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The Formation and Expression of Identities**



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FRIDAY, APRIL 8th

7:00pm: KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Nebraska Union Auditorium, UNL-City Campus

“Ink and Thread: An Object-Centered History of Nineteenth-Century Mormonism”
Dr. Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, *Harvard University*

SATURDAY, APRIL 9th

8:15-9:00am: REGISTRATION

Nebraska Union, Regency Suite, UNL-City Campus

9:00-10:15: SESSION I

PANEL A: ACTIVE VOICE: FINDING COMMON IDENTITY THROUGH RHYTHM, REASON,
AND RHYME

Nebraska Union, Regency A

Chair: Brian Sarnacki, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Commenter: Dr. Jeannette Jones, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

“Musicians and Cultural Identity: A Mutual Identity”

Timothy F. Fahey, *University of Pennsylvania*

“Religious and Political Intersection in Wollstonecraft’s Legacy”

Rachel Givens, *Brigham Young University*

“The Lectureress: The Culture and Kinship of the Nineteenth-Century Lecture
Circuit”

Laura Madeline Wiseman, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

PANEL B: HISTORICAL INTEGRITY VS. LITERARY MERIT IN CREATIVE WRITING

Nebraska Union, Regency B

Chair: Brent Rogers, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Commenter: Dr. Tim Mahoney, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

“Revising without Being Revisionist: Tackling Subject Matter that Departs from
Beneficial Historical Narratives”

Christina Thornton, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

“Permission to Deviate: Taking Poetic License with History”

Jill Johnson, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

“Overnight Sensationalism: The Role of Gossip and Legend in Historical Creative
Works”

Tracy Tucker, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

10:30-11:45: SESSION II

PANEL A: DRESSING THE PART: GENDERED IDENTITIES ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Nebraska Union, Regency A

Chair: Jake Friefeld, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Commenter: TBD

Gendered Communities, Gendered Space: College Social Fraternities and the Inhabitation of Space and Gender

Grant Forssberg, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

“Fashioning the 1950s ‘Vassar Girl’: Vassar Undergraduate Identity and Campus Dress, 1947-1960”

Rebecca C. Tuite, *University of the Arts, London*

PANEL B: INDIGENOUS IDENTITIES IN COLONIAL SPACES

Nebraska Union, Regency B

Chair: Rebecca Wingo, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Commenter: Dr. Margaret Jacobs, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

“Deconstructing the Sex-Identity Dichotomy through Dimorphic Gender Roles among the Berdache of the Great Plains and the Babaylan of Negros, Philippines”
Mayo Buenafe, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

“From ‘a brave people dreaded of all the other tribes’ to ‘a miserable, defenseless nation’: Horses, Guns, Smallpox, and the Trajectory of Eastern Shoshone History
Adam Hodge, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

PANEL C: SEX AND POWER: PERSONAL AFFAIRS AS PUBLIC CONCERN

Nebraska Union, Regency C

Chair: Paul Strauss, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Commenter: TBD

“Sex in the Margins: The Use and Control of Contraception in Relation to Class and Race”

Allysha Martin, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

“From Apathy to ACT UP: The Gay Male Response to AIDS in Chicago, 1980-1990”

Brian Trump, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

“Public Conversations on Personal Life: Debating a Hierarchy of Emotions in the Soviet Press and Film”

Svetlana Rasmussen, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

12:00-1:15pm: LUNCH

Nebraska Union, Heritage Room

1:30-2:45: SESSION III

PANEL A: PROBLEMATIZING THE PROMISE OF PROGRESSIVISM IN THE AMERICAN MIDWEST

Nebraska Union, Regency A

Chair: Lisa Schuelke, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Commenter: Dr. Sharon Wood, *University of Nebraska-Omaha*

“Woman Suffrage and Female Identity Formation in the Midwest”

Sarah Egge, *Iowa State University*

“Soil Sisters: Single Farming Women and Identity in Coles and Douglas Counties, Illinois, 1870-1930”

Rachel Kleinschmidt, *Iowa State University*

“Konklaves, Krosses, and Kanvassing: The Ku Klux Klan in Fargo, North Dakota, 1924-1927”

Trevor Magel, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

“A Small City’s Big Scandal: Corruption, Progressivism, George Perry and the Grand Rapids Water Scandal, 1900-1904”

Brian Sarnacki, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

PANEL B: NEWCOMERS AND OUTCASTS: IDENTITY FORMATION AND COMMUNITY SURVIVAL

Nebraska Union, Regency B

Chair: Jared Leighton, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Commenter: Dr. Ariana Vigil, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

“Ethnic Exchanges? Immigrant Consumption and Early New Orleans, 1790-1820”

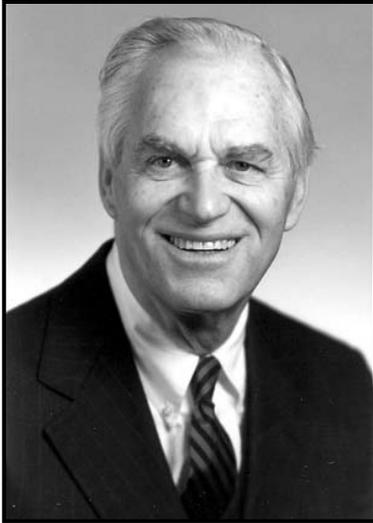
Kristin Condotta, *Tulane University*

“Lincoln’s Lost Colonia: Rediscovering a Mexican Past”

Pablo Rangel, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

“Reason to Live: The Critical Role of the Family in Surviving the Holocaust”

Greer Bates, *Brigham Young University*



James A. Rawley (1916-2005) was a UNL History Department faculty member from 1964 until 1987 and served as the department chair for ten years. After his retirement in 1987, he remained devoted to the study of history, continuing to write books and interacting with his colleagues. During his career, he authored numerous influential books, including *Turning Points of the Civil War, Race and Politics: "Bleeding Kansas" and the Coming of the Civil War*, and *The Transatlantic Slave Trade: A History*. Dr. Rawley was the recipient of the many prestigious honors, including UNL's Outstanding Research and Creativity Award and the George Howard-Louise Pound Distinguished Career Award. He was an active and longtime member of many professional organizations, including the Nebraska State Historical Society and the Organization of American Historians, which awards its annual James A. Rawley Prize for distinguished scholarship in the field of American race relations. This annual conference is held in honor and memory of his years of service to the university, the History Department, and friends, students, and colleagues around the world.

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