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**WHO IS A FARMER?**

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**REGIONAL IDENTITY AND RURAL CULTURE**

A graphic featuring a white silhouette of the state of Michigan on a blue background. A pitchfork is stuck into the western part of the Lower Peninsula. Below the map, the text "WHO IS A FARMER?" is written in red. Underneath that, in black, is "Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting • June 8-10, 2017 Grand Rapids, Michigan". At the bottom, "REGIONAL IDENTITY AND RURAL CULTURE" is written in red.

June 8-10, 2017

## **At-a-Glance Schedule**

### **Wednesday, June 7**

- 8:00-5:00 Grad Student Workshop, Eberhard Center, room TBA
  
- 3:00-6:00 Executive Committee Meeting, Foundation Room, Eberhard Center
  
- 3:00-6:30 Conference Registration at Eberhard Center
  
- 7:00-9:00 Joint AHS/MHA Welcome Reception, location TBA

### **Thursday, June 8**

- 7:30-5:00 Conference Registration at Eberhard Center
  
- 8:30-10:00 Opening Plenary, Eberhard room 215 (C, D, E, F)
  
- 10:00-10:30 Break
  
- 10:30-12:00 Session I
  
- 12:00-1:45 Presidential Luncheon (Ticketed Event)
  
- 2:00-3:30 Session II
  
- 3:30-4:15 Break, Sponsored by GVSU Department of History and GVSU Office of the Provost
  
- 4:15-5:45 Session III

### **Friday, June 9**

- 7:00-8:00 Editorial Board Breakfast at Eberhard Center
  
- 8:00-12:00 Registration at Eberhard Center
  
- 8:30 -10:00 Session IV
  
- 10:10:30 Break
  
- 10:30-12:00 Session V
  
- 12:00-  
12:00-6:00 Tours, Online preregistration required (box lunch included)  
Tour 1: GVSU Sustainable and Hoffmaster State Park (\$40)  
12:00-4:00 Tour 2: Meijer Gardens (\$48)

**Saturday, June 10**

- 7:30-8:30 Rural Women's Studies Association Breakfast
- 8:00-12:00 Registration at Eberhard Center
- 8:30-10:00 Session VI
- 10:00-10:30 Break
- 10:30-12:00 Session VII
- 1:45-3:15 Session VIII
- 3:15-3:45 Break, Sponsored by GVSU Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies and GVSU Office of the Provost
- 3:45-5:15 Session IX
- 5:15-6:00 Society Business Meeting, open to all attendees
- 6:00-7:00 Reception, Hosted by Office of the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Grand Valley State University, open to all attendees
- 7:00-9:00 Awards Banquet (Ticketed Event)

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## Thursday, June 8

### 8:30 a.m. Plenary

#### **Farm and Rural Identity and the Farm Crisis of the 1980s**

Chair/Comment: Katherine Jellison, Ohio University

“‘An American Event’: Farm Aid and Its Portrayal of Farmers in the 1980s,” Wayne Anderson, University of Iowa

“Diverging Democrats: Minnesota and Wisconsin in the Farm Crisis Election,” Cory Haala, Marquette University

“Farm Crisis, Teen Edition: Agricultural and Rural Identity in 1980s Iowa,” Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, Iowa State University

### 10:30 a.m. - Noon Session I

#### **Local Food, History, and Heritage**

Chair/Commentator: Linda Ambrose, Laurentian University

“Heritage Grains from the Ukraine Influencing Modern Farming,” Ellen King, Independent Scholar

“Knowing Your Farmer in the Nineteenth Century: Cases for Local Food,” Adam W. Ebert, Mount Mercy University

“Cheese Fever: A History of ‘Soft Michigan’ Cheese 1825-1925,” Laurie Perkins, Michigan History Museum

#### **What Was a Peasant? Integrated Peasant’s Economy in a Comparative Perspective**

Chair: Shane Hamilton, University of York

“Proto Industrialization or Integrated Peasant Economy? Scandinavia in the 18th and Early 19th Century,” Mats Morell, Uppsala University

“Diversifying and Maximizing Incomes in Peasant Economy (case of Slovenia),” Žarko Lazarević, Institute of Contemporary History

“Farmers’ Household and Living Spaces During the Industrial Revolution: Otagi, Kyoto, Japan, 1880-1908,” Satoshi Murayama, Kagawa University

“Commons, Farm Division and an Integrated Peasant’s Economy in Upland Sweden,” Jesper Larsson, Indiana University

### **Farmers as State-Builders: The Many Faces of the Agricultural Associative State**

Chair: Deborah Fitzgerald, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Commentator: Gabriel Rosenberg, Duke University

“Scientific Agriculture and the Agricultural State: Farmers, Capitalism, and Government in the Late Nineteenth Century,” Ariel Ron, Southern Methodist University

“Uncooperative Extension: The Fertilizer Lobby and U.S. Agricultural Policy, 1914-1945,” Timothy H. Johnson, University of Georgia

“Beneath the Veneer of Democracy: Soil Conservation Districts and the Mechanization of Conservation, 1935-1960,” Joshua M. Nygren, University of Central Missouri

### **Womanhood in Rural Society**

Chair/Commentator: Cherisse Jones-Branch, Arkansas State University

“The Uses of the Past: Farm Historical Pageantry, Gender, and Region, 1910 – 1930,” Nancy K. Berlage, Texas State University

Finding the Women’s Land Army in the Rural South, Denna Clymer, Crowder College

“How Chinese Rural Women Comes to Their Current Status?: An Institutional Cultural Perspective,” Mei Yang, Massey University

### **Human and Animal Migration Studies**

Chair: Erin Stewart Mauldin, Samford University

“Rural Emigration as Urban Panacea: Japanese Brazilian Agricultural Migration in the Wake of the 1923 Great Kantō Earthquake,” Andre Deckrow, Columbia University

“DeWitty and the Kinkaid Act: The Common Story of an Uncommon People,” Robert Nickels, University of Nebraska-Kearney

“Squirrel Migrations, American Agriculture, and Evolutionary and Environmental History in the Anthropocene,” Brett Mizelle, California State University Long Beach

## **2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Session II**

### **Experiencing Transatlantic Commodity Networks**

Chair/Commentator: Dolly Jørgensen, Luleå University of Technology

“Farming in the Spanish Caribbean: Rural Identity, Culture, and Food Production in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Cuba,” Carrie Meyer, George Mason University

“Solving the Paradox of Hunger Amidst Plenty: Farm Commodities and Food Welfare in the U.S. and Britain during the 1970s,” Caitlin Rathe, University of California

### **Power and Agency in Agri“culture”**

Chair/Commentator: Mart Stewart, Western Washington University

“Hammond’s Failure,” Alan Olmstead, University of California, Davis and Paul Rhode, University of Michigan

“Un-farming Land, Cultivating Dominance: Jats in Northern India,” Praveen Verma, University of Delhi

“The Green Revolution and the Agrarian Life of Race,” Hossein Ayazi, University of California, Berkeley

### **Women, Eggs, and Chickens**

Chair/Commentator: Dawn Herd-Clark, Fort Valley State University

Building a Place for Poultry in Montana, Amy L. McKinney, Northwest College

The Public Face of Farming: A Case Study of Female Egg Farmers in Canada, Jodey Nurse-Gupta, University of Waterloo

### **Symbols of the Pastoral**

Chair/Commentator: Wayne Anderson, University of Iowa

“Of Cornfields & Baseball: Field of Dreams as American Pastoral,” Anna Thompson Hajdik, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

“Yo Heave the Spirit of Increase: RAISING THE BARN, Standards of Agricultural Practise, and Ideals of Neighborliness,” Catharine Wilson, University of Guelph

“Freshets and Flooding: How Agriculture Preserved Indian Mounds,” Nicholas Timmerman, Mississippi State University

### **Farmer Identity and Perception**

Chair/Commentator: Brian Q. Cannon, Brigham Young University

“Inheriting the Earth: Race, Culture and Familial Attachment to Land in New Zealand,” Jane McCabe, University of Otago

“Small Sale Traditional Farmers in the Peruvian Amazon: Identity, Perceptions, Historical Discrimination and Recent Change,” Jim Penn, Grand Valley State University

“The Independent Farmer: Myths of Self-Reliance in Mormon Agricultural Rhetoric,” Anthony Garner, Utah State University

**3:30 - 4:15 Break, Sponsored by GVSU Department of History and GVSU Office of the Provost**

**4:30 - 5:45 p.m. Session III**

**Modernization Down on the Farm: Responding to Technological Change**

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

“What Does a Digital Farmer Produce? Identity, Knowledge, and Power in the Era of Third Nature,” Shane Hamilton, University of York

“Power for the People: Popular Interest in Rural Electrification in Northwest Wisconsin,” William Kostlevy, Brethren Historical Library

“Who is the Gardener? Anonymization of the Production in the Horticultural Industry in the 20th Century,” Inger Olausson, University of Gothenburg

**Agricultural Frontier as a Political Project: Regional Identity, Rural Culture and Environmental Changes in Brazil and Argentina**

Chair/Commentator: Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma

“Environmental Conflicts and Politicization in the Argentine Rural World: The Case of the Province of Formosa and Chaco in Front of the Processes of Deforestation and Advance of the Agricultural Frontier (1980-2010),” Adrián Zarrilli, Universidad Nacional de La Plata

“Modernizing is Required: Social Thought and Change in Rural Brazil (1944-1954),” Claiton Marcio da Silva, Universidade Federal da Fronteira Sul

“The Dissemination and Domestication of Feijoa (*Acca sellowiana*),” Samira Peruchi Moretto, Universidade Federal da Fronteira Sul

“To Correct Nature’s Mistakes: Hubris, Agronomic Knowledge and Apple Production in Southern Brazil,” Jó Klanovicz, Universidade do Centro-Oeste do Paraná

**Growing Community: Public History and the Future of Oceana County, Michigan**

Commentator: Andrew Schlewitz, Grand Valley State University

Melanie Shell-Weiss, Grand Valley State University

Nora Salas, Grand Valley State University

Amy McFarland, Grand Valley State University

Eva Berumen, El Centro Hispano de Oceana

Walter Urick, Historical and Genealogical Society of Oceana County

**“The Hospital in the Cotton Field:” Rural Hospital Care in the Delta**

Chair/Commentator: Cherisse Jones-Branch, Arkansas State University

“Eastern Arkansas Navigates the Mid-Twentieth Century: The Business of Agriculture in History,” Brady Banta, Arkansas State University

“Compliance vs. Access: The Challenges of Administering Historically Significant Protected Date,” Jennifer Welch, University of Tennessee, Health Sciences, Memphis

“From a Cotton Field Came a Hospital: A Mid-Twentieth Century Rural Hospital,” Simon Hosken, Arkansas State University

**Agrarian Myth? Individual Actors in Agriculture**

Chair/Commentator: Jim Giesen, Mississippi State University

“Searching for the Best Agricultural Land: A GIS Analysis,” Brandon Duxbury, Iowa State University

“Sing Me a Song of my Home: Earl Heywood, CKNX Wingham, and Barn Dance Radio,” Erin Elizabeth Schuurs, University of Guelph

**Friday, June 9**

**8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Session IV**

**Roundtable on Debra Reid's Interpreting Agriculture and Rural Life at Historic Sites**

Chair: Joe Anderson, Mount Royal University

Julia Brock, University of West Georgia

Nancy E. Villa Bryk, Eastern Michigan University

R. Douglas Hurt, Purdue University

Debra A. Reid, Eastern Illinois University

**International Farmers, Shifting Identities, and Experiences**

Chair: Virgil Dean, Consulting Editor, Kansas History

“Running a Family Farm: Swedish Farmer’s Identities and Strategies While Facing Conflicting Pressures,” Camilla Eriksson, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

“Ezra Taft Benson and the Family Farm,” Brian Q. Cannon, Brigham Young University



### **Transitional Livelihoods and Farming Choices**

Chair: Kelly Houston Jones, Austin Peay State University

“From Sawmilling to Sharecropping: The Northern Ohio Cooperage and Lumber Company, 1902-1948,” Zachary Elledge, Purdue University

“The Rain Did Not Come Down: Farming the Cutover in Crow Wing County, Minnesota, 1900-1920,” John A. Byczynski, Western Michigan University

“A Failed Hydraulic Society: The Tragic Past of Utah’s Cache County Water Conservation District No.1.,” David D. Vail, University of Nebraska at Kearney

### **Farming the Fault line: Agriculture Along Borderlands**

Chair/Commentator: Tore Olsson, University of Tennessee

“A New Tradition. Construction of Regional Identity of Farmers in ‘Regained Territories’ of Poland After the II World War in the Light of Their Letters to Authorities,” Krysztof Gajewski, Institute of Literary Research, Polish Academy of Science

“Caucasus Kul’tura: Wheat, Corn, and Sedentary-Transhumant Relations on Eur/Asian Borders through Great War and Revolution,” Leone Musgrave, Indiana University

### **Roundtable: Challenging the Culture of Empire: Mexican and Latino Agricultural Organizing in the Fields**

Chair: Jose G. Moreno, Northern Arizona University

Luis H. Moreno, Bowling Green State University

Dinoicio Valdez, Michigan State University

### **Family and Children on the Farm**

Chair/Commentator: Megan Birk, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

“African American Child Farmers in Arkansas: The Childhood Farming Experiences of Minnie Dawson,” Chelsea D. McNutt, Arkansas State University

“‘I Never Had a Childhood:’ Children and Agriculture in Mid-19th Century Iowa,” Jeff Bremer, Iowa State University

“Pre-Transitional Farm Fertility on the South African Frontier, 1787-1834,” Jeanne Cilliers and Erik Green, Lund University

### **10:00 - 1030 a.m. Break**

### **10:30 a.m. Session V**

### **Roundtable: Integrating Urban Farming into Agricultural History**

Commentator: Dolly Jørgensen, Luleå University of Technology

Peter G. Anderson, Queen's University

Anastasia Day, University of Delaware  
Joanna E Dean, Carleton University  
Chris Fite, University of Pennsylvania

### **Mapping Commodity Patterns**

Chair: Debra Reid, The Henry Ford

“Mapping the Logistics of Beef in Texas: A Public Agricultural History Project,” Jeannette Vaught, University of Texas at Austin

“Corn Belt Correlations: Patterns in Potawatomi Land Use and Settler Land Seizure,” David B. H. Lehman, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

“Voices of Rural Nebraska: Building Personal Experience into a Digital Repository,” Laurinda L. Weisse, University of Nebraska at Kearney

“Farming the Data: Rural Identity, Local Studies, and the Flatwaters Digital Repository Project,” Sally C. Sinor, University of Nebraska at Kearney

### **Women’s Responses to the Challenges of Industrialization**

Chair/Commentator: Carmen Harris, University of South Carolina, Upstate

“Saving the “Defective” Child and the Poor Housewife: Public Gardening Programs of Women’s Clubs during the Progressive Era in Grand Rapids, Michigan,” Jayson Otto, Aquinas College

“These Business-minded Entrepreneurs:” Food Preservation, Cooperative Extension and the Role of Alabama’s Farm Women and Girls in the Market Place, Tommy Brown, Auburn University

“Rural Solution in the Industrial Age: Vacant Lots,” Maureen S. Thompson, Montgomery College

### **Gender and Expectation in Back-to-the-Land Movements 1880-1980**

Chair: Sara Morris, University of Kansas

“Who is a Back-to-the-Lander? Gendered Rhetoric vs. Gendered Realities in the First American Back-to-the-Land Movement, 1880-1920,” Dona Brown, University of Vermont

“Building a Communal Environment: Back-to-the-Land in Mendocino,” Gary Stein, University of Southern California

### **12:00-6:00 Tours, Preregistration required (tours include boxed lunch)**

12:00-6:00 Tour 1: GVSU Sustainable and Hoffmaster State Park

12:00-4:00 Tour 2: Meijer Gardens

## **Saturday**

### **8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Session VI**

#### **Who is a Collaborator? Networking and Publishing Rural Women's History**

Moderator: Linda M. Ambrose, Laurentian University

Katherine Jellison, Ohio University, Panelist

Joan M. Jensen, New Mexico State University, Panelist

Cherisse Jones-Branch, Arkansas State University, Panelist

Amy L. McKinney, Northwest College, Panelist

Anne L. Moore, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Pamela Riley-Kehrberg, Iowa State University, Panelist

#### **Rural Southern Community Activism**

Chair/Commentator: Jeannie Whyne, University of Arkansas

"Beyond Populism: Socialism in the American South," Ali Nabours, Louisiana State University

"'Take Your End of the Stick': African American Women Fraternal Leaders of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, 1940s – 1970s, Katrina Rochelle Sims, University of Mississippi

"Snags, Sawyers, and Shifting Opinion: The Usage and Perception of Snagboats and Improvement on the Arkansas River from 1800-1860," Colton Adkisson, Arkansas State University

#### **New Deal Policy and American Agriculture**

Chair/Commentator: Mary Summers, University of Pennsylvania

"The Roosevelt Farm Policies and the Transformation of American Agriculture," David E. Hamilton, University of Kentucky

"'Harvesting Data': Climatology and the Creation of Observer Farmers in the New Deal," James H. Bergman, Michigan State University

"Altruism in an Age of Rent-Seeking: The American Farm Bureau Federation's Influence on the 1936 Commodity Exchange Act," Rasheed Saleuddin, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University

### **Modernization and “Authentic Farming”**

Chair/Commentator: Sara Egge, Centre College

“Food Sovereignty and African Food Security: The Nigerian Youth and Smallholder Farmers as the Panacea,” Olusajo Samuel Oyeranmi, Olabisi Onabanjo University

“Pastures Adjacent Shopping Plazas: Crafting Farmer Identities amidst Shifting Rural-Urban Boundaries,” Emily Ramsey, University of Georgia

“Young Agrarian Migration: From Urban to Rural in Search of Authenticity,” Katje Armentrout, Purdue University

### **Colonialism and Transnational Agriculture**

Chair/Commentator: Philip Herrington, James Madison University

“The Transnational Dialectics of Communal Farming Policy in Postcolonial Guinea (1958-1964),” Matthew La Lime, Georgetown University

“Colonial Intervention, Identity Formation and Cultural Change Among Jats of Muzaffarnagar, India: 1800-1920,” Siddharth K. Joshi, Indian Institute of Management

“Farmers Without Borders: Tobacco’s Cross-Cultural Cultivation in the Seventeenth Century,” Melissa N. Morris, Columbia University

### **10:30 - Noon Session VII**

#### **Improving Agricultural Information Networks**

Chair: Mark Hersey, Mississippi State University

“The Legacy of the Tuskegee of the West: The Fargo Agricultural School and the Arkansas Land and Farm Development Corporation,” Charles Baclawski, Arkansas State University

“Educating Women to be New England Farmers,” Anne. L. Moore, University of Massachusetts

“Scientific Farmers for a Modern Economy: Cotton Experimentation and Extension in Shandong, 1918-1937,” Spencer Stewart, University of Chicago

#### **Roundtable: Considering *Farmers Helping Farmers: The Rise of the Farm and Home Bureaus, 1914-1935*, by Nancy Berlage**

Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, Iowa State University, Moderator

Debra Reid, Eastern Illinois University, Panelist

Maggie Weber, Iowa State University, Panelist

Eric Mogren, Northern Illinois University, Panelist

Mary Summers, University of Pennsylvania, Panelist

Nancy Berlage, Texas State University, Author and Respondent

### **Peasants, Farmers, and Migrants**

Chair and Commentator: Adam Ebert, Mount Mercy University

“Peasants or Farmers: the 1881 Rice-Tax Debate and the Question of Agriculture in Meiji Japan,” Michael B. Smith, Arkansas Tech University

“The Modern ‘Bonde’ in Scandinavia: Peasants or Farmers,” Mats Morell, Uppsala University

“The Chinese Silent Majority: Peasants, Migrants, and the Floating Population,” Ruisheng Zhang, Purdue University

### **Products of Place: Commodifying Hemp, Tobacco, Castor, and Galax**

Chair and Commentator: Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma

“To Grow Hemp or Tobacco?: Untangling Central Kentucky’s Intertwined Commodity Histories,” Andrew P. Patrick, University of Kentucky.

“From Farm to Factory and Back Again: Castor in the Nineteenth Century,” Brandon Luedtke, University of Kansas

“Galax and the Commodification of Appalachians,” Luke Manget, University of Georgia

### **1:45 - 3:15 p.m. Session VIII**

#### **Knowledge and Power in Agricultural Systems**

Chair/Commentator: Neil Oatsvall, Arkansas School of Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts

“Sowing and Reaping on Davis Bend,” Brian Hamilton, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Who Is an Agricultural Scientist? Negotiating Agricultural Improvement Across the Atlantic: the Case of Maine and Westphalia in the Nineteenth Century,” Justus Hillebrand, University of Maine

“Much of agriculture always has been destructive to the earth”: How 1970s ecological design enthusiasts feminized their scientific and agricultural endeavors, Emma Schroeder, University of Maine

### **State and Market Forces in Rural Identity Production**

Chair/Commentator: Jeremy Vetter, University of Arizona

"Peasant Proprietors and Local Patriotism in East Friesland," George Vascik, Miami University, Hamilton

"Pastoral Finance: The Intersections of Capitalism and Patronismo in the Hispano Borderlands, 1870-1910," Bryan W. Turo, University of New Mexico

"Bankers as Farmers: W.E. Ferguson and the Anti-Farm Incorporation Debate in Kansas, 1929-1930," Jaclyn J.S. Miller, South Texas College

"Parity, Patriotism, and Promises of Plenty: Free Market Nationalism in an Era of Farm Crisis," Rebecca Shimoni Stoil, Johns Hopkins University

### **Creating the Myth: Language and Expectation in Fashioning of Farmer Identity**

Chair: Bert Way, Kennesaw State University

"Turning Farmers into Farmers: Native Agriculture and the Office of Indian Trade in the Old Northwest, 1796-1822," John William Nelson, University of Notre Dame

"Who is an agricola? Roman farmers between social stratification and cultural appropriation," Mario Adamo, University of Oxford

"Tracing Agricultural Identity Formation with Historical Agricultural News: The Role of Legislative Genres," Amy Larner Giroux and Marcy Galbreath, University of Central Florida

### **Farm Policy as a Tool of Social Control**

Chair: Gabriel Rosenberg, Duke University

"From Food-Giver to Food-Receiver: The Indian Farmer through the Ages," Uma Shankari Naren, Independent Scholar

"Who is the Farmer in Rural Party Politics? Collective Action and Party Politics in Ireland and Romania 1919-1947," Daniel Brett, California State University Long Beach

"'It's Mexican National Drug Organizations'": Invasive Marijuana, Illegal Immigrants, and the Racialization of California's Green-Collar Workers, 1969-2016, Justin Whitney, Mississippi State University

## **Farming, Business, and Social Evolution in the Modern Era**

Chair/Commentator: Joe Anderson, Mount Royal University

"Who is Calvin Fletcher? A Lawyer, a Banker, and a Farmer Walk into a Western City in 1822," Kelly Wenig, Iowa State University

"The Life and Unlikely Career of Simon Fishman, Jewish 'Wheat King' of Kansas," Virgil W. Dean, Kansas State University

"J. C. Penney as Farmer: the Agricultural Partnerships between a Department Store Icon and Common American Agriculturists," David Delbert Kruger, University of Wyoming

"The New Zealand Farmer: A Heterogeneous Category," Tom Brooking, University of Otago

## **3:15 - 3:45 Break, Sponsored by GVSU Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies and GVSU Office of the Provost**

### **3:45 - 5:15 Session IX**

#### **Scientific Agriculture in the Twentieth Century**

Chair: Alan Marcus, Mississippi State University

"Improving Guanwai: Daily Life on the Scientific Frontier of Chinese Frontier Farming, 1939-49," Mark Frank, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

"Fighting Fungus, Fleeing Frostbite: Coffee Modernization Programs Negotiate a Threatening Environment in the Southeast of Brazil, 1970-1976," Jonathan Earl Coulis, Emory University

"Manufacturing PetroToxicity (1903-1945)," Adam M. Romero, University of Washington, Bothell

"Drain the Swamp: Authoritarianism and Nature in 1930s Latvia," Jordan Kuck, West Virginia Wesleyan College

#### **Farmer as Reformer: Horticulture and Human Progress in the United States, 1830-1920**

Chair/Commentator: William Kerrigan, Muskingum University

"Reforming Flour City: The Nurserymen of Rochester, New York, 1840-1860, Camden Burd, University of Rochester

"Friends of Horticulture: Quakers, Reform, and Community in Antebellum New York, Indiana, and Ohio, John Henry's, University of Arkansas, Monticello

"A Politics for the Anthropocene?: American Agrarianism and Environmental Ideas at the Turn of the Century, Daniel Rinn, University of Rochester



### **Perception vs. Reality in the Life of Farmers**

Chair/Commentator: David Danbom, Independent Scholar

"Early Settlement in DeKalb County, 1833-1852: The Benefits of Early Arrival, Wayne Duerkes, Iowa State University

"Farmer Identity as Promoted by Associationalists in the Livestock Industry and the Farmer's Independence Council," Daniel Gresham, Kansas State University

"Legislating Child Labor in the Mid-Twentieth Century," Jennifer Robin Terry, University of California, Berkeley

### **Intersections of Policy, Technology, and Environment**

Chair: Tom Okie, Kennesaw State University

"Managing 'Mother Nature's Hidden Treasures': Kansas Farmers, the Oil Industry, and the Roots of Rural Environmental Activism," Anna Holdorf, University of Notre Dame

Farming the Sun: A History of Solar Energy Technologies and Changes in Rural Identity in the US since 1973, Sarah Mittlefehldt, Northern Michigan University

"Energy, Rural Identity and the Canadian National Farm Radio Forum Archive," Ruth W. Sandwell, University of Toronto

"'The Ticking Time Bomb': The Politics of Water Quality in 1980s Iowa," Johnathan Williams, Boston University

### **Small Family Farms**

Chair/Commentator: Valerie Grim, Indiana University

"Keep It in the Family: 120 Years on the Valentine-Lanos Farm," Carmen L. Williams, Arkansas State University

"A Small Farm Community, 1935-1943," Larry Hasse, Independent Scholar

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**7:00-9:00 Awards Banquet (Ticketed Event)**