

***THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HISTORY TEACHERS***

***OCTOBER 5-6, 2017
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS***



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Dear Colleagues:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Old State House Museum and the 2017 AACHT Conference. Since my election to the executive board, I have enjoyed watching our organization grow in terms of the number and diversity of presentations delivered each year. I am happy to announce that the trend continues for our 2017 meeting.

The plenary speaker this year is Dr. Bobby Roberts. He is a Civil War specialist who earned his Ph.D. in American History from the University of Arkansas. His topic, titled, "The Confederate Monuments Controversy: Is There a Reasonable Solution to Our Dilemma?" is a timely one that is sure to inform, intrigue, and spark discussion.

I would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Jeff Woods, Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at Arkansas Tech University, for sponsoring the Thursday evening Welcoming Reception. I would like to give equal thanks to the Ouachita Baptist University History Department for sponsoring the Officers' Breakfast Friday morning. In these days of budgetary cutbacks, such displays of generosity and support are truly appreciated.

I would be remiss if I did not also say thanks to my fellow officers, committee members, and everyone else who dedicate their time to making our organization and conference a success. Clint Young has performed journeyman labors assembling the conference program. Jan Jenkins, as always, continues to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer with unparalleled dedication and excellence. We have worked diligently to put together an outstanding conference. We hope you enjoy the presentations, the reception, and the annual luncheon, while also enjoying the comradery that makes our organization so special. Again, welcome to the 2017 meeting of the Arkansas Association of College History Teachers!

Respectfully,

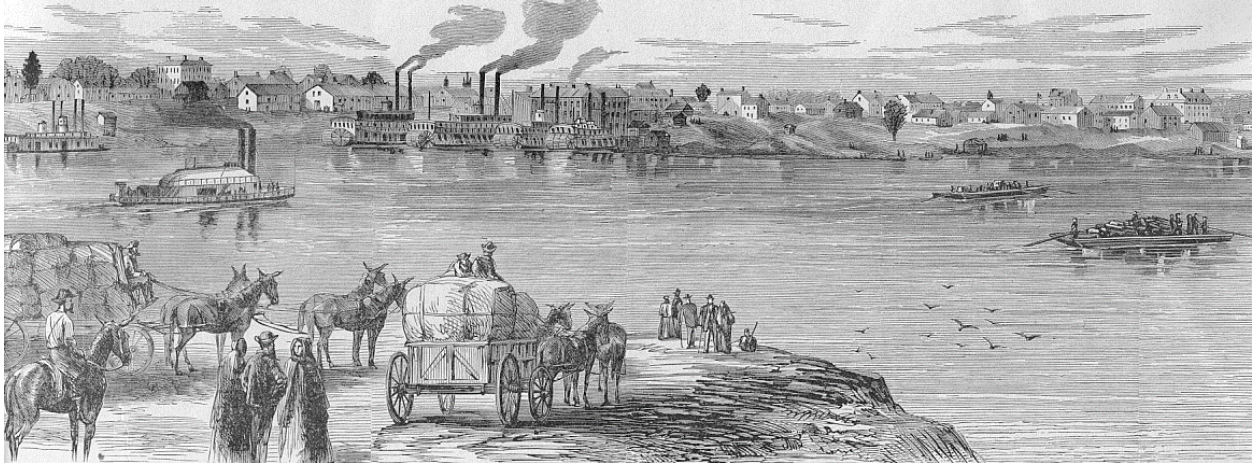
Jeffrey V. Pearson
AACHT President
Associate Professor of History,
Arkansas Tech University

Conference Hotel

Little Rock Marriott
3 Statehouse Plaza
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501) 906-4000

Conference Venue

Old State House Museum
300 W. Markham
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501) 324-9685



Engraving of Little Rock from Harper's Magazine

Thursday Schedule

1:00-1:30 P.M.: REGISTRATION, OLD STATE HOUSE MUSEUM

Individual Dues, Conference Registration,
and Friday Luncheon = \$50.00
Institutional Dues = \$50.00

Session 1A: Thursday October 5, 1:30-2:20

Riverfront Room
Old State House Museum

Political and Religious Identities in American History

“A Long Road to Sainthood: The Half-Way Covenant of 1662 and its Indian Implications in John Oxenbridge’s “Conversion of the Gentiles”

Gregory Michna, Arkansas Tech University

“The Politics of Fear and Nostalgia: The Triumph of the Republican Party and Modern Conservatism, 1968-2016”

David Cullen, Arkansas Tech University

Moderator: John Henris, University of Arkansas at Monticello

Session 1B: Thursday October 5, 1:30-2:20

Supreme Court Room
Old State House Museum

Thinking of the Children (in a Historical Sense)

“Childhood and Parenting in Imperial St. Petersburg: Observations by American Residents in the City”

Svetlana Paulson, Southern Arkansas University

“Three Languages Revisited: Daniel Rogers and Child Care in the Progressive Era”

Deborah Skok, Hendrix College

Moderator: Chris Mortenson, Ouachita Baptist University

Session 2: Thursday October 5, 2:30-3:50

Riverfront Room,
Old State House Museum

Commemorating the Centennial of the U.S. Entry into World War I: Arkansas and the United States in the Great War

“‘No Twilight Zone in American Patriotism’: Charles Brough, World War I, and the Elaine Race Riot”

Scott Cashion, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith

“Arkansas Cotton and the First World War”

Diane Gleason, Arkansas Tech University

“The Patriotic Frame: Wartime Nationalism and the Dynamics of Gender in the First World War”

Kevin Motl, Ouachita Baptist University

Moderator: Buck Foster, University of Central Arkansas

BUSINESS MEETING: Thursday October 5, 4:15-5:00 P.M.

Supreme Court Room
Old State House Museum

Arkansas Association of College History Teachers Reception
Thursday, October 5 at 5:15PM
Riverfront Room
Old State House Museum

This year's reception is made possible through the
sponsorship of the
College of Arts and Humanities at Arkansas Tech University
and
Dr. Jeff Woods, Dean.

Please join us!

Friday Schedule

Session 3A: Friday October 6, 9:00-10:20

Riverfront Room
Old State House Museum

Communities in Medieval and Early Modern Europe

“Communities in Court in Early Medieval Italy”
Michael Heil, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

“Heterodoxy and Anti-Clericalism in Languedoc”
David Blanks, Arkansas Tech University

“Disability in the Community: Household Care in Late Medieval France”
Aleksandra Pfau, Hendrix College

“Troubled Brothers of the Counter-Reformation”
Freddy C. Dominguez, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville

Moderator: David Blanks, Arkansas Tech University

Session 3B: Friday October 6, 9:00-10:20

Supreme Court Room
Old State House Museum

Roundtable—LGBTQ+ History as American History: Helping Instructors Build an Inclusive Survey

Nathaniel Conley, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
Jama Grove, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
Michele R. Johnson, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
Arley Ward, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville

Session 4A: Friday October 6, 10:30-12:00

Riverfront Room
Old State House Museum

Minorities Building Communities in Arkansas

“Black Lynch Mobs in Arkansas: An Expression of Power and Identity”
Richard A. Buckelew, Bethune-Cookman University

“The Art of Injustice: Paul Faris’ Photographs of Japanese Incarceration, Rower, AR, 1945”
Sarah Wilkerson Freeman, Arkansas State University

“The Legend of Dark Hollow: An African American Community in Transition”
Jajuan Johnson, Arkansas State University

Moderator: Jami Forrester, NorthWest Arkansas Community College



Hot Springs, c.1900

Session 4B: Friday October 6, 10:30-12:00

Supreme Court Room
Old State House Museum

Uses of the Past in World History

“Savigny and the Antagonism between Roman and German Law”
Jason Phillips, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville

“Barbadians’ Struggle against Whig Emancipation and its Afterlife”
Caree Ann Marie Banton, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville

“Godzilla and the Wave: Imaging Japan’s Triple Disasters of 2011”
John Schneiderwind, Southern Arkansas University.

Moderator: Clinton D. Young, University of Arkansas at Monticello

Friday October 6, 12:15-2:00 P.M.: LUNCHEON

**Catered by Whole Hog Cafe
Riverfront Room, Old State House Museum**

Conference Awards

**AACHT OUTSTANDING SECONDARY SCHOOL
HISTORY TEACHER AWARD**

Presented by Dr. Pat Ramsey on behalf of the AACHT Committee

To

Melanie Nations
Prairie Grove Middle School

AACHT BEST PRESENTATION, 2017

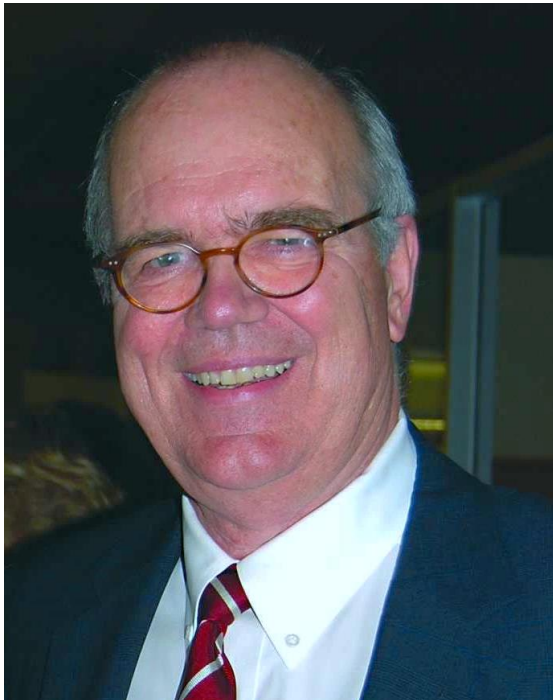
Presented by Dr. Scott Cashion on behalf of the AACHT Committee

To

The best paper presented at this year’s meeting.

The 2017 Plenary Address

“The Confederate Monuments Controversy: Is There a Reasonable Solution to Our Dilemma?”



Bobby Roberts grew up in Helena, Arkansas and graduated from Central High School in 1962. He holds a Master’s Degree in Library Science from the University of Oklahoma and a Ph.D. in American History from the University of Arkansas. He was Director of the Central Arkansas Library System from 1989 until his retirement in 2016. He is the co-author of four books on the Civil War in *The Portraits of Conflict* series, author of eleven articles/book chapters, and co-editor of three additional Civil War books. From 1994 until 2004, Roberts served on the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, which advised the President and Congress on

federal information policy. Roberts was named the Library Journal’s Librarian of the Year in 1998—one of librarianship’s most prestigious national awards. In 2002, he received the “Award of Merit” from the Arkansas chapter of the American Institute of Architects for his commitment to building quality public buildings. In 2004, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. In 2016, the Downtown Partnership gave him the “Top of the Rock Award” for his contributions to the development of downtown Little Rock.



Ouachita County Courthouse, Camden

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2016-2017**

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2017 Arkansas Association of College History Teacher Committees

PAPER PRIZE COMMITTEE

Scott Cashion, NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Bethany Hicks, Ouachita Baptist University
Shari Silzell, University of Arkansas at Monticello

OUTSTANDING SECONDARY HISTORY TEACHER OF ARKANSAS COMMITTEE

Pat Ramsey, University of Central Arkansas
Michael Pierce, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
LaQuita Saunders, Arkansas State University

EX-OFFICIO APPOINTMENTS

James Brent, Arkansas State University-Beebe, Website Administrator
Sevin Gallo, NorthWest Arkansas Community College, Facebook Administrator

Please help the AACTH give a warm “Thank you!” to the



OLD STATE HOUSE
MUSEUM

For their co-sponsorship of the annual meeting—as well as providing us with a meeting venue and gracious conference support.

**Arkansas Association of College History Teachers
Business Meeting
Little Rock, AR: October 6, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 4:15 p.m. by President Jami Forrester.

2015 Minutes amended to include Buck Foster's name.

Tom DeBlack moved to dispense with Reading of the Minutes, seconded by Clint Young.
Motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Report by Jan Jenkins: AACHT has \$6,736.66 in total assets before addition of 2016 conference receipts.

Vice President's Report by Jeff Pearson: None.

History Day Report by Pat Ramsey: See Report, p. 16 of 2016 Program.

President Jami Forrester (JF) announced that national documentary winner will be played at luncheon on Friday.

JF also noted that she has written letters for all presenters' and moderators' portfolios and thanked Jeff Pearson for the meeting program, Sevin Gallo for management of Facebook page.

JF awarded Jan Jenkins gift card and plaque for ten years of service as Secretary/Treasurer.

JF asked that everyone stay at Marriott, since the AACHT must guarantee a minimum number of rooms and will have to forfeit deposit for any not occupied.

Tom DeBlack mentioned poor acoustics in Assembly Room and, with James Moses, suggests that presentations be limited to Supreme Court and Riverfront rooms. JF explained that we needed three rooms for the meeting, so we could not use only Supreme Court and Riverfront rooms for the meeting.

JF was pleased to note increasing participation by graduate students.

Buck Foster suggested that AACHT allow first-year hires to attend without charge or provide a Welcome packet; suggests that graduate students be allowed to attend at half rate.

Jeff Pearson suggested that student rate be extended to undergraduates, as well. Moses, DeBlack, and Jenkins were opposed to undergraduate membership. Pearson explained that Phi Alpha Theta students had been invited to attend, but only three accepted.

DeBlack moved that AACHT limit presentations to graduate students. Jeannie Whayne and LaQuita Saunders voiced support for allowing select undergraduates to present papers for the exposure and recognition. Clint Young suggested it would be important to

make sure that graduate students or faculty members are not displaced by panels of undergraduates.

Moses moved that the writer of the best Phi Alpha Theta paper at their annual conference be invited to AACHT meeting. DeBlack seconded. Motion carried.

Sean Fisher was not in attendance but is chair of state World War I Centennial Commission, appointed by the governor. Has asked that AACHT dedicate panels in 2017 and 2018 to World War I in Arkansas.

Discussion on limiting such panels to WWI in Arkansas, during which DeBlack suggested an emphasis on the war in Arkansas, but not a limit to such.

Bethany Hicks and Sevin Gallo suggested that Sean Fisher be asked to propose a full panel on WWI in Arkansas, instead of AACHT calling for one. Buck Foster explained that Fisher's request followed the state's method, but as a compromise, he will propose a panel. Ben Johnson supported this compromise. Jeannie Whayne said that she saw no problem with the AACHT calling for a panel on the topic.

Moses moved, and DeBlack seconded, that the membership agree to Foster's compromise suggestion. Motion passed, followed by miscellaneous unrelated banter and witty repartee.

The Arkansas Historical Association has been offering \$300 grants to students to get them to attend their conference.

Pat Ramsey mentioned that a new committee member was needed for the Outstanding Teacher Award, since one member was not responding to contact attempts. LaQuita Saunders advised that she would be happy to serve with Pat Ramsey and Mike Pierce.

Jan Jenkins recommended that the Speaker Honorarium be increased to \$150. Tom DeBlack so moved, Chris Mortenson seconded; discussion was waived, and motion passed. DeBlack then moved that increase go into effect at present meeting; Bethany Hicks seconded; motion passed.

Officer Elections for 2016/2017 and 2017/2018:

Jeff Pearson was nominated for President. Mortenson moved that he be elected by acclimation; Aaron McArthur seconded. Pearson elected.

Clint Young was nominated for Vice President. Sharon Silzell moved that he be elected by acclimation; Bethany Hicks seconded. Young elected.

Jan Jenkins was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. Jeff Pearson moved that she be elected by acclimation; Aaron McArthur seconded. Jenkins elected.

Jami Forrester pointed out changes to Friday's schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HISTORY TEACHERS

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

19-Sep-17

Checking balance on 8/31/2016 \$4,604.37

RECEIPTS:

Convention Receipts		
2016 Institutional Dues	\$750.00	SEARK paid 2017 dues in advance
2016 Institutional Dues	\$2,190.00	Includes \$10.00 donation from Chris Harrod
2016 Conference Sponsorship	\$500.00	Arkansas Tech, College of Arts and Humanities
Return of \$80 meeting cash	\$80.00	less \$20 tip for catering staff member
Marriott refund	\$168.40	2016 Lock-In fee
T-Shirt purchase 2x\$15.00	\$30.00	

SUBTOTAL	\$3,718.40	
		\$8,322.77

EXPENSES:

Ck 586	9/28/2016	Jeff Pearson	\$78.29	Reimbursement for Outgoing President's Award
Ck 587	10/3/2016	Russellville Printing	\$427.55	80 Programs
Ck 588	10/5/2016	Cash for Meeting	\$100.00	Includes \$20 for Reception Bartender tip
Ck 589	10/6/2016	Justin Elkins	\$75.00	Musical Entertainment for Reception
Ck 590	10/6/2016	Catering To You	\$410.70	Catering, Bartender for Reception
Ck 591	10/7/2016	Pat Ramsey	\$32.63	Reimb Outstanding Teacher Award Plaque
Ck 592	10/7/2016	Teddy McMurray	\$100.00	Outstanding Teacher Award
Ck 593	10/7/2016	Friends of History Day	\$500.00	Contribution
Ck 594	10/7/2016	Jami Forrester	\$118.45	President's hotel room Thurs night
Ck 596	10/7/2016	Paul Austin	\$0.00	Speaker Honorarium \$150.00 (Returned by Voided Check)
Ck 595	10/7/2016	James Brent	\$117.96	Reimbursement for Website Charges
Ck 597	10/7/2016	Nathan Conley	\$100.00	Outstanding Paper Award
Ck 598	10/10/2016	Jeff Pearson	\$138.62	Refreshments for Reception
Ck 599	10/13/2016	Showcase Trophy	\$65.70	Participation Award; Sec/Treas Award
Ck 600	10/13/2016	Whole Hog Café	\$790.42	Luncheon Catering (\$718.56) (Incl. 20% discount + 10% tip)
Bank draft	10/18/2016	First State Bank	\$19.21	Check Reorder

TOTAL	\$3,074.53	
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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$5,248.24	As of 8/31/2017
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OTHER ASSETS:		As of 8/8/2016
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CD#635066983+Interest	\$2,142.19	
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$2,142.19	

TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,390.43	
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**Annual Report to AACTH
September 12, 2017**

More than 9,000 Arkansas students practiced historical research in classrooms across the state last year, with at least 1000 of those students competing in respective regional contests. As many as 500 historians and other humanities scholars supported History Day by serving as judges and support staff for the six regional contests and the state contest, held April 16 at UCA. Arkansas took 58 students to the national contest at the University of Maryland in June.

Arkansas had a very good year at the national contest. We had three national winners:

- First Place, Senior Group Documentaries: “Standing with the Voiceless: Life and Legacy of Archbishop Oscar Romero.” Rogers New Tech High School
- Second place, Senior Papers: “Frank Kameny: Standing Up for Gay Rights in Government and Society.” Conway High School
- Fourth Place, Junior Group Performances: “Enduring Chains: Clarissa Olds Keeler Stands Against the Convict Lease System.” Conway Junior High

Last year we welcomed Dr. LaQuita Saunders as Region 2 coordinator. Arkansas State University is the new home of Region 2. This year we welcome Dr. Ray Screws as Region 8 coordinator, and the Arkansas National Guard Museum as the new home of Region 8. Dr. Shari Silzell has taken on the task of rebuilding Region 4, now at home at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

AACTH continues to support History Day by providing funds to recognize two outstanding teachers each year. Christina Hostetter, El Dorado Barton Junior High School, received the 2017 Mary Landreth Award for the Outstanding Experienced Teacher, and Susan Echols, Spradling elementary School librarian, received the Sarah J. Fountain Award for the Outstanding Novice Teacher. Each recipient received a \$250 check from AACTH.

Funding from the Arkansas Humanities Council and the Arkansas Department of Education allows us to provide extensive professional development to teachers and pays most of the costs for teachers and students to attend the national contest each year.

History Day Arkansas appreciates the continued support of AACTH and its members. You do valuable service by volunteering as judges and mentors to Arkansas’ young historians.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Ramsey
University of Central Arkansas

**BYLAWS
OF THE
ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HISTORY TEACHERS**

{adopted October 5, 1974}
{revised October 3, 2008; September 30, 2010; October 6, 2011}

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be The Arkansas Association of College History Teachers.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of this Association shall be to improve the teaching of History for all levels of instruction; to advance the professional interests of its membership; and to establish closer rapport among the various History faculties.

ARTICLE III

Members

Section 1. Membership is open to all teachers or former teachers of History in two-year and four-year colleges and universities in the State of Arkansas on payment of dues set by the organization.

Section 2. Associate membership is open to graduate students and secondary school teachers in History and Social Studies on payment of dues set by the organization. Associate members shall be entitled to all of the privileges except those of making motions, of voting, and of holding office.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

Section 3. No member shall hold more than one term in the same office except for the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section 1. The Association will meet at least once a year for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Section 2. Special meetings can be called by the President or by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI
The Executive Board

Section 1. The officers of the Association and the immediate past president shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Association, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Association, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Association.

ARTICLE VII
Committees

Section 1. A Program Chair shall be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to plan the annual program of the Association.

Section 2. Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as the Association or the Executive Board shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Association. The President shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees.

ARTICLE VIII
Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

ARTICLE IX
Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of those present and voting, provided that the amendment has been distributed to the members of the Association at least one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted on.

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HISTORY TEACHERS

“The object of this Association shall be to improve the teaching of History for all levels of instruction; to advance the professional interests of its membership; and to establish closer rapport among the various History faculties.”¹

PAID INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS 2016-2017

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

CENTRAL BAPTIST COLLEGE

EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HENDRIX COLLEGE

NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FORT SMITH

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

*If your institution is not a member, we welcome your participation and support.
Please make sure to keep your institutional membership up to date.

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¹ AACHT Bylaws of 1974 art. II (revised October 2008).

Membership Updates

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Cherisse Jones-Branch and Gary T. Edwards will publish *Arkansas Women: Their Lives and Times* with the University of Georgia Press in Spring 2018. In September 2017 Cherisse Jones-Branch was selected as the first James and Wanda Lee Vaughn Endowed Professor at in the College of Liberal Arts and Communication at Arkansas State University.

Phyllis Pobst would like to add: “Cherisse Jones-Branch’s chair is one of three endowed chairs established at Arkansas State University through the generosity of James E. and Wanda Lee Vaughn of Jonesboro, formerly of Delaplaine. Earnings from the \$250,000 endowment will be support her research, create special learning opportunities for students, and support other facets of her academic pursuits. Jones-Branch, received the Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship in 2015 and was promoted to full professor in 2016. Her department is very proud of her.”

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

David Blanks is Professor of History and Department Head, History and Political Science, Arkansas Tech University. A medievalist by training, whose early work focused on cross-cultural encounters in the Mediterranean (*Western Views of Islam in Medieval and Early Modern Europe*, ed. with Michael Frassetto, St. Martin’s Press, 1999) and monasticism (*Monks, Missionaries and Mentors*, ed. with Michael Frassetto and Amy Livingstone, Brill, 2006), Blanks now works on more broadly theoretical issues. Recently he has published “Towards A Theory of Big History,” *Origins* IV:4 (April 2014): 2-6; “Europeans Before Europe: Modernity and the Myth of the Other” in *Early Modern Constructions of Europe*, eds. Florian Kläger and Gerd Bayer (Routledge, 2016), pp. 27-40; “Cosmic Evolution in the Cradle of Civilization” in *From Big Bang to Galactic Civilizations: A Big History Anthology, Vol. II*, eds. Barry Rodrigue, Leonid Grinin, Andrey Korotayev (Primus Books, 2016), pp. 295-317; and “Scientific History and the Muslim Worldview” in *Our Place In The Cosmos: Big History and Universal Consciousness*, a special edition of the *International Journal for the Transformation of Consciousness*, guest ed. Barry Rodrigue 31:1 (January 2017): 238-245. Before moving to Arkansas, Professor Blanks worked at the American University in Cairo from 1992 to 2015.

David Cullen states: After 25 years I retired from Collin College and moved to Russellville where I am adjunct professor of History for Arkansas Tech University. As you will see below, however, I am still active in my discipline:

Review of *James J. Kilpatrick: Salesman for Segregation* by William P. Hustwit for the *Southern Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the South* (forthcoming 2018)

Review of *The Flood Year 1927: A Cultural History* by Susan Scott Parrish for *Agricultural History* (forthcoming 2018)

Review of *Enduring Vietnam: An American Generation and Its War* by James Wright for the *Michigan War Studies Review* (forthcoming 2018)

Review of, *Nut Country: Right Wing Dallas and the Birth of the Southern Strategy* by Edward H. Miller for the *Journal of Southern History* (Fall 2017)

Review of *The American Civil Rights Movement, 1865-1950: Black Agency and People of Good Will* by Russell Booker for *Choice Magazine* (Fall 2017)

Presented, “The Legacy of President Woodrow Wilson’s Fourteen Points,” Arkansas Tech University’s 2017 Summer Institute of Teaching, Russellville, Ark. June 2017

Organized and Chaired, “The Career and Scholarship of Pioneer Labor Historian, James Green: A Roundtable Discussion,” Texas Center for Working-Class Studies annual conference, Plano, February 2017

Tom DeBlack completed his history of the first 100 years of Arkansas Tech, *A Century Forward: The Centennial History of Arkansas Tech University*. He gave a presentation on Eberts Field at last spring’s Arkansas Historical Association conference and another entitled “Lakeport Through Time” at the Lakeport 10-year reunion gathering at Lake Village. Tom suffered the loss of three of his four beloved dogs over the spring and summer, but the household

still includes five cats, one surviving dog from the original group, and two new additions from rescue organizations—a Black Mouth Cur (a hunting and cattle dog breed originally brought to the South by the Celts) and another hound that is part bloodhound. His wife Susan’s optometry practice was named best in Faulkner County by readers of the *Log Cabin Democrat*, and his daughter Susannah turned thirteen and entered the eighth grade, where she plays on the volleyball team.

Peter Dykema, historian of early-modern Europe at Arkansas Tech, is enjoying a sabbatical timed to coincide with the 500th anniversary of Luther’s opening salvos and the resulting Protestant Reformation. In addition to attending conferences in Oklahoma, Wisconsin, and Arizona and giving a couple of local talks, Dykema is working on two projects. The first is a review essay addressing how historians have sought to repackage the Reformation in order to stress its relevance for modern society and, more specifically, to place it within the framework of the “new world history.” The second is a traditional source-based project, studying the introduction of the Reformation in the southern German city of Biberach, based on two documents written by Catholic loyalists, lamenting the religious changes, especially in the liturgy and memorials for the dead, brought about by the Protestants.

Diane Gleason, Associate Professor of History at Arkansas Tech University, retired in May 2017 after completing 40 years of teaching, the last 11 years being at Arkansas Tech. She now directs Gleason Historical Studies in Dardanelle, Arkansas, a base of operations for her current research and writing. Her second book, *Dardanelle and the Bottoms: Environment, Agriculture, and Economy in an Arkansas River Community, 1819-1970*, was recently published (University of Arkansas Press, August 2017). She is a co-editor and contributor to *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of the Daily Life of Women: How They Lived from Ancient Times to the Present* (ABC-CLIO, 2019). Diane lives near Dardanelle with Luke, a 70 pound delightful and only marginally destructive “puppy” who stands guard against moles, opossums, skunks, snapping turtles, and all other unwelcomed visitors to the hill. Beware.

Jan Jenkins has been the AACTH Secretary/Treasurer for eleven years. At Arkansas Tech, she is in her twentieth year as Director of University Honors. Since our last meeting, Jan bought a house, moved, sold her previous house, took students to London and Paris, had shoulder repair surgery, adopted another dog, and reviewed books for *Seventeenth-Century News*, *CHOICE*, *The Canadian Journal of History*, and *Michigan War Studies Review*. Jan also recently delivered a talk on “Propaganda and Persuasion: The Dissemination of Information in the United States During World War I,” as part of Tech’s World War I Centennial Lecture Series, which was funded by a grant through the Library of America.

Gregory Michna is a new Assistant Professor of History at Arkansas Tech University, coming most recently from Texas Woman’s University after completing his PhD at West Virginia University in 2016. His article “a prey to their Teeth”: Puritan Sermonics and the Fate of Early Indian Christian Communities During King Philip’s War” was accepted for publication with *Sermon Studies*, and he submitted an article entitled “The Long Road to Sainthood: Praying Indians and the Half-Way Covenant of 1662” to *Church History*. He is currently revising his dissertation project “A Communion of Churches: Indian Christians, Ministers, and Congregations in New England, 1600-1775” for publication and has begun a new article on the late period of Jonathan Edwards’ life as a missionary to the Mohawk and Mohican at Stockbridge.

Jeffrey V. Pearson, current AACTH president, enjoyed a very successful 2017. In January, he attended the Military History Instructors Course at Fort Leavenworth, KS, sponsored by the Army Press and the Combat Studies Institute. He also reviewed manuscripts for the University of Oklahoma Press, and submitted book reviews to the *New Mexico Historical Review* and *Nebraska History*. In March, Dr. Pearson also learned that he would be awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor of History at the commencement of the 2017-2018 academic year. Presently, he is applying for sabbatical during spring 2018 semester in hopes of getting some long overdue research and writing done.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Jami M. Forrester serves as Past-President on the AACTH board and is enjoying her time off from planning and organizing this year’s AACTH conference. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas and her M.A. and B.A. from Arkansas State University. Jami is in her 8th year as an Associate Professor of History at NorthWest Arkansas Community College. This is her 7th year as the Regional Coordinator for History Day Arkansas in NW

Arkansas where more than 5,000 students are participating! Jami was awarded University Educator of the Year for the second time by the Arkansas Council for Social Studies in Fall of 2016. She is looking forward to scuba diving trips in Maui and the Caribbean in the near future with her husband and two children.

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Bethany Hicks, after seven years of dutiful, respectful, and quiet service was awarded tenure in April. Instead of listing the three conferences, and many book reviews and drafts she has submitted and/or is currently working on, Bethany would like to use this public and official space to record the following statement for posterity: “Christopher Mortenson, you are a hassle.”

Christopher R. Mortenson, a past president of the AACHT, came to Ouachita Baptist University in August of 2008. Between then and now, he has completed multiple book reviews, and has participated in panels for the Society for Military History Conference, the Ohio Valley History Conference, the Arkansas Historical Association Conference and the AACHT. His book manuscript is tentatively titled “Lew Wallace and the Civil War: Politics and Generalship,” and University of Oklahoma Press has graciously contracted to publish it in late 2017, maybe early 2018. He is also editing a three-volume work on the “Daily Life of U.S. Soldiers,” to be published by ABC-CLIO in 2019. During the last school year, Chris taught upper-level courses on the Civil War and Reconstruction, U.S. Presidents, and the Research Seminar; furthermore, he serves as the department's chief bureaucrat.

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY

Ben Johnson is the Ragsdale Professor of Arkansas Studies at Southern Arkansas University. He remains on the editorial board of the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*. He wrote the self-study for the department’s history degree program required but unread by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. He continues to offer courses outside of his areas of expertise. Those represent his full teaching load.

A graduate from the University of Kansas, **John Schneiderwind** is Assistant Professor of East Asian History at Southern Arkansas University. Dr. Schneiderwind’s expertise is in the history of modern Japan and, in addition to world and Asian surveys, he has taught topical courses on Japanese imperialism and war memory, Japanese film, and the mythos and legacy of the samurai as a visiting professor at UCA. His research interests include sex and gender, popular culture, and transnational war memory. His dissertation, *Invading Sexuality: Perception and Response in Postwar Japan, 1945-1957*, examines such diverse topics as licensed and unlicensed prostitution, sex education, birth control, and obscenity to illustrate how constructs of gender and sex were manipulated to suit the often opposing purposes of the Occupation and Imperial governments. When he is not teaching or researching, he spends time with his wife, daughter, and three dogs and donates his time to the Rutgers Hauer Starfish Association, an international HIV/AIDS charity.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FAYETTEVILLE

Patrick G. Williams, professor, returned from a visit to Hawaii—where he lived some fifty years ago—so imbued with the Aloha Spirit that it’s beginning to creep out his colleagues. But his feet remain firmly planted in the Mainland both by his continuing to edit the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* and his work as secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Historical Association.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

Edward M. Anson, Professor of History, continues as an Associate editor of the *Ancient History Bulletin*, Assessor for Classics for the Australian Research Council, an agency of the Australian national government that awards grants to researchers, and is a fellow of the University of Waterloo’s Institute for Hellenistic Studies. He has published “Ptolemy and the Destruction of the First Regency,” in *Alexander’s Legacy*, L’erma di Bretschneider. and

has in press “The Battles of Philip II” and “The Battles of the Successors” in *The Encyclopedia of Ancient Battles*. Wiley-Blackwell; “Ptolemy and the Destruction of the First Regency,” in *Ptolemy Soter: A Self-Made Man*, Oxbow Books. He is under contract to provide a chapter titled “Hellenistic Warfare,” for Wiley-Blackwell’s *Companion to Greek Warfare*. He gave papers at the Australasian Society for Classical Studies meeting in Wellington, New Zealand, February 1, and at the Classical Association of the Middle West and South/University of Waterloo Institute for Hellenistic Studies, Kitchener/Waterloo Canada, April 6. He reviewed a manuscript for Routledge and was a reader of a thesis for the University of Auckland, New Zealand. He currently serves on five university committees and is a faculty senator. This past year he completed his eleventh consecutive Little Rock Half Marathon.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO

John Kyle Day published “The Southern Manifesto: Massive Resistance, Growth Liberalism, and the Interpretation of Brown II,” in the *Journal of School Choice* (10) 4: 420-435. Day reviewed Angie Maxwell’s *The Indicted South: Public Criticism, Southern Inferiority, and the Politics of Whiteness* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2014) for the *American Historical Review* (December 2016, 1682-83) and Maarten Zwiens’ *Senator James Eastland: Mississippi’s Jim Crow Democrat* (Baton Rouge: LSU Press, 2015) for *Political Science Quarterly* 132 (2): 382-84. He also finished his term as chair of the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Humanities Council, but was elected to serve a second term on the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Historical Association. In the Spring 2017 semester, Day was promoted to Professor.

You are encouraged to ask **John Henris** why he was unable to submit a Membership Update in spite of the fact his office is directly across the hall from where the AACHT Program was being put together.

Still imperfectly adjusted (not maladjusted, to be clear) to the humidity in southern Arkansas, **Shari Silzell**, Assistant Professor at UAM, is (now languidly) pursuing her research on the history of the Arab book. When not wiping her precious sweat (still no blood or tears) from facsimiles of ninth-century Qur’an manuscripts, Shari is re-booting the National History Day program in Southeast Arkansas and attempting to enumerate the merits of a “dry county.” So far, there are none.

Clinton D. Young currently serves as the Vice President of the AACHT. He warmed up for organizing this year’s conference by serving as the Program Director for the annual meeting of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies at New York University this past March. This involved helping to move the conference from its original Miami location (thanks, zika!), arranging to have immigration lawyers on standby in case foreign participants had problems, and flying in while a Nor’easter was in progress. As a reward (?), next year he will become the editor of the ASPHS Newsletter. In July he published “The Southern Slope of Monsalvat: How Spanish Wagnerism became Catalan” in *Nineteenth Century Music* (41:1). This year he has also published book reviews in the *American Historical Review* and the *Bulletin of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies*, served as a reader for the AP World History exam, and continued his current research on the transatlantic development of modern operatic culture—becoming addicted to CD box sets of live opera recordings in the process.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Kristen Epps is an assistant professor of history at the University of Central Arkansas. In December 2016, her first book was published with University of Georgia Press, titled *Slavery on the Periphery: The Kansas-Missouri Border in the Antebellum and Civil War Eras*. In 2016 she was also invited to serve as Digital Media Editor at the *Journal of the Civil War Era*. She has a forthcoming article in *Kansas History*, slated for the Autumn 2017 issue, exploring the story of Charley Fisher, a fugitive slave living in Leavenworth, Kansas, whose kidnapping inspired a wave of civil suits and criminal cases centering on the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850.

Pat Ramsey has submitted her very last NCSS social studies education accreditation report, as she prepares to retire from the UCA teacher education program next spring. She will continue to work with the National History Day program because it is too much fun to quit. Up for auction: her spot on the AACHT teacher awards committee. Next year during AACHT Pat will be in lovely Croatia, thinking of you all, surely.

Arkansas Association of College History Teachers Officers

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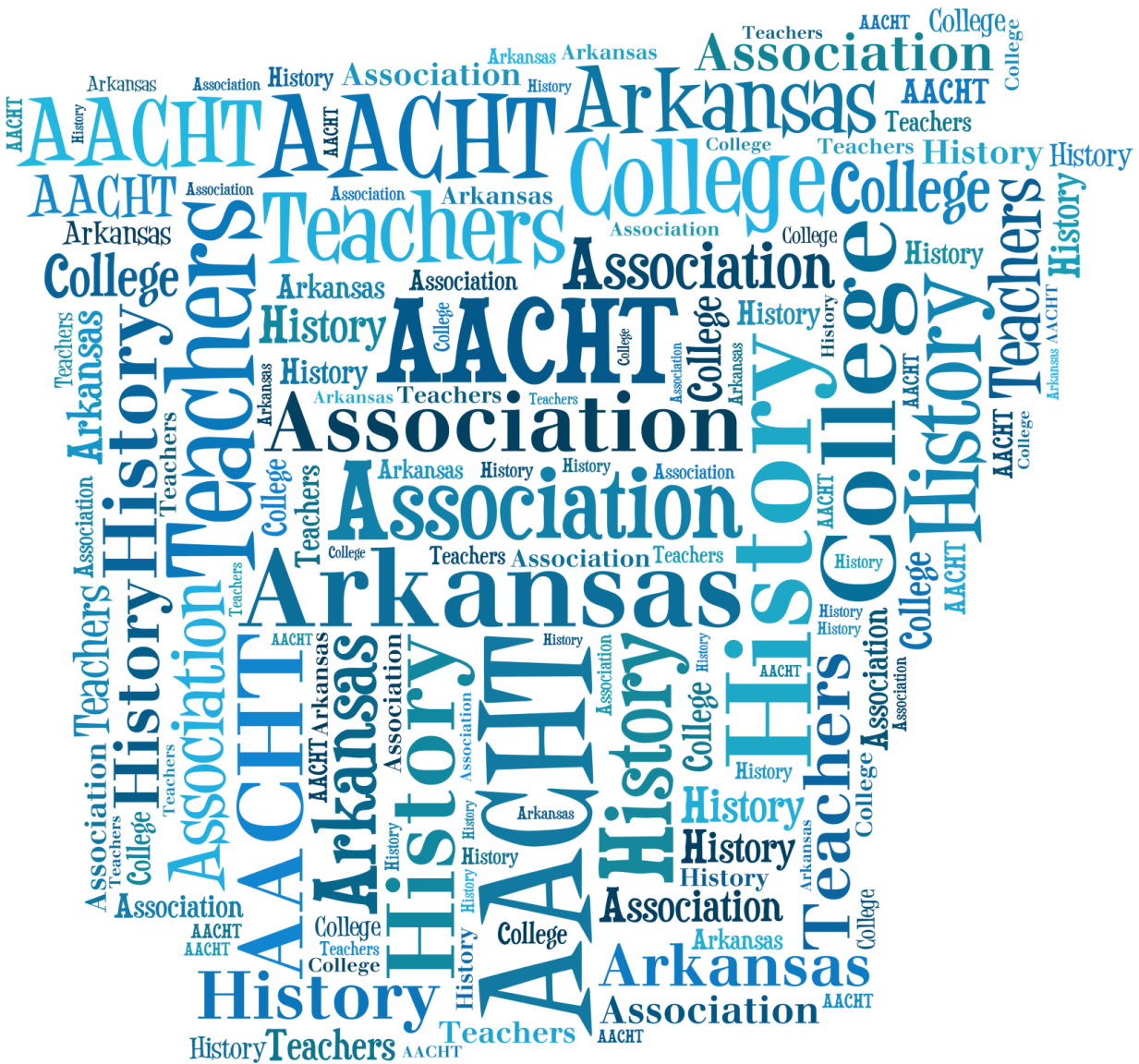
AACHT Leads in History Education

As early as 1983 (maybe earlier; we have no written records), Arkansas historians, including members of AACHT, recognized the need for stronger history education in middle and secondary classrooms. Working with Arkansas social studies teachers, they established the National History Day (NHD) competition program in Arkansas, becoming one more state in the rather new National History Day network, itself in existence only since 1980. In need of funds to run what was at best a bare-bones operation then, the involved history professors asked AACHT to support the program. AACHT did, and continues to be a strong supporter of *History Day Arkansas*.

Shiloh Academy teacher Jo Hunt remembers that her first contest was in April, 1984. She took students to their district contest at the University of Arkansas, and then took the winners to the state contest held at the state capitol in Little Rock. Over the next few years the contest site rotated among the state capitol, Westark Community College, Southern Arkansas University, University of Central Arkansas, and Arkansas State University.

Longtime AACHT member Billy Higgins was the state coordinator in 1993, when he worked with the University of Central Arkansas history department faculty members Sarah Fountain and Harry Readnour to establish a permanent home for the program in UCA's history department. UCA hosted their first contest as the permanent host of History Day in 1994.

AACHT continues to support *History Day Arkansas* by providing monetary awards to two novice (three years or fewer in the History Day program) each year. The awards are named for Sarah J. Fountain and Mary J. Landreth, UCA history instructors who played major roles in getting History Day established at UCA and in Arkansas schools. Landreth and Fountain were only two of the many members of AACHT who made history education in middle and secondary schools the mission of AACHT. Their legacy is 8,000 young people each year using historical research skills to explore the curiosities of our past. As they practice the art of historical research, they are preparing themselves for our college classrooms.



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