

# Conference At-A-Glance:

## Wednesday, August 3

Optional Excursion #1

Utstein Monastery and Tomato Producer Tour

## Thursday, August 4

08:30-10:00 Session I (4 panels)

- A. Agrarian Identities
- B. Climate Change
- C. Consumptive Cultures & Globalism
- D. Crops, War, and Diplomacy: Agriculture in Times of Crisis and Conflict
- E. Technologies of Greening the Fields

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Session II (4 panels)

- A. Agricultural shifts
- B. Religion and Approaches to Sustainability
- C. Going on While Running Dry
- D. Livestock, Feed, and Capitalism

12:00-13:00 Lunch Provided

13:00-14:30 Presidential Address

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-16:30 Session III

- A. Betting the Farm: Finance, Fraud, and Financialization in Agricultural History
- B. Environmental Politics & Agricultural Policy
- C. Labor and Energy Transition on the Great Plains
- D. Scientific Expertise
- E. Writing Agricultural History in Place

## Friday, August 5

08:30-10:00 Plenary Roundtable– Changing with the Weather

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30- 12:00 Session IV

- A. Championing Agriculture
- B. From Collection to Cultivation I: Seeds and Sovereignty
- C. Diplomacy and Agricultural Advocacy
- D. Grassroots Leviathan: Agricultural Reform and the Rural North in the Slaveholding Republic

12:00-13:00 Lunch Provided

13:00-14:30 Tour of Iron Age Farm

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-17:00 Session V

- A. From Collection to Cultivation II: Breeding for Industrial Productivity
- B. Enrolling Farmers in the Cause
- C. Whose Labor?
- D. War & Agriculture

## Saturday, August 6

08:30-10:00 Session VI

- A. From Collection to Cultivation III: Pests and Pathogens
- B. Histories of Resistance
- C. Maize, Agricultural Changes and Biodiversity: Between Market and Landraces
- D. Shepherding the Flocks
- E. Education

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Session VII

- A. Colonialism
- B. Greasy Matters: The Political Economy of Fats and Oils Regulations in the First Half of the Twentieth Century
- C. Labelling Enemies
- D. Regeneration and Rewilding
- E. The Farm: Family, Collective, or Corporate

12:00-13:00 Lunch Provided

13:00-14:00 AHS Business Meeting

17:00-21:30 Conference Awards Dinner

Boat trip to Flor & Fjære leaves from downtown quay at 17:00 and returns at 21:30. Includes boat transportation, a guided tour of the gardens, and dinner with awards ceremony. This is included in the conference fee.

## Sunday, August 7

Optional Excursion #2

Viga Farm, cidery, and cheesemaker tour

# Conference Schedule

## Wednesday, August 3

### Optional Excursion #1

This tour takes you to islands north of the city to visit Norway's best preserved medieval monastery [Utstein Monastery](#), which dates to the eleventh century. Then get a guided tour of a local tomato producer. The region is known for its agricultural productivity, including industrial greenhouses that produce most of the cucumbers and tomatoes consumed in Norway. Lunch is included. Registration is limited to 40 participants.

## Thursday, August 4

08:15-08:30 Welcome, Drew Swanson, AHS President

08:30-10:00 Session I

### A. Agrarian Identities

Chair: Wayne Anderson, University of Iowa

"The Great Plains' Vaqueros: The Making of an Industry and Culture," Joel Zapata, Oregon State University

"Environment, Agriculture, and Regional Identity," Molly P. Rozum, University of South Dakota

"When was a yeoman not a yeoman? Balancing agrarian and industrial identity in northern England, ca. 1660-ca. 1800," Peter L. Larson, University of Central Florida

"American Country Music in the 'Boondocks': Empire, Agrarian Nostalgia, and Indigenous Identity in the Philippine Cordillera," Tore C. Olsson, University of Tennessee

### B. Climate Change

Chair: Sarah R. Hamilton, University of Bergen

"Tasting Taint: Wine, Wildfires, and Climate Change," Gabriella M. Petrick, University of Stavanger

"No Longer 'Confined to the Lower Keys of Florida': Mainland United States Cultivation of Breadfruit in a Changing Climate," Russell Fielding, Coastal Carolina University

"A Radical Misapprehension: Reckoning with Climate Change on the Great Plains of North America," Thomas D. Isern, North Dakota State University

"Modeling Extreme Weather in the Lab, c. 2000-Present," Kristine Ericson, Yale University

### C. Consumptive Cultures & Globalism

Chair: Gabriel Rosenberg, Duke University

"Cashcrop Capitalism and the Erosion of Kenyan Social Ecologies," James Parker, University of Virginia

"Flowers of El Dorado: Culture, Consumption, and the Creation of a Transnational Floriculture Industry," Kaitlin Simpson, University of Tennessee

"Naugatuck Chemicals," Rohini Patel, University of Toronto

### D. Crops, War, and Diplomacy: Agriculture in Times of Crisis and Conflict

Chair and comment: Tait Keller, Rhodes College

"Bread for My Enemies: Agriculture and Anticommunism after the Fall of Hitler's Germany," David Mills, US Army Command and General Staff College

"Agricultural Paradox: Rice Production, Crop Destruction, and the American War in Vietnam,"  
Martin Clemis, US Army Command and General Staff College

"A Fourth Theater of War: The Built Environment and a Confederate Community in Texas,"  
Matthew Stith, University of Texas at Tyler

E. Technologies of Greening the Fields

Chair: Tim Lorek, College of St. Scholastica

"Dynamite and Crops: Ascanio Sobrero between Chemistry and Agriculture in 19th Century Italy," Carlo Bovolo, University of Torino

"Organic fertilizers in paddies and dry fields: the nutrient cycle in modern Japanese agriculture,"  
Junichi Kanzaka, Soka University

"Sensing Fire: Protecting Timber in the North since 1900," Mica Jorgenson, University of Stavanger

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Session II (4 panels)

A. Agricultural Shifts

Chair: TBD

"The Best Land is Gone: Collective memory, farmland, and dam building," Anna Lehr Mueser,  
University of Pennsylvania

"The Rise and Fall of Hop Cultivation in 19th Century Wisconsin," Jennifer A. Jordan, University  
of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

"Organic but Egalitarian?: Analysing Agricultural Shifts, Sustainable Farming and Social Exclusion  
in Post-colonial India," Joshi Priyank Shaileshkumar, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

B. Religion and Approaches to Sustainability

Chair: Gabriella M. Petrick, University of Stavanger

"Members, Not Masters, of Creation": U.S. Religious NGOs' Transition from Agricultural  
Development to Sustainable Farming," Anna Holdorf, University of Notre Dame

"The Phrase 'A Land Flowing with Milk and Honey' in The Bible as an Approach to Stability,"  
David Shneor, Independent

"A Basic Needs Approach to International Development: The Benson Institute and the Mormon  
Approach to Sustainability," LauriAnn Deaver, Southern New Hampshire University

C. Going on While Running Dry

Chair and Commenter: Frank Uekötter, University of Birmingham

"Arid Adaptations: Water, Agronomy, Empire, and the Kazakh Steppe Settler Colony in Late  
Imperial Russia," John B. Seitz, Tennessee Wesleyan University

"Drought in Dairyland: Relief Aid in Northwestern Wisconsin, 1933-1936," Sue C. Patrick,  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

"Unintended Consequence: When Drought and a Federal Program Collide," Pamela Riney-  
Kehrberg, Iowa State University

D. Livestock, Feed, and Capitalism

Chair: TBD

"Rice fields, Mountains, and the Invisible Meatification of Korean Agriculture," Anders Riel  
Müller, University of Stavanger

“Feeding the livestock revolution: An Environmental History of Animal Feed in the Netherlands in the Twentieth Century,” Floor Haalboom, Erasmus University Medical Centre

“Paying Back the Grass: Cattle Ranchers and Global Capitalism in Australia, Canada, Japan, and the United States,” Timothy A. Paulson, University of British Columbia

12:00-13:00 Lunch Provided

13:00-14:30 Presidential Address: “Growing Wild: Visions of Wildlife Management as Agricultural Science in American Forests and Fields,” Drew Swanson, Wright State University

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-16:30 Session III (5 panels)

A. Betting the Farm: Finance, Fraud, and Financialization in Agricultural History

Chair: TBD

“Fraudulent Bills of Lading in the Cotton Trade, 1865-1914”, Bruce Baker, Newcastle University

“Rethinking the Harvest: Technology, Finance, and the Agricultural Calendar in American History,” Barbara Hahn, Texas Tech University

“The Two-Edged Sword: Credit in American Farm Policy,” Anne Effland, USDA Office of the Chief Economist (retired)

“Normalizing Disaster: U.S. Crop Insurance and Risk Management Technologies since the 1970s,” Shane Hamilton, University of York

B. Environmental Politics & Agricultural Policy

Chair: Andrea E. Duffy, Colorado State University

“Greening and Movement: Tensions Around Land Use in England’s Rights of Way Policies,” Glen O’Hara, Oxford Brookes University

“Nature conservation and the agricultural sector in the Netherlands: the history of a non-relationship,” Kristian Mennen, Radboud University Nijmegen

““But this land is only suitable for grass’: how post-war farm system changes shape possibilities in narrative of contemporary agriculture in the west of England,” Michael Winter, University of Exeter

C. Labor and Energy Transition on the Great Plains

Chair and Comment: Molly P. Rozum, University of South Dakota

“Miinigoowiziwen (that which is given to us): Changing Anishinaabe Food Systems, 1870-1920,” Jill Falcon Mackin (Anishinaabe), Montana State University

“Labor and Energy Transition on the Great Plains,” Micah Chang, Montana State University

“Cultivating Fossil Fuels: Oil and Agriculture in the Early Twentieth-Century Mid-Continent”, Mark Boxell, University of Tulsa

D. Scientific expertise

Chair: Jessica Wang, University of British Columbia

“The First Phase of the Mexican Agricultural Program (1943-1953): Rust Resistant Wheat and the Alternative Model to the Green Revolution,” John Garnett, George Mason University

“Informed Foresight: Meteorology, Agricultural Science, and the Little Ice Age in the Eighteenth and the Early Nineteenth Century,” Martino Lorenzo Fagnani, University of Pavia

“The British Raj and the Making of Agricultural Science and Native Scientific Expertise in Imperial India, 1880-1945,” Pankoj Sarkar, Leibniz Institute for Maritime History

E. Writing Agricultural History in Place Roundtable

Chair: Andrew C. Baker, Texas A&M University

Raymond Hyser

Ligia A. Arguilez

Anna Lehr Mueser

Minglei Zhang

Caroline Peyton

Roi Ball

## Friday, August 5

08:30-10:00 Plenary– Changing with the Weather: Agricultural Museums as Resources on Climate Change Roundtable

Chair: Drew Swanson, Wright State University

Claus Kropp, Lauresham Laboratory for Experimental Archaeology

Peter Moser, PhD, Leader, Archiv für Agrargeschichte

Anne Jorunn Frøyen, Curator of History, Jærmuseet

Debra A. Reid, PhD, Curator of Agriculture and the Environment at The Henry Ford

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30- 12:00 Session IV (4 panels)

A. Championing agriculture

Chair: Nicola Verdon, Sheffield Hallam University

“What She Doesn’t Know Isn’t Worth Knowing: The Agricultural Advocacy of Olive Wright and Martha Shute,” Derek R. Everett, Metropolitan State University of Denver and Colorado State University

“Eli F. Heckscher and Swedish agricultural history,” Mats Morell, Uppsala University

“Going Green or Going Red?: J.B.S. Haldane on Synthetic Food and the Future of Agriculture,” Matthew Holmes, University of Cambridge

B. From Collection to Cultivation I: Seeds and Sovereignty

Organisers: Helen Anne Curry, University of Cambridge, and Jessica J. Lee, University of Cambridge

Chair and Commentator: Courtney Fullilove, Wesleyan University

“Seeds in the Aftermath,” Zsuzsanna Ihar, University of Cambridge

“Food Sovereignty in a Nordic Context,” Xan Chacko, Wellesley College

“The revolutionary history of La Via Campesina,” Hitesh Pant, University of Cambridge

“From Genebanks to Gardens: The Asian Vegetable Research and Development Center (AVRDC) and the Rise of Urban Agriculture, 1970-2010,” Leo Chu, University of Cambridge

C. Diplomacy and Agricultural Advocacy

Chair: Anne Effland, USDA Office of the Chief Economist (retired)

“The Revolution that Never Was: Environmental Politics, Neoliberalism, and Technology in the 1985 Farm Bill,” Joshua Nygren, University of Central Missouri

"John Fletcher Lacey's Conservation Legislative Legacy: From Iowa Pioneer Farmer to Author of The Antiquities Act of 1906," Lisa Payne Ossian, Independent

"The Lindbergh of the Corn Belt': A Champion Husker's Diplomatic Trip to Europe in 1952," Wayne Anderson, University of Iowa

D. Grassroots Leviathan Roundtable: Agricultural Reform and the Rural North in the Slaveholding Republic

Chair: Mary Summers, University of Pennsylvania

Ariel Ron, Southern Methodist University

Sven Beckert, Harvard University

Greta de Jong, University of Nevada, Reno

Courtney Fullilove, Wesleyan University

Gabriel Rosenberg, Duke University

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13:00-14:30 Tour of Iron Age Farm

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-17:00 Session V (4 panels)

A. From Collection to Cultivation II: Breeding for Industrial Productivity

Organisers: Helen Anne Curry, University of Cambridge, and Jessica J. Lee, University of Cambridge

Chair and Commentator: Harro Maat, Wageningen University

"Oil and Water: Public Peanut Breeding in Southern India, 1920–1950," Tad Brown, University of Cambridge

"The Chile Network and a New Dawn for the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture's in situ Crop Conservation Efforts in the Twenty-first Century," Daniela Sclavo, University of Cambridge

"Farming Cattle in the Tropics: Transnational Science and the Industrialisation of Pastures in Brazil," Ryan Nehring, University of Cambridge

B. Enrolling Farmers in the Cause

Chair: Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, Iowa State University

"The Farmers at Concord Bridge: Militant imagery and Anti-federal Rhetoric in the Farm Crisis," Rebecca Shimoni Stoil, Clemson University

"Small Farmers in a Bourgeois World: The Populist Movement in Gillespie County, Texas, 1886-1896," Sanjay K. Paul, Harvard University

"Water Down Under: Pastoralists and Science in Australia's Great Artesian Basin, 1880-1925," Sarah Hamilton, University of Bergen

C. Whose Labor?

Chair: Debra A. Reid, PhD, Curator of Agriculture and the Environment at The Henry Ford

"Rethinking Forest Agriculture in an Age of Deindustrialization and Immigration: Mushrooms, Race, and Class in the U.S. Pacific Northwest Forest," Erik Loomis, University of Rhode Island

"Syrians and Cotton in Southwestern Oklahoma Territory after 1893," Kristin A Shamas, University of Oklahoma

"Pioneers or Prisoners? Settler Colonialism and Mass Incarceration at Tule Lake, 1942," Sam Klee, Universitetet i Oslo

D. War & Agriculture

Chair: TBD

"Gardens of War: Militarized Agriculture and Seasonality during the French and Indian War," Camden Elliott, Harvard University

"Weeds at War: Wild Flowers and the Home Front in Britain during the Second World War," Clare Griffiths, Cardiff University

"A Green Occupation? – American Agricultural Experts and the Facilitation of Agricultural Governance during the U.S. Military Occupation of West Germany (1945-1949)," Hannah Tyler, University of Lausanne

## Saturday, August 6

08:30-10:00 Session VI

A. From Collection to Cultivation III: Pests and Pathogens

Organisers: Helen Anne Curry, University of Cambridge, and Jessica J. Lee, University of Cambridge

Chair and Commentator: Stuart McCook, University of Guelph

"Entomology and Empire: Horn Fly Control in Early Twentieth-Century Hawai'i," Jessica Wang, University of British Columbia

"Phytosanitary Practices in 1980s California," Erinn Campbell, University of Cambridge

"From Pests to Technologies: Insects in Virus Research in Britain, 1920s-1950s,"

João P. R. Joaquim, University of Cambridge

B. Histories of Resistance

Chair: Tore C. Olsson, University of Tennessee

"Fruitleggers and Fruit Police: Black Markets and Agrarian Resistance on the Margins of Canadian Orchardling, 1940-1975," Ben Bradley, University of Northern British Columbia and Jan Hadlaw, University of York

"Precarity and Solidarity in Rural, Latinx, Community-Based Responses to the New York City Foie Gras Ban," Ein Jun, The Hotchkiss School

"The Ngigua Community Jagüey: A Sanctuary of Indigenous Resistance Today," María Cristina Manzano-Munguía, Universidad Autónoma de Puebla and Guillermo López Varela, Universidad Intercultural del Estado de Puebla (UIEP), San Marcos Tlacoyalco.

C. Maize, Agricultural Changes and Biodiversity: Between Market and Landraces

Chair: Joe Anderson, Mount Royal University

"Hybrids or Local Varieties? The Agrotechnology of Maize in the Iberian Peninsula," Inês Gomes and Dulce Freire, University of Coimbra

"The Furrow and the Territory: Latin American Maize, Between Races and Cultural Areas, 1940-1963," Diana Alejandra Méndez Rojas, Instituto de Investigaciones

"Social and Economic Connotations of Maize Introduction in Slovenia," Žarko Lazarević, Institute of Contemporary History

"Between Continuities and Breaks: The Role of Maize in Central-Northern Italy on the Long Run (XVIII-XXI sec.)," Luca Mocarelli, University of Milano-Bicocca, Giulio Ongaro, University of Milano-Bicocca & Manuel Vaquero Piñeiro, University of Perugia



D. Shepherding the Flocks

Chair: Thomas D. Isern, North Dakota State University

"Killing Off Flocks: Economic Impact of Sheep Diseases and their Control in the American West during the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries," Iker Saitua, University of California, Riverside

"Shepherding and the Transference of Occupational Traditions in Britain and Australia in the Long Nineteenth Century," Nicola Verdon, Sheffield Hallam University

E. Education

Chair: Cherisse Jones-Branch, Arkansas State University

"In the hands of the people themselves': Standard Schools, Consolidation, and Community Control in Rural Michigan," Maxwell L. Harrison, Iowa State University

"Teaching Svalbard: Globalization and Food Systems Pedagogy," Tim Lorek, College of St. Scholastica

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Session VII

A. Colonialism

Chair: Raymond Hyser, University of Texas at Austin

"Imperial Agriculture and the Birth of Conservationism," Andrea E. Duffy, Colorado State University

"Subduing the 'Wild West': The East India Company and the Choars of Bagri, 1760-1816", Baijayanti Chatterjee, Seth Anandram Jaipuria College

"Mandate Cultivation: Agriculture and the Bitter Fruits of French Rule in Interwar Syria," Elizabeth Williams, University of Massachusetts Lowell

"From Relief to Reconstruction: Rural Rehabilitation, Colonialism, and the Puerto Rican New Deal," Geoff Burrows, City University of New York

B. Greasy Matters: The Political Economy of Fats and Oils Regulations in the First Half of the Twentieth Century

Chair: Shane Hamilton, University of York

Organisers: Ines Prodöhl, University of Bergen & Jonathan Robins, Michigan Technological University

"Milking the Market: The Fat Plan Committee and Market Regulations in Norway in the 1930s," Peder Fuglevik, University of Bergen

"Autarky and Planning: Nazi-Germanys Fat-gap Policy," Ines Prodöhl, University of Bergen

"Market power, Politics, and Whale Oil in Norway, 1920-31," Pål Thonstad Sandvik and Espen Storli, NTNU Trondheim

C. Labelling Enemies

Chair: James C. Giesen, Mississippi State University

"Veld Plague: Rodents, Race, and Agricultural Development in Segregationist South Africa, 1920s-30s," Jules Skotnes-Brown, University of St Andrews

"Narrating Ecological Disaster: The Postwar Meaning of Kudzu," Kenneth Reilly, Western University

“Constructing Poisons: The Debate About Pesticides in Britain During the Early 1960s,” Sabine Clarke, University of York

D. Regeneration and rewilding

Chair: Bert Way, Kennesaw State University

“Regenerative Agriculture: How Scientists Applied Ecological Principles to Farming,” Frederick R. Davis, Purdue University

“Fields of Fold? Exploring Semi-natural Hay Meadows between Species Loss and Heritage Making,” Ingrid Kvalvik Sørensen, Independent

“Regenerating / Rewilding the Lost Lakes,” Kristen Greteman, Iowa State University

E. The Farm: Family, Collective, or Corporate

Chair: Mica Jorgenson, University of Stavanger

“Whose Green Island?: Ecological Development on Chongming Island since 2000,” Bingru Yue, Queen’s University

“Apiculture during Agricultural Transition in Hungary 1948–1968,” Dániel Luka, University of Pécs

“The Changing Meaning of Family Farms in Sweden, 1850-2000,” Martin Dackling, Lund University

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## Sunday, August 7

### Optional Excursion #2

This tour will take you under the fjord through the world’s longest undersear car tunnel for a guided tour of the [historic farm of Viga](#) with its rich history going back to the 1500s. ON the way back we will stop at the ecological cider producer Grønvik Gard and the cheesemaker Ryfylke gardsysteri. Lunch is included. Registration is limited to 40 participants.