



Phi Alpha Theta Midwest
Regional Conference



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Conference Program 2008

March 13-14



~Hosted by~
Park University, Parkville, Missouri



History of Park University

The Parkville campus is situated high on a bluff commanding an inspiring view of the Missouri River, which sweeps in a broad bend around the quiet community of Parkville. To the south and southeast, the skyline of Kansas City is visible. The 700-acre campus is a site of breath taking natural beauty with woodlands, waterfalls, and wildflowers.

Two men, Colonel George S. Park and Dr. John A. McAfee, conceived of a program, in 1875, which combined work and study. Park was largely a self-sustained community with farmland, orchards, vineyards, a 10,000-square-foot greenhouse, and a large dairy herd. In the fall, classes were postponed while everyone joined in the harvest, gathering the grain into bins and preserving the fruits and vegetables in tin cans proudly labeled, "Students' Self-Help Department: The Park Family."

Committed to being one of the finest institutions in the nation, providing quality education in a wholesome environment for all students, including traditional and non-traditional full-time students on the historic Parkville Campus, and fully employed, full-time and part-time students across the nation and globe.



PRESENTERS

Alig, Susan	University of Kansas
Beatty, Michael	University of Missouri–St. Louis
Buchanan, Katherine	Benedictine College
Coward, Adam Nathaniel	Westminster College
Culp, Courtney	Emporia State University
Ellett, Ashton	Westminster College
Fluker, Amy Laurel	Westminster College
Hood, Andrew	University of Saint Mary
Luedtke, Brandon	Winona State University
McFadden, Katherine	Saint Olaf College
Misner, Sara	Graceland University
Morefield, Stephen	Wartburg College
Myers, Lindsey	Saint Olaf College
Rojas, Jorge	University of Saint Mary
Romard, Genevieve	Graceland University
Scholze, Hannah	Wartburg College
Seyer, Sean	University of Missouri–St. Louis
Spruk, Jamie	University of Saint Mary
Standley, Kristin Burrell	University of Kansas
Steinbach, Jessica	Saint Olaf College
Weber, Nathaniel	Westminster College

PHI ALPHA THETA CHAPTERS

Alpha Gamma Zeta	Emporia State University
Alpha Iota Omega	Benedictine College
Alpha Omicron	University of Kansas
Chi Sigma	Saint Olaf College
Gamma Tau	Westminster College
Mu Gamma	Graceland University
Omicron Sigma	Winona State University
Psi Psi	University of Missouri—Saint Louis
Upsilon Omicron	University of Saint Mary
Zeta Omicron	Park University

Luncheon Speaker



William G. Thomas
University of Nebraska–Lincoln

What is Digital History?

William G. Thomas is John and Catherine Angle Professor in the Humanities at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. A former Lincoln Prize Laureate, he served as director and co-founder of the Virginia Center for Digital History and associate professor of history at the University of Virginia from 1997-2005.

His digital research initiatives have included *The Valley of the Shadow*, *Race and Place: African American Community in the Jim Crow South*, *Television News of the Civil Rights Era*, and *The Countryside Transformed: The Eastern Shore of Virginia and the Railroad*.

He is author of *Lawyering for the Railroad: Business, Law, and Power in the New South* (1999) and co-author of *The Civil War on the Web* (2000). He is also co-author, with Edward L. Ayers, of “The Differences Slavery Made” published in 2003 as one of the first digital articles of the *American Historical Review*. Thomas was a Mead Honored Faculty at the University of Virginia in 2004-05. He has recently been awarded a Digital Innovation Fellowship in 2008 from the American Council of Learned Societies. He is currently writing a social history of the railroads in the American Civil War era.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Trinity College. His Masters of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees are from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts, President



Welcome to Park University. It is our distinct honor to host the Phi Alpha Theta Midwest Regional Conference on our campus.

In this time of great transformation in our world and higher education, we must join forces to create positive change. Your professional development through time, research, and presentations of our past provides a creative and all-inclusive opportunity to assess the world’s future by understanding our history.

It is truly an honor to join forces with you to expand the possibilities for Phi Alpha Theta’s global community of learners and future leaders.

Thank you for your commitment to the educational process.

President Byers-Pevitts received her Ph.D. and M.A. from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale and her B.A. from Kentucky Wesleyan College. Her postdoctoral work is from Harvard University and she holds an Honorary Doctorate in Laws from Kentucky Wesleyan.

Her involvement in higher education and civic organizations includes: Commissioner on the American Council on Education; the Council of Presidents, NAIA; Board of Governors, National World War I Museum; Liberty Memorial Museum and Association; and the Missouri College Fund. She is the founding president of the Association for Theater in Higher Education and serves on the National Advisory Board for the Women’s Museum, a division of the Smithsonian.

Zeta Omicron Officers



On behalf of the members of Zeta Omicron, we welcome you to Park University. We are extremely pleased to host this second Midwest Regional Conference.

The Phi Alpha Theta regional conferences provide opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to present their research, hone presentation skills, and to network with fellow peers. We hope you will have an opportunity to visit sessions that interest you.

In May of 1958, four interested students and one faculty member received a charter to form a Phi Alpha Theta chapter at then Park College. We are proud that you are attending this conference at the commencement of activities related to our Golden Anniversary. We hope you will join us Thursday evening for our “kick-off” birthday party in the Herr House Lounge.

We hope you enjoy the conference and activities associated with it. If any of us may be of assistance, please contact us. Again, welcome.

Brett Ferguson, President
Ryan Wagner, Vice President
Hana Thornton, Secretary and Treasurer
Caleb May, Social and Service Chair
Brian Moon, Historian

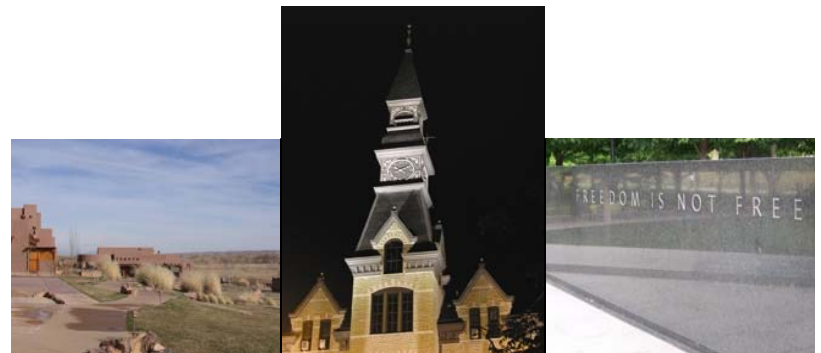


Friday, March 14, 2008

“Reawakening the Sleeping Princess: The Romanticists and the Artistic Rediscovery of Popular Antiquities and with it the Volk” – Adam Nathaniel Coward, Westminster College.

Session Chair and Commenter: Ms. Joni Reist, Park University

Conference Luncheon 12:30-2:00 P.M. College for Distance Learning (Underground)



Friday, March 14, 2008

Troubled British Imperial Ascendancy Room: MA 221
“An Empire Policy Must Be Formed: The Development of British Imperial Air Routes in the Interwar Period” – Sean Seyer, University of Missouri–St. Louis

“A Dangerous Precedent: The Rebellious Ranees of Pre-Mutiny India” – Kristin Burrell Standley, University of Kansas

“A Language of Lace: Gender Ideas and Consumer Culture in the 17th and 18th Centuries” – Jessica Steinbach, Saint Olaf College

Session Chair and Commenter: Dr. Deborah Kepple-Mamros, Graceland University

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Session III

Legacy Room: MA 222
“The Worldwide Implementation of Bona-fide Americanism: Harry S. Truman’s Unyielding Cling to Capitalist, Democratic Ideology and the Machiavellian Drift Behind his Quest to Preserve and Protect It—Invariably and Irrespective of Cost” – Jorge Rojas, University of Saint Mary

“Light and Heat: Jonathan Edwards’ Practical Belief in Providence” – Stephen Morefield, Wartburg College

“Thurgood Marshall: His True Lasting Legacy” – Jamie Spruk, University of Saint Mary

Session Chair and Commenter: Ms. Ann Schultis, Park University

The Past and the Future Room: MA 306

“Remember the Future: Prophets of Doom” – Sara Misner, Graceland University

Thursday, March 13, 2008

3:00-5:30 p.m. Conference Registration Herr House Lobby

6:00-7:30 p.m. Welcoming Reception Herr House Lounge

Park University’s Phi Alpha Theta chapter, *Zeta Omicron*, celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2008. Members of *Zeta Omicron* invite you to their birthday celebration!

- Dr. Graydon “Jack” Tunstall, Executive Director, Phi Alpha Theta
- Dr. Tim Westcott, Assistant Professor of History and Chair, Department of Social Sciences, Park University
- Mr. Ryan Wagner, Vice President (President-Elect), *Zeta Omicron*



Friday, March 14, 2008

7:30-8:30 a.m. Conference Registration Herr House
Refreshments Lobby and Lounge

8:00-9:15 a.m. **Session I**

Biography **Room: MA 306**
“Villain, Victim, or Vindication: The Changing Historical Perceptions of Aaron Burr” – Hannah Scholze, Wartburg College

“John Brown: Hero or Traitor” – Andrew Hood, University of Saint Mary

“Judge Russell G. Clark: Eye of the Kansas City Desegregation Storm” – Susan Alig, University of Kansas

Session Chair and Commenter: Dr. Timothy Howe, Saint Olaf College

Diplomacy and Trade **Room: MA 222**
“The Four Phases of U.S. Diplomatic Policy in China, 1844-1949” – Nathaniel Weber, Westminster College

“The Fur Trade and Federal Finance, 1784-1822” – Michael Beatty, University of Missouri–Saint Louis

Session Chair and Commenter: Dr. Ken Mulliken, University of Saint Mary

Unchallenged Tyranny **Room: MA 221**
“Long Live Freedom: The White Rose, 1942-1943” – Amy Laurel Fluker, Westminster College

“Maximilien Robespierre: Mass Murderer of the Century” – Genevieve Romard, Graceland University

Friday, March 14, 2008

“Lynching and a Quest for Power: How Relationships Ruled Race Relations and Violence in the South, 1880-1930” – Katherine McFadden, Saint Olaf College

Session Chair and Commenter: Dr. Timothy Westcott, Park University

9:30-10:45 a.m. **Session II**

Civic Engagement **Room: MA 222**
“From Brotherhood to Belonging: The Death of American Fraternal Life and the Rise of Service Clubs” – Ashton Ellett, Westminster College

“Der Biergarten: Nature, Urban Space and Civic Engagement in Immigrant Milwaukee” – Brandon Luedtke, Winona State University

Session Chair and Commenter: Dr. Timothy Westcott, Park University

Issues of Women’s History **Room: MA 306**
“Filling the Coffers: How the ‘Queen of the Red Lights’ Contributed to the Development of Kansas City” – Courtney Culp, Emporia State University

“Anesthesia and Sexual Assault in 19th Century America” – Lindsey Myers, Saint Olaf College

“Damsels in Distress or Distressing Damsels: Medieval Women, Military Authority, and Castles Under Siege” – Katherine Buchanan, Benedictine College

Session Chair and Commenter: Ms. Joni Reist, Park University