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Schedule of Events

Thursday

Local Transportation Shuttle, 7:00-9:00 am

(Shuttle Area: Conference Hall and 2nd Street, Memorial Union Hall and Johnson Building)

Registration opens, 7:30 a.m. - 7th Floor Lobby, Johnson Building

Thursday - 8:30-10:00 am

1. Landscapes, Canals, and the Rural Urban Interface - Room 200

Landscape Context, Local Politics, and Events
Mark Friedberger, Iowa Christian University

The Garbage in the Garden: How Rural Areas Have Become the Climate Destination for Trash
Angie Galtner, Iowa State University

Medicines and Preservation of the Countryside - England's Inevitable Privatization
David Jayne, University of Plymouth

Chair and Comment - Joel Hauser, Kansas State University

2. Long-Settled Rural Landscapes and a Capital that is Still Green, Fertile, & More Blue - Room 201

State, Crisis, and Landscape: 200+ Years of the Brainerd Building School and the Spiritual Relationship
Joe Lamb, University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Public Media: Changing Agents of the Rural Place
Rudolf Lambrecht, University of Nebraska - Lincoln

The City and View of Prairie and Agriculture in Lake Ardis, South Dakota
David Madson, University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Chair and Comment - Charles Vollen, South Dakota State University

3. Creating Landscapes, Making Markets, Rethinking Rurality, Science and Technology, Studies of Agriculture - Room 202

Growing a Business: Global Community Churns, the Disappearance of Tobacco Farms, and the Search for Connections of an Agricultural Community, 2020-2017
Barbara Haber, Texas Tech University

The "Agricultural Eye": Urban Experiences and Imagined Landscapes by Mid-Nineteenth Century Agricultural Superintendents
Travis Pender, University of Pennsylvania

Soil Science and the Capitalist Development of the U.S. Great Plains
Suzanne Kasper, Dickinson College

The Agricultural Statistics "Epsilon" Symposium
International Dates: 17-18S-17-18P

Chair and Co-Chair: Deborah Fitzgerald, WSU

Thursday, 10-06-10:30

Morning Break – Room 228, 240

Thursday, 10-06-10:30

4. Publishing Agricultural History – Room 228

Clara Steen, Michigan State University
Kathie Hill, Rice University
Janice Whelan, University of Arkansas
Carmen Lopez, University of Central Florida
Troy Deen, Kansas State University
Richard Hayle, University of Reading

5. New Perspectives on the New Deal – Room 227

"Who Spun the Pink Shredder?" Agricultural Experimentation during the New Deal and World War II
Paul Berman, University of Tennessee

Farm Bill History: Social Contexts on Failure of the 1939 House Idea of Farm Technical Extension in the Great Depression
Cherise G. Mangler, University of New Hampshire

Chair and Co-Chair: David Blanton, University of Kentucky

6. Public Health and Policy in the Countryside – Room 240

Local and Universal Knowledge: Food Environments, Climate, and the Food Land Struggle
Nancy Miller, Amherst University

Community Identity, Rural Women's Experiences, and Rural Community Health: What are the Connections?
Deborah Stone, Nova Scotia Agricultural College

What Perspective Matters? Science Can Learn From Integrative New Deal Public Experiments
Molly Imamura, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Chair and Co-Chair: Ann Adams, Southern Illinois University

7. Race, Ethnicity, and Struggle – Room 242

Experiments in Land Reform and Rural Justice: Rural African American New Deal Resettlement Communities, 1935-1960
Joni Collier, University of Wisconsin, Madison

"A Struggle to Persist": Race and Policy in the Federal Emergency Service, 1941-1970
Carmen V. Herrin, University of South Carolina, Columbia

Chair and Co-Chair: Valerie Green, Ball State University

Thursday, 12-09-2:00

Lunch at your own risk

General Board Meeting, 10th Floor Hall, Iowa State University Central Campus

**Vigilant Review Month Judgments – pick up at 10th Floor Registration Desk

Thursday, 2:00-3:30

8. Asian Farmers and American Labor: Challenging White Domination of the Soil – Room 229

Defending the "American Farm Home": Gender, Family, and the Anti-Immigrant Movement in California, 1917-1929
Cecilia M. Tan, University of California, Davis

Session on the Industrial Age: Labor, Labor, and White George
Teresa Yount, Stanford University

Competing Visions for the Future of the American Farm
Michael J. Moberg, California State University, Sacramento

Chair and Co-Chair: David Vaughn, Texas A&M University

9. Women, Agriculturalists, Drugs, and Experience – Room 222

The Farmer's Daughter
Robert J. Mills, Virginia University

Food and Gender: The History of Women in American Food
William T. Latta, University of Missouri-Kansas City

Drug Production: Family Landownership in Early South Carolina
Alison French, North Dakota State University

Chair and Co-Chair: Jane W. Pollock, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

10. Homesteading in European Contexts – Room 240

The Irish Agricultural Advertisers: Exploring Methodologies for Reconstructing Rural Change
Emma Woods, Birmingham Institute of Social

Research, English Sea College: The Concept and Knowledge Revolution in the 19th Century
Adam W. Clark, Iowa State University

Modernization and Democratization in the Dutch Colonialist in the 19th Century
Adam Schramm, Netherlands Research Institute

Chair and Co-Chair: Mark Farny, Pennsylvania State University

11. Building Pastoral Diaries—Room 201

Oliver Cromwell and Pastoral Diaries: The Remittance Farm of Robert F. de Pree
Anna Thompson Smith, University of Texas at Austin

George F. Ruggie, Jr. and Oliver Cromwell: Scientific Agriculture in Texas and Paraguay, 1853-1877
Jon A. Peterson, Queens College, CUNY

Chair and Comments: Debra Koff, Eastern Illinois University

Thursday, 5:30-6:00

Morning break—Room 229/340

Thursday, 6:00-8:30

Continental Breakfast—Room 229/340

The Spirit in Historical Context: America
Donald J. Proulx, University of Oklahoma

Introduced by Jon Gilbert, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Vice President, Presidents' Diet

Thursday, 8:30-9:30 pm

Local Transportation Studies: Johnson-Nelson-Jay University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Center Mall, Residence Hall, Women's Garden

Thursday, 6:00-8:00

Opening Reception, Women's Garden, Iowa State University (light dinner, cash bar, registration for reception by 5pm if absolutely required)

Thursday, 7:00-9:00 pm

Local Transportation Studies: Johnson-Nelson-Jay University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Center Mall, Johnson-Jay University Park Inn & Suites

Thursday, 8:30-11:30

Graduate Student Meet-Ups and Network, the Mallway, Memorial Center, Iowa State University (cash drinks provided, cash bar)

Friday

Local Transportation Studies, 7:00-9:00 am

Johnson-Jay University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Center Mall and Johnson Building

Registration, 7:30 a.m.—2nd Floor Lobby, Johnson Building

Friday, 8:00-9:30

12. Catholicism, Be Creative!—Room 201

The State of Religion in the Postmodern Moment: Support and Opposition from Dominicans, Belgians, and the Laity in the 1980s and 1970
Annella E. De, North Dakota State University

Catholicism and Architecture in Central Missouri
Tim DeHaven, Kansas State University

The Mission San Juan Tehuacan: Toward a Reevaluation of Rural Poverty in Guatemala and Spiritual Poverty in Rural Missouri
Lobby Kolbeck, Southwest State University, Missouri

Chair and Comments: Christopher Lewis, Iowa State University

13. Meeting the Challenge of Post-World War II Agriculture in the American Midwest—Room 201

Paul Hanson, Paul Hagen, and Paulsen: The Iowa Porkers and creating professional identity in post-war Iowa's corporations, 1940-1990
Loren Barker-Davies, Iowa State University

Cultural Conceptions, Economic Realities: The Missouri Farmers' Association, Taxes, and the Family Farm
Brian Stewart, University of Missouri

Farm Remodeling in Rural Missouri: Iowa Farm Showings, 1947-1999
J.L. Anderson, University of West Georgia

Chair and Comments: David Mathison, North Dakota State University

14. Collecting the "New": Agricultural Workers in Britain and Ireland—Room 201

Introduction
Richard Hoyle, University of Reading
Mark Gowing, University of Exeter
Julian J. Hall
Wojtek
The English Agricultural Revolution
Thomas
1998, 1999
Nicola Yankov, Sheffield Hallam University

15. Reclaiming the Midwest—Room 201

Technology in Transition: Coal Iron and Brimley Iron Mines in the Midwest
Lori S. Casler, Eastern Illinois University

The Farmer and the Family Farm: Movement and Homestead in the Great West
Mark S. Allen, Iowa State University

"Bringing in the Sheaves": The Origins of the Farm Radio System
Wade French, Iowa State University

Chair and Comments: Thomas Daniel Collier, Marshalltown Community College

Friday, 9:30-10:00

Morning break—Room 229/340

Friday 10/06/11/06

14. New Directions in Rural Agricultural History—Room 204

The Co-operative Tradition in Rural Estate Management
Brendan Ryan, Wellesley College

Reorganization of U.S. Farms in the Midwest: Agricultural Landscapes
John Sponner, University of Washington

Rural Agriculture and the Ideal of Self-Sufficiency
Dea of Hollander, Iowa State University

Chair: Rachel Meyer, Iowa State University
Comments: Timothy Howe, St. Olaf College

15. Agricultural History—Room 212

Evolutionary Kansas Farms and Disappearance, James Green, and the Science of Agriculture
Tom W. Anson, Independent Scholar

Living Patterns and Farm Culture in Kansas, 1890
Sam Gutschik, Kirkwood Community College

Chair and Comment: Vogel Dean, Kansas State Historical Society

16. Agricultural History: A Celebration—Room 204/204

Franka Kirby Kallberg, moderator, Iowa State University
Alan G. Bogue, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Margaret Martha Bogue, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Lynn H. Dyson, PhD, Society, Transient Frontier
Gilbert Foa, University of Georgia
Sam Ayres, New Mexico State University
Richard Kutzback, University of Washington
Richard Lenzel, University of Oklahoma
Dorothy Schwabish, Iowa State University

17. Subsidizing Agriculture: A Multi-Disciplinary Discussion of the Changing Status of Agricultural Development and Policy—Room 204

Panellists:

Anna Yelland, Global Agricultural Markets Branch, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (moderator)

Lynette Hildebrand, Director, North Central Regional Center for Rural Development and Charles F. Carter Distinguished Professor, Agricultural and Knowledge, Iowa State University

Garrett E. Klingman, Professor Emeritus, Rural Sociology, Iowa State University

John Decker, Professor Emeritus, Agronomy, Iowa State University

Richard Fries, Professor, Department of Agronomy, Iowa State University

Friday Afternoon

Topic:

Fieldtrips: Living History Farms, Pioneer 100 Trail, John Deere, Living History Farms. See registration sheet for information.

2:00-5:00 pm

Executive Committee meeting, 404 West Hall, Iowa State University, Council Campus

Friday, 5:30 to 9 pm

Local Transportation Studies in Des Moines—Holiday Inn University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Union Board Room

Friday Evening, 6:30-9:30

Special Dinner, Scheerer Building (Registration post in advance, 5:30 for 6)

Friday, 6:30-9:30 pm

Local Transportation Studies from Des Moines—Holiday Inn University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Union Board Room

Saturday

8:00 Breakfast—Local Transportation Studies, 6:30-7:00 am

Holiday Inn University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Union Board Room, Boarding Hall and Science

Saturday Morning, 7:00

8:00-8:30 Planning Workshop, Friends Meeting House, 121 S. Maple (Registration in advance, sign up for shuttle transportation)

Local Transportation Studies, 7:00-9:00 am

Holiday Inn University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Union Board Room, Boarding Hall and Science

Saturday, 8:30-10:00

20. Rural Life Styles and Adjustment—Room 210

Rethinking Farming Using a Livestock Production Model
Virginia Helmer, University of Maine Cooperative Extension

Patterns of Race, Power, Sex and Women in the Post-War World
Kathy J. Mathias, Iowa State University

Let's Race on the Farm? Agricultural Experimentation and the Rural Roots of American Motor Sports
David J. Sorenson, University of Florida

Chair and Comment: Peter Howard, National Museum of American History

21. *Writing Rural History—Book 217*

"Dust the Coats of the Labor Process: Staff-By-Processment"—*Agri-Work* Newspaper and the
Monument and Pullman Strike
Bruce C. Carruthers, University of Kansas

John E. Fisher, "Clubs: Agronomy, Journalism, and West History, 1875-1940"
Thomas Hovell College, Mendocino Community College

Wood Pioneers and the Development of a Community of General Union of Farming
William M. Elquist, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design

Chair and Comment: Steve Cannon, Brigham Young University

22. *Issues of Democratization—Book 200*

Wood Improvement and 1900 Census: Urban Growth Machine
Robert S. Marzoff, Boston University

The Development of Voluntary Agriculture with Cultural Period
Ingrid Roberts, Northeastern University

Central Valley Cultural Issues: Agriculture and the Expansion of Foodstuffs
Curtis Hoopes, Uppsala University
Matti Kuitman, Uppsala University

Chair: Audrey Pilson, Iowa State University

Comment: Richard Williams, Iowa State University, Hank Harris, Iowa State University

Saturday, 10-00-10:30

Moving back—Book 218-240

Saturday, 10:30-12:00

23. *Special Collections (and of agricultural history) exhibits—An evening from East Hall of the Schreyer
Building hosted by: Tanya Zurek-Neuman, Director of Special Collections, Parks Library, Iowa
State University. (Off-site transportation to and from Parks Library)*

24. *The Culture of Animal Husbandry—Book 210*

"How True Was Far East: The Rise and Fall of Livestock Farms in the United States"
Jeff Charles, California State University, San Marcos

"Of Pigs and Men: The Importance of Hogs in the Early Republic"
Tom Korman, Middle Tennessee State University

Chair: Wynn Bellard, *Manly's and Company: Horses and Other Animals in Olden Days*
Alan Michal, University of California Berkeley

Chair and Comment: Chris Brown, North Dakota State University

25. *Disruption in the Countryside after the Great War—Book 217*

Peasant Youth, Political Progressivism, and the Rise and Fall of the End of the Women Republic
John Wilson, Independent Scholar

"Canadian 'Shakers' Movement: The United Farmers' Cooperative Campaign and the Ontario
Farm Progressives: Political Challenge"
Kathie White, Douglas College

Chair and Comment: Deborah York, Independent Scholar

26. *Region, Race, Religion and the Introduction of Rural Experiences—Through the Lens of Women's
History—Book 200*

Introductory remarks:
Anne Colford, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Facilitator:
Sara Brown, New Mexico State University, co-chair
Yvonne Carter, Indiana University
Michelle Walker, Eastern College
Beth Longfellow, Lancaster Museum Historical Society
Dorothy Schneider, Iowa State University
Melinda Minamoto, East College

Saturday, 12:00-1:30

Lunch on your own

Saturday, 12:00-2:00

Please check your writings and pay for your notes at the silent auction—Book 219-240

Saturday, 2:30-3:00

27. *Exploring the Intersections of Agricultural and Environmental History—Book 210*

"The South's Greenhouse Effect: The Red River in Agricultural and Environmental Context"
James C. Humes, Mississippi State University

Research in Wild: Agricultural Practice and Ecological Knowledge
Albert G. Wags, University of Georgia

Chair and Comment: Deborah Fitzgerald, MIT
Comment: Sara Hoopes

28. *Agriculture and Labor Struggles—Book 217*

"The Movement of Southern Rural Wealth into New Farm Investments in Wisconsin, 1880-1900"
Curtis Hoopes, Michigan

John T. Hendley, Western Michigan University
Charles F. Walker Jr., Western Michigan University

California's Experimental Farmers: Markets, a Politics of and Institutional History
Louise Nelson Dyer, California Institute of Technology

The Political Economy of "Agrarianism"
Steve Haggard, University of Georgia

Chair and Comment: Harold Frank, University of Wisconsin

26. Reconceptualizing the Agricultural Lumber: Success and Failure in Rural America—Room 200

California's Brown Song: Sharecroppers and Business after the Gold Rush
Alexander Kappel, Iowa State University

The View from the Corners: The Southern Tenant Farmers Union from the Ground Up
Irene Mathews, University of Georgia

Reconsidering the Lumber of Tenure: A Case Study of Midwestern Agricultural Tenure
Robert Walsh, Iowa State University

Chair: J. L. Anderson, University of West Georgia
Comment: Melissa Walker

26. California's System of Agricultural History—Room 202

The Crop World Continuing: Tenure in the Upper Great Lakes, 1880-1980
Austin Shapiro, USDA Forest Service

Fish, Fox, and Family: The Development of Minnesota's Rural Economy
Susan S. Rugh, Brigham Young University

Immigrant Migration and the Frontier Town in Rural America
William Phillips, Boston State University

Chair and Comment: Hal S. Rounse, Harvey Mudd College

Saturday, 3:00-5:30

Abstracts—Room 200-202

Sunday, 3:30-5:00

27. Beyond Cold Crop Culture—Room 200

Constructing an Agricultural Empire of Geographers: The New York School of Cold Crop
Irene Mathews, University of Iowa

Developing Geology Underneath the Surface of Tobacco: Mining Geology in the Early 20th Century
Karen Beth H. Schellert, Texas A&M University

Chair and Comment: Debra Wood, Eastern Illinois University

27. Agricultural Production in the Late Nineteenth Century—Room 202

Geographical Processes of the American Midwest and American South: A Comparative Study of
Cash Crops, Environment, and Enduring Myth
Leland Tomer, Angelo State University

Land Use, Soil Fertility, and Economic Population in Rural New England
Christopher Brown, Northeastern University

Peasants, Agriculture, and the Civil War
Cynthia John Lerner, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Chair and Comment: Thomas Lynn Moore, Kansas State University

27. Liberty, Black Belter, New Immigration, and Inequality—Room 200

Discursive Farming? Liberty, Black Belter's Challenge to the Institutional History of Environmental
Ethics
Drew A. Moore, Arizona State University

Meeting the Challenge of the Tea Economy with a 19th-Century Ship from the Black Belter
Frederick L. Krichbaum, Iowa State University

The Role of Tenure: Study in Liberty, Black Belter's Plowshare, Agriculture
Paul A. Morgan, West Chester University

Liberty, Black Belter, and the Relation of Expense and Democracy in Agricultural Extension Work
Scott E. Brown, Central University

Chair and Comment: Paul W. Thompson, Michigan State University

27. California's Cultural Exclusion—Room 202

Imagining the World Park: Between the Historical and the Present
Department of Historical Geology
and the Interior
Jesse J. Peltzer, University of California
Paul L. Wilson, Iowa State University

Historical Division and the Southern Plantation Economy
Richard Foltz, University of Texas

Mapping Tenure and Discontinuity: Using GIS on the West for Social History
Joan Davidson, Stanford University

Chair and Comment: Alan H. Dunlap, University of Wisconsin

Friday, 4:30-5:30 pm

Local Organizations Meeting—Mishler Inn, University Park Road at Baker, Historical Center,
Oxford, Indiana

Thank you for joining us in Ames this year. We look forward to seeing all of you next
summer at the University of Nevada, Reno.