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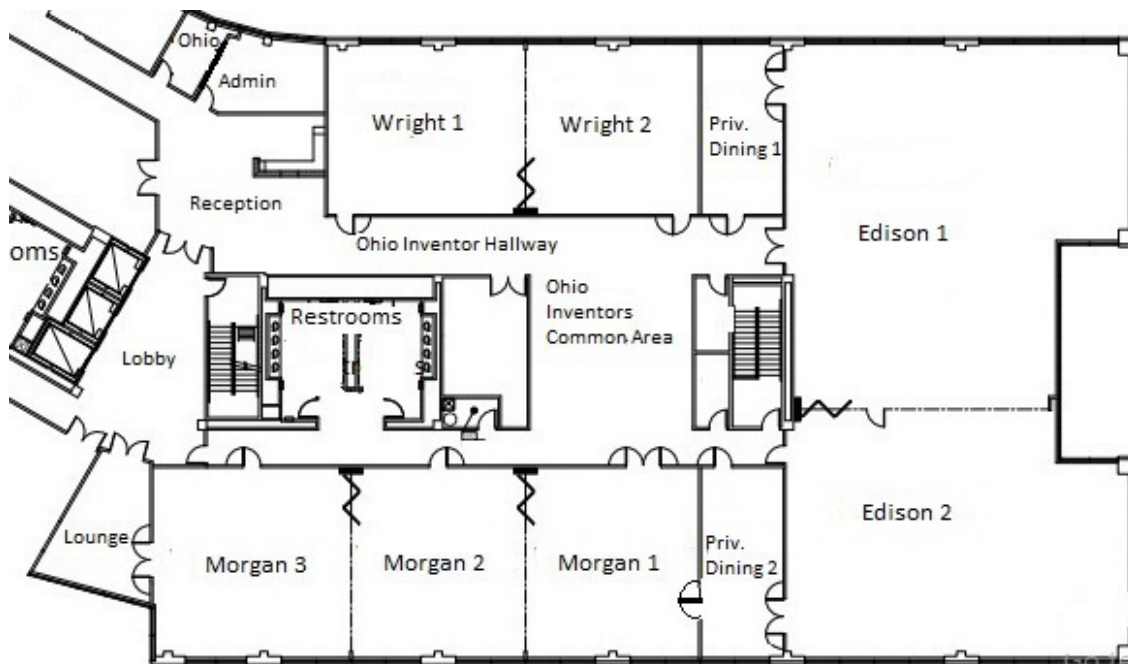
If you have registered and paid to attend Friday's Lunch & Keynote, and/or Saturday's Award Luncheon you should have received a meal ticket at the registration desk when you checked in. Meal tickets will be collected at the beginning of the buffet. Any dietary restrictions you mentioned when registering will be indicated on the ticket.

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Please return your name badge holder to the registration table before you leave so that we can recycle them for next year. If you'd like to keep the badge and holder as a souvenir, a \$1 donation would help us replenish our badge holder supply. Thanks!

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You'll find a paper evaluation form in your conference packet; we'll also send an email link to this evaluation after the conference. Please take the time to complete the evaluation, it is an important help as we prepare for next year's conference! Do make sure to only fill out the evaluation once—either on paper or online. Want to fill it out online while you're at the conference? Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6RV7NDM> or use the QR code.



Friday, October 6, 2023

Friday	Morgan 1	Morgan 2	Wright 1	Wright 2
	Registration 8 am – 4:30 pm History Marketplace 9 am – 3:10 pm			
9:00 – 9:50 am	Food and Beverage Service: How to Incorporate into Events, Programming, Fundraisers, and More!	Achieving World Heritage Recognition for Ohio’s American Indian Earthworks	SPARKing Museums for All	Get to Know Ohio Preservation Council—SOA
10:10 – 11:00 am	Lessons Learned: Challenges in Building Partnership between the University of Cincinnati and our African- American Neighbors	NAGPRA: New Directions at Ohio History Connection	Don't be a Shark: Lending and Borrowing Objects to Further Your Mission	Advocating for Your Own Slice of the Pie—SOA
11:20 am – 12:10 pm	Historic Structure Reports 101: What - Why - How	St. Clair’s Defeat: Improving Interpretation in Collaboration with American Indian Tribes	Pricing the Priceless: An Introduction to the Antiques Trade for Museum Professionals	Diversity Audits: A Digital Collections Case Study—SOA
12:30 – 1:45 pm	Lunch (Ticketed Event) Keynote Speaker: <i>Chief J. Glenna Wallace of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma</i> Edison			
2:00 – 2:50 pm	Keynote Follow-Up Discussion with Chief Wallace	Know the 10 Warning Signs of Dementia	Trails, Tales, and Two-Fifty	Crucial Conversations: Under told Stories and Working with Community Groups—SOA
3:10 – 4:00 pm	Plenary Speaker: <i>Colin Calloway, John Kimball Jr. 1943 Professor of History and Professor of Native American Studies, Dartmouth College</i> Edison			
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Ohio Local History Alliance Annual Business Meeting Edison			
6:30 pm	Ghost Tour at Walnut Grove Cemetery Pre-registration Required			

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Saturday	Morgan 1	Morgan 2	Wright 2	
	Registration 8 am – 2 pm History Marketplace 9 am – 2 pm			
9:00 – 9:50 am	How to Build a New Museum and Influence People: The Past, Present and Future of the New Ohio River Museum	Museum Education 101 and 201	Centering Community Partners to Prioritize Change	
10:10 – 11:00 am	Putting Together a Successful OLHA Awards Application	Recruiting Volunteers: Cast a Wide Net and Listen	Necessary Truths: Colonial Black Life in the First Free State	
11:20 am – 12:10 pm	Challenges and Pitfalls When a Museum Collects its First Historic Vehicle	The Jeffers Mound and Ohio's Hopewell Culture	Understanding Your Risks: Managing Your Exposures and Protecting What Matters	
12:30 – 1:45 pm	Outstanding Achievement Awards Luncheon (Ticketed Event) Edison			
	Morgan 1 & 2		Wright 1 & 2	
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Workshop: Sensory-Friendly Experiences for Guests: An Adaptable and Practical Guide for Every Site		Workshop: HR 101 for Small Organizations	



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Session Descriptions

Friday 8:00 – 10:00 AM
Registration and Continental Breakfast

Friday 9:00 – 9:50 AM

Food and Beverage Service:

Morgan 1

How to Incorporate into Events, Programming, Fundraisers, and More!

Kristal Bell, Director of Business Development, Ohio History Connection

Have you ever been planning a fundraiser for your organization and wondered, “Can I serve wine with dinner?” Or do you have a wonderful volunteer who bakes cookies for visitors on a cast iron stove but you’re not sure if visitors can eat those cookies? Navigating the ins and outs of food and beverage service at your location can be complicated and risky. During this presentation, we will discuss some general food rules, how to find your location regulations, and share some best practices. Food and beverage can be a great way to engage with your visitors – let’s discuss how to do it legally and safely.

Achieving World Heritage Recognition for Ohio’s American Indian Earthworks

Morgan 2

Jennifer Aultman, Chief Historic Sites Officer, Ohio History Connection

Two Thousand years ago, American Indians in the Ohio River Valley gathered together to build the largest concentration of geometric earthworks in the world. These places of gathering and ceremony drew people from across North America to connect with each other, the earth, and the cosmos in intimate and interdependent relationships. For the past twenty years, Ohio History Connection, Tribes with historic ties to Ohio, the National Park Service, and other passionate advocates have joined in an effort to recognize the remarkable achievements of these Ancestors. Together, we have proposed eight of the

largest and best-preserved Ohio earthworks for UNESCO World Heritage inscription—the world’s highest honor for cultural sites. The nomination is submitted, has been reviewed, and was voted on in September 2023! Come learn about the journey toward World Heritage—and the outcome of the vote!

SPARKing Museums for All

Wright 1

Ben Anthony, Community Engagement Department Manager & Alex Ingley, Community Engagement Coordinator, Ohio History Connection

The Museums for All program is a nationally branded access program administered by Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). It allows SNAP eligible families to attend participating museums for \$3 or less per ticket. Let’s discuss why your organization should participate and how it is working for those already participating. We will also share how the Ohio History Connection is innovating the meaningfulness while maintaining the principles of the program with the Spark Membership. Spark is a pilot of a yearlong, household membership for eligible families in Columbus’s Linden neighborhood.

Get to Know the Ohio Preservation Council—SOA

Wright 2

Jayne Jamison, Jamison Art Conservation; James DaMico, Archivist, Cincinnati Children's Hospital

The presenters will discuss working with the Vienna Historical Society on the conservation treatment, rebinding, digitization, and rehousing of an early 19th century Animal Marks register. The session will also include an overview of what OPC has to offer including preservation resources, grant opportunities, and a tour of the website.

Friday 10:10 – 11:00 AM

Lessons Learned: Challenges in Building Partnership

Morgan 1

between the University of Cincinnati and our African-American Neighbors

Anne Delano Steinert, Director, The Center for the City, & Research Assistant Professor in History, The University of Cincinnati; Erena Nakashima, Graduate Student Intern, The University of Cincinnati; Kaya Burgin, Avondale Community Council

In the summer of 2021 the Center for the City at the University of Cincinnati began a community-based partnership with neighbors in Avondale, an African American neighborhood. This session shares the lessons we learned in building trust-based, long-term partnerships and navigating co-curation of the history of Cincinnati's largest Black neighborhood.

NAGPRA: New Directions at Ohio History Connection

Morgan 2

Nekole Alligood, NAGPRA Specialist, Ohio History Connection

This session will discuss the realities of repatriation, including working to build relationships, strengthening existing ones, and the result of working together.

Don't be a Shark: Lending and Borrowing Objects to Further Your Mission

Wright 1

Melissa Shaw, 1st Vice President, Ohio Local History Alliance; Jason Crabill, Executive Director, Decorative Arts Center of Ohio

Incoming and outgoing loans can help you engage with your audience. Presenters will explore starting and maintaining an outgoing loan program and accepting, displaying, and returning property from institutions and private individuals. There will also be discussion of risk and what to do when it all goes wrong.

Advocating for Your Own Slice of the Pie—SOA

Wright 2

Sarah Aisenbrey, Sisters of the Precious Blood; Kayla Harris, The University of Dayton; Michelle Ganz, Dominican Sisters of Peace

As archivists, we often give our support and advocacy to others, but we frequently don’t do the same for ourselves. That has to stop. We must advocate for our slice of the pie before we can be true activists for others. In this panel discussion, three archivists from different types of organizations will dish up personal stories of how they advocated for themselves.

Friday 11:20 AM – 12:10 PM

Historic Structure Reports 101: What - Why - How

Morgan 1

Patrick Hyland, Senior Architect, and Olivia Zepp, Project Architect, Perspectus

A Historic Structure Report (HSR) is often recommended to inform the long-term care of a historic building. But what is an HSR? What is the process? Why do public and private funders often require this document? Where can you find a consultant to create an HSR? This session will explain.

St. Clair's Defeat:

Morgan 2

Improving Interpretation in Collaboration with American Indian Tribes

Christine Thompson, Associate Director and Archaeologist, Applied Anthropology Laboratories, Ball State University

The Northwest Indian War battle St. Clair's Defeat (1791) involved multiple Native Tribes and the U.S. military. Archaeological research has evolved into updated interpretation co-created with descendent Tribes. We share two interpretive products including an online walking tour and traveling exhibit *St. Clair's Defeat: A New View of the Conflict*.

Pricing the Priceless:

Wright 1

An Introduction to the Antiques Trade for Museum Professionals

Andrew Richmond, President/CEO, Wipiak Consulting & Appraisals

Familiarity with the monetary value of a museum's collections is a vital component of collections management. This presentation will teach participants how an understanding of the antiques market can benefit a museum, its collections, and its mission.

Diversity Audits: A Digital Collections Case Study—SOA

Wright 2

Janet Rhodes, Toledo Lucas County Public Library

The call for equity in the collections of libraries and archives extends beyond the physical collection and into the digital. Who does your digital collection serve? Learn how Toledo Lucas County Public Library's Digitization Services has begun to identify and confront inequity in their own Digital Collections..

Friday Lunch Keynote

12:30 – 1:45 PM

This is a ticketed event.

Lunch Keynote Speaker: Chief J. Glenna Wallace of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Edison

Glenna J. Wallace was first elected Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe in 2006. She was born in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, and has lived within 15 miles of her birthplace her entire life except for three years when, at a young age, she and her family were migrant workers on the west coast, moving from town to town, field to field, patch to patch, school to school. For 38 ½ years, she served as an instructor, department chair, division chair, director of travel, and interim academic dean at Crowder College, Neosho, Missouri, where she estimates she taught about 25,000 students.

In 2006 she was elected chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, an honored and elected position she continues to hold. During this time, progress has been evident in the homelands of Ohio. Federally recognized tribes are consulted regularly, with Wallace participating in seeking World Heritage nomination for the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks, obtaining a cemetery there for the burial of human remains, and modernization of Ohio burial laws.

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Friday 2:00 – 2:50 PM

Keynote Follow-Up Discussion with Chief Wallace

Morgan 1

Chief Glenna J. Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Join Chief Wallace for further discussion of the themes and topics covered in her keynote address.

Know the 10 Warning Signs of Dementia

Morgan 2

Alzheimer's Association, Central Ohio Chapter

This education program will help you recognize common signs of the disease in yourself and others and next steps to take. Program explores typical age-related changes, describes common signs of Alzheimer's and dementia, offers tips for how to approach someone about memory concerns, and identifies helpful Alzheimer's Association resources.

Trails, Tales, and Two-Fifty

Wright 1

Todd Kleismit, Director, and Chris Hurtubise, Communications Director; Ohio Commission for the U.S. Semiquincentennial

America 250-Ohio is getting Ohio's counties and communities ready to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026. One of the ways we plan to celebrate is to create statewide exploration trails that will help visitors better understand the history and impact that Ohio has had over the past 250+ years. The big idea is to create statewide "trails and tales" that explore themes that will highlight Ohio's unique history through engaging stories that parallel the various stops. In this session, we will be encouraging participants to think about existing trails where their locations are already featured that could be enhanced, and ideas of how they might collaborate with other entities to create new ones. The desired outcome of these trails and tales is to have a platform to tell the story of Ohio and have a positive impact for their institutions as well as for local and statewide tourism, site visitation and economic impact.

Crucial Conversations: Undertold Stories and Working with Community Groups—SOA

Wright 2

Nicole D. Sutton, Columbus Metropolitan Library; Mandy Altimus Stahl, Massillon Museum

This session will focus on community-based outreach programs and how the panelists are using their own archives and collections to tell new and less visible stories. SOA's JEDAI Committee (Justice, Equity, Diversity, Access, and Inclusion), presents a session of two panelists who are actively engaged in community partnerships and public service.

Friday 3:10 – 4:00 PM

Plenary Speaker (virtual):

Edison

Colin G. Calloway, Professor, Department of History, Dartmouth University

Colin Calloway is John Kimball Jr. 1943 Professor of History and Professor of Native American Studies at Dartmouth University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Leeds in England in 1978. After moving to the United States, he taught high school in Springfield, Vermont, served for two years as associate director and editor of the D'Arcy McNickle Center for the History of the American Indian at the Newberry Library in Chicago, and taught for seven years at the University of Wyoming. He has been associated with Dartmouth since 1990 when he first arrived as a visiting professor. He became a permanent member of the faculty in 1995. He is the author of numerous publications, including *The Indian World of George Washington: The First President, the First Peoples, and the Birth of the Nation* (2018); *The Victory with No Name: The Native American Defeat of the First American Army* (2015); and *Pen and Ink Witchcraft: Treaties and Treaty Making in American Indian History* (2013).

Friday 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Alliance Annual Business Meeting

**Ohio Local History Alliance Business Meeting Agenda
Friday, October 6, 2023**

Welcome – Leslie Wagner, President

Treasurer's Report – Rebecca Urban, Treasurer

Secretary's Report – Bailey Yoder, Secretary

Nominating Committee Report/ Elections – Christy Davis, Immediate Past President

Committee Reports

Governance – Leslie Wagner, President

Advocacy – Tim Daley, 2nd Vice President

Education – Melissa Shaw, 1st Vice President

Outreach – John Swearingen, Region 1 Representative

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members — Leslie Wagner, President

- Ronald I. Marvin, Jr.
- Lisa Hoerig
- Ann Cramer

Friday 6:30 PM
Ghost Tour at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Worthington
Pre-registration is required.

Saturday 8:00 – 10:00 AM
Registration and Continental Breakfast

Saturday 9:00 – 9:50 AM

How to Build a New Museum and Influence People:

Morgan 1

The Past, Present and Future of the New Ohio River Museum

Erin Augenstein, Executive Director, Northwest Territory Museum Society

The New Ohio River Museum is a partnership among Ohio History Connection, Northwest Territory Museum Society, the Washington County Public Library, and the Sons & Daughters of the Pioneer Rivermen. ORM Executive Director Erin Augenstein will give an update on the fundraising, construction, and interpretive planning for the project.

Museum Education 101 and 201

Morgan 2

Traci Manning, Curator of Education, Mahoning Valley Historical Society

Create museum education programs that break the mold. Participants will learn about program development, budgeting, curriculum connections, making school contacts, program delivery, and evaluation. Additionally, participants will discover techniques for diving deeper into stories, finding new voices, using primary sources, and exploring interactive teaching skills to bring history to life.

Centering Community Partners to Prioritize Change

Wright 2

Emily Sanderell, Museum History Educator, The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art, and Technology; Brianna Johnson Ph.D., Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion/Chief Diversity Officer, OSU-Newark

Every day, we see growing political and cultural polarization in the United States. How can museums, as civic institutions, bring people together? The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art and Technology and local partner OSU-Newark share lessons learned from seizing opportunities for partnership to create safe spaces for diverse dialogue.

Saturday 10:10 – 11:00 AM

Putting Together a Successful OLHA Awards Application

Morgan 1

Matilda Philipot and Team, Shelby County Historical Society

You're doing amazing things and OLHA wants to recognize your work! This session will provide hints on gathering information about your project and putting together a nomination packet that will give your organization the best chance of receiving an OLHA Outstanding Achievement Award for those efforts.

Recruiting Volunteers: Cast a Wide Net and Listen

Morgan 2

Susan Logan & Karen Cowan, Volunteer Committee Co-Chairs, Delaware County Historical Society

Successful recruitment of volunteers involves being creative, remaining flexible, and maintaining an attitude of "just say yes." The speakers will discuss the philosophy and actions followed through which the Historical Society has attracted a cadre of more than 70 volunteers. Included in the presentation is a discussion of preparation, flexibility, and success, e.g.; a good understanding of the projects, cast a wide net across the community, be open to "non-traditional" volunteers, be nice, and look for ways to involve everyone who comes to the Society's attention or through the Society's doors.

Necessary Truths: Colonial Black Life in the First Free State

Wright 2

Patricia Smith Griffin, Executive Producer, Writer and Narrator on The Legacy of Charity's Children

The evolving research of the Charity's Children Project explores the colonial life of an Ohio, African American family. Research is presented on events surrounding attacks on Dayton's Black communities throughout the 1830's and 1840's, bringing to life the realities of hunted Blackness in the first free state. With actual accounts of the 1841 pro-slavery mob attacks on Dayton's thriving Black community called Africatown, we connect how these attacks, led the community "Out of The Smoke and The Ashes," with the 1842 founding of First Wesleyan Church by the United Daughters of Zion, an organization of dedicated and industrious Black women.

Saturday 11:20 AM – 12:10 PM

Challenges and Pitfalls When a Museum Collects its First Historic Vehicle

Morgan 1

Jason Aikens, Curator, Pro Football Hall of Fame

In 2018 the Pro Football Hall of Fame accepted a 40' 1987 MCI bus known as "Madden Cruiser." Curator Jason Aikens will share his interviews of several nationally known historic vehicle curators who evaluated his care of the "Madden Cruiser" and their advice to any museum considering whether to accept its first historic vehicle.

The Jeffers Mound and Ohio's Hopewell Culture

Morgan 2

Dr. Jarrod Burks, Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc.

The Jeffers Mound, a Hopewell Native American burial mound, is the last remaining portion of a larger earthwork located in Worthington. Dr. Jarrod Burks, Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc. has led an investigation at the Jeffers Mound site and will discuss what can be learned from this site about the Hopewell culture and how it fits into what we know about earthworks in Ohio. He will also discuss some of his most recent work.

Understanding Your Risks: Managing Your Exposures and Protecting What Matters

Wright 2

Ron Suhar, Associate Vice President, USI Insurance Services

Wondering whether and how much insurance your organization needs? Come to this session to learn about Property and Casualty Insurance at a high level. This will include: Property Coverage, General Liability, Directors & Officers Coverage, Cyber, Fine Arts (inland Marine) and Auto (hired and non-owned for employees/volunteers).

Saturday 12:30 – 1:20 PM

Outstanding Achievement Awards Luncheon

This is a ticketed event.

Saturday 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Workshops

Sensory-Friendly Experiences for Guests:

Morgan 1 & 2

An Adaptable and Practical Guide for Every Site

Megan Fitze, Executive Director, and Simone Robinson, Program Director, Art Possible Ohio

Join Megan Fitze and Simone Robinson from Art Possible Ohio for a hands-on workshop on creating sensory friendly experiences for your guests. Together, we'll build a take-away sensory kit to bring back to your organization! In this workshop you'll learn low-cost or free best practices to make your sites and events more welcoming to individuals who are neurodivergent and/or have sensory-related disabilities.

***Pre-registration required!** There is a \$15 materials fee for this workshop.

HR 101 for Small Organizations

Wright 1 & 2

Lauren Barber, Human Resources Director, Ohio History Connection

This workshop will cover the basics that all employers should know about such basic topics as hiring and firing, exempt vs non-exempt, inclusive hiring and employment practices, hostile work environments and sexual harassment, and more. The presenter will also cover changes coming in Ohio law around these topics.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!
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INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- ✪ Mary Louise Platko, Perry Historical Society ✪
- ✪ David M. Cox ✪
- ✪ Lindsay McLean, The Indian Hill Historical Society ✪
- ✪ Leslie Blankenship ✪

HISTORY OUTREACH

Media and Publications

- ✪ *Westerville History Museum at the Westerville Public Library – “So You Think You Know Westerville?”*

Public Programming

- ✪ *Delhi Historical Society – “A Night with Cincinnati Chili Royalty”*

Exhibits/Displays

- ✪ *Delphos Canal Commission – “Leslie Peltier: World’s Great Non-Professional Astronomer”*
- ✪ *Shelby County Historical Society – “The Wallace Family Learning and Innovation Center”*
- ✪ *Delaware County Historical Society – “Journey to Delaware County”*

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

J.D. Britton Scholarship – *for an emerging museum professional, paid or volunteer, who has worked for two years or less in a museum setting*

- ✪ Cecilia Fonseca, Ashland County Historical Society
- ✪ Elizabeth Konopka, International Women's Air & Space Museum
- ✪ Madison Maniaci, Lorain Historical Society

Trella Romine Memorial Scholarship – *for anyone who needs financial assistance to attend*

- ✪ Jamie Miles, Strongsville Historical Society

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