

RWSA NEWSLETTER

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Conferences

RWSA Triennial Conference May 2018

A fantastic conference was held at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio in May 2018. With 97 registrants from 6 countries, including Canada (3 provinces), Nigeria, Tunisia, India, Sweden, and the United States of America (28 states). The theme, "Surviving and Thriving: Gender, Justice, Power, and Place Making," emphasized the role of gender identity in rural community formation and survival and was delivered through many presentations exploring the ways that gendered identity and raced identity affected personal power, individual choice, and community development, both today and historically.

On Thursday evening, along with a tour of an amazing quilt exhibition at the Dairy Barn Arts Center, we enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Hilarie Burhans and were entertained by Sue Masek of the Reel World String Band. Chief Glenna Wallace of the Eastern Shawnee Nation enthralled us with her fascinating stories during Friday's Plenary. She told us that the Shawnee are still in Ohio in their hearts. This was incredibly moving. Saturday concluded with a program of Women of Appalachia Spoken Word and Music Artists. RWSA members also appreciated tours of local communities and scenic regions both before and after the conference.

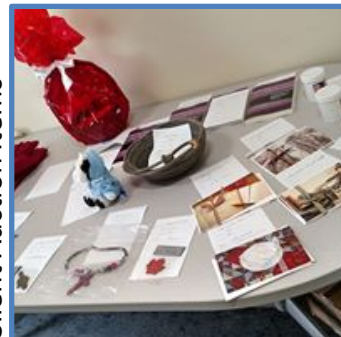
The Dairy Barn Arts Center



Sue Masek plays banjo



Silent Auction Items



Chief Glenna Wallace



Enjoying an outing





**RWSA Triennial Conference May 13-15, 2021,
University of Guelph, Canada
“Kitchen Table Talk to Global Forum”**

Save the date and join us at the University of Guelph, situated just 62 miles west of Toronto, for the 2021 Triennial Conference. Guelph is “Canada’s Food University” and is internationally recognized for its impact on agricultural sciences and rural life. The conference theme is “Kitchen Table Talk to Global Forum.”

Program Committee for 2021

Committee: Katherine Jellison, Catharine Wilson, Jenny Barker-Devine, Margaret Thomas-Evans, Jodey Nurse-Gupta, Tracey Hanshew, Amy McKinney.

The non-North American RWSA position remains open.

Conference Advisors: Cherisse Jones-Branch and Debra Reid

Local Arrangements Committee for 2021

Rebecca Montgomery, Linda Ambrose, Catharine Wilson and some Guelph (university & non-university people): Andrea Gal, Karen Nelson

Funding Committee for 2021

Catharine Wilson

For more information contact: cawilson@uoguelph.ca

About the RWSA

Founded in 1998 as an outgrowth of the Sixth Conference on Rural and Farm Women in Historical Perspective, the Rural Women's Studies Association is an international organization for the advancement and promotion of farm and rural women's gender studies in historical perspective. The Association aims to encourage research, to promote existing and forthcoming scholarship, and to establish and maintain links with contemporary farm and rural women's organizations. The RWSA aims to encourage scholars from different disciplinary backgrounds and countries to communicate about their research and all other activities that are supportive to the Association's goals.

RWSA Officers

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Katherine Jellison, Ohio University
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Position open for second secretary

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Jenny Barker-Devine, Illinois College

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Tracey Hanshew, Washington State TC

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<https://www.ohio.edu/cas/history/institutes-associations/rwsa/index.cfm>

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Cynthia Culver Prescott, University of North Dakota

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Blog:

<https://ruralwomensstudies.wordpress.com/>

Newsletter Editor

Margaret Thomas Evans, Indiana University East

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Cynthia Culver-Prescott, University of North Dakota

Share Your Work on the RWSA Blog

We invite submissions to the RWSA blog, which publishes on a wide range of topics related to rural women, gender and sexuality. We publish scholarship and book reviews as well as more informal reflections. We also seek to highlight rural activism. Posts typically range from about 200 to 2,000 words. Send submissions and queries to Cindy Prescott at <cynthia.culver@gmail.com>.

Send Us Your News!

RWSA members would appreciate hearing of your accomplishments, awards, changes in employment, publications, and research discoveries or needs. We welcome announcements from institutions and organizations regarding historical holdings, job openings, and events. Send submissions to Margaret Thomas Evans margevan@iue.edu

We plan to have two issues per year – fall and spring.

Announcements

Women Also Know History

Women Also Know History has launched a database of nearly 3000 women historians. By promoting and supporting the work of women historians, we offer a concrete way to address explicit and implicit gender bias in public and professional perceptions of historical expertise. Our searchable website makes it easier to identify and connect with women historians working in a wide range of fields and professional settings. Our social media campaign raises awareness of women historians, their contributions to historical knowledge, and their roles as public intellectuals.

You can sign up as a listed scholar at womenalsoknowhistory.com, where you can also search for your next keynote speaker, panelist, colleague, and even reading assignment. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @womnknowhistory. #WomenAlsoKnowHistory!

Agricultural History Society

The Agricultural History Society (AHS) invites applications for the positions of Executive Secretary and Treasurer, with a start date of June 1, 2019. Since 1919, the AHS has served as the leading scholarly organization in the world dedicated to the study of rural life and agriculture, with our journal *Agricultural History* serving the scholarly community since 1927. AHS members research and teach the history of agriculture and rural life from multiple perspectives across time periods and geography.

In June 2019, the AHS will conclude a successful ten-year residency at Mississippi State University, led by Executive Secretary James C. Giesen and Treasurer Alan I Marcus. AHS members and officers now look forward to welcoming new leadership. Proposals need not reflect the pattern of two officers at the same institution and may combine the two roles. Professors Giesen and Marcus will provide counsel during the transition.

AHS Cont.

The successful proposal will include the following:

- Clear vision for building on past success.
- Plan for support from host institution (i.e., course releases, overhead, student assistants).
- Expected level of support from AHS.
- Plan for covering the two positions (i.e., two individuals at one institution; two individuals at different institutions, or one individual for both roles). The society is open to many configurations for these positions.

Special Information:

- Applicants are welcome to propose any number of configurations to fill the positions of Executive Secretary and Treasurer.
- Proposals must present a plan for maintaining AHS funds as U.S. dollars.

Inquiries about the specific details of these positions should be addressed to AHS President Joe Anderson or the current executive secretary, James C. Giesen.

Joe Anderson: jlanderson@mtroyal.ca

James C. Giesen: jgiesen@history.msstate.edu

All proposals should be emailed to Jenny Barker-Devine at: jenny.barker-devine@ic.edu

Due Date: November 1, 2018

Call for Proposals

Kathleen Sullivan-Thomas

2019 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. June 6-8, 2019; Submission Deadline October 9, 2018

Power in Agricultural History

The 100th anniversary meeting of the Agricultural History Society will be held in Washington, DC, an appropriate location to address the theme of "Power in Agricultural History." Power, in its multiple guises—whether political, social, economic, or physical—is embedded in every aspect of agricultural production, food and fiber marketing and consumption, and rural society and culture. The organizing theme is meant to encourage historians who refuse to accept that the current and future conditions of farms, food systems, and rural society and culture are the result of autonomous logics. 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, no small matter given the challenges that confront rural citizens and agricultural policymakers in our own time. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- The political power of farm organizations, electoral processes, policymaking institutions, for-profit firms, and third-sector and nongovernmental organizations
- Social power in rural societies as enabled and/or constrained by gender, class, race, ethnicity, sexuality, or religion
- Dynamics of power in rural landscapes, rural and urban ecologies, and between humans and non-human organisms in agricultural systems
- The application of animal, mechanical, or fossil-fuel based power sources to the production and distribution of agricultural goods
- Historical analysis of economic power imbalances in rural society and agricultural markets
- Theories and processes of modernization and rural development as exercises in power across national boundaries
- Modes of cooperation and conflict, trust and mistrust in rural culture, society, and political and economic institutions
- Social movements that have sought to transform the balance of power in rural environments

As befits the society's inclusive approach we especially encourage contributions from emerging scholars and researchers covering understudied geographical regions or time periods, and as custom dictates we will also support significant contributions that do not directly address the conference theme.

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
- 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: aghist2019@gmail.com Deadline for submissions is **October 9, 2018**. Questions may be addressed to Shane Hamilton at shane.hamilton@york.ac.uk

Call for Submissions

The journal *Social Sciences* (ISSN 2076-0760; index by *Scopus*) is currently running a Special Issue entitled "Engaged Scholarship for Resilient Communities." Prof. Richelle Winkler and Prof. Angie Carter are serving as Guest Editors for this issue.

Local and community-scale practices show potential for addressing critical social and environmental problems, particularly in the absence of effective state or federal policy and programs. Partnerships between community organizations, policy-makers, and academic groups can both inform community-level solutions and create opportunities for learning and empowerment. For this Special Issue, we seek submissions on the analysis or application of community-engaged research promoting community sustainability. We define community-engaged scholarship broadly and will consider papers related to the research-teaching-service nexus using participatory action, citizen science, participatory GIS, community-based participatory scholarship, or other similar approaches where academic groups are engaged in a reciprocal relationship with community partners toward common goals. Accepted papers will directly apply these methods to the goals of improving urban or rural community well-being or otherwise working towards community sustainability, resiliency or policy solutions.

For further reading, please follow the link to the Special Issue Website at:

http://www.mdpi.com/journal/socsci/special_issues/engaged_scholarship_for_resilient_communities

The submission deadline is *1 November 2018*. You may send your manuscript now or up until the deadline. Submitted papers should not be under consideration for publication elsewhere. We also encourage authors to send a short abstract or tentative title to the Guest Editors, Prof. Richelle Winkler (rwinkler@mtu.edu) and Prof. Angie Carter (ancarter@mtu.edu) or the Editorial Office in the email (socsci@mdpi.com) in advance.

Social Sciences is fully open access. Open access (unlimited and free access by readers) increases publicity and promotes more frequent citations, as indicated by several studies.

No publication fee is required

For further details on the submission process, please see the instructions for authors at the journal website:

<http://www.mdpi.com/journal/socsci/instructions>.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Member News

From Maize Hough

"After serving as a professional employee--as an administrator teaching a full load for many years, I received a joint appointment in History and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies six years ago. Since then I have received tenure and (this is the best part) took a full year's sabbatical last year. My research explores the shift in the control of criminal justice from the local to the state in Maine at the end of the nineteenth century and the impact of this shift on rural women (paying particular attention to abortion, infanticide, and rape). I would love to hear from anyone with similar research who might want to collaborate on presentation."

RURAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP FORM

MEMBER INFORMATION

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

AFFILIATION

MAILING ADDRESS (please circle: Work or Home)

CITY

STATE

ZIP / COUNTY CODE

COUNTRY

E-MAIL PHONE FAX

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO RWSA:

ANNUAL DUES are \$10.00 for students, non-academics, and adjunct and part-time faculty; \$25.00 for tenure-track faculty; and \$50.00 for contributing members.

JOAN JENSEN-MARY NETH FUND: RWSA welcomes contributions to the Joan Jensen-Mary Neth Fund to help offset registration fees for invited speakers and international participants. Memorials may be made to the Fund as well. Please designate the name of the person being memorialized.

DUES: _____ (Please circle: Annual \$10; Annual \$25; Contributing \$50)

JENSEN-NETH FUND: _____ IN MEMORY OF _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please mail a personal check or international money order made out to RWSA to:

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Jacksonville, IL 62650

(RWSA is a 501C-3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.)