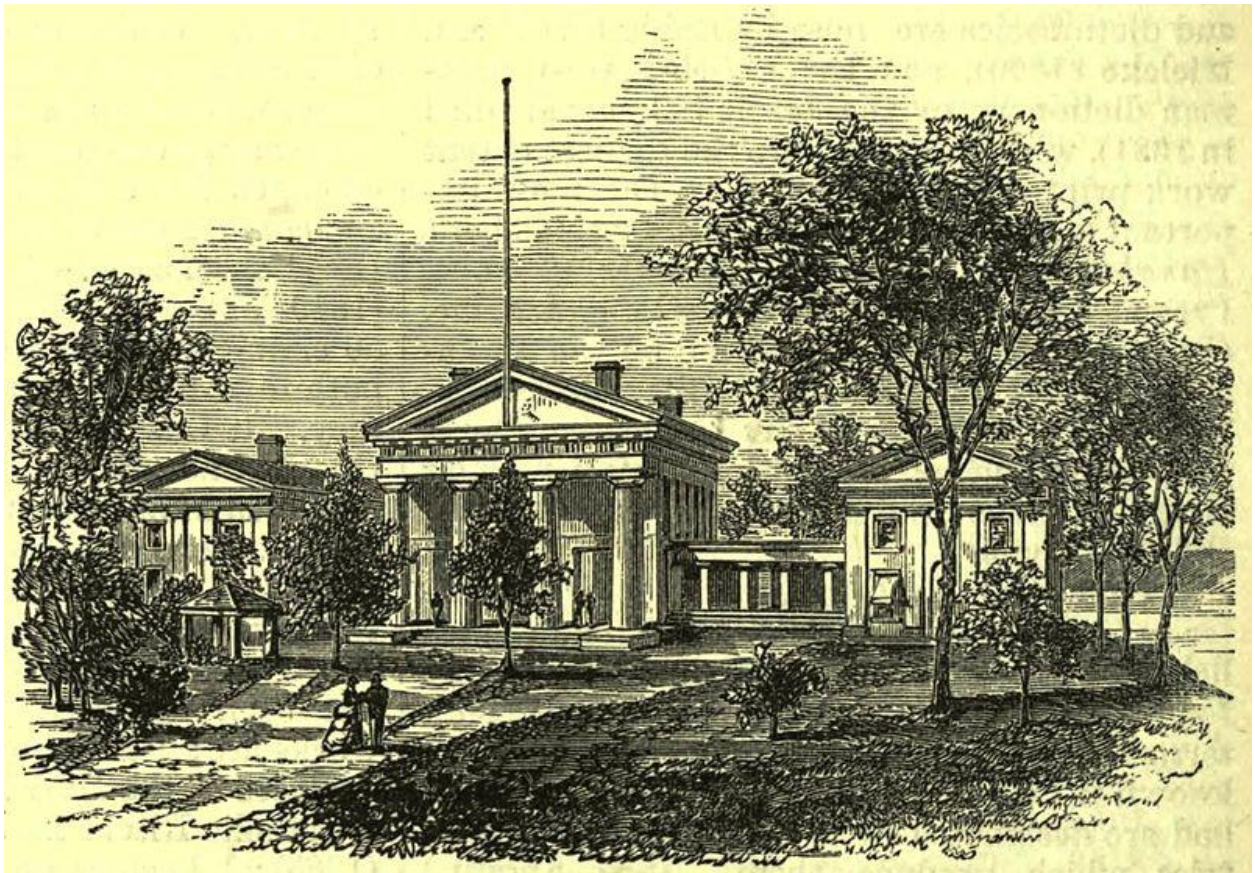
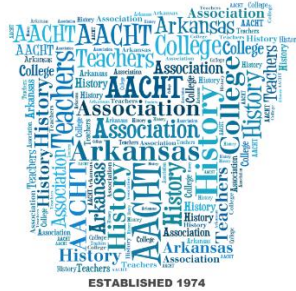


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OCTOBER 6-7, 2016
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October 6, 2016

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the 2016 AACHT Conference. Four years ago, I chose to serve the AACHT as an officer after being a member for several years. I have enjoyed my time working to make this organization more inclusive while diversifying our conference presentations. This year I am proud to say we have our largest selection of panels and presentations discussing a variety of topics and teaching methods.

Our plenary speaker this year is Paul Austin, Executive Director of the Arkansas Humanities Council, who will discuss Arkansas and the Public Humanities. During the Friday luncheon we will view a documentary by a Springdale High School student, which received national recognition in June at the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland, College Park. AACHT is a sponsor of NHD in Arkansas.

We are excited to be back at the Old State House Museum. I would like to extend special thanks to the College of Arts and Humanities at Arkansas Tech University for sponsoring the Thursday evening reception and the Ouachita Baptist University History Department for sponsoring the Officers' Breakfast on Friday morning.

Thank you to my fellow officers and everyone who has worked so hard to make this a great conference while telling others about our organization. Vice President Jeff Pearson has contributed countless hours organizing a detailed program for our conference. Jan Jenkins is in her tenth year of service to our organization as Secretary/Treasurer. I have appreciated her advice and guidance the past four years. We hope you enjoy the presentations, reception and annual luncheon while enjoying the comradery this organization brings to Arkansas College History Teachers!

Respectfully,

Jami Forrester, AACHT President
Associate Professor of History
NorthWest Arkansas Community College
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Official Hotel

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

Conference Registration Location

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

Thursday Schedule

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

Individual Dues and Conference Registration must be paid before presenting,
Conference Registration, Dues and Friday Luncheon = \$50.00
Institutional Dues = \$50.00

Session 1A: Thursday October 6, 1:30-2:20

1836 House of Representatives Room,
Old State House Museum

Two Occupations of Japan

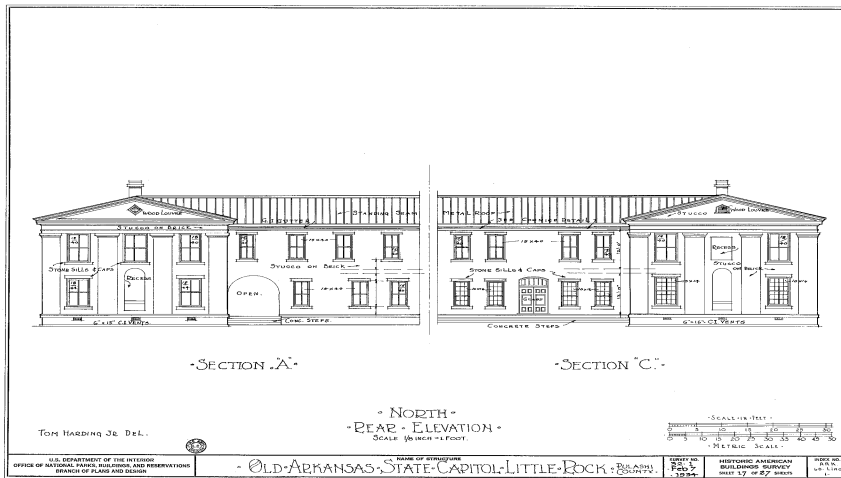
“The Skeins of Power: Foreign Merchants, Japanese Patriots, and the Battle for Yokohama’s Silk Trade in late Nineteenth Century Japan”

Michael B. Smith, Arkansas Tech University

“Skivvy Girls and Babysans: Reimagining Japan’s Liberation Under Occupation”

John Schneiderwind, University of Central Arkansas

Moderator: Pat Ramsey, University of Central Arkansas



Session 1B: Thursday, October 6, 1:30-2:20

Supreme Court Room,
Old State House Museum

Agents of Empire

“Philip’s Ambitions”

Edward M. Anson, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

“Sir Kenelm Digby: England’s Unlikely Privateer”

Raymond Terry, University of Central Arkansas

Moderator: Myra Ann Houser, Ouachita Baptist University

Session 2A: Thursday, October 6, 2:30-3:50

1836 House of Representatives Room,
Old State House Museum

History, Social Media, and the Digital Age

“When Historians Engage in Digital History, Do They Make a Sound?”

Panel:

Dan Elkins, University of Arkansas

Alex Marino, University of Arkansas

Jared Pack, University of Arkansas

Michael Powers, University of Arkansas

Moderator: Scott Cashion, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith

Session 2B: Thursday, October 6, 2:30-3:50

Supreme Court Room,
Old State House Museum

Environmental and Economic Struggles in Rural America

“Environmental and Economic Effects of Floods in the Dardanelle Bottoms”

Diane Gleason, Arkansas Tech University

“Frontier Capitalism and Unfree Labor in Middle Appalachia: The Development of Western Pennsylvania and Maryland”

Nathaniel Conley, University of Arkansas

“The Farmers’ Federation: Standardization of North Carolinian Mountain Agriculture”

Jama Grove, University of Arkansas

Moderator: Jami Forrester, NorthWest Arkansas Community College



OLD STATE HOUSE
MUSEUM

**BUSINESS MEETING: 4:15-5:00 P.M.,
1836 House of Representatives Room,
Old State House Museum**

**Arkansas Association of College History Teachers Reception
Thursday, October 6 at 5:15
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

Officers' Breakfast 8:00-8:45

Marriott Hotel Restaurant

Sponsored by Ouachita Baptist University History Department
All former and current Officers of AACHT are welcome to attend.

Session 3A: Friday, October 7, 9:00-10:20

River Front Room,
Old State House Museum

Creating Digital Textbooks

“The Arkansas State University Digital Press”

Gina Hogue & LaQuita Saunders, Arkansas State University

Session 3B: Friday, October 7, 9:00-10:20

Supreme Court Room
Old State House Museum

European Experiences, American Eyes

“Transatlantic Operatic Culture and the Making of the American Diva”

Clinton D. Young, University of Arkansas at Monticello

“The Elberfeld System and the Modernization of Poor Relief”

Rebekah McMillan, University of Arkansas

“The Elusive Perfection: Official Ceremonies in 19th Century St. Petersburg Through American Eyes”

Svetlana Paulson, Southern Arkansas University

Moderator: Chris Mortenson, Ouachita Baptist University



Session 3C: Friday, October 7, 9:00-10:20

1836 House of Representatives Room
Old State House Museum

Struggles to Control a New South in Post-Bellum America

“Ragged Rebels Sure Enough: The Army of Tennessee in September 1864”

Christopher Thrasher, National Park College

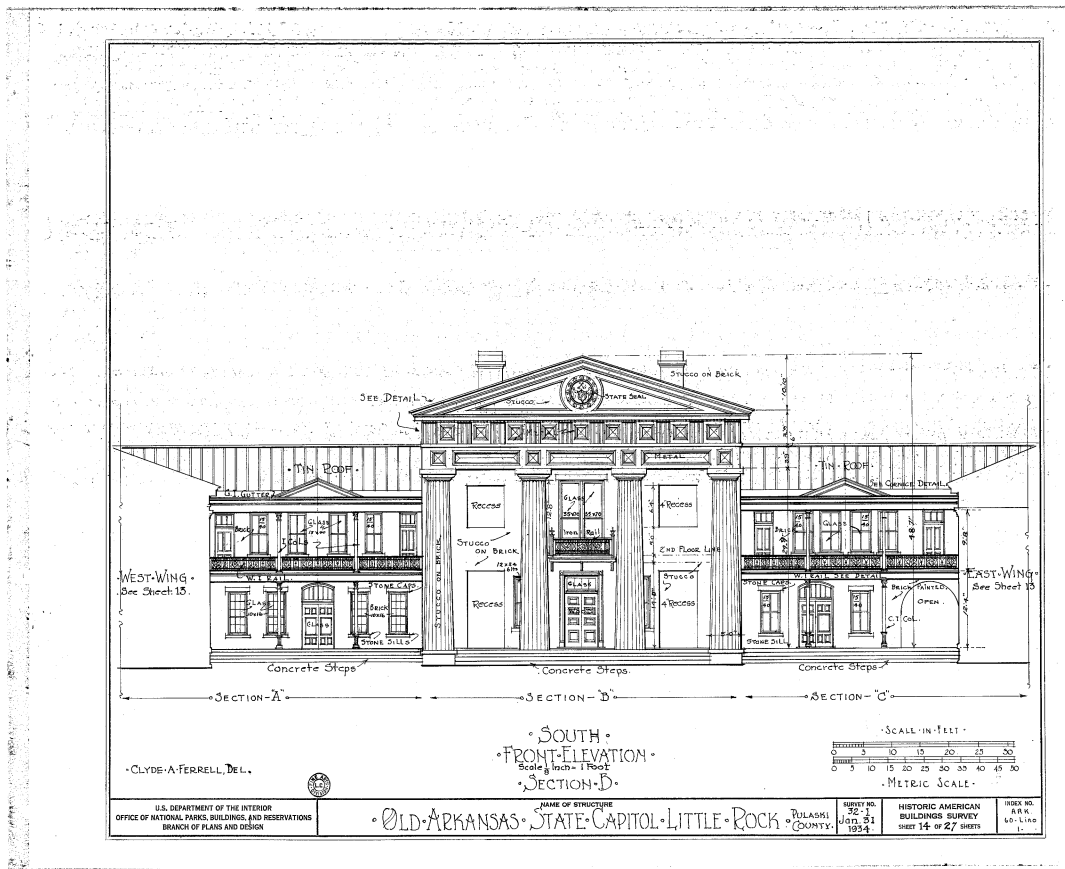
“A Reign of Terror: Powell Clayton, the Ku Klux Klan, and the Reconstruction of Arkansas, 1868-1869”

Mackenzie S. Taylor, University of Arkansas

“Republican Reconstruction: Powell Clayton and the Office of Governor in Arkansas”

Matthew Hornung, Arkansas Tech University

Moderator: Sevin Gallo, NorthWest Arkansas Community College



Session 4A: Friday, October 7, 10:30-12:00

River Front Room,
Old State House Museum

Understanding the Role Culture in Military Conflict

“Helping the Military Leaders of the Future: Efforts of History Teachers to Supplement ROTC Cadets’ Training on Heritage Preservation and Cultural Awareness”

Edward Salo, Arkansas State University

“The Path to Genocide: Rwanda and the International Response”

Tyler Mason, Arkansas State University

Moderator: Jeff Pearson, Arkansas Tech University

Session 4B: Friday, October 7, 10:30-12:00

Supreme Court Room
Old State House Museum

Supreme Court Room: Civil Rights Struggles in Arkansas

“The True Motives of Those Involved in the Elaine Race Riots”

Katy Smith, Arkansas State University

“Adaptation to Arkansas: Effects of the Jerome and Rohwer Camps on Japanese-American Internees”

Zach Nicholson, Arkansas Tech University

“Delicate Matter: The Special Education Committee Hearings of 1958”

Anthony B. Newkirk, Philander Smith College

Moderator: Chris Huggard, NorthWest Arkansas Community College

Session 4C: Friday, October 7, 10:30-12:00 (cont.)

1836 House of Representatives Room
Old State House Museum

Challenges to the Modern History Department

“The Disappearing History Major”

Ben Johnson, Southern Arkansas University

Wendy Lucas, University of Central Arkansas

Jeff Woods, Arkansas Tech University

Moderator: Thomas DeBlack, Arkansas Tech University

12:15-2:00 P.M.: FRIDAY LUNCHEON

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

The 2016 Plenary Address

**Arkansas and the Public Humanities: From Imboden to
Ravenden and Everything In-Between!**



Paul S. Austin, a 1969 graduate of Sloan-Hendrix High School in Imboden, is the Executive Director of the Arkansas Humanities Council. A Navy veteran, he received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Arkansas State University in 1978 and his Masters in Public Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1984. Paul was the Executive Director of the American Indian Center of Arkansas for 24 years. In that capacity he also served as Executive Director of the National Trail of Tears Association, helping to establish the national organization and its chapters. Paul also served on the board of the Arkansas Humanities Council and as its chair for two years.

Conference Awards

AACT'S OUTSTANDING SECONDARY SCHOOL HISTORY TEACHER AWARD

Presented by Dr. Patsy Ramsey on behalf of the AACT Committee

To

**Teddy McMurray,
Van Buren High School**

AACT'S BEST PRESENTATION, 2016

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

2016 Arkansas Association of College History Teacher Committees

PAPER PRIZE COMMITTEE

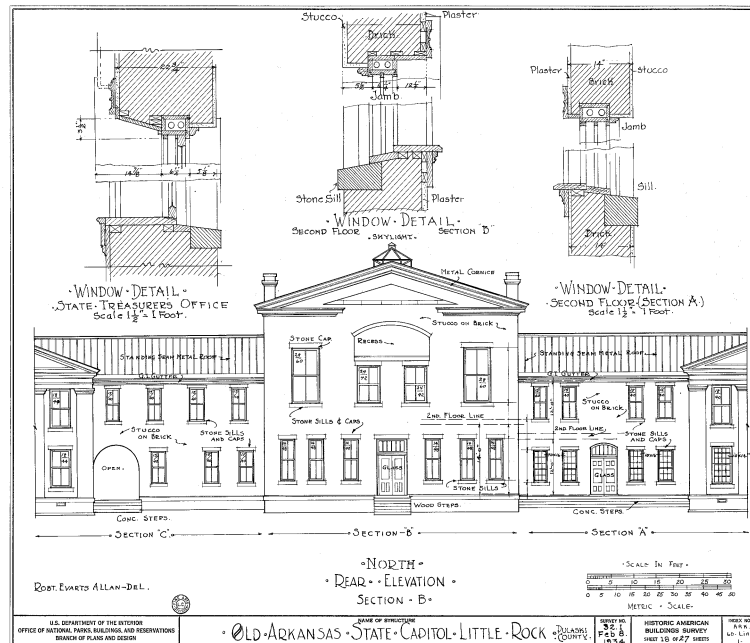
Bethany Hicks, Ouachita Baptist University
 Scott Cashion, NorthWest Arkansas Community College
 Sonia Toudji, University of Central Arkansas

OUTSTANDING SECONDARY HISTORY TEACHER OF ARKANSAS COMMITTEE

Pat Ramsey, University of Central Arkansas
 Michael Pierce, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
 John Beineke, Arkansas State University

EX-OFFICIO APPOINTMENTS

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



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2015-2016**

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**Arkansas Association of College History Teachers
Business Meeting
Little Rock, AR, October 1, 2015**

Meeting called to order by President Jami Forrester at 4:42 p.m.

Reading of 2014 Minutes waived after motion by Jeff Pearson, seconded by Chris Mortenson.
Motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – The organization is in good fiscal health. Payment of institutional dues has increased over the last few years; participation by two-year schools has increased.

Vice-President's Report – None.

History Day Report –

Pat Ramsey reported that History Day participation is growing, especially in NW Arkansas. All but two of the six regions in the state are now housed at institutions of higher learning.

Volunteers needed for History Day.

Participants are better prepared for college.

Winners of History Day Award from AACHT were Olivia Lewis, of Sheridan Middle School; Blake Poole, of Johnson City West High School. They received \$250 apiece.

Daniel Cockrell, Head of Old State House Interpreters, talked to the members about the history of the Old State House, telling several interesting and amusing stories.

Jami Forrester gave special thanks to the Old State House Museum staff for all of their help and for staying late to allow us to hold our annual evening reception.

Jami Forrester also explained that she has secured the Old State House and blocks of rooms at the Marriott for a period of four years (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018), enabling us to lock in prices for the hotel. Asked members whether we needed more rooms and whether we could count upon filling a block of twenty rooms each year. Kyle Day asked about appointing AACHT representative for each history department, to encourage early registration, paper proposals, etc. Chris Mortenson moved that the number of rooms reserved be increased to twenty each year; seconded by Clint Young. Motion passed.

Jami reminded the members that each of us should go online and “like” the AACHT Facebook page.

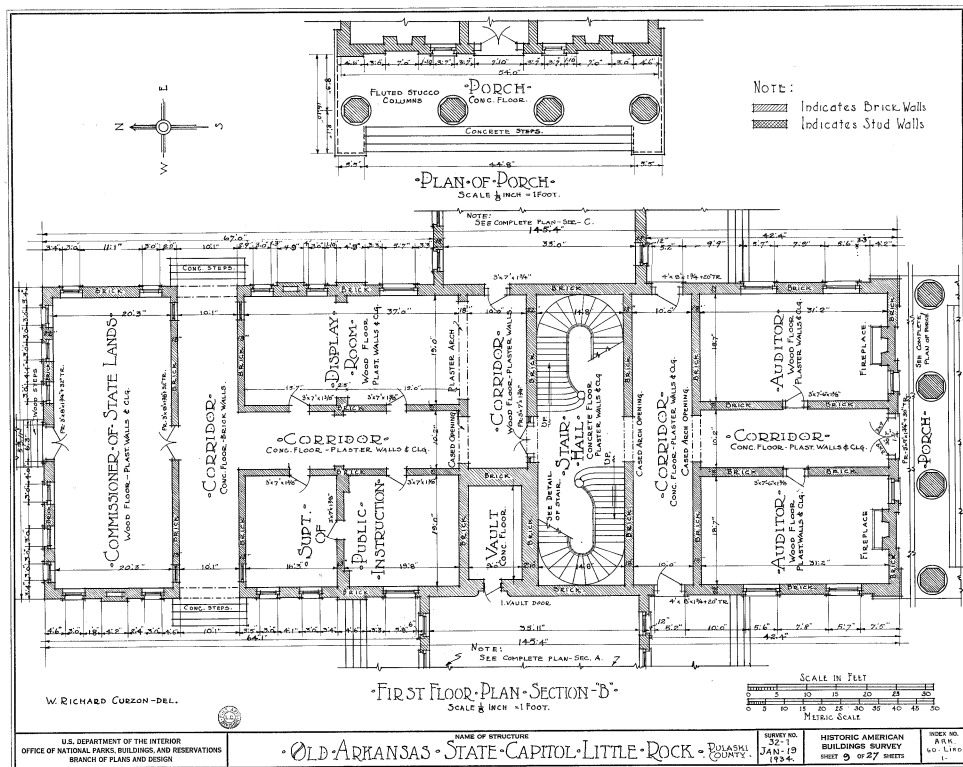
Jeff Pearson thanked Aaron McArthur for his technical expertise and help in creating the 2015 AACHT program.

Chris Mortenson asked whether the members should vote on History Day contribution; since the group voted in 2014 to provide an annual contribution of \$500, the answer was “no.”

It was suggested that AACTH pay the cost of the president's hotel room for the Thursday night of the Thurs/Fri conference, starting immediately. Jeff Woods moved that it be so, and Chris Mortenson seconded. There was only one "No" vote among the members present, so this will be the AACTH practice from 2015.

Jami Forrester issued a special thanks to Jeff Woods, Dean of Liberal Arts and Humanities at Arkansas Tech University, for sponsoring the 2015 AACTH reception.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HISTORY TEACHERS

12-Sep-16

Balance 8/1/2015

\$4,120.23

RECEIPTS:

Convention Receipts

2015 Institutional Dues

\$600.00

2015 Individual Dues

\$2,260.00

2015 Conference Sponsorship, Tech

\$500.00

Return of \$80 meeting cash

\$80.00 less \$20 tip for catering staff member

Marriott refund

\$158.40 2015 lock-in fee

SUBTOTAL

\$3,598.40

\$7,718.63

EXPENSES:

Ck 569

8/26/2015

Catering to You dep

\$50.00

Ck 570

9/24/2015

Russellville Printing

\$320.68 Programs

Ck 571

9/24/2015

VOID

\$0.00

Ck 572

9/30/2015

Cash for Meeting

\$100.00

Ck 573

10/1/2015

Jami Forrester reimb

\$48.09 Participation Award; ice for Reception

Ck 574

10/1/2015

Jeff Pearson reimb

\$146.06 Refreshments for Reception

Ck 575

10/1/2015

James Brent

\$117.96 Reimbursement Website Domain

Ck 576

10/2/2015

Marian Hendrickson

\$100.00 Outstanding Teacher Award

Ck 577

10/2/2014

History Day Arkansas

\$500.00 Contribution

Ck 578

10/2/2015

Pat Ramsey reimb

\$32.63 Outstanding Teacher Award Plaque

Ck 579

10/2/2015

Calvin White

\$100.00 Speaker's Honorarium

Ck 580

10/2/2015

Sarah Wilkerson Freerr

\$100.00 Outstanding Paper Award

Ck 581

10/2/2015

NWACC reimb

\$111.87 President's hotel room Thurs night

Ck 582

10/2/2015

VOID

\$0.00

Ck 583

10/2/2015

Whole Hog Café

\$931.94 Conference luncheon catering

Ck 584

10/12/2015

Catering to You

\$363.47 Reception Catering

Ck 585

10/14/2014

Jeff Pearson

\$91.56 Tablecloths cleaned

TOTAL

\$3,114.26

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE

\$4,604.37 As of 8/31/2016

OTHER ASSETS:

As of 8/8/2016

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\$2,132.29

TOTAL OTHER ASSETS

\$2,132.29

TOTAL ASSETS

\$6,736.66



**Annual Report to AACHT
September 12, 2016**

History Day Arkansas report:

More than 7,000 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 57 students to the national contest at the University of Maryland in June.

We are pleased that two Arkansas entries placed third in their respective categories at the 2016 national contest. Rebekah Love, Springdale High School, won third place in Senior Individual Documentaries for her work, "Marshal Islands: A Culture Damaged Through Scientific Exploration and Encounters with Western Civilization." The third place Senior Group Documentary award went to Conway High School students Kennedy Reynolds and Mary Nail for their project, "Exposing the Big Picture: Lewis Hine's Exploration of the Social Documentary Genre as a Tool to Eliminate Child Labor."

Four of the six History Day regions are hosted by Arkansas universities and colleges: Northwest Arkansas Community College; Lyon College; Southern Arkansas University; and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Two public schools, Alma High School and Conway Junior High, sponsor their regional contests. The state contest is hosted by the University of Central Arkansas. We appreciate the tremendous support these institutions provide to this important program.

AACHT continues to support History Day by providing funds to recognize two outstanding teachers each year. Delene McCoy, Berryville High School, received the 2016 Mary Landreth Award for the Junior Division Novice Teacher, and Casey Bazyck and Dannie Burdess, Rogers New Tech High School, shared the 2016 Sarah J. Fountain Award for the Senior Division Novice Teacher. Each recipient received a \$250 check from AACHT.

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 AACHT 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

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PAID INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS *2015-2016

*ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY
HARDING UNIVERSITY
HENDRIX COLLEGE
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-FAYETTEVILLE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-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

LaQuita Saunders, assistant professor at Arkansas State University, wears a lot of hats these days, at least figuratively. A lawyer, as well as a historian, she advises the Astate Prelaw Club and serves as a director for the Prelaw Center found in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. In those professional capacities, it seems like she is always planning a trip, taking a trip or just returning from a trip! Add to that committee memberships, her own research and writing and life seems pretty full. Oh yeah, I almost forgot teaching and advising duties—not to mention she and her partner, Jeff, have THE party house for the department (they both love entertaining). In spite of all that, she manages to enjoy visits from her 4 kids and one grandson as often as possible.

Tyler Mason is a graduate student in the history department with a concentration in global history at Arkansas State University – Jonesboro. He is interested in 20th century Latin American history and contemporary African history. More specifically, his current research is over Mexico’s former Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Ezequiel Padilla Peñaloz, and his role in World War 2 and the post-war era. When he is not studying history, he is writing articles for encyclopedias and living with his fiancée, Tess, in Searcy.

Katy Smith is a senior History major from Arkansas State University. She is the secretary of the Eta Chi chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. After graduation, she plans on entering the graduate program for History at Arkansas State University.

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Tom DeBlack is entering his twenty-first year at Arkansas Tech. (He started teaching there at age 18.) He has just finished the final draft of his centennial history of Arkansas Tech. His gifted and talented daughter, Susannah (age 12), plays on the volleyball team at Simon Middle School. Tom is just the kind of obnoxious parent he always said he would not be. His wife, the long-suffering Susan Sanders DeBlack, was named “Optometrist of the Year” in Arkansas last year. The DeBlack household continues to be the refuge for unwanted and unclaimed animals. At the last roll call, there were nine in residence (4 dogs, 3 cats, 2 foster kittens) in addition to a neighborhood stray cat who shows up for late-night supper and a turtle who occasionally pops in for some cat food. Tom is also teaching his first web class this year, reaffirming the notion that you can’t teach an old dog new tricks.

Diane Gleason, Associate Professor of History at Arkansas Tech University, has 40 years of classroom teaching experience. In 2014 she was selected for Arkansas Tech’s Faculty Teaching Award. She and Michael Tarver co-authored *Warren G. Harding, Harbinger of Normalcy* (Nova Science Publishers, Inc., 2012). Gleason has authored several articles for the *Arkansas Encyclopedia of History and Culture*, book reviews for various publications, and entries in *Arkansas Biography* and *Writing Women’s History*. Her most recent research/writing is a social/economic monograph entitled *Dardanelle and the Bottoms: Environment, Agriculture, and Economy in an Arkansas River Community, 1819-1970* (University of Arkansas Press, fall 2017 publication).

Matt Hornung is a graduate student, focusing on American History, at Arkansas Tech University. Matt has spent the last five years at Arkansas Tech where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. This spring Matt will graduate with his Master of Arts Degree in History. During his two years within the program, Matt has presented a paper at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference hosted by Arkansas Tech last April. Additionally, he was published and helped edit sections of H. Micheal Tarver's, *The Spanish Empire: A Historical Encyclopedia*. Following graduation, Matt hopes to acquire a secondary education position teaching Social Studies education within the state.

Dr. Jan Jenkins (Professor of History; Director of University Honors) is in her twentieth year at Arkansas Tech University, which has grown enormously in student population, campus buildings, and arboriculture (tree-planting) since her arrival in 1997. During the past year, Jan has reviewed books for *CHOICE* and *The Canadian Journal of History*. Jan has also revised or written ancillary materials or served as a peer reviewer for Oxford University Press, Cengage, and Routledge Books. She has spent the past year planning the expansion of the University Honors Program, serving on the Graduate Council, and participating on the Study Abroad Committee. Jan has been the AACHT Secretary/Treasurer for ten years, as of the 2016 meeting.

Dr. Aaron McArthur is the Public History Program Director and Assistant Director of the museum at Arkansas Tech University. His most recent scholarship is an edited edition of the *Annals of the Southern Utah Mission*, which will be released in early 2017 by Kofford Books.

Zach Nicholson is a graduate student in World History at Arkansas Tech University, with a focus in Japanese history. He will complete his Master's degree this Fall semester. He has written several papers on the history of the Japanese in the world, including two on the Japanese internment in Arkansas. He hopes to apply for the JET program to continue his Japanese language education and then apply for doctoral programs in the near future. He is currently researching Japanese popular culture for his hypothetical thesis.

Jeff Pearson has enjoyed a productive year since the last AACHT gathering. His article, "Land Pirates on the Santa Fe Trail: Captain Philip St. George Cooke's Encounter with Texas Privateers on the Santa Fe Trail in 1843," was accepted for publication by the *New Mexico Historical Review* and will appear in their Winter 2016 issue. He also saw book reviews published in the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, the *New Mexico Historical Review*, and *Military History in the West*. During the summer, he completed another article, "That prosopopoeia of weakness, waste, and confusion:" Lieutenant Philip St. George Cooke's Views of the Militia during the Black Hawk War," which is currently under consideration by the *Journal of Military History*.

Michael Smith is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor at Arkansas Tech University who specializes in East Asian and world history. Prior to beginning his career as a historian, Michael attended the University of Kansas where he majored in East Asian Studies. After graduating with his B.A. in East Asian Studies, he was lucky enough to obtain a scholarship from the Japanese Ministry of Education to pursue graduate work in Japan and eventually earned an M.A. in modern Japanese history from Hokkaido University. Upon returning to the US, he entered the PhD program in Global history at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He graduated with a PhD in Global history in the fall of 2012. Prior to his arrival at Arkansas Tech, he spent three years teaching courses in East Asian and world history at Auburn University. His current research focuses on Japan's foreign trade and silk industry in the late nineteenth century

HENDERSON STATE

John William Graves, after more than twelve years of “time on the Cross,” has stepped down as chair of his department in order to accept his department’s first endowed chair, the Edgar and Marguerite Henley Professorship in American History. He has happily passed on his Crown of Thorns to his chair successor, Professor Larry Monette. Also during the past year, another significant happening occurred for Graves. The Arkansas Historical Association established a new book award named in his honor, the John William Graves Award. A permanent endowment for the new award is being administered by the Arkansas Community Foundation on behalf of the Arkansas Historical Association. The award is now being given biennially to the author of the best book published during the preceding two years whose primary focus is the history of race relations in Arkansas or the history of African Americans in Arkansas.

NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE

Christopher Thrasher, after realizing that only fools work for a living, abandoned his varied career as a butcher, baker, and candle stick maker to study history. Once denounced by an advisor as “the only jackass I have ever met who can write faster than I can read,” Thrasher completed a doctorate at Texas Tech University in 2012. Since then he has taught at schools across Texas, New Mexico, Tennessee and even Alabama where he stayed just long enough to realize why most people avoid the state. Thrasher now makes his home in the great state of Arkansas where he serves as an Instructor of History at National Park College. In 2015, he published his first book *Fight Sports and American Masculinity: Salvation in Violence from 1607 to the Present*.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Jami Marie Forrester currently serves as the President for AACHT. She is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a Ph.D. in History as well as a graduate of Arkansas State University with both a Masters and Bachelor's degree in History. She was promoted to Associate Professor at NorthWest Arkansas Community College in the fall of 2014 where she has been a fulltime professor for the past seven years. Forrester is Region 10 Coordinator of History Day Arkansas. She has recently spoken on "Committing to a More Creative Classroom" for the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C. and at NISOD International Teaching Conference in Austin, Texas. She and her husband enjoyed a great family trip to Maui this past May with their children, Parker and Wyatt.

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Christopher R. Mortenson, now 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. He continues revisions on a book manuscript. The manuscript is tentatively titled "Lew Wallace and the Civil War: Politics and Generalship," and University of Oklahoma Press has pledged to publish it (with significant revisions) in late 2017. He is also looking for contributors for 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 Colonial America, the Fragile Republic, U.S. Military History, and the Research Seminar; furthermore, he serves as the department's chief bureaucrat.

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

Anthony Newkirk is an assistant professor at Philander Smith College and an adjunct at UALR. With a research interest in American labor history, he is working on the lives of Grace and Lee Lorch, two city area resident who played a large role in local civil rights struggle during the late 1950s. Anthony has submitted work on the Lorches to the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*. Anthony's publications include peer-reviewed articles in *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, *Middle East Policy*, *Surveillance and Society*, and *White House Studies*. He contributes book reviews to *Labour/Le Travail* and *Southern Studies*, as well as entries to *The Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*. He has written for *National Catholic Reporter* and *Z Magazine*. He delivered conference papers at meetings sponsored by the Arkansas Association of College History Teachers, Arkansas Historical Association, Arkansas Political Science Association, City University of New York, Pennsylvania Historical Association, and the U.S. Naval Academy.

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY

Ben Johnson completed his stint as interim provost in July and has settled back into teaching and agreeing to participate in manageable projects including an entry on the WCTU for the Arkansas Women's Suffrage Centennial Project virtual exhibit and making a presentation on Arkansas in WWI as part of the centennial observance at the SAU library. In the past year he favored with lectures the Pulaski County Bar Association and the Arkansas Literary Festival. He manages to continue his obligations on the State Review Board for Historic Preservation and on the editorial board of the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*. He is avoiding unmanageable tasks as long as possible.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FAYETTEVILLE

Nathaniel Conley is a doctoral candidate in history at the University of Arkansas under the direction of Dr. Jim Gigantino. He is currently working on his dissertation titled "Borderland of Slavery and Freedom: Slavery, Capitalism, and Rural Development in Appalachian Pennsylvania and Maryland, 1750-1850," which studies how degrees of free and unfree labor contributed to the social, cultural, and economic development of the borderland region of western Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Dan Elkin is a PhD candidate in history at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. Originally from California, Dan received his BA and MA from the University of San Diego. His dissertation focuses on conservative politics and urban growth in the postwar period.

Jama Grove is an historian in training who appreciates history that includes animals, witches, and DDT. Her dissertation under the direction of Dr. Jeannie Whayne will focus on agricultural production in the mountain south.

Alex Marino earned a B.A. in History from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2008, and a M.A. in History from the University of Arkansas in 2015. He is a doctoral student at the University of Arkansas whose research interests include U.S.-Portuguese relations, the Cold War in Africa, and American support for nationalist movements. He is currently working on a dissertation titled "Spies, Missionaries, and Mercenaries: America's Secret War in Angola." From 2008-2011 he rebuilt homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina as a long term volunteer for a non-profit in New Orleans, LA, and will spend all day giving New Orleans food recommendations if given the chance.

Rebekah McMillan received her B.A. in History and Secondary Education from Ouachita Baptist University in 2009 and M.A. in History from the University of Arkansas in 2013. She is currently a

doctoral candidate and graduate assistant at the University of Arkansas under the direction of Laurence Hare. Rebekah's academic focus is modern German history and she is currently working on her dissertation that explores the international nature of poor relief and social welfare in the late nineteenth century. She teaches World History at the U of A and at Northwest Arkansas Community College.

B. Jared Pack earned his B.A. in History and Theology from Freed-Hardeman University in 2012 and his M.A. in History in 2014 from the University of Arkansas. He is currently a doctoral student under the direction of Dr. Alessandro Brogi. Pack's work focuses on the international and transatlantic nature of US foreign policy during the Cold War. His Master's thesis examined the impact of European integration on the special relationship during the Nixon Administration, and his dissertation project uses the Allende government in Chile from 1970-1973 as a case study of transatlantic relations through their responses to democratically elected socialism. When he is not immersed in a mountain of books preparing for his upcoming comprehensive exams, Pack enjoys spending time with his wife, Karen, their two year old son, Ben, and their cocker Spaniel, McKinley.

Michael Shane Powers received his B.A. in History from the University of Florida in 2010 and M.A. from Clemson University in 2012. He is currently a PhD candidate and Lecturer at the University of Arkansas under the direction of Daniel Sutherland. When he is not hiking or fishing for small mouth and trout, Mr. Powers is working on a dissertation exploring transnational strains of the late nineteenth century New South that enables him to have a professional reason to visit New Orleans as much as possible.

Mackenzie Taylor is currently working on his Ph.D. at the University of Arkansas. He received both his BA and MA from Arkansas Tech University. His research focus is on the American Civil War, specifically guerrilla warfare in Missouri.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

Edward M. Anson has authored or edited eight books, including *Eumenes of Cardia: A Greek Among Macedonians*, Revised 2nd edition (Leiden and Boston: E. J. Brill, 2015), *Alexander's Heirs: The Age of the Successors 323-281 BC* (Wiley/Blackwell, 2014); *Alexander the Great: Themes and Issues* (London, New York, New Delhi, Sydney: Continuum Press, 2013); *After Alexander: The Age of the Diadochi (323-281 BC)* (Oxford: Oxbow Books, 2013); more than thirty articles in journals, including *Greek, Roman and Byzantine Studies*, *The Journal of Cuneiform Studies*, *The Journal of the American Oriental Society*, *Classical Philology*, *Historia: Zeitschrift für alte Geschichte*, *Phoenix*, *Classical Journal*, *Greece and Rome*, *Ancient Society*, *Ancient History Bulletin*, *The Ancient World*, and *The American Journal of Philology*; sixteen book chapters, and over fifty encyclopedia articles. He is the associate editor of the *Ancient History Bulletin*, and an Assessor for Classics for the Australian Research Council, an agency of the Australian national government that awards grants to researchers. He received his PhD from the University of Virginia and is currently Professor of History, a faculty senator, and a former President of the University Assembly/Senate.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO

Kyle Day is concluding his second term on the Arkansas Humanities Council and second year as chair. Day is also serving on the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Historical Association and also as campus chair of the University of Arkansas' Governor Winthrop Rockefeller Distinguished Lecture Series. In this latter capacity, he secured for this upcoming spring lecture one of his personal heroines, Christina Hoff Sommers, Ph.D. This past March, Day was the introductory speaker for the conference, "The Southern Manifesto: Tales from the Past, Lessons for the Future," held at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C. His podcast is available on the AEI website. Day's article, "The Southern Manifesto: Massive Resistance, Growth Liberalism, and the Interpretation of Brown II," will be the lead article in an upcoming special issue of *The Journal of School Choice* on the conference's proceedings. Despite the AEI conference participants' best efforts to convince the American people that educational access is the civil rights issue of the 21st century, none of today's presidential candidates mention education policy in the least while on the hustings. Alas, Day will have to sit out this year's election; he has to keep his big mouth shut, as this autumn he submits his portfolio for promotion to professor. Prayers are most appreciated.

John Henris has enjoyed a quiet but productive year down in Monticello. His ecology of Black Hills fisheries article came out in *South Dakota History* in December and his article on the moral ecology of antebellum Quaker Appalachia won the biannual Wade Prize for best article over a two-year period in *Ohio Valley History*. Professor Henris completed two research trips, to northern New England and the South Dakota Black Hills respectively, continues to work on the cider tree manuscript, and plans to send out an article for review this fall on the ecological margins of orchard culture in the Spearfish Valley of the northern Black Hills.

Shari Silzell is still the newest addition to the History Department at UAM. She continues to exploit her new-kid-on-the-block status, successfully avoiding committee work that does not involve a cocktail hour. Shari is currently finishing an article titled, "Reading an 'Unreadable' Book: Kufic Qur'ans and the Articulation of Islam," and will present her paper at the Middle East Studies Association annual meeting in Boston this fall. Lastly, because ninth-century Baghdad is, apparently, not remote enough, Shari is now serving as the secretary and newsletter editor of the Tunican Chapter of the Arkansas Archeology Society.

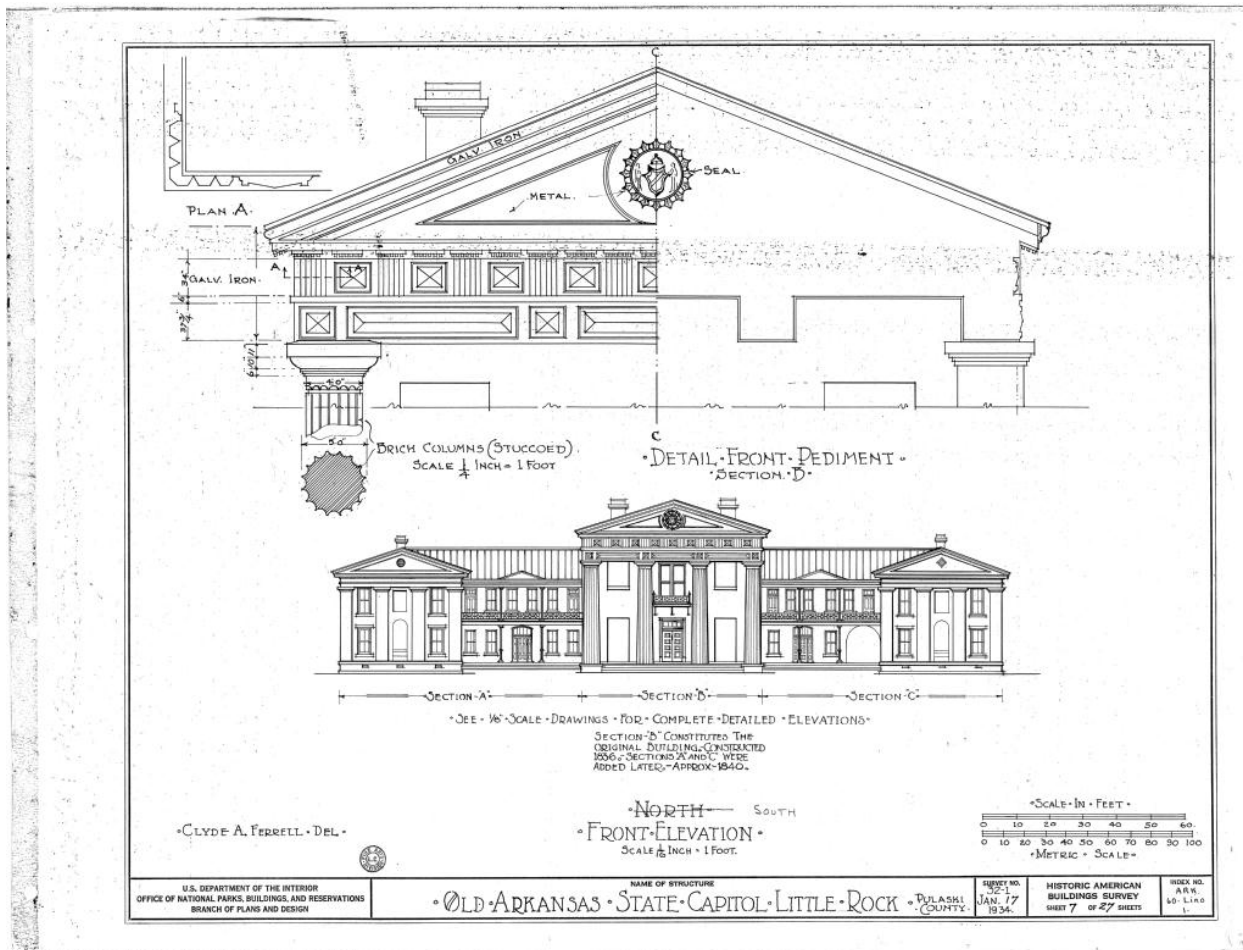
Clint Young celebrated the advent of the New Year with the publication of *Music Theater and Popular Nationalism in Spain, 1880-1930* by LSU Press. In order to keep the rest of the year from being a long slide downhill, he took a sabbatical during the Spring semester. While on leave, he gave a paper at the AHA titled "Spanish Identity and the Development of International Operatic Culture" and visited Death Valley. (Most historians will understand why those two events were placed in conjunction with each other.) Clint has begun research on his next project, which will examine the transatlantic roots of modern operatic culture. Finally, he has been appointed the Program Director for the 2017 meeting of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies—assuming the zika virus doesn't put a crimp in plans for a conference in Miami.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Dr. Buck T. Foster continues to lecture at the University of Central Arkansas, teaching such classes American Military History, the Old South, and Arkansas in the Nation. He is a member of the Arkansas Historical Association Board of Trustees and the Prairie Grove Battlefield Commission. Recently added to the Arkansas World War I Centennial Commission's Speakers Board, Dr. Foster plans to provide general lectures on Arkansas's role in the Great War. Living in Clarksville with his wife Holly and youngest daughter Lily, he anticipates the day that temperatures drop, the leaves fall, and the ducks migrate.

Wendy Lucas is currently in her third year as chair of the History Department at UCA. A native Californian, after twelve years in Arkansas she still has not adjusted to the humidity! An early Americanist by training, Wendy is currently working on revising an article which uses clothing as a lens to better understand New England witch trials.

Raymond Terry is currently in the second year of the History M.A. program at the University of Central Arkansas. He received his Bachelor's degree in history from UCA in the Spring 2013. Ray's M.A. thesis focuses English privateering regulation in the seventeenth century. Ray currently lives in Greenbrier. He is considering pursuing a PhD.



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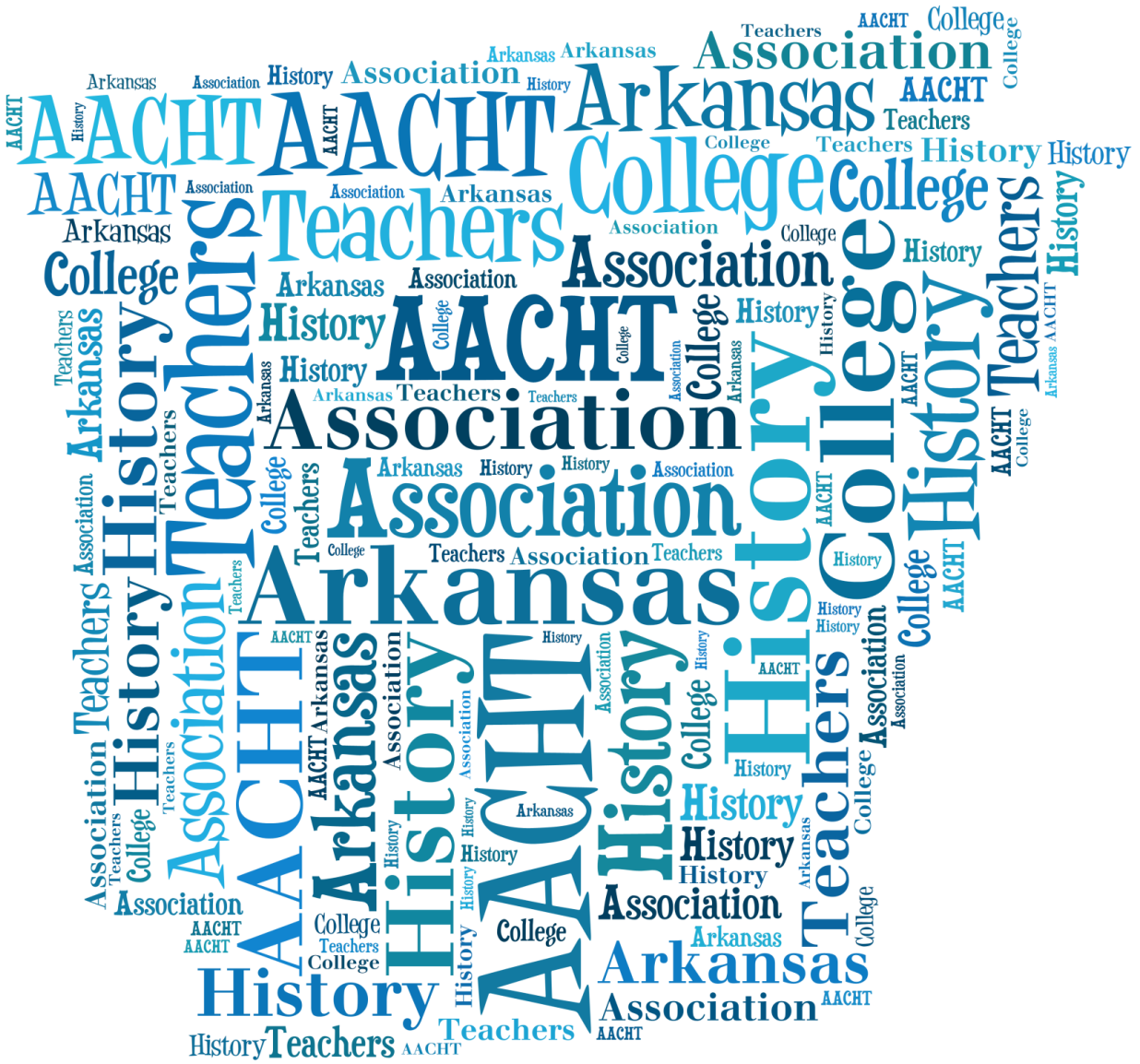
AACHT Leads in History Education

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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