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Welcome to AASLH 2017

Everyone who attends is taking part in this conference. Especially this year, given our theme.

For me the conference theme, *I AM History*, reflects the role of individuals, singular decisions, and unique, consequential events that, large and very small, make up the many threads of history. You will see there is much on this *I AM History* program that speaks to the idea that relevant history is inclusive history. And all of us will experience Austin’s own breadth of people and culture in the tours, evening and offsite events, the new “Texas Track” of sessions, and in our own wanderings around town.

Program Committee Chair Dina Bailey and Host Committee Co-chairs Laura Casey and Margaret Koch coordinated hours of toil by their committees to create this adventurous program. Between the two committees, ninety-eight people (everything is bigger in Texas!) worked over the past two years to make this week happen. Thank you!

In addition to the hundreds of individuals who make the entire affair possible by presenting at the conference, I am thankful for our exhibitors and conference sponsors whose financial support make it feasible, and at a price more modest than many other national conferences.

Lastly, on behalf of the AASLH Council and Staff, let me thank and welcome those of you who are participating in an AASLH meeting for the first time. All of us who are AASLH join you in exploring *I AM History*.

Sincerely,

John R. Dichtl
President & CEO
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Annual Meeting  Job bank  Workshops
Affinity Groups  Membership
Networking  Advocacy  Resources

...and being part of the great Texas museum community!

What will your TAM be?

Join Us!
Texas Association of Museums
Annual Meeting 2018
April 18-21
Houston
We’re so glad you’re here! On behalf of all the dedicated members of our AASLH Annual Meeting host committee, we hope you’ll take advantage of the incredible opportunities to explore and reflect on how Austin and Texas embody the conference theme, I AM History.

Home of the state capitol, the heart of live music, and a center for technology and innovation, the city’s iconic slogan, “Keep Austin Weird,” embraces the individualistic spirit of an incredible place. In the green hill country of Texas, you’ll experience the beauty and richness in diversity of people, histories, cultures, and communities which date back thousands of years.

Whether this is your first AASLH meeting, or your twentieth, come explore with us. The conversations happening in Austin represent many in each of our communities—let’s collectively reflect on the past and forge a path ahead on a journey towards diversity and inclusion. While you are here, get to know the people of Texas through conference tours and evening events. Dine in our restaurants, talk with locals, explore neighborhood cultural institutions, and don’t forget to kick up your heels while being serenaded by some of the best musicians in the country.

You will find savvy volunteers ready to help you discover Austin at the local information booth located near the AASLH registration desk. They’ll have great recommendations for places to eat, drink, and be merry or adventurous, walking and driving directions to some of the city highlights, or anything else you want to know. The goal is for you to feel comfortable and confident in getting around town—leaving you free to absorb all of the great insight each conference session will share, worry-free.

Welcome again to Austin and enjoy your time in the Lone Star State!

Sincerely,

Laura Casey
Host Committee Co-Chair
Texas Historical Commission

Margaret Koch
Host Committee Co-Chair
Bullock Texas State History Museum
VISIT AUSTIN.
VISIT THE LBJ LIBRARY.

Experience the complex and fascinating life and times of our 36th President. Step into a replica of the Oval Office, listen to private telephone conversations, study decisions made during the Vietnam War, and learn how the laws passed during the Johnson Administration impact you today.

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www.LBJLIBRARY.org
Welcome to Austin and #AASLH17! This week, let’s be courageous in pushing our limits and soaring to new heights as individuals and as an association.

As individuals in this field, we are the anchors, we are the visionaries, we are the bold spirits who challenge ourselves to tell the extraordinary stories of all people in all places. This year’s theme, I AM History, asks us to consider how we turn obstacles of the past into opportunities of the present. Our genuine commitment to this results in positive movement forward and prompts our communities to value museums and history. The annual meeting is the time to renew this commitment and to be rejuvenated by new ideas, friendships, and understandings. I AM History has transformative power; it has the power to leverage our greatest strengths—the stories, objects and values of people.

This week, as an association, let us take steps to reorient our work to be more inclusive, more authentic, and more about exploring the boundaries, the intersections, and the ways in which we simultaneously navigate our understanding of our stories within the larger American narrative. This week we should also embrace and celebrate AASLH’s commitment to change. As an association, we have made efforts to align our actions with our values, to encourage creativity and experimentation at all levels of our association, and to become an even more stable and transparent organization. While the AASLH board, staff, and volunteers intend to lead by example, we know that we couldn’t successfully meet these goals and move toward this vision without each one of you—so, thank you for your support!

During the Annual Meeting, the Program Committee and Host Committee have made conscious efforts to embrace the four AASLH Aspirations, the foundation of the AASLH strategic plan. We have sought to provide examples of how to make the following AASLH Aspirations a reality:

• Promote the relevance of history
• Build diversity and inclusion
• Cultivate an experimental and creative spirit
• Increase organizational sustainability and transparency

Both these aspirations and this year’s theme, I AM History, support what AASLH and its members work toward on a daily basis. This week, we hope you embrace the theme and our efforts. In some areas, we may be wildly successful or a little off the mark—who knows! We believe in taking steps toward success even as we acknowledge that sometimes we may have to “fail forward” first.

I have been honored to be the 2017 Program Chair. And, I am excited to be here with you in Austin as we share in the experience of living our AASLH Aspirations and remembering how history is relevant and is happening every day, everywhere, to everyone.

Sincerely,

Dina Bailey
2017 Program Chair
CEO, Mountain Top Vision, LLC
BATTLEDECKS 2017: Texas Tussle

Friday, September 8, at 9 pm
Location: Scholz Garten, 1607 San Jacinto Blvd.

Join us for this exciting (rated R for language) after hours event at the historic Scholz Garten where the best and brightest public historians compete head-to-head in this inventive, interactive, and improvisational competition highlighting a day in the life of a history geek. Contestants will present a four-minute presentation on ten Power Point slides they have never seen before. Topics will range from the relevant and real to the surreal and silly, and contestants will be judged by the audience on their adherence to the theme, creativity, and delivery. Transportation is not provided, but the venue is a short walk from the AT&T Center.

POP UP ROUNDTABLES!

Is your head buzzing with a current issue or question that is relevant to the field? Is there something you just want to talk about with your colleagues? We have held two slots during the conference for roundtable discussions about a subject you don’t see represented in the current meeting schedule. THESE SESSIONS ARE NOT PRESENTATIONS—they are facilitated discussions. To propose a topic, visit the conference registration desk before 2 pm on Thursday. You can also visit the desk to vote for a proposed topic. We’ll announce the session topics by 6 pm on Thursday (via Twitter and on the information board), and they’ll be held on Friday at 12:30 pm and 2 pm.

SHARING YOUR IDEAS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Annual Meeting includes activities and networking especially for the field of state and local history! In addition to sponsored sessions throughout the meeting, you’re invited to attend the following AASLH Affinity Group events to discuss the latest issues, share ideas, and to be inspired:

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The AASLH 2017 Conference App

This year, AASLH has a custom conference app that will let you plan and manage your schedule on your mobile device, along with a number of other great features including speaker and attendee profiles, exhibitor listings, conference center maps, and a city map loaded with historical sites and top food and recreation spots. To download the AASLH app to your phone or tablet device, search for “AASLH” in either the Apple App Store or Google Play store to find and download the app. For more options and download instructions, visit go.aaslh.org/2017app.

History Happy Hours

Take a few moments for some informal networking with colleagues. Many of our affinity groups will be hosting informal meet-ups in the hotel or at local watering holes where you can come together and meet people with similar professional interests. Food and drinks are not provided, but good conversation and connections are free. See the Austin booth for a map and directions.

Thursday, September 7
5:30–6:45 pm

Corporate History
► Schliz Garten

Emerging History Professionals
► Dive Bar & Lounge

Military History
► Gabriel’s Café Bar, AT&T Conference Center and Hotel

Social Media

Share your photos and comments about the conference on Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook, or Twitter. Use hashtag #AASLH17.

Session Updates

Sessions Cancelled

The workshop on Wednesday, DIY Photography: Capturing Moments That Matter for Your Organization, has been cancelled.

The session Standards and Best Practices: Friend or Foe? on Thursday at 11 am has been cancelled.

The session Developing Diversity: Increasing Inclusivity Before and During Hiring on Friday at 8:30 am has been cancelled.

The session Smokin’ History: Barbecue in America on Friday at 2 pm has been cancelled.

Session Added

Thursday 4–5:15 pm
• Workplace Issues and Opportunities: A Frank Discussion

Evening Event Added

Thursday 8:30–9:30 pm
• Diversity and Inclusion Task Force Mixer

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center is a LEED certified meeting space. Please help keep our meeting environmentally-friendly by placing items in the correct recycling containers placed throughout the building.

Sessions and Annual Meeting Evaluations

Help us improve! Session evaluations are placed in each meeting room. Please take a few minutes to complete the form at the end of the session. An overall Annual Meeting evaluation will be emailed after the meeting.
As the authority on Texas history for more than 120 years, TSHA invites everyone to learn more about the history of the Lone Star State and to come see us in Austin for the 2017 AASLH Annual Meeting. Visit www.TSHAonline.org for more information about Texas history, TSHA, and its award-winning programs which include:

- *Handbook of Texas*, our state encyclopedia of more than 27,000 articles
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- Student programs that affect over 1 million students annually, including National History Day in Texas, Junior Historians of Texas, Texas Quiz Show, and a range of online resources
- Educator resources that reach over 18,000 educators annually
- Online resources to engage the general public such as our *Texas Talks* webinar series, and various interactive games such as the Virtual Race Across Texas and Are You Smarter than A Texas 7th Grader?
- A combined web presence that receives more than 25 million page views from more than 230 countries and territories
Featured Speakers

**Thursday, September 7**

**8:30–9:45 am**

**Darren Walker** is President of the Ford Foundation, the nation’s second largest philanthropy organization, and for two decades has been a leader in the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors. He led the philanthropy committee that helped bring a resolution to the city of Detroit’s historic bankruptcy and chairs the U.S. Impact Investing Alliance. Prior to joining Ford, he was Vice President at the Rockefeller Foundation where he managed the rebuild New Orleans initiative after Hurricane Katrina. In the 1990s, as COO of Harlem’s largest community development organization, the Abyssinian Development Corporation, Darren oversaw a comprehensive revitalization program of central Harlem, including over 1,000 new units of housing. He had a decade long career in international law and finance at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton and UBS. He is a member of the Commission on the Future of Rikers Island and serves on the boards of Carnegie Hall, New York City Ballet, the High Line, the Arcus Foundation, and PepsiCo. Educated exclusively in public schools, Darren received the “Distinguished Alumnus Award,” the highest honor given by his alma mater, the University of Texas at Austin. In 2016, *TIME* magazine named him to its annual list of the “100 Most Influential People in the World.” He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the recipient of ten honorary degrees and university awards.

**Saturday, September 9**

**10:30 am–12 pm**

**Congressman Joaquin Castro** is a second generation Mexican American raised on San Antonio’s Westside. The Castro family’s history in the United States began nearly 100 years ago when his grandmother, Victoria Castro, came to Texas as a young orphan. In the spirit of the American Dream, she often worked two and three jobs at a time to be able to give her daughter (Joaquin’s mother, Rosie) and her grandchildren a better chance in life. After finishing high school a year early, Joaquin left San Antonio to graduate with honors from Stanford University in 1996. He then went on to attend Harvard Law School where he received his Juris Doctorate degree in 2000. Upon his return to San Antonio, Joaquin joined a private law practice and was elected into the Texas Legislature. He served five terms as state representative for District 125. In 2012 Joaquin was elected to serve in the U.S House of Representatives as representative of Texas Congressional District 20, which covers a large portion of San Antonio and Bexar County. Now in his second term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Joaquin serves on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, as well as the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He was the 2013 Co-President for the House freshman Democrats and serves in House Democratic Leadership as Chief Deputy Whip. Joaquin continues to be a tireless advocate for those who call San Antonio home. From supporting military families to investing in education, Joaquin remains committed to helping mold an Infrastructure of Opportunity for San Antonians and Americans around the country.
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- National Council on Public History
- Riggs Ward
- Siebler Inc.—Historic Preservation & Restoration
- The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
- Sustainable Museums
### Schedule at a Glance

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3–6 pm **REGISTRATION**

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| **Austin Tejano Tour, Cost: $35** |       |

#### Wednesday, September 6
7 am–6 pm **REGISTRATION**

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12–1 pm

| **Load Buses for Transportation to LBJ Auditorium for Keynote Address** |       |

8:30–9:45 am

| **Kick-Off Keynote: Darren Walker** |       |

9:45–11 am

| **Break in Exhibit Hall** |       |

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8:30 am–5 pm

| **The Empathetic Museum: Beyond Playing Nice, Cost: $75** |       |
| **Exhibit Makeovers: Have Fun Doing It Yourself, Cost: $75** |       |

#### Thursday, September 7
7 am–6 pm **REGISTRATION**

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11 am–12:15 pm

| **Community-Supported Software Today** |       |
| **The State of Inclusion** |       |
| **Educators and Interpreters Kick-Off Session** |       |
| **Engaging Programs = Engaging Communities?** |       |
| **Keeping Austin War-d: The Pig War and the Archives War of Austin, TX** |       |
| **You Are History: Teamwork and Transparency in History Exhibit Renovations** |       |
| **What Role Should Historic Sites Play in Teacher Professional Development?** |       |

12:30–1:15 pm

| **Corporate History Archives and Museums, Cost: $45** |       |
| **Educators and Interpreters, Cost: $45** |       |
| **Religious History, Cost: $45** |       |
| **Small Museums, Cost: $45** |       |
| **Women’s History, Cost: $45** |       |

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#### EVENING EVENT
6:30–9:30 pm

| **Texas Beer, BBQ, and Boot-Scootin’, Cost: $40** |       |

### SHUTTLE
7–11 pm

| **Downtown Austin Shuttle, Cost: $5 round trip** |       |

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#### SHUTTLE
7–11 pm

| **Downtown Austin Shuttle, Cost: $5 round trip** |       |
**Friday, September 8**

**7 am – 6 pm**

**REGISTRATION**

**BREAKFAST**
7–8:15 am
- Directors Breakfast, Cost: $40
8:30–9:45 am
- StEPs Friday Morning MeetUP, Cost: $10

**TOURS**
6:30–8:30 am
- 5K at Lady Bird Lake, Cost: $25
- Behind the Scenes: The Blanton Museum Prints and Drawings Study Lab, Cost: $15
1:30–5:30 pm
- Punk Rock, Honky Tonks, and More: Exploring the Live Music Capital of the World, Cost $55

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
8:30–9:45 am
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**Saturday, September 9**

**7 am – 12 pm**

**REGISTRATION**

**BREAKFAST**
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- Historic House Museum Affinity Group Breakfast, Cost: $40 PDR 1 and 2
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**TOURS**
7–9 am
- Our Austin Story: Great Cities Tell Great Stories Walking Tour, Cost: $15
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I Am Austin
8 am–5:30 pm
Cost: $75
Few cities can claim the rich, individual personality that Austin can, and has, claimed for decades. Founded in 1839 as the capital of the Republic of Texas, its unique sense of place—rough and romantic, proud, and rambunctious—was branded into its hide from the very start. On this tour, we will visit sites that have endured the test of time and tell tales big, small, robust, and, yes, "weird." Stops include the French Legation, Elisabet Ney Museum, Oakwood Cemetery, Austin History Center, a drive down famous Sixth Street, and a tour of the Texas State Capitol. The tour includes lunch from Freedmen's smoke house and beer garden including brisket, house-made sausage, pulled pork, or smoked turkey breast served with tasty sides and a dessert of smoked banana pudding.

Life in the Hills: Lyndon Johnson, Admiral Nimitz, and German American Texas
8:30 am–5:30 pm
Cost: $75
Join us as we head for the hills! We will follow the trail out to the Texas White House in Johnson City to see where Lyndon Johnson spent 25 percent of his time as President of the United States. From there we will go to Fredericksburg, where we will enjoy a traditional German lunch and tour the town with renowned architectural historian Kenneth Hafertepe, and then visit the Museum of the Pacific War. On the way back to the hotel, attendees will hear about the growth of the Texas wine industry and sample some of its wares. Note: This tour requires lots of walking.

Austin Tejano Tour
1:30–5:30 pm
Cost: $35
First used in 1824, the term Tejano refers to Texans of Mexican descent, but today the word also encompasses music, cuisine, art, literature, and language. Tejano history throughout Austin and the state has shaped the general culture of all Texans. This half-day tour will explore Tejano heritage in Austin and exemplify how its rich ethos became such an integral part of Texans’ identities today. Participants will discover various landmarks that tell of Tejano’s significance, including civil rights, cultural influences, and unique attributes. Celebrate Tejano heritage by exploring Austin’s east side and the important contributions Tejanos have made to Texas.

Downtown Austin Shuttle
Wednesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 7
7–11 pm
Cost: $5 round trip per night
Want to head downtown to catch the action on Sixth Street or other Austin hot spots? AASLH will provide a shuttle bus to take attendees from the AT&T Conference Center to the Sixth Street area. The bus will make regular trips for a convenient transportation option. Roundtrip fare is $5 per person per night and tickets must be purchased in advance.
From Commemoration to Education: The Jefferson Davis Statue  
7–8:30 am  
Cost: $15

In 2015, University of Texas’s statue of Jefferson Davis was removed from a place of honor on the South Mall of the campus and relocated to the Briscoe Center for American History, where it is now part of an exhibit. This two-mile walking tour will trace the history of the Davis statue from commemoration to education. Starting at the AT&T Center, participants will walk to the Littlefield War Memorial of which the Davis statue was formerly a part. While walking to the Briscoe Center, learn how the UT campus changed over time (both architecturally and culturally) in ways that allowed the Davis statue to stand for more than eighty years, but also laid the groundwork for its swift relocation. See monuments to Cesar Chavez, Barbara Jordan, and Martin Luther King—statues that were designed, in part, to counterbalance the Confederate monuments on campus. Pause at Texas’s largest memorial to those who died in World War I and reflect on the role that war played in both undermining and enabling Confederate commemoration. Finally, visit the Briscoe Center and see the Davis statue in its now purely educational context. Athletic shoes are strongly encouraged.

Behind the Scenes of La Belle  
12–1 pm  
Cost: $15

In 1684, French King Louis XIV sent explorer René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de la Salle, across the ocean with four ships and 400 people to North America. The explorer was to land at the mouth of the Mississippi River, establish a colony and trade routes, and locate Spanish silver mines. That plan was never realized. Instead, in a series of remarkable circumstances, La Salle lost ships to pirates and disaster, sailed past his destination, and was murdered by his own men. In 1686, La Belle, the one remaining expedition ship, wrecked in a storm and sank to the muddy bottom of Matagorda Bay where it rested undisturbed for over 300 years. Join exhibition curator Franck Cordes for a behind-the-scenes tour of the discovery, conservation, and interpretation of this one-of-a-kind artifact collection.

Defining Community: The African American Diaspora in East Austin  
1–5 pm  
Cost: $35

In 1928, the City of Austin implemented its master plan, concentrating all public services for African Americans east of the original town site. This plan resulted in the creation of a mini diaspora in the city, as African-American families and businesses uprooted from across Austin and moved east of East Avenue (now Interstate 35). The community thrived in East Austin and developed a rich culture and deep traditions that survive today. It is now under siege from urban development and gentrification. This half-day tour, led by architectural historian Dr. Tara Dudley, will showcase East Austin’s rich black history. Tour stops include Huston-Tillotson University, a historically black college, and Downs Field, a 1920s-era baseball field that once hosted the Negro League’s Austin Black Senators. Other stops include a tour of Carver Museum, the first African-American library in Austin, and a visit to Rosewood Park, the first municipal park for African Americans. Along the way, tour goers will discover freedmen communities, encounter the works of black architects, view important social, cultural, and religious landmarks, and learn about the development pressures facing this historic community today.
NEW! 5K at Lady Bird Lake
6:30–8:30 am
Cost: $25
Start your morning off right with a walk or jog along Lady Bird Lake. One of the oldest urban Texas hike and bike paths, this beautiful lake offers residents and visitors alike a break from the hustle and bustle of Austin. The trails about this lake provide both a view of downtown Austin as well as the chance to view some of the region’s natural flora and fauna. Post-race snacks and a commemorative t-shirt are included in this unique view of Austin. Participants will meet in the lobby of the AT&T Conference Center where buses will shuttle them to the run location.

Behind the Scenes: The Blanton Museum Prints and Drawings Study Lab
12–1:30 pm
Cost: $15
Just steps away from the conference headquarters, explore one of the finest collections of European prints and drawings on an American college campus. The museum’s encyclopedic holdings of more than 14,000 prints reflect the history, characteristics, and processes of the medium from the Renaissance to the present day, featuring examples of masters from Dürer and Rembrandt to Goya and Picasso. Particular strengths in the museum’s collection of 1,800 drawings are contemporary American, Latin American, and Renaissance and Baroque drawings. The tour will include a visit to the study center for a private tour highlighting masterworks from the internationally recognized Blanton collection.

Punk Rock, Honky Tonks, and More: Exploring the Live Music Capital of the World
1:30–5:30 pm
Cost: $55
Explore the live music capital of the world—Austin, Texas. This tour includes a look at some of the places that shaped Austin’s music scene as well as discussions with leading members of the Austin music community. Explore such Austin icons as the Cactus Café, a live music venue and bar on the campus of The University of Texas where such artists as Robert Earl Keen, the Dixie Chicks, Alison Krauss, Townes Van Zandt, and Lyle Lovett played. Stop at the Texas Music Museum, an institution that collects and displays artifacts showcasing the diverse traditions of Texas music, and visit Threadgills, a southern-style restaurant that pays homage to the 1970s Austin music scene. This Texas hang-out includes such memorabilia as a piano played by Jerry Lee Lewis hanging from the ceiling. Of course, no visit to Austin would be complete without a drive down Austin’s notorious Sixth Street, and a visit of to one of Austin’s famous honky tonks.

San Antonio
9 am–6:30 pm
Cost: $75
Come and visit San Antonio as it prepares to celebrate its Tercentennial. The tour will include a visit to World Heritage Sites Mission San Jose and Mission Concepción. Then, head to the historic San Antonio River Walk where attendees will learn about its history and the city’s efforts to preserve and protect the waterway followed by lunch at an authentic Tex-Mex lunch spot popular with the locals. Afterwards, tour the Alamo and Historic Main Plaza featuring the Spanish Governor’s Palace, San Fernando Catholic Church, San Antonio City Hall, and Bexar County Courthouse.

Historic New Braunfels
1:30–6:30 pm
Cost: $45
Join us for a fun-filled afternoon exploring New Braunfels. Founded in 1845 by German settlers, this small town is just forty miles south of Austin in the Texas Hill Country. It is home to several museums, and the area features many examples of intact historic architecture from the traditional German craftsmanship of the 1840s. The tour will start at Consecration Plaza and then head next door to Heritage Village and the Museum of Handmade Texas Furniture. From there, tour guides will provide a short history lesson while we ride the bus to downtown New Braunfels to see the Historic Outdoor Art Museum Murals along Castell Avenue in downtown New Braunfels. Enjoy some free time to visit the shops downtown and grab some refreshments before touring one more historic property in the downtown area before heading back to Austin.

Our Austin Story: Great Cities Tell Great Stories Walking Tour
7–9 am
Cost: $15
Austin’s historic squares are common ground, and ideal for the interpretation of the city’s heritage. A new Austin initiative, Our Austin Story, is constructing a narrative of our city from the stories and experiences shared by those who lived them. Join us for a morning walk to Austin’s Wooldridge Square, learn about Austin’s original African-American churches, Lyndon Johnson’s infamous 1948 race for the U.S Senate, and how a pot-smoking armadillo set the stage for Austin’s meteoric rise to greatness. Sponsored by Downtown Austin Alliance and City of Austin Parks and Recreation.
These events are not included in the annual meeting registration fee and require preregistration. Please see the registration desk for details.

**Wednesday, September 6**

**Texas Beer, BBQ, and Boot-Scootin’**

*6:30–9:30 pm, Cost: $40*

The LBJ Presidential Library and the Briscoe Center for American History welcome AASLH in true Texas style! Enjoy Texas BBQ from the Salt Lick, libations, and live music under the Texas sky on a beautiful plaza linking the two institutions. The galleries of both institutions will be open with special exhibitions exploring southern history, maps, and the vast collections of the University of Texas system.

**Thursday, September 7**

**Keep History Weird at the Bullock Museum**

*6:30–9:30 pm, Cost: $40*

Join us at the Bullock Museum for a quintessentially “weird” evening. Sample tastes and drinks from local food trucks and breweries, pose with some of Austin’s most famous landmarks, and dance to the beats of some of the best live music the city has to offer. While you’re here, view three floors of Texas History Galleries and the special exhibitions *American Spirits* and *Pong to Pokémon: The Evolution of Electronic Gaming.*

**Friday, September 8**

**Leadership in History Awards Banquet**

*6:30–9:30 pm, Cost: $75*

Join AASLH in honoring the best in state and local history at the 2017 Leadership in History Awards. The evening will include dinner, a performance from a National History Day winner, and a lively awards presentation.
These events are not included in the annual meeting registration fee and require preregistration. Please see the registration desk for details.

**Morning Workshops**

8:30 am–12 pm

**Community Engagement through User Experience**
Cost: $45
► **Room: 107**
User Experience (UX) is how your visitors feel about a product or service. In this session, we’ll cover UX fundamentals, why it matters, and ways to engage new and existing communities in the process. We’ll practice a toolbox of techniques that are useful for museum professionals, from research to prototyping to testing.
*Chair: Mike Tedeschi*, Interactive Mechanics, Philadelphia, PA

**Field Services Alliance Meeting**
Cost: Free
► **Room: 301**
The Field Services Alliance (AASLH Affinity Group) consists of those who provide training and capacity-building services for local history organizations and museums. Join FSA members to discuss programs and services that can assist local grassroots history organizations. Visit community.aaslh.org/fsa for more information.
*Chair: Jeanette Rooney*, Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis, IN

**Gone with the Monuments? Interpreting Confederate History at Your Site**
Cost: $45
► **Room: Bullock Museum Classroom**
What is the best way for museums, historic sites, and historical societies to interpret Confederate iconography? This workshop explores the topic through the viewpoints of historians, historic site managers, and a public relations specialist. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss their own experiences.
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Leadership Forum
Cost: $115
Room: 103
We will address leadership in two ways. Looking outward, W. Todd Groce of the Georgia Historical Society will suggest strategies to transform your history institution into a community leader. How can you make your organization relevant and entrepreneurial and on par with the other power brokers in your city and state so that history has a place at the table? Focusing inward, Dan Yaeger, Executive Director of the New England Museum Association, will explore the practice of mindful leadership. With mindfulness, leaders are better able to focus on the things that most matter: pursuit of mission, team building, interpersonal relationships, and organizational and personal health. Lunch and a continental breakfast are included.

Full-Day Workshops
8:30 am–5 pm

The Empathetic Museum: Beyond Playing Nice
Cost: $75
Room: PDR 3
The qualities of twenty-first century museums are impossible without an inner core of institutional empathy: the intention of the museum to be, and be perceived as, deeply connected with its community. This workshop introduces the characteristics of an empathetic museum and engages participants in an honest assessment of institutional practices.
Chair: Stacey Mann, Philadelphia, PA; Janeen Bryant, Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte, NC; Jim Cullen, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Exhibit Makeovers: Have Fun Doing It Yourself
Cost: $75
Room: 108
Interpretive exhibits can vividly bring to life objects, images, and ideas. In this workshop you'll tap into your own creativity and excitement as an exhibit developer. Through mini-lectures, group participation, and hands-on experiments, discover tried-and-true ways to plan, evaluate, and project manage engaging, memorable exhibits.
Chair: Alice Parman, Interpretive Planner, Eugene, OR; Ann Craig, Museum of Natural & Cultural History at the University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Afternoon Workshops
1:30–5 pm

Awaken the Historic House: A Fresh Look at the Traditional Model
Cost: $45
Room: PDR 1 and 2
Historic houses using traditional tours and programming to attract and engage visitors are increasingly at a disadvantage. Shifting the model seems like a remedy to increase attendance and revenue; however, historic houses can fulfill these goals by using existing assets strategically. Workshop participants will explore these realities while gaining practical tools.
Chair: Brett Lobello, Brucemore, Inc., Cedar Rapids, IA; Jayne Becker, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN; Kelly Klobucher, Hegeler Carus Foundation, La Salle, IL; Jessica Stavros, Indiana State Museum & Historic Sites, Indianapolis, IN

The SHA Wednesday Workshop
Cost: $25
Room: 107
Workshop attendees will experience the model of professional development practiced at Developing History Leaders @SHA. Presenters will address topics and themes centered on evaluation including data collection and building a culture of evaluation in your institution that guides programs and improves fundraising. Using the group work and discussions that are the hallmark of SHA, we will address challenges in visitor evaluation and how to measure impact through outreach and educational programs.
Chair: Tim Hoogland, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN; Conny Graft, Conny Graft Research and Evaluation, Williamsburg, VA

Evening Event
6:30–9:30 pm

Texas Beer, BBQ, and Boot-Scootin’
Cost: $40; Preregistration Required
See description on page 29.

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7:30–8 am
Load Buses for Transportation to LBJ Auditorium for Keynote Address

8:30–9:45 am
Kick-Off Keynote: Darren Walker

9:45–11 am
Break in the Exhibit Hall

Concurrent Sessions

11 am–12:15 pm
Community-Supported Software Today CE
Room: 107
This session will bring together local history professionals to discuss strategies for finding, evaluating, selecting, and implementing open- and community-source software for websites, exhibitions, and collections management. Attendees will leave with tools for evaluating the pros and cons of different applications, and strategies for evaluating functionality and sustainability.
Chair: Leigh A. Grinstead, LYRASIS, Denver, CO

The State of Inclusion DI
Room: 204
How are our institutions doing with regard to inclusive employment, continuing education, collection development, and descriptive practices? AASLH’s Task Force on Diversity & Inclusion hosts this panel in conjunction with sessions organized by the Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums at the American Library Association in June and the Society of American Archivists in July.
Chair: Marian Carpenter, John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, FL

11 am–12:15 pm
Texas Track CE

Educators and Interpreters Kick-Off Session CE
Room: 301
Join the Educators and Interpreters Affinity Group in kicking off the conference. Listen to the experiences of an organization working with issues of migration and immigration and participate with fellow educators and interpreters in a discussion-based activity.
Chair: Megan Wood, Ohio History Connection, Columbus, OH

Engaging Programs = Engaging Communities? DI
Room: 106
History museums and historic sites are always part of a community, but what makes a community want to engage with them? This session will explore three different approaches as well as develop a set of practical steps to help you engage more effectively with your local community.
Chair: Max A. van Balgooy, Engaging Places, LLC, Rockville, MD; Christian Cotz, The Montpelier Foundation, Orange, VA; Dawn DiPrince, History Colorado, Pueblo, CO; Ken Turino, Historic New England, Haverhill, MA
Keeping Austin War-d: The Pig War and the Archives War of Austin, TX
► Room: Bullock Museum Education Room
Austin has always been a little weird, and it starts with its local history. Austin’s early history, which includes the Pig War and the Archives War, defined Austin as the capital city of Texas, and the stories have been used to promote the city’s unique position in Texas.
Chair: Mark Lambert, Texas General Land Office, Austin, TX; James Harkins, Texas General Land Office, Austin, TX; Mike Miller, Austin History Center, Austin, TX

Live Your Mission and Vision
► Room: 101
Three organizations outline strategies for using your core story, as expressed through your mission and vision, to influence your operations, partnerships, and major decisions about building stewardship.
Chair: Erin Carlson Mast, President Lincoln’s Cottage at the Soldiers’ Home, Washington, DC; David Janssen, Brucemore, Inc., Cedar Rapids, IA; David Young, Cliveden, Philadelphia, PA

Preserving and Interpreting Contested Histories of Missions and Missionaries
► Room: 202
Three case studies of historic sites that interpret the contested role of missionaries raise issues that many museums face when they approach difficult subjects like religion. These examples will include discussions of research and documentation, address competing audiences and perspectives, and balance the separation of church and state with historical interpretation.
Chair: Barbara Franco, Independent Scholar, Harrisburg, PA; Elizabeth Kryder-Reid, Cultural Heritage Research Center at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN; Susan Snow, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, San Antonio, TX; Tom Woods, Hawaii Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives, Honolulu, HI

Supporting Citizenship Education at Museums
► Room: 108
Museums are not always considered welcoming places for new Americans, but history museums in particular have an important role to play in connecting immigrants past and present. Representatives from government agencies and museums will discuss ways museums can reach immigrant audiences, promote citizenship education, and support their increasingly diverse audiences.
Chair: Christopher J. Reich, Institute of Museum and Library Services, Washington, DC; Kristina Carty-Pratt, U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services, Washington, DC; Rachel Feinmark, Lower East Side Tenement Museum, New York, NY; Beth Fitzgerald, The Magic House, St. Louis Children’s Museum, St. Louis, MO

Taming Civics: Using Historical Narratives and Landmark Court Cases to Bring Civics to Life
► Room: 103
Presenters will share how they use historical narratives and hands-on primary source activities to guide students in the discovery of how judicial systems evolve to address real-life concerns.
Chair: Rachael Drenovsky, Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center, Lansing, MI; Marilyn P. Duncan, Texas Supreme Court Historical Society, Austin, TX; David Furlow, Houston Bar Association Teach Texas Committee, Houston, TX; Elizabeth R. Osborn, Indiana University Center on Representative Government, Bloomington, IN

We Are History: Teamwork and Transparency in History Exhibit Renovations
► Room: 105
What does it take to successfully renovate a community history museum—one in which stakeholders are lovingly and completely invested? It takes planning, building a great team, and communication, communication, communication. This session offers tips on best practices and how to avoid pitfalls when redoing exhibits with community input.
Chair: Heather McClenahan, Los Alamos Historical Society, Los Alamos, NM; Aimee Slaughter, Los Alamos Historical Society, Los Alamos, NM; Ron Wilkins, Los Alamos Historical Society, Los Alamos, NM; Stephanie Yeamans, Los Alamos Historical Society, Los Alamos, NM

What Role Should Historic Sites Play in Teacher Professional Development?
► Room: 104
Many public history institutions offer teacher professional development programs. Both Ford’s Theatre and Monticello are working with researchers to look at their programs’ efficacy. This forum will bring together practitioners who want to think about what role we are best suited to play in teacher learning.
Chair: Sarah Jencks, Ford’s Theatre Society, Washington, DC; Gary Sandling, Monticello/Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Charlottesville, VA

Affinity Group Luncheons
12:30–1:45 pm
These events are not included in the annual meeting registration fee and require preregistration.

Corporate History Archives and Museums
Cost: $45
► Room: PDR 1 and 2
Join the Corporate History Affinity Group for a luncheon spotlight on the Dr. Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute. The presentation will highlight how a branded, but independent, museum organization interacts with both its community outreach and its brand partners.

Educators and Interpreters
Cost: $45
► Room: 301
Join the Educators and Interpreters Committee for lunch, networking, and discussion. Each roundtable lunch will have a discussion topic related to issues facing educators and interpreters. Get a chance to meet other professionals, contribute to a lively lunch discussion, and learn more about the work of the Educators and Interpreters Committee.

Religious History
Cost: $45
► Room: PDR 3
Join the AASLH Religious History Group as we explore the intersection of sacred and secular memory within California mission landscapes. Elizabeth Kryder-Reid, drawing on her recent publication, California Mission Landscapes: Race, Memory, and the Politics of Heritage, will focus on various case studies to illustrate the tensions experienced at sites which have been positioned in the tangled spaces of public history and faith over the past 150 years.
Small Museums
Cost: $45
Room: Tejas Dining Room
What is it like to be small in a really big state? Texas is fiercely proud of its history. How do you catch up with the legends, myths, and truths when you’re not from around here? Get a taste of preserving Texas history with Evan Thompson, Executive Director of Preservation Texas, as he explores these challenges and more.

Women’s History
Cost: $45
Room: PDR 4
The Women’s History Affinity Group wants to hear from you. What are the challenges for women’s history? What works? What doesn’t? As the Affinity Group grows, what resources can it provide and topics can it cover for professional development? Join your colleagues for a networking lunch to share experiences, discuss the state of women’s history in the field, and help shape the growth of the AASLH Women’s History Affinity Group.

Concurrent Sessions
1:45 – 3 pm

The Art of Saying No: Declining Collections Gifts Gracefully
Room: 101
Saying no to potential donations is a difficult part of collections work. Yet this skill is essential to maintaining relevance and sustainability. Participants will learn how to say no gracefully, why a collections policy is their ally, and how to suggest alternative homes for the items.
Chair: Aimee E. Newell, PhD, Luzerne County Historical Society, Wilkes-Barre, PA; Julia Gray, Abbe Museum, Bar Harbor, ME; Jennifer S. Landry, National Scouting Museum, Irving, TX

Beyond Ramps: The Ongoing Journey toward Universal Accessibility
Room: 105
Panelists will discuss the challenges of learning about Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, understanding truly universal design, and beginning implementation efforts with success and failure stories to illustrate.
Chair: Dr. Maureen Kelly Jonason, Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, Moorhead, MN; Larry Hutchings, Museology Museum Services, Minneapolis, MN; Jessica Sutherland, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN

Collective Wisdom: A LAM Approach to Professional Development
Room: 103
This session will bring together museum, library, and archive professionals to discuss the work of the Collective Wisdom Program, an initiative focused on analyzing cross-sector professional development and continuing education needs, while inviting attendees to continue the discussion on LAM collaborations, projects, and future opportunities.
Chair: Stephanie Allen, The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, Dallas, TX; Sofia Becerra-Licha, Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA; Darla Wegener, County of Tulare, Visalia, CA

Creative Programming and Partnerships for Diverse Revenue Streams: The Experience of Three Philadelphia Historic Sites
Room: 202
Developing creative programming and partnerships in historic sites is a requirement for diversifying and accessing new revenue streams. Since creative programming and partnerships are non-traditional, designing and implementing new programs and partnerships can be risky, yet they have the potential to create more sustainable organizations.
Chair: James Stevens, ConsultEcon, Inc., Cambridge, MA; Sara Jane Elk, Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, PA; Barbara Hogue, Christ Church Preservation Trust, Philadelphia, PA; Dennis Pickeral, Historic Germantown, Philadelphia, PA

Crowdsourcing: A Critical Tool for Creating Public History
Room: 107
Digital communities are reshaping museums in unprecedented ways. They have told us what exhibitions to develop, contributed media installation content, and helped us develop better archival and research data collections—all because we’ve asked for help and offered access through easy-to-use digital tools. Come learn how we did it!
Chair: Alex Freeman, The New Media Consortium, Austin, TX; Elissa Frankie, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC; Neal Johnson, Bullock Texas State History Museum, Austin, TX; John Russick, Chicago History Museum, Chicago, IL

Deep Roots in Shallow Soils: Lyndon Johnson, the Secret Service, and Life on the Ranch
Room: Bullock Museum Classroom
In 2011, public history graduate students at Texas State University conducted a historical resource study for the National Park Service focused on the Secret Service Command Post at the LBJ National Historical Park near Stonewall, TX, providing a foundation to build the story of the Secret Service at the Texas White House.
Chair: Dan K. Utley, Center for Texas Public History, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX; Jennifer Burden, Family Eldercare, Leander, TX; Jennifer Cobb Peterson, Bullock Texas State History Museum, Austin, TX; Kendra K. DeHart, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX
From Storefront to Monument: Tracing the Public History of the Black Museum Movement

Room: 204

This conversation with From Storefront to Monument’s author, Andrea Burns, is a chance to think about the shifts in our field that led to the new National Museum of African American History and Culture. Burns will be joined by Yolanda Chávez Leyva, who is currently writing Interpreting Latino History for Rowman & Littlefield’s AASLH Book Series. These histories will resonate for all institutions that have reclaimed stories, embraced identity, and connected to local communities. Co-sponsored by the National Council on Public History. From Storefront to Monument was selected by the NCPH as the best public history book of 2015.

Chair: Andrea Burns, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC; Yolanda Chávez Leyva, Institute of Oral History & The Borderlands Public History Lab, El Paso, TX; Rebecca Shrum, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN

Historic Preservation Never Ends: Practical Maintenance for Your Historic Buildings

Room: 203

A historic building expresses the tangible past like few other artifacts can—but needs its own collections care. Learn proper preservation stewardship for your museum: the basics of routine maintenance, working with construction professionals, the guiding ideas of preservation, and how to inform stakeholders about the processes and costs involved.

Chair: Evelyn Montgomery, Dallas Heritage Village, Dallas, TX; Ron Siebler, Siebler, Inc., Dallas, TX; Joshua Torrance, Woodlawn Museum, Gardens & Park, Ellsworth ME

Power Up: Demonstrate History Relevance through National History Day

Room: 106

How can engagement with National History Day help you demonstrate history relevance to school audiences? Learn how institutions in three states use the power of NHD to connect collections to students, promote outreach to nontraditional audiences, and position themselves as leaders through partnerships. Participants will also brainstorm ways to boost their institutional relevance through NHD.

Chair: Kim Fortney, National History Day, College Park, MD; Lisa Berg, Star of the Republic Museum, Washington, TX; Shoshanna Gross, Ohio History Connection, Columbus, OH; Tim Hoogland, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN

Preserving Business History

Room: 108

No two business history organizations approach their brand and organizational history in the same way. Join the Corporate History Affinity Group as we share a few examples of current business heritage case studies, including Walmart’s archives and museum in Arkansas, Carhartt’s efforts to document history in rural Kentuck, and preservation partnership efforts to save the “Numero Uno” Taco Bell location in Southern California.

Chair: Sarah Lund-Goldstein, Contract Archivist, Cleveland, OH; Dave Moore, Carhartt, Dearborn, MI; Nate Graves, Walmart Museum, Bentonville, AR; Katie Rispoli Keotamai, We Are the Next, Long Beach, CA

Workplace Confidential: Museum Women Talk Gender Equity

Room: 104

According to a 2016 Pew Research survey, 56 percent of American men believe obstacles that once made it hard for women to get ahead are gone. Most women disagree. This session unpacks gender in history museums with the authors and interviewees of Women in the Museum: Lessons from the Workplace.

Chair: Joan Baldwin, The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, CT; Anne Ackerson, Leading by Design, Troy, NY; Shakia Guilette, Banneker-Douglass Museum, Annapolis, MD; Irene Frank, Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford CT; Wyona Lynch-McWhite, Arts Consulting Group, Boston, MA; Jessica Phillips, Fraunces Tavern Museum, New York, NY

Concurrent Sessions

1:15–3:15 pm


Room: Bullock Museum Board Room

Discover how the Values of History are (or are not) meaningful and relevant to the general public through observation of a focus group of leaders of Austin nonprofits following a tour of one exhibit at Austin’s Bullock Texas State History Museum. During the session, Kate Betz and Conny Graft will pose questions about reactions to the exhibit and to the Values of History. They will also invite conference attendees to pose questions to the panel on how we can make history more relevant for the leaders and for the people they serve.

Chair: Conny Graft, President, Conny Graft Research and Evaluation, Williamsburg, VA; Kate Betz, Bullock Texas State History Museum, Austin, TX

Legal History Roundtable at the Texas State Capitol

Meet at AASLH Registration Desk

Walk from the conference center to tour the Texas Capitol and hear a presentation on Texas judicial and legal history from award-winning writer James Haley, author of The Texas Supreme Court: A Narrative History, 1836-1936, published in 2013; and co-author with Marilyn P. Duncan of Taming Texas: How Law and Order Came to the Lone Star State, published in 2017. The building features former Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals courtrooms and Governor’s Office and current legislative chambers.

Chair: Elizabeth R. Osborn, PhD, Indiana Center on Representative Government, Bloomington, IN; James L. Haley, Austin, TX

Break in Exhibit Hall – Grand Ballroom

New Member Reception

Cost: Free; Preregistration Required

Room: 301

Are you or your institution a new member of AASLH? Come learn what AASLH has to offer and how you can reap the benefits of your individual or your museum’s membership. Also, meet fellow AASLH members, along with members of the AASLH Council and staff.
Concurrent Sessions 4–5:15 pm

Don’t Get Passed in Being Part of History

Room: 103

How does the public view your museum or historic site? Narrow or inclusive? Out-of-step or relevant to the dynamic world in which we live? Let’s circle up and discuss lessons learned in our quest to remain integral to the future of history and not just a relic of the past.

Chair: John Sherrer, Historic Columbia, Columbia, SC; Dina Bailey, Mountain Top Vision, LLC, Atlanta, GA; Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko, Abbe Museum, Bar Harbor, ME; Ashley Rogers, Whitney Plantation, Wallace, LA; Donna Sack, Naper Settlement, Naperville, IL

From Millstone to Crown Jewel: Revitalization and Transition of a “Tired” Site

Room: 202

This session examines the transition of a forty-year-old nineteenth-century established historic site. Changes in furnishings, interpretation, costuming, and copious amounts of research for staff and volunteers will be discussed and examined. Presenters will also discuss the successes and learning experiences related to this gigantic change.

Chair: Mike Follin, Ohio History Connection, Columbus, OH; Andrew Hall, Ohio History Connection, Columbus, OH; Robin Schuricht, Ohio History Connection, Columbus, OH

History in Motion: Archival Film and Video in Historical Collections

Room: 204

Beyond Hollywood pictures, the diverse community of history organizations often holds moving image materials in their collections that capture another side of American film history. This session will explore various types of non-theatrical film and video, from home movies to local access television, that offer new approaches to documenting and interpreting local and regional histories.

Chair: Madeline Moya, Texas Archive of the Moving Image, Austin, TX; Justin Kovar, Briscoe Center for American History, Austin, TX; Karan Sheldon, Northeast Historic Film, Milton, MA; Laura Treat, The University of North Texas Libraries, Denton, TX

Next Steps: Navigating Career Pathways with People Who’ve Been There

Room: 107

Back by popular demand, the Emerging History Professional Affinity Community’s next steps session provides attendees with the opportunity to speak one-on-one with seasoned professionals working in education, collections, government, house museums, and other positions related to state and local history. History professionals at all stages of their career are welcome to attend.

Chair: Hope Shannon, Loyola University, Chicago, IL

Rapidly Responding to Events in Our Communities

Room: 104

Quickly responding to major events is a crucial part of being essential community assets. Drawing from the work of multiple organizations, this session will look at how to prepare to respond, when not to engage, and how internal and external responses should differ.

Chair: Sarah Pharaon, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, New York, NY; Callie Hawkins, President Lincoln’s Cottage, Washington, DC; Brenda Tindal, Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte, NC

Re-contextualizing Latin American Collections

Room: 106

Historians as curators can serve to bridge the knowledge gap between the collections that they care for and potential researchers. Three Latin American historians will discuss the origins of their collections and the challenges that researchers face when working with de-contextualized collections.

Chair: Daniel Alonzo, Texas General Land Office, Austin, TX; José Adrián Barragán-Alvarez, Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, CA; Albert A. Palacios, LILLAS Benson Latin American Studies and Collections, Austin, TX; Brian A. Stauffer, Texas General Land Office, Austin, TX

Sharing the Stage with Theaters and Schools

Room: 105

How do you help teachers incorporate your museum’s story into the curriculum? What about partnering with a theater? Educators from a museum, two theaters, and a school district will discuss goals and actual outcomes of two very different theater experiences created to connect teachers to a local museum.

Chair: Ani Simmons, The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, Dallas, TX; Susan Reno, Dallas Independent School District, Dallas, TX; Nancy Schaeffer, Dallas Children’s Theater, Dallas, TX; Morgana Wilborn, Dallas Theater Center, Dallas, TX

Texas Disability History: Accessing the Inaccessible

Room: Bullock Museum Education Room

Panelists will address the Texas Disability History Collection—how materials were located, and how a digital exhibition was built with maximum accessibility in mind, especially for individuals with hearing, sight, physical, or cognitive disabilities. The panelists will discuss collaborations within the community and the creation of the Disability History/Archives Consortium.

Chair: Wendy Cole, Dallas Historical Society, Dallas, TX; Samantha Dodd, University of Texas, Arlington, TX; Jeff Downing, University of Texas, Arlington, TX; Betty Shankle, University of Texas, Arlington, TX

Thinking Like a Donor: Down-to-Earth Advice from Foundations on Seeking Funds

Room: 101

History grant seekers are often so caught up in the urgency of their proposed funding needs that they lack the perspective to effectively communicate the value of their projects. Foundations have missions they must honor, priorities for funding, and procedural guidelines that have to be met. Foundations need to be transparent about what they are looking for from grant
seekers, and grant seekers need to “think like a donor” in order to make their best appeal. Three foundation executives whose foundations fund history organizations will address these issues.

Chair: Gary N. Smith, The Summerlee Foundation, Dallas, TX; Katie Alford, Communities Foundation of Abilene, Abilene, TX; Laura Duty, Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation, Dallas, TX; Darryl Tacker, The Tockler Foundation, Austin, TX

Workplace Issues and Opportunities: A Frank Discussion
► Room: 108
One of the topics that employees of history organizations deal with every day is workplace issues (i.e. hiring, salaries, management styles, employee retention). CEOs and managers responsible for these issues, however, rarely come together with their peers from other history organizations for frank discussions about their challenges and opportunities in regards to their workforce. Join other professionals with responsibility for human resource issues in an open discussion where you can ask your questions, share your expertise, and help AASLH address these issues in the field.

Chair: Kyle McKoy, Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle, Doylestown, PA

5:30–6:30 pm

Developing History Leaders @SHA Reception
Cost: Free; Preregistration Required
► Room: Tejas Dining Room
Interested in learning more about this leadership program? Join alumni and prospective participants for networking and conversation and to welcome new SHA director, Max van Balgooy.

History Happy Hour
Take a few moments for some informal networking with colleagues. Many of our affinity groups will be hosting meet-ups in the hotel or at restaurants or bars where you can come together and meet people with similar professional interests. Find a list of offerings on the AASLH website, on the conference app, or at the conference registration desk.

Evening Events
6:30–9:30 pm

Keep History Weird at the Bullock Museum
Cost: $40; Preregistration Required
See description on page 29.

8:30–9:30 pm

Diversity and Inclusion Task Force Mixer
Cost: Free
► Room: Tejas Dining Room
Join AASLH's Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for an evening of fellowship. Meet with current members of task force and other conference attendees, and learn more about how the task force is assisting AASLH staff and council in their efforts to build inclusionary practices into their work and the public history field at large.
Directors Breakfast
Cost: $40; Preregistration Required
Room: 301
Directors and CEOs of organizations of all sizes are invited to breakfast for networking and conversation. Be sure to bring your business cards!

StEPs Friday Morning MeetUP
Cost: $10; Preregistration Required
Room: PDR 1 and 2
Is your organization doing all it can to protect itself from embezzlement and fraud? Join colleagues for the annual StEPs MeetUP as we focus this year on the top ten ways to prevent this disaster from striking your organization and causing not only financial distress and emotional fallout but also diminished reputation and credibility. Small group discussions will help participants identify specific procedures they can implement to better protect their organization. The StEPs program is helping more than 800 small- to mid-sized organizations take a leap forward with improved policies and practices. Whether your organization is already using StEPs or still on the fence, you are invited to join us. Continental breakfast included.

The Austin Archives Bazaar: Keeping Austin's Weird
Room: Bullock Museum Board Room
The Austin Archives Bazaar is a successful collaboration between central Texas repositories that both highlights our collections and promotes general archival awareness to the public. In this session, members of the Archivists of Central Texas will discuss how to create a successful outreach event to promote archives to your community.
Chair: Rebecca Elder, Rebecca Elder Cultural Heritage Preservation, Austin, TX; Jennifer Hecker, Town Talk Library, Austin, TX; Madeline Moya, Texas Archive of the Moving Image, Austin, TX; Kristy Sorensen, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX

But Why Should They Care?
Room: 204
What does it mean to be relevant? This session delves into that question and others such as: how are value and relevance related? Can or should an organization be relevant to everyone? Can content be fascinating but not relevant? This session gets to the heart of why we practice history.
Chair: Tim Grove, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC; Dina Bailey, Mountain Top Vision, LLC, Atlanta, GA; Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko, Abbe Museum, Bar Harbor, ME; Steve Light, Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello, Charlottesville, VA

Historic Buildings on Austin’s Sixth Street
Commemorating Tragedy, Healing Wounds: Mother Emanuel AME Church, Charleston, SC

Room: 105

How should historical organizations respond when tragedy strikes their communities? Local organizations’ quick responses to the massacre at Mother Emanuel AME offer learning opportunities. This session will feature a church leader and staff of historical organizations who together sought ways to confront tragedy, overcome obstacles, and engender healing.

Chair: George W. McDaniel, PhD, McDaniel Consulting, Charleston, SC; Elizabeth Alston, Mother Emanuel AME Church, Charleston, SC; Toni Carrier, Lowcountry Africana, Charleston, SC; Carol Poplin, HW Exhibits, Charleston, SC

Field Services Alliance Tips: Caring for Collections on a Budget

Room: 106

Every museum works within the confines of a budget. We all know the best practices and what we should do for our organizations, but the question stopping us is usually: How? Join us for a series of tips and tricks addressing budget-friendly practices for collections care, exhibition, and disaster planning.

Chair: Karen DePauw, Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis, IN; Samantha Forsko, Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, Philadelphia, PA; Janice Klein, Museum Association of Arizona, Tempe, AZ

Get Techie: Engaging the Next Generation in Their History

Room: 101

Staff from history organizations wear many hats and have little time to build online audiences, connect with new technology, and create outreach products. This session examines ten popular cross-platform tech tools that can help streamline tours, expand an organization’s online presence, connect with new audiences, and potentially save you money.

Chair: Shannon Haltiwanger, History Colorado, Denver, CO; Michelle Pearson, Adams 12 School District Century Middle School, Thornton, CO

I AM CURATOR ... Am I?

Room: 108

Curator can mean virtually anything. What will it mean in history institutions as we strive for relevance and to serve diverse audiences? How curators shape and interpret collections is an important part of this challenge. Bring examples, questions, and crazy ideas to explore how the role of curator is evolving.

Chair: Julie Maio Komper, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY; Chris Goodlett, Kentucky Derby Museum, Louisville, KY; Sondra Reierison, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN

Trends and Lessons from the Leadership in History Awards

Room: 107

What are the current trends emerging in the history field? Join several recent Leadership in History award winners for lightning presentations about why their project matters, how it’s an example of innovation, and what challenges they overcame. The conversation will conclude with group discussion to identify current trends and models of success.

Chair: Nicholas Hoffman, Missouri History Museum, St. Louis, MO

Parks and Prejudice: The Legacy of Segregation and State Parks

Room: 203

The panel members will explore segregation at state parks nationally, those in Texas, and one Texas park in particular. Leading the session is William O’Brien, author of Landscapes of Exclusion. Panelists will address how certain chapters in a park or park system’s history may test parks’ ability to be inclusive.

Chair: Cynthia Brandimarte, Texas State Parks-TPWD, Austin, TX; Vicki Betts, Robert R. Muntz Library, University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX; William O’Brien, Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter, FL

Past/Present/Podcast: The Challenges of On-Air History

Room: 202

What happens when an NPR affiliate, a museum, and a university team up to produce a radio show? With New Orleans gearing up for its 300th anniversary, the stakes and outreach potential are high. Two years along in a three-year experiment, our intrepid podcasters discuss the challenges of on-air history.


Who’s “Shoulding” on Your Fundraising Efforts?

Room: 103

Ever been on the receiving (or giving) end of a conversation with your board about how fundraising should be done? Does your organization risk “shoulding” its way out of critical dollars because of communication breakdowns and unrealistic expectations? This session explores best practices for boards in the fund development process.

Chair: Jamie Simek, Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis, IN; David Jansen, Brucemore, Inc., Cedar Rapids, IA; Kevin Pazour, Porter County Museum, Valparaiso, IN

Current Issues Forum: Mentorship: An Imperative for Future Leaders

Room: Bullock Museum Classroom

A diverse group of practitioners, mid-career professionals, and those currently in leadership, will come together to consider the importance of mentorship for the next generation of leaders and the responsibility of the field to foster it explicitly. We will identify goals and action items to move the conversation forward.

Co-Chairs: Kristin Gallas, Tsongas Industrial History Center, Lowell, MA, and Sarah Jencks, Ford’s Theatre Society, Washington, DC

8:30 – 10:30 am

Stability and Transparency

Diversity and Inclusion
9:45–10:45 am

Break in the Exhibit Hall

NCPH Poster Session
► Room: 301
The National Council on Public History has partnered with AASLH to sponsor this Poster Session. Built on NCPH’s model for public history presentations about projects that use visual evidence, presenters will share their work through one-on-one discussion, including works-in-progress.

10:45–11:45 am

AASLH Meeting of the Membership
► Room: 204

SPEAKERS:
Katherine Kane, Chair
Norman Burns, Treasurer
John Dichtl, President and CEO

11:45 am–12:30 pm

Annual Meeting Attendees Luncheon
► Room: Grand Ballroom
Cost: $10; Preregistration required
Take time to visit with exhibitors and colleagues in the exhibit hall during this informal luncheon provided by AASLH.

Concurrent Sessions

12:30–1:45 pm

#TheyAreHistory: Engaging Youth and Discovering Relevancy
► Room: 104

Looking for unique ways to engage youth? Join us to discuss the successes and challenges related to three creative programs that empower millennials (and beyond) to find their own place in history while serving their communities. Presenters will provide practical, scalable tips on how to facilitate similar programs at your organization.

Chair: Ashleigh Oatts, Watson-Brown Foundation, Athens, GA; Liz Hobson, Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area, Lawrence, KS; Amy Rohmiller, Ohio History Connection, Columbus, OH

Collections Conundrums: Solving Collections Management Mysteries
► Room: 105
This session builds on the collective wisdom of the audience in attendance. Panelists will facilitate group-wide conversation on such subjects as conducting wall-to-wall inventories, collection moves, digitization, deaccessioning, how to train your board, etc. Please bring your own questions and your willingness to brainstorm creative solutions on behalf of others!

Chair: Lindsey Richardson, The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, Dallas, TX; Cristin Waterbury, National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, Dubuque, IA; Lisa Worley, Historic Ford Estates, Dearborn, MI

The Great Debate: Engaging Audiences vs. Protecting Dollhouses
► Room: 106
They took down the ropes, served food in the dining room, and lived to tell the tale! The staff of the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum share how they are working to balance old and new perspectives on historic house interpretation at the former home of Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown.

Chair: Brandie Ragghianti, Independent Museum Professional, Greensboro, NC; Renee’ Donnell, Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum, Sedalia, NC; Frachele Scott, Esq., Durham, NC

Pay Attention, Connect and Participate: The Magic of Experience
► Room: 103
What value do museums have when limitless information is available through technology? During this session, we’ll explore the value of meaningful, in-person experiences that make visitors feel wonder, togetherness, and purpose. A specially designed immersive experience will be staged, and we’ll discuss implications of prioritizing experience over information dissemination.

Chair: Andrea Jones, Peak Experience Lab, Brentwood MD; Laura Alicorn, Second Story Studio, Portland OR; John Herbst, Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis, IN.

Pop Up Session
► Room: 108
The topic of this session will be announced via Twitter, the conference app, and on the conference information board, after voting concludes, no later than 3:30 pm on Thursday. For more information, see page 6.

Reigniting a Collective Memory: Interpreting the Forgotten Stories of a Texas Art Colony
► Room: Bullock Museum Education Room

Learn how the History Center for Aransas County researched and curated an exhibit on the Rockport, Texas, art colony, named one of “The Top Ten Coastal Art Colonies,” using oral histories, artwork, and artifacts. Through this, they enriched their community’s narrative with inclusion of forgotten individuals and their contribution.

Chair: Vickie Moon Merchant, PhD, History Center for Aransas County, Rockport, TX; Kate Betz, Bullock Texas State History Museum, Austin, TX

Friday, September 8

TT Texas Track
CE Creative and Experimental
HR History Relevance
We Are NOT History: Reaffirming Cultural Sovereignty in Indigenous Communities

► Room: 107

Native American sovereignty has been largely ignored throughout American history. But museums, libraries, and historic sites are uniquely poised to stimulate indigenous sovereignty in compelling ways. In this session, presenters will share techniques used by sites that embrace Native art, history, and culture to reaffirm the inherent rights of Indigenous People.

Chair: Andrew Albertson, Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Santa Fe, NM; Allison Colborne, Laboratory of Anthropology Library, Santa Fe, NM; Travis Zimmerman, Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post, Onamia, MN

The Why and How of Exhibits and Programs about World War I

► Room: 202

You don’t have to be a military museum to commemorate the American contributions to World War I. This session will help you in creating an exhibit or planning programs. Pondering how to involve your community? This “nuts & bolts” session is designed to provide ideas, resources, and meaning.


I Am History or I Am Hoarding?

► Room: 103

In the literature on the psychology of hoarding, there are a shocking number of parallels between hoarding and museum collecting. In this session, speakers will outline those parallels and then lead a thoughtful discussion about the continuum between healthy collecting and hoarding. Warning: it might get real.

Chair: Elee Wood, Indiana University-Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN; Trevor Jones, Nebraska Historical Society, Lincoln, NE; Rainey Tisdale, Independent Museum Professional, Boston MA

Keepers of Knowledge: Encyclopedias in the Digital Age

► Room: 101

Representatives from the digital encyclopedia projects of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Philadelphia, Tennessee, and Texas will engage in a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics including funding, content generation, sustainment, technology, education, and user experience.

Chair: Brett D. Derbes, Texas State Historical Association, Austin, TX; Kelly Agan, NC Government & Heritage Library, State Library of NC, Raleigh NC; Edward Hatfield, New Georgia Encyclopedia, Atlanta, GA; Charlene Mires, Rutgers University-Camden, Camden, NJ; Claire Wilson, Auburn University, Auburn, AL; Ann Toplovich, Tennessee Historical Society, Nashville, TN

Lessons Learned: The Legal, Ethical, and Practical Issues Involved in Finding a New Steward for Upsala

► Room: 105

Learn from the experiences of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and its co-stewardship partner, Cliveden, Inc., as they discuss the history of the Upsala historic house museum and the process they went through to determine its future, and ultimately decide to find a new steward for the property.

Chair: Carrie Villar, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, DC; Tom Mayes, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, DC; David Young, Cliveden, Philadelphia, PA

Open the Door! Approaches to Interpreting Historic Landscapes

► Room: 106

This session examines the ways sites across the country are approaching the interpretation of diverse historic landscapes in order to expand a site’s significance and stimulate engagement for contemporary audiences. The panelists will present case studies and focus on extracting lessons from the front lines of historic landscape interpretation.

Chair: Sean E. Sawyer, The Olana Partnership, Hudson, NY; George McDaniel, McDaniel Consulting, Charleston, SC; Joshua Torrance, Woodlawn Museum, Gardens & Park, Elsworth, ME

Pop Up Session

► Room: 108

The topic of this session will be announced via Twitter, the conference app, and on the conference information board, after voting concludes, no later than 3:30 pm on Thursday. For more information, see page 6.
Positioning Your Museum as a Critical Community Asset: A Roundtable Discussion

Room: 107

In a roundtable format, chat with contributors to the book, *Positioning Your Museum as a Critical Community Asset*. The volume includes practical discussions that museums can use to build relationships with their communities around education, advocacy, digital technology, finances, and co-creation, while serving as a community asset and resource.

**Co-Chairs:** Melissa Prycer, Dallas Heritage Village, Dallas, TX; Robert Connolly, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA; Melanie Adams, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN; Brian Failing, Aurora Regional Fire Museum, Aurora, IL; Colleen McCartney, ArtsMemphis, Memphis, TN; Sarah Miller, Florida Public Archaeology Network, St. Augustine, FL; Rebecca Price, Chic History, Inc., Nashville, TN; Ashley Rogers, Whitney Plantation, Wallace, LA

Seeking Absent Voices: Inclusion and Relevance; Examples, Tools, and a Conversation

Room: 104

Your institution may be missing its full potential. Be motivated to build relationships in your communities and to collect and convey the stories you’re missing. Observe the value of digging deeper. Learn tools for meaningful engagement. And be forewarned of challenges you will face if you open this door.

**Chair:** Steve Boyd-Smith, 106 Group, St. Paul, MN; Richard Josey, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN

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3:15–4 pm

**Break in the Exhibit Hall**

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Concurrent Sessions

4–5:15 pm

Augmenting Reality with History Collections

Room: 106

In 2016, *Pokemon Go* made augmented reality a reality. The Chicago History Museum has begun developing AR and VR (virtual reality) site-specific experiences using the museum’s collection material. This session will provide a history of the project, chicago00.org, and offer lessons and guidance for future AR developers.

**Chair:** John Russick, Chicago History Museum, Chicago, IL; Geoffrey Alan Rhodes, School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL

Bridging the Past and Present with the Texas Department of Transportation

Room: Bullock Museum Education Room

Much of our heritage is found in buildings, bridges, and other structures lining our streets, while roads themselves contain evidence of the land’s first people. Brainstorm with the Texas Department of Transportation on how local museums can partner to reveal these hidden histories and tell a unique story of place.

**Chair:** Rebekah Dobrasko, Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, TX; Laura Cruzada, Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, TX

Designing for Outrage: How to Create Activist Architectures for Disruption, Engagement, and Action

Room: 203

Violent murders, rampant xenophobia, homophobia, racism, and gender and economic injustices vibrate around us. Is there a way that exhibitions can create spaces that authentically address these issues in all of their moral messiness without rushing to feel-good emotions, harmony, or even empathy? Can there be space for outrage?

**Chair:** Suzanne Seriff, PhD, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX; Yolanda Leyva, University of Texas El Paso, Museo Urbano, El Paso, TX; Jennifer Scott, Jane Addams Hull-House, Chicago, IL

History Has Its Eyes on You: Lessons Learned from Broadway’s Hamilton

Room: 105

At the intersection of historic and contemporary themes, deliberate inclusivity, collaboration, and commitment to the highest artistic and intellectual standards, *Hamilton: An American Musical* informs and inspires without idealizing. As museums strive to diversify stories and audiences, how can we leverage *Hamilton*’s lessons to move toward a more inclusive future?

**Chair:** Becky Schlomann, Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis, IN; Steve Light, Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Charlottesville, VA; Stacey Mann, Learning and Interpretation Strategist, Philadelphia, PA; Kate Quinn, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA

Innovative Audience Engagement From Outside the Museum Bubble

Room: 104

What techniques and practices from outside the museum bubble inspire us to push the boundaries of audience engagement? After reviewing innovative experiences from non-museum organizations that meaningfully connect audiences and content, speakers will use creative thinking strategies to brainstorm intersections with museum work and techniques our field might adapt or borrow.

**Chair:** Beth Maloney, Baltimore Museum of Industry, Baltimore, MD; Andrea Jones, Peak Experience Lab, Brentwood, MD

MLK50: Where Do We Go From Here? Creating and Implementing Large Scale Commemorative Events

Room: 107

In April 2017, the National Civil Rights Museum began its yearlong commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Dr. King’s assassination, *MLK50: Where Do We Go From Here? This
roundtable discussion will examine the dynamics of planning and implementing a major historic commemoration with a diverse audience.

Chair: Noelle Trent, PhD, National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN; Terri Lee Freeman, National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN; Faith Morris, National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN; Bev Sakauye, National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN

Moving Women to the Foreground through Community Partnerships

Room: 101

Community partnerships are vital to the expansion of programs, especially when trying to reach new audiences or interpreting underrepresented subject matter. This session showcases a Native American exhibit, a suffrage education program, and an African quilt exhibit that harness the strength of their communities to reach greater relevance with their audiences.


Race, History, and the Archive: Strategies for Community Archives/Museums

Room: 202

This roundtable discussion explores the major obstacles and challenges to building and sustaining a museum or archive dedicated to historically under-documented and under-represented communities. The unique City of Austin-sponsored Community Archives Program and its three archivists/historians at the Austin History Center lead this discussion.

Chair: Amanda Jasso, Austin History Center, Austin, TX; LaToya Devezin, Austin History Center, Austin, TX; Phonshia Nie, PhD, Austin History Center, Austin, TX

StEPPing up Collections Stewardship of Digital Materials

Room: PDR 1 and 2

As the StEPs program gets ready for an enhancement, the Collections Stewardship section of the program will be integrated with the care of digital materials. Join us to discuss how to update collections policies, management, preservation, and access practices for digital materials. Practical with a lot of take-aways!

Chair: Cherie Cook, AASLH, Nashville, TN

Super-Size It! Handling and Displaying Large Objects

Room: 108

Extra large items like aircraft, vehicles, and boats can attract visitors, enhance collections, and add a WOW factor, but they come with special challenges. Learn how museums acquire, transport, preserve, restore, exhibit, fund, and manage these large items. The unique challenges will be explored with key takeaways and guidelines that can be used at any museum or historic site.

Chair: Jim Hodgson, Fort Worth Aviation Museum, Fort Worth, TX; Toni Beldock, Bullock Texas State History Museum, Austin, TX; Mike Lebens, National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, TX; Edward Zepeda, Texas Military Forces Museum, Austin, TX

The Value and Responsibility of Environmental Sustainability: What Do You Want to See?

Room: 103

Join us for two brief presentations, and then a group discussion about the future of the field. Sarah Sutton will narrate an overview of green practices in museums and sites, and Karen Daly will talk about Dumbarton’s green experience. Then, as a group, we’ll discuss the resources and opportunities we see for environmental sustainability, and talk about how AASLH could assist in the effort to help you and history go green.

Chair: Sarah Sutton, Sustainable Museums, Wai'ala'ula, HI; Karen Daly, Dumbarton House, Headquarters of The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Washington, DC

Reception

5:30–6:30 pm

Thank You Reception
Cost: Free, Invitation Only
Room: 301

Have you taken an extra step to support AASLH with time or money? Then please join us for a special thank you reception where we will celebrate our volunteers, donors, and sponsors. Amid all the business of the Annual Meeting, AASLH staff and Council members want to slow down and get to know you over drinks and light appetizers.

Leadership in History Awards Banquet
Cost: $75; Preregistration Required
Room: Grand Ballroom

Battledecks
Cost: Free (Drinks and food are not included.)
Location: Schloz Garten

Nightwing Bat Statue
Beyond the Likes: Social Media, Meaning, History, and Heritage

Do we, as historians and social media managers, have a larger responsibility than simply promoting our organizations and collecting likes? This open discussion will consider how the visual media we share influences public perceptions and discourse of history, heritage, and identity, using Texas as a case study.

Chair: Jennifer Carpenter, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Austin, TX; Stephen Siwinski, Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Austin, TX

Bucking the Trend: Energizing Historic Homes in Central Texas

Central Texas famously enjoys a rich but increasingly threatened sense of place. Three Austin and San Antonio historic house museums have managed to grow dramatically in visitation and impact despite the rapid change. Staff from each site will discuss successful turnaround through creative engagement strategies.

Chair: Oliver Franklin, Elisabet Ney Museum, City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, Austin, TX; Rowena Dasch, Neill-Cochran House, Austin, TX; Jane Lewis, Villa Finale, San Antonio, TX

Engaging K-16 through Creative Connections to History

How can museums, universities, and schools work together creatively to express the value of historic knowledge? One answer, do something creative. Panelists will discuss the Bullock Museum’s Butterfly Project—a collaboration that engaged students in lessons of tolerance by creating a large-scale, history-based art installation—and ideas for incorporating social justice into other community projects.

Chair: Kate Betz, Bullock Texas State History Museum, Austin, TX; Celange Santiso-Black, Gullett Elementary School, Austin, TX; Alexandra Robinson, St. Edward’s University, Austin, TX
How Many Quaker Bonnets Does it Take? CE

Room: 106

Do we really need 200 Quaker bonnets sitting quietly in climate-controlled storage? A number of history organizations are experimenting with new ways that audiences can creatively access and utilize their collections. This session will consider questions about shifting standards of preservation in collections care that prioritize interpretation as well as conservation. This session will consist of case studies to be considered and a brainstorming workshop to inspire new ways of respectfully caring for collections and, at the same time, inventively responding to contemporary audience needs.

Chair: Bill Adair, Pew Center for Arts and Heritage, Philadelphia, PA

I Feel History HR

Room: 203

This session will consider the role of emotion in historical interpretation. First, the presenters will explain why emotion matters in interpretation, and share some compelling inspiration projects from a range of museums and sites. Then together we’ll explore and discuss methods for weaving emotion into your own work.

Chair: Rainey Tisdale, Independent Museum Professional, Boston, MA; Katie Spencer, Museum of Durham History, Durham, NC

Innovative and Low-Cost Strategies for a Successful Executive Search ST

Room: 202

Your museum’s executive director just announced that he or she is leaving, but there is no money in the budget to hire a search firm. No need to panic! This panel will reveal the strategies deployed by search professionals so that you can ensure a successful transition for your museum.

Chair: Mary Baily Wieler, Museum Trustee Association, Baltimore, MD; Marilyn Hoffman, Museum Search & Reference, Londonderry, NH

White on White: When Standing By Isn’t an Option DI

Room: 204

In our current context of social discord and divisive immigration policies, the role of a relevancy-focused facilitator working with majority-white historians in a majority-white community takes on new meaning. This session will focus on best practices and strategies to have meaningful conversations using history as a tool for critical thinking, understanding, and fostering empathy, in order to build connections between our immigrant past and future.

Chair: Anna Altschwager, Old World Wisconsin–The Wisconsin Historical Society, Eagle, WI

10:15–10:30 am
Break in Foyer

10:30 am–12 pm
Closing Keynote Speaker: Congressman Joaquin Castro

Room: Grand Ballroom
Beyond the Exhibits

Location: Bullock Museum Lobby
Let’s go on a goose chase! As your scavenger hunt team seeks the secrets to successful educational outreach, go behind the scenes at the Bullock to participate in distance learning, join a live streaming event, explore student history clubs, and discover new ways to take your institution beyond the exhibits.
Chair: Sally Bloom, North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh, NC; Kaitlin Lloyd, Bullock Texas State History Museum, Austin, TX; Jessica Pratt, Tar Heel Junior Historian Association, Raleigh, NC; Chelsea Weger, North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh, NC

Digital Preservation for Individuals and Small Institutions
Room: 104
As digital collections become an increasingly important part of the historical record, institutions and individuals must develop strategies for preserving digital content. This lab will introduce participants to freely available, simple digital preservation tools. The session will focus on small-scale solutions that can be helpful to individuals and institutions. All participants must bring a laptop.
Chair: Annie Peterson, LYRASIS, Atlanta, GA; Frances Harrell, Northeast Document Conservation Center, Andover, MA; Hannah Rosen, LYRASIS, Atlanta, GA

Fun with Faux Food!
Room: 108
Real food not allowed in your museum? No problem! Join the Collections Department of Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage in a hands-on lab to learn how to make delicious-looking faux pastries and sweets for your next exhibition.
Chair: Ashley Bouknight, Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage, Nashville, TN; Raechel Willis, Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage, Nashville, TN

Indian Education for All: New Approaches to Teaching Native American Culture and History
Room: 107
Following Montana’s framework, discover how to implement culturally relevant understandings of historic and contemporary Native American issues into your educational programming, outreach, and exhibit interpretation. This lab introduces museum educators to the concept of Indian Education for All programming and demonstrates how to apply this approach at any site.
Chair: Danielle Stuckie, State Historical Society of North Dakota, Bismarck, ND; Deb Mitchell, Montana Historical Society, Helena, MT; Penny Redli, Museum of the Beartooths, Columbus, MT

Natural Connections: History and Science
Location: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
It’s bigger than buzzwords! Collaborating across topical boundaries, building cross-curricular lessons, and creating relevance to communities can greatly enrich program offerings. Join history and natural science educators for an outdoor, hands-on lab at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and gain strategies for cross-discipline collaboration. Bring a water bottle!
Chair: Melissa Dowland, North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh, NC; Megan Chesser, North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh, NC; Emily Grant, North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh, NC; Nancy Pennington, North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh, NC

Training Made Unboring: Make Your Site’s Professional Development into Serious Fun
Room: PDR 1 and 2
We bend over backwards to give our audiences dynamic, meaningful experiences—but train our staff and volunteers with three-ring binders, saying, “read this.” It’s time to use our museum superpowers on ourselves—this active and engaging lab gives you the tools you need to make staff and volunteer training AMAZING!
Chair: Jodi Larson, Split Rock Studios, Minneapolis, MN; Hannah O. Moses, George Ranch Historical Park, Richmond, TX

Beyond the Bake Sale: Fundraising Basics for Local History Organizations
Room: 301
Tired of planning one fundraising event after another? Want a more strategic approach to raising money? Looking for suggestions that are actually practical for your small shop? This workshop introduces basic fundraising principles and explores best practices that can be applied to local history organizations of all sizes.
Chair: Tamara Hemmerlein, Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis, IN; Jamie Simek, Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis, IN

Bringing History Communicators into Public History Practice
Room: PDR3
Learn to be a better history communicator with tips and tools to bolster public outreach, stimulate public interest in history, and develop strategies to reach twenty-first century STEM-driven media and audience using principles of the emerging field of history communication. This workshop is for anyone who wants to better communicate about public history with the message of relevance in mind.
Chair: Jason Steinhauser, Lepage Center for History in the Public Interest, Villanova, PA

Workshops
Cost: $45; Preregistration Required
1–5:30 pm

The Advocacy / Neutrality Throwdown!
Room: 103
Some historic sites have begun to openly advocate for social change. They have left the pretense of neutrality behind, and admit that our organizations, by their nature, can never be truly neutral. But do these sites actually foster change? How do they measure success? And do they alienate some stakeholders with their approach? Join an open, honest, and energetic set of conversations during this workshop about the pros and the cons of mixing historic interpretation with advocacy work, including many examples of successful and flawed projects. Advocacy skeptics welcome!
Chair: Sean Kelley, Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site, Philadelphia, PA
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