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June 6-9, 2012
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Wednesday, June 6:

5:00-7:00 p.m., Welcome Reception
(light refreshments, coffee, drinks)

7:00-9:00 p.m., Plenary Session

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Robert Bushman, Columbia University

Thursday, June 7:

7:00-8:15 a.m. Complimentary Coffee and Pastries

8:15-9:45 a.m.
Opening Roundtable Plenary Session

“1862: Agriculture Meets the State”
Chair: Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma
Roundtable Panelists:
- David Danbom, Independent Scholar
- Anne Effland, Independent Scholar
- Pete Daniel, Independent Scholar
- Sarah Phillips, Boston University

10:00-11:15, Session I

A. New Perspectives on Rural Planning, the State, and Transnational Reform in the Early Twentieth Century
Chair: Elizabeth Ann Herbin, St. John’s University
Bringing Segregation to the Southern Countryside: The South African Roots of Clarence Poe’s Rural Segregation Campaign
Elizabeth Ann Herbin, St. John’s University

Institutionalizing Improvement: Deconstructing the Rise of State Expertise in Ireland, c. 1880-1915
Adam Ebert, Mount Mercy University

Seeing Like a Community: American Rural Reformers in the United States and Abroad, 1915-1970
Jason Manthorne, University of Georgia

Comment: The Audience

B. Citizenship, Community, and Crops in the American Midwest
Chair/Commentator: Debra Reid, Eastern Illinois University

“Government is Just Us”: Constructing Citizenship in the American Midwest
Sarra Egge, Iowa State University

Tobacco Farming in Minnesota, 1870-1910: Cash Crop or Total Flop?
Tim Hoheisel, Augustana College

“If Disaster Strikes”: Rural Defense and Building Community in the Midwest, 1960-2010
Jenny Barker-Devine, Illinois College

C. Agriculture and War in European History
Chair/Commentator: Brent Maner, Kansas State University

Breaking Old Ground: Landscape, Heritage, and the Impact of the Second World War in Rural Britain
Clare Griffiths, University of Sheffield
Agriculture and the Role of the CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance) in East Central Europe: 1950s to the 1990s
Hans Jörgensen, Umeå University

D. The Manipulation of Water and Irrigation History

Chair/Commentator: Anthony Carlson, U.S. Army Combat Studies Institute (Ft. Leavenworth, KS)

Goshen Hole ‘Veteran’ Irrigation Homesteaders
Jack Preston, Farm and Ranch Museum

Subject to Overflow: The History of Drainage Districts in Jasper County, Iowa, 1904-1920
Joseph W. Otto, Appalachian State University

Comparing the National Flood Insurance and National Crop Insurance Programs
Brian Rumsey, University of Kansas

Irrigation, State Intervention, and the Khanate of Khiva in Modern-Day Uzbekistan
Jack Seitz, Indiana University

11:30-1:00, Presidential Address & Luncheon
(Ballroom E) (Pre-Registration Required)
President Brian Cannon, Brigham Young University
1:15-2:45, Session II

A. Contributions of Mexican American Migrant Farmworkers to Rural Life
Chair/Commentator: Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma

The Western Nebraska Beet Fields across Space and Time through the Eyes of Art
Tisa M. Anders, Writing the World, Denver

The Forgotten Migration: Following Mexican American Sugar Beet Workers from the Rocky Mountain States to the Yakima Valley, Washington, 1920s-1950s
Gonzalo Guzman, University of Washington

Homemaking in Wisconsin’s Migrant Camps, 1950s-1960s
Maia Surdam, Kenyon College

B. Land Grant Colleges and the Use of Science
Chair/Commentator: Mark Finlay, Armstrong Atlantic University

4-H Clubs, Extension Work, and the Science of Rural Life
Amrys Williams, University of Wisconsin

The Two Faces of Early Agricultural Experiment Station Science
Jeremy Vetter, University of Arizona

Giving Christmas Its Tree: Extension Agencies, Agricultural Trade Associations, and the Rise of the Postwar Christmas Tree Industry
Neil Prendergast, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
C. **Science, Technology, and Agriculture**  
**Chair/Commentator:** Alan I Marcus, Mississippi State University

*Origins of American Plant Physiology: Joseph C. Arthur, 1850-1942*  
Grant M. Barkley, Kent State University  
Jennifer A. Fike, Kent State University

*Fruit Cocktail: William Cruess, Food Science, and the Emerging Modern State*  
Stephanie Fuglaar Statz, University of Houston

*New Agro Technology and Traditional Agricultural Knowledge: Some Reflection from Tribal India*  
Dhananjay Kumar, National Institute of Technology-Orissa  
Nihar Ranjan Mishra, Nat. Inst. of Tech.-Orissa

D. **Farming, Fairs, and Families: Reforming Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century Ontario Agriculture and Rural Society**  
**Chair/Commentator:** Anne Effland, Independent Scholar

*“Women’s Work”: Examining Ladies’ Exhibits at Agricultural Fairs in Rural Ontario, 1846-1939*  
Jodey Nurse, University of Guelph

*Farming the Urban Countryside: The Reworking of Rural Middlesex County, 1850-1914*  
Nicholas T. Van Allen, University of Guelph

*Engineering Ideals: The Role of Photography in Central Experimental Farm Projects, 1883-1949*  
Jacqueline Cannata, University of Guelph
E. Exploring the History of Agricultural Extension Agencies and Ag Education
Chair/Commentator: Mark Hersey, Mississippi State University

'The Farm Radio School': Kansas State College Pioneers
Agriculture Extension by Radio, 1922-1928
Steve Craig, University of North Texas

Same Mission, Different Methods: Prairie View A&M, 4-H Youth, and the Restructuring of Extension Programs after the Civil Rights Act of 1964
Madalyn Ard, Texas A&M University

History of Agricultural Extension in Nigeria
A. O. Ajayi, Obafemi Awolowo University
A. A. Jibowo, Obafemi Awolowo University

2:45-3:15, Break
Light snacks and assorted soft drinks in Foyer Room ABCD

3:15-5:00, Session III

A. New Mexican and Latino Agricultural Labor History: Beyond the U.S.-Mexican Borderlands
Chair/Commentator: Tim Bowman, Southern Methodist University

Four Generations of Bracero Scholarship and the Merging of Mexican and Latino Labor History
José G. Moreno, Heritage University

Mexican and Latino Workers in the Lower New Mexico Region
Dionicio Valdes, Michigan State University

The Historical Foundation of the United Farm Workers in Ventura County, California
Luis Moreno, Michigan State University
B. American Rural Culture: Case Studies from the Midwest and the South

Chair/Commentator: Connie Lester, University of Central Florida

Single Women and Community in Post-Civil War Linn County, Iowa
Rachel Kleinschmidt, Iowa State University

The New Deal and the Southern Plate: A Look at the Consistency and Change in 1930s Rural Southern Foodways
Ali Nabours, University of South Carolina

Crying Sale: Memory, Forgetting, and the Demise of the Culture of Tobacco in Southern Appalachia
Tom Lee, East Tennessee State University

C. Finnish Americans Go to Soviet Russia

Chair: Mark Tauger, University of West Virginia

“Seattle / Seiatel”: An American Agricultural Commune in the Soviet Union, 1922-1939
Robert Cherny, San Francisco State University
Seth Bernstein, University of Toronto

“Karelia Fever” in the Rural and Small Town Upper Midwest, 1931-1934
William Pratt, University of Nebraska-Omaha

Comment: Peter Kivisto, Augustana College
Mark Tauger, University of West Virginia
D. Rural Kansas: The Changing Nature of Environment and Natural Resource Use  
**Chair/Commentator:** Virgil Dean, Kansas State Historical Society  
  
*Living Tools: Tree Use in the Nineteenth Century*  
Theresa Lynn Young, Kansas State University  
  
*Settlement and Natural Resource Use in Ft. Scott, Kansas*  
Darron Blake, Kansas State University  
  
*Consulting the Place: Kansas Influences on The Land Institute in the 1970s*  
Jeff Filipiak, University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley

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E. Southern Rural History  
**Chair/Commentator:** Jeannie Whayne, University of Arkansas  
  
*The Halfway Revolution: The Market in Antebellum Central Missouri*  
Jeff Bremer, Iowa State University  
  
"Probably the Most Gigantic Pleasure Excursion Ever Planned":  
*Foraging and Agriculture during the March to the Sea*  
Bob Welch, Iowa State University  
  
"We Shouldn’t Have Killed Nobody If They Don’t Need It":  
*The Nightriders at Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee*  
Jama Grove, East Tennessee State University

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5:00-7:45, **Dinner** on your own  
(Maps provided to local restaurants within walking distance)

8:00-10:00, **Evening Dessert and Cocktail Reception**  
(Open to all, no pre-registration required)  
Flint Hills Discovery Center  
Open Exclusively for Conference Attendees
Friday, June 8

7:00-8:15 a.m., Rural Women’s Studies Breakfast
(Meeting Room C; Pre-Registration Required)

7:00-8:15, Complementary Coffee and Pastries

8:30-10:00, Session IV

A. Agricultural Panaceas – I
Chair/Commentator: Joe Anderson, Mt. Royal University

Green Revolution Technology as Panacea in Indian Agriculture
Madhumita Saha, Polytechnic Institute of New York

Agrarian Reforms and the African Green Revolution: Revisiting Some Pertinent Issues
Oluwatoyin Dare Kolawole, University of Botswana

The Magic Cure: Mineral Fertilizers, Agrochemistry, and the Farmer
Frank Uekoetter, Rachel Carson Center, Munich

Thinking Like a Weed: The Rise of Weed Science and Custom Application in Great Plains Agriculture, 1945-1985
David Vail, Kansas State University
B. Art, Architecture, Allegory, and Agriculture
Chair/Commentator: Brian Q. Cannon, Brigham Young University

Virginia’s Pear Valley: Architecture and Agriculture on the Eastern Shore
Virginia Price, Historic American Buildings Survey

Mid-Century Modernism at the Fair: Architecture as an Expression of Progress in Postwar Rural America
Matthew Hayes, Savannah College of Art and Design

Milkmaids Seen from Manhattan: Farm Daughters and Wives as Allegory in Mass Market Fictions
Zachary Michael Jack, North Central College

C. Intellectual and Philosophical Roots of Early Twentieth-Century American Agricultural Politics and Programs
Chair/Commentator: Paul Sutter, University of Colorado

M. L. Wilson’s Philosophy of Education
Jess Gilbert, University of Wisconsin

Rethinking the Story of the Development and Demise of the Farmer Discussion Groups and Schools of Philosophy in the New Deal Era
Timothy J. Shaffer, Cornell University
Scott J. Peters, Cornell University

“Getting to the Root of the Problem”: Solving the Farm Problem through Rural Credits
Sara Gregg, University of Kansas

Confronting a Menace: Hugh Hammond Bennett’s and Aldo Leopold’s Visions for the Soil Conservation Service and the Conservation Movement, 1922-1952
Joshua M. Nygren, University of Kansas
D. Roundtable on Tourists in the Garden: Recreating Rural America
Moderator: Katherine Jellison, Ohio University

The South: Shepherd of the Hills and Tourism in the Ozarks
Brooks Blevins, Missouri State University

Dona Brown, University of Vermont

The Mid-Atlantic: Tourism in Pennsylvania’s Amish Country
Katherine Jellison, Ohio University

The West: Tourism and Colorado Mining Towns
William Philpott, University of Denver

The Midwest: Tourism in the North Woods of the Upper Midwest
Aaron Shapiro, Auburn University

Comment: The Audience

E. The State, the Clubs, and the Crop: Case Studies from Latin America
Chair/Commentator: Gabriel Martínez-Serna, Gettysburg College

Science, Agriculture, and Nation-Building: The IRI Research Institute and the Conquest of the Campos Cerrados in Brazil, 1946-1980
Claiton Marcio da Silva, Universidade Federal da Fronteira Sul

The Clubs 5V of Venezuela, the Rural Housekeeping School, and Its Relation with USA 4-H Clubs
Leonardo Taylhardat, Universidad Central de Venezuela

Conservando Corn: Mexicans Efforts to ‘Save’ Maíz Criollo
Matt Caire-Pérez, University of Oklahoma
F. Finance and Development in the History of Rural Kansas
   Chair/Commentator: Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, Kansas State University

   Financing the Farm: Use of Credit by Original Settlers, Union Township, Clay County, Kansas
   James Beck, Denver Seminary

   Bankers and Community in Rural Western Kansas, 1880-1914
   Jaclyn Smith, University of Kansas

   Miss Collins and the R.E.A.: The Dickinson, Saline & Ottawa Rural Electric Cooperative, Solomon, Kansas
   Sara J. Keckeisen, Kansas State Historical Society

10:15-11:45, Session V

   A. Agricultural Panaceas-II
   Chair/Commentator: Sara Gregg, University of Kansas

   Money, Machines, and Markets: Rethinking the International Origins of American Industrial Agriculture
   Thomas D. Finger, University of Virginia

   From Iowa Hogs to Guatemalan Infants: The Panacea of Agricultural Antibiotics in Postwar America
   Mark Finlay, Armstrong Atlantic University

   Atomic Farming: The Atom, Agriculture, and the Hopes of Technology
   Neil Oatsvall, University of Kansas
B. Women’s Spaces in Rural Agriculture, Extension, and Industry

Chair/Commentator: Pamela Riney-Kerhberg, Iowa State University

Mississippi’s Agrindustrial Economy: Women and Balancing Agriculture with Industry
Sara E. Morris, University of Kansas

To Serve and Suggest: Homemaker’s Half Hour and Iowa State University
Abby L. Stephens, Purdue University

The History of National Agricultural Women’s Groups in Thailand: Focusing on Ban Non-Yang Agricultural Women’s Group, Kut Chum District, Yasothon Province
Oranudta Chinnasri, Kasetsart University (Bangkok)

C. The State and Agriculture in Great Britain

Chair/Commentator: Clare Griffiths, University of Sheffield

Postwar Support for Farmers and Its Effects on Production and Profit
Hilary Frances Crowe, University of Exeter

“The Conservatives Claim to the Party of Agriculture—They Have Never Done as Much for the Farmer as the Labour Party”: Labour and the Modernization of Welsh Rural Society, 1945-65
Andrew Edwards, Bangor University

The State and the Farmworker in Britain: The Regulation of Gang Labour in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
Nicola Verdon, Sheffield Hallam University
D. The USDA and Agricultural Policy
Chair/Commentator: Pete Daniel, Independent Scholar

Composing the U.S. Agricultural Economy: “Something Living, Moving, Active, and Directional in the World of Affairs”
Sarah J. Martin, University of Waterloo

“A Clear and Searching Glance into the Future”: Agricultural Statistics and the Career of J. R. Dodge, Statistician in the USDA in the Late Nineteenth Century
Christine D’Arpa, University of Illinois

What Ever Happened to the Government Seed Store?
Cheryl Lyon-Jenness, Western Michigan University

11:45-5:30, Field Trips (Pre-Registration Required)
1. Land Institute Tour with founder Wes Jackson
Bus departs at 11:45 a.m. (Includes Box Lunch)
2. Kansas River Float Trip
Canoes depart at 12:00 p.m. (Includes Box Lunch)
3. Tallgrass Prairie Park and Cottonwood Falls
(Self-Guided)
Bus departs at 12:00 p.m. (Includes Box Lunch)
4. Kansas State University Walking Tour: Departs at 12:00 (Lunch in Bluemont Room, K-State Student Union)
5. Konza Prairie Biological Center

5:30-6:30, Reception, Blue Earth Park Pavilion
Open to all, no pre-registration required. Cash Bar.
(Park is across from Discovery Center; light hors d’oeuvres served)

7:00-9:00, Awards Banquet Dinner
(Pre-Registration Required)
Saturday, June 9

7:00-8:15, Business Meeting, Foyer HGFD
Open to All. This is your opportunity to learn more about the Agricultural History Society and ways to get involved.

8:30-10:00, Session VI

A. Food Will Win the War: A Roundtable on Agriculture and the State in World War I
Chair: Jim Giesen, Mississippi State University

An Enduring Exercise in State-Building: The Federal Government and Agriculture during World War I
David Danbom, Independent Scholar

Social Media for the WWI ‘Food Will Win the War’ Campaign
Rae Eighmey, St. Paul, MN

Sowing the Seeds of Victory: The Work of the United States School Garden Army and the Women’s Land Army of America during World War I
Rose Hayden-Smith, University of California

Be Patriotic and Win the War: Buy a Tractor!
Carrie Meyer, George Mason University

Finding Farm Policy Origins in World War I Food Policy
Anne Effland, Independent Scholar

B. Living with Livestock
Chair/Commentator: Kevin Armitage, Miami University of Ohio

“My Best Friend is a Goat”: Iowa Farm Children’s Relationship with Animals, 1900-1941
Andria Pooley, Iowa State University
Informal Education and the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago
Neal Knapp, Boston University

C. Oral History and the Land Grant Library: Listening to the Voices of Rural Oklahoma
Moderators: Tanya Finchum and Latasha Wilson, Oklahoma State University

Establishing an Oral History Program in the Modern Land Grant College
Tanya Finchum and Latasha Wilson

Oklahoma Country Life: Small Western Oklahoma Towns
Latasha Wilson

Oklahoma Country Life: Centennial Farm Families and Cooperative Extension Workers
Tanya Finchum

D. Farmers, Experts, and Governments: Rethinking American State Development
Chair/Commentator: Sarah T. Philips, Boston University

In Search of Authoritative Knowledge: Scientific Claims, Commercial Technologies, and the Origins of Federal Agricultural Institutions, 1840-1862
Ariel Ron, University of California-Berkeley

Preparing the Way for 'the Millennium of Labor': Agricultural Education and Research in the Early Land Grant Colleges, 1862-1896
Mary Summers, University of Pennsylvania

Orator F. Cook and the Colonial Laboratory of American State Growing
Gabriel N. Rosenberg, Duke University
E. The Role of the State in European Agriculture
Chair/Commentator: Nicola Verdon, Sheffield Hallam University

State Funded Land Purchase in Ireland, 1870-1909
Eoin McLaughlin, University of Edinburgh

Economic and Ecological Consequences of Enclosure of the Commons in Two German Villages
Marion W. Gray, Western Michigan University

From Outdated to Valuable: The Swedish Summer Farm during the Twentieth Century
Jesper Larsson, Indiana University

The Development of Alternative Uses of Land in Twentieth-Century Scandinavia and the Renegotiation of Property Rights
Mats Morell, Stockholm University

F. U.S. Commodity Histories
Chair/Commentator: Josh MacFadyen, University of Prince Edward Island

Got Milk? Says Who? Americans Define Dairy, 1900-1930
Micah Rueber, Auburn University

The Expansion of a Hot Commodity: A Century of Changes to the New Mexican Chili Pepper
Willy Carleton, University of New Mexico

Toiling the Soil and Reaping Oil: The Cultivation of a Tree Called Tung
Whitney Snow, Mississippi State University
10:30-12:00, Session VII

A. Borders, Politics, and Policies
Chair/Commentator: Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma

Farmers across Borders: Organized Farmers in North Dakota and Western Canada, c. 1905-1915
Jason McCollom, University of Arkansas

Why Were American Grain Farmers Angry in the Grain Invasion Era, 1870-1900?
Karl Gunnar Persson, University of Copenhagen
Paul Sharp, University of Southern Denmark

Harvesting Hope and Change?: The Politics of Food and the Obama Administration
Julie A. Lester, Macon State College

B. Industry and Agriculture in Rural America
Chair/Commentator: Randal Beeman, Bakersfield College

The Ice Men Cometh: The Nature of and Gender of Ice-Harvesting in Gilded Age America
Megan Prins, University of Arizona

Regulating the Industrial Chicken: Liberalism, Agribusiness, and the USDA, 1954-1970
Russell Pryor, Carnegie-Mellon University-Qatar

C. The Southern Plains: Water, Land, and Uncle Sam
Chair/Commentator: Julie Courtwright, Iowa State University

Earth, Wind, and Water: Natural Energy and the Transformation of the Southern Plains Agricultural Economy
Leland Turner, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

My Dad and Uncle Sam: Production and Policy on a Hillside Farm in the 1950s, A Personal Memoir
C. Fred Williams, University of Arkansas-Little Rock
New Deal Agricultural Reforms and Dryland Farming in Southeastern Colorado
Douglas Sheflin, University of Colorado

D. Old-Fashioned Farm Policy History: Alive and Kicking
Chair/Commentator: Mary Summers, University of Pennsylvania

The Brannan Plan at Sixty: Another Look at a Truman Era Policy Debate
Virgil Dean, Kansas State Historical Society

From Farm to Food Politics in the Kennedy Era
Sarah T. Phillips, Boston University

Sorting Farm from Food in the Policy Arena
Anne Effland, Independent Scholar

E. The Intersections of Rural, Environmental, and Climate Histories
Chair/Commentator: James Sherow, Kansas State University

Economic Game in the Name of Protecting Nature in Rural China: The Case of the Swan Islet
Jiayan Zhang, Kennesaw State University

Assessment of Effects of Climate Change on Maize Production and Vulnerability in Ogo-Oluwa Local Government Area, Oyo State, Nigeria
A. A. Ezekiel, Lakoke Akintola Univ. of Technology
O. A. Adeleke, Lakoke Akintola Univ. of Technology

F. Contested Visions of Rural Development and the Post-World War II American State
Chair/Commentator: Monica R. Gisolfi, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Elizabeth Brake, Duke University

From Ranchland to Suburban Retreat: Rural Politics, Metropolitan Expansion, and the Building of Lake Conroe in Montgomery County, Texas, 1958-1980
Andrew Baker, Rice University

Hillfolk Environmentalism: The Sierra Club and Ozarks Culture, 1949-1981
Alyssa D. Warrick, Mississippi State University

Transportation to Aggieville for lunch (on your own).
Buses depart from the front of the hotel at 12:15

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