

LAWCHA at the 2015 OAH (St. Louis)

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April 16-19, 2015. Are you attending the April meeting of the OAH in St. Louis—or living in the area? LAWCHA will have a strong presence this year.

Featured event: LAWCHA Luncheon at the 2015 OAH in St. Louis

Friday, April 17, 12:20 pm - 1:50 pm

- Cost: \$50 (graduate student subsidies available)
- Sponsored by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)
- St. Louis Blues: The Urban Crisis in the Gateway City
- Special Guest: Colin Gordon, University of Iowa
- Colin Gordon examines the troubled history of our host city, using maps and data drawn from his *Mapping Decline: St. Louis and the Fate of the American City* (2008). Gordon traces the transformation of metropolitan St. Louis across the last century, focusing on the ways private and public policies both created and sustained stark patterns of local segregation and inequality. LAWCHA is able to subsidize the lunch tickets for graduate students on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact tklug@marygrove.edu for further information.

Other Sessions of Interest

Friday, April 17

9:00 am - 10:30 am

The Red Taboo in American History

Endorsed by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

Chair and Commentator: Tony Michels, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“American Girls in Red Russia”: Rethinking the Red Taboo in U.S. Women’s History

Julia Mickenberg, University of Texas at Austin

“The Reddest of the Blacks”: History across the Full Spectrum of Civil Rights Activism

Glenda Gilmore, Yale University

“TWO Witch Hunts”: On (Not) Seeing Red in The Lavender Scare

Aaron Lecklider, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Corporal Punishment, Capital Punishment, and Performance in the 19th-Century South

Endorsed by the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE)

Chair: Victoria Bynum, Texas State University, San Marcos

Commentator: Jeff Forret, Lamar University

“I Got Stripes”: The Whipping of Poor White Southerners in the Late Antebellum Era”

Keri Leigh Merritt, Independent Scholar

White Punishment and African American and Native American Defiance at Hampton Institute

Clay Cooper, Middle Tennessee State University

“The Hanging of Bad Tom Smith”: Public Execution and Civil Religion in the Victorian South

Bob Hutton, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

10:50 am - 12:20 pm

A Lasting Legacy: Coercive Labor Systems in Post-Civil War America

Endorsed by the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE) and the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)

Chair: Pete Daniel, Independent Scholar

Commentator: Paul Ortiz, University of Florida

Peonage and Prostitution: Women Workers at Florida’s Cross City Turpentine Camps, 1900 to 1921

Catherine Gyllerstrom, Auburn University

“Only Woman Blacksmith in America is a Convict”: Black Women and Prison Labor in the New South

Talitha LeFlouria, Florida Atlantic University

Debt Peonage in Judicial and Political Transition: Unfree Labor in Territorial New Mexico and the Post-War American South

William Kiser, Arizona State University

Marx and Marxism in America: Taboo or Totem?

Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)

Chair: Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Commentator: James Livingston, Rutgers University

Marx and Engels on the American Civil War: From the War against Slavery to the Popular Front to the Post-Communist Condition

Andrew Zimmerman, George Washington University

The American Political Tradition Reconsidered: Locke, Marx, and the Silencing of Mill
Claire Rydell, Stanford University

Studies on the Left, 1959-1967: Towards an American Western Marxism

Andrew Hartman, Illinois State University

Illicit Economies and Taboo Trades: Excavating the Politics of Black Female Sexuality in Vaudeville, Pornography, and Prostitution in Twentieth-Century-America

Endorsed by the Urban History Association

Chair: Michele Mitchell, New York University

Commentator: Adrienne Davis, Washington University School of Law

"A Broad and Earthy Clown": The Bodily Politics of Moms Mabley

Cynthia Blair, University of Illinois at Chicago

Sepia Sex Scenes: Black Women's Erotic Labor in Early Pornographic Film

Mireille Miller-Young, University of California, Santa Barbara

"That He Would Keep Me For Himself": Hannah Elias, Illicit Sex, and Interracial Intimacy in Plessy-Era New York

Cheryl Hicks, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

1:50 pm -3:20 pm

Resisting Slavery & Apartheid through Freedom Suits, Archives, Architecture, & Public Interpretation

Endorsed by the OAH Committee on Public History

Chair: Sally Hadden, Western Michigan University

Commentator: Ann Honious, Jefferson Expansion Memorial, National Park Service

Shifting Ground: St. Louis Freedom Suits in the Era of Dred Scott

Kelly Kennington, Auburn University

Entering the Front Canopied Door: Maggie Walker and Black Women Resisting American Apartheid

Heather Huyck, National Collaboration Women's History Sites

Arguing Slavery and Its Interpretation at White Haven

Pamela Sanfilippo, National Park Service

Remember Little Rock: Public Memory and Female School Desegregation Activism

Erin Devlin, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Saturday, April 18

9:00 am - 10:30 am

The Limits of Freedom: Labor, Violence, and Coercion in the American West

Endorsed by the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE) and the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)

Chair: Gunther Peck, Duke University

Commentator: Stacey Smith, Oregon State University

What Limits? Bound Indian Labor in the American West and the Fallacy of the “Natural Limits of Slavery” Argument

Michael Magliari, California State University, Chico

Creating a Free White Workforce in Northwestern California: Labor, Violence, and Environment, 1860-1906

Michael Karp, Saint Louis University

“A slave in Uncle Sam’s service”: Military Labor after the Thirteenth Amendment

Hope McGrath, University of Pennsylvania

Looking North and West: New Directions in the Study of Free African Americans

Endorsed by the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR)

Chair: Margaret Garb, Washington University in Saint Louis

Commentator: Paul Finkelman, University of Pennsylvania

“Enjoying the Right to Himself”: Fugitive Slaves in Iowa, 1830-1865

David Brodnax Sr., Trinity Christian College

“Is it a sin to be black?”: Illegalizing the Presence of Black Americans in Oregon, 1844-1858

Jacki Hedlund Tyler, Washington State University

Reconsidering Citizenship among African Americans in Antebellum California

Dana Elizabeth Weiner, Wilfrid Laurier University

Black Women and the Struggle for Economic Justice: Rethinking Labor and Working-Class History

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Chair: Alice Kessler-Harris, Columbia University

Commentator: Premilla Nadasen, Barnard College

Reevaluating the 1930s Labor Movement through the Lens of Black Working-Class Feminism

Jenny Carson, Ryerson University

We Rebel: Black Women, Worker Theater, and Wartime Experiments in Interracial Unionism

Keona Ervin, University of Missouri-Columbia

Gendered (In)Justice: Feminism, Labor, and the Movement for Imprisoned Women's Rights
in North Carolina

Amanda Hughett, Duke University

10:50 am - 12:20 pm

Reframing the Struggle: Latino Activism in Multiracial Cities, 1960s-1970s

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Association (LAWCHA)

Chair: Eduardo Contreras, Hunter College, CUNY

Commentator: Adrian Burgos, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Race and Inequality in a Multiethnic City: African Americans, Mexican Americans, and the
War on Poverty in Los Angeles

Casey Nichols, Stanford University

Desegregation or Disintegration? Fighting for Better Schools in Multiracial Denver,
1968-1976

Danielle Olden, University of Utah

"We Went to Make an Alliance": Puerto Rican and Black Politics in North Philadelphia,
1960s-1980s

Alyssa Ribeiro, Center for the Study of Women, University of California, Los Angeles

Sunday, April 19

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Subversive Solidarities: Other Histories of the "American" Century

Endorsed by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

Chair and Commentator: Rachel Buff, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Common Wealth in Precarious Times: Militant Politics and Transient Labor across the
Global Philippines, 1919-1942

Allan Lumba, Harvard University

Soldiers, Radicals, Prisoners All: Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary and Global Solidarities,
1917-1922

Christina Heatherton, Trinity College

Practices across Diasporas: Race, Migrant Radicalism, and American Anticolonialism

S. Ani Mukherji, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

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10:50 am - 12:20 pm

The 2000 OAH-Adam's Mark St. Louis Crisis 15 Years Later

Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA) and the OAH Committee on the Status of African American, Latino/a, Asian American, and Native American (ALANA) Historians and ALANA Histories

Chair: Nancy F. Cott, Harvard University

Panelists:

Lee Formwalt, Lee Formwalt Consulting

Jeffrey Sammons, New York University

Darlene Clark Hine, Northwestern University

Leslie Brown, Williams College

Cecelia Bucki, Fairfield University

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