



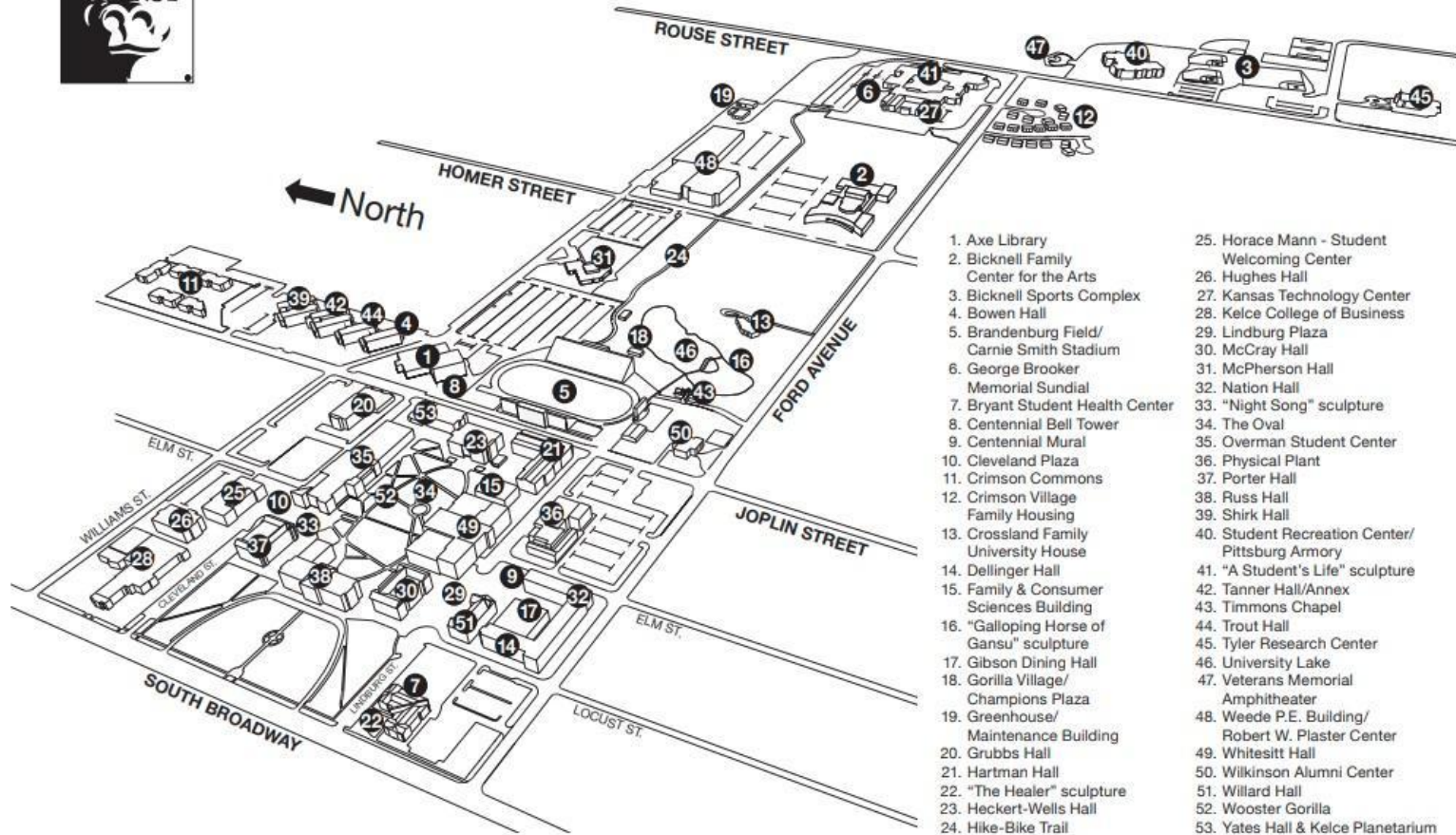
Kansas Association of Historians
96th Annual Conference
March 28-29, 2025
Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas

Kris Lawson, KAH President
Kansashistorians.org



Pittsburg State
University

Pittsburg State University Campus Map



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Campus map: https://www.pittstate.edu/about/_files/documents/psu-campus-map.pdf

Parking: On Friday before 4:00 pm, parking will be available behind the stadium (#5 on the campus map). After 4:00 pm on Friday and all day on Saturday, all parking lots will be open.

Registration: Friday, 12:00–5:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am–12:00 pm in Russ Hall (#38 on the campus map)

Quiet room for presentation preparation: 304 Russ Hall

Coffee and break area: 315 Russ Hall

2025 KAH Schedule

Friday

Tour 12–2pm

Session 1 at 2:30–3:45pm

Session 2 at 4:00–5:15pm

Dinner 6:00–7:00 pm at Bicknell Center (#2 on the campus map)

Keynote 7:00–8:00 pm at the Bicknell Center – Dr. Amahia Mallea

Saturday

Session 3 at 8:00–9:15 am

Session 4 at 9:30–10:45 am

Session 5 at 11:00 am–12:15 pm

Lunch 12:30–1:30 pm at 409 Russ Hall

Business Meeting 1:30–2:00 pm at 409 Russ Hall

Walking Tour
Friday, March 28, 12:00 pm–2:00 pm

Self-guided historic tour of downtown Pittsburg, Kansas: Founded in 1876 along a rail line and an old cattle and military trail, Pittsburg became the regional hub during its coal mining era. Nearly 150 years later, the traditional downtown thrives as old buildings are repurposed for modern uses.

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Poster Session
Friday, March 28, 2:30–3:45 pm
Russ Hall, 2nd Floor Atrium

- “The Impact of WWII on American Families”
 - Jenny Ellene Louise Heckman, Pittsburg State University
- “Political Transformation of the 8th Century Byzantine Empire”
 - Jack Brooksher, Pittsburg State University
- “George Sweatt: The Teacher”
 - Cooper Rooks, Pittsburg State University
- “Normal School Growth: The Case of Pittsburg’s State Manual Training Normal Under the Leadership of William A. Brandenburg”
 - Makenzie Coomes, Pittsburg State University
- “The Effects of the Great Depression on College Attendance: Kansas State Teachers College”
 - Isaiah (Isha) Michael Hill, Pittsburg State University
- “Social History of the Dust Bowl”
 - Kenzie Pearson, Pittsburg State University
- “Kansas Populism: Laying the Groundwork for Progressive Reform”
 - Ethan Dellasega, Pittsburg State University
- “Distrust: The American Military and Her Government”
 - Whitten O’Neal, Pittsburg State University
- “Training Programs of World War II: The Different Options and Why People Joined”
 - David Redding, Pittsburg State University
- “Treatment of Germans at Kansas State Manual Training Normal School”
 - Cord Ritter, Pittsburg State University

Session One

Friday, March 28, 2:30–3:45 pm

1.1 Preservation, Archaeology, and the Politics of Place

321 Russ Hall

Moderator: Kara Heitz, Kansas City Art Institute

- “The Development of Kenwood, a Bungalow Neighborhood”
 - Christine Steinkuehler, Topeka Public Schools
- “Giving Boot Hill the Boot: An Analysis of Community Attitudes Towards the Boot Hill Cemetery of Hays, Kansas”
 - Sarah Keiss, Fort Hays State University
- “From “Who” to “How”: Reconceptualizing Francisco Vasquez de Coronado and the Quivira in Rice County, Kansas”
 - Cindy Higgins, Independent Scholar

1.2 Women, Gender, and Crime

401 Russ Hall

Moderator: Sarah Bell, Kansas Historical Society

- “Finding Agency in Death: Suicide Among Accused Witches in Early Modern Scotland”
 - Rebekah Stewart, Washburn University
- “‘Too Much for Ordinary Belief:’ A Peculiar Case of Patricide”
 - Allison Johnson, Wichita State University
- “Holy Innocence?: A History of Religion and Gender Biases in the Lizzie Borden Trial”
 - Riley Kershner, Fort Hays State University

1.3 Teaching, Educating, and Unionizing

407 Russ Hall

Moderator: Tom Prasch, Washburn University

- “Quixote in the Classroom: The Rise and Fall of KU's Integrated Humanities Program”
 - Levi Daniel Grieser Cromwell, University of Kansas

- “African American History is American History”

- Megan Wade, Fort Hays State University

- “A Very Important Document: Unionizing the Kansas State College Pittsburg Faculty, 1974-1978”

- John Daley, Pittsburg State University

1.4 Religious History

413 Russ Hall

Moderator: Kim Morse, Washburn University

- “A Common Heart and Mind: The Cappadocian Fathers and Nonscriptural Sources for the Deity of the Holy Spirit”
 - Nate Hallowell, MidAmerican Nazarene University
- “Mennonite Clergy in the Nazi Party”
 - Mark Jantzen, Bethel College
- “Christian Abolitionists and their Impact Against Slavery in the British Caribbean Islands”
 - Erik Noren, Tabor College

1.5 Conflict and Punishment in the Civil War

409 Russ Hall

Moderator: Tonia Compton, Kansas Wesleyan University

- “The Methodist Episcopal Church During the Civil War: How the North was Similar to the South”
 - Ian Doss, Kansas Wesleyan University
- “Civilian Racial Violence in the Antebellum and Civil War North”
 - Savannah Bonilla, Kansas Wesleyan University
- “Prison Camps of the Civil War: Andersonville and Elmira”
 - Katelyn Botz, Kansas Wesleyan University

Session Two

Friday, March 28, 4:00–5:15 pm

2.1 Environmental History

321 Russ Hall

Moderator: Kyle Thompson, Pittsburg State University

- “The Callery Pear in the United States: An Environmental History”
 - Evan Lott, University of Kansas
- “Rain Follows the Plow: The Great Plains and The Timber Culture Act of 1873”
 - Katy Messenger, Wichita State University
- “Constructing Wilderness: Reservoir Tourism in the Great Plains”
 - Claire Cox, Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum

2.2 Kansas History

401 Russ Hall

Moderator: Hollie Marquess, Fort Hays State University

- “The Potato King of the World: Junius Groves and African American Agriculture in Kansas”
 - James Leiker, Johnson County Community College
- “The Kansas Freedmen’s Relief Association and Black Migration to Kansas”
 - Tonia Compton, Kansas Wesleyan University
- “Revisiting August Bondi in Kansas”
 - Andrea Weis, University of Kansas
- “Penetrating the Kansas Plains: The Army and the Kansas Pacific Railroad, 1865-1870”
 - Matthew Dale, Kansas State University

2.3 Culture to the Masses: Literature and Dancing

407 Russ Hall

Moderator: Mark Jantzen, Bethel College

- “The Dancing Plague of 1518”
 - Joscelyn Powell, Washburn University
- “The Good, the Byrd, and the Banned: An Exploration of Sexual Mores and Erotic Literature of 18th Century Colonial America”

- McKenna Wise, Kansas State University

- “Bowdler's Bad Rap”

- Elizabeth Erin Plank, University of Kansas

2.4 Remembering the Past: Celebrating History

413 Russ Hall

Moderator: Marco Macias, Fort Hays State University

- “Remembering the Past Connecting the Present: The American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration”
 - Steven Bellavia, Emporia State University
- “Not in Our Town: The Defense of Coffeyville, Ks.”
 - Zachary Heidenreich, Emporia State University
- “Redefining John Brown: An American Moses”
 - Taylor Breuer, Emporia State University

2.5 Wheels, Wheat, and Teeth: Demonstrations of Cultural Movement and the Creation of Space

409 Russ Hall

Moderator: Chris Childers, Pittsburg State University

- “Savage Ornaments: Indigenous Women’s Fight to Reclaim Identity Through the Use and Adaptation of Elk Ivory”
 - Andrea Montgomery Huebner, University of Oklahoma
- “‘Grow Up with Dearfield and Be Somebody’: Scientific Farming and the Promotion of the Dearfield Agricultural Colony”
 - Sean McCollum, University of Oklahoma
- “‘You Must Be Cool:’ Transnational Reaches of Mexican-American Lowriders”
 - Alejandra Herrera, University of Oklahoma

Friday Dinner 6:00–7:00 pm at Bicknell Center

Keynote Address 7:00–8:00 pm at the Bicknell Center
Dr. Amahia Mallea

“The Jaw-dropping Flood of 1903: What Historic Disaster Reveals”

Kansas City boosters’ century-long obsession with managing the river for flood control and navigation benefited a minority but wrought negative social and ecological costs for the majority. The public health and urban innards of the Kansas Cities—drinking water and sewerage—have always been inextricably tied to the river but not until recently have urban and environmental questions begun to shape river management. Dr. Mallea's KAH presentation will explore the intersections of social, urban, and environmental history as well as how these diverse perspectives can emerge in the secondary and undergraduate pedagogy.



Amahia Mallea is Associate Professor of History at Drake University. She is the author of *A River in the City of Fountains: An Environmental History of Kansas City.* More recently, research has taken her to the U.S.-Mexico borderlands to investigate public health and environmental issues. Of special interest is the border city of Nogales, part of the Santa Cruz River watershed, which struggles to manage sewage and pollution across an international boundary. Mallea has taught courses about the American west, agriculture, public health, and urban environmental history; her surveys present American history through a social lens and emphasize primary source analysis, interpretation and historiography.

Session Three

Saturday, March 29, 8:00–9:15 am

3.1 Impact of Colonialism and Totalitarianism on Communities

321 Russ Hall

Moderator: Eric Brandom, Kansas State University

- “Black Marias on Soviet Street: Ethnic Germans, Jews, and State-Sponsored Violence in Soviet Ukraine(s), 1928-1941”
 - Amber Nickell, Fort Hays State University
- "Long Live the King and Our Battle: Franciscans, Indigenous, and Spaniards in Late Colonial Venezuela"
 - Kim Morse, Washburn University
- "Symbol, Narrative, Person?: The Trials of Paula de Eguiluz"
 - Andrea Moya, Washburn University

3.2 Kansas Women: Religious and Reform Advocates

405 Russ Hall

Moderator: Ray Nolan, Colby Community College

- “The ‘Woman Who Prays Always:’ St. Rose Philippine Duchesne and the Potawatomi in Kansas”
 - Brett Jackson, MidAmerica Nazarene University
- “Women’s Legal Wrongs: Clarina Howard Nichols and Domestic Violence Advocacy in Antebellum Kansas”
 - Alisha Rall, Kansas State University
- “The Self-Education of an Early Kansas Bahá’í”
 - Duane Herrmann, Independent Historian

3.3 African History

407 Russ Hall

Moderator: Brent Maner, Kansas State University

- “Silent Chains: Family and Religious Systems as Foundations of Child Slavery and Forced Labor in Ghana (1775-1956)”
 - Patricia Esi Quainoo, Fort Hays State University
- “The Gukurahundi: A Politicide and Genocide”
 - Larry Zieammermann, Fort Hays State University
- “Edward Wilmot Blyden and Diasporic Pan-Africanism”
 - Thomas Prasch, Washburn University

3.4 Masculinity and Its Expressions

413 Russ Hall

Moderator: Dan Robert McClure, Fort Hays State University

- “Public Performance, or the Natural Retreat?”
 - Peter Lehman, Hesston College
- “More than a Sport: Early Developments of Baseball in Lawrence, KS”
 - Jude Butler, University of Kansas
- "Pursuit of The Grand Illusion: How Twentieth Century Experiences with War Challenged, Changed, and Shattered the Carefully Constructed Romanticism of European Warfare."
 - Joseph David Shubert, Kansas State University

Session Four

Saturday, March 23, 9:30–10:45 am

4.1 American Women in WWII and Post War

321 Russ Hall

Moderator: Hollie Marquess, Fort Hays State University

- “Fragments of Identity: Yoko Ono, Cut Piece, and the Media’s Dissection of Asian Women in Post-War America”
 - Amiyah Gonzalez, Fort Hays State University
- “Behind Barbed Wire Fences: Nisei Women’s Trailblazing Tendencies during Internment”
 - Grace McCord, Fort Hays State University
- “BYOB Stands for ‘Bring Your Own Bra’: The Women’s Liberation Movement and The Role of Self-Expression”
 - Addison Speier, Fort Hays State University

4.2 Spotlight on Southeast Kansas

405 Russ Hall

Moderator: John Daley, Pittsburg State University

- “The Dalton Gang: Three Brothers’ Journey to Banditry”
 - Kayanna Marie Adams, Fort Hays State University
- "Julius Barr, 1931-1939: From Pittsburg to the Second Sino-Japanese War"
 - Kris Lawson, Pittsburg State University
- “Postal Envelope Markings and Postal Services of Crawford County”
 - Jeff Lough, Independent Historian

4.3 Counterculture and 1970s America

Russ Hall

Moderator: Aaron Margolis, Kansas City Kansas Community College

- “Resistance in River City: The Anti-war Movement and the Counterculture in Lawrence, Kansas in the 1960s and 1970s”
 - Madi Norris, University of Kansas
- "After the Great Divide: History, Postmodernism, and American Identity after the 1970s"
 - Dan Robert McClure, Fort Hays State University
- “Beware the Phantasmal Force: Fear of Fantasy and the Fragile Personality in the Satanic Panic”
 - Tirzah Howery, Fort Hays State University

4.4 Liberalism and Economics in Europe

413 Russ Hall

Moderator: Amber Nickell, Fort Hays State University

- "Freedom from the Republic: Liberalism in France around 1900"
 - Eric Brandom, Kansas State University
- “The Young Scots' Society and Anti-Englishness”
 - Kyle Thompson, Pittsburg State University
- “Ancien Regime France and Financial Discontent”
 - Alex Jonathan Timm, Washburn University
- “Antisemitism and Economics in the 1870s: Otto Glagau's Condemnation of the Berlin Stock Exchange”
 - Brent Maner, Kansas State University

Session Five

Saturday, March 23, 11:00 am–12:15 pm

5.1 Indigenous History

321 Russ Hall

Moderator: Tai Edwards, Johnson County Community College

- “An Unglamorous Existence: Native Survival in Kansas”
 - Raymond Nolan, Colby Community College
- “Native American Scout and Soldier Superpowers: How the U.S. Portrayed the Superhuman Attributes of Native Americans Through Military Involvement”
 - Whitney Lynn Befort, Fort Hays State University
- “Indigenous Gender and Visual Sovereignty on American Television”
 - Drew Legere, Fort Hays State University
- “‘The Drunken Indian’: How the Introduction of Alcohol into Colonial North America led to the Contemporary Native American Addiction Epidemic”
 - Megan Householter, Fort Hays State University

5.2 Kansans and National Politics

405 Russ Hall

Moderator: James Leiker, Johnson County Community College

- “Foreign Policy in the 1996 Presidential Race: Power Bid or Opposition Strategy?”
 - September Gering, Kansas State University
- “A Salt on the State: Kansan Resistance to the Lyons Nuclear Waste Repository”
 - Greta Hayden, University of Kansas

5.3 Latin American History

407 Russ Hall

Moderator: Darin Tuck, MidAmerica Nazarene University

- “Stereographs of Mexico: American Justifications of Economic Conquest and Imperial Culture”
 - David A. Solis-Enriquez, Fort Hays State University
- “Indigeneity in Early Creole Histories of Independent Mexico”
 - Kip Perry, University of Kansas
- “Losing Control of the Border: Mexico, Guatemala, and the Absence of the State in the 20th and 21st century”
 - Aaron Margolis, Kansas City Kansas Community College
- “Mara Salvatrucha: Migration, Deportation, and the Rise of a Transnational Crime Organization”
 - Christian Davis Skaggs, Kansas City Kansas Community College

5.4 LGBTQ History

413 Russ Hall

Moderator: Kristen Epps, Kansas State University

- “‘Equally Inaccessible to All’: Kansas City and Early Gay Rights”
 - Hollie Marquess, Fort Hays State University
- “Walking the Walk and Talking the Talk: Queer-Coded Media in the *Walker Talker* Newspaper”
 - Soph Garrison, Fort Hays State University

Lunch and Business Meeting
Saturday, March 29, 12:30–2:00 pm, 409 Russ Hall

Save the Date for 2026!

The 2026 KAH Conference will be held in March (exact dates TBD) in Topeka

KAH PAST MEETINGS & PRESIDENTS

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| 1927: Topeka, Maude Hulse, Topeka High School | 1960: El Dorado, Edwin J. Walbourn, Butler County Community College |
| 1928: Topeka, R.R. Price, Kansas State University | 1961: Lawrence, W. Stitt Robinson, University of Kansas |
| 1929: Topeka, J.C. Malin, University of Kansas | 1962: Salina, M. Evangeline Thomas, Marymount College |
| 1930: Wichita, W.D. Ross, Emporia State University | 1963: Emporia, John Zimmerman, Emporia State University |
| 1931: Manhattan, R.R. Price, Kansas State University | 1964: Topeka, Ernest B. Bader, Washburn University |
| 1932: Emporia, John Rydjord, Wichita State University | 1965: Hays, Eugene Craine, Fort Hays State University |
| 1933: Pittsburg, O.F. Grubbs, Pittsburg State University | 1966: Winfield, C. Robert Haywood, Southwestern College |
| 1934: Lawrence, F.H. Hodder, University of Kansas | 1967: Wichita, William C. Unrau, Wichita State University |
| 1935: Emporia, S.A. Johnson, Emporia State University | 1968: Topeka, Robert W. Richmond, Kansas State Historical Society |
| 1936: McPherson, J.D. Bright, McPherson College | 1969: McPherson, Raymond Flory, McPherson College |
| 1937: Wichita, H.A. Shumway, Butler County Community College | 1970: Manhattan, James C. Carey, Kansas State University |
| 1938: Manhattan, F.L. Parrish, Kansas State University | 1971: Pratt, Thayer H. Carmichael, Pratt Community College |
| 1939: Topeka, J.C. Malin, University of Kansas | 1972: Lawrence, Donald R. McCoy, University of Kansas |
| 1940: Ottawa, H.E. Conrad, Ottawa University | 1973: Salina, Jeanne McKenna, Marymount College |
| 1941: Topeka, Raymond Welty, Fort Hays State University | 1974: Pittsburg, Thomas R. Walther, Pittsburg State University |
| 1942: Topeka, Ernest Mahan, Pittsburg State University | 1975: Emporia, Loren E. Pennington, Emporia State University |
| 1943: Postponed, I. Reese, Kansas City Community College | 1976: Baldwin City, Henry Kirk, Baker University |
| 1944: Topeka, A.B. Sagaser, Kansas State University | 1977: Hays, Leo E. Oliva, Fort Hays State University |
| 1945: Postponed, J.D. Bright, Washburn University | 1978: Topeka, Marilyn L. Wichers, Washburn University |
| 1946: Topeka, J.D. Bright, Washburn University | 1979: Wichita, Donald M. Douglas, Wichita State University |
| 1947: Topeka, R.R. MacGregor, Southwestern College | 1980: Winfield, Roland Mueller, St. John's College |
| 1948: Topeka, V.X. Sweedlun, Kansas State University | 1981: Lawrence, Ambrose Saricks, University of Kansas |
| 1949: Topeka, J.W. Heaton, Baker University | 1982: North Newton, Keith L. Sprunger, Bethel College |
| 1950: Topeka, C. Stewart Boertman, Emporia State University | 1983: Manhattan, Clyde R. Ferguson, Kansas State University |
| 1951: Topeka, George L. Anderson, University of Kansas | 1984: Atchison, Virginia E. Glandon, Benedictine College |
| 1952: Topeka, F.R. Flournoy, Emporia State University | 1985: Pittsburg, Robert K. Ratzlaff, Pittsburg State University |
| 1953: Topeka, Elizabeth Cochran, Pittsburg State University | 1986: Abilene, Mack Teasley, Eisenhower Library |
| 1954: Lawrence, Charles Onion, Fort Hays State University | 1987: Emporia, Patrick G. O'Brien, Emporia State University |
| 1955: Wichita, John Rydjord, Wichita State University | 1988: Topeka, Lois Nettleship, Johnson County Community College |
| 1956: Emporia, William H. Seiler, Emporia State University | 1989: Hays, Allan Busch, Fort Hays State University |
| 1957: Pittsburg, Dudley T. Cornish, Pittsburg State University | 1990: Wichita, William Richardson, Wichita State University |
| 1958: Manhattan, Homer E. Socolofsky, Kansas State University | 1991: Winfield / Arkansas City, Philip Schmidt, Southwestern College |
| 1959: Atchison, Peter Beckman, St. Benedict's College | 1992: Lawrence, Norman Saul, University of Kansas |
| | 1993: Topeka, Ramon Powers, Kansas State Historical Society |

1994: Great Bend, Linda McCaffery, Barton County Community College
1995: Manhattan, John McCulloh, Kansas State University
1996: Topeka, Virgil Dean, Kansas State Historical Society
1997: Pittsburg, Kelly Woestman, Pittsburg State University
1998: North Newton, Jim Juhnke, Bethel College
1999: Emporia, Samuel E. Dicks, Emporia State University
2000: Wichita, Judith Johnson, Wichita State University
2001: Topeka, William O. Wagnon Jr., Washburn University
2002: Hays, Ann Liston, Fort Hays State University
2003: Lawrence, Surendra Bhana, University of Kansas
2004: Hutchinson, Sharon Stephenson, Hutchinson Community College
2005: Overland Park, Reed Whitaker, National Archives
2006: Lindsborg, Bruce Kahler, Bethany College
2007: Abilene, Dan Holt, Eisenhower Library
2008: Independence, Isaias McCaffery, Independence Community
College
2009: Hays, Kim Perez, Fort Hays State University
2010: Kansas City, Mark Corrison, National Archives
2011: Overland Park, John Mack, Johnson County Community College
2012: Salina, Anita Specht, Kansas Wesleyan University
2013: Topeka, Tom Prasch, Washburn University
2014: Wichita, Jay Price, Wichita State University
2015: Emporia, Joyce Thierer, Emporia State University
2016: Baldwin City, Leonard Ortiz, Baker University
2017: Overland Park, James N. Leiker, Johnson County Community
College
2018: Hays, Juti Winchester, Fort Hays State University
2019: Manhattan, James Sherow, Kansas State University
2020: Postponed due to COVID-19 Pandemic, Christopher Childers,
Pittsburg State University
2021: Virtual, Christopher Childers, Pittsburg State University
2022: Wichita, Cheryl Golden, Newman University
2023: Overland Park, Tai Edwards, Johnson County Community College
2024: Hays, Hollie Marquess, Fort Hays State University