



Twenty-Fifth Annual Conference on Illinois History

OCTOBER 5-6, 2023



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Concurrent Sessions, 8:30 – 10:00

More Than Archaeology: How the Illinois State Archaeological Survey (ISAS) Architecture Section Helps to Preserve Illinois's Historic Architecture through Survey and Research (MPR 1)

Moderator: Brooke Morgan, Illinois State Museum

"Seeking a Home: The Archaeology and Architecture of German Immigrant Farms in Southwestern Illinois," Michael Smith, ISAS

"More than Archaeology: Historic Architecture and Preservation at ISAS," Laura Williams and Casey Weeks, ISAS

Illinois Institutional Histories (MPR 2)

Moderator: Christopher Schnell, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

"Joliet's University: The University of St. Francis and the Development of Joliet, 1865-1980," David Veenstra, University of St. Francis

"Two Airmen, a Military Academy, and a Very Large Bomb," Tim Black, Independent Historian

Teacher Workshop: Using Art to Teach American History: Artists Render Lincoln's Legacies (C)

Graham Peck, University of Illinois Springfield

Primary and secondary teachers will workshop curriculum materials from Making Our History: Artists Render Lincoln's Legacies, an interdisciplinary art and history project sponsored by the University of Illinois (<https://www.civilwarprof.com/art>).

Concurrent Sessions, 10:15 – 11:45

Abraham Lincoln (MPR 1)

Moderator: Christian McWhirter, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

"Lincoln in 1859: Testing the Waters and Advancing the Cause," Guy Fraker, Author of Lincoln's Ladder to the Presidency: The Eighth Judicial Circuit

"Why Did Captain John Bradford Dislike Abraham Lincoln?" George Provenzano, Independent Researcher

"The Lincolns and How They Grieved: The First Couple and Death During America's Deadliest Era," Mike Pellicane, University of St. Francis

"'Then his glorious work was done': Music and Grief in the Death of Abraham Lincoln," Hannah Holbrook, Slone and Co. Funeral Directors

ISHS Roundtable Discussion: Incorporating Public History into the Classroom (MPR 2)

Moderator: Megan VanGorder, Governors State University Hannah Johnson, McLean County Museum of History

Rosemary Feurer, Northern Illinois University

Kristen Kaczmarek, Hillcrest High School

Jeanne Schultz-Angel, Naper Settlement

Race in Illinois: Toward an Understanding of Property and Racial Exclusion Throughout Illinois History (C)

Moderator: Bob Sampson, Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society

"Laws, Lawmakers and the Legislated: Dynamics of Race and Property in Early Illinois, 1700s-1865," Caroline M. Kisiel, DePaul University

"Racial Exclusion, Public Housing, and Affordable Housing: The Cases of Chicago and Naperville," Brian J. Miller, Wheaton College

Luncheon Presentation: 12:00 – 1:30

"New Philadelphia: From Freedom Struggle to Freedom Corridor"

Gerald McWorter and Kate Williams-McWorter

New Philadelphia was an abolitionist village established in 1836, the first town in the US legally platted and registered by an African American. Congress established New Philadelphia as a National Park in 2022. This presentation will cover three main points. First, how the McWorter family and the town of New Philadelphia made seven major contributions to the freedom struggle of African American people. Second, how the women of the McWorter family and the town of New Philadelphia were major actors in this history. And, third, how the National Park status is opening up plans for a Freedom Corridor that links Springfield on highway 72 to Hannibal, Missouri, linking Free Frank McWorter with Abraham Lincoln and Sam Clemens (Mark Twain).

Gerald McWorter is professor emeritus at the University of Illinois. A long-time scholar activist in Black Studies and the Black liberation movement, he is the great great grandson of Free Frank McWorter, the founder of the abolitionist village New Philadelphia. He wrote the first textbook in the modern Black Studies movement that is displayed in the African American History Museum of the Smithsonian in Washington DC.

Kate Williams McWorter is associate professor emeritus at the University of Illinois where she taught in the graduate library program. Her research has focused on community use of information technology, and she is also now studying and organizing community discussion of the climate crisis and inequality. Her great-great-grandfather, who later fought for the Confederacy, stopped an 1850 lynching in Denton, Texas.

Concurrent Sessions, 1:45 – 3:15

Roundtable Discussion: Cumulative Voting and the Cutback Amendment of 1980 (MPR 1)

Moderator: Mark DePue, Independent Scholar

Governor Jim Edgar, Governor of Illinois from 1991 to 1999

State Senator John Cullerton, State Senator from Illinois's 6th District from 1991 to 2020 and Senate President from 2009–2020

Mike Lawrence, Former Press Secretary for Governor Jim Edgar and Former Director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Illinois State Historical Society Roundtable Discussion: Writing and Presenting for Popular Audiences (MPR 2)

Moderator: Erika Holst, Illinois State Museum

John Hallwas, Illinois State Historical Society

Caroline Kiesel, DePaul University

Adam Selzer, Independent Scholar

Public History Workshop: Resettlement: Chicago Story (C)

Jason Matsumoto, Co-founder and Co-Executive Director of Full Spectrum Features

Dr. Ashley Cheyemi McNeil, Director of Education and Research, Full Spectrum Features

This workshop introduces participants to Full Spectrum Features' award-winning cinematic digital history project, *Resettlement: Chicago Story*, which explores the under-told history of how 20,000 Japanese Americans remade their lives in Chicago after they were released from the WWII incarceration camps. Based on real lived experiences, *Resettlement: Chicago Story* is an original short narrative film and immersive learning website that is chock full of images, oral histories, archival documents, and learning activities curated by leading scholars and educators. This project was made possible through generous federal funding from the National Park Service's Japanese American Confinement Sites grant program.

Concurrent Sessions, 3:30 – 5:00

Pacific Bridges Material and Virtual: Digitally Exhibiting Japanese Artifacts from the Illinois State Museum (MPR 1)

Moderator: Peter Shapinsky, University of Illinois Springfield

Discussants: Erika Holst and Amanda Bryden, Illinois State Museum

Presenters:

"Japanese Officer's Sword," Nathan M. Hayes, University of Illinois Springfield

"Woman's Kimono," Margi E. Herberger, University of Illinois Springfield

"Japanese Helmet," Adam J. Krall, University of Illinois Springfield

"A Samurai's Personal Supply Pouch: Inrō, Netsuke, and Ojime," Spencer C. Mauch, University of Illinois Springfield

"Japanese Matchlock," Tristan J. Morrison, University of Illinois Springfield

"Yōkai and Spirituality in Inrō," Ryan J. Schlindwein, University of Illinois Springfield

Twentieth Century Illinois (MPR 2)

Moderator: Nicole Stocker, Dunn Museum

"A Life Beyond Carl Sandburg's Poem: Henry Stephens as Race Man and Union Man, a Protagonist of the Illinois Mine Wars," Rosemary Feurer, Northern Illinois University

"Black Gold in Dupo: The 1929-1930 Oil Boom," William P. Shannon IV, St. Clair County Historical Society and Jennifer Colten, Sam Fox School of Art & Design at Washington University

"The Life of Chicago's Cardinal Francis E. George, OMI," Michael R. Heinlein, Author of *Glorifying Christ: The Life of Cardinal Francis E. George, O.M.I.*

Immigrant Experiences in Illinois (C)

Moderator: Ian Hunt, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

"Wir kämpfen als Freunde der Union: The Civil War experiences of western serving German-American soldiers from Illinois and Missouri in 1861 and 1862," John Sarvela, Oklahoma State University

"The Greening of the Prairie: Irish Settlement and Farming in the Corn Belt," Greg Koos, Executive Director Emeritus of the McLean County Museum of History

"'Our Martyr President': The Role of Lincoln in German American Civil War Memory," Kristen Anderson, Webster University

THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAM: REINTERPRETING DICKSON MOUNDS

Terra Ferment

204 S. 6th St. Springfield, IL 62701

5:30 PM

Brooke Morgan and Logan Pappenfort will discuss ongoing repatriation and reinterpretation efforts at the Dickson Mounds State Museum. Morgan is the Curator of Anthropology at the Illinois State Museum Research and Collections Center and Logan Pappenfort is Curator of Anthropology at the Dickson Mounds State Museum.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Concurrent Sessions, 8:30 – 10:00

Policing Chicago's Schools, Addressing Racist Policing: Red Squads & Police Cultures in the 1960s (MPR 1)

Moderator: Alonzo M. Ward, Eastern Illinois University

"Subversive Schools: Police Surveillance of Chicago Public Schools, 1967-1974," Joseph Rathke, University of Chicago

"Police Culture: Chicago Police Officer Associations and Materiality in the 1960s and 1970s," Helen Kallao, Northern Illinois University

Rediscovering Kaskaskia: New Archaeological and Historical Investigations into Illinois's First Capital (MPR 2)

Moderator: Christopher Stratton, Fever River Research

"Resurrecting Kaskaskia: A Geophysical and Archival Study of Kaskaskia," Rebecca Ramey, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

"Hidden Histories: Kaskaskia as a Multi-Ethnic Community," George Hunt, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

"Through a Lens Darkly: Archaeological and Archival Investigations into Forts Kaskaskia 1 and 2," Mark Wagner, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

New Tools for Interpreting and Researching Illinois Legal History (C)

Moderator: David Joens, Director of the Illinois State Archives

"The Supreme Court Learning Center," Samuel Wheeler, Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission

"Digitization of Supreme Court Case Files: 1818 to 1865," John Lupton, Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission

Concurrent Sessions, 10:15 – 11:45

Nineteenth Century Illinois (MPR 1)

Moderator: Lauren Thompson, McKendree University

“Through Sickness and Health: Illinois Civil War Soldier Charles A. Hobbs’s Medical Maladies, in His Own Words,” Mark Flotow, Independent Researcher

“‘She Became a Member of the Family:’ Nancy Dobbins and the Liminal Role of the Longtime Domestic Servant in 19th Century Springfield,” Erika Holst, Illinois State Museum

“Prairie Patriot: An Illinois Civil War Story,” Rachael Mellen, Independent Researcher

“The Illinois Soldiers’ Orphans’ Home,” Jay Martens, Williamsville High School

ISHS Roundtable Discussion: Incorporating Underrepresented Narratives into Public History (MPR 2)

Moderator: Devin Hunter, University of Illinois Springfield

Jacob K. Friefeld, University of Illinois Springfield Center for Lincoln Studies

Megan VanGorder, Governors State University

Sherry Williams, Bronzeville Historical Society

Teacher Workshop: Women of the 1893 World’s Fair, and Other Untold Stories (C)

Angela Esposito, Chief Learning Officer at the Chicago Architecture Center

Step back 130 years as we learn about the compelling women of the 1893 World’s Fair. Together, we will peel back the layers of Chicago’s Gilded Age as we explore immigrant stories, the impact of women of the Fair, and how Chicago became the imperfect setting for America’s grand affair.

Luncheon Presentation: 12:00 – 1:30

“Placing the Platform: Using 3D Technology to Pinpoint Lincoln at Gettysburg”

Christopher Oakley

Associate Professor Christopher Oakley is a former Disney and DreamWorks animator who teaches Animation in the New Media department at the University of North Carolina Asheville.

Since the age of five, Christopher has been fascinated by Abraham Lincoln and has spent much of his life researching the 16th president. Since 2011, Christopher has been leading an undergraduate research endeavor called “The Virtual Lincoln Project,” in which he and his students are creating a digital photo-real Abraham Lincoln delivering the Gettysburg Address. In 2013, his discovery of a previously unknown image of Abraham Lincoln in a crowd photograph at the ceremony where Lincoln delivered his

Gettysburg Address went viral, making headlines and news broadcasts around the world. Lightning struck again in November 2022, when Christopher's presentation on where Lincoln was actually standing when he delivered the Gettysburg Address made the front page of the New York Times.

In May 2023, Christopher Oakley was awarded the Ruth and Leon Feldman Prize, which recognizes significant and sustained contributions in teaching, research, and service at UNC Asheville.

Christopher Oakley's lecture explores how he combined 19th century analog materials with 21st century 3D digital technology to determine where Abraham Lincoln was actually standing when he delivered the Gettysburg Address.

Concurrent Sessions, 1:45 – 3:15

Panel Discussion: The National Register of Historic Places in Illinois: Problems and Prospects (MPR 1)

Moderator: Amy Hathaway, Illinois State Historic Preservation Office

Hayley Goebel, University of Illinois Springfield

Amy Kapp, University of Illinois Springfield

Kaitlin Pottier, University of Illinois Springfield

McKenna Servis, University of Illinois Springfield

ISHS Roundtable Discussion: Illuminating Underrepresented Stories in Archives (MPR 2)

Moderator: Kathryn Harris, Abraham Lincoln Association

Robert Glover, Dekalb County History Center

Michelle Miller, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

Jameatris Rimkus, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana

Roundtable Discussion: Using Your Local Historic Sites as an Extension of Your Classroom (C)

Moderator: Brian Mitchell, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

Sarah Adams, Springfield Art Association

Tim Townsend, Lincoln Home National Historic Site

Brad Winn, Illinois State Historic Sites

Concurrent Sessions, 3:30 – 5:00

Understanding Illinois's Historical Collections (MPR 2)

Moderator: Megan Klintworth, Illinois State Archives

"The Taming of the Perrin Collection: Organizing Pre-Statehood Records," Eowyn Montgomery, Illinois State Archives

"John A. Logan Native Arts Collection: Booty or Beauty?," Robert E. Hartley, Independent Scholar

"The Will County Historical Museum: Preserving the Records of Canal and County," Brian Conroy, Will County Historical Museum

Black History in Illinois (MPR 2)

Moderator: Pamela Smoot, Southern Illinois University

"Untold African American Stories," Mary Frances, Illinois Humanities Road Scholar

"Freedom Seekers and the Underground Railroad: Re-framing the Stories," Larry A. McClellan, Governors State University

"One Town's Journey to 'Sundown' after the Destruction of a Tuskegee Modeled School for Black Youths in Southern Illinois," Clifton E. Jackson, Independent Researcher

Early Illinois (C)

Moderator: Jenn Edginton, Illinois State Museum

"The First Enslaved Africans in French Kaskaskia: The Case of Jean Baxé," Sharon Person, Independent Scholar

"Nineteenth Century Illinois Settlement Captured Through the Eyes of a Pioneer Family," Richard Stickann, Independent Scholar

CPDU Credit

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Education Department is providing 1.5 Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) for each session attended during the Conference on Illinois History. An additional 1.0 CPDU will be offered for the evening program. An educator who attends all conference events will receive 16.0 CPDUs.

To receive CPDU credit, educators must complete an evaluation for each session they attend. To comply with ISBE requirements, they should plan to complete the evaluation prior to moving to the next conference session. One digital certificate will be issued at the end of the conference for each participating educator. The certificate will include total hours awarded and a record of sessions attended. If you have any questions, please contact the Education Department at ALPLM.Education@illinois.gov.

Registration

To register for the Conference visit: bit.ly/illinois-history

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