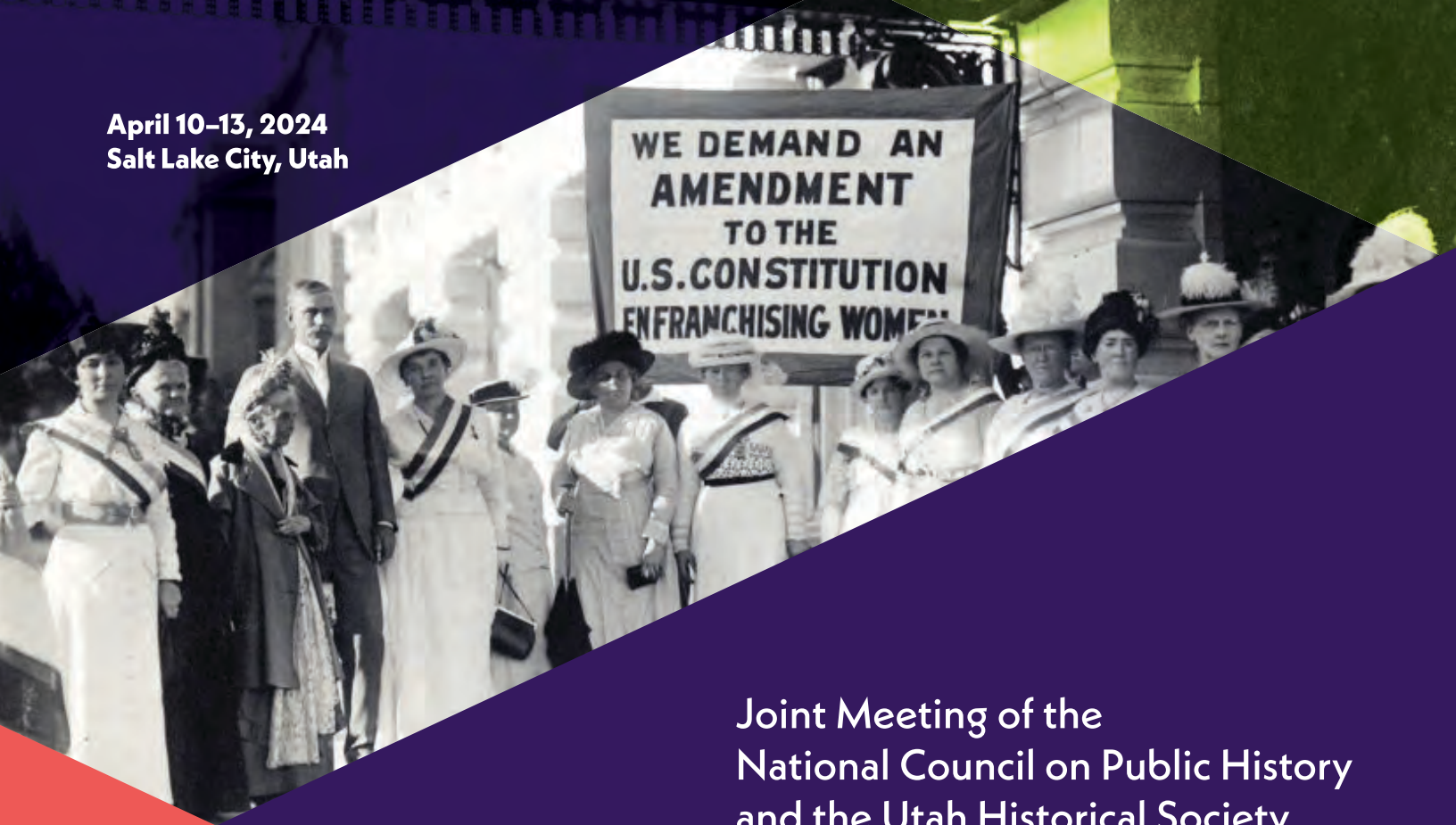


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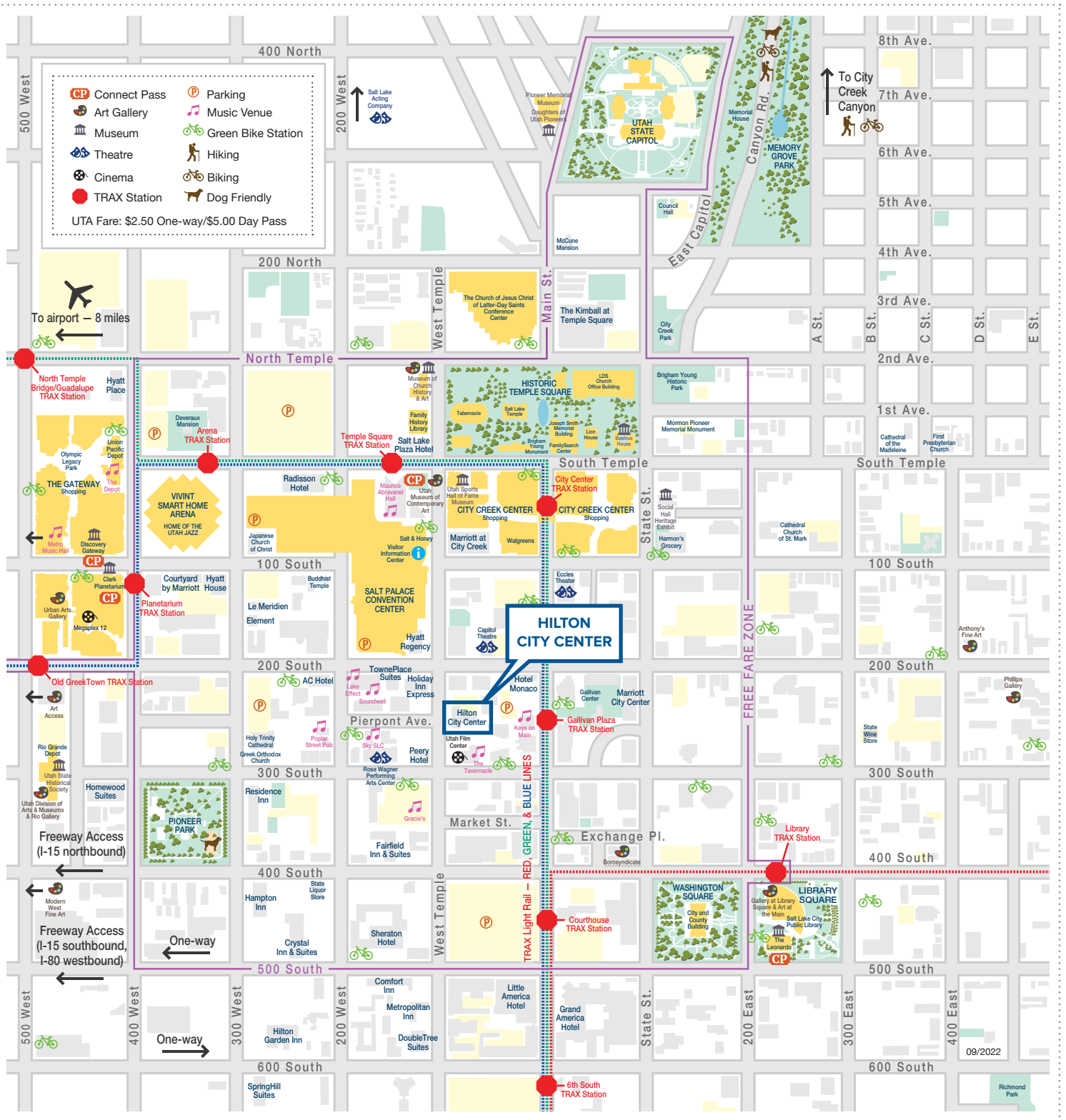


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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 am – 6:00 pm

Registration Open (Second Floor Lobby)

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

- W1. National Register Nominations: New Twists on an Old Tale?* (Salon I)

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

- T1. Boa Ogoi (Bear River) Massacre of 1863 Site* (Meet at Registration at 8:45 am)
- T2. The Inland Sea: Antelope Island and the Great Salt Lake* (Meet at Registration at 8:45 am)

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

- National Park Service Historians' Meeting (Salon I)

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

- W2. Oral History in Theory and Practice* (Topaz)

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

NCPH Board of Directors Meeting (Granite Boardroom)

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- W3. Digital Public History Lab* (Canyon ABC)

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- W4. Consulting for Today While Preparing for Tomorrow* (Granite Conference Center)
 - W5. Public History and Dramaturgy in the Archives and the Classroom* (Salon II)
 - W6. Navigating the Transition from Graduate School to Public History Professional* (Seminar Theater)
- Exhibit Hall Set-Up (Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

National Park Service Historians' Open Meeting (Salon I)

5:15 pm – 6:30 pm

- Opening Plenary I Considering the Revolution: Citizenship and Sovereignty (Grand Ballroom ABC)

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

- Opening Reception at the Alta Club* (The Alta Club, 100 E. South Temple St.)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Registration Open (Second Floor Lobby)

7:30 am – 8:30 am

- NCPH New Member Breakfast* (Trofi Restaurant, Hotel First Floor)

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Open (Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

8:00 – 10:00 am

- WG1. Beyond Tunnel Vision: Recovering the Hidden Stories of the Transcontinental Railroad (Canyon A)
- WG2. Leadership from Below (Topaz)

8:30 am – 10:00 am

- T3. Historic Main Street Walking Tour* (Meet at Registration at 8:15 am)
- Disrupting Campus Oral History Projects and Programs (Granite Conference Center)
- Building a Network of Main Streets (Canyon B)
- The Urgency of the Ephemeral: Graves Registration in Korea, Repatriating Remains from Vietnam, and Archives in Grenada (Canyon C)
- Thinking Historically in the Age of AI (Seminar Theater)

10:00 am – 10:30 am

- Break in the Exhibit Hall (Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)
- Pop-Up: Meet the NCPH Board of Directors (Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Public Historian Editorial Board Meeting (Granite Board Room)

- T4. Out and About in SLC: LGBTQ+ Walking Tour of Downtown Salt Lake City* (Meet at Registration at 9:45 am)
- Speed Networking (Grand Ballroom AB)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

- Interpreting the History of Firearms: A Public History Conversation Continued (Granite Conference Center)
- Making Museum Histories Matter (Canyon B)
- Challenging Myth-Making and Collective Memory in the Archives (Canyon C)
- Developing Consulting Best Practices in an Ever-Evolving Field (Seminar Theater)
- In the Trenches: History YouTube in an Age of Denialism (Salon I & II)

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

- WG3. Best Practices for Creating Sustainable Public History Class Projects (Canyon A)
- WG4. A Circle of Care for Black Women Working at Sites of Trauma (Topaz)

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

- Out to Lunch (Meet at Registration)*

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

- NCPH Members Meeting (Salon I & II)

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

- T5. Museum of Utah Hard Hat Tour* (Meet at Registration at 12:45 pm)
- WG5. Empowering the Public History Workplace, Part Two: Resources, Organizing, and Pedagogy (Canyon A)

- WG6. AAPI Public History: Opportunities and Partnerships to Grow the Field (Topaz)

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

- NCPH Members Meeting (Salon I & II)

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

- States on Display: The Changing Narrative of State History at Government Sites (Granite Conference Center)
- Documenting Epidemics: Social Justice, Ethics, and Best Practices (Canyon B)
- Effective Engagement Strategies for Small History Organizations (Canyon C)
- Challenging Denial: Urgency in Memorializing Mass Atrocities (Seminar Theater)

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

- NCPH Long Range Planning Committee Meeting (Executive Board Room)

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Break in the Exhibit Hall (Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- Changing the Narrative: Challenging Public Memory of Sites of Enslavement (Granite Conference Center)
- Teaching and Publishing Public History (Canyon B)
- Who Writes Our History? Toward Empowered Community Consent and Collaboration at Topaz Concentration Camp (Canyon C)
- Mythic & Malicious: How We Remember Native History (Seminar Theater)

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

- WG7. Women in Public History (Canyon A)
- WG8. Innovation and Reinvention: Doing Public History in Postindustrial Communities (Topaz)

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- The Consultants' Speakeasy* (Grand Ballroom C)
- Poster Session and Reception (Grand Ballroom AB)

7:00 pm

- Dine Arouds (Meet at Registration)*

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Registration Open (Second Floor Lobby)

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Open (Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

8:00 am – 10:00 am

- Public History Educators' Forum* (Trofi Restaurant, Hotel First Floor)

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

8:30 am – 10:00 am

- "All Water Has a Perfect Memory:" Waterways, Ritual, and Commemoration (Granite Conference Center)
- Remembering the Korean War a Different Way (Salon I & II)
- Research and Project Showcase: Friday Edition (Canyon A)
- Boarding School Stories (Canyon B)
- Bye-Bye, Bessie: Preserving the History of Disappearing Family Dairies in Utah (Canyon C)
- Utah Collections Preservation: Creating a Network of Trained Statewide Collections Professionals (Topaz)
- Documenting Now: Students Collecting Oral Histories on Climate Change (Location Seminar Theater)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

- T6. "First to Vote:" Salt Lake City's Suffrage Sites* (Meet at Registration at 8:45 am)

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

- T7. Behind the Scenes at the Church History Library and the Salt Lake Tabernacle* (Meet at Registration at 8:45 am)

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Break in the Exhibit Hall (Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

Pop-Up | Meet the *TPH* Editors! (Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

- Urgent Environments and Saving Landscapes (Salon I & II)
- Lift Every Voice: The Urgency of Oral History at a Rural HBCU (Granite Conference Center)
- Rock Climbers Leverage Oral Histories to Preserve, Advocate, and Empower the Community (Canyon A)
- Building Bridges: Doing Good History Work Where You Are (Canyon B)
- The Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation Digital Project (Canyon C)
- Crowdsourced Digital Collections of Utah (Topaz)
- Historians without Portfolio: Approaching Family History as Public History (Seminar Theater)

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

- Out to Lunch – *Grad Student Edition* (Meeting locations vary)*
- International Federation for Public History: Public Meeting (Salon I & II)

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

- Utah Historical Society Luncheon and Keynote* (Grand Ballroom ABC)

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- T8. "Not Your Grandma's Attic:" The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Memorial Museum* (Meet at Registration at 12:45 am)

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

- Public History, Climate Change, and the Black Lived Ecosystem (Salon I & II)
- Urgency to Preserve Collective Memory in National Parks (Granite Conference Center)
- Learning through the Act of Creation: Students, Small Case Exhibits, and the Power of Historical Thinking (Canyon A)
- Oral History and Intergenerational Narratives of Japanese American WWII Incarceration (Canyon B)
- Peoples of Utah Revisited: Sharing Community Histories (Canyon C)
- Research, Reconciliation, and Memorialization: The Mountain Meadows Massacre (Topaz)
- NCPH Board-Led Subcommittee on Gender Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Closed Meeting (Executive Board Room)

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

NCPH Finance Committee

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Break in the Exhibit Hall (Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

Conference Connections Check-In (Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- Establishing Public History in Historically Black K-12 Schools (Salon I & II)
- Accessing Urgent History: How Public Historians Can Create Ethical and Engaging Oral History Initiatives (Granite Conference Center)
- Managing Urgency in an Archival Setting (Canyon A)
- Earth, Water, and Fire: Public History and Climate in the Mountain West (Canyon B)
- Teaching Utah History: Approaches and Resources (Canyon C)
- A Community is Not a Monolith: Working in and with Descendant Communities (Topaz)

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- Exhibit Hall Tear-Down (Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

- Public Plenary | Building Bridges with Public History (Location TBA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Registration Open (Second Floor Lobby)

8:00 am – 10:00 am

- NCPH Awards Breakfast and Presidential Address* (Grand Ballroom ABC)

8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Open (Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

- T9. Junction City: Ogden's Historic 25th Street* (Meet at Registration at 8:15 am)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

- T10. Fort Douglas Archaeology Walking Tour* (Meet at Registration at 8:45 am)

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Break in the Exhibit Hall (Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

NCPH Council of Past Presidents Meeting (Executive Board Room)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

- Historic Sites in Flux from the 1920s to Today (Seminar Theater)
- New Approaches to Walking Tours: In-Person and Digital Tours with Community and Student Engagement (Granite Conference Center)

- Facing Off with Florida Man: Creating a Comprehensive University History in an Anti-History Environment (Canyon B)

- Gender and Sexuality in Public History (Canyon C)

- Research and Project Showcase: Saturday Edition (Salon I & II)

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

- WG9. The World War II Home Front, Part III (Canyon A)
- WG10. Black Museums as an Essential Liberation Tool (Topaz)

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

- T11. Salt Lake City's Black History Walking Tour with Sema Hadithi* (Meet at Registration at 12:45 pm)

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

- The Blackwell School: Creating and Establishing a Legacy National Park Service Site for an Aging Generation (Salon I & II)
- Changing Meanings of Common Spaces, Heritage, and Monuments (Granite Conference Center)
- Surf's Up!: Exploring the History of Surfing via Innovative CESU Collaboration (Canyon B)
- Using Public History to Study Modern Feminism (Canyon C)
- The Cultural Ferment and Historical Urgency of the 1960s and 1970s for the Smithsonian Institution (Seminar Theater)

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

- WG11. Creating a Teaching Tool for Community-Engaged Work (Canyon A)

*Pre-registration required, additional fee may apply.

GREETINGS FROM THE NCPH PRESIDENT



Kristine Navarro-McElhane
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Welcome to majestic Salt Lake City and NCPH's joint 2024 annual meeting with Utah Historical Society!

As we convene at the feet of the Wasatch Range and the Oquirrh Mountains for four days of deep conversation and reconnection with our colleagues, we acknowledge the multitude of rich, intersecting histories and communities that call this city home. This year's conference theme, Historical Urgency, animates our work as we face censorship in the media, political sphere, and in academe.

While the challenges of this cultural and political moment may appear grim, we find ourselves doubling down on a commitment to the core values of this work: collecting and preserving the history of all of our communities; fearlessly communicating a full story of the past that acknowledges both the just and unjust moments and actors in that history; and stewarding these stories to meet the needs of our present moment. In the midst of this climate, I am grateful for our time together and for the ways that these meetings rejuvenate our practice as we engage with the public, students, and other historians. We are lucky to participate in such conversations with our collaborators for the meeting: the Utah Historical Society. Their dedication and partnership has been crucial in planning a full and enriching experience over these several days.

Thank you to our Program Committee and their co-chairs, Rebecca Wingo and Holly George, who labored to construct a slate of sessions that will inform our practice for the coming year. These

presentations, roundtables, discussions, and working groups will encourage us to think in careful and nuanced ways about doing public history in challenging conditions, making space for historically underrepresented points of view, and grappling with controversy in productive ways. I thank them for their hard work and care in shaping the program. Similarly, Greg Smoak and Jennifer Ortiz and their Local Arrangements Committee endeavored to welcome us into the rich public history community of Salt Lake City. I will think of them with gratitude as we experience the historical sites of the surrounding area and partake in the city's hospitality!

Of course, none of our time together in SLC would be possible without the tireless efforts of the NCPH staff. We come to the annual meeting to learn, grow, and recharge for a concentrated period of time, but for them, annual meeting orchestration is a year-long occupation. Join me in thanking them upon encounter at the registration desk, in individual sessions, and at our social gatherings!

I look forward to listening, learning, and engaging with you, the heart of our public history community, as we reflect and recommit to our work in this time of historical urgency.

With gratitude,

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GREETINGS FROM THE UHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Jennifer Ortiz
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Welcome to the 2024 joint NCPH and Utah Historical Society Conference. We are thrilled to welcome you to Salt Lake City for the next few days to learn and experience this year's theme of "Historical Urgency" together.

For 127 years, the Utah Historical Society has worked to preserve and share Utah's history and has invited all Utahns to see themselves reflected in our state's story. Now more than ever, it's critical that history practitioners join forces and collaborate to ensure whole history is taught in our schools and public history organizations, be they historical societies, museums, and other public spaces. This year's conference provides us a unique opportunity for two organizations—a national and statewide professional history organizations—to work together to bring excellent content to our respective audiences and facilitate a learning experience unlike any other.

Programs such as this year's do not happen overnight and require the work of many people. A big thank you to our partners at NCPH

and the dual Program Committees who worked tirelessly to ensure a wide breadth of content would be available at this year's conference. Thank you to our Local Arrangements Committee, and especially to my Co-Chair, Dr. Greg Smoak, who did double duty planning for a conference in 2021 that was ultimately postponed to 2024. A heartfelt thank you to Drs. Holly George and Rebecca Wingo, who provided the intellectual framework for the conference content you will enjoy over the next several days. A big thank you to the UHS administrative staff, Alycia Rowley and Veronica Solano Arangure, who made sure to keep the planning train moving at all times.

I hope you enjoy this year's conference in the "Crossroads of the West" and explore all the offerings Salt Lake City has to offer.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ortiz, Director, Utah Historical Society



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Registration is available online at www.ncph.org.

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NCPH Member	\$176	\$220	\$220
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Students	\$108	\$135	\$135
Public History Adjacent	\$108	\$135	\$135
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One-Day	\$64	\$80	\$80
Guest*	\$40	\$40	\$40

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Early registration ends February 28, 2024. Regular registration begins March 1 and ends March 27. No pre-conference registrations will be accepted

after March 27, 2024. After that date, it will be necessary to register onsite at the conference at a higher rate, and the availability of tickets for meals, special events, workshops, etc. cannot be guaranteed.

The registration area for the conference will be located on the second floor of the Hilton Salt Lake City Center. Please visit the built-in registration desk in the second floor foyer to pick up your badge, lanyard, and *Program*.

Refund requests must be submitted in writing and sent via email to ncph@iupui.edu no later than March 27, 2024, with an exception for positive COVID-19 tests preventing the attendee to travel to Salt Lake City.

- 100% refund of registration fee (minus a 20% administration fee) will be issued if cancellation request is received by February 28, 2024.
- 50% refund of registration fee will be issued if cancellation request is received between March 1 and March 27, 2024.
- No refunds will be issued for requests received after March 27, 2024, except in case of a positive COVID-19 test from the attendee or someone the attendee lives with or cares for.

Cancellations: Tours or other events may be canceled, and refunds issued, if an insufficient number of registrations are received.

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An NCPH 2019 attendee ponders the *Program* at the registration desk in Hartford, Connecticut. Photo courtesy of Melody Hunter-Pillon.

CONFERENCE POLICIES

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The National Council on Public History (NCPH), in keeping with the core principles outlined in its mission statement and Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, is committed to providing a welcoming and harassment-free space for its members and others who attend, participate in, and support NCPH conferences, events, meetings, and online programming.

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- deliberate misgendering;
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- abusive verbal comments in public and online spaces;
- sustained, non-constructive disruption of programming.

We seek constructive resolutions to disagreements, which can yield new ways of seeing and thinking. Anyone who violates the above may face sanctions.

All attendees of the NCPH annual meeting were required to acknowledge this policy and to agree to abide by it at the time of registration.

NCPH EVENTS ACCESSIBILITY POLICY AND GUIDELINES

The National Council on Public History is committed to fostering an annual meeting environment that is inclusive and accessible to all our attendees. To that end, our annual meeting will meet and wherever possible exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990). NCPH will provide attendees with accessibility information that may impact their ability to fully participate in the meeting and will work directly with conference registrants to meet accessibility needs to the maximum extent we are financially and logistically able.

In August 2019 the Board of Directors approved a new conference accessibility plan to lay out our policies and procedures related to conference accessibility. You can read the full document, *NCPH Guidelines for Building an Accessible Annual Meeting*, at <https://ncph.org/about/governance-committees/ncph-accessibility-guidelines/>.

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION



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THE HILTON SALT LAKE CITY CENTER

255 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah

The Hilton Salt Lake City Center (Hilton SLCC) in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah, is the main location for conference sessions and events. Conference events will be held at the hotel unless otherwise noted in the *Program*.

Please note the maps of the Hilton SLCC, located on the inside back cover of this *Program*. There are no other conferences in the hotel during our conference week and we are using all the hotel's meeting space.

The National Council on Public History has secured a block of rooms at the hotel at a rate of \$205/night; reservations must be made by March 19, 2024. Please note that the block is likely to fill before this date. Please use the Hilton's online portal to reserve your room. The link can be found at <https://ncph.org/conference/2024-annual-meeting/hotel-and-travel-information/>.

A limited number of rooms at a lower rate for students and government employees are available. Please email meghillm@iupui.edu for more information.

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE CONFERENCE

In December, NCPH will open a call for student volunteers to help with the 2024 Annual Meeting. Student volunteers receive free registration in return for a four-hour shift helping with the exhibit hall, tours, special events, registration, and other tasks. Volunteers must fill out a brief application and be a member of NCPH, a student, and at least 21 years of age. After selection, those who have already registered will be reimbursed. Those who have not yet registered must fill out the registration form and omit payment for the registration fee (but include any other fees, such as meal events, tours, etc.). Watch the NCPH website and *Public History News Update* emails in early December for news about the volunteering schedule and applications.

NCPH will also be looking for a few volunteer photographers, so if photography is among your hobbies and you are interested in a free conference registration in return for a few hours of your time and expertise, consider volunteering to take photos at the conference.

CONFERENCE CONNECTIONS – FIND A MEETING MENTOR

If you are attending an NCPH annual meeting for the first time, welcome! We're excited that you will be joining us, but we understand that conferences can be intimidating. Every conference is unique, and our Conference Connections program might help you find your feet or build your schedule.

Are you feeling overwhelmed figuring out the difference between sessions, working groups, and workshops? Wondering whether or not you should order business cards? Looking for advice on presenting your first poster? Don't worry, we can help! If you are a first-time attendee or new to NCPH you can sign up to be paired with a seasoned conference professional who can give you the inside scoop on making the most out of the annual meeting. As you prepare for the conference, contact your mentor with any questions you may have, then attend the meet-up Wednesday evening (April 10) and balance break in the exhibit hall on Friday afternoon (April 12) to check in.

Guidelines and information for both new attendees and their guides will be available on the 2024 Annual Meeting website.

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE

Live tweeting from sessions is encouraged, unless a presenter requests otherwise. To help with tweeting, we will include Twitter handles (when provided) on badges, on the pre-conference participant list, and in the Presenter Index of the final *Program*.

Please note that session numbers are not yet available and will be published in the updated digital Program in the spring and the print Program available onsite. For now, tweet the title and time of your session with #NCPHUHS2024 to drum up excitement for your presentation!

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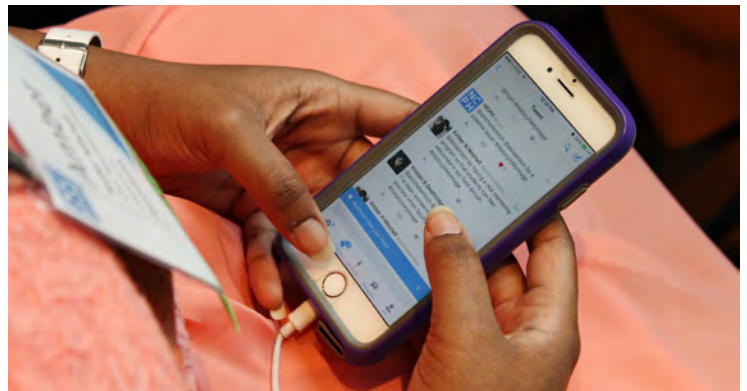
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Concourse A at Salt Lake City International Airport. Image courtesy of Visit Salt Lake.

SLC International

Salt Lake City International Airport is one of the major western hubs and located just ten minutes from downtown. The airport is in the middle of a major renovation project, with Phase 1 finished and Phase 2 underway to add more shops, restaurants, and art installations, but this should not affect your travel.

Once you've landed, you can rent a car, catch a Lyft or Uber, or use the city's TRAX light rail service to downtown Salt Lake. Just catch the Green Line at Airport Station and get off at the Gallivan Plaza Station; the hotel is about .2 miles away from there.

Light Rail

Salt Lake City's TRAX light rail system serves the city with three lines. The Green line serves downtown and the airport; the Blue line picks up downtown and runs south to Draper; and

the Red line connects downtown with the University of Utah. See <https://www.rideuta.com/Rider-Info/How-To-Ride/How-to-Ride-TRAX> for detailed instructions for purchasing your ticket and riding the light rail. As of the time of publication, a day pass is \$5.00 and a one-way ticket is \$2.50. Our hotel's stop is Gallivan Plaza; all trains connect one stop south, at the Courthouse stop. For ease of connection, you might prefer to make the ten-minute walk to the Courthouse stop to pick up the Red or Blue lines. The map on the back cover of this *Program* shows TRAX routes.

Bus

A bus can get you just about anywhere in the Greater Salt Lake area. You can find detailed instructions for utilizing UTA buses at <https://www.rideuta.com/Rider-Info/How-To-Ride/How-to-Ride-a-UTA-Bus>. There is also a rapid transit bus that goes north to Ogden and south to Provo; the map on the back cover of this *Program* includes the rapid bus routes.

FrontRunner

The FrontRunner is a commuter train that runs from Ogden in the north to Provo in the south, with Salt Lake City in between. If you're planning to go a bit further afield, this may be the best option for you. There is no Sunday service. A round-trip fare is \$5.



Catch a train to get around SLC. Image courtesy of Visit Salt Lake.

Lyft/Uber/Taxi

You all know how this works by now! Lyft and Uber are generally less expensive than taxis.

To save money, consider using these ride share services with other attendees who are heading to the same neighborhood as you, or booking larger vehicles for group meal events like Out to Lunch and Dine Arouns.

WEATHER

In mid-April, the average high temperature is 61 degrees Fahrenheit, and the average low is 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Expect cold temperatures at night and in the morning and comfortable temperatures during the day. Expect cloud cover and about a 25% chance of precipitation, and it may be windy. Substantial snowfall is unlikely but not impossible; average snowfall for the month of April is just shy of three inches.

2024 WORKING GROUPS

The working group format is designed to facilitate substantive, focused, and extended seminar-like conversations on a particular topic. Discussants were selected from an open call in October. Prior to the conference, each has reviewed and electronically commented on fellow participants' case statements to get a sense of shared concerns and the needs of the group. Working group sessions at the conference are open to other attendees who would like to sit in on the discussions unless otherwise noted, but we ask that you respect the facilitators' need to potentially limit participation from the audience.

See working group descriptions with their facilitators and discussants on the full schedule beginning on page X.

WG1. Beyond Tunnel Vision: Recovering the Hidden Stories of the Transcontinental Railroad
Thursday, April 11, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

WG2. Leadership from Below
Thursday, April 11, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

WG3. Best Practices for Creating Sustainable Public History Class Projects
Thursday, April 11, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

WG4. A Circle of Care for Black Women Working at Sites of Trauma
Thursday, April 11, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

WG5. Empowering the Public History Workplace, Part Two: Resources, Organizing, and Pedagogy
Thursday, April 11, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

WG6. AAPI Public History: Opportunities and Partnerships to Grow the Field
Thursday, April 11, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

WG7. Women in Public History Working Group
Thursday, April 11, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

WG8. Innovation and Reinvention: Doing Public History in Postindustrial Communities
Thursday, April 11, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

WG9. The World War II Home Front, Part Three
Saturday, April 13, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

WG10. Black Museums as an Essential Liberation Tool
Saturday, April 13, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

WG11. Creating a Teaching Tool for Community-Engaged Work
Saturday, April 13, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

DINING AND DRINKS

Salt Lake City's food scene might surprise you. You'll find a number of quality local restaurants within an easy walk of the conference hotel, and a relative lack of chains. While you'll find also excellent options further afield with access to a car or food delivery app, we're featuring a selection of SLC's nearby culinary offerings courtesy of our Local Arrangements Committee.



SLC's food scene might surprise you. Image courtesy of Visit Salt Lake.

Average entrée prices:
 \$: under \$10 // \$\$: \$11-\$20 //
 \$\$\$: \$21-\$30 // \$\$\$\$: \$30+

Bambara \$\$\$

202 S Main Street

Elegant New American bistro with ingredients sourced from local farmers and ranchers.

Blue Iguana \$\$

165 S. West Temple

This Salt Lake City institution, downtown sister restaurant to its famous Red Iguana location, serves a combination of traditional Mexican recipes and new and unique flavors.

Bruges Belgian Bistro \$\$

336 W. Broadway

Belgian-style waffles and frites. If you've ever wanted to try something called a "Waffle Monster," this is your chance.

Caffé Molise \$\$\$

404 S. West Temple

Fresh Italian cuisine with a focus on regional specialties and local ingredients.

Caputo's Market and Deli \$

314 W. Broadway

Italian deli and market offering classic sandwiches, pastas, and salads. One of *Eater's* Essential Salt Lake City restaurants.

Chile-Tepin \$\$

307 W. 200 S.

Classic dishes of Mexico from family recipes handed down for generations, using the freshest ingredients sourced locally and from specialty farms.

Copper Onion \$\$\$

111 E. 300 S., Ste. 170

New American fare and craft cocktails. One of *Eater's* Essential Salt Lake City restaurants.

Cucina Toscana \$\$\$

282 S. 300 W.

One of Salt Lake City's best Italian restaurants, Cucina Toscana features an authentic northern Italian menu in an elegant setting.

Eva \$\$

317 S. Main Street

New American and Mediterranean inspired small plates and craft cocktails.

From Scratch \$\$

62 E. Gallivan Avenue

Locally owned, independent restaurant where, as the name suggests, they make everything from scratch.

Himalayan Kitchen \$\$

360 S. State Street

Traditional Nepali and Indian Cuisine.

J. Wong's Thai and Chinese Bistro \$-\$\$

163 W. 200 S.

Family-owned Thai and Chinese cuisine.

Market Street Grill and Oyster Bar \$\$\$

48 W. Market Street

Seafood restaurant and oyster bar that serves lunch and dinner.

Padeli's Street Greek \$-\$\$

30 E. Broadway

Greek street food.

Pleiku \$\$

264 S. Main Street

Modern Vietnamese cuisine and Asian-inspired tapas.

Pretty Bird \$\$

146 Regent Street

Fast casual Nashville-style hot chicken from Iron Chef winner

Viet Pham. One of *Eater's* Essential Salt Lake City restaurants.

Red Rock Brewing Company \$\$

254 S. 200 W.

Local brewery and pub food.

Settebello Pizzeria

Napoletana \$\$

260 S. 200 W.

Authentic wood-fired Neapolitan-style pizza.

Siegfried's Delicatessen and Shop \$

20 W. 200 S.

German deli serving schnitzel, pretzels, Rubeen sandwiches, and more. One of *Eater's* Essential Salt Lake City restaurants.

Spitz Mediterranean Street Food \$

35 E. Broadway (300 S.)

Popular regional west coast chain serving Mediterranean street food.

Takashi \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

18 W. Market Street

Japanese food and sushi.

Valter's Osteria \$\$\$

173 W. Broadway

Traditional Tuscan cuisine with a small, carefully curated menu and a risotto of the day. One of *Eater's* Essential Salt Lake City restaurants.

NCPH ANNUAL MEETINGS

FUTURE MEETINGS

2024 – Salt Lake City, Utah (with Utah Historical Society)
 Virtual (with OAH)
 2025 – Montreal, Quebec, Canada
 2026 – Providence, Rhode Island (with AASLH) tentative

PAST MEETINGS

1979 – Montecito, California
 1980 – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 1981 – Raleigh, North Carolina
 1982 – Chicago, Illinois
 1983 – Waterloo, Ontario
 1984 – Los Angeles, California
 1985 – Phoenix, Arizona

1986 – New York, New York (with OAH)

1987 – Washington, DC (with SHFG)

1988 – Denver, Colorado

1989 – St. Louis, Missouri (with OAH)

1990 – San Diego, California (with SOHA)

1991 – Toledo, Ohio

1992 – Columbia, South Carolina

1993 – Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

1994 – Sacramento, California (with SOHA and NOHA)

1995 – Washington, DC (with OAH)

1996 – Seattle, Washington

1997 – Albany, New York

1998 – Austin, Texas

1999 – Lowell, Massachusetts

2000 – St. Louis, Missouri (with OAH)

2001 – Ottawa, Ontario

2002 – Washington, DC (with OAH)

2003 – Houston, Texas

2004 – Victoria, British Columbia (with ASEH)

2005 – Kansas City, Missouri

2006 – Washington, DC (with OAH)

2007 – Santa Fe, New Mexico

2008 – Louisville, Kentucky

2009 – Providence, Rhode Island

2010 – Portland, Oregon (with ASEH)

2011 – Pensacola, Florida

2012 – Milwaukee, Wisconsin (with OAH)

2013 – Ottawa, Ontario

2014 – Monterey, California

2015 – Nashville, Tennessee

2016 – Baltimore, Maryland (with SHFG)

2017 – Indianapolis, Indiana

2018 – Las Vegas, Nevada

2019 – Hartford, Connecticut

2020 – Virtual

2021 – Virtual

2022 – Virtual

2023 – Atlanta, Georgia

THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN SLC

Please check organization websites to confirm the most up-to-date information on hours, programs, and, where applicable, fees.

Church History Museum

300 N. Mains St.

This museum features five exhibits dedicated to the history and legacy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. *In The Heavens Are Opened* exhibit, guests have the opportunity to experience a short film recounting Joseph Smith's "First Vision" throughout the day. *Monday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm; Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm; Friday-Saturday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Admission is free.*

Discovery Gateway Children's Museum

444 W. 100 S.

This 60,000 square foot space is filled with interactive, hands-on exhibits to encourage the whole family to create, learn, and play together. From a dinosaur dig to their Steam Lab, the Discovery Gateway Children's Museum offers an afternoon's worth of entertainment for young ones.

Monday, Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm; Sunday, 12:00 – 6:00 pm. Admission: Children: \$12.50, Adults: \$13.50, Senior Citizen: \$12.50.

FamilySearch Library

35 N. West Temple

Owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, FamilySearch is one of the largest genealogical libraries in the world. Explore the library's collection, featuring millions of microfilmed records, or consult with one of the hundreds of experts on staff to start your own genealogical journey.

Monday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 am – 6 pm; Tuesday – Thursday, 9 am – 8 pm. Admission is free.

Fort Douglas Military Museum

32 Potter St.

Located in two former barracks of the fort established in 1862, Fort Douglas Military Museum depicts the role of the U.S. military in furthering the settlement of Utah.

Tuesday – Saturday, 12:00 – 5:00 pm. Admission is free.

Gilgal Sculpture Garden

749 E. 500 S.

Originally created in 1945, this garden is free and open for all to enjoy the flora and dozens of sculptural arrangements and engraved stones that call it home. Visit what many Utahns consider a hidden gem of their capital city.

Monday-Sunday, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Admission is free.

Governor's Mansion

603 E. South Temple St.

Also known as the Kearns Mansion, after mining magnate and U.S. Senator Thomas

Kearns, the family donated the building to the state in 1937 on the condition it house Utah's chief executive. The mansion has since been the home of the Beehive State's governor, while also holding public tours of the home's interior.

Check online for public tour availability.

Hellenic Cultural Museum

279 S. 300 W.

Located in the lower level of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, the museum celebrates the history of Utah's and the Salt Lake Valley's Greek immigrants. Displays reflect the struggles, achievements, and social life of these individuals through tape interviews, letters, and manuscripts.

By appointment only.

Historic Holy Cross Chapel

1050 E. South Temple

Dedicated in 1904, the Historic Cross Chapel once served the Holy Cross Hospital, but now connects to the Salt Lake Regional Medical Center. One of two 19th century Catholic churches still standing in Salt Lake City, the chapel now acts as an interfaith sanctuary.

Memory Grove Park

300 N. Canyon Rd.

Situated in downtown Salt Lake City, explore the park and its memorials dedicated to Utahn soldiers. Or make use of the area's picnic tables and walking paths, including City Creek Canyon Road that extends to the mountains in the northeast.

Monday – Sunday, 8:00 am – 10:00 pm.

Natural History Museum of Utah

301 Wakara Way

Explore billions of years of Utah's and the Intermountain West's natural history at this five-story, 163,000 square foot facility nestled in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains. Visitors can enjoy exhibits on the Great Basin's prehistoric peoples, the Great Salt Lake, stories from Utah's Indigenous population, and much more.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; Wednesday, 10:00 am – 9:00 pm. Admission: Adult: \$22.95, Senior, Young Adult: \$20.95, Child: \$17.95, Children 2 and under: Free.

Pioneer Memorial Museum

300 N. Main St.

Home to one of the country's largest collections of pioneer artifacts, the museum has displays on history up to the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869. Come see objects like the wagon Brigham Young journeyed to the Salt Lake Valley on and the medical equipment of women doctors of the region.

Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Admission is free.

Salt Lake City Library

210 E. 400 S.

Designed by acclaimed architect Moshe Safdie, many regard the main library as one of the most unique structures in the state. Spend some time appreciating the architecture and public art at the space, or visiting the rooftop terrace, home to multiple beehives, and local shops surrounding Library Square.

Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm; Friday-Saturday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm; Sunday, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Admission is free.

The Leonardo Museum

209 E. 500 S.

Embodying the spirit of the Renaissance Man Leonardo da Vinci, the museum encourages visitors to see the connections between science, technology, and art through its exhibit spaces and art installations. The museum also offers "Art Through Experience," an immersive digital art experience, currently dedicated to the work of Van Gogh, for an additional cost.

Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm. Admission: Adults: \$12, Students, Seniors, and Military: \$9, Children: \$8.

Trolley History Museum

602 E. 500 S.

The museum is located in the Historic Trolley Square, an area originally built by railroad executive E.H. Harriman in 1908 but has operated as a marketplace since 1972. At the museum, learn about the Salt Lake Rail Company and the public transportation of the city.

Monday, Wednesday, 4:00 – 9:00 pm; Thursday, 1:00 – 9:00 pm; Saturday 12:00 – 7:00 pm; Sunday, 12:00 – 9:00 pm. Admission is free.

Utah Museum of Contemporary Art

20 S. West Temple

The only museum devoted specifically to contemporary arts and culture, the Utah Museum of Contemporary Art features revolving exhibitions in its six gallery spaces. Enjoy works from local, national, and international artists in downtown Salt Lake City. *Wednesday-Thursday, Saturday, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm; Friday, 11:00 am – 9:00 pm. Suggested \$10 donation.*

Utah Museum of Fine Arts

410 Campus Center Dr.

Housed in the Marcia and John Price Museum Building on the University of Utah's campus, the Utah Museum of Fine Arts' 20,000 piece collection is the only one in the surrounding region that represents a diverse range of global cultures from the ancient to the contemporary. *Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; Wednesday, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm. Admission: Adults: \$17.95, Seniors, Youth: \$14.95, Children: Free.*

EXHIBITS

We invite you to visit the organizations exhibiting with us in the Alpine Ballroom (Second Floor) and Second Floor Foyer of the Hilton Salt Lake City Center.

Be sure to visit our Commons gathering area in the Alpine Ballroom to relax and connect with colleagues and friends. Several pop-up exhibits and activities will be appearing in the exhibit hall, so consult your final *Program* and Errata sheet to see the day's events! Pop-ups are additional opportunities for you to experience more conference content in an informal and participatory way. You'll also find some activities for winding down and easy socializing, including puzzles and coloring books, if you need to grab a few minutes of peace.

EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

Thursday, April 11, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

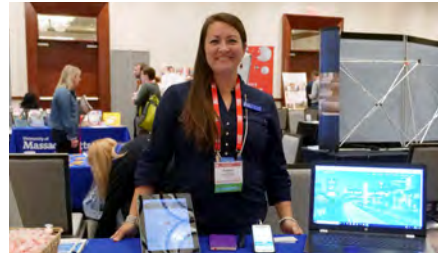
Friday, April 12, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

EXHIBITORS (as of December 8, 2023)

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Digital Scholar/Omeka
Middle Tennessee State University
Center for Historic Preservation
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Ovation Data
Signature Books
University of Nebraska at Kearney
University of Utah Press
Utah Historical Society
University of Massachusetts Press
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An exhibitor at the 2018 annual meeting in Las Vegas. Photo courtesy of Andy Townsend.

Interested in exhibiting at the meeting or sponsoring an event?
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for more information.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Please purchase tickets online or email the NCPH office at ncph@iupui.edu to add tickets to your already-existing registration. Tickets purchased during early registration will be included with your conference badge at the annual meeting. Space is limited. Some tickets may be available for purchase at the conference registration desk onsite.

Opening Plenary | Considering the Revolution: Citizenship and Sovereignty

Wednesday, April 10, 5:15 pm – 6:30 pm

(Grand Ballroom)

Ticket: FREE, but advance registration is suggested

In a republic, sovereignty is essentially the right of the “people” to govern themselves and to determine their own destiny. Citizenship is the way in which republics such as the United States determine who is part of the “people.” Because the American Revolution is popularly understood as a struggle for self-government, understanding how the intertwined concepts of sovereignty and citizenship have been contested throughout the nation’s history is critical for understanding the legacies of the Revolution. In this conversation, the fourth in a five-part series of plenary discussions examining the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States from new angles, participants will consider how the concept of citizenship has shaped the history of the US and how it continues to shape how people connect with their histories in the present. *Sponsored by the National Park Service.*

Facilitator: Gregory Smoak, University of Utah

Participants: To be announced

Opening Reception at the Alta Club

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

(The Alta Club, 100 E. South Temple Street, Salt Lake City)

Ticket: \$20

Join NCPH President Kristine Navarro-McElhaney, NCPH Past President and local host Gregory Smoak, Utah Historical Society Director Jennifer Ortiz, and our 2024 Program Committee Co-Chairs Holly George and Rebeca Wingo in an opening reception to welcome you to the joint meeting of the National Council on Public History and the Utah Historical Society. Park your suitcase and head over to the Alta Club (about a fifteen-minute walk from the conference hotel) to enjoy appetizers, a cash bar, and conversation with colleagues and friends in a beautiful historical space.

Who says you can't drink in Utah? One complimentary drink ticket is included in the cost of your event ticket. A cash bar will be available if you wish to imbibe further, but please keep in mind that NCPH's Events Code of Conduct remains in place for offsite events.

About The Alta Club. The Alta Club is a private social club founded in 1883 to serve the growing Salt Lake City area (before Utah was even a state). While originally exclusive, and closed to women until 1987, the club is now open to all.

Let's get fancy. The Alta Club asks visitors to common spaces of the club dress business casual.



The 2019 Opening Reception in Hartford. Image courtesy of Todd Hoett.

NCPH New Member Breakfast

Thursday, April 11, 7:30 am – 8:30 am

(Trofi Restaurant, Hotel First Floor)

Ticket: \$15

New NCPH members are welcome to join members of the NCPH board and staff for a continental breakfast and mingling on the first morning of the conference. Get to know the leadership of the organization and fortify yourself for a day of sessions, fellowship, and fun. *Organized by the NCPH Membership Committee.*

Speed Networking

Thursday, April 11, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

(Grand Ballroom AB)

Ticket: FREE, but advance registration is required



Speed Networking at the Hartford 2019 conference. Photo courtesy of Melody Hunter-Pillion.

NCPH's professional twist on “speed dating” creates stress-free networking opportunities at the annual meeting. This is one of the conference's most popular events! Graduate students, recent graduates, and new professionals will have the opportunity to meet with five established public history practitioners over the course of five fifteen-minute rotations. Before the buzzer sounds, participants may discuss career options, professional development, and any other aspects of the field. Prepare some questions in advance, bring your business cards, and expect to talk and listen a lot! Advance registration is required; space is limited to 70. *Organized by the NCPH Professional Development Committee.*

Out to Lunch

Thursday, April 11, 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

(Meeting locations arranged on a per-group basis)

Ticket: FREE, but sign up either in advance or onsite. Cost of lunch is the responsibility of the attendee.

Looking for lunch plans? Out to Lunch is an event designed to help public history professionals meet colleagues in an informal setting. Prior to the event, attendees will be placed in groups of four or five, which will then meet for lunch at a restaurant of their choosing. It's a great opportunity to mingle, connect, and experience some local flavor. If you're not sure where to eat, check out the restaurant guide in the *Program* [p. 9]. If you're a student, see our special student version of this event on Friday, April 12. For more information, visit ncph.org/conference/2024-annual-meeting.

The Consultants' Speakeasy

Thursday, April 11, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

(Grand Ballroom C)

Ticket: FREE, but advance registration is required

Do you work as a consulting historian, or are you interested in becoming a consultant and looking to learn more about consulting and contract work? Grab a drink with the NCPH Consultants Committee and join

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SPECIAL EVENTS

new and experienced consultants in the Speakeasy (formerly known as the Consultants' Reception) for an informal gathering that will include hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and lively conversation. *Organized by the NCPH Consultants Committee.*

Poster Session and Reception

Thursday, April 11, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

(Grand Ballroom AB)

Ticket: FREE, no advance registration is required

Posters will be on display and their creators will be on hand to discuss their projects, with light refreshments served. The poster session is a format for public history presentations about projects that use visual evidence. It offers an alternative for presenters eager to share their work through one-on-one discussion, can be especially useful for works-in-progress, and may be a particularly appropriate format for presentations where visual or material evidence represents a central component of the project. A full list of posters can be found on page 20. *Co-sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Kearney.*

Dine Arounds

Thursday, April 11, 7:00 pm

(Meet at registration)

Ticket: FREE, but sign up onsite. Cost of dinner is the responsibility of the attendee.



Dine Arounds are an informal opportunity to talk about important issues, make new contacts, and get a taste of the Salt Lake City food scene. In advance of the annual meeting, individuals who volunteer to be facilitators suggest topics for discussion, find suitable

restaurants, and make reservations for their group. To participate, find the sign-up sheet in the conference registration area in advance of the 7:00 pm start-time, and come prepared to talk. Your facilitator will lead the group to the restaurant and start the evening's conversation.

Public History Educators' Forum

Friday, April 12, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

(Trofi Restaurant, Hotel First Floor)

Ticket: \$35

This annual event is an opportunity for faculty to share ideas about running graduate and undergraduate public history programs and to talk about university, departmental, and a wide variety of other issues. The discussion is always lively. *Organized by the NCPH Curriculum and Training Committee.*

Out to Lunch – Student Edition

Friday, April 12, 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

(Meeting locations arranged on a per-group basis)

Ticket: FREE, but sign up either in advance or onsite. Cost of lunch is the responsibility of the attendee.

Out to Lunch – Student Edition is tailored specifically for grad students. It's a great opportunity to mingle, connect with other students, and experience some local flavor. Graduate students will be placed in groups of four or five from different programs, which will then meet for lunch at a restaurant of their choosing. For more information, visit <https://ncph.org/conference/2024-annual-meeting/>

Utah Historical Society Luncheon and Keynote

Friday, April 12, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

(Grand Ballroom ABC)

Ticket: \$10 for UHS members; tickets will be made available to other registrants as capacity allows.

Join the Utah Historical Society (UHS) staff and leadership for a membership and business luncheon and keynote. Connect with colleagues over a shared meal and hear updates on critical UHS projects, including the Museum of Utah.

Keynote information coming soon.

Public Plenary | Building Bridges with Public History

Friday, April 12, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

(Location TBA)

FREE and open to the public

Sponsored by Utah Humanities and Co-sponsored by the American West Center, University of Utah.

In today's world, we find ourselves entrenched in an era of polarized opinions, where the chasms between various political ideologies seem insurmountable—between book banning, K-12 curriculum fights, and more, members of the publics we serve are overwhelmed with misinformation and public historians are exhausted. How can public historians carry on with good work in this contentious atmosphere? What can we learn from public historians in the trenches—the people working where this contention is most hostile—and from the people they hope to reach?

The best public history work can serve as a conduit for dialogue and for action, a medium where differing viewpoints can be examined, contextualized, understood within the framework of historical truth, and applied to our understanding of the current moment to build a better world for all of us. As communities become polarized and people struggle to untangle fact from fiction, how can historians serve as bridge-builders?

At this plenary, open to the public as well as to all conference attendees, our panel will consider how to communicate the value of telling complete and true histories while bringing along as many of our neighbors as possible. Members of the public in Salt Lake City and surrounds are invited to join public historians for this conversation about how we can work together to foster empathy, mutual respect, and a deeper appreciation for the interconnectedness of human stories without sacrificing truth or justice.

NCPH Awards Breakfast and Presidential Address

Saturday, April 13, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

(Grand Ballroom ABC)

Ticket: \$35

Join us to celebrate the best in public history! There will be ample time to chat during breakfast before awards are presented for some of the most innovative work and admirable accomplishments in the profession today. Then, join outgoing NCPH President Kristine Navarro-McElhaney for her farewell presidential address as she passes the gavel to Vice President Denise Meringolo.

The awards event and presidential address are open to all conference registrants, although this ticket is required for the breakfast meal. Attendees without tickets will be admitted after the meal has begun and will be welcome to sit in the special seating provided.



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Upcoming Meetings

Montreal, Quebec, CA
2025

Providence, Rhode Island
(with AASLH)
2026

Leisl Carr Childers, Photo of Jetsonorama (Chip Thomas) Art on the Navajo Nation near Page, Arizona 2012.

NCPH inspires public engagement with the past and serves the needs of practitioners in putting history to work in the world. We build community among historians, expand professional skills and tools, foster critical reflection on historical practice, and advocate for history and historians.

Members of NCPH have access to:

The Public Historian

- a print and online journal offering the latest original research, case studies, reviews, and coverage of the ever-expanding international field of public history

Professional Development

- continuing education in workshops, working groups, and critical reflection on practical and theoretical issues

News of the Field

- *Public History News*, email updates, and other NCPH reports will keep you current

Community

- connect to thousands of other public historians through our blog *History@Work*; listservs; and the NCPH groups on Facebook and LinkedIn

Discounts on the Annual Meeting

- Salt Lake City 2024, Montreal 2025

Leadership Opportunities

- help to shape the profession and field by serving on committees and task forces

Advocacy Efforts

- NCPH, with the National Coalition for History, speaks on behalf of the profession and in the public interest on historical issues.

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- Statement on Ethics and Professional Conduct, Tenure & Promotion guidelines, *Guide to Public History Programs*, best practices, consultant directory, searchable jobs page, and discounted JPASS access to journals

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80th memorial 2023, Topaz. Photo from WMC.

VISIT TOPAZ UT CAMP WITH SURVIVORS

NCPH attendees are invited to attend a desert ceremony to mark the 81st memorial of James Wakasa, who was killed by a guard while walking his dog at the WWII Topaz concentration camp. His one-ton monument was forcibly erased by authorities in 1943 and unearthed in 2023 after being buried for 78 years.

Date of ceremony at Topaz by Wakasa Memorial Committee to be announced. An NCPH conference roundtable will be held by camp survivors, descendants, an archaeologist and preservationist on April 11, 2024. See wakasamemorial.org for updates.

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TOURS AND TRIPS

All groups meet by the NCPH registration desk in the second-floor foyer of the Hilton Salt Lake City Center unless otherwise noted. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the listed tour start time. Transportation is included for all trips. Please contact NCPH if you require special assistance. Unless noted, lunch is not provided, and tours operate rain or shine. Space is limited, so sign up early. Thanks to its elevation, you may burn more easily in Salt Lake City than you're used to, so make sure to wear sunscreen (and comfortable walking shoes).

This year, all tours are sponsored by Middle Tennessee State University's Center for Historic Preservation; their sponsorship partially covers the costs of transportation, tour guide fees, entrance fees, and other costs associated with tours. We thank them for their generous sponsorship! We also thank Michelle Judd with the American West Center, University of Utah, for her assistance with busing arrangements.



Guide Darren Parry stands overlooking Boa Ogoi, the site of the Bear River Massacre of 1863.

T1. Boa Ogoi (Bear River) Massacre of 1863 Site*

Wednesday, April 10, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Ticket: \$50

Guide: Darren Parry, Northwestern Shoshone Council Member

On January 29, 1863, US Army troops massacred over four hundred Shoshone children, women, and men along Boa Ogoi ("Big River"), which the whites called the Bear River. For generations, the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation kept the memory of the massacre alive and actively told their story. In 2018, the Northwestern Band purchased the massacre site, where they are now developing an interpretive center and reestablishing native vegetation and ecological systems. As we drive to the site, guide Darren Parry will share his people's story, including that of his grandmother, Mae Timbimboo Parry, who gathered oral histories from survivors of the massacre. At the site he will discuss the contested interpretation of the massacre and his people's plans for the site. The tour will also include a stop at the New Deal-era post office in Preston, whose interior boasts a 1941 Edmond J. Fitzgerald interpretive mural titled "The Battle of Bear River," and lunch at Preston's city park. *The tour will require walking short distances on mostly level ground. A boxed lunch from a Salt Lake City eatery is included in the ticket price.*

T2. The Inland Sea: Antelope Island and the Great Salt Lake*

Wednesday, April 10, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Ticket: \$45

Guides: Carl Aldrich, Antelope Island State Park, and Chris Merritt, Utah State Historic Preservation Office

The Great Salt Lake looms large in the American imagination and experience.

To many people it seems a landform of contradictions and extremes; its shallow, salty waters complement the perceived sterility of the desert basin that gives it form, yet the Lake's edges—where land and water meet and fresh water mixes with salt—teem with life. From prehistory it has been home to some, a distinctive landmark and curiosity to others, and the subject of intrigue and speculation for all. This tour will showcase the lake's largest island, which is rich with history reaching back at least three thousand years, from Native American hunter-gatherers to reportedly the oldest house on its original foundation in Utah. This guided tour of Antelope Island State Park will include discussions of the archaeological legacy of Antelope Island and the first European Americans to explore its shores, walks through the incredibly preserved Fielding-Garr Ranch, and views of the dramatic landscape. *This tour will include a fair amount of walking; a bottle of water will be provided, but we recommend you also bring your own refillable bottle, wear comfortable hiking shoes and clothes, and bring sunscreen and bug spray. A boxed lunch from a Salt Lake City eatery is included in the ticket price.*



The entrance to Antelope Island State Park. Image courtesy of Visit Salt Lake.

T3. Historic Main Street Walking Tour*

Thursday, April 11, 8:30 am – 10:00 am
Ticket: \$14

Guide: Lisa Michele Church, Relentless History

Get your bearings in downtown Salt Lake City with Lisa Michele Church, avid local history practitioner, author of *Vintage Signs of Utah*, and owner of the popular Instagram account Relentless History (@relentlesshistory). This walking tour of SLC's historic main street will introduce you to the city's historic landscapes and landmarks, with a special emphasis on the unique architectural highlights and signage on Main Street.

T4. Out and About in SLC: LGBTQ+ Walking Tour of Downtown Salt Lake City*

Thursday, April 11, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Ticket: \$17

Guides: Randall Hoffman and Wendi Pettet, local historians

Salt Lake City is known as an unlikely queer mecca in the American West. Rankings from *The Advocate* and Gallup, census data, and an analysis from the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law suggest that Salt Lake City has one of the highest LGBTQ+ populations in the US, the highest percentage of same-sex parents, and ranks third in the nation for same-sex couples. Join local historians Wendi Pettett and Randell Hoffman for a walking tour of LGBTQ+ historic sites in downtown Salt Lake City. Our guides will relate stories of cultural, legal, and architectural significance and share how these sites have aided in community-building and growth for LGBTQ+ people here in the epicenter of Utah LGBTQ+ history.

T5. Museum of Utah Hard Hat Tour*

Thursday, April 11, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Ticket: \$18

Guide: Tim Glenn, Director, Museum of Utah

Join staff from the Utah Historical Society on a hard hat tour of the state's first dedicated state history museum, the Museum of Utah. This walking tour will take participants through the bones of the new building, featuring discussions led by the Director of the museum and state contractors on building a multi-use building that serves both legislators and the general public. Hear more about the developments of this significant public history project, expected to open in the spring of 2026. *We'll walk about ten minutes to State Street and take the Green Line bus to Capitol Hill. Please note that this tour is not ADA accessible, due to the museum being under construction, and will not be suitable for people with mobility issues.*

T6. "First to Vote:" Salt Lake City's Suffrage Sites*

Friday, April 12, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Ticket: \$25

TOURS AND TRIPS

Guides: Rebekah Clark and Katherine Kitterman, Better Days 2020

In 1870, Utah women became the first in the US to cast ballots under a women's suffrage law. Utah women's voting rights were entangled in the national conflict over the 19th-century Mormon practice of polygamy. The decades-long conflict resulted in Congress revoking Utah's suffrage law in 1887. Utah suffragists regained the vote with Utah statehood in 1896, then turned their attention toward securing a federal women's suffrage amendment. Hear behind-the-scenes suffrage stories of well-known Salt Lake City sites, learn about Utah women's unique (and often precarious) role in the national suffrage movement, and enjoy a newly-opened monument to female voters with stunning views of the Salt Lake Valley. *This tour will be a combination of walking and a city bus, and some parts of the walk will have steep inclines. All sites are ADA accessible.*



The Salt Lake Tabernacle c. 1900. LC-DIG-ppmsca-18081, Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division.

T7. Behind the Scenes at the Church History Library and the Salt Lake Tabernacle*

Friday, April 12, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Ticket: \$25

Guide: Matthew Godfrey, Church History Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the Church History Library, the repository of archival and library collections of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This tour will take you into archival storage, including cold storage, and give you a look at document conservation efforts and audio-visual conservation. Participants will hear about the different holdings of the library, including a document show-and-tell of some of the rare documents. After touring the library, we'll visit the Salt Lake Tabernacle, where Emily Utt, an authority on Church architecture and buildings, will discuss the construction of the tabernacle. We'll finish with the daily organ recital at the Tabernacle. This tour presents a unique opportunity to see one of the most

famous buildings in Salt Lake City and hear about some of the work of the historians, archivists, and conservationists employed by the church. *The walk to Temple Square is about 0.7 miles each way, and we may encounter some construction areas, so please wear good walking shoes.*

T8. "Not Your Grandma's Attic:" The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Memorial Museum*

Friday, April 12, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Ticket: \$15

Guide: Megan Weiss, University of Utah

Advertised by some local publications as "not just your grandma's attic," the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP) Memorial Museum is truly unlike any other museum in the state of Utah. Come visit this "relic hall" that preserves the history of Utah between white settlement in 1847 and the 1869 completion of the transcontinental railroad. During this period, Mormon trekkers brought a shocking amount of organs, quilts, butter churns, dolls, fine china, and hair art across the plains, which the DUP now preserve for settler descendants and their families. Visiting the DUP museum is a look into a rich past that gives a taste of Victorian American culture and Mormon folkways. If you enjoy oddities, this is the place for you to spend an afternoon. *We'll be walking to the DUP, which is about a half-hour walk each way, with a fairly steep hill. The museum itself is accessible. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and especially shoes.*

T9. Junction City: Ogden's Historic 25th Street*

Saturday, April 13, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Ticket: \$30

Guide: Kathryn L. MacKay, Weber State University

Ogden is known as the Junction City of the West, with the joining of the Transcontinental Railroad just to the north. As Ogden became the connecting point for the UPRR, Central Pacific, Utah Northern, and Utah Central railroads, it also became the shipping, manufacturing, and finance capital of Utah. The railroads also brought in greater diversity, including a significant African American community, some of the first permanent Protestant churches in the state, and numerous brothels and saloons on 25th Street. We'll ride the Frontrunner to Ogden, tour Union Station, and walk notorious 25th Street with knowledgeable guides. *The group will take the blue line bus to Salt Lake Central*

Station, where we'll catch the FrontRunner train to Ogden. Lunch will be on your own in Ogden.

T10. Fort Douglas Archaeology Walking Tour*

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Ticket: \$22

Guide: Chris Merritt, Utah State Historic Preservation Office

Join archaeologist Dr. Chris Merritt from the Utah State Historic Preservation Office for a walking tour of the historic and archaeological legacy of Utah's longest-serving military post. Learn about what archaeologists have discovered over the past thirty years of investigating the Fort, its architectural legacy, and how the post changed over time. The tour will include some large-format maps and hands-on artifact discussions as well. At the end of the tour, participants are welcome to explore the Fort Douglas Military Museum to get an even more in-depth exploration of this site's rich history. Participants must be able to walk on both sidewalks and uneven terrain. *We'll walk about .4 miles, hop on the red line bus to the Fort Douglas Station by the University of Utah, and then walk another .4 miles to the site. Tour of the site itself will be on foot.*

T11. Salt Lake City's Black History Walking Tour with Sema Hadithi*

Saturday, April 13, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Ticket: \$25

Guides: Alice Burch, Sema Hadithi African American Heritage and Culture Foundation, and Rachel Quist, @rachels_slc_history

This guided walking tour with the Sema Hadithi African American Heritage and Culture Foundation will highlight often-overlooked aspects of Salt Lake City's diverse history. Salt Lake's large city blocks led to hidden cultural enclaves that inhabited mid-block alleys during the late 1800s and early 1900s. This tour will highlight the historically Black American neighborhood that once inhabited Franklin Avenue (now Edison Street), as well as old Chinatown, old Greektown, the Jewish Corridor, and Salt Lake's Tenderloin District. The tour will discuss the lives of past inhabitants, official City policies that affected the neighborhoods, and current grassroots efforts to share the stories of the past and preserve the remaining historic built environment. *The price of your ticket includes a \$15 donation to Sema Hadithi to help support their good work. Visit <https://semahadithifoundation.org/> to learn more about them.*

WORKSHOPS

NCPH workshops offer opportunities for intensive professional development. Space is limited, so please sign up early.

W1. National Register Nominations: New Twists in an Old Tale?*

Wednesday, April 10, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

(Salon I)

Ticket: \$25

Facilitators: Wes Cunningham, Gray & Pape Heritage Management; Stephen R. Mark, USDI-NPS (retired); and Wendy Soltz, Ball State University

What makes for a good National Register nomination? The workshop is aimed at demonstrating how the basic elements in a nomination can be captured on paper with some interactive case examples. The property's physical description (section 7) and its significance (section 8) should interact, no matter what property type is being nominated, or the criterion that makes it significant. This linkage is the glue for an interactive second half of the workshop where allied documentation will be surveyed, with emphasis on how the multiple property documentation form (MPDF) might better expedite the listing of nominations.

In part one of this workshop, participants will follow along step by step in filling out the nomination form. In part two, participants will learn about eligibility and documentation.

W2. Oral History in Theory and Practice*

Wednesday, April 10, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm (with a one-hour break for lunch on your own)

(Topaz)

Ticket: \$22

Facilitator: Philip Scarpino, Indiana University Indianapolis

This is a two-part workshop offered at the beginning and intermediate levels. Part I, "Avoid Flying Blind: Understanding Some of the Theory Behind Oral History," considers: What is oral history? What constitutes a good oral history interview? We'll also consider key concepts of memory, shared authority, and oral history as a co-created product. Part II, "Doing Oral History from Start to Finish," will continue after lunch and addresses steps in developing and conducting an oral history project: equipment, budget, selecting interviewees, research, framing questions, securing informed consent, conducting the interviews, transcription, and archiving interviews. Both sessions note useful readings and websites and suggest pitfalls to avoid.

W3. Digital Public History Lab

Wednesday, April 10, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

(Canyon ABC)

Ticket: \$25

Facilitators: Julie Davis, 106 Group, and Megan Smeznik, NCPH Professional Development Committee

The popular Digital Public History Lab (formerly THATCamp NCPH) is back and better than ever. This workshop provides opportunities for collaborative learning and professional networking around digital resources, skills, and strategies for public historians and professionals working in adjacent fields (e.g. librarianship). You'll also have time for informal conversation and connections. The Digital Public History Lab is an inclusive, participatory experience. All levels of tech-savviness (or lack thereof) are welcome. *Organized by the NCPH Professional Development Committee.*

W4. Consulting for Today While Preparing for Tomorrow*

Wednesday, April 10, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

(Granite Conference Center)

Ticket: \$25

Facilitators: Heather Carpini, S&ME, Inc.; Kathleen Conti, Florida State University; Sarah Dziedzic, Independent Practitioner; Frank Ordia, University of Nebraska Lincoln; and Cheri Szcodronski, Firefly Preservation Consulting, LLC

Join members of NCPH's Consultants Committee and other experts for a two-part workshop focused on public history practice. The first portion will include sessions on marketing, business structures, accounting, and legal topics – everything you need to start or expand your business. The second session will be a roundtable format for experienced consultants to share advice, celebrate success, and brainstorm challenges. This workshop is also a great networking opportunity, and a way to get support and find camaraderie. All experience levels, including current students, are welcome! *Organized by NCPH's Consultant Committee.*

W5. Public History and Dramaturgy in the Archives and the Classroom

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

(Salon II)

Ticket: \$20

Facilitators: Laurie Arnold, Gonzaga University; Caitlin Kane, Kent State University; and Erin Stoneking, The University of Alabama

Ten years ago, historian David Dean argued in *The Public Historian* that theater is a neglected site of public history. He urged our community to follow lines of inquiry that explore ways dramaturgs and other theater-makers function as historians when they interpret history for the stage. This half-day workshop will discuss archival research as part of the playwriting process; how the process of translating archival images into theatrical narratives encourages historiographical thinking; and how public historians can create historiographies in service of history-centered drama. Facilitators will share case-study examples of these methods and lead participants through discussions of and exercises based on each.

W6. Navigating the Transition from Graduate School to Public History Professional

Wednesday, April 10, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

(Seminar Theater)

Ticket: \$10

Facilitator: Matthew Costello, The White House Historical Association

This workshop will offer insight to different strategies and approaches for the transition between graduate school and a career in public history. Graduate programs often focus primarily on student work and projects, and less on how to succeed in a competitive job market. Participants will learn more about how to better prepare for this transition, as well as apply for positions during and after graduation. There will also be opportunities for participants to workshop their professional materials collaboratively and with the facilitator.

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POSTERS

The NCPH-UHS 2024 Poster Session and Reception will be held on Thursday, April 11, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm in Grand Ballroom AB in the Hilton Salt Lake City Center. Poster presenters will be available to discuss their presentations, and refreshments will be served.

(Snow) Boots-on-the-Ground: A Community-Based Approach to Documenting the Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail
Katherine C. Hughes, Center for Historic Preservation, Middle Tennessee State University

“Why is the Abuse done to Native Women also done to the Land?” Renaming Provo, Utah’s Khyv Peak

Janika Isakson Dillon, Northeastern University, and Chauma Kee-Jansen, American Indian Services

Addressing the Dress: Dealing with the Controversial Remains of British Imperialism

Alana Rogers, University of North Alabama

All Aboard! Increasing Diversity at the North Carolina Transportation Museum

Deborah Aronin, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Analysis of the Huron County, Canada Historic Gaol Registry: The Power of Business Intelligence

Kevin den Dunnen, Western University Canada

Building a Citywide Cultural Community: the Chicago Collections Consortium

Jessica BrodeFrank, Chicago Collections Consortium and University of Illinois Chicago

Capturing Stories from a Rapidly Growing Vineyard

Benjamin Johnson, Utah Valley University

Climate Change and Its Impact on Managing Museum Collections

Nicole Zamora-Wilson, American Conservation Experience and the National Park Service

Conducting Coltrane: Uncovering Small-Town Roots of A Music Mastermind

Victoria Hinshaw, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Denaturalizing Georgetown: Embedded Values Past, Present, and Future

Jason Farr, Sydney Luken, and Minji Jang, Ethics Lab, Georgetown University

Dr. Hannah Graham, M.D., J.D.: A Local History Study

Hannah Murphy, Indiana University Indianapolis

Early Modern English Wax Seals in the Brown Collection

Eleanor Shippen, Tennessee State Museum

Eclipsing History: Student-Led Podcasting

Amílcar Challú, Alannah Graves, Peter Limbert, and Emily Shaver, Bowling Green State University

From Homeland to Home: Amplifying the Stories of Canadian Writers-in-Exile through Oral History

Tianyang Jiang, The Ontario Historical Society and Iroquois Ridge High School

Indigenous Activism and the Repatriation Movement: A Journey Towards Human Rights

Sara Shaffer-Henry, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Indigenous Voices and the Overland Trails: National Trails Tribal Engagement Project

Nicholas Backman, University of Utah

Interpreting Race in the Recreation Demonstration Area Program

W. Cole Wicker, University of Georgia

Interpreting the History of Slavery in St. Louis

Nick Sacco, Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, National Park Service

Introducing Citizen Historian: An Innovative Approach Connecting Students and Local Residents in the Creation of Public History

Jane Baxter and Samuel Mitchell, DePaul University; Andrew Bullen, Historic Pullman Foundation

Jenner’s Zoological, Educational, and Amusement Park: Curiosity and Colonialism in Rural Nebraska

Logan Osmera, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Life Through Arnold Doren’s Lens

Kevin Hallatt, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Locating Slavery’s Legacies Database

October Grace Kamara, Roberson Project at the University of the South

Lost Voices: African American Trainers and Grooms at a Middle Tennessee Arabian Horse Farm

Abigail Coomes, Center for Historic Preservation, Middle Tennessee State University

Mobile Roots: The Case for Trailer Park Preservation

Dalena Collins, Duquesne University

Mujeres Latinas en Acción: Pragmatic Feminism and the Longevity of Grassroots Organizations

Lindsey Meza, Loyola University Chicago

Museums and Public Memory: How to Remember Nathan Meeker in Greeley, Colorado

Katie Henry, University of Nebraska, Kearney

Music Heritage of the Shoals

Renaë Blasingame and Avery Calvert, The University of North Alabama

Navigating Authority on Tour at the US Capitol

Lauren Rever, Heidelberg University Center for American Studies

Neglected Communities of Topaz Incarceration Camp

Selena Moon, Independent Scholar

No Easy Task: The Desegregation of High Point College

Mara Cooper and Emma Scervo, High Point University

One Hundred Years of Film and Television in Utah

Virginia Pearce, Utah Film Commission

Out and About in Old Town: Uncovering LGBTQ History in Alexandria, Virginia

Hannah LeComte, Alexandra Miller, Savannah Scott, and Ashleigh Williams, George Mason University

Outcasts Together: Tracing an African Literary Legacy from Revolutionary Newport

Amelia Yeager, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

People Enslaved by the Pinckneys

Zoie Horecny, University of South Carolina, Pinckney Papers Projects

Preserving the London Asylum for the Insane Through Oral Histories

Paige Milner, Western University Canada

Preserving the Picket Line: Creating the 2022 American University Staff Union Strike Archival Collection

Gabriella Folsom, Emily Messner, Katherine Ryan, and Caroline Shanley, American University

Queens of Deseret: Drag Queens of Utah, 1871-1931

Connell O’Donovan, Independent Scholar

Recipes for Victory: Pittsburgh Women and Wartime Cookbooks

Lily Berry, Deanna Berryman, and Andrea Tomaro, Duquesne University

Take a Trip Down Memory Lab Lane: Preserving Your Media with Jacksonville Public Library

Tammy Kiter, Jacksonville Public Library

The Atlas of Drowned Towns

Bob H. Reinhardt and Jack Warner, Boise State University

The Black Female Architects of Higher Education: Brown, Burroughs, and Bethune

Indira Lessington, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

The Civil Rights Pioneers of Phoenix, Arizona

Arturo Perez Lopez, Arizona State University

The Data Side of the Curation Crisis: Impacts on Collaboration Beyond NAGPRA

Abigail Thomsen, University of Massachusetts Amherst

The East High Community History Project: Helping High School Students Find Their Voice in Denver

Sophia Imperioi, Bri Matson, Josephene Ostenberg-Nichols, Lauren Perry, and Justin Porcelo, University of Colorado Denver

The Hildebrand Home: A Visual Representation of Changing Landscapes Through Cherokee and American History

Alexis Matrone, Center for Historic Preservation, Middle Tennessee State University

The Long Lesbian Life of Washington, DC: A History of Lesbian Bars and LGBTQ+ Gathering Spaces from Prohibition Until Today

Mattie Branson-Meyer, Corinne Davenport, Shelby Dunn, and Logan Wills Elizondo, American University

The Making of Monuments: Teaching Historical Memory for Elementary School Students

Casey Haughin-Scasny, University of California Santa Barbara

The Memory of Revolutionary-Era Loyalism: A Case Study of Martha Codman Karolik

MaryKate Smolenski, Boston University

The Stories We’re (Not) Telling

Jennifer Schaper, Arizona State University

Truth Before Reconciliation: Documenting Efforts to Preserve Black Cemeteries in Washington, D.C.

Megan Henry, Lillie Orloff, Alyssa Manfredi, and Kate Smokowicz, American University

Uncovering the Arizonian Narrative in the Civil Rights Movement

Catherine Wise, Arizona State University

Undergraduate Curators: Sharing Latina/o History with Campus

Kate Johnson Okayasu, University of Northern Colorado

Using Informatics for Historical Inquiry: Data Analysis of Nineteenth-Century Temperance Songbooks

Colleen Williamson, Indiana University Indianapolis

Utah Monuments and Markers: An Audit of Public Memory

Kyler Wakefield and Emma Webb, Utah Historical Society

Vanguards of Change in the “Georgia of the North”: Youth Activism in the New Jersey Civil Rights Movement, 1935-1955, A Digital History Project

Emily Peterson, Brigham Young University

William Frederick Jones: Successful in Death and In Life
Christina Draper, Texas Woman’s University

2024 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Audience participation is encouraged for all sessions and workshops. We strongly urge speakers to avoid the reading of papers and encourage a wide variety of conversational forms. All attendees are welcome to participate in the NCPH committee meetings listed below. Conference sessions, workshops, and special events will take place in the Hilton Salt Lake City Center unless otherwise noted. The registration area for the conference will be on the second-floor lobby of the Hilton Salt Lake City Center. All registrants should go to the NCPH registration desk, which is a built-in desk on the second floor. An asterisk indicates that pre-registration is required and additional fees may apply.

Award winners will be denoted in final version.

Wednesday, April 10

7:30 am – 6:00 pm

Registration Open

(Second Floor Lobby)

Those attending tours and trips will meet their leaders at the conference registration desk 15 minutes prior to departure unless otherwise noted.

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

W1. National Register Nominations: New Twists on an Old Tale?*

(Salon I)

See description in "Workshops" section, p. 18.

Facilitators: Wes Cunningham, Gray & Pape Heritage Management
Stephen R. Mark, USDI-NPS (retired)
Wendy Soltz, Ball State University

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

T1. Boa Ogoi (Bear River) Massacre of 1863 Site*

(Meet at Registration at 8:45 am)

T2. The Inland Sea: Antelope Island and the Great Salt Lake*

(Meet at Registration at 8:45 am)

See descriptions for both bus tours in "Tours and Trips" section, p. 16. Tours and trips are sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

National Park Service Historians' Meeting

(Salon I)

The morning's meeting will be closed to select invitees. The afternoon session, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm, is open to all: come meet with National Park Service Historians to network and learn more about career, internship, and partner opportunities with the NPS.

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

W2. Oral History: Theory and Practice*

(Topaz)

See description in "Workshops" section, p. 18.

Facilitator: Philip Scarpino, IU Indianapolis

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

NCPH Board of Directors Meeting

(Granite Boardroom)

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

W3. Digital Public History Lab*

(Canyon ABC)

See description and full breakout schedule in "Workshops" section, p. 18.

Organized by the NCPH Professional Development Committee.

Facilitators: Julie Davis, 106 Group
Megan Smeznik, Kent State University

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Set-Up

(Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

W4. Consulting for Today While Preparing for Tomorrow*

(Granite Conference Center)

See description in "Workshops" section, p. 18. Organized by the NCPH

Consultants Committee.

Facilitators: Heather Carpini, S&ME, Inc.
Kathleen Conti, Florida State University
Sarah Dziedzic, Independent Practitioner
Frank Ordia, University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Cheri Szcodronski, Firefly Preservation Consulting, LLC

W5. Public History and Dramaturgy in the Archives and the Classroom*

(Salon II)

See description and full breakout schedule in "Workshops" section, p. 18.

Facilitators: Laurie Arnold, Gonzaga University
Caitlin Kane, Kent State University
Erin Stoneking, The University of Alabama

W6. Navigating the Transition from Graduate School to Public History Professional*

(Seminar Theater)

See description in "Workshops" section, p. 18.

Facilitator: Matthew Costello, The White House Historical Association

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

National Park Service Historians' Open Meeting

(Salon I)

Come meet with National Park Service Historians to network and learn more about career, internship, and partner opportunities with the NPS.

5:15 pm – 6:30 pm

Opening Plenary | Considering the Revolution: Citizenship and Sovereignty

(Grand Ballroom ABC)

See description in "Special Events" section, p. 18.

Sponsored by the National Park Service.

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7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Opening Reception at the Alta Club*

(The Alta Club, 100 E. South Temple St.)

See description in “Special Events” section, p. 13.

Thursday, April 11

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Registration Open

(Second Floor Lobby)

Those attending tours and trips will meet their leaders at the conference registration desk 15 minutes prior to departure unless otherwise noted.

7:30 am – 8:30 am

NCPH New Member Breakfast*

(Trofi Restaurant, Hotel First Floor)

See description in “Special Events” section, p. 13. Organized by NCPH’s Membership Committee.

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Open

(Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

8:00 am – 10:00 am

WG1. Beyond Tunnel Vision: Recovering the Hidden Stories of the Transcontinental Railroad

(Canyon A)

See description of the working group format, p. 8.

The National Park Service is reimagining how the agency tells the story of the Transcontinental Railroad at Golden Spike National Historical Park and other historic sites in the American West. Responding to long-standing absences, the project team seeks innovative ways of documenting, preserving, and interpreting histories of labor, environmental effects of industrialization, and the consequences of the railroad for Indigenous sovereignty. The working group convenes subject experts and project partners to respond to the team’s in-progress research plan and to discuss ideas for presenting new historical perspectives to the public.

Facilitators: Laura Dominguez, American Conservation Experience

Jonathan Fairchild, National Park Service

Discussants: TBA

WG2. Leadership from Below

(Topaz)

See description of the working group format, p. 8.

Public history practitioners who are motivated to work with or for communities that they belong to or identify with can often find themselves caught between showing leadership by speaking up and navigating institutional power dynamics. This raises a critical question, “How can one be a leader ‘from below?’” This working group aims to address these power issues and create an online repository of resources, advice, and other information to provide guidance and support for fellow public historians. By drawing on the

experience of workers, students, and leaders from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds, we can support “leadership from below.”

Facilitators: Victoria Dey, Northeastern University
Jasmin Elizalde, University of South Carolina Upstate
Araceli Hernandez-Laroche, University of South Carolina Upstate

Asia Potts, Northeastern University

Cassie Tanks, Northeastern University

Participants: TBA

8:30 am – 10:00 am

T3. Historic Main Street Walking Tour*

(Meet at Registration at 8:15 am)

See description in “Tours and Trips” section, p. 16. Tours and trips are sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

Disrupting Campus Oral History Projects and Programs

(Granite Conference Center)

Public historians have broadened research topics and methods in our field, often through collaboration beyond it. Oral historians have responded, seeking to diversify their collections by participating in more authentic community engagement. This trend has affected oral history professionals housed in higher education institutions in specific ways. Challenges - funding, staffing, attacks on diversity and economic freedom in higher education, distrust between community and institutions (to name a few) - continue to affect our ability to engage in community-centered oral history work. This roundtable brings together oral historians in higher education to discuss ongoing challenges to leveraging university resources for community-centered oral history work. *Sponsored by the Oral History Association.*

Participants: Natalie Fousekis, California State University, Fullerton

Anna Hamilton, University of Florida

Kacie Lucchini Butcher, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Troy Reeves, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Jessica Taylor, Virginia Tech

Building a Network of Main Streets

(Canyon B)

In this session, join participants in the Smithsonian’s Museum on Main Street program. Rural America faces a number of urgent challenges, and this session will demonstrate how state-level and national resources can assist small, rural communities in telling their stories through local history. This open roundtable discussion will focus on how the flexible, scalable model of Museum on Main Street can function as a network to strengthen institutions with limited resources. The discussion will be geared toward different approaches to getting rural communities of diverse backgrounds involved in creating and documenting local history projects.

Facilitator: Gregory Smoak, University of Utah

Participants: Robbie Davis, Smithsonian Institution

Elayne Hinsch, John Wesley Powell River History Museum

Ann McCleary, University of West Georgia

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The Urgency of the Ephemeral: Graves Registration in Korea, Repatriating Remains from Vietnam, and Archives in Grenada (Canyon C)

As a craft, history, to some extent, tasks the historian with fixing immortality to the dead so their voices may continue to speak. In doing so, others may listen and continue to learn. The following panel examines crises that threaten to permanently erase the dead. In examining graves registration, remains repatriation, and archives digitization, the three crafted presentations speak to the ephemeral nature of the deceased to include their lives and their voices. Each presentation considers what, without action, would be forever lost.

Chair: Nichelle Frank, Utah State University Eastern

Panelists: *A Sobering Introduction to War: US Army Graves Registration Operations in the Korean War as Viewed Through the Lens of the 148th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company*, Donald Hall, Defense Health Agency
Overcoming the Obstacle of Inaccessible Archives: The Critical Need for Digitization, Heather Salazar, Ohio University
Reclaiming What Was Lost in the Vietnam War: The Legacies of Unaccounted-For Personnel, Michael Doidge, US Air Force

Thinking Historically in the Age of AI

(Seminar Theater)

Since OpenAI put its Large Language Model (LLM) in a chatbot, an urgent conversation has emerged about AI, driven by a sense that everything is about to change (or already has). In this ostensible moment of historical rupture, the public needs historians who can interpret our present and its enduring ties to the past. Composed of industry experts and interdisciplinary scholars versed in these technologies, this panel seeks to empower historians to do that urgent work. It will also model some strategies historians might borrow back from our colleagues who routinely apply historical reasoning to evaluate uncertain technologies.

Participants: Cody Collier, Atolio
Marta Villamor Martin, University of Maryland
Andrew Nelson, University of Oregon
Hollis Robbins, University of Utah
Travis Ross, George Fox University
Katie Williamson, Bain Capital

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Break in the Exhibit Hall

(Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

Grab a drink, visit with exhibitors, and stop by the Commons—your gathering space—to check in with colleagues and take a break.

Pop-Up | Meet the NCPH Board of Directors

(Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

Members of the NCPH board will be on-hand to welcome you to the conference. Stop by the exhibit hall to meet members of the board and chat about the organization and your ideas!

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Public Historian Editorial Board Meeting

(Granite Board Room)

Speed Networking*

(Grand Ballroom AB)

See description in “Special Events” section, p. 13. Organized by the NCPH Professional Development Committee.

T4. Out and About in SLC: LGBTQ+ Walking Tour of Downtown Salt Lake City*

(Meet at Registration at 9:45 am)

See description in “Tours and Trips” section, p. 16. Tours and trips are sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

In the Trenches: History YouTube in an Age of Denialism

(Salon I & II)

History on YouTube is often seen as merely a form of entertainment, but there has long been a growing group of HistoryTubers who seek to use the platform for serious public discussion. The panelists all operate channels dedicated to public history. Social media can be a hub of misinformation and outright denial that bleeds into political action against education, and our channels seek to combat this growing trend. While there are bad actors on social media, there are many HistoryTubers fighting that worrying ignorance on the most popular platform for education on the internet.

Chair: TBA

Panelists: *How Can a Historian Help? Applied History on YouTube*, Joseph Hall-Patton, The Cynical Historian
How I Trick People into Liking History, Matthew Beat, Mr. Beat
Promoting History: Historical Institutions and Social Media Engagement, Matús Lazar, University of Cambridge

Interpreting the History of Firearms: A Public History Conversation Continued

(Granite Conference Center)

This session will discuss the challenges of confronting firearm history at a site like the new Coltsville National Historical Park against the urgency of modern-day gun violence and the Supreme Court’s “Bruen decision,” which allows challenges to state restrictions on firearms. This structured conversation will be a continuation of one begun at the NCPH 2019 conference public plenary in Hartford with local Hartford activists, and will address the work being done—especially in terms of institutional partnerships and community engagement—at the park as it nears establishment and welcomes public audiences. Through intentional community engagement, collaborations with scholars and students at the university level, and a forthcoming historic resources study, we examine how we can approach the role of Coltsville in today’s political climate and what the story of Coltsville means in terms of both its own legacy and how it might expand current conversations about guns and gun violence. What role can public history play?

Facilitator: Leah Glaser, Central Connecticut State University

Participants: Kelly Fellner, National Park Service
Amy Glowacki, National Park Service
Jennifer Tucker, Wesleyan University

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Making Museum Histories Matter

(Canyon B)

An animating conviction of our field is the necessity of bringing nuanced historical understandings of the past to our collective civic actions in the present. But where and how might this conviction apply to the role of museum history in contemporary museum practice? What are the opportunities and what are the barriers, particularly in times of urgency and precarity? Are the only “usable pasts” cautionary ones? Through exploration of specific examples, session attendees will wrestle with these questions in dialogue with each other and with the two museum practitioners and two historians of museums who constitute the panel.

Participants: Clarissa J. Ceglie, University of Connecticut
Jennifer P. Kingsley, Johns Hopkins University
Nicole A. Moore, National Center for Civil and Human Rights
Michèle Gates Moresi, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture
Laura Schiavo, George Washington University

Challenging Myth-Making and Collective Memory in the Archives

(Canyon C)

How are historical myths established and perpetuated and what is the urgency in uplifting hidden and uncomfortable histories? Each of the following case studies will discuss myth-making and collective memory in the archives: John Hopkins (of Maryland University fame), a recently re-exposed enslaver; Greenlawn Cemetery in Indianapolis, IN and its almost forgotten Black burials; Maryland's beloved Program Open Space, which rests on its reputation to preserve and protect primarily white lands; a central Indiana town's role in the downfall of the 1920s Ku Klux Klan and a 1990s controversy regarding discovered records; and the 1908 Springfield, IL Race Riot and its commemoration over time.

Facilitator: Jessica Layman, Hamilton East Public Library
Participants: Leon Bates, University of Louisville
Keesha Ha, Rowan College of New Jersey
Devin Hunter, University of Illinois Springfield
Rona Kobell, Environmental Justice Journalism Initiative and Loyola University Maryland

Developing Consulting Best Practices in an Ever-Evolving Field

(Seminar Theater)

How do we maintain and further our commitment for inclusive, community-engaged, and collaborative public history practice and balance them with the requirements of consulting? How should we define, expand, and improve our profession, especially in light of recent changes due to climate change and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic? How can we best mentor new consultants? This session is the kick-off for a multi-step process of in-person and virtual events to help develop a best practices blog series that tackles the big issues in our field. All are welcome to contribute ideas at this structured conversation sponsored by the NCPH Consultants Committee.

Participants: Heather Carpini, S&ME, Inc.
Kathleen Conti, Florida State University
Sarah Dziedzic, Independent Practitioner
Dominique Luster, The Luster Company

Frank Ordia, University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Morgen Young, Historical Research Associates

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

WG3. Best Practices for Creating Sustainable Public History Class Projects

(Canyon A)

See description of the working group format, p. 8.

Many public history educators promote experiential learning in their classes by having students participate in a public-facing class project. But what constitutes best practices for these projects? What types of external support do public history instructors need to ensure the quality of both the project and learning experience? What about more practical matters—how should students work, which will be seen and experienced by public audiences, and how will they be evaluated and graded? Students often expect a learning experience to be well-scaffolded and organized, yet public history projects often come with an element of creative chaos. How can we help students prepare to embrace this aspect of public history practice?

Facilitators: Rebecca Andersen, Utah State University

Brittany Bertazon, Utah State University

Discussants: TBA

WG4. A Circle of Care for Black Women Working at Sites of Trauma

(Topaz)

See description of the working group format, p. 8.

In a time of increased difficulty, this group seeks to identify and strategize around creating conditions for care amongst Black women working at the intersections of race, trauma, and public history.

Facilitators: Amber Mitchell, The Henry Ford
Hannah Scruggs, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

Ariel Seay-Howard, North Carolina State University

Discussants: TBA

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Out to Lunch

(Meeting locations vary by group)

See description in “Special Events” section, p. 13.

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

NCPH Members Meeting

(Salon I & II)

Join NCPH leadership to learn about the health and ongoing work of the organization.

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

T5. Museum of Utah Hard Hat Tour*

(Meet at Registration at 12:45 pm)

See description in “Tours and Trips” section, p. 16. Tours and trips are sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

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WG5. Empowering the Public History Workplace, Part Two: Resources, Organizing, and Pedagogy

(Canyon A)

See description of the working group format, p. 8.

This session builds on the discussions and plans put into motion at the working group's first meeting in Atlanta in 2023. There, participants emphasized two priorities: 1) the need to develop resources, tools, and networks for practitioners that will assist in efforts to advocate for their value in the workplace; and 2) the need to promote pedagogy and research focusing on the political economy of public history. In Salt Lake City, we will explore ways these goals can be realized through a special issue of *The Public Historian* examining labor and public history, and through other forums and audiences NCPH provides.

Facilitators: John Fulton, Minnesota Historical Society
Alena Pirok, Georgia Southern University
Andrew Urban, Rutgers University New Brunswick

Discussants: TBA

WG6. AAPI Public History: Opportunities and Partnerships to Grow the Field

(Topaz)

See description of the working group format, p. 8.

This working group seeks ideas and opportunities to expand Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) public history and review the state and future of AAPI public history. The initial discussants will share their expertise, projects and past successes, and approaches and ideas in the fields of museums, historic sites, academia, public history instruction, community partnerships, digital history, and cultural tourism. Attendees will be encouraged to share their ideas and opportunities and partnerships to support a wide range of interests, histories, and priorities.

Facilitators: Renae Campbell, University of Idaho
Kristen Hayashi, Japanese American National Museum
Eric Hung, Music of Asian America Research Center
Selena Moon, Independent Historian
Renu Sagreiya, South Asian American Digital Archive
Lily Tamai, California State University Sacramento
Michael Yee, San Diego Miramar College, Cal State San Marcos, and San Diego Chinese Historical Museum

Discussants: TBA

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

States on Display: The Changing Narrative of State History at Government Sites

(Granite Conference Center)

Historic sites, museums, parks, and welcome centers tell specific stories about state history. Historically, these were often more idealistic than accurate, and official visions of state identity sometimes continue in this vein. In our current political climate, self-reflective discussion around place at the state level is necessary but often polarizing. This panel discusses the celebratory and also contentious nature of history at state-sponsored sites. Panelists examine missed opportunities for wider state promotion and reveal how state

agencies today attempt to address more complete and complex histories of their locale.

Chair: Jennifer Ortiz, Utah Division of State History
Panelists: *State Historic Sites as a Reflection of Georgia's Past*, Jennifer Dickey, Kennesaw State University
The Messages of State Welcome Centers, Elyssa Ford, Northwest Missouri State University
Uncovering Buried Histories with the Help of Descendant Communities, Justina Parsons-Bernstein, Utah Department of Natural Resources, State Parks Division

Documenting Epidemics: Social Justice, Ethics, and Best Practices

(Canyon B)

Epidemics transform communities and societies. Understanding them requires documenting their effects, not just as seen by medical, scientific, and public health professionals, but also by those whose everyday lives have been upended (or ended) by their effects. This roundtable addresses the social justice and ethical dilemmas posed when documenting, analyzing, and disseminating information about the AIDS epidemic and COVID-19 pandemic. As scholars from history, law, philosophy, and social psychology, we respond to the urgency of public health needs by opening a dialogue among public historians about our role in producing and sharing pandemic histories.

Chair: TBA
Panelists: *Ethical Collecting of Obituaries and Client Case Files*, Elizabeth Clement, University of Utah
Federal and State Law and the Ethics of Archival Collecting, Leslie Francis, University of Utah
Listening for the Long Haul: A Living History of Long COVID, Jennifer Brier, University of Illinois, Chicago
Post-Consent Editing of Oral Histories Concerning HIV/AIDS, Sean Massey, SUNY Binghamton
Supervising Students in Oral Histories about HIV/AIDS, Julia Haager, Western Carolina University

Effective Engagement Strategies for Small History Organizations

(Canyon C)

Small history organizations (historical societies, museums, and more) often face challenges with funding and staff time. Our panel from diverse institutions across the US will delve into the one thing that unites them: how to efficiently and creatively manage resources to ensure you are engaging with your audiences to your full capacity.

Facilitator: Mary Zawacki, Schenectady County Historical Society
Participants: Alana Blumenthal, Brigham City Corporation
Rose Gorrell, Frisco Historic Park & Museum
Emily Johnson, Utah Office of Museum Services
Sharon Johnson, Cache Pioneer Museum
Jami Van Huss, Hyrum City Museum

Challenging Denial: Urgency in Memorializing Mass Atrocities

(Seminar Theater)

In narrating the history of mass atrocities, the work of public historians is critical for a full re-telling of the past. Such is seen in

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the careful attendance to oral history in the wake of mass atrocity. Memorialization in such cases creates the opportunity for the victim groups to reclaim the crimes committed against them. This roundtable will address case studies of mass atrocities from different parts of the world where victims have challenged the denial of the crimes and other concerned groups through forms of memorialization, such as monuments, memorials sites, museums, and memoirs.

Facilitator: Ummul Muhseneen, University of South Florida, Tampa

Participants: Clayton Brown, Utah State University
Andreas Etges, University of Munich (LMU) in Germany
Cheyanne Perkins, Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission (THGAAC)
Gevorg Vardanyan, North Carolina State University

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

NCPH Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

(Executive Board Room)

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Break in the Exhibit Hall

(Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

Grab a drink, visit with exhibitors, and stop by the Commons—your gathering space—to check in with colleagues and take a break.

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Changing the Narrative: Challenging Public Memory of Sites of Enslavement

(Granite Conference Center)

The Slave Dwelling Project envisions a future in which the hearts and minds of Americans acknowledge a truthful, inclusive narrative of our nation's history, honoring the contributions of all our people that is embedded and preserved in the buildings and artifacts of people of African heritage, and inspires all Americans to acknowledge their Ancestors. Co-led by the Slave Dwelling Project's board of directors, this conversational session seeks to explore, discover, and inspire new methodologies for presenting communal themes at museums and historic sites of enslavement that will include our collective responsibility to advocate, preserve, and interpret through comprehensive education and engagement.

Facilitator: Joseph McGill Jr., The Slave Dwelling Project

Participants: Rachael Finch, The Slave Dwelling Project
Amber Mitchell, The Slave Dwelling Project
Nicole A. Moore, The Slave Dwelling Project
Frederick Murphy, The Slave Dwelling Project

Teaching and Publishing in Public History

(Canyon B)

What kinds of new books do we need about public history? In this roundtable, five contributors and an editor who recently worked on *Teaching Public History* (UNC Press, 2023) will discuss writing about their public history work within (and outside) the university classroom. This book wanted to fill a gap in pedagogical literature surrounding public history, but what other publishing shortages does our field face? Public historians who teach will find this session useful,

as will any public historian interested in publishing a book with an academic press.

Facilitator: Evan Faulkenbury, SUNY Cortland

Participants: Torren Gatson, University of North Carolina Greensboro

Abigail Gauteau, Grand Valley State University

Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Loyola University Chicago

Lindsey Wieck, St. Mary's University

Andrew Winters, University of North Carolina Press

Who Writes Our History? Toward Empowered Community Consent and Collaboration at Topaz Concentration Camp

(Canyon C)

A heritage emergency occurred in 2021 when the Topaz Museum Board, private stewards of the Topaz National Historic Landmark in Utah, a former World War II concentration camp for Japanese Americans, unearthed the sacred Wakasa Monument using a backhoe company. The memorial was erected in 1943 by inmates to protest the murder of James Wakasa, who was shot by a guard at the camp, and had been missing for decades. Survivors and descendants were not informed of its disinterment until afterwards, and there was no archaeological plan for the memorial once it was recovered. This session invites stakeholders involved with the Wakasa memorial, preservationists, and archaeologists to address ongoing issues of urgency, trauma, narration, memory, collaborative decision making, and community inclusion at the site.

Facilitator: TBA

Participants: Stacey Camp, Michigan State University

Akemi Ina, Wakasa Memorial Committee

Michelle Magalong, University of Maryland, College Park

Masako Takashi, Wakasa Memorial Committee

Nancy Ukai, Wakasa Memorial Committee

Mythic and Malicious: How We Remember Native History

(Seminar Theater)

This panel explores mythical and/or malicious tropes about Native peoples, such as boarding schools, scalping, and Indigenous gender identity. The panel seeks to explore the ways the discipline of history perpetuates these myths and possible corrections to that narrative. It also seeks to point out ways that Indigenous communities sometimes reinforce these narratives. Panelists will also explore the role social media plays in the magnification of Indigenous tropes and the creation of false memories of the past.

Chair: Theodore Karamanski, Loyola University Chicago

Panelists: *The Heart of It All: The Sacred Heart Mission School at De Smet (1878-1974)*, Ryan W. Booth, Washington State University
What Makes a Red Woman Red: Cultural Surveillance and the Reassertion of Indigenous Sovereignty and Identity through Indigenous Futurisms and Decolonial Practices, Samantha Manz, Independent Scholar

Title Forthcoming, James Sandy, University of Texas at Arlington

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

WG7. Women in Public History

(Canyon A)

See description of the working group format, p. 8.

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This session addresses two distinct yet connected action areas: women in public history and women's public history. It grows out of a robustly attended, intergenerational 2023 NCPH session and subsequent virtual meetups considering the state of women's public history (we define "woman" as broadly inclusive and non-binary) along the threads of the professional, political, and historical. We place women's public history as a site of innovation at the forefront of intersectional, community-engaged thinking while strategizing on how women practitioners can respond to an increasingly hostile and precarious labor market and political climate.

Facilitators: Sarah Case, University of California, Santa Barbara
Caitlyn Jones, University of Houston
G. Samantha Rosenthal, Roanoke College
Angela Tate, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture
Leandra Zarnow, University of Houston
Discussants: TBA

WG8. Innovation and Reinvention: Doing Public History in Postindustrial Communities

(Topaz)

See description of the working group format, p. 8.

The postindustrial economy compels many communities to face a turning point in the way they interpret their history and reimagine their civic identity. Although some communities have made progress in addressing this urgent need, celebratory portrayals of the industrial past often still pay inadequate attention to deindustrialization and its social consequences. The role of women and minorities in the industrial past is still frequently underrepresented. Communities' attempts to redefine themselves in the new economy often are not adequately rooted in an understanding of the broad historical arc of industrialization and deindustrialization. This working group will examine these issues and produce a best practices manual for public historical practice in postindustrial communities.

Facilitator: Martin V. Minner, Dimension History
Participants: TBA

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Poster Session and Reception

(Grand Ballroom AB)

See description in "Special Events" section, p. 13. See full list of posters, p. 20.

The Consultants' Speakeasy

(Grand Ballroom C)

See description in "Special Events" section, p. 13. Organized by NCPH's Consultants Committee

7:00 pm

Dine Arounds

(Meet at Registration)

See description in "Special Events" section, p. 13.

Friday, April 12

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Registration Open

(Second Floor Lobby)

Those attending tours and trips will meet their leaders at the conference registration desk 15 minutes prior to departure unless otherwise noted.

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Open

(Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

8:00 am – 10:00 am

Public History Educators' Forum*

(Trofi Restaurant, Hotel First Floor)

See description in "Special Events" section, p. 13. Organized by NCPH's Curriculum and Training Committee

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Remembering the Korean War a Different Way

(Salon I & II)

The Korean War started a long and international civil rights struggle, but is rarely discussed in this context. It is imperative that the war's social and cultural struggles are researched, documented, and taught to the public. This panel reflects on this, focusing on African American veterans and social-cultural contexts, Japanese American veterans, and public digital archive exhibits. These histories are told through oral history and multimedia projects that reach beyond academic and social boundaries. Though it is critical the Korean War is remembered, this panel speaks to the need to better tell histories of veterans of color.

Participants: Timothy Campbell
Miyuki Daimaruya, National Fisheries University
Cassie Tanks, Northeastern University

"All Water Has a Perfect Memory": Waterways, Ritual, and Commemoration

(Granite Conference Center)

This roundtable takes Toni Morrison's words, "All Water Has a Perfect Memory," as our starting point. Our respective research explores sites of memory and the layered memories that accumulate over time. We argue that the places themselves are central to the rituals and memorialization practices that accrete, and such activities cannot be understood without the physical act of being there. As public historians, we imagine water as both a literary technique and ecological feature in our work. Its fluidity and ever-shifting currents, tides, and shorelines allow us to draw metaphors about and build deeper understandings of the people who derive meaning from waterways.

Participants: Taylor Brookins, National Park Service
Maya Doig-Acuña, Harvard University
Kathryn Benjamin Golden, University of Delaware
Perri Meldon, Boston University
Hannah Scruggs, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Research and Project Showcase: Friday Edition

(Canyon A)

In this session, four presenters will share their work around three Utah-centric but otherwise-unrelated projects, each in a short-form presentation and Q&A of about twenty minutes. Get to know the Beehive state a little better, support local historical work, and ease into your Friday morning at the conference.

Presentations include: *Salt Lake City Chinatown*, Mary Yang, Utah Chinese History Museum

To be "Abominable and Detestable" in Utah: A History of LGBTQ+ Discrimination in the Beehive State, Valeri Craigle and Suzanne Darais, Faust Law Library, University of Utah

The Zion's Follies Drag Shows of 1927-1928, Connell O'Donovan, Independent Historian

Boarding School Stories

(Canyon B)

Intended to erase all traces of Indigenous kinship and cultural identity, and thereby forever extinguish tribal claims to Indigenous lands and waters, residential Indian boarding schools have continued to influence the intergenerational realities and resulting narratives of what it means to be Indigenous in settler states and in Indigenous communities today. While the forced removal of tens of thousands of Indigenous children from their homelands/waters, languages, and kinship relations continues to negatively impact Indigenous populations, Indigenous communities have remained resilient. They continue to develop communal ways of ensuring cultural continuity and healing that sustain ongoing acts of individual and collective Indigenous resurgence. This session brings together a team of current Indigenous undergraduate students who have been gathering their communities' boarding school stories and collaboratively processing what it means to be a descendant, recipient, gatherer, and teller of boarding school stories for the next generation.

Facilitator: Michael Taylor, Brigham Young University

Participants: Student presenters TBA

Bye-Bye, Bessie: Preserving the History of Disappearing Family Dairies in Utah through Aerial Photography and Oral History Interviews

(Canyon C)

This session offers an overview of the Utah Family Farm Preservation Project (UFFPP), which seeks to preserve the histories of disappearing family dairy farms and associated lifeways using digital humanities tools and oral histories of farmers and agricultural workers. The project utilizes GIS technology, historical photos from the Utah Geological Survey (UGS) Utah Aerial Imagery Database, and remote-controlled drone footage to discuss the evolution of their farmlands/dairies from the 1930s to the present.

Participants: Corey Clawson, Rutgers University Newark
Justin Clawson, Utah State University
Bruce Richards, Utah State University

Utah Collections Preservation: Creating a Network of Trained Statewide Collections Professionals

(Topaz)

In 2021, The Utah Division of Arts & Museums (UA&M) and Utah Humanities (UH) established the Utah Collections Preservation (UCP) program through a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant to provide preservation training to historical collections stewards throughout Utah. Since then, this training has deepened the bench of collections care professionals and strengthened a network for knowledge sharing statewide. Join UA&M and UH staff and participating UCP stewards to learn about the program's structure and training, including webinars, in-person workshops, preservation assessments, and the mentored training of seven Collections Preservation Team members.

Participants: Lisa Barr, Utah Historical Society
Marie Desrochers, Utah Division of Arts and Museums
Sabrina Sanders, Utah Historical Society

Documenting Now: Students Collecting Oral Histories on Climate Change

(Seminar Theater)

This session explores various perspectives in creating a digital collection in collaboration with a credit-bearing History course. The Climate Challenge is an iterative collection gathered by students from 2018 to 2023. Students worked with library and archives staff to conduct oral histories, create metadata, and finalize a complete digital collection. This session shares how historians, folklorists, students, librarians, archivists, and community participants can come together to document history. So often with classwork, students complete a project for a grade. In this project, student research is accessible beyond the class and serves as a robust example of public history in practice.

Participants: Paul Daybell, Utah State University
Jen Kirk, Utah State University
Megan Miller, Utah State University
Andrea Payant, Utah State University
Darcy Pumphrey, Utah State University
Randy Williams, Utah State University (Emerita)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

T6. "First to Vote:" Salt Lake City's Suffrage Sites

(Meet at Registration at 8:45 am)

See description in "Tours and Trips" section, p. 16. Tours and trips are sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

T7. Behind the Scenes at the Church History Library and the Salt Lake Tabernacle*

(Meet at Registration at 8:45 am)

See description in "Tours and Trips" section, p. 16. Tours and trips are sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Break in the Exhibit Hall

(Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

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Pop-Up | Meet the *TPH* Editors!

(Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

Stop by to learn about forthcoming issues of *The Public Historian* and meet the editors of the definitive voice of the public history profession. *Sponsored by the University of California Press.*

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Urgent Environments and Saving Landscapes

(Salon I & II)

This roundtable will explore how public historians have addressed urgent environmental problems in their public-facing work. Panelists will share their experiences completing place-based projects that represent diverse peoples and environments and encourage awareness of the historical significance of public lands and community history. Participants will also discuss how they have planned for and executed environment-focused projects in politically polarized communities. To promote place-based understanding and community engagement for conference attendees, some of the participants will discuss their work in Salt Lake City and the wider Intermountain West.

Chair: TBA

Panelists: *Engaging New Communities on Colorado's Western Slope*, Mette Flynt, Oklahoma State University

Land and Language: Exhibiting the Diversity of Utah's Mining Landscapes at the Utah State Capitol, Cassandra Clark, Utah Tech University

The Cutting Edge of Conservation: Hispanics and Native Americans Save Western Landscapes—Stories from National Conservation Lands, Andrew Guilliford, Fort Lewis College

Resistance, Endurance, and Land Among the White Mesa Ute: An Indigenous History, Jedediah Rogers, University of Utah Press

Lift Every Voice: The Urgency of Oral History at a Rural HBCU

(Granite Conference Center)

This roundtable will explore findings from the “Voices of Grambling” VR and oral history initiatives at Grambling State University, a rural HBCU. During the pandemic, the daily loss of individuals highlighted the urgent need to preserve local historical memory, especially in marginalized communities. Through a conversation about the development of the federally funded project, this roundtable will shed light on the ways that a small institution has prioritized place-based oral history and its dissemination through podcasts and historically reconstructed digital immersive environments (VR).

Facilitator: Edward Holt, Grambling State University

Participants: Kadynce Betancourt, Grambling State University
Yanise Days, Grambling State University
Brian McGowan, University of Arkansas
Kobe Sutton, Grambling State University
Alexandria Williams, Grambling State University

Rock Climbers Leverage Oral Histories to Preserve, Advocate, and Empower the Community

(Canyon A)

This community viewpoints session will offer a variety of stakeholder and collaborator perspectives on putting oral histories to use to preserve and share the history of rock climbing in Utah. There is a rich history of climbing across the state, including Salt Lake City's

Wasatch mountains and Utah's red rock desert towers. Through engagement with the local climbing community, oral histories have been applied to multiple preservation and advocacy projects. This session will provide an overview of four key public scholarship projects with rock climber perspectives.

Facilitator: Tallie Casucci, University of Utah, Salt Lake Climber's Alliance

Participants: Tallie Casucci
John Flynn, University of Utah, Salt Lake Climber's Alliance
Julia Geisler, Salt Lake Climber's Alliance
Leandra Hernandez, University of Utah, Salt Lake Area Queer Climbers, Escaladores Unidos, and Salt Lake Climber's Alliance
Brian Smoot, Author, *Wasatch Rock Climbs*
Rachel Wittmann, University of Utah

Building Bridges: Doing Good History Work Where You Are

(Canyon B)

Recent research has shown that Americans overall want to see a more inclusive story of our nation's history. But as public history and educational spaces become increasingly more contested, how do practitioners work to ensure the field continues to advance inclusive, credible history while bringing all communities along? Join our speakers to hear how our colleagues are navigating sometimes difficult waters to be responsive to the needs on the ground in their respective communities and with their audiences.

Facilitator: TBA

Participants: TBA

The Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation Digital Project

(Canyon C)

The Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation (NWBSN) Digital Project is a collaboration between Utah State University (USU), the NWBSN, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Church History Library to make thousands of born-digital cultural materials accessible to the public. USU was faced with the challenge of preserving and hosting the Tribal Library's vast digital collection and doing so in a way that balanced cultural stewardship with archival best practices. This session focuses on building trust and engagement with stakeholders within a very limited timeframe.

Participants: Sarah Berry, Utah State University
Members of the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation
TBA

Crowdsourced Digital Collections of Utah

(Topaz)

This panel will review a series of diverse, crowd-sourced collections created by the people of Utah which are managed by two state agencies, the University of Utah's Marriott Library and the Utah Department of Culture and Community Engagement. Panelists will discuss crowd-sourced collections including: documenting changing architecture, COVID-19 pandemic experiences, autobiographical accounts of Black Utahns, state flag redesign submissions, and targeted community scan-and-share events to amplify Utah's marginalized voices. Each of these collections will be highlighted, along with navigating permissions, submission-to-collection workflows, and outreach to promote engagement.

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Chair: Rachel Wittmann, University of Utah, J. Willard Marriott Library

Panelists: *Peoples of Utah Revisited*, Monique Davila, Utah Historical Society

More Than a Flag: Utah State Flag Redesign, Michelle Gollehon, Utah Department of Community and Cultural Engagement
France Davis Utah Black Archive, Allyson Mower, University of Utah, J. Willard Marriott Library

Utah Religious Architecture Photographs Collection, Ken Rockwell, University of Utah, J. Willard Marriott Library

Utah COVID-19 Digital Collection, Rachel Wittmann

Historians without Portfolio: Approaching Family History as Public History

(Seminar Theater)

In Utah, the dead are everywhere. Archives, libraries, temples, and even granite vaults dot the landscape with an architecture designed to gather, order, and remember the dead. In the home, lay historians, archivists, and record-keepers are likewise custodians of their ancestors. Outside the order of institutional archives, family history—its artifacts, records, and historical knowledge—are at risk of being lost, destroyed, or simply ignored. This panel explores avenues whereby public historians can approach, engage with, and support family historians and their records.

Chair: TBA

Panelists: *Family Ties: The Ancestral Family Organization as Resource and Ally*, MaryAnn Clements

Title Forthcoming, Monique Davila, Utah State Historical Society
'What's in your closet?' Private Archives, Public Histories, Cathy Gilmore, University of Utah

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Out to Lunch – Student Edition

(Meeting locations vary by group)

See description in “Special Events” section, p. 13.

International Federation for Public History: Public Meeting

(Salon I & II)

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Utah Historical Society Luncheon and Keynote*

(Grand Ballroom ABC)

See description in “Special Events” section, p. 13.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

T8. “Not Your Grandma’s Attic:” The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Memorial Museum

(Meet at Registration at 12:45 pm)

See description in “Tours and Trips” section, p. 16. Tours and trips are sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Public History, Climate Change, and the Black Lived Ecosystem

(Salon I & II)

African Americans on the southern Atlantic Seaboard and its inland cities have cultivated distinctive cultural traditions and landscapes responsive to their ecosystem of social, economic, and ecological relationships. Presenting voices and images from Black communities in Maryland and the Carolinas, this session will demonstrate how public history can interpret and create sustainable community ecosystems, using oral history and memory to advocate for social and environmental justice. Session participants will discuss gentrification, climate change, and structural racism as community disruptors while elevating the development of community museums and collections of oral narratives—public history—as tools to rebuild and sustain communities.

Facilitator: David Glassberg, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Participants: Eric Friendly, Historic Columbia in Columbia, South Carolina

Melody Hunter-Pillion, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Marcus Smith, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Urgency to Preserve Collective Memory in National Parks: a Panel Discussion

(Granite Conference Center)

The National Park Service (NPS) creates and houses crucial primary documents. Through oral history, the NPS collects and preserves the stories of people who have interacted with the parks, including park employees, Indigenous peoples, locals, or even distinguished visitors. Information from oral histories can then be incorporated into park resource management and interpretation. There is urgency to this task because oral histories must be collected before they are gone forever. In this session, a moderator will pose questions about conducting oral histories with the NPS in order to foster a lively conversation between the panelists and the audience.

Chair: Jared Orsi, Colorado State University

Panelists: *Death Valley National Park: Preserving Memory through Oral History*, Isabella Bartels, Colorado State University and Death Valley National Park

Getting from Point A to Point B in NPS Oral History Projects, Angela Sirna, National Park Service

Oral History and Changing Interpretations of Native History in the National Parks, Gregory Smoak, University of Utah

On Our Own Terms: Indigenous Oral Histories at National Parks, Brooke Neely, University of Colorado Boulder

Using Oral History to Tell the Untold Stories of the National Park Service, Lu Ann Jones, National Park Service

Learning through the Act of Creation: Students, Small Case Exhibits, and the Power of Historical Thinking

(Canyon A)

One of the challenges facing public historians is communicating the importance of history and historical thinking to the general public. This panel features work from three institutions that are using exhibits to teach historical thinking. Panelists will discuss programs utilizing special collections materials at Washington University in St. Louis, Southern Utah University, and Brigham Young University. Panelists will discuss the skills that students learn in creating exhibits and how those skills help the students become better informed

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citizens. They will share the mechanics of their programs and lessons learned.

Facilitator: Gordon Daines, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Brigham Young University

Participants: Cory Nimer, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Brigham Young University
Joy Novak, Washington University in St. Louis
Ryan Paul, Southern Utah University

Oral History and Intergenerational Narratives of Japanese American WWII Incarceration

(Canyon B)

The US government's unjust incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II uprooted families, disrupted businesses, and dispersed communities—impacting survivors and subsequent generations of Japanese Americans. The UC Berkeley Oral History Center's Japanese American Intergenerational Narratives Oral History Project, focusing on descendants of prison camps at Manzanar and Topaz, documents and disseminates the ways in which intergenerational trauma and healing occurred after this incarceration. This moment of racial reckoning has created a sense of urgency around historical meaning making for Japanese Americans, and oral history methodology has proven especially responsive to the challenges of contested history and memory.

Facilitator: Hanako Wakatsuki-Chong, Japanese American Museum of Oregon

Participants: Roger Eardley-Pryor, Oral History Center, University of California at Berkeley
Shanna Farrell, Oral History Center, University of California at Berkeley
Amanda Tewes, Oral History Center, University of California at Berkeley

Peoples of Utah Revisited: Sharing Community Histories

(Canyon C)

The Peoples of Utah Revisited (POUR) seeks to widen the lens on Utah's history and amplify marginalized voices. Community "Scan-and-Share" events and oral history projects provide opportunities to connect and build relationships with a variety of Utah communities and share their historical materials through an online collection. Join Utah Historical Society staff to learn about the processes and outcomes of these projects, see examples from the collection, and hear from participating community members about their experiences with POUR.

Facilitator: Sabrina Sanders, Utah Historical Society

Participants: Lisa Barr, Utah Historical Society
Monique Davila, Utah Historical Society
Michelle Gollehon, Utah Department of Cultural and Community Engagement

Research, Reconciliation, and Memorialization: The Mountain Meadows Massacre

(Topaz)

On September 11, 1857, a group of Mormon settlers in southwestern Utah used false promises of protection to coax a party of California-bound emigrants from their encircled wagons and massacre

them. The slaughter left the corpses of more than one hundred men, women, and children strewn across a highland valley called the Mountain Meadows. This session examines thirty years of reconciliation efforts by historians and the descendants of both the victims and the perpetrators of the massacre to memorialize one of the most horrific atrocities in American history and highlights some of the lessons learned.

Participants: Barbara Brown, Signature Books Publishing
Jennifer L. Lund, Independent Scholar and Museum Consultant
Richard E. Turley, Jr., Independent Historian

NCPH Board-Led Subcommittee on Gender Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Closed Meeting

(Executive Board Room)

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

NCPH Finance Committee

(Granite Boardroom)

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Break in the Exhibit Hall

(Alpine Ballroom and Second Floor Foyer)

Grab a drink, visit with exhibitors, and stop by the Commons—your gathering space—to check in with colleagues and take a break.

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Establishing Public History in Historically Black K-12 Schools

(Salon I & II)

Much has been written and discussed about how to develop undergraduate and graduate programs in public history that center diversity, equity, and inclusion in their admissions, training, and practice, but this roundtable explores these initiatives at the middle and high school level. The session introduces attendees to three examples with students in historically Black neighborhood schools. By discussing strategies for building public history projects and curricula at these schools, and the skill, knowledge, and value-based outcomes for students, faculty, and alumni who participate in them, this roundtable aims to encourage more efforts to bring public history to diverse secondary school students.

Facilitator: Kenneth Cohen, University of Delaware

Participants: Melissa Benbow, University of Delaware
Monet Lewis-Timmons, University of Delaware
Adam Velk, Green McAdoo Cultural Center, Tennessee State Museum
Mack Williams, University of Missouri - St. Louis

Accessing Urgent History: How Public Historians Can Create Ethical and Engaging Oral History Initiatives

(Granite Conference Center)

Recording memories through oral history interviews helps the public understand how pressing contemporary issues can be connected to past events and inform future actions. However, these recorded interviews require concerted efforts of preservation and access before they can fulfill this idealistic function. This roundtable discussion, led by professionals who have experience managing the entire oral history process, will discuss ethics, public engagement, and

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other considerations for public historians to collect, preserve, and disseminate interviews with living narrators related to urgent issues.

Facilitator: Sarah Milligan, Oklahoma State University Libraries
Participants: Emma Bryan, Filson Historical Society
Sarah Gutierrez, University of Georgia Libraries
Sarah Schneider, Science History Institute
Shuko Tamao, Science History Institute

Managing Urgency in an Archival Setting

(Canyon A)

In this roundtable, an audience-inclusive discussion will focus on theoretical and practical application in the acquisition and processing of collections and their implications. Topics addressed will include targeted and unsolicited acquiring, working with volunteers, high volume of newly acquired collections, managing backlogs, and the impact of such projects on an organization's resources.

Participants: Joshua Bullough, Church History Department
Elizabeth Heath, Church History Department
Melanie Nef, Church History Department

Earth, Water, and Fire: Public History and Climate in the Mountain West

(Canyon B)

NCPH's Committee on Environmental Sustainability invites an open discussion of how issues of climate and sustainability are shaping or are being approached by public history professionals in the Western states. From issues of resource management to protecting valuable communities and at-risk heritage, western states face unique and defining climate challenges. This structured discussion provides a chance for regional public history professionals to share their insights and to enlighten national colleagues about how climate shapes their work.

Facilitators: Hayley Brazier, High Desert Museum, Bend, Oregon
William Ippen, Loyola University Chicago
Philip Levy, University of South Florida
Katie Macica, University of Oregon

Teaching Utah History: Approaches and Resources

(Canyon C)

Utah History/Studies is taught on both the secondary and university levels. It is required of all prospective Social Studies teaching majors and often counts as a humanities elective. Yet Utah History can be challenging to teach. This session offers practical ideas and resources for Utah History educators from course organization and presentation to class projects and lesson plans.

Facilitator: TBA
Participants: Rebecca Andersen, Utah State University
Darren Parry
Brenden Rensink, Brigham Young University
Wendy Rex-Atzet, Utah Division of State History

A Community is Not a Monolith: Working In and With Descendant Communities

(Topaz)

Join this multi-panelist showcase highlighting projects that are steeped in and centers descendant communities' voices. In this

session, you will have the opportunity to hear about the opportunities of reimagining history and historical sites through descendant lenses, in addition to the challenges and pitfalls most commonly encountered when doing this critical work. Attendees will leave the session understanding some of the common misperceptions of working with descendant community groups (i.e. they are not monolithic or one voiced) and some insightful tactics and inspiration to help guide practitioners to be more effective in working with their respective descendant communities.

Facilitator: TBA
Participants: TBA

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Public Plenary | *Building Bridges with Public History*

Registration not required.

See full description in "Special Events" section, p. 13. Sponsored by Utah Humanities.

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7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Registration Open

(Second Floor Lobby)

Those attending tours and trips will meet their leaders at the conference registration desk 15 minutes prior to departure unless otherwise noted.

8:00 am – 10:00 am

NCPH Awards Breakfast and Presidential Address*

(Grand Ballroom ABC)

See description in "Special Events" section, p. 13.

8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Open

(Alpine Ballroom only)

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

T9. Junction City: Ogden's Historic 25th Street*

(Meet at Registration at 8:15 am)

See description in "Tours and Trips" section, p. 16. Tours and trips are sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

T10. Fort Douglas Archaeology Walking Tour*

(Meet at Registration at 8:45 am)

See description in "Tours and Trips" section, p. 16. Tours and trips are sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Break in the Exhibit Hall

(Alpine Ballroom)

We've got something special planned in the exhibit hall on Saturday! Stop by the Alpine Ballroom to explore the wares on offer from our multi-talented public history community. More information coming in the final *Program*.

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10:00 am -- 12:00 pm

NCPH Council of Past Presidents Meeting

(Executive Board Room)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Research and Project Showcase: Saturday Edition

(Salon I & II)

In this session, five presenters will share their work around four largely unrelated projects, each in a presentation and Q&A of about twenty minutes. Support these student scholars and begin your final day of NCPH-UHS 2024 gently with short-form presentations.

Presentations include: *“Before the Last of These Ex-Slaves Had Passed Irrevocably into History”: The Roots of Institutional Oral History in Ophelia Settle Egypt’s Work at Fisk University*, Anna Kaplan, American University
Canaan Cemetery: Documenting Historical Agency Despite Structural Inequalities in Post-Emancipation Texas, Annaliese Dempsey and Rachel Matheny, Texas A&M University
How Native Hawaiian Research Methodologies Can Help Public Historians Navigate Challenges, Eliana Massey, University of Utah
The Need for Empowering Narratives About Haiti, Charlot Lucien, University of Massachusetts Boston

New Approaches to Walking Tours: In-Person and Digital Tours with Community and Student Engagement

(Granite Conference Center)

Public historians often use historical walking tours to engage the broader public in local history. *The Public Historian’s* publication of reviews of walking tours suggests that the field is invested in both creating and evaluating tours. Despite the ubiquity of historic tours around the country, few tools exist to guide first-time creators through the process of researching and writing a tour. This roundtable will examine the work of four public historians to create both in-person and virtual walking tours, with particular focus on the ethics of working with stakeholders and how to integrate tour work into the public history classroom.

Facilitator: Rachel Gross, University of Colorado Denver
Participants: Michelle Comstock, University of Colorado Denver
Leif Fredrickson, University of Montana
G. Samantha Rosenthal, Roanoke College

Facing Off with Florida Man: Creating a Comprehensive University History in an Anti-History Environment

(Canyon B)

In January 2023, a *Chronicle of Higher Education* article titled, “What is Happening in Florida,” brought attention to the growing battle over history education in the state. In the midst of Florida’s tumultuous political environment, the presenters created an interactive ArcGIS StoryMap series titled “25 Years at FGCU” (Florida Gulf Coast University). The final product navigates issues of diversity at a predominantly white institution. This session discusses the creation of an inclusive history as state government officials attacked higher education. Our experience highlights public historians’ navigation of academic, professionalism, political environment, and funding constraints to create a quality public product.

Participants: Terumi Rafferty-Osaki, Northeastern University
Katherine Ryan, American University

Gender and Sexuality in Public History

(Canyon C)

In tune with this conference’s 2024 theme, this panel explores the historical urgency of public histories of gender and sexuality, including transnational, digital, visual, and spatial complexities of this growing field. Taken together, our panel seeks to engage audiences in a robust discussion on the ways in which public historians and public history venues are centering marginalized histories of gender and sexuality, as well as further progress needed within this field.

Chair: Kera Lovell, University of Utah, Asia Campus
Participants: *Homebody: Interpreting Henry Davis Sleeper through His Creation*, Danielle Bennett, City University of New York
LGBTQ Sites and the National Historic Landmarks and National Register of Historic Places Programs, Matt Basso, University of Utah
New Visions for Community Archives: How Digital Tools Expand Access to Marginalized Histories, Eliza McKinney, University of Michigan
The People’s Archive: Using Oral History Interviews to Create Conversations about Gender and Sexuality, Kera Lovell
Queer Public Histories on Social Media, Matthew Riemer, George Washington University

Historic Sites in Flux from the 1920s to Today

(Seminar Theater)

The 1920s saw the beginnings of three important historic sites: Colonial Williamsburg, Greenfield Village, and the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation’s Monticello. These sites have grappled with change over the last one hundred years, as they have sought to represent the ideals of American society. The four papers presented here will cover important aspects in the ways these historic sites have sought to provide a meaningful experience to their visitors. These museums share not only a similar date of origin, but they also have needed to alter the way they present themselves to the public. Issues such as slavery, working-class lives, the growth of technology, as well as historical accuracy, have all become a part of their newer presentations. These sites demonstrate the need to change and urgently promote their more modern identities to better educate their audiences.

Chair: TBA
Panelists: *A Soft Roof Over Sacred Ground: Slavery’s Memorial at Monticello*, Emily Greenfield, Stanford University
Mr. Rockefeller’s Village at 100: Combining the Old and the New at Colonial Williamsburg, Anders Greenspan, Texas A&M University Kingsville
Seeing More Ghosts: 100 Years of Repeopling Colonial Williamsburg, Alena Pirok, Georgia Southern University
Urgent Histories at Henry Ford’s Greenfield Village, Jessie Swigger, Western Carolina University

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

WG9. The World War II Home Front, Part III

(Canyon A)

See description of the working group format, p. 8.

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Many National Park Service (NPS) and other historic sites tell stories of the American World War II home front: stories that include those of the new industrial workers who made wartime production possible, the building of the atomic bomb, and the Japanese American incarceration experience. As the home front experience passes out of living memory, what new opportunities open up for interpretation? What challenges could these new interpretive opportunities present for NPS and other historic sites? What interpretive techniques could help tell these expanded stories? Now in the third year of the working group, this network of practitioners and sites engaged in interpretive work of WWII home fronts presents its findings and next steps.

Facilitators: Suzanne Fischer, Exhibit Coach
Leslie Przybylek, Heinz History Center
Discussants: TBA

WG10. Black Museums as an Essential Liberation Tool

(Topaz)

See description of the working group format, p. 8.

Considering their powerful grassroots and activist histories, how can we think about Black museums in 2024? Is it possible to situate Black museums historically and uniquely “in their own right,” and not as past “rehearsals” for a larger national museum? In the age of DEAL, where museums nationally and globally are being called to task for failing in areas that Black museums addressed more than sixty years ago, how do we recognize and advance the work that Black museums already have done in these areas? What can we learn from the tremendous history of community engagement of Black museums as to what is possible for them and for all museums? In this session, working group participants will tackle these questions and more.

Facilitators: Ashley Bouknight-Claybrooks, Colonial Williamsburg
Yvonne Holden, The Telos Group
Jennifer Scott, Urban Civil Rights Museum in Harlem
Janera Solomon, Independent
Discussants: TBA

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

T11. Salt Lake City's Black History Walking Tour with Sema Hadithi*

(Meet at Registration at 12:45 pm)

See description in “Tours and Trips” section, p. 16. Tours and trips are sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

The Blackwell School: Creating and Establishing a Legacy National Park Service Site for an Aging Generation

(Salon I & II)

In October 2022, the Biden Administration designated the Blackwell School in Marfa, Texas, as one of the newest national park sites in the state. The Blackwell School tells the story of de facto segregation of Mexican American children in Texas schools, highlighting their struggle for inclusive education within Texas and other relevant experiences across the Southwest. Join our conversation as we discuss the preservation of the Blackwell School, establishment of the

Blackwell School National Historic Site, and urgency to capture the stories of aging Blackwell School alumni.

Facilitator: Cristóbal López, National Parks Conservation Association

Participants: Kirsten Gardner, University of Texas-San Antonio

Daniel Hernández, The Blackwell School Alliance

Alexandra Medina, University of Texas-San Antonio

Frank G. Pérez, University of Texas-El Paso

Changing Meanings of Common Spaces, Heritage, and Monuments

(Granite Conference Center)

This panel offers a comparative reflection on how memory and politics interact in Latin American and European public spaces, elaborating on critical and activist approaches in connection with the presence of historical heritage, monuments, and statues. It deals with how public history practices and the role of historians can enhance worldwide interdisciplinary reflections on how collective memories are up to date and take care of publicly displayed community aspirations.

Chair: Serge Noiret, European University Institute, Italy

Panelists: *Between Memory and Politics: the Role of the Public Historian in Architectural Heritage Restoration*, María Cristina Dawson, Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Argentina

Disputed Memories of Perpetrators in Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador, Jimena Perry, Iona University, USA

The Monumental Question: Reflections from Colombia and Latin America, Sebastián Vargas Álvarez, Universidad del Rosario, Colombia

Women's Bodies and Gender Roles in the Italian Public Space, Serge Noiret

Surf's Up!: Exploring the History of Surfing via Innovative CESU Collaboration

(Canyon B)

The nonprofit preservation organization Sea of Clouds, whose work focuses on coastal landscapes and the preservation and interpretation of surfing history, completed the first ever successful National Register nomination of a surfing site with their nationally-recognized Malibu Historic District Nomination (2017). The Malibu nomination generated national media attention, resulting in the effort to expand this work with an innovative multi-year CESU-funded collaboration between the National Park Service Preservation Partners Program, the UNLV Public History Program, and Sea of Clouds. This roundtable of project participants will talk about the CESU model as a way to create partnerships between University-based public history programs and community groups in need of research support and pass-through funding opportunities. We'll also share how the project builds on twenty years of effort to use the National Register of Historic Places to preserve and interpret endangered sites associated with historic outdoor recreation.

Facilitator: Andrew Kirk, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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Participants: Michael Blum, Executive Director, Sea of Clouds
Chris Johnson, Preservation Partners Program, National Park Service
Andrew Kirk
Joseph Noce, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Fabian Rebolledo, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Using Public History to Study Modern Feminism

(Canyon C)

The participants for this roundtable are all working on the National Endowment for the Humanities-funded digital humanities project, “Sharing Stories from 1977: Putting the National Women’s Conference on the Map.” Our work is rooted in public history methodologies and theory: shared authority, public-facing work, and collaborative scholarship that is generated as much for a public audience as an academic one. We hope that our work will inspire other scholars to undertake public history in the digital space and will also showcase how this approach can revolutionize the study of more traditional topics like women’s history and political history.

Facilitator: Nancy Beck Young, University of Houston

Participants: Rahil Asgari, University of Houston
Cady Hammer, University of Houston
Peggy Lindner, University of Houston
Allison Perlman, University of California, Irvine
Elizabeth Rodwell, University of Houston
Sarah Rowley, DePauw University
Leandra Zarnow, University of Houston

The Cultural Ferment and Historical Urgency of the 1960s and 1970s for the Smithsonian Institution

(Seminar Theater)

Words like “polarization” and “divisiveness” have become common during the 2020s, creating a sense of urgency among public historians to restore trust and reduce divisions within the communities we serve. This session highlights efforts by the Smithsonian Institution

during the 1960s and 1970s—particularly the establishment of the Anacostia Community Museum, Festival of American Folklife, and Program in African American Culture—which led to more culturally and racially diverse staffs, collections, exhibitions, centers, and museums. In the process, the Smithsonian demonstrated how older models could be successfully remade not only during the late twentieth century, but also possibly today.

Facilitator: James Deutsch, Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage

Participants: Niani Kilkenny, Retired
Fath Davis Ruffins, Smithsonian National Museum of American History
William Walker, Cooperstown Graduate Program, SUNY Oneonta

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

WG11. Creating a Teaching Tool for Community-Engaged Work

(Canyon A)

See description of the working group format, p. 8.

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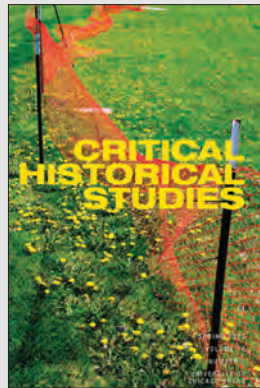
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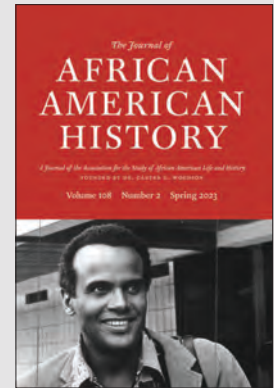
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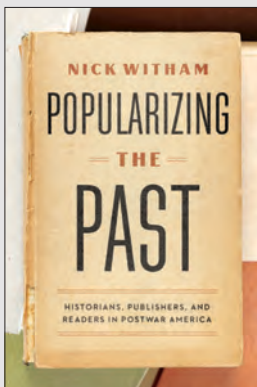


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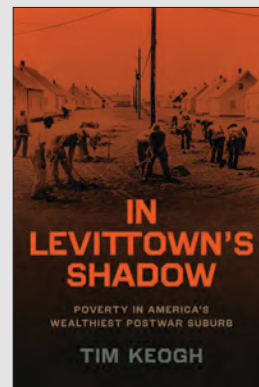
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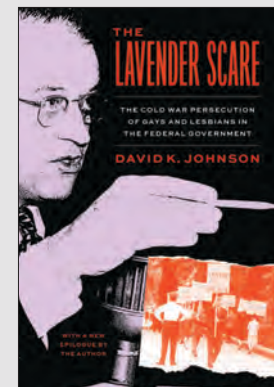
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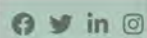
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