



Kansas Association of Historians

97th Annual Conference

March 27–28, 2026

Kansas Historical Society and Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas

Sarah Bell, KAH President

Kansashistorians.org



WASHBURN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MAP

1700 SW College Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66621 785.670.1010

- AB - Art Building
- AE - Advisors Excel Hall
- BE - Benton Hall
- BP - Bianchino Pavilion
- BSB - Brenneman School of Business
- BT - Bennett Computer Center
- BTAC - Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center
- CA - Carnegie Hall
- CAS - College of Arts & Sciences
- CH - Carole Chapel
- ED - Education Department
- FAZ - Fan Activation Zone
- FF - Falley Field
- FS - Facilities Services
- GC - Garvey Fine Arts Center
- GF - Gahnstrom Field
- HRH - Hurd Recital Hall
- IAF - Indoor Athletic Facility
- KBI - KBI Forensic Science Center
- KH - Kuehne Hall

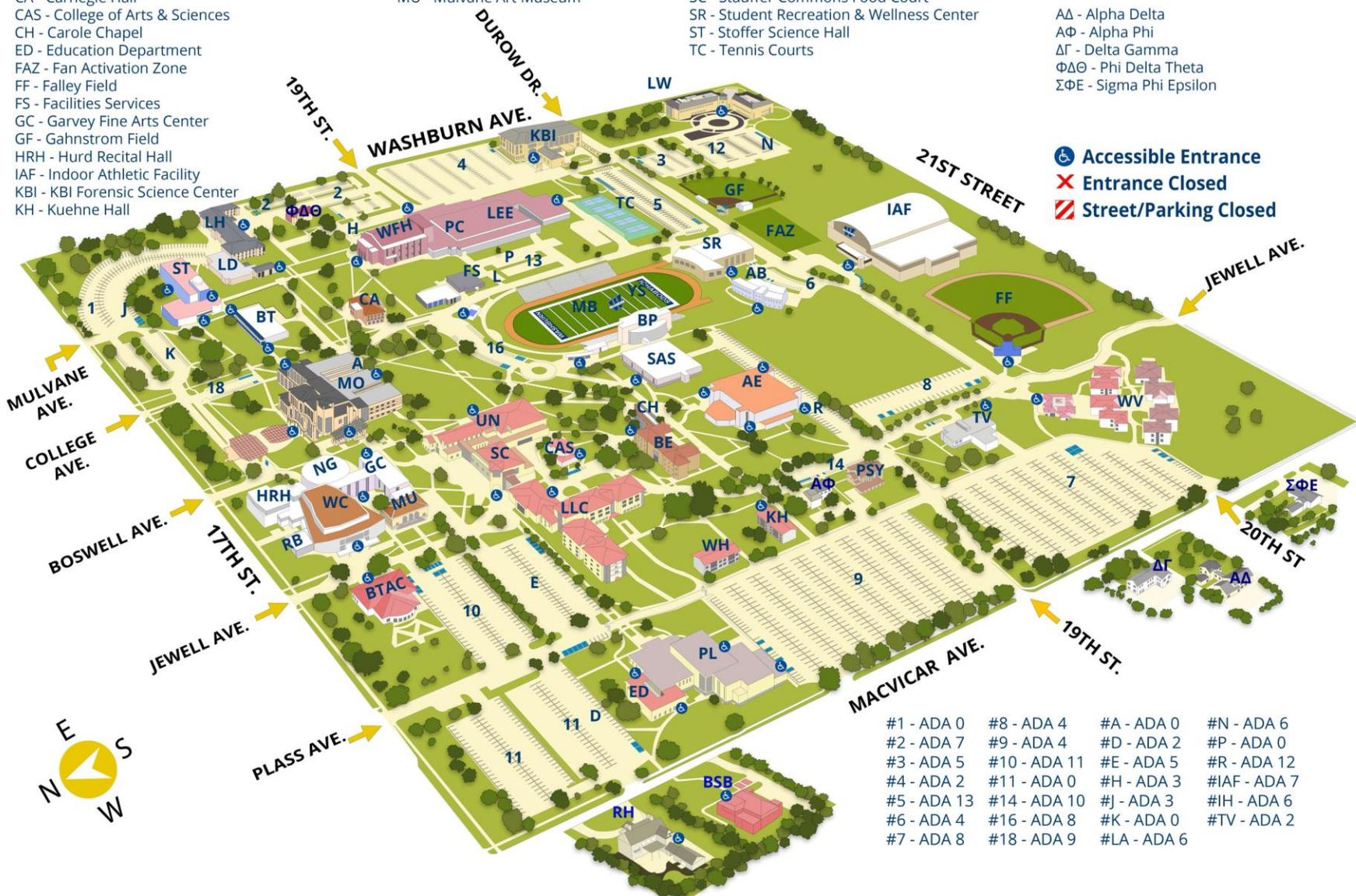
- LD - Lincoln Dining
- LEE - Lee Arena
- LH - Lincoln Hall
- LLC - Living Learning Center
- LW - Robert J. Dole Hall
- MB - Moore Bowl
- MO - Morgan Hall
- MU - Mulvane Art Museum

- NG - Neese Gray Theatre
- PC - Petro Allied Health Center
- PL - Plass Learning Resources Center
- PSY - Psychology Department
- RB - Rita Blitt Gallery
- RH - Ross House
- SAS - School of Applied Studies
- SC - Stauffer Commons Food Court
- SR - Student Recreation & Wellness Center
- ST - Stoffer Science Hall
- TC - Tennis Courts

- TV - KTWU Television Studio
- UN - Memorial Union
- WC - White Concert Hall
- WFH - Whiting Field House
- WH - West Hall
- WV - Washburn Village
- YS - Yager Stadium

- ΑΔ - Alpha Delta
- ΑΦ - Alpha Phi
- ΔΓ - Delta Gamma
- ΦΔΘ - Phi Delta Theta
- ΣΦΕ - Sigma Phi Epsilon

- Accessible Entrance
- Entrance Closed
- Street/Parking Closed



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#3 - ADA 5	#10 - ADA 11	#E - ADA 5	#R - ADA 12
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Conference: The 2026 KAH conference is co-hosted by the Kansas Historical Society and Washburn University. All conference sessions and the Saturday business lunch will be held on Washburn's campus. The Friday evening dinner and presentation will be held at the Kansas Museum of History.

Parking: Many of the parking lots are open and free on Washburn's campus. All conference sessions will be held in the Memorial Union (UN on the campus map). The Saturday business lunch will be held in the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center (BTAC on the campus map). Suggested parking lots are 7, 9, 10, and 11 on the campus map. Lots 7 and 9 along MacVicar Ave. should have plenty of free spots to park. Lot E will be open on Saturday. Parking is free at the Kansas Museum of History.

Registration: Friday, 12:00–5:00 pm, Saturday, 8:00–9:30 am in the South Upper Lounge in Memorial Union.

Refreshments and Vendor Tables: In the South Upper Lounge in Memorial Union.

2026 KAH Schedule

Friday

Tours 12–2pm

Session 1 at 2:30–3:45pm

Session 2 at 4:00–5:15pm

Dinner 6:00–6:45 pm at the Kansas Museum of History, 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66615

Presentation and Gallery Tour 6:45–8:00 pm at the Kansas Museum of History

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 and Business Meeting 12:30–2:00 pm at Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center at Washburn University

Tour Options

Friday, March 27, 12:00 pm–12:30 pm

Constitution Hall

429 S Kansas Avenue, Topeka, KS 66603

Take a tour of the newly restored Constitution Hall in Topeka, where the first of four Kansas Constitutions was drafted in 1855.

Friday, March 27, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park

1515 SE Monroe St., Topeka, KS 66612

Brown v. Board of Education is located in Monroe School, which was one of the four segregated schools for African Americans in Topeka. The school is an ideal place to remember this landmark decision and to learn about African American struggles for equality. You will receive a tour of the site and learn more about the history of the landmark Supreme Court case.

Session One

Friday, March 27, 2:30–3:45 pm

1.1 Shipping and Communication in History

Vogel Room

Moderator, Daniel McClure, Fort Hays State University

“What the Consequence will be’: Horatio Nelson and the Severing of US-Caribbean Relations in the Post-Revolution Era”

Erik Noren, Tabor College

“The Panama Canal in History”

Alex Timm, Washburn University

“World War I, Information Theory, and Uncertainty”

Everett McClure, Fort Hays State University

1.2 Capitalizing on American Politics and Culture

Kansas Room

Moderator, James Leiker, Johnson County Community College

“Shades of D. Boone in the Century Following His Death”

Michael Dorn, Long Island University

“It’s a Buy-centennial: Commercialization of the American Revolution Bicentennial”

Steven Bellavia, Emporia State University

“Rewriting Womanhood: Portrayals of Women during World War II”

Samantha Grafton, Emporia State University

1.3 History in Action: Emerging Public Historians Engaging Their Communities

Shawnee Room

Moderator, Juti Winchester, Fort Hays State University

“Form(s) and Function: State Historical Places Registration as a Graduate Research Project and a Step in the Door into the Historical Profession”

Trevor Yocum, Fort Hays State University

“There’s Nothing Around Here: Bringing History to Communities when Opportunities are Limited”

Sarah Keiss, Fort Hays State University

“Beyond the Degree: Early Career Public History Work in Wichita's Aviation Heritage”

Kayla Nelson, King’s College London

1.4 Roundtable Discussion: Telling the History of 6th Avenue, Topeka Lincoln Room

Moderator, Kerry Wynn, Washburn University

Nathan Bearman, Washburn University

Jewli Blaine, Washburn University

Molly Deschamp, Washburn University

Eli Friedli, Washburn University

1.5 U. S. Foreign Adventures from the 1930s to the 1960s

Cottonwood Room

Moderator, Hollie Marquess, Fort Hays State University

“Many Unexpected Situations: U.S. Army Attaches Report on the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939”

John Daley, Pittsburg State University

“The Eclipse of the Rising Sun: The Death of a Chosen Empire and the Birth of a Forced Democracy”

Jack Funk, Emporia State University

“US Information Service - Saigon: Failure to Influence (1953-1961)”

Scott Hedberg, University of Kansas

Session Two

Friday, March 27, 4:00–5:15 pm

2.1 Conflicts in Kansas History

Vogel Room

Moderator, Kyle Thompson, Pittsburg State University

“The ‘Civil’ War: Rural Civil and Political Conflicts of Southeast Kansas”

Victoria Perkins, Emporia State University

“The ATSF Railroad and Mexican Laborers in Early 20th-Century Kansas”

Katy Messenger, Wichita State University

“Settler Soil and Dispossessed Labor: Rethinking Kansas Labor through a Postcolonial Lens”

Sarah Crossley, University of Kansas

2.2 Cultural Upheavals from the 1960s to the 1980s

Kansas Room

Moderator, Amber Nickell, Fort Hays State University

“‘Tits Up’: Sweater Bumpers and Society’s Shifting Views on Sexual Expression.”

Justus Randall Nelson, Fort Hays State University

“‘The Sound of Defiance’: Campus Punk Scenes in Kansas in the 70s and 80s.”

Lucina Parson, Fort Hays State University

“Resistance Behind the Wall: The Underground Student Protest Movement and Counterculture in West Berlin in the 1960s and 1970s”

Madi Norris, University of Kansas

2.3 Latina/o History

Shawnee Room

Moderator, Tom Prasch, Washburn University

“Dodge City’s Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Intersectionality, Syncretism, and Grassroots Mobilization”

David Solis-Enriquez, Fort Hays State University

“The Evolution of the Chicano Movement”

Anthony Alvarez Alonso, University of Kansas

“Filming Oral History with Mexican-American Vietnam Veterans”

Gene Chavez, Museum of Kansas City

2.4 Race and Ethnicity in Kansas History

Lincoln Room

Moderator, Ray Nolan, Colby Community College

“Racial Restrictions in the Development of Prairie Village”

Jack Shaw, University of Kansas

“Racial Discourse in Kansas Newspapers During the Territorial Period”

Gamze Kati, Ankara University

“Mobility and Continuity: Jewish Life in Kansas”

Andrea Weis, University of Kansas

2.5 Religion and Art in World History

Cottonwood Room

Moderator, Marco Macias, Fort Hays State University

“The Curse of False Absolution in Sir Gawain and the Green Knight”

Tirzah Howery, Fort Hays State University

“Those Who Work, Those Who Pray, and Those Who Fight: Architectural Reflection of the Three Orders of Medieval Society”

Benjamin Mannette, Newman University

“All that Glitters: Power, Performance, and Jewelry under George III and George IV”

Reese Pipkin, MidAmerican Nazarene University

“Shhhh: Whispered and Unspoken Transmissions of Jewish Culture in Ghana”

Janice Levi, Washburn University

2.6 Developing Historical Sources

Thomas Room

Moderator, Andrew Howard, Fort Hays State University

“Tale of Two Self-Published Kansas Public History Websites. A Digital Historian’s Perspective”

Cindy Higgins, Independent Historian

“Re-digitizing the Digital Museum ‘Schramm Park History’: A Public Museum Project about the Gretna State Fish Hatchery, Gretna, Nebraska”

Leah Stirrup, University of Kansas

“‘To Insure Better Fishing in the Future’: Rough Fish Eradication in Kansas History”

Adam Hodge, Kansas State Historical Society

**Friday Dinner 6:00–6:45 pm
at the Kansas Museum of History, 6425 SW 6th Avenue**

Presentation and Gallery Tour 6:45–8:00 pm at the Kansas Museum of History



The Kansas Museum of History closed its doors on September 4, 2022, for a three-year renovation of its permanent exhibit gallery, reopening in November 2025. Museum director Sarah Bell will recount how the museum staff took on this monumental task of renovating the almost 40-year-old museum, updating the exhibits from its chronological format to a thematic one. After hearing about some of the changes—and challenges—you will get to tour the new gallery.

Sarah Bell is the director of the Kansas Museum of History. She attended the University of Kansas where she earned a Masters in Museum Studies and her PhD in History. Sarah was the Development Director at the Watkins Museum of History in Lawrence prior to starting her role at the state historical society. She has had two articles published in *Kansas History*. Sarah and her husband Dustin live in Lawrence and are proud parents to 3.5-year-old Felix.

Session Three

Saturday, March 28, 8:00–9:15 am

3.1 Latin American History

Vogel Room

Moderator, Hollie Marquess, Fort Hays State University

“Reconstructing Paula de Eguiluz”

Andrea Moya, Washburn University

“‘It has come to my attention that some missionaries murdered an indio’: A Preliminary Investigation into the Investigation of the Murder (?) of Capaurari in Venezuela, 1756-1757.”

Kim Morse, Washburn University

“A Miraculous Revolution: Ex-Votos during, after, and Remembering the Mexican Revolution”

TJ Setter, University of Texas-El Paso

“Ex-Votos and the Texture of Everyday Life in 1920s Mexico”

Marco Macias, Fort Hays State University

3.2 Late Nineteenth-Century European Politics

Kansas Room

Moderator, John Daley, Pittsburg State University

“British Imperial Intervention in Kashmir: A Model to Understand Intervention Today?”

Andrew Howard, Fort Hays State University

“Gladstonian Influence in Edinburgh, 1880–1886”

Kyle Thompson, Pittsburg State University

“Durkheim’s Montesquieu: Liberalism and Tradition in the French Third Republic”

Eric Brandom, Kansas State University

3.3 Genocide and Holocaust

Shawnee Room

Moderator, Anita Specht, Kansas Wesleyan University

“The ‘Crime of Crimes’: Definitional and Theoretical Models of Genocide”

Larry Zieammermann, Fort Hays State University

“Mennonites in Nazi Party Leadership in the Prussian East”

Mark Jantzen, Bethel College

“Cartographies of Murder and Memory: Revisiting the Maps and Art of the Holocaust in the East”

Amber Nickell, Fort Hays State University

3.4 Religions and Syncretism in African History

Lincoln Room

Moderator, Janice Levi, Washburn University

“Excluded from Christianity: How African Traditional Religion Shaped the Apocryphal Texts in Northern Africa”

Ethan Anderson, Washburn University

“Community and Ritual: How Kongolese Spirituality Survived Throughout the Colonial Period”

Nathan Bearman, Washburn University

“The Power of Words: Words as Discriminatory Tools Against the Beta Israel of Ethiopia”

Katie Henderson, Washburn University

“The Coptic Identity”

Joscelyn Powell, University of Kansas

3.5 Roundtable Discussion: Per Aspera: Kansas Marks the Nation's 250th

Cottonwood Room

Moderator, Jay Price, Wichita State University

Members of the Kansas 250 Commission’s Education Committee

Patrick Zollner, Executive Director, Kansas Historical Society

Jay M. Price, Wichita State University

Kara Heitz, Kansas City Art Institute

3.6 Kansas Cemeteries

Thomas Room

Moderator, Doug Harvey, Fort Hays State University

“Cemetery Preservation Methods”

Barbara Myers, Wichita State University

“Oak Hill Cemetery: A Case Study for Cemetery Preservation”

Rebekah Stewart, Kansas State Historical Society

Session Four

Saturday, March 28, 9:30–10:45 am

4.1 Gender and Culture in Nineteenth-Century Europe

Vogel Room

Moderator, Aaron Davis, Neosho County Community College

“Reinterpreting 1848: Female Political Agency in France and the German States”

Kayanna Adams, Fort Hays State University

“Respectability and Resistance: Female Authorship Under Pseudonyms in Nineteenth-Century Europe”

Riley Kershner, Fort Hays State University

“The Kept Corpse: Gothic Intimacy and Victorian Mourning Aesthetics”

Amiyah Gonzalez-Brown, Fort Hays State University

“German Nationalists Find a New Cause: The Beginnings of the Pan-German League’s Engagement in Ethnolinguistic Conflicts in Hungary during the Late 1890s”

Stefan Bergstrom, Metropolitan Community College

4.2 Operations and Experiences in World War II

Kansas Room

Moderator, Steven Bellavia, Emporia State University

“Children’s Toys of World War II as Propaganda”

Taylor Breuer, Emporia State University

“Carrier vs. Carrier: American Sailors’ Perspectives of the 1942 Carrier Battles”

Allison Taylor, Kansas State University

“The Sensorial Experience of POWs in the Pacific during WWII”

Megan Wade, Fort Hays State University

4.3 Historical Preservation in Kansas

Shawnee Room

Moderator, Kip Wedel, Bethel College

“Shaping Preservation in Kansas: The Kansas Preservation Plan”

Jamee Fiore Krivenko, Kansas State Historical Society

“The Topeka Ward-Meade Mansion”

Stanley Russo, Washburn University

“History of Shawnee County Postal Services and Postmarks”

Jeff Lough, Independent Historian

4.4 Roundtable discussion: Expanding Impact Through Collaboration:
A Roundtable for Local Historic Sites

Lincoln Room

Moderator, Kelly Erby, Washburn University

Freedom’s Frontier, Lucinda Adams

Friends of the Free State Capitol, Christine Steinkeuhler

Historic Lecompton, Paul Bahnmaier

Shawnee County Historical Society, Bob Totten

Topeka Cemetery, Lisa Sandmeyer

4.5 New Approaches to Teaching History

Cottonwood Room

Moderator, Sarah Bell, Director, Kansas Museum of History

“Small-Town Stories: How Rural Microhistories Reflect a Broader Understanding of American History”

Sienna Madyson Cauley, Sterling College

“The History of Now: Curriculum and Teaching in Today’s College Classroom”

Darin Tuck, MidAmerica Nazarene University

4.6 Art in History

Thomas Room

Moderator, Mark Jantzen, Bethel College

“Reclaiming Home: The Topeka Bottoms. A collaboration between Humanities and Art (H-Art)”

Maria Velasco, University of Kansas

“Reclaiming Home with H-Art: History and Art”

Valerie Mendoza, Independent Historian

Session Five

Saturday, March 28, 11:00 am–12:15 pm

5.1 Music and Games in History

Vogel Room

Moderator, Eric Brandom, Kansas State University

“‘Have Gloves, Will Travel’: Buck ‘Tombstone’ Smith and the Rationalization of Midwest Boxing”

John Fleming, University of Kansas

“Drinking Games and Masculinity in Nineteenth-Century England”

Cyrus Vajnar, Fort Hays State University

“Songs of the Free Soil Movement”

Derrick Doty, Independent Historian

5.2 Understanding and Teaching about Native Americans and Settlers in Kansas

Kansas Room

Moderator, Kara Heitz, Kansas City Art Institute

“The Downfall of Indian Kansas: Indigenous Removal in the Bleeding Kansas & Civil War Eras”

Lucas Rauscher, University of Kansas

“Cheyenne-Lakota Village at Pawnee Fork: A National Historical Landmark(?)”

Douglas Harvey, Fort Hays State University

“‘When America Believed in Itself’: The Settler Colonial Branding of the U. S. in the Twenty-First Century”

Daniel McClure, Fort Hays State University

5.3 Religion and Society in the U. S.

Shawnee Room

Moderator, Tonia Compton, Kansas Wesleyan University

“For God and Freedom: The Religious Anti-Slavery Work of Julia Lovejoy”

Sage Friedline, MidAmerican Nazarene University

“Sects on Sex: The Portrayal of Homosexuality in American Christian Periodicals, 1930-1985”

Allison Waldt, Wichita State University

“The Life of Hugh E Chance: 1911-1998, Kansas Farm Boy to International Executive and Religious Pioneer”

Duane L. Herrmann, Independent Historian

5.4 Local History & Archival Sources in the Classroom

Lincoln Room

Moderator, Elyssa Ford, Northwest Missouri State University

“Researching and Presenting Sometimes Complex Local Stories”

Nora Crowley, Northwest Missouri State University

“Local Research, Website Design, and Updating the Work of Others”

Katie Sauter, Northwest Missouri State University

“Presenting Lives from a Cemetery”

Allison Woodward, Northwest Missouri State University

5.5 Nineteenth-Century Women’s History

Cottonwood Room

Moderator, Darin Tuck, MidAmerica Nazarene University

“In Pursuit of ‘mutual understanding’ and ‘mutual knowledge’: Maria Graham in India”

Tom Prasch, Washburn University

“Women’s Religious Labor in the Southwest: A Case Study”

Lauren Gray, Massachusetts Historical Society

Lunch and Business Meeting

Saturday, March 28, 12:30–2:00 pm at Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center,
Washburn University, 1701 SW Jewell Ave, Topeka, KS 66621

Save the Date for 2027!

The 2027 KAH Conference will be held April 2 and 3, 2027
in North Newton at Bethel College.

KAH PAST MEETINGS & PRESIDENTS

- 1927: Topeka, Maude Hulse, Topeka High School
1928: Topeka, R.R. Price, Kansas State University
1929: Topeka, J.C. Malin, University of Kansas
1930: Wichita, W.D. Ross, Emporia State University
1931: Manhattan, R.R. Price, Kansas State University
1932: Emporia, John Rydjord, Wichita State University
1933: Pittsburg, O.F. Grubbs, Pittsburg State University
1934: Lawrence, F.H. Hodder, University of Kansas
1935: Emporia, S.A. Johnson, Emporia State University
1936: McPherson, J.D. Bright, McPherson College
1937: Wichita, H.A. Shumway, Butler County Community College
1938: Manhattan, F.L. Parrish, Kansas State University
1939: Topeka, J.C. Malin, University of Kansas
1940: Ottawa, H.E. Conrad, Ottawa University
1941: Topeka, Raymond Welty, Fort Hays State University
1942: Topeka, Ernest Mahan, Pittsburg State University
1943: Postponed, I. Reese, Kansas City Community College
1944: Topeka, A.B. Sagaser, Kansas State University
1945: Postponed, J.D. Bright, Washburn University
1946: Topeka, J.D. Bright, Washburn University
1947: Topeka, R.R. MacGregor, Southwestern College
1948: Topeka, V. X. Sweedlun, Kansas State University
1949: Topeka, J.W. Heaton, Baker University
1950: Topeka, C. Stewart Boertman, Emporia State University
1951: Topeka, George L. Anderson, University of Kansas
1952: Topeka, F.R. Flournoy, Emporia State University
1953: Topeka, Elizabeth Cochran, Pittsburg State University
1954: Lawrence, Charles Onion, Fort Hays State University
1955: Wichita, John Rydjord, Wichita State University
1956: Emporia, William H. Seiler, Emporia State University
1957: Pittsburg, Dudley T. Cornish, Pittsburg State University
1958: Manhattan, Homer E. Socolofsky, Kansas State University
1959: Atchison, Peter Beckman, St. Benedict's College
1960: El Dorado, Edwin J. Walbourn, Butler County Community College
1961: Lawrence, W. Stitt Robinson, University of Kansas
1962: Salina, M. Evangeline Thomas, Marymount College
1963: Emporia, John Zimmerman, Emporia State University
1964: Topeka, Ernest B. Bader, Washburn University
1965: Hays, Eugene Craine, Fort Hays State University
1966: Winfield, C. Robert Haywood, Southwestern College
1967: Wichita, William C. Unrau, Wichita State University
1968: Topeka, Robert W. Richmond, Kansas State Historical Society
1969: McPherson, Raymond Flory, McPherson College
1970: Manhattan, James C. Carey, Kansas State University
1971: Pratt, Thayer H. Carmichael, Pratt Community College
1972: Lawrence, Donald R. McCoy, University of Kansas
1973: Salina, Jeanne McKenna, Marymount College
1974: Pittsburg, Thomas R. Walther, Pittsburg State University
1975: Emporia, Loren E. Pennington, Emporia State University
1976: Baldwin City, Henry Kirk, Baker University
1977: Hays, Leo E. Oliva, Fort Hays State University
1978: Topeka, Marilyn L. Wichers, Washburn University
1979: Wichita, Donald M. Douglas, Wichita State University
1980: Winfield, Roland Mueller, St. John's College
1981: Lawrence, Ambrose Saricks, University of Kansas
1982: North Newton, Keith L. Sprunger, Bethel College
1983: Manhattan, Clyde R. Ferguson, Kansas State University
1984: Atchison, Virginia E. Glandon, Benedictine College
1985: Pittsburg, Robert K. Ratzlaff, Pittsburg State University
1986: Abilene, Mack Teasley, Eisenhower Library
1987: Emporia, Patrick G. O'Brien, Emporia State University
1988: Topeka, Lois Nettleship, Johnson County Community College
1989: Hays, Allan Busch, Fort Hays State University
1990: Wichita, William Richardson, Wichita State University
1991: Winfield / Arkansas City, Philip Schmidt, Southwestern 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
2025: Pittsburgh, Kris Lawson, Pittsburgh State University