

MAMA News

June 3, 2019



Call for Proposals!

The theme of MAMA's 2019 Conference is Wonder and Sustainability. The conference, held in Springfield, Missouri, will allow professionals to share moments of wonder that are happening at their museums and archives, as well as best practices for creating a sustainable future. We would like to hear from you!

Possible session topics include, but are not limited to: community and partnership building, conservation / preservation, educational programs, excellence in exhibit design, and evaluation. Sessions may be 30 or 40 minutes.

The deadline for submission is Monday, July 1st, 2019. We invite individuals to submit proposals electronically to Amanda Langendoerfer at alang@truman.edu. Proposals may also be sent by mail to MAMA, P.O. Box 996, Columbia, MO 65205.

Proposals should include:

Name, Institution/Organization/Company, Address, Phone, Email

Title of Proposed Session

Presenter's Names / Affiliations

Description of Session and Estimated Length of Time (30 or 40 minutes):

[Call for Proposals 2019_Springfield.pdf](#)

Internships

MAMA is vetting host site candidates for the Fall Diversity Internships. We need three Museums or Archives (large and small

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institutions across the state) that will host a \$1500 paid Missouri Humanities Council intern during the Fall semester.

Host Site applications can be filled out here:

<https://mama.wildapricot.org/event-3345591> This is a great way to support continuing education and diversity in the field.

Events

The Beautiful Challenge of Liberation

Tuesday, June 4, 6:30 pm, Missouri History Museum, St. Louis

Dr. Chris Tinson (Saint Louis University) and Faye Dant (Jim's Journey: The Huck Finn Freedom Center) will discuss the memory, history, and legacy of Juneteenth; its significance to the study of American history; and its relevance to contemporary struggles for justice.

The program will include representatives from statewide Juneteenth festivals who will share the relevance and importance of annual commemorations.

https://mohistory.org/events/juneteenth-politics-of-hope_1559691000

The Friends of the Missouri State Archives Annual Meeting and Lunch

Saturday, June 8, 11:30 am, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City

The Ozarks have long been a source of tall tales and colorful stories, making it difficult for historians to separate fact from fiction. In *The Old Ozarks: The Mountains and Their Myths*, Dr. Brooks Blevins, professor of history at Missouri State University and author of the recently published *A History of the Ozarks, Volume I: The Old Ozarks*, will take another look at a few of these episodes. Join us as Blevins dispels powerful myths and misunderstandings that persist even today, while at the same time revealing the region's grand traditions and sweeping history. Luncheon provided by A Catered Affair. [See flyer for details.](#)

Please RSVP by Friday, May 31, to 573-526-1981 or brian.rogers@sos.mo.gov

The Making of an Icon: The Dreamers, the Schemers, and the Hard Hats Who Built the Gateway Arch

Thursday, June 13, 7:00 pm, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City

The Gateway Arch is one of America's most distinctive and beloved national monuments, receiving more than two million

visitors each year to revere its symbolic meaning and physical beauty. In his book, *The Making of an Icon: The Dreamers, the Schemers, and the Hard Hats Who Built the Gateway Arch*, Jim Merkel captures the legend, lore and spirit behind its conception and construction. Using interviews with the visionaries, finaglers, protesters and the intrepid workers who built the arch while one misstep away from peril, Merkel brings to light the stories that shaped the planning and the construction of one of the world's most iconic structures. Merkel will share new information about the Arch grounds and museum and give insight to the relentless pursuit, innovation and toil that raised the Arch to the sky.

<https://friendsofmsa.org/events/index.php>

"The Fifth Woman and Other Adventures in Conservation"

Friday, June 14, 11:00 am, Missouri History Museum, St. Louis

A vandalized artifact. A painting with a secret. A clash of conflicting values. In this behind-the-scenes look at a museum conservation lab, see what happens to objects when they aren't on display and discover what makes something valuable. This short play is researched, written, and performed by the Missouri Historical Society's [Teens Make History Players](#).

https://mohistory.org/events/the-fifth-woman-and-other-adventures-in-conservation_1560528000

Project Archaeology

June 24 - 26, 8:30-4:30, Glore Psychiatric Museum, St. Joseph

The St. Joseph Museums invites teachers, instructors, and museum docents to take an exciting trip back in time! Practice the basics of scientific inquiry using archaeological data. Learn how archaeologists investigate and interpret past cultures and peoples. Finally learn how to incorporate all this into your classrooms or other settings. Archaeology is an excellent tool for engaging youth in science education.

Participants will receive full instruction in archaeological science for the classroom as well as a complete curriculum guide and materials that align with Missouri Learning Standards.

During this workshop, participants will discover the past through a Sac and Fox wickiup. This was a type of shelter used by the Meskwaki and other Native American people living throughout the upper Midwest and the western Great Lakes region at the time of European contact. The word wickiup comes from the Algonquian word wi-kiy-bi or wi-kiya-pi meaning lodge or house. The lesson will introduce the circular, domed, pole-and-mat or bark-covered winter home of the Meskwaki.

The attendees will also take part in activities at the St. Joseph Museums and on a field trip in the area. Participants will have the option to engage in archaeological fieldwork at Fort Osage National Historic Site on July 25-26, 2019, (optional).

<https://www.stjosephmuseum.org/events-1/project-archaeology>

Summer Nights at the Daum Presents: A Summer Social

Thursday, June 27, 6:00-8:00, Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, Sedalia

A summer social is the opening reception for the Daum's summer exhibitions, including "Sarah Nguyen: Winged Eclipse, Momentary Shadows," "Constructions and Interventions: Photographs from the Collection," and "Dreams: Sedalia Visual Art Association Members' Exhibition." Thomas Piché Jr., Daum Museum director, will give a gallery talk at 6:30 p.m.

<https://www.daummuseum.org/event/summer-nights-summer-social-2019/>

If your institution has events coming up please send them to Mary.Stansfield@sos.mo.gov to be included in next month's newsletter.

Education

SAA Classes in June

Copyright Issues for Digital Archives

June 28, Wichita, Kansas

This course covers copyright legal issues specific to archives of digital material. You'll examine the impact of electronic technologies on the long-held law and tenets of copyright, including digital rights management and acquiring and advising on the use of rights in records. You'll look at the basic text of relevant federal statutes and significant case law as well as examine case studies. A very brief review of copyright essentials will be provided to ground the discussion. The focus of the day will be on how to

think through and identify options for resolving the most commonly encountered.

https://mysaa.archivists.org/nc_event?id=a0f0b00000DbqSRAAZ

Managing Digital Records & Special Collections

June 29, Wichita, Kansas

Get ready to focus on the skills that administrators and managers need to incorporate digital records management into their archives and special collections. We will discuss both the administrative and technical knowledge needed to successfully manage archived digital records, allowing you to make thoughtful and convincing arguments that are grounded in knowing what it takes.

https://mysaa.archivists.org/nc_event?id=a0f0b00000DbqJHAAZ

If you know of any coming educational opportunities please send them to Mary.Stansfield@sos.mo.gov to be included in next month's newsletter.

Webinars

AASLH: Get Ready to Plan Strategically!

Tuesday, June 25, 3:00-4:00 pm Eastern

Strategic planning can be a daunting task for many organizations. Lack of time or resources are frequently cited barriers to planning, yet having no mission-driven direction tied to performance measures is risky. This 90-minute webinar will cut through the mystery and (perceived) misery of planning to introduce participants to the process and language of strategic planning.

In "Get Ready to Plan Strategically!" guest speaker Anne Ackerson will discuss the important preparations necessary for meaningful and productive strategic planning. She will also present models for strategic plan formats, address community input and visioning.

<https://learn.aaslh.org/products/live-webinar-get-ready-to-plan-strategically>

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Conferences

NEDCC Digital Directions Conference

August 19-20, Overland Park, Kansas

This unique training conference offers two days of focused instruction on good practices and practical strategies for the creation, curation, and use of digital collections. Connect with colleagues from institutions large and small who share similar challenges, and interact one-on-one with the faculty of experienced practitioners, while you gain a comprehensive introduction to digitization and digital preservation.

<https://www.nedcc.org/preservation-training/dd19-home>

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