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**Welcome to Washington, DC and the
100th Anniversary Celebration of the Agricultural History Society!**

On February 4, 1919, members of the American Historical Association (AHA) interested in the history of agriculture met at the Cosmos Club, Washington's prestigious private club for distinguished intellectuals, at that time located on Lafayette Square, just across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House. Dr. J. Franklin Jameson, an early leader in organizing the historical profession and a founder of the AHA, asked those assembled to consider "the opportunity for usefulness of an organization devoted to the history of agriculture." After hearing a paper by Professor William J. Trimble of the North Dakota Agricultural College on "The Great Surplus Period 1862 to 1902," the group adopted a freshly prepared constitution and elected officers, after which they adjourned, to meet again on a regular basis for the next 100 years.

Thus, the Agricultural History Society was born. We are pleased you have joined us to celebrate our continued vitality and to reaffirm "the usefulness of an organization devoted to the history of agriculture."

This year's program committee has made the most of our conference location in the nation's capital, choosing the theme "Power in Agricultural History." To quote the conference call for papers, "It is worth remembering that among the founders of the Agricultural History Society were rural sociologists and agricultural economists who sought to influence public policy by developing their insights through historical research. The 100th anniversary meeting offers an opportunity to celebrate and extend the interdisciplinary sensibility and public mission of the society." The program for this meeting presents a stunningly rich mix of subject matter and approach, bringing deep questioning and new ideas to the study of agriculture and rural life in many places across time. Our founders would be proud to see the state of our discipline and our society 100 years after that first small meeting that launched us!

Anne Effland
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No Agricultural History Society annual meeting would be possible without the hard work of meetings advisor J.L. Anderson.

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At-a-glance Schedule

(All events are within the Hamilton Hotel)

Wednesday, June 5th

8:30am-5:00pm	Tours
2:00pm-4:30pm	Executive Committee Meeting
5:30pm-7:30pm	Welcome Reception

Thursday, June 6th

7:15am-8:15am	Rural Women's Studies Association Breakfast
7:45am-3:45pm	Meeting Registration
8:20am-10:00am	Welcome and Opening Plenary Session
10:00am-10:30am	Break
10:30am-12:00pm	Session I
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch Break
1:30pm-3:00pm	Session II
3:00pm-3:30pm	Break
3:30pm-5:00pm	Session III
3:30pm-5:00pm	Editorial Drop-in Session

Friday, June 7th

7:30am-8:30am	Editorial Board Breakfast
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10:00am-10:30am	Break
10:30am-12:00pm	Presidential Address
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch Break
1:30pm-3:00pm	Session V
3:00pm-3:30pm	Break
3:30pm-5:00pm	Session VI

Saturday, June 8th

8:00am-3:45pm	Registration
8:30am-10:00am	Session VII
10:00am-10:30am	Break
10:30am-12:00pm	Session VIII
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch Break
1:30pm-3:00pm	Session IX
3:00pm-3:30pm	Break
3:30pm-5:00pm	Session X
5:20pm-6:00pm	AHS Business Meeting
7:00pm-9:00pm	AHS Centennial Celebration and Awards Reception

Conference Schedule

Wednesday, June 5th

8:30am-5:00pm Tour (pre-registration required)

Walking tour begins at 1 p.m. Meet at the entrance to the Smithsonian Metro stop on the National Mall at 1:00 pm

2:00pm-4:30pm Executive Committee Meeting

Alexander Boardroom

5:30pm-7:30pm Welcome Reception

Hamilton Ballroom

Thursday, June 6th

7:15am-8:20am Rural Women's Studies Association's Breakfast Meeting

Farragut Square Room

Sponsored by the Iowa State History Department

Pre-registration required

7:45am-3:45pm Registration

8:20am-10:00am Welcome and Opening Plenary Session Hamilton Ballroom

Agriculture and the Anthropocene: A Roundtable

Chair: Jennifer Leigh Smith (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

Kate Lyons (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)

Courtney Fullilove (Wesleyan University)

John R. McNeill (Georgetown University)

Barbara Hahn (Texas Tech University)

10:00am-10:30am Break

10:30am-12:00pm Session I

Organizations and Identity *Lafayette Park*

Chair: Vernon Burton (Clemson University)

"Making Americans: The Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians and the Agricultural Fair," Tovah Welch (Western Carolina University)

"Cultivating Careers: The Woman's National Farm and Garden Association," Maureen S. Thompson (Florida International University)

“As the controversy nears its boiling point’: FFA, Gender, and Race in the 1960s,”
Rachael A. Beyer (University of Delaware)

“Plan, Develop, Do, Reflect’: Cultivating Consumers through the National FFA
Organization,” Callie Kostelich (Texas Tech University)

Oil Palms across Time and Space: Local Landscapes, Multifarious Growers, Political
Elites, Consumer Power, and the Shaping of the World’s Most Bountiful
Vegetable Oil *McPherson Square*

Chair: William Gervase Clarence-Smith (SOAS, University of London)

Commentator: Jonathan Robins (Michigan Technological University)

“Configuring Oil Palms in the Knowledge Landscapes of Meiji Japan,” Shi-Lin Loh
(National University of Singapore)

“Reputation as Global Practice: Malaysian Agribusiness and the Conquest of the
Global Vegetable Oil Market (1970s-2000s),” Valeria Giacomini (Copenhagen
Business School)

“Smallholders and the Oil Palm Industry in Colonial Malaya,” Geoffrey K. Pakiam
(ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute)

“Developing an Afro-Brazilian Landscape: Palm Oil and the Socio-Ecological Politics of
Proliferation in Twentieth-Century Bahia, Brazil,” Case Watkins (James Madison
University)

Environmental Power: Climate, Natural Disasters, and Agriculture, 1850-1917

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Chair: Joshua Nygren (University of Central Missouri)

“Some Like It Hot: Mediterranean Agriculture at the End of the Little Ice Age,” Andrea
Duffy (Colorado State University)

“Migrant Work and the Blizzard of 1886: Climate and Power on the Great Plains,”
Robert Suits (University of Chicago)

“The Elimination of the Native: Locust Control and Settler Colonialism in the Kazakh
Steppe, 1880-1917,” Jack Seitz (Iowa State University)

“The Hungry Tropics: Natural Disaster and Famine in the American Colonial
Philippines,” Theresa Ventura (Concordia University)

Small Farms and Farm Policy: Ideological, Structural, and Policy Change and the
Shifting Definitions of Farming

Franklin Park A

Chair: Jess Gilbert (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

“Conflicting Visions: Free Labor and Diversified Farms vs. Plantation Agriculture in the
Development of Agricultural Science, Education and Policy from the Civil War to
World War II,” Mary E. Summers (University of Pennsylvania)

“Revisiting Rural Poverty and Farm Policy in the Age of Roosevelt,” David E. Hamilton
(University of Kentucky)

“Small Farms/Family Farms: Tracing a History of Definitions and Meaning,” Anne
Effland (USDA)

Agriculture and Monuments of Progress *Farragut Square*

Chair: Cynthia Prescott (University of North Dakota)

“Art as a Source for the History of Agricultural Science in Portugal,” João P. R. Joaquim (New University of Lisbon)

“Gunfighters, Monuments, and Farmers: Inventing the Early American Republic’s Vernacular History,” Chad Anderson (Hartwick College)

“The Power of Agriculture in the Center of Power: Agriculture, Memory, and the United States Capitol,” Alyssa Warrick (Independent Scholar)

The Cold War and Its Aftermath *Franklin Park B*

Chair: Shane Hamilton (University of York)

“An ‘OPEC for Grain’? Henry Kissinger, Earl Butz, and America’s ‘Food Weapon’ at the 1974 World Food Conference,” Michael Franczak (Yale University)

“‘A Healthy, Vigorous United States’: Biopolitics and Domestic Security during the Cold War,” Christopher Deutsch (University of Missouri, Columbia)

“More Than Just Homemakers: Transnational Home Economists’ Role in India’s Development, 1964-1972,” Renae Sullivan (The Ohio State University)

Future Directions in Agricultural History *Hamilton Ballroom*

Co-Chair: Nicole Welk-Joerger (University of Pennsylvania)

Co-Chair: Anastasia Day (University of Delaware)

This non-traditional panel will focus on the work of emerging and early career scholarship in agricultural history. Rather than full papers, this panel will feature several scholars, presenting three- to five-minute “story slam”-style papers featuring case studies, themes, and questions in the field today.

12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch Break

1:30pm-3:00pm Session II

Global Histories of the Rural U.S. South *McPherson Square*

Chair/Commentator: Andrew Zimmerman (George Washington University)

“Jim Crow Development: Echoes of the Rural New Deal in the Postwar Global South,” Alec F. Hickmott (Amherst College)

“Listening to Dolly Parton in Nigeria: American Country Music and Agrarian Nostalgia in West Africa,” Tore Olsson (University of Tennessee)

“Kibbutz, Georgia: International Designs, Black Southern Land, and the Rise of the Community Land Trust Movement in the 1970s,” Nicole Sackley (University of Richmond)

Environmental Power II: Water, Crops, and Networks in the Twentieth-Century U.S.
Oval Office - Almas

Chair/Commentator: Andrea Duffy (Colorado State University)

“A Different Kind of Power: State Expertise, Farmers, and Federal Drainage Engineers, 1902-1912,” Anthony E. Carlson (School of Advanced Military Studies)

“Monoculture, Environmental Crisis, and the Making of the Agricultural State: The USDA’s Office of Tobacco Investigations, 1890-1933,” Patrick O’Connor (University of Montana)

“The Power of Diffusion: Watershed Conservation in Rural America, 1950-1965,” Joshua Nygren (University of Central Missouri)

“Honest Fields: The Environmental Movement, Chefs, and the Birth of Organic Farming, 1960-1992,” Benjamin Davison (Loyola University of New Orleans)

Governance and State Authority in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries

Franklin Park A

Chair: Barbara Hahn (Texas Tech University)

“A Natural Improvement: Wetland Drainage, Privatization, and the Origins of the Swamp Land Acts,” Davis Allen (Case Western Reserve University)

“The Foundations of Local Authority in Rural Japan, 1850-1890,” Michael Abele (Harvard University)

“Fields of Trees: Afforestation and the Creation of Nebraska’s National Forests,” Blake M. Weeder (University of Nebraska, Kearney)

Book Roundtable: *Born in the Country*, by David Danbom *Hamilton Ballroom*

Sara E. Morris (University of Kansas)

Michael Belding (Iowa State University)

Megan Birk (University of Texas Rio Grande Valley)

David Danbom (Independent Scholar, Loveland, Colorado)

Anne Effland (USDA)

Karen Aki Senaga (Utah State University)

Food Security and Insecurity *Franklin Park B*

Chair: Kristin L. Ahlberg (U.S. Department of State)

“The Apalachees and Spanish Food Insecurity in 17th-Century Florida,” Aubrey Erin Lauersdorf (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

“African Roots in Southern Fields: Provisioning Antebellum Charleston,” Kelly K. Sharp (Luther College)

“Mississippi’s War Against the War on Poverty: Food Power, Hunger, and White Supremacy,” Bobby J. Smith II (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

“Inventing “Nutritious Corn”: Chronic Malnutrition and Corn Hybridization during Guatemala’s Civil War, 1960-1996,” Patrick Chassé (University of Guelph)

Class, Labor, and Work in Agricultural History *Farragut Square*

Chair: J. L. Anderson (Mount Royal University)

“Living Conditions of the Landless during the Agricultural Revolution in Sweden, 1750-1900,” Patrick Svensson (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences)

“Upward Mobility: Migrant Labor Claimsmaking in Kenya’s Tea Industry, 1956-1964,” Muey Saeteurn (University of California, Merced)

“The Business of Tea: Power and Labor on Early 20th-Century Tea Plantations in India and Sri Lanka,” Rebekah McCallum (McGill University)

“Socio-Economic Practices and Pseudo-Prosperity in the Cocoa-Farming Localities of Manyu-Basin (Cameroon), 1994-2015,” Takor Kahjum Nixon (University of Bamenda)

3:00pm-3:30pm Break

3:30pm-5:00pm Session III

Who’s Got the Power? International Actors and Rural Development in the 1960s and 1970s *Lafayette Park*

Chair/Disussant: Nicole Sackley (University of Richmond)

“The Goliaths in Rural Development? Agribusiness Corporations Gaining Momentum in the 1960s and 1970s,” Karin Bugow (Jacobs University Bremen)

“Becoming a Big Player: The World Bank and Rural Development during the 1970s,” Verena Kröss (Jacobs University Bremen)

“‘A Reservoir of Experience and Materials’: Colombia, Historical Narrative, and the Formation of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR),” Timothy W. Lorek (Brandeis University)

“‘Our Man at Comilla’: Akhter Hameed Khan and Theories of Rural Development in Comilla, East Pakistan,” Amna Qayyum (Princeton University)

Sino-American Agricultural Cooperation in the 20th Century *McPherson Square*

Chair/Commentator: Steven Phillips (Towson University)

“New Implements and New Markets? The Cooperation between the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and International Harvester Company (1945-1948),” Ruisheng Zhang (Purdue University)

“The Nationalist Rent Reduction Movement and American Aid: The Sino-American Joint Commission on Rural Reconstruction (JCRR) in Sichuan (1948-1950),” Wankun Li (Leeds University)

“USDA Scientists in a Changing China,” Shelby Callaway (USDA)

People, Plants, and Power in the 19th and 20th Centuries *Oval Office - Almas*

Chair/Commentator: Emily Pawley (Dickinson College)

“Tangle of Vines: Muscadine Grapes and the Prospects for a Biocentric Southern History,” William Thomas Okie (Kennesaw State)

“‘There’s Always Something to See in Marshallville’: Beautification, Tourism, and Southern Agrarianism in Rural Georgia,” Matthew Burkhalter (University of Georgia)

“‘A Useful Plant, But Only In Its Rightful Place’: Repurposing Kudzu, 1977-1994,” Kenneth Reilly (University of Western Ontario)

Land, Settlement, and Policy *Franklin Park A*

Chair/Commentator: Sara Gregg (University of Kansas)

“Empowering Ethnic Minorities through Agricultural Resettlement: History at Work,” Jonathan Dekel-Chen (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

- “Not Even a Foot of Swamp: Jewish Agricultural Settlement and the Planned Amelioration of the Pinsk Marshes in Interwar Poland,” Slawomir Lotysz (Polish Academy of Sciences)
- “A Land of Milk and Honey? Land Settlement Policy in Australia,” Kerry Nixon (La Trobe University)

Agricultural Chemistry, Agricultural History, and Public Engagement *Farragut Square*
Chair/Commentator: Peter Liebhold (Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History)

- “Agricultural Products and Industrial Applications: The Chemist’s Perspective,” Richard H. Wallace (Georgia Southern University)
- “Agricultural Chemists and Henry Ford: A Historian’s Perspective,” Debra A. Reid (The Henry Ford)
- “Agricultural Chemistry and Public History: The Curator’s Perspective,” Ryan Jelso (The Henry Ford)
- “Imagined Heartlands: The Business of Science in Agricultural Chemicals in the Postwar Period,” Margaret Weber (University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire)

Revolutions Down on the Farm: Farmer and Farmworker Protest, Post-1945
Franklin Park B

- Chair/Commentator: Adrienne Petty (College of William and Mary)
- “*La Causa* in Translation: The UFW’s Organization of Florida Citrus Workers, 1972 to 1990,” Terrell Orr (University of Georgia)
- “The American Farmer Goes to Washington: Visual Rhetoric of the 1978-1979 D.C. Tractorcades,” Wayne Anderson (University of Iowa)
- “Redeem This Land: African-American Farmers, Economic Justice, and the Long Civil Rights Movement, 1964-2014,” Monica Gisolfi (University of North Carolina, Wilmington)

Conflict and War *Hamilton Ballroom*

- Chair: Laura Kolar (U.S. Department of State)
- “The Power of Neighbourhood: Cooperative Work, Conflict and Tragedy, 1830-1930,” Catharine Anne Wilson (University of Guelph)
- “The Plow and the Sword: The Political Economy of Wheat and War in Mussolini’s ‘Battle for Grain,’ 1925-1945,” Robert Corban (Columbia University)
- “Racism, War Hysteria and Agriculture in the US: 1942,” Linda Ivey (California State University East Bay)
- “‘Down the fences!’: The Industrialization of Agriculture in Socialist Albania,” Artan Hoxha (University of Pittsburgh)

3:30pm-5:00pm Editorial Drop-in Session *Registration Area*

Agricultural History editor Bert Way and *Environmental History* editor Mark Hersey will be available to meet with prospective authors to explain the journal publication process, talk about a manuscript in progress, or answer questions. *Please sign-up for your 15-minute appointment at the conference registration desk.*

Friday, June 7th

7:30am-8:30am **Editorial Board Breakfast** *Alexander Boardroom*

7:45am-3:45pm **Registration**

8:30am-10:00am **Session IV**

No Ordinary Farmers: Why Is It So Hard to See Rural Hierarchy in the Antebellum North? A Roundtable *Lafayette Park*

Benjamin Hurwitz (Lasalle University)

Emily Pawley (Dickinson College)

Ariel Ron (Southern Methodist University)

Courtney Fullilove (Wesleyan University)

Colonial Agriculture *McPherson Square*

Chair: Prakash Kumar (Pennsylvania State University)

“Political Power and Agricultural Practices in North-East India: Mizoram since the 19th Century,” Jagdish Lal Dawar (Independent Scholar)

“Agriculture as Knowledge: Delegitimising Indigenous Knowledge through Colonial Pedagogy in Rural Bihar, 1880-1930,” Preeti (University of Sussex)

“Playing Indian: Organic Agriculture, Asia, and Settler Colonialism,” Catie Peters (Harvard University)

Landscapes of Power *Oval Office - Almas*

Chair: Philip Herrington (James Madison University)

“Agroforming the American West,” Daniel F. Zizzamia (Harvard University)

“From Settling to Smelting: Perceptions of Sky in the Intermountain West,” Alyssa Kreikemeier (Boston University)

“Southern Desiccation: Arsenic Contamination from Factory to Field,” Andrew Baker (Texas A&M University, Commerce)

“Domesticating the Maryland Oyster: From Regulated Commons to Aquaculture Enterprise Zones,” Christine Keiner (Rochester Institute of Technology)

Book Roundtable: *Fault Lines of Farm Policy*, by Jonathan Coppess *Franklin Park A*

Moderator: David E. Hamilton (University of Kentucky)

Adam Sheingate (Johns Hopkins University)

Sarah Phillips (Boston University)

David Freshwater (University of Kentucky)

Jonathan Coppess (University of Illinois)

The Power of Regional Memory in Urban and Rural Spaces *Farragut Square*

Chair/Commentator: Katherine Jellison (Ohio University)

“In Living Color: Slavery and Living History in the Early Twentieth-Century South,” Drew Swanson (Wright State University)

- “Mourning and Belonging: Marking the Land with a Selected Past,” Emmanuel Falguières (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, CENA/Mondes Américains)
- “Socially Constructing Memory: Space, Place, and Maryland’s Civil War Monuments,” Abigail Padfield Narayan (University of Central Florida)
- “The Power of Memory in Urban and Rural Pioneer Monuments,” Cynthia Prescott (University of North Dakota)

Encountering Agribusiness *Franklin Park B*

Chair/Commentator: Jessica Wang (University of British Columbia)

- “The War on Drugs and the Hemispheric Farm Crisis of the 1980s,” April Merleaux (Hampshire College)
- “‘An Imperialist Factory on Our Soil’? Firestone, Plantation Paternalism, and Working for Personhood in Ghana, 1967-81,” Keri Lambert (Yale University)
- “Encountering DDT: Olin Chemical Corporation and Black Southerners’ Fight for Justice, 1971-1982,” Karen Aki Senaga (Utah State University)
- “Will Genetically Engineered Crops Feed the World? What Two Decades of Data Can Tell Us About the Future of Food,” Bart Elmore (The Ohio State University)

Book Roundtable: *Using Diverse Primary Resources to Research U.S. History*

Hamilton Ballroom

- “Newspapers,” Claire Strom (Rollins College)
- “Grasses,” Albert G. Way (Kennesaw State)
- “Manuscript Ephemera,” Dolly Jørgensen (University of Stavanger)
- “Artifacts,” Debra A. Reid (The Henry Ford)
- “Government Documents,” Anne Effland (USDA)
- “License Plates,” Evan Bennett (Florida Atlantic University)
- “Pamphlets,” Sara Egge (Centre College)

10:00am-10:30am Break

10:30am-12:00pm Presidential Address *Hamilton Ballroom*

- “You’re a Bigger Man: Technology, Modernity, and Agrarian Masculinity in Postwar America,” J. L. Anderson (Mount Royal University)

12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch Break

1:30pm-3:00pm Session V

Slavery and Power: A Roundtable *Hamilton Ballroom*

Moderator: Alan Olmstead (University of California, Davis)

Gavin Wright (Stanford University)

Richard Follett (University of Sussex)

Kay Wright Lewis (Howard University)

Empire and Africa in the Mid-Twentieth Century *McPherson Square*

Chair: Mark Hersey (Mississippi State University)

Commentator: The Audience

“Exporting the Land-Grant University to Africa: The Politics of Agricultural Training and Research in the Cold War,” Emily Lynn Osborn (University of Chicago)

“Taking to the Airwaves: Rural Radio Training in Zambia, 14 April - 23 May 1975,”
Brandon Mendonca (University of Guelph)

Animal Power *Oval Office - Almas*

Chair/Commentator: Carrie A. Meyer, George Mason University

“Cantering into Decline: From Equine to Motorized Power in Agriculture and Beyond, c. 1870-1950,” Luise Elsaesser (European University Institute)

“American Horse Power: Engineering the War Horse, 1917-1918,” Hanna Lipsey
(University of South Florida)

“Draft Animal Power and Agricultural Production in Rural Northeast Nigeria: A Study in Animals and Cropping System History,” Noah Echa Attah (Federal University of Kashere)

Land and Conflict *Franklin Park A*

Chair: Albert G. Way, Kennesaw State University

“*Amahya*; or to Plant at a Place: Agricultural Change in the 1850s Northern Iowa Borderlands,” Kevin Mason (Waldorf University)

“Farmers, Environmentalists, and the Struggle for Defining the American Metropolis,”
John Spiers (Independent Scholar)

“Farms or Houses? Debating Land Use Policy at the Rural-Urban Fringe, Bucks County, Pennsylvania,” Angela Shope Stiefbold (University of Cincinnati)

“Sugarcane Production and Land Use in Northern Nigeria in the Age of Global Land Grabbing,” Aminu Bakari Buba (Federal University of Kashere)

The Place of Agricultural History in the History Curriculum: A Roundtable
Farragut Square

Neil Oatsvall (Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts)

Jenny Barker-Devine (Illinois College)

Pamela Riney-Kehrberg (Iowa State University)

David Vail (University of Nebraska at Kearney)

Margaret Weber (University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire)

Capital, Finance, Insurance *Franklin Park B*

Chair/Commentator: Casey Lurtz (Johns Hopkins University)

“Power and Risk in the Case of Hail Insurance and British Agriculture, 1840s-1920s,”
Samuel Randalls (University College London)

“Labor, Power, and Capital: Reactions to Economic Change in Mid-Nineteenth Century Indianapolis,” Kelly S. Wenig (Iowa State University)

“The Economic and Political Power of Consortia in the Process of Land Reclamation in Italy (19th-20th Centuries),” Elisabetta Novello (University of Padua)

Economic Transformations in the 19th Century *Lafayette Park*

Chair: Paul Rhode (University of Michigan)

“From Cotton to Sugar: Making Louisiana’s Sugar Economy during the Nineteenth Century,” William D. Jones (Rice University)

“Factories in the Forest: Rural Tanneries in Nineteenth-Century New York and the Mobility of Foreign Commodities,” Nickolas M. Perrone (University of California, Davis)

“Global Sales, Local Rewards: The Midwestern Economic Boom during the American Civil War,” Julie Mujic (Denison University)

“Patenting: A Symbol of Rationalization in Beekeeping,” Brenda Kellar (Oregon State University)

3:00pm-3:30pm Break

3:30pm-5:00pm Session VI

Trans-Pacific Agricultural Flows of Labor, Insects, and Experts *McPherson Square*

Chair/Commentator: Jeremy Vetter (University of Arizona)

“‘Rice Terraced Country’: Indigenous Cultivation and American Conquest in the Philippine Cordilleras,” Adrian De Leon (University of Toronto)

“Insects, Entomologists, and Parasites on the Move: The Mediterranean Fruit Fly, Biological Pest Control, and Agricultural Governance in Early Twentieth-Century Hawai’i,” Jessica Wang (University of British Columbia)

“Famine Relief to Prevention: Science, Religion, and Reimagining Rural China, 1920-1945,” James Lin (University of Washington, Seattle)

“Eating Breadfruit in Arkansas: Historical Power Imbalance as a Barrier to Food Security and Food Sovereignty in the ‘New Island’,” Diana Chen (University of Arkansas)

A Horse is a Horse, Of Course? Roundtable on Equine and Animal Power in American History *Oval Office - Almas*

Chair/Commentator: Susan Nance (University of Guelph)

“Fueling True Horsepower in Agriculture,” Kathleen Crandell (Kentucky Equine Research)

“Cattle Ranching and the Politics of Reproduction,” Amanda Hendrix-Komoto (Montana State University)

“Counting Cows and Hawking Horses: Digital History and Transnational Cattle Ranching Networks in Montana, 1860-1915,” Kerri Keller Clement (University of Colorado, Boulder)

“Bred to Buck: An Evolutionary History of Rodeo Livestock,” Frank Whitehead (University of Arizona)

“What Makes A Breed: Who’s In, Who’s Out, and What Is Left Behind,” Katrin Boniface (University of California, Riverside)

“Mule Cart or Burro-Back: Understanding Equines in Overland Travel in the American Southwest, 1850-1900,” Abbie Harlow (Arizona State University)

Policy in the Late 20th Century *Franklin Park A*

Chair/Commentator: R. Douglas Hurt (Purdue University)

“The Creation of Supply Management in the Canadian Egg Industry,” Jodey Nurse-Gupta (University of Waterloo)

“The Controversy around Agricultural Rationalization and Rural Communities in Post-Second World War Sweden,” Mats Morell (Uppsala University)

“Going Global: USDA, FAO and the Post-War Emergence of International Collaboration in Cereals Research,” Derek Byerlee (Georgetown University)

“Big Dam on the Clutha: The Unintended Consequences of Power,” Thomas D. Isern and Suzzanne Kelley (North Dakota State University)

Pantries, Prices, and Faith in 20th-Century Rural America *Farragut Square*

Chair/Commentator: Nicole Welk-Joerger (University of Pennsylvania)

“Food, Frolics, and Faith: Amish Farm Women’s Recreation in 1930s Pennsylvania,” Katherine Jellison (Ohio University)

“The Great Depression Takes Hold: Grocery Prices in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, 1929-1933,” Sue C. Patrick (University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire-Barron County)

“Contemporary Amish Food- and Farm-ways: Downhome, Downscale Neighborhood Grocery Stores,” Beth E. Graybill (Dickinson College)

Pete Daniel and the Transformation of Southern Agriculture *Hamilton Ballroom*

Chair: Shane Hamilton (University of York)

Anne Effland (USDA)

James C. Giesen (Mississippi State University)

William Thomas Okie (Kennesaw State)

Sarah Phillips (Boston University)

Jeannie M. Whyne (University of Arkansas)

Saturday, June 8th

8:00am-3:45pm Registration

8:30am-10:00am Session VII

Colonial Connections: Race, Agricultural Education, and Rural Sociology in the U.S.
South *Lafayette Park*

Chair/Commentator: Andrew Zimmerman (George Washington University)

“A Tender Violence: Agricultural Education and the Biopolitics of Reconstruction,” Vineeta Singh (College of William and Mary)

“W. E. B. Du Bois, German Colonialism, and ‘The Black Question in the United States’,” Christopher McAuley (University of California, Santa Barbara)

“Race, Place, and Miscegenation in the Work of Horace Mann Bond,” Owen James Hyman (Utah State University Eastern)

Book Roundtable: *From the Grounds Up*, by Casey Marina Lurtz *McPherson Square*

Stuart McCook (University of Guelph)
Jennifer Eaglin (The Ohio State University)
Theresa Ventura (Concordia University)
Christopher Boyer (University of Illinois, Chicago)
Casey Lurtz (Johns Hopkins University)

Power Dynamics of the Cattle Trade in the United States *Franklin Park A*

Chair/Commentator: Thomas D. Isern (North Dakota State University)
“Doing an Environmental History of the Chisholm Trail,” James Sherow (Kansas State University)
“The Failure of Corporate Ranching and the Rise of the Chicago Meatpackers,” Joshua Specht (Monash University)
“From Cowboy to Rancher: The Saubles of Cedar Creek,” Bonnie Lynn Lynn-Sherow (Kansas State University)
“‘Cooperation seems to be in the Air’: How the Big Meat Packers Manipulated Producers and Producer Associations, 1914-1933,” Daniel T. Gresham (Kansas State University)

Why Does Agricultural History Matter? *Hamilton Ballroom*

Peter Coclanis (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
Greta de Jong (University of Nevada, Reno)
Dolly Jørgensen (University of Stavanger)
Alan I. Marcus (Mississippi State University)
Amrys O. Williams (Independent Scholar)
Catharine Anne Wilson (University of Guelph)
William Thomas Okie (Kennesaw State)

Texts *Farragut Square*

Chair: Clare Griffiths (Cardiff University)
“The Vedic Conception of Agriculture and the Sedentary Transition,” Michael Brattus Jones (University of Texas at Austin)
“The Hybrid Yankee: Elinor Graham’s *Our Way Down East*,” Lisa Botshon (University of Maine at Augusta)
“Frances Moore Lappé, Finding a Sense of Place Through Food,” Michelle Mart (Pennsylvania State University, Berks Campus)
“Beasts and Breasts: Animals across the Silent Power Divide of Gender,” Edward J. Ingebretsen (Georgetown University)

Science and Technology *Franklin Park B*

Chair: Margaret Weber (University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire)
“Why Study Seeds? J.R. Dymond and Nature Interpretation in the Canadian Department of Agriculture during the Great War,” George Warecki (Brescia University College)
“Farming from Space: Earth Observation Satellites and Agricultural Surveillance during the Cold War,” Brian Jirout (University of South Carolina)

“Beyond Poke and Sniff: Scientific Sampling and the Politics of Risk in Food Inspection,” Ashton Merck (Duke University)

Women Producers *Oval Office – Almas*

Chair/Commentator: Nicola Verdon (Sheffield Hallam University)

“Produce and Packing on Delmarva: Evelyn Harris the Atypical Canner and Truck Farmer,” Sara E. Morris (University of Kansas)

“Women and Children and Farming in the Callide Valley, Queensland in the 1930s,” Margaret Cook (La Trobe University)

“A History of Rural Women and the Intergenerational Transfer of the Family Farm,” Diane McKenzie (University of Lethbridge)

10:00am-10:30am Break

10:30am-12:00pm Session VIII

The Agricultural History Society at 100: Moments that Have Shaped the Society

Hamilton Ballroom

Melissa Walker (Converse College)

Claire Strom (Rollins College)

Brian Q. Cannon (Brigham Young University)

James C. Giesen (Mississippi State University)

Indian Engagements with the Process of Agricultural Modernization under British Colonial Rule *McPherson Square*

Chair: Peter Coclanis (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

“The Contested Terrain of Agricultural Modernization in Colonial India: The Case of the United Provinces,” T. Jayaraman (Tata Institute of Social Sciences)

“‘Agricultural Improvement’ in Colonial India and Its Limits,” Sandipan Baksi (Tata Institute of Social Sciences)

“Emergence of Agricultural Science, Scientists and Knowledge under British-Raj: A Perspective from Colonial Bengal,” Pankoj Sarkar (Tata Institute of Social Sciences)

“Modernization of Agriculture in Colonial Bengal and the Bengali Intelligentsia: A Story of an Engagement and Politics,” Arnab Roy (Independent Scholar)

Book Roundtable: *Chemical Lands*, by David Vail *Oval Office - Almas*

Chair: Pete Daniel (Smithsonian Institution)

Frederick R. Davis (Purdue University)

Amy Hay (University of Texas Rio Grande Valley)

Mark Hersey (Mississippi State University)

Jeremy Montgomery (Mississippi State University)

David Vail (University of Nebraska at Kearney)

Organizations and Scales of Power *Franklin Park A*

Chair: Thomas Fleischman (University of Rochester)

“Organizing Farmers in Utah: The Brief History of the Intermountain Association of Sugar Beet Growers, 1917-1922,” Matthew Godfrey (Joseph Smith Papers)

“Moving to Monopoly: The IBP Revolution and the American Cattle Market,” Michelle Martindale (Purdue University)

“Exporting Eradication: The Joint Mexican-United States Commission for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Mexico, 1947-1952,” Rebecca Kaplan (Science History Institute)

The Politics of Media *Farragut Square*

Chair: Jennifer Leigh Smith (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

“‘I am a Firm Believer in Propaganda of This Sort’: Florence Borner and the Poetry of the Nonpartisan League,” John Hest (North Dakota State University)

“More is Not Enough: Soviet Press Criticism of the Uzbek Cotton Industry, 1945-1964,” Matthew Brown (California State University, Long Beach)

“Save Don Messer! Viewer Response, the Collective Power of Audiences, and the Controversial Cancellation of *Don Messer’s Jubilee*,” Erin Schuurs (University of Guelph)

Precarity *Franklin Park B*

Chair: Alan I. Marcus (Mississippi State University)

“Environmental and Cultural Forces Collide: Adaptation on the Northern Great Plains,” Brandon W. Duxbury (Iowa State University)

“Hollow Economies? Pre-Expulsion Agriculture in Corbin Hollow,” Glenn Davis Stone (Washington University)

“Managing Uncertainty: Australian Wheat Farmers and Technological Change, 1907-1956,” Lionel Frost (Monash University) and Charles Fahey (Latrobe University)

“Measuring Policy’s Role in Mediating Responses to Agricultural Productivity Shocks,” Keith Meyers (University of Southern Denmark and the National Bureau of Economic Research)

Who Knows Best? Interactions Between Farmer Communities and Expert Institutions

Lafayette Park

Chair: Jenny Barker-Devine (Illinois College)

“Growing Trust: Scientists, Farmers, and the Creation of Farmers’ Institutes in Michigan,” Scott Wooley (Mississippi State University)

“Ethnicity and Expertise: Transnational Networks and External Influences on the Nineteenth-Century Immigrant Farmers,” Andrew Klumpp (Southern Methodist University)

“Bring Home the Bacon: Farm Economies, Gender, and Institutional Power,” Sara Egge (Centre College)

“Out of House and Home: An Examination of African-American Home Demonstration in Peach and Houston Counties, 1930-1940,” Kymara D. Sneed (Mississippi State University)

12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch Break

1:30pm-3:00pm Session IX

Workers, Farmers, and Factory-Owners in the Cane-Fields of Latin America
Lafayette Park

Co-Chair/Commentator: Thomas Rogers (Emory University)

Co-Chair/Commentator: Jennifer Eaglin (The Ohio State University)

“The Cosmopolitan Sugar Enclaves of Northeastern Cuba, 1910-1930,” Frances Peace Sullivan (Simmons University)

“From Sugar Farmers to Mill Owners: The Rise of a Planter Industrial Class in Puerto Rico, 1900-1930,” José O. Solá (Cleveland State University)

“Battles over Sugarcane in the Brazilian Countryside, 1940s-1960s,” Gillian McGillivray (York University)

Knowledge and Power in the Green Revolution *McPherson Square*

Chair/Commentator: Prakash Kumar (Pennsylvania State University)

“Provincializing the Green Revolution: Seeds and Knowledge in the Mexican Fields,” Marianna Fenzi (University of California, Berkeley)

“The Politics of Memory: A Subaltern History of the Green Revolution in Punjab, India,” Divya Sharma (University of Sussex)

“Green Revolution Reflexivity: ‘Re-peopling’ Agriculture and Integrating Gender in the CGIAR, 1970-1990s,” Margreet van der Burg (Wageningen University)

“Remaking Landscapes, Reshaping Palates and Transforming Diets in Western Awadh, Uttar Pradesh, India,” Richa Kumar (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi)

Herds and Humans *Oval Office - Almas*

Chair: Tad Brown (University of Queensland)

“From Public Servants to Community Leaders: The Evolving Role of Veterinarians in Russia’s Steppe, 1860s-1920s,” Danielle Ross (Utah State University)

“‘Sheep herding is their favorite vocation’: Basques, Shepherding, and Race, 1910-1970,” Mariel Aquino (University of California, Santa Barbara)

“Herdsmen-Farmers’ Conflicts in Taraba, Nigeria: Implications for Food Security,” Usman Muazu Alhassan (Federal University of Kashere)

The Politics of Agricultural History: Power, Labor, and Land in the Work of Alun Howkins (1947-2018) *Franklin Park A*

James Bowen (Leeds Trinity University)

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The Local and the Hidden *Farragut Square*

Chair: Virgil W. Dean, Independent Scholar

- “A Journey of Power with an Interior Pacific Northwest Family, 1870-1940,” Larry Hasse (Independent Scholar)
- “Wine by Design: Creating an American Industrial Wine Industry,” Victor W. Geraci (Retired, Oral History Center, University of California Berkeley)
- “The Best Kept Secret on the Mississippi,” Chandler Taylor (Louisiana State University)
- “The Use of Traditional Varieties and Practices in Conservation Agriculture and Heritage Sites from Hills of India,” Baisakhi Bandyopadhyay (Independent Scholar)

The Power of Free Land: A Roundtable on the Histories of Homesteading in the U.S.
West Hamilton Ballroom

- Brian Q. Cannon (Brigham Young University)
- David Kruger (University of Wyoming)
- Mikal Eckstrom (University of Nebraska)
- Sara Gregg (University of Kansas)

The Power of Agricultural Internationalism, c. 1880-1941 *Franklin Park B*

- Chair/Commentator: Deborah K. Fitzgerald (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- “The Origins of the International Institute of Agriculture between Italy and California,” Niccolò Mignemi (EHESS Paris)
- “The International Congresses of Agriculture before the Great War: National Agricultural Elites and International Politics,” Juan Pan-Montojo (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)
- “The Countryside as a Value and a Problem: The Route of the American and the European Country Life Commission,” Leen Van Molle (KU Leuven)

3:00pm-3:30pm Break

3:30pm-5:00pm Session X

Rural and Agricultural Modernization in Europe and America: A Roundtable Discussion
Hamilton Ballroom

- Deborah K. Fitzgerald (MIT)
- Juri Auderset (University of Fribourg)
- Venus Bivar (Washington University)
- David Danbom (Independent Scholar, Loveland, Colorado)
- Peter Moser (Archives of Rural History, Bern)
- Tore Olsson (University of Tennessee)
- Zsuzsanna Varga (Lorand Eotvos University)

Book Roundtable: *Sweetness and Power*, by Sidney Mintz *McPherson Square*

- “Sweetness and Power in Hawai’i,” Lawrence Kessler (Consortium for History of Science, Technology & Medicine)
- “Commodity History,” Stuart McCook (University of Guelph)
- “Sweetness and Power in Puerto Rican Context,” April Merleaux (Hampshire College)

“Stone Agers in the Candy Store? Sugar, Metabolism, and Neurohistory,” Christopher Otter (The Ohio State University)

Unpacking State Power in Agriculture: A Roundtable Discussion *Franklin Park A*

“Re-evaluating the Hightower Report,” Michael Weeks (Utah Valley University)

“The Power of the Visual,” Amrys O. Williams (Independent Scholar)

“Creatures, Capital, and the State: Transforming Animal Agriculture in the Mid-Twentieth Century,” Abeer Saha (University of Virginia)

“The Origins of the U.S. Land Grant College-Industrial Complex,” Jeremy Vetter (University of Arizona)

“Soil Conservation Districts and the Local Negotiation of Federal Power,” Douglas Sheflin (Colorado State University)

Networks of Power *Franklin Park B*

Chair/Commentator: Connie Lester (University of Central Florida)

“‘We will build the road’: Organizing Agrarian Social Power for Railroads in Antebellum Northern Virginia,” Jason Tercha (Binghamton University)

“Regulation and the Changing Modes of Milk Transport in Early Twentieth-Century Baltimore,” James Dixon McDonald (Independent Scholar)

“A Superior System of Organization: The Origin and Evolution of Canada’s Dairy Supply Management Model, 1960-1980,” Bruce Muirhead (University of Waterloo)

“From Ground to Wires to Air: Winter Communication by Telegraph, Telephone, and Radio on the Northern Plains, 1854-1949,” Daniel J. Fischer (University of Arkansas, Fayetteville)

Rural Poverty and Power: Hunger, Need, and Masculinity in Agricultural Spaces

Oval Office - Almas

Chair/Commentator: Minoa Uffelman (Austin Peay State University)

“From Labor to Languish: Men, Masculinity, and Poor Farm Residency,” Megan Birk (University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley)

“Fasting, Foraging, Fermenting: Native Foodways, ‘Poverty,’ and Colonialism in Early North America,” Carla Cevasco (Rutgers University-New Brunswick)

“Food Stamps and the Farm Crisis: Hunger in the Midst of Supposed Plenty,” Pamela Riney-Kehrberg (Iowa State University)

“‘The Only Support She Had’: The Realities of Transatlantic Loss and the 1907 Monongah Mine Disaster,” Kevin Gooding (West Virginia University)

5:20pm-6:00pm **AHS Business Meeting** *Farragut Square*

7:00pm-9:00pm **AHS Centennial Celebration and Awards Reception** *Hamilton Ballroom*



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Call for Papers

Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting
Knoxville, Tennessee, June 3-6, 2020

Challenging Crops and Climates

The 2020 meeting of the Agricultural History Society will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee. Located in the Appalachian Mountains, the city is an excellent location to consider the history of “Challenging Crops and Climates.” Globally, agriculture has been undertaken in diverse environments, including mountains, deserts, swamps, rain forests, tundra, places of extreme temperatures, and on marginal soils. People have also transformed challenging environments to meet the demands of agricultural production through both private and state-sponsored actions. The small farms of Appalachia and the massive dams of the Tennessee Valley Authority that surround Knoxville illustrate these strategies and adaptations. Inspired by this backdrop, we encourage the submission of papers that explore how farmers and other rural people wrestle with difficult and changing environments. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- How farmers adapt agriculture to challenging environments, including exploitation of microclimates
- How difficult environments shape dynamics of rural landscapes and local power arrangements, including how these intersect with race, class, ethnicity, and/or gender.
- How farmers and rural people have adapted to climate or other environmental changes
- The impacts, whether environmental, cultural, social, or political, of private and state-sponsored projects to alter difficult environments
- How agriculture has altered fragile ecosystems
- Scientific and technical approaches to environmental changes over time
- Roles/experiences of women and minorities in difficult farming environments
- Challenges to and alterations of food cultures

In keeping with the society’s inclusive approach the committee encourages contributions from emerging scholars and researchers covering understudied geographical regions or time periods. We strongly encourage papers and sessions that address issues beyond the United States.

We also invite contributions that do not directly address the conference theme, but are related to agricultural and rural history/studies broadly.

Information on submission:

- The Society takes a broad view on what constitutes rural and agricultural history. Topics from any location and time period are welcome.

- The AHS encourages proposals of all types, including traditional sessions with successive papers and commentary, thematic panel discussions or debates, roundtables on recent books or films, workshops, and poster presentations.
- The AHS encourages proposals that are inclusive with regard to race, ethnicity, sex, gender, and career status
- If you will need video projection technology for presentations, please indicate this in your proposal.
- The program committee prefers complete session proposals, but individual papers will be considered.
- The AHS extends a special welcome to graduate students and has a competitive travel grant for students presenting papers.

Instructions:

1. Session proposals should include a two-hundred-word abstract for each paper and a one-page CV for each panel member (in MS Word).
2. Individual paper proposals should consist of a two-hundred-word abstract and a one-page CV (in MS Word).
3. All proposals should be submitted electronically in Word format. Submit all proposals to the Program Committee by email at: <aghist2020@gmail.com>.

Deadline for submissions is September 28, 2019.

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