

2014 SHFG Annual Meeting Schedule
Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies, Shepherdstown, WV

Friday, April 4, 2014

3:00–5:50pm **Registration**, Byrd Center. Meet and greet, light refreshments.
(Parking available in nearby student lot after 4:30pm)

6:00–7:20pm **Opening Session**, Trask Lecture

Welcome: Ray Smock, Director, Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies

Introduction: David McMillen, President, SHFG

Roger F. Trask Lecture: **Charlene Bangs Bickford**, Project Director and Co-Editor, First Federal Congress Project, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

7:30–9:00pm **Reception**, Bavarian Inn. Drinks, Hors d'oeuvres

Saturday, April 5, 2015

8:00–8:45am Coffee, light breakfast, Robert C. Byrd Center

8:45–10:15am First Morning Sessions

Auditorium

Producing the Foreign Relations Series for a Public Audience: A Discussion of Research in Progress

Chair: Mandy Chalou, Office of the Historian, Department of State

Kristin Ahlberg, Office of the Historian, Department of State

“The Foreign Relations Series and Human Rights Policy: Documenting the Carter Administration.”

Sara Berndt, Office of the Historian, Department of State

“Research and Compilation Questions relating to the Carter Administration’s Policies Toward South America”

Elizabeth Charles, Office of the Historian, Department of State

“The Reagan Administration and the Soviet Union: Approaches and Interagency Debates”

Alexander Poster, Office of the Historian, Department of State

“To Sign or Not to Sign: The Reagan Administration and the Law of the Sea Treaty”

Room 165

Internships and Fellowships in the Federal Government: Experiences from History Offices and the Field

Chair, Anne Musella

Mattea Sanders, Master's Program, Public History, American University
"National Endowment for the Humanities Office of White House and Congressional Affairs Internship"

Sarah Barksdale, PhD Candidate, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
"Office of the Secretary of Defense, Historical Office Internship"

Robert Wolfe, Master's Program, Public History, West Virginia University
"Private versus Public, Historical Site Internships at Fort Necessity National Battlefield and Pendleton Historic Foundation"

Room 41

The State of History at the National Park Service, A Roundtable

Kelly Spradley-Kurowski, Staff Historian, Park History Programs, National Park Service

Lu Ann Jones, Staff Historian, Park History Program, National Park Service
Dean Herrin, Regional Historian, National Capital Region, National Park Service

Room 164

War, Education, and Labor: Federal Responses

Michael Reis, Vice President for Litigation Research, History Associates
"It is Hoped that They Will Prove Useful': Lessons Learned (or not) from the WWII and Korean War Civilian Emergency Agency History Programs"

Brian Lee, PhD Candidate, University of North Carolina-Greensboro
"The Kennedy Administration's Proactive Campaign to Restore Public Education to Prince Edward County, Virginia"

Michael McCall-Delgado, Loyola University, New Orleans
"Miners Before the March: Federal Intervention in West Virginia Labor Struggles, 1912-1921"

10:30–12 noon Second Morning Sessions

Auditorium

The State of Congressional History

Moderator: Richard McCulley, Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration

Raymond Smock, Director, Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies
Matthew Wasniewski, Historian, U.S. House of Representatives
Donald Ritchie, Historian, U.S. Senate

Room 165

Careers in Federal History: Stories from the Inside, A Roundtable

Jessie Kratz, Historian, National Archives and Records Administration
Carl Ashley, Historian, Office of the Historian, Department of State
Zack Wilske, Historian, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Kristina Giannotta, Acting Histories Branch Head, Naval History and Heritage Command

Room 41

Federal History and Science and Technology

Marc Rothenberg, Historian, National Science Foundation
“Discrimination in Science: The National Science Foundation Yields to Southern Politicians”
Brandi Schottel & Barbara Karn
“A Recent History of Federal Involvement in the Regulation of Nanotechnology Research: A Potential Model for Future Scientific Research”
John Laurence Busch, Independent Historian
“Using Every Shovel and Spade to Dig Up a ‘Steam Coffin’: Multi-Angular NARA Mining to Uncover the Truth of the First Example of Globalized High Technology”

12:00–1:00pm Lunch, catered at the Robert C. Byrd Center

1:00–1:50pm Awards Ceremony, Auditorium

2:00–3:30

First Afternoon Sessions

Auditorium

The Dueling Loyalties of Cold War Era Spies of the U.S. Government and the Soviet Union

Chair, Katherine Sibley, Saint Joseph's University

David Chambers, Independent Historian

“Whittaker Chambers and the Global Network of Great Illegals, 1932-1935”

Jason Roberts, Quincy College

“An Examination of the Rosenberg Grand Jury Transcripts”

John Fox, Historian, Federal Bureau of Investigation

“The FBI's Eyes on the Communist World: Morris Childs, Cold War Intelligence and the Sino-Soviet Spilt”

Veronica Wilson, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

“To Tell All My People”: Race, Representation, and African-American FBI Informant Julia Brown

Room 165

Establishment, Preservation and Interpretation of Historic Sites: Case Studies

Chair, Melissa Bingmann, Director, Public History, West Virginia University

Evan Medley, PhD Candidate, Public History, Arizona State University

“Place-Making at Fort Union: Public History, Public Memory, and the Creation of a National Monument, 1929-1966.”

Angela Sirna, PhD Candidate, Public History, Middle Tennessee State Univ.

“Human Nature’: Conserving Human Resources at Catocin Mountain Park”

Dean Herrin, Chief Historian, National Capital Region, NPS

“John Brown's Bell Goes A-Missing”

Room 41

How Federal Historians Approach Controversial Topics, Roundtable

Chair, Jessie Kratz, Historian, National Archives and Records Administration

Terrance Rucker, Office of the Historian, U.S. House of Representatives

Zack Wilske, Historian, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Eric Boyle, Archivist, National Museum of Health and Medicine

Kristina Giannotta, Acting Histories Branch Head, Naval History and Heritage Command

3:45–5:15 Second Afternoon Sessions

Auditorium

Object Lessons-Shaping Institutional Narratives Through Art and Architecture

Jennifer Blancato, Architect of the Capitol, Curator's Office
"Hinges, Handrails, and Fine Art: The U.S. Capitol Bronze Shop, 1855-1860"
Matthew Hofstedt, Associate Curator, U.S. Supreme Court
"Recent Supreme Court Portrait Discoveries"
Felicia Wivchar, Office of Art and Archives, U.S. House of Representatives
"A Committee's Optics: The House Committee on Military Affairs and Seth Eastman's Seventeen Forts"

Room 165

New Approaches in Diplomatic History: Culture and Recollections

Chair, Carl Ashley

Richard Hulver, PhD Candidate, West Virginia University
"Golden Links of Friendship: The Diplomacy of War Remains."
Pratik Chougule, Office of Zalmay Khalilzad
"Memoirs and U.S. Foreign Policy: Toward a New Paradigm"
Michael S. Binder, Technical Advisor, Air Force Declassification Office
"Gatekeeping Classified History: The Conflicting Roles of a Non-Traditional Historian Serving as an Air Force Declassifier"

Room 41

Digital Publishing and Archiving in the Federal Government

Chair, Susan Purdue, Virginia Humanities Project

Mandy Chalou and Joe Wicentowski, Office of the Historian, Department of State
"The Elements of a Digital Historical Documentary Program: Lessons from the Foreign Relations of the United States Series"
Mark Sgambettera, NARA, Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library
"H. R. Haldeman's Diary: Working with Personal or Private Materials in a Public Domain"
Jeffrey Turner and Maureen Whelan, Government Printing Office
"How the GPO Can Support the Publishing Needs of Federal Historians and Archivists"
Marc Levitt, Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies
"Archiving Congressional Constituent Data: A Case Study From the Robert C. Byrd Papers"

5:20–6:00 Business Meeting, Auditorium