7:00 AM – 7:45 AM
Annual Business Meeting for the Midwestern History Association

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Morning Plenary Address: “Title TBD.”

Michael Barone, American Enterprise Institute.
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

First Panel Session

- “African-American History in the Midwest.”
  - Chair: Roy Finkenbine, University of Detroit Mercy.
  - “Forgotten Son: Oscar Charleston, Midwestern Sports Legend.” Jeremy Beer, American Philanthropic, LLC.
  - “Black Anarchists in the Midwest.” Michelle Campbell, Purdue University.
  - “Jazz and Kansas City: The Integration of the African-American Community.” Kevin Silva, Elmhurst College.

- “Business, Labor, and Capitalism in the Midwest in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries.”
  - Chair/Commentator: Jon C. Teaford, Purdue University.
  - “Discovery of a New Story: The Stockton Township Teacher Strike of 1919.” Dan Golodner, Wayne State University.
  - “Gilded Frontiers in the Middle West.” Andrew Offenburger, Miami University.
  - “Farming by Rail: Demonstration Trains and the Rise of Mobile Agricultural Science in the Great Plains.” David D. Vail, University of Nebraska at Kearney.
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

First Panel Session (continued)

- “Great Lakes History Roundtable: The Past and Future of Maritime History in the Heartland.”
  - **Jay C. Martin**, Central Michigan University.
  - **Lynne Heasley**, Western Michigan University.
  - **Dana Brown**, Chattanooga State Community College.
  - **Matthew Daley**, Grand Valley State University.
  - **Theodore J. Karamanski**, Loyola University Chicago.

- “The History of Punk Rock in the Midwest.”
  - Chair/Commentator: **Dave McMahon**, Kirkwood Community College.
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

First Panel Session (continued)

• “Latinos in the Twentieth-Century Midwest: Pushing the Boundaries of Latino and Midwestern History.”
  o Chair and Commentator: Delia Fernández, Michigan State University.
  o “Meatpacking, Mexican Immigration and the Transformation of a Midwest City.” Carolina Ortega, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
  o “Forging a Midwestern Mexican Community: Seasonal Labor and Consulate Activities in Kansas and Nebraska During the Twentieth Century.” Bryan Winston, Saint Louis University.

• “Midwestern Experiences During World War I and Its Aftermath.”
  o Chair: Jo Ellyn Clarey, Greater Grand Rapids Women’s History Council.
  o “Julia Grace Wales and Wisconsin’s Plan to End the First World War.” Deborah Buffton, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.
  o “‘Doctors and Undertakers Are Running Like Madmen Around the Village Attending Calls Everywhere’: Care of the Ill and the Dead in Rural Areas and Small Cities and Towns During the Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919.” Gari-Anne Patzwald, Independent Scholar.
  o “Between Bolos and the British: Perils and Privations of American Doughboys in Northern Russia, 1918-1919.” Jeff Schultz, Luzerne County Community College.
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

First Panel Session (continued)

- “Midwestern Politics in the Progressive Era.”
  - Chair: Jason Duncan, Aquinas College.
  - “Exploring Michigan’s Role in the City Manager Movement.” Neal Buckwalter, Grand Valley State University.

- “Midwestern Regionalism.”
  - Chair: Jon Lauck, Midwestern History Association.
  - Commentator: Wendy Griswold, Northwestern University.
  - “The American Midwest: A Region or an Anti-Region?” Bruce Bigelow, Butler University.
  - “Commemoration and Confrontation: Patriotic Nationalism in the Antebellum Midwest.” Adam Criblez, Southeast Missouri State University.
  - “The Midwestern Roots of Theories of Regionalism and Cultural Pluralism.” Michael C. Steiner, California State University – Fullerton.
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

First Panel Session (continued)

- “Settling the Midwest: Origins, Migrations, Genealogies.”
  - Chair/Commentator: John E. Miller, South Dakota State University.
  - “From the Highlands to the Plain: Scottish Heritage in the Midwestern United States.” Thomas Richardson, National Personnel Records Center, NARA.
  - “The Distribution and Origins of German Natives in the Old Northwest in 1850.” Gregory S. Rose, The Ohio State University at Marion.
  - “‘We took Ohio without firing a shot!’: Southern Appalachian Migrants Invade the Midwest.” Thomas E. Wagner and Phillip J. Obermiller, University of Cincinnati.
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM
Lunch Break

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM
Afternoon Plenary Address:
“Title TBD.”
Erik McDuffie, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

**Second Panel Session**

- “Fermentation and Frontiers: Midwestern Beer in the 19th and 21st Centuries.”
  
  o Chair: **Patrick Pospisek**, Grand Valley State University.
  
  
  o “The ‘White Alien’: German Immigrants, Brewing, and Citizenship in 1850s Chicago and Cincinnati.” **Brian Alberts**, Purdue University.
  
  o “The Cultural Struggle of Immigrant Workers’: Ethnic Fluidity Among Immigrant Brewery Workers in Chicago and Milwaukee, 1895-1914.” **Alison Orton**, University of Illinois at Chicago.
  
  o “Community Memory: Midwest Craft Brewing and Hyperlocal History.” **Josh Sopiraz**, Governors State University.

- “Heartland Heritage: Parks and Public History in Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Wisconsin.”
  
  o Chair/Commentator: TBD.
  
  
  o “Indiana State Parks and the Landscape of Modernity.” **Steven Burrows**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
  
  
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Second Panel Session (continued)

• “Histories of Religion in the Midwest.”
  o Chair/Commentator: Dave McMahon, Kirkwood Community College.
  o “Wisconsin Marianism and Upper Midwestern Catholic Culture, 1858-2010.”
    Michael Pfeifer, City University of New York.
  o “For God and Country: Early American Muslims in the Midwest.”
    Ryan Schuessler, Independent Scholar.

• “Innovative Approaches to Native American History in the Midwest.”
  o Chair: Sean O’Neill, Grand Valley State University.
  o “Applying Game Theory to the Strategic Options Available to Tecumseh’s
    Native Confederacy for Control of the Lower Great Lakes Prior to the War of
    1812.” Evelyn M. Buday, Ivy Tech Community College.
  o “‘The young folks [want] to go in and see the Indians’: Davenport Citizens, the
    Press, and Dakota Prisoners of War.”
    Linda Clemmons, Illinois State University.
  o “Indigenous Nations and Settler Resentment: From the Reagan Era to the
    Rise of Trump.” Doug Kiel, Northwestern University.
  o “Surveying as an Act of War: Conflict over Land Assessment in U.S. Imperial
    Expansion and in Potawatomi ‘Survivance.’”
    David B.H. Lehman, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Second Panel Session (continued)

- “The Intellectual History of the Midwest.”
  - Chair/Commentator: Paul Murphy, Grand Valley State University.

- “The Little-Known Woman’s Committee of the WWI Council of National Defense and Its Ties to Local Communities.”
  - Chair: Jo Ellyn Clarey, Greater Grand Rapids Women’s History Council.
  - “Creating ‘An Army of Housewives’: The Woman’s Committee's Food Programs of World War I.” Anita Anthony-Van Orsdal, Grand Valley State University.
  - “Hooverizing and Managing the Nation’s Women: The Example of WWI Jasper County, Indiana.” Sue Caldwell, Indiana Genealogical Society.
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Second Panel Session (continued)

• “Midwestern Editors’ Roundtable: Shaping Midwestern History.”
  o Kate Thompson, Wisconsin Historical Society Press.
  o Roy Boomhower, Indiana Historical Society Press.
  o Laura Weber, Minnesota Historical Society.

• “Roundtable on Teaching the Midwest.”
  o Bruce Bigelow, Butler University.
  o Matthew Daley, Grand Valley State University.
  o Matthew N. Vosmeier, Hanover College.
  o Fred Witzig, Monmouth College.
3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

Third Panel Session

- “Art, Industry, Politics, and War: The Midwest in the Mid-Twentieth Century.”
  - Chair/Commentator: TBD.
    Coreen Derifield, East Central College.
  - “John Steuart Curry’s Agricultural Army.”
    Lara Kuykendall, Ball State University.
  - “The Isolationist Stance of Ohio Senators Robert Taft and John Bricker after World War II.”
    Bernard Lemelin, Université Laval.
  - “Prisoners of War in World War II Michigan.”
    Gregory Sumner, University of Detroit Mercy.

- “From Wilderness to World Class City: An Exploration of Identity Within the City of Holland by the Holland Film Group.”
  - Robert P. Swierenga, Hope College.

- “The New Midwestern Politics? A Roundtable on 2016 and Beyond.”
  - Chair/Commentator: Ted Frantz, University of Indianapolis.
  - Sergio M. González, University of Wisconsin – Madison.
  - Cory Haala, Marquette University.
  - Matt Reiter, University of Wisconsin – Madison.
3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

Third Panel Session (continued)

- “Poverty, Power, and the Plow: Midwestern Interactions with Slavery and Social Welfare.”
  - Chair/Commentator: Kathryn Schumaker, University of Oklahoma.

  - Chair: Donna Odom, Society for History and Racial Equity.
  - “Oral History Projects.”
    James Cameron, Michigan Department of Education.
    Donna Odom, Society for History and Racial Equity.
    Karen Schaumann, Schoolcraft College.
3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

Third Panel Session (continued)

- “Regional and Rural Identities in the Midwest.”
  - Chair/Commentator: Ned Watts, Michigan State University.
  - “Great Lakes or Middle West: The 1936-37 Great Lakes Exposition and Regional Identity.” Kenneth J. Bindas, Kent State University.
  - “‘A Perfect Community’: When the Agricultural History You Write About Is Your Own.” Zachary Michael Jack, North Central College.
  - “‘This is not Wobegone’: Rural Identity and Robert and Nell Peters.” Patricia Stovey, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.

- “The Significance of Agriculture in the Civil War Era.”
  - Chair/Commentator: R. Douglas Hurt, Purdue University.
  - “Indiana Agriculture During the Civil War.” Richard F. Nation, Eastern Michigan University.
  - “Midwestern Agriculture and Radical Republican Politics: Oliver P. Morton’s Nationalist Vision of Indiana in the Civil War Era.” A. James Fuller, University of Indianapolis.
  - “Agriculture, Nationalism, and Civil War Memory at the Centennial Exhibition, 1876.” Krista Kinslow, Boston University.
3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

Third Panel Session (continued)

- “The Uses of Public Memory in the Rural American Midwest.”
  - Chair/Commentator: David Zwart, Grand Valley State University.
  - “The Uses of the Past: Public Memory and Farm Historical Pageantry During the 1920s.” Nancy Berlage, Texas State University.
  - “Then We Traveled by the North Star’: African-American Remembrances of Slavery and War in Central Iowa, 1865-1922.” David Brodnax, Trinity Christian College.
  - “Little House and Little Church: Memory and the Church in the Published Works of Laura Ingalls Wilder.” John J. Fry, Trinity Christian College.

  - Chair: William Kerrigan, Muskingum University.
  - “We realize that this is a long term proposition’: Soil and Water Conservation in Ottawa County, Michigan, 1935-1955.” Matthew Daley, Grand Valley State University.
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Reception in Honor of Midwestern History Association Award Recipients

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Evening Plenary Addresses:
Locating New Frontiers in Midwestern History

“Title TBD.” Jason Heppler, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

“Title TBD.” D. Bradford Hunt, Newberry Library.