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WELCOME TO GRAND RAPIDS, the heart of West Michigan and the Robert C. Pew Campus of Grand Valley State University!

Grand Rapids, population 195,000, is the second largest city in the Mitten State. Located in the traditional territory of the Ottawa people, the city has been defined by the Grand River, which powered numerous industries through the years. Grand Rapids is also located on the east side of Lake Michigan which influences weather patterns, primarily through the phenomenon of “Lake Effect” precipitation. Once known as Furniture City, Grand Rapids now promotes itself as “Beer City, U.S.A.”

There are many cultural institutions to explore within walking distance of the conference venue. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum (https://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov) commemorates the life of the 38th president. The Grand Rapids Public Museum (http://www.grpm.org) tells the story of the city and its people. The Grand Rapids Art Museum (http://www.artmuseumgr.org) has a diverse collection and numerous exhibits. These institutions, joined by hundreds more, host the annual ArtPrize competition in September and October (http://www.artprize.org).

Grand Rapids has experienced a renaissance in the last twenty years, particularly in the downtown area that continues to today. Explore the city with a Segway tour, (http://www.segwaytoursofgr.com/index.html) or even a running tour (http://grandrapidstrunningtours.com). Restaurants and coffee shops fill the downtown area, including the district on Ionia Street (.4 miles), the group of restaurants in the B.O.B (.2 miles), the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel Area (.8 miles). The Cottage Bar (.6 miles) is a local haunt and MadCap Coffee (.4 miles) makes a great cup of coffee.

There is a vibrant local food scene in Grand Rapids. The Fulton Street Farmers Market has been continuously operating since 1922 (http://fultonstreetmarket.org). The Downtown Market (http://downtownmarketgr.com) opened in 2013. Many restaurants take pride in serving local products. In the downtown area, these include Rockwell Republic (.6 miles), Reserve Wine and Food (.5 miles), Bistro Bella Vita (.4 miles). In the East Hills neighborhood, there are many options including Terra (2.2 miles), Grove (1.6 miles), The Green Well (1.7 miles), Brewery Vivant (1.7 miles), Marie Catrib’s (1.7 miles), and The Electric Cheetah (2 miles).

Finally, the breweries are plentiful. You can take a tour http://www.grbeertours.com/ or explore on your own. Founders Brewing Co. has a very nice tap room (.6 miles). Grand Rapids Brewing Co. (.3 miles) works to be sustainable. Brewery Vivant (1.7 miles) is located in a former funeral chapel. Harmony Brewing (2.5 miles) and Mitten Brewing (1.9 miles) both make great pizzas.

Thank you for joining us and enjoy the conference and your visit to Grand Rapids.

David Zwart
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At-a-Glance Schedule

All conference activities will be held at the L.V. Eberhard Center, Grand Valley State University’s Pew Campus, located in downtown Grand Rapids.

Wednesday, June 7
8:00-5:00  Graduate Student Workshop, Eberhard Center Room 215 A
3:00-6:00  Executive Committee Meeting, Eberhard Center Foundation Room
3:00-6:30  Conference Registration at Eberhard Center
7:00-9:00  Joint Welcome Reception: Agricultural History Society/Midwestern History Association
            Grand Rapids Brewing Company, 1 Ionia Avenue SW, Grand Rapids

Thursday, June 8
7:30-5:00  Conference Registration at Eberhard Center
8:30-10:00 Welcome and Opening Plenary, Eberhard Center Room 215 CDEF
10:00-10:30 Break
10:30-12:00 Session I
12:00-1:45  Presidential Luncheon (Ticketed Event) Eberhard Center Room 215 CDEF
2:00-3:30  Session II
3:30-4:15  Break, Sponsored by the Department of History and Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Grand Valley State University
4:15-5:45  Session III

Friday, June 9
7:00-8:00  Editorial Board Breakfast, Eberhard Center Foundation Room
8:00-12:00  Conference Registration at Eberhard Center
8:30 -10:00  Session IV
10:10:30  Break
10:30-12:00  Session V
12:00-6:00  Tour of GVSU Sustainable Agriculture Project and Hoffmaster State Park
Preregistration required
Tour includes box lunch to be picked up in Room 215 CDEF
Depart from Eberhard Center Entrance, Front Street NW

Saturday, June 10
7:30-8:30  Rural Women’s Studies Association Breakfast (Ticketed Event)
Eberhard Center Room 215 CDEF
8:00-12:00  Conference Registration at Eberhard Center
8:30-10:00  Session VI
10:00-10:30  Break
10:30-12:00  Session VII
1:45-3:15  Session VIII
3:15-3:45  Break, Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, Grand Valley State University
3:45-5:15  Session IX
5:15-6:00  Agricultural History Society Business Meeting (Open to all registrants)
Eberhard Center Room 201
6:00-7:00  Reception, Sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Grand Valley State University (Open to all registrants)
7:00-9:00  Awards Banquet (Ticketed Event) Eberhard Room 215 CDEF
Thursday, June 8

8:30 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Plenary (Eberhard Center Room 215 CDEF)
Frederick J. Antczak, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Science, Grand Valley State University
Katherine Jellison, Agricultural History Society President

Farm and Rural Identity and the Farm Crisis of the 1980s
Chair/Comment: Katherine Jellison, Ohio University
“An American Event’: Farm Aid and Its Portrayal of Farmers in the 1980s,” Wayne Anderson, University of Iowa
“Diverging Democrats: Minnesota and Wisconsin in the Farm Crisis Election,” Cory Haala, Marquette University
“Farm Crisis, Teen Edition: Agricultural and Rural Identity in 1980s Iowa,” Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, Iowa State University

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

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Session I

1.A  (Room 215 A)
Local Food, History, and Heritage
Chair/Commentator: Linda Ambrose, Laurentian University
“Heritage Grains from the Ukraine Influencing Modern Farming,” Ellen King, Independent Scholar
“Knowing Your Farmer in the Nineteenth Century: Cases for Local Food,” Adam W. Ebert, Mount Mercy University

1.B  (Room 215 B)
What Was a Peasant? Integrated Peasant’s Economy in a Comparative Perspective
Chair: Shane Hamilton, University of York
“Proto Industrialization or Integrated Peasant Economy? Scandinavia in the 18th and Early 19th Century,” Mats Morell, Uppsala University
“Diversifying and Maximizing Incomes in Peasant Economy (case of Slovenia),” Žarko Lazarević, Institute of Contemporary History
“Farmers’ Household and Living Spaces During the Industrial Revolution: Otagi, Kyoto, Japan, 1880-1908,” Satoshi Murayama, Kagawa University
“Commons, Farm Division and an Integrated Peasant’s Economy in Upland Sweden,” Jesper Larsson, Indiana University
Thursday, June 8

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Session I (continued)

1.C  (Room 215 G)
Farmers as State-Builders: The Many Faces of the Agricultural Associative State
Chair: Deborah Fitzgerald, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Commentator: David Vail, University of Nebraska-Kearney
“Scientific Agriculture and the Agricultural State: Farmers, Capitalism, and Government in the Late Nineteenth Century,” Ariel Ron, Southern Methodist University
Timothy H. Johnson, University of Georgia

1.D  (Room 215 H)
Womanhood in Rural Society
Chair/Commentator: Cherisse Jones-Branch, Arkansas State University
“The Uses of the Past: Farm Historical Pageantry, Gender, and Region, 1910 – 1930,”
Nancy K. Berlage, Texas State University
“Finding the Women’s Land Army in the Rural South,” Denna Clymer, Crowder College

1.E  (Room 201)
Human and Animal Migration Studies
Chair: Joe Anderson, Mount Royal University
“Rural Emigration as Urban Panacea: Japanese Brazilian Agricultural Migration in the Wake of the 1923 Great Kantō Earthquake,” Andre Deckrow, Columbia University
“DeWitty and the Kinkaid Act: The Common Story of an Uncommon People,” Robert Nickels, University of Nebraska-Kearney
“Squirrel Migrations, American Agriculture, and Evolutionary and Environmental History in the Anthropocene,” Brett Mizelle, California State University Long Beach

12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Presidential Luncheon (Ticketed Event) Eberhard Center Room 215 CDEF
Thursday, June 8

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

2.A  (Room 215 A)
Experiencing Transatlantic Commodity Networks
Chair/Commentator: Dolly Jørgensen, Luleå University of Technology
“Farming in the Spanish Caribbean: Rural Identity, Culture, and Food Production in the
Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Cuba,” Carrie Meyer, George Mason University
“Solving the Paradox of Hunger Amidst Plenty: Farm Commodities and Food Welfare in the
U.S. and Britain during the 1970s,” Caitlin Rathe, University of California

2.B  (Room 215 B)
Power and Agency in Agriculture
Chair/Commentator: Mart Stewart, Western Washington University
“Hammond’s Failure,” Alan Olmstead, University of California, Davis and
Paul Rhode, University of Michigan
“Un-farming Land, Cultivating Dominance: Jats in Northern India,” Praveen Verma,
University of Delhi
“The Green Revolution and the Agrarian Life of Race,” Hossein Ayazi,
University of California, Berkeley

2.C  (Room 215 G)
Symbols of the Pastoral
Chair/Commentator: Wayne Anderson, University of Iowa
“Of Cornfields & Baseball: Field of Dreams as American Pastoral,” Anna Thompson Hajdik,
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
“Yo Heave the Spirit of Increase: RAISING THE BARN, Standards of Agricultural Practise, and
Ideals of Neighborliness,” Catharine Wilson, University of Guelph
“Freshets and Flooding: How Agriculture Preserved Indian Mounds,” Nicholas Timmerman,
Mississippi State University

2.D  (Room 215 H)
Farmer Identity and Perception
Chair/Commentator: Brian Q. Cannon, Brigham Young University
“Inheriting the Earth: Race, Culture and Familial Attachment to Land in New Zealand,”
Jane McCabe, University of Otago
“Small Scale Traditional Farmers in the Peruvian Amazon: Identity, Perceptions, Historical
Discrimination and Recent Change,” Jim Penn, Grand Valley State University
“The Independent Farmer: Myths of Self-Reliance in Mormon Agricultural Rhetoric,”
Anthony Garner, Utah State University
Thursday, June 8

3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Break, Sponsored by the Department of History and the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Grand Valley State University

4:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Session III

3.A  (Room 215 A)
Modernization Down on the Farm: Responding to Technological Change
Chair/Commentator: Carrie A. Meyer, George Mason University
“Power for the People: Popular Interest in Rural Electrification in Northwest Wisconsin,”
William Kostlevy, Brethren Historical Library

3.B  (Room 215 B)
Agricultural Frontier as a Political Project: Regional Identity, Rural Culture and Environmental Changes in Brazil and Argentina
Chair/Commentator: Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma
“Environmental Conflicts and Politicization in the Argentine Rural World: The Case of the Province of Formosa and Chaco in Front of the Processes of Deforestation and Advance of the Agricultural Frontier (1980-2010),” Adrián Zarrilli, Universidad Nacional de La Plata
“Modernizing is Required: Social Thought and Change in Rural Brazil (1944-1954),”
Claiton Marcio da Silva, Universidade Federal da Fronteira Sul
“The Dissemination and Domestication of Feijoa (Acca sellowiana),” Samira Peruchi Moretto, Universidade Federal da Fronteira Sul
“To Correct Nature’s Mistakes: Hubris, Agronomic Knowledge and Apple Production in Southern Brazil,” Jó Klanovicz, Universidade do Centro-Oeste do Paraná

3.C  (Room 215 G)
Growing Community: Public History and the Future of Oceana County, Michigan
Commentator: Andrew Schlewitz, Grand Valley State University
Melanie Shell-Weiss, Grand Valley State University
Nora Salas, Grand Valley State University
Amy McFarland, Grand Valley State University
Eva Berumen, El Centro Hispano de Oceana
Walter Urick, Historical and Genealogical Society of Oceana County
Thursday, June 8

4:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Session III (continued)

3.D  (Room 215 H)
“The Hospital in the Cotton Field:” Rural Hospital Care in the Delta
Chair/Commentator: Cherisse Jones-Branch, Arkansas State University
“Eastern Arkansas Navigates the Mid-Twentieth Century: The Business of Agriculture in History,” Brady Banta, Arkansas State University
“Compliance vs. Access: The Challenges of Administering Historically Significant Protected Date,” Jennifer Welch, University of Tennessee, Health Sciences, Memphis
“From a Cotton Field Came a Hospital: A Mid-Twentieth Century Rural Hospital,” Simon Hosken, Arkansas State University

3.E  (Room 201)
Agrarian Myth? Individual Actors in Agriculture
Chair/Commentator: Jim Giesen, Mississippi State University
“Searching for the Best Agricultural Land: A GIS Analysis,” Brandon Duxbury, Iowa State University
“Sing Me a Song of my Home: Earl Heywood, CKNX Wingham, and Barn Dance Radio,” Erin Elizabeth Schuurs, University of Guelph
Friday, June 9

7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. Editorial Board Breakfast, Eberhard Center Foundation Room

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

4.A (Room 215 A)
Roundtable on Debra Reid’s *Interpreting Agriculture and Rural Life at Historic Sites*
Chair: Joe Anderson, Mount Royal University
Julia Brock, University of West Georgia
Nancy E. Villa Bryk, Eastern Michigan University
R. Douglas Hurt, Purdue University
Debra A. Reid, Eastern Illinois University

4.B (Room 215 B)
International Farmers, Shifting Identities, and Experiences
Chair: Virgil Dean, Consulting Editor, Kansas History
“Running a Family Farm: Swedish Farmer’s Identities and Strategies While Facing Conflicting Pressures,” Camilla Eriksson, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
“Ezra Taft Benson and the Family Farm,” Brian Q. Cannon, Brigham Young University

4.C (Room 215 G)
Transitional Livelihoods and Farming Choices
Chair: Kelly Houston Jones, Austin Peay State University
“From Sawmilling to Sharecropping: The Northern Ohio Cooperage and Lumber Company, 1902-1948,” Zachary Elledge, Purdue University
“The Rain Did Not Come Down: Farming the Cutover in Crow Wing County, Minnesota, 1900-1920,” John A. Byczynski, Western Michigan University
“A Failed Hydraulic Society: The Tragic Past of Utah’s Cache County Water Conservation District No.1.,” David D. Vail, University of Nebraska at Kearney

4.D (Room 215 H)
Farming the Fault Line: Agriculture Along Borderlands
Chair/Commentator: Tore Olsson, University of Tennessee
“A New Tradition. Construction of Regional Identity of Farmers in ‘Regained Territories’ of Poland After the II World War in the Light of Their Letters to Authorities,” Krysztof Gajewski, Institute of Literary Research, Polish Academy of Science
“Caucasus Kul’tura: Wheat, Corn, and Sedentary-Transhumant Relations on Eur/Asian Borders through Great War and Revolution,” Leone Musgrave, Indiana University
Friday, June 9

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Session IV (continued)

4.E  (Room 201)
Roundtable: Challenging the Culture of Empire: Mexican and Latino Agricultural Organizing in the Fields
Chair: Jose G. Moreno, Northern Arizona University
Luis H. Moreno, Bowling Green State University
Dinoicio Valdez, Michigan State University

4.F  (Room 203)
Family and Children on the Farm
Chair/Commentator: Megan Birk, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
“African American Child Farmers in Arkansas: The Childhood Farming Experiences of Minnie Dawson,” Chelsea D. McNutt, Arkansas State University
“I Never Had a Childhood’: Children and Agriculture in Mid-19th Century Iowa,” Jeff Bremer, Iowa State University

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Session V

5.A  (Room 215 A)
Roundtable: Integrating Urban Farming into Agricultural History
Commentator: Dolly Jørgensen, Luleå University of Technology
Peter G. Anderson, Queen’s University
Anastasia Day, University of Delaware
Joanna E Dean, Carleton University
Chris Fite, University of Pennsylvania

5.B  (Room 215 B)
Mapping Commodity Patterns
Chair: Debra Reid, The Henry Ford
“Mapping the Logistics of Beef in Texas: A Public Agricultural History Project,” Jeannette Vaught, University of Texas at Austin
“Corn Belt Correlations: Patterns in Potawatomi Land Use and Settler Land Seizure,” David B. H. Lehman, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
“Voices of Rural Nebraska: Building Personal Experience into a Digital Repository,” Laurinda L. Weisse, University of Nebraska at Kearney
“Farming the Data: Rural Identity, Local Studies, and the Flatwaters Digital Repository Project,” Sally C. Sinor, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Friday, June 9

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Session V (continued)

5.C  (Room 215 G)
Women’s Responses to the Challenges of Industrialization
Chair/Commentator: Carmen Harris, University of South Carolina, Upstate
“Saving the “Defective” Child and the Poor Housewife: Public Gardening Programs of Women’s
   Clubs during the Progressive Era in Grand Rapids, Michigan,” Jayson Otto,
   Aquinas College
“These Business-minded Entrepreneurs:” Food Preservation, Cooperative Extension and the
   Role of Alabama’s Farm Women and Girls in the Market Place,” Tommy Brown,
   Auburn University
“Rural Solution in the Industrial Age: Vacant Lots,” Maureen S. Thompson,
   Montgomery College

5.D  (Room 215 H)
Gender and Expectation in Back-to-the-Land Movements 1880-1980
Chair: Sara Morris, University of Kansas
   Back-to-the-Land Movement, 1880-1920,” Dona Brown, University of Vermont
“Building a Communal Environment: Back-to-the-Land in Mendocino,” Gary Stein, University of
   Southern California

5.E  (Room 201)
State and Market Forces in Rural Identity Production
Chair/Commentator: Jeremy Vetter, University of Arizona
“Pastoral Finance: The Intersections of Capitalism and Patronismo in the Hispano Borderlands,
   1870-1910,” Bryan W. Turo, University of New Mexico
“Bankers as Farmers: W.E. Ferguson and the Anti-Farm Incorporation Debate in Kansas, 1929-
   1930,” Jaclyn J.S. Miller, South Texas College
“Parity, Patriotism, and Promises of Plenty: Free Market Nationalism in an Era of Farm Crisis,”
   Rebecca Shimoni Stoil, Johns Hopkins University

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tour of GVSU Sustainable Agriculture Project and Hoffmaster State Park
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7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Rural Women’s Studies Association Breakfast
Eberhard Center Room 215 CDEF

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

6.A  (Room 215 A)
Who is a Collaborator? Networking and Publishing Rural Women's History
Moderator: Linda M. Ambrose, Laurentian University
Katherine Jellison, Ohio University, Panelist
Joan M. Jensen, New Mexico State University, Panelist
Cherisse Jones-Branch, Arkansas State University, Panelist
Amy L. McKinney, Northwest College, Panelist
Anne L. Moore, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Pamela Riley-Kehrberg, Iowa State University, Panelist

6.B  (Room 215 B)
Rural Southern Community Activism
Chair/Commentator: Jeannie Whayne, University of Arkansas
“Beyond Populism: Socialism in the American South,” Ali Nabours, Louisiana State University
“Snags, Sawyers, and Shifting Opinion: The Usage and Perception of Snagboats and Improvement on the Arkansas River from 1800-1860,” Colton Adkisson, Arkansas State University

6.C  (Room 215 G)
New Deal Policy and American Agriculture
Chair/Commentator: Mary Summers, University of Pennsylvania
“The Roosevelt Farm Policies and the Transformation of American Agriculture,”
David E. Hamilton, University of Kentucky
“Harvesting Data’: Climatology and the Creation of Observer Farmers in the New Deal,”
James H. Bergman, Michigan State University
“Altruism in an Age of Rent-Seeking: The American Farm Bureau Federation’s Influence on the 1936 Commodity Exchange Act,” Rasheed Saleuddin, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University
Saturday, June 10

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Session VI (continued)

6.D (Room 215 H)
**Modernization and “Authentic Farming”**
Chair/Commentator: Sara Egge, Centre College
“Food Sovereignty and African Food Security: The Nigerian Youth and Smallholder Farmers as the Panacea,” Olusojo Samuel Oyeranmi, Olabisi Onabanjo University
“Pastures Adjacent Shopping Plazas: Crafting Farmer Identities amidst Shifting Rural-Urban Boundaries,” Emily Ramsey, University of Georgia

6.E (Room 201)
**Colonialism and Transnational Agriculture**
Chair/Commentator: Philip Herrington, James Madison University
“Farmers Without Borders: Tobacco’s Cross-Cultural Cultivation in the Seventeenth Century,” Melissa N. Morris, Columbia University

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

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Session VII

7.A (Room 215 A)
**Improving Agricultural Information Networks**
Chair: Mark Hersey, Mississippi State University
“The Legacy of the Tuskegee of the West: The Fargo Agricultural School and the Arkansas Land and Farm Development Corporation,” Charles Baclawski, Arkansas State University
“Educating Women to be New England Farmers,” Anne. L. Moore, University of Massachusetts
“From Tennessee to Shandong: Trice Cotton, Experiment Stations, and Farmers in Republican China,” Spencer Stewart, University of Chicago
Saturday, June 10

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Session VII (continued)

7.B (Room 215 B)
Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, Iowa State University, Moderator
Debra Reid, Eastern Illinois University, Panelist
Maggie Weber, Iowa State University, Panelist
Eric Mogren, Northern Illinois University, Panelist
Mary Summers, University of Pennsylvania, Panelist
Nancy Berlage, Texas State University, Author and Respondent

7.C (Room 215 G)
Peasants, Farmers, and Migrants
Chair and Commentator: Adam Ebert, Mount Mercy University
“The Modern ‘Bonde’ in Scandinavia: Peasants or Farmers,” Mats Morell, Uppsala University

7.D (Room 215 H)
Products of Place: Commodifying Hemp, Tobacco, Castor, and Galax
Chair and Commentator: Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma
“To Grow Hemp or Tobacco?: Untangling Central Kentucky’s Intertwined Commodity Histories,” Andrew P. Patrick, University of Kentucky
“From Farm to Factory and Back Again: Castor in the Nineteenth Century,” Brandon Luedtke, University of Kansas
“Galax and the Commodification of Appalachianness,” Luke Manget, University of Georgia

7.E (Room 201)
Women, Eggs, and Chickens
Chair/Commentator: Dawn Herd-Clark, Fort Valley State University
“Building a Place for Poultry in Montana,” Amy L. McKinney, Northwest College
“The Public Face of Farming: A Case Study of Female Egg Farmers in Canada,” Jodey Nurse-Gupta, University of Waterloo

12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Lunch on Your Own
Saturday, June 10

1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Session VIII

8.A (Room 215 A)
Knowledge and Power in Agricultural Systems
Chair/Commentator: Neil Oatsvall, Arkansas School of Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts
“Sowing and Reaping on Davis Bend,” Brian Hamilton, University of Wisconsin-Madison
“Who Is an Agricultural Scientist? Negotiating Agricultural Improvement Across the Atlantic: the Case of Maine and Westphalia in the Nineteenth Century,” Justus Hillebrand, University of Maine
“’Much of agriculture always has been destructive to the earth’: How 1970s Ecological Design Enthusiasts Feminized their Scientific and Agricultural Endeavors,” Emma Schroeder, University of Maine

8.B (Room 215 B)
Creating the Myth: Language and Expectation in Fashioning of Farmer Identity
Chair: Bert Way, Kennesaw State University
“Turning Farmers into Farmers: Native Agriculture and the Office of Indian Trade in the Old Northwest, 1796-1822,” John William Nelson, University of Notre Dame
“Who is an agricola? Roman Farmers between Social Stratification and Cultural Appropriation,” Mario Adamo, University of Oxford
“Tracing Agricultural Identity Formation with Historical Agricultural News: The Role of Legislative Genres,” Amy Larner Giroux and Marcy Galbreath, University of Central Florida

8.C (Room 215 G)
Farm Policy as a Tool of Social Control
Chair: Anne Effland, U.S. Department of Agriculture
“From Food-Giver to Food-Receiver: The Indian Farmer through the Ages,” Uma Shankari Naren, Independent Scholar

8.D (Room 215 H)
Farming, Business, and Social Evolution in the Modern Era
Chair/Commentator: Jaclyn J.S. Miller, South Texas College
“Who is Calvin Fletcher? A Lawyer, a Banker, and a Farmer Walk into a Western City in 1822,” Kelly Wenig, Iowa State University
“The Life and Unlikely Career of Simon Fishman, Jewish 'Wheat King' of Kansas,” Virgil W. Dean, Kansas State University
“J. C. Penney as Farmer: the Agricultural Partnerships between a Department Store Icon and Common American Agriculturists,” David Delbert Kruger, University of Wyoming
“The New Zealand Farmer: A Heterogeneous Category,” Tom Brooking, University of Otago
Saturday, June 10

3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Break, Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, Grand Valley State University

3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Session IX

9.A  (Room 215 A)
Scientific Agriculture in the Twentieth Century
Chair: Alan Marcus, Mississippi State University
“Improving Guanwai: Daily Life on the Scientific Frontier of Chinese Frontier Farming, 1939-49,” Mark Frank, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
“Fighting Fungus, Fleeing Frostbite: Coffee Modernization Programs Negotiate a Threatening Environment in the Southeast of Brazil, 1970-1976,” Jonathan Earl Coulis, Emory University
“Manufacturing PetroToxicity (1903-1945),” Adam M. Romero, University of Washington, Bothell
“Drain the Swamp: Authoritarianism and Nature in 1930s Latvia,” Jordan Kuck, West Virginia Wesleyan College

9.B  (Room 215 B)
Farmer as Reformer: Horticulture and Human Progress in the United States, 1830-1920
Chair/Commentator: William Kerrigan, Muskingum University
“Reforming Flour City: The Nurserymen of Rochester, New York, 1840-1860,” Camden Burd, University of Rochester
“Friends of Horticulture: Quakers, Reform, and Community in Antebellum New York, Indiana, and Ohio,” John Henris, University of Arkansas, Monticello
“A Politics for the Anthropocene?: American Agrarianism and Environmental Ideas at the Turn of the Century,” Daniel Rinn, University of Rochester

9.C  (Room 215 G)
Perception vs. Reality in the Life of Farmers
Chair/Commentator: David Danbom, Independent Scholar
“Farmer Identity as Promoted by Associationalists in the Livestock Industry and the Farmer’s Independence Council,” Daniel Gresham, Kansas State University
“Legislating Child Labor in the Mid-Twentieth Century,” Jennifer Robin Terry, University of California, Berkeley
Saturday, June 10

3:45 p.m.- 5:15 p.m. Session IX (continued)

9.D  (Room 215 H)
Intersections of Policy, Technology, and Environment
Chair: Tom Okie, Kennesaw State University
“Managing ‘Mother Nature’s Hidden Treasures’: Kansas Farmers, the Oil Industry, and the Roots of Rural Environmental Activism,” Anna Holdorf, University of Notre Dame
“Energy, Rural Identity and the Canadian National Farm Radio Forum Archive,” Ruth W. Sandwell, University of Toronto
“The Ticking Time Bomb’: The Politics of Water Quality in 1980s Iowa,” Johnathan Williams, Boston University

9.E  (Room 201)
Small Farms
Chair and Comment: Valerie Grim, Indiana University
“Early Settlement in DeKalb County, 1833-1852: The Benefits of Early Arrival,” Wayne Duerkes, Iowa State University
“Keep It in the Family: 120 Years on the Valentine-Lanos Farm,” Carmen L. Williams, Arkansas State University

5:15 p.m -6:00 p.m. Agricultural History Society Business Meeting
Eberhard Center Room 201

6:00 p.m -7:00 p.m. Reception, Sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Grand Valley State University (open to all attendees) in the East Lobby, Eberhard Center

7:00 p.m -9:00 p.m. Awards Banquet (Ticketed Event) Eberhard Center Room 215 CDEF