

MAMA News

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MAMA Annual Conference 2020 -- Museums and Archives: Navigating Past, Present, and Future

October 21-24, 2020 via ZOOM online platform

As with most things in 2020, MAMA is "pivoting" with its conference. This year, it will be virtual and be held Oct. 21 -24 with a combination of live and pre-recorded sessions.

The schedule so far:

Wednesday afternoon: Keynote and MAMA Membership Meeting

Thursday morning (10:00-12:00): sessions

Thursday afternoon (TBA): virtual tour

Friday morning (TBA): virtual tour

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Friday afternoon (2:00-4:00): sessions

Saturday morning (9:00-11:00): sessions

There will also be a couple of opportunities for socializing and having conversations with your fellow museum and archives professionals.

Sessions include:

An Ordinary Man, An Extraordinary Journey: President Harry Truman; Mark Adams; Truman Library

Vocal Historians, Activated Humans: Navigating the Politicized Dynamic of the Past in the Present; Dr. Laura Burnham; Missouri Historical Society

Preserving and Digitizing Photo Albums and Scrapbooks; Sara Holmes and Noah Durham; National Archives and Records Administration, Preservation Programs at St. Louis

"Missouri Women: Suffrage to Statecraft": A Collaborative Exhibition Bridging Past, Present, Future; Ms. Nicole Johnston, Dr. Jean Parsons, and Dr. Joan Stack; Missouri Historic Costume and Textile Collection, University of Missouri and State Historical Society of Missouri

Expanding Our Toolbox – Ways Educators and Non-educators can engage their Students, Communities, and Visitors; Ryan Leimkueller; Morse Department of Special Collections, Kansas State University

Economic Impact of Museums and Greenspaces on Community and COVID-19's Impact on Them Now and in the Future; Eric Moraczewski and Dion Brown; NMBL Strategies

The Missouri: Heart of the Nation Art Collection as Artifact, Archive, and Living Laboratory; Kristin Swain; School of Visual Studies, University of Missouri

Digitizing Missouri's German Heritage; Caitlin Yeager, Missouri Humanities Council

The Modern-Day Speakeasy: Reigniting Student Interest; Shelby Catalano, Denise Chappell, Ellen Thieme; Society of American Archivists at University of Missouri, Student Chapter

Hidden Histories: How Some Stories are Erased from Museums, Archives, and Historical Narratives (and How to Overcome these Barriers); Dr. Amber Clifford-Napoleone and Student Panel; University of Central Missouri

Register here: <http://mama.wildapricot.org/event-3975605>

Colleague Conversations

Friday, October 2nd, 1:30 pm

Join your colleagues, Steven Hoffman (Southeast Missouri State) and Lara Kelland (UMSL) for an discussion on education and collaboration opportunities in the state for museum studies, public history and historic preservation.

MAMA would like to thank the Missouri Humanities Council for its support of MAMA's programming.

(After registering, you will receive a Zoom link and passcode.)

Please register here: <http://mama.wildapricot.org/event-3980624>

Education

Free Classes from SAA

Cultural Diversity Competency

We all would like to believe that we are aware of Cultural Diversity Competency (CDC), but what exactly does it stand for? Helen Wong Smith says it's the ability to function with awareness, knowledge, and interpersonal skill when engaging people of different backgrounds, assumptions, beliefs, values, and behaviors. In this workshop you'll be challenged to examine personal perceptions that might surprise you and, you'll be introduced to strategies that will increase your ability to practice inclusion. This webcast provides the four skills to employ CDC and the five stages individuals and organizations can implement to improve relations with internal and external communities.

This course is provided to you at no cost.

<https://www.pathlms.com/saa/courses/4839>

Financial Planning in Uncertain Times

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a challenging financial reality and uncertain financial future for archives and archives managers. Join Rebekah Beaulieu for an informal facilitated discussion to address topics including: financial crisis planning, budget revisions and forecasting, stakeholder communication, and business resumption. Based on attendee interest, the conversation will also address emergency planning, financial modeling, current legislation and emerging relief programs such as the Paycheck Protection Program and SBA resources. Bring your questions for a robust Q&A session.

https://www.pathlms.com/saa/events/873/video_presentations/157798

Suddenly Working from Home: Best Practices for Team Management in Crisis

Join Magda Pecsénye in a 45-minute webinar designed to help managers create an action plan to remain efficient while also managing your team's emotions and stress levels in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The webinar will cover:

Your fears about managing from home and managing during the pandemic,

How to manage and share your work and tools from home,

Communication best practices for working from home in a crisis situation,

Calculating the “right” amount of contact for your team and for individual team members, and

How to avoid defensive behavior and become more cohesive and supportive as a team.

https://www.pathlms.com/saa/events/873/video_presentations/154627

Events

MAMA ShowMe Museums and Archives: Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

Wednesday, October 3rd, 2:30 pm

Join Kristine Abbey, public information officer at Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield, for a sneak peak of the park’s renovated visitor center and museum exhibit areas. The \$4.5 million renovation project, now in its final phases, adds nearly 2,000 square feet of exhibit space including interactive and virtual displays. Significant artifacts on display for the first time include the original “Lyon bed” (farmhouse bed that held General Nathaniel Lyon’s body after the battle of Wilson’s Creek) and a rare Model 1860 Henry repeating rifle recently purchased by the Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield Foundation.

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You can register here: <http://mama.wildapricot.org/event-3988089>

Exhibits

This & That: Cartoons by Bob Palmer

Springfield Art Museum

The Springfield Art Museum is pleased to present *This & That: Cartoons by Bob Palmer*. This special exhibition, featuring 150 original works from the Museum’s permanent collection,

explores decades of world events and hyper-local issues just in time for the 2020 presidential election.

Robert “Bob” Palmer was Springfield’s longest-working cartoonist, creating over 10,000 political cartoons for the Springfield News-Leader beginning in April 1953 through July 1991. Palmer was the last local cartoonist; since his retirement, the paper has moved to syndicated cartoons. His political cartoons poked fun at everyone from Springfield City Council members to Presidents Nixon and Reagan and covered issues ranging from peace negotiations in the Middle East to Springfield’s landfill concerns.

<https://www.sgfmuseum.org/247/This-That-Cartoons-by-Bob-Palmer>

Survey

Gender Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Public History Field

AASLH and the National Council on Public History (NCPH) have launched an online survey to gather data about the extent and nature of sexual harassment and gender discrimination in public history. This effort is the culmination of more than a year of work by an NCPH committee, and we hope this survey will produce much-needed public history-specific data so we can enact meaningful change.

<https://ncph.org/history-at-work/survey-on-sexual-harassment-and-gender-discrimination-in-public-history/>

Time Capsule

Bicentennial Time Capsule

Saint Louis Ambassadors and the State Historical Society of Missouri are partnering together to create the Missouri Bicentennial Time Capsule.

Organizations and institutions, businesses, as well as local and state government agencies in Missouri are invited to participate by contributing three items: one to represent your past, one to represent your present, and a note to future Missourians. Items should measure no larger than 8.5 x 14 inches – i.e. no larger than legal size paper – and combined be no more than a quarter-inch thick.

Complete the online contribution form then mail your items to:

The State Historical Society of Missouri
Attn: Time Capsule
605 Elm Street
Columbia, MO 65201

You will be notified once your items are received and sent a certificate of contribution. Contributions will be accepted through August 10, 2021. The Missouri Bicentennial Time Capsule will be sealed on August 27, 2021, at an event in St. Louis hosted by Saint Louis Ambassadors. Once sealed, the time capsule will be housed at the State Historical Society of Missouri until August 10, 2046, when it will be re-opened and shared with the public.

<https://form.jotform.com/MO2021/missouri-2021-time-capsule>

Webinars

Introduction to Historic Preservation

Monday, October 5th, 2:00pm

This webinar will look at the major folk architecture dwellings of the region, discussing dominant types as well as the preservation issues the buildings face. Throughout the discussion, appropriate approaches to preservation will be identified and discussed.

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mLAfT83zROKX6CwabC8PXA

Oral History Essentials, Ethics, and Community Engagement

Wednesday, October 28th, 1:00pm

This webinar will cover the basics of partnering with—and following the lead of—community scholars to prepare for and host an oral history effort, including ethics, basic know-how, research, question preparation, and archival strategies.

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KAUQwewVQ0CZ8R5Zm61jPw

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