

2019 Agricultural History Society Program

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At-a-glance Schedule (All conference events are within the Hamilton Hotel, Washington, DC.)

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 meeting
7:45am-3:45pm Registration
8:20am-10:00am Welcome and Opening Plenary Session
10:00am-10:30am Coffee Break
10:30am-12:00pm Session I
12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch Break
1:30pm-3:00pm Session II
3:00pm-3:30pm Coffee Break
3:30pm-5:00pm Session III

Friday, June 7th

7:30am-8:30am Editorial Board Breakfast
7:45am-3:45pm Registration
8:30am-10:00am Session IV
10:00am-10:30am Coffee Break
10:30am-12:00pm Presidential Address
12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch
1:30pm-3:00pm Session V
3:00pm-3:30pm Coffee 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 Coffee Break
10:30am-12:00pm Session VIII
12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch
1:30pm-3:00pm Session IX
3:00pm-3:30pm Break
3:30pm-5:00pm Session X
5:00pm-8:30pm Cash Bar
5:20pm-6:00pm AHS Business Meeting
7:00pm-9:00pm AHS Centennial Celebration and Awards Reception

Conference Schedule

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Farragut Room
Sponsored by the Iowa State History Department

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

Agriculture and the Anthropocene: A Roundtable
ROOM

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 **Coffee Break**

10:30am-12:00pm **Session I**

Organizations and Identity
ROOM

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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)

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"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

ROOM

Chair: Cynthia Prescott (University of North Dakota)

"Art as a Source for the History of Agricultural Science in Portugal," João P. R. Joaquim
(Eötvös Lóránd University and Charles University)

"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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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 from this panel will
feature six or more 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

ROOM

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)

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"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.
ROOM

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
ROOM

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
ROOM

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
ROOM

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)

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"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

ROOM

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 Coffee Break

3:30pm-5:00pm Session III

Who's Got the Power? International Actors and Rural Development in the 1960s and 1970s

ROOM

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

ROOM

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)

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"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

ROOM

Chair/Commentator: Emily Pawley (Dickinson College)

"A Nation of Fruit Growers': Nineteenth-Century Nurserymen and the Planting of the American Landscape," Camden Burd (University of Rochester)

"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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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)

"We've Come This Far by Faith': Black Women Organize the Mississippi Catfish Industry," LaGuana Gray (University of Texas, San Antonio)

Conflict and War

ROOM

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)

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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

ROOM

Benjamin Hurwitz (Lasalle University)

Emily Pawley (Dickinson College)

Eric Kimball (University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg)

Ariel Ron (Southern Methodist University)

Courtney Fullilove (Wesleyan University)

Colonial Agriculture

ROOM

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)

"Imperial Fantasies and Agriculture in German Southwest Africa," Martin Kalb (Bridgewater College)

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

Landscapes of Power

ROOM

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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*

ROOM

"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 Efland (USDA)

"License Plates," Evan Bennett (Florida Atlantic University)

"Pamphlets," Sara Egge (Centre College)

10:00am-10:30am Coffee Break

10:30am-12:00pm Presidential Address

ROOM

"Technology, Modernity, and Agrarian Masculinity in Postwar America," J. L. Anderson
(Mount Royal University)

12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch

1:30pm-3:00pm Session V

Slavery and Power: A Roundtable

ROOM

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

ROOM

Chair: Mark Hersey (Mississippi State University)

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Commentator: The Audience

"Restrictive Laws on Foodstuffs Production and Distribution in Colonial Western Nigeria during the Second World War," Oluwadolapo Aderemi (Obafemi Awolowo University)

"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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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 Coffee Break

3:30pm-5:00pm Session VI

Trans-Pacific Agricultural Flows of Labor, Insects, and Experts

ROOM

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

ROOM

Chair/Commentator: Susan Nance (University of Guelph)

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

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"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

ROOM

Chair/Commentator: 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 Suzanne Kelley (North Dakota State University)

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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
ROOM

8:30am-10:00am Session VII

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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?

ROOM

Peter Coclanis (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Greta de Jong (University of Nevada, Reno)

Dolly Jørgensen (University of Stavanger)

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Alan I. Marcus (Mississippi State University)
Amrys O. Williams (Independent Scholar)
Catharine Anne Wilson (University of Guelph)
William Thomas Okie (Kennesaw State)

Texts

ROOM

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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 Coffee Break

10:30am-12:00pm Session VIII

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

Chair: Pete Daniel (Smithsonian Institution)

Frederick R. Davis (Purdue University)

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Mark Hersey (Mississippi State University)

Jeremy Montgomery (Mississippi State University)

David Vail (University of Nebraska at Kearney)

Organizations and Scales of Power

ROOM

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)

"The Livestock Lobby: Murdo Mackenzie and the Politicization of the American National Live Stock Association," Leland Turner (Midwestern State 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

ROOM

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

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- "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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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

1:30pm-3:00pm Session IX

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

ROOM

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

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

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"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

ROOM

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)

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

Herds and Humans

ROOM

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)

"Herdsman-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)

ROOM

James Bowen (Leeds Trinity University)

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The Local and the Hidden

ROOM

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)

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"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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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

ROOM

Deborah K. Fitzgerald (MIT)

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Zsuzsanna Varga (Lorand Eotvos University)

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

ROOM

"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)

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

Unpacking State Power in Agriculture

ROOM

"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

ROOM

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

ROOM

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)

5:00pm-8:30pm Cash Bar

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5:30pm-6:00pm **AHS Business Meeting**
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6:00pm-8:30pm **AHS Centennial Celebration and Awards Reception**
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