

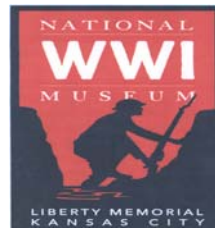
Phi Alpha Theta Midwest Regional
Conference

**Conference Program
2007**

March 15-16



~Hosted by~
Park University, Parkville, Missouri



Welcome to Park University

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 south-east, 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.



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Mission Statement

The mission of Park University, an entrepreneurial institution of learning, is to provide access to academic excellence, which will prepare students to think critically, communicate effectively and engage in lifelong learning while serving a global community.

Vision Statement

Park University will be a renowned international leader in providing innovative educational opportunities for students within the global society.

Core Values

- Commitment to commonalities and differences
- Commitment to community among all peoples of the world
 - Commitment to lifelong learning

Motto

“Fides et Labor”

“Faith and Work”

Welcome to Park University

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 and at the Liberty Memorial.



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: A Commissioner on the American Council on Education; the Council of Presidents, NAIA; Board of Governors, 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.

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Zeta Omicron Officers



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

Park University has had a long tradition of supporting historical endeavors within the Kansas City area. One of those endeavors has been our involvement in the sponsorship of activities associated with the National World War I Museum. You will have a unique opportunity to visit this recently re-opened national treasure.

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
Courtney Culp, Vice President
Mariette Janning, Social and Service Chair
James Pratt, Historian



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Luncheon Speaker



Leon F. Litwack
University of California,
Berkeley

Leon Litwack, Ph.D. is
Alexander F. and May T.
Morrison Professor of
American History at the
University of California,

Berkeley, and a past president of the Organization of American Historians. He is currently the president of the Southern Historical Association and served on their executive council from 2002-2005. He served decade as General Co-Editor of the Harvard Guide to African American History.

Dr. Litwack has received numerous awards. These include the Pulitzer Prize in History (1980), American Book Award for History (1981), and Francis Parkman Prize (1980).

His publications include *North of Slavery: The Negro in the Free States, 1790-1860* (1961); *Been in the Storm So Long: The Aftermath of Slavery* (1980), winner of the Pulitzer and Francis Parkman prizes; and *Trouble in Mind: Black Southerners in the Age of Jim Crow* (1998). He is currently writing a sequel to *Trouble in Mind* that will focus on black southerners and race relations from the 1930s to 1955.

He received his Bachelor of Arts, Masters of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy degree's from the University of California, Berkeley. He is married to Rhoda and together they have two children—John and Ann. He has two grandchildren named Evan and Reva.

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Thursday, March 15, 2007

3:00-5:00 p.m.	Conference Registration	Herr House Lounge
5:30 p.m.	Transportation Departs	Herr House Parking Lot
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Welcoming Reception	Liberty Memorial Museum
	Remarks—	Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts, President, Park University
		BGeneral (Ret.) Steve Berkheiser, Executive Director, LMM
		Mr. Graydon Tunstall Executive Director, Phi Alpha Theta
		Mr. Brett Ferguson President, <i>Zeta Omicron</i>
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Tour of Museum	Liberty Memorial Museum

“After the guns were silenced and the huge celebrations had died down, concerned citizens in the United States reflected on the past War and on the losses sustained. What could be done to honor and remember, they wondered. Just two weeks after the Armistice, a meeting of Kansas Citians brought forth the idea and need for the creation of a lasting monument to all men and women in the war and to those who died.”

The memorial also symbolizes the obligation that rests upon present and future generations to preserve that for which those men and women offered their all, and from many of whom the supreme sacrifice was accepted. May their memory live on, and may every American who looks upon this noble edifice be inspired by their devotion.”

- General of the Armies John J. Pershing,
commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I

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Friday, March 16, 2007

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

Exploring Faith

Room: MA 306

“Bringing Light to the ‘Dark Continent’: The Experiences of Early Twentieth Century Female Missionaries in Eastern Africa and Madagascar” – Maura DeChant, St. Olaf College

“Displeasing to God: The Religious Intolerance of Nineteenth Century Swedes in their Homeland and in America” – Beverly Knudsen, St. Cloud State University

“Usage of Magic Amongst the Peasantry in Late Medieval to Early Modern Britain” – Adam Coward, Westminster College

Session Chair and Comments: Dr. Sherry Schirmer, Avila University

Federal Politics

Room: MA 222

“Waverly and the New Deal” – Andy Prinsen, Wartburg College

“Federal Involvement in University of Minnesota Research During World War II: A ‘Natural Resource’ on an ‘Endless Frontier’” – Colin Stephenson, Augsburg College

“The History and Legitimacy of the Study of Unidentified Flying Objects” – Nathaniel Weber, Westminster College

Session Chair and Comments: Dr. Tim Howe, St. Olaf College

The Penetrating of Media and Nationalism Room: MC 23

“Rosalind’s Language: Misogyny and the Perpetuation of Negative Female Stereotypes in As You Like It” – Keriann Wiester, Avila University

“Catching a ‘Bug’ in the Cold War: Western Broadcasting and Cultural Defection” – Stephanie L. M. Soucheray, St. Olaf College

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“Have We Overcome? African Americans in Television” – Heather Coffman, Graceland University

Session Chair and Comments: Dr. Ken Mulliken, University of St. Mary

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

The Forgotten American Wars Room: MA 306
“Social Aspects of the Korean War: Why is it the Forgotten War?” – Patrick Burkhardt, Rockhurst University

“Principles of Faith: Woodrow Wilson’s Foreign Policy” – Aaron Taylor, Missouri Southern State University

Session Chair and Comments: Dr. James Pasley, Park University

Death, Corruption, and Expansionism Room: MA 222
“Alexander at the Jaxartes River” – Caleb Hedberg, St. Olaf College

“The Black Death: The European Bubonic Plague, 1347-1353” – LeeAnna Olson, Graceland University

“The Immense Enterprise of Corruption: National Socialist Perceptions of and Reactions to Freemasonry in Weimar Germany and the Third Reich” – Ashton Ellett, Westminster College

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

Social Implications in the Ancient World Room: MC 25
“Ancient Roman Civilization and Satire: Political and Literary Culture and Criticism” – Lindsey Myers, St. Olaf College

“Disparity in Station: A Brief Essay on the Differing Lifestyles of Athenian and Spartan Women” – Emily Gray, Graceland University

Session Chair and Comments: Dr. Seulky McInneshein, Westminster College

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Challenging Civil Liberties

Room: MC 23

“Burning of the Stars and Stripes: An Act of Protected Freedom or Punishable Defiance?” – Paul Gunderson, Bethany Lutheran College

First Amendment v. Promotion of Violence?” – Nicholas Kaminsky, Bethany Lutheran College

“Portrait of a Painter: George Caleb Bingham’s ‘Martial Law’” – Amy Fluker, Westminster College

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

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

The Civil War Impositions

Room: MC 21

“The Weight of the Sword: Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain in the Years following the Civil War” – Andrew Bell, Wartburg College

“Female Spies in the Civil War: Traitors or Patriots? – Gender Battles and Strategy” – Kathryn Gridley, Avila University

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

The Fall-out of American Bi-Partisanship

Room: MC 23

“Lessons for Iraq: A Comparative Analysis of the Philippines War and the Iraq War” – Andrew Chadwick, University of Saint Mary

“Partisan Politics: The Political Downfall of Aaron Burr” – Hannah Scholze, Wartburg College

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The Basic Face of Imperialism Room: MC 25
“The Need to Re-Write Indian History” – Prashant Hosur, Graceland University

“Imagined Geographies: Imperialism and the Making of the Modern Middle East” – Nicole Tinsman, Graceland University

“The Roosevelt Corollary Effect: U.S Policy in Latin America During the Cold War” – Christina Hansen, University of St. Mary

Session Chair and Comments: Dr. Kevin Boatright, University of Kansas

The Roles of Historiography and Nationalism Room: MA 222
“Toward a Disciplinary Embrace of the Public Sphere: Application, Utility, and Relevance to 18th Century American Historiography” – Mike Marden, University of Saint Mary

“Historical Nationalism; Nationalist Histories: The Intersection of Nationalism(s) and Written History” – Michael Westrate, St. Cloud State University

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

Panel Presentation MA 306

“A Documentary History of Westminster College: 1972 to Present”
– Adam Coward, Tiffany Eggleston, Ashton Ellett, and Nathaniel Weber, Westminster College

The presentation discusses the process of creating a documentary of a particular subject for a history course, including conducting oral interviews and archival research.

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