

# Arizona History Convention



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# THE CONVENTION PROGRAM

Thursday, April 26

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**3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. – Conference Registration. Location: Conference Center Lobby**

**Booksellers set up. Location: Conference Center Lobby**

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***Preliminary Workshop***

**8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (with a break for lunch) Coordinating Committee for History in Arizona (CCHA). Oral History Workshop Location: Tempe**

Conducted by Melanie Sturgeon, Ph.D.; Scott Thompson, M.A.; and Catherine May, M.A. This workshop is designed for individuals (professional and non-professional) who have little or no experience in oral history interviewing. Through hands-on and interactive exercises, the workshop covers basic information and issues: planning and implementing a project, good research methodology and strategies, conducting research and interviews, basic equipment issues, and transcribing and accessibility. You will leave with a binder of resources that will support your work in oral history for years to come. **Registration fee:** \$45 for CCHA members (meal not included); \$55 for non-members. Registration deadline: April 19, 2018. For more information, please contact Scott Solliday (swsolliday@gmail.com).

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**4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. – Plenary Session. Location: Fiesta I**

**Welcome – John Lacy, president, Arizona History Convention**

**Jinx and Jayne Pyle**

Jinx Pyle is a walking history book of Arizona's Mogollon Rim Country. He can trace his lineage back through seven generations of Arizona ranchers, lion and bear hunters, packers, prospectors, bootleggers, cowboys and other men of

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common sense. Besides being an authority on the Pleasant Valley War, Jinx and his lovely wife Jayne Peace Pyle can entertain the audience with cowboy songs and stories.

6:30 P.M. – Opening Night Dinner. *Location: Fiesta II & III*



*La Casa Vieja. Arizona Historical Society*

# Friday, April 27

7:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. – **Registration.** *Location:* Conference Center Lobby

**Book Displays.** *Location:* Conference Center Lobby

8:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

**Session 1A: *Todos Unidos* – The Hispanic Experience in Flagstaff.** *Location:* Tempe

*Panelists:* Sacha Siskonen, Breann Velasco, Jill Hough, Bill Peterson

**Session 1B: Apache Days.** *Location:* Redrock

*Chair:* Andy Wallace

**Homer Thiel,** “The Unlucky Life of Leslie B. Wooster”

**Doug Hocking,** “The Graves at Dragoon Springs”

**Deni J. Seymour,** “‘To Take Death from the Enemy’: The Juh-Cushing Battle Site”

**Session 1C: The Fourth Estate.** *Location:* Coronado

*Chair:* John Booth

**Jacquelyn Kasper,** “Thomas Robertson Sorin, ‘Monarch of the Dragoons’: Pioneer Newspaperman and Mining Enthusiast”

**Earl Zarbin,** “The Day *The Arizona Republic* was not *All the Time a Newspaper*”

**Laurie Boone,** “Octopus of the Desert: E. F. Sanguinetti Declares War on the *Yuma Evening Herald*”

10:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

**Session 2A: *Los Latinos.*** *Location:* Tempe

*Chair:* Frank Barrios

**James Williams,** “Claiming the Land: Minority Homesteaders in Oro Valley, Arizona, 1865–1940”

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**Patricia A. Bonn and Lorenzo Vizcarra**, “*Las Familias Valdivia y Vizcarra: Life in la Palestina Barrio*”

**Chris Marin**, “I got the impression that he knew what Mexicanos had experienced in our town: Basketball Coach Ernest Kivisto and the American Dream in the Copper Mining Town of Miami, Arizona in the Post-War Years, 1947–1951”

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**Session 2B: On the Road. Location: Redrock**

*Chair:* **Erik Berg**

**Norman W. Wisner**, “The Military Road Camp Lowell (Tucson) to Camp Grant 1858–1873”

**Jane Eppinga**, “The Thing and the Man who Made it”

**Dennis Presisler**, “To Be or Not to Be”

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**Session 2C: This Land. Location: Coronado**

*Chair:* **Jared Smith**

**Michael A. Amundson**, “Monarchs of the Forest: A New Look at the History of Arizona’s Elk”

**Thomas Bourne**, “A Twenty-Seven Year Lighting Strike: The Dude Fire and the Environmental Changes on the Northern Arizona Landscape, 1990–2017”

**Jesse Cavalari**, “A People’s History of the San Francisco Peaks: Indigenous Activism and Radical Environmentalism in Northern Arizona, 1968–2010”

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**Noon – 1:30 P.M. – Arizona Historical Society Al Merito Luncheon**  
*Location: Fiesta I & II*

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**2:00 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.**  
**Session 3A: “Grand Canyon Project™: One Family’s Legacy.” Location: Tempe**

*Panelists:* **Meagan Gipson and Debbie Gipson**

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**Session 3B: Miners and Mining Communities. Location: Redrock**

*Chair: John Lacy*

**Jay Spehar**, “Mining for Men: Mitigating Wartime Labor Shortages in the Globe-Miami Mining District, 1941-1945”

**Bob Palmquist**, “‘Tombstone’s Third Bonanza’: Financing the Southwestern Mining Frontier”

**Robert Bigando**, “Catholic Church in Globe”

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3:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

**Session 4A: Remembering Dr. Ray Brandes. Location: Tempe**

*Chair: John Langellier*

**Salome Hernandez**, “They Were Also Present: More than a Cursory Look at the Women of the Anza Expedition”

**Blaine Lamb**, “‘You Can Hang a Jew’: William Zeckendorf, Milton Duffield and the Tucson Lynching”

**Tom Richter**, “Establishing the Office of Indian Affairs in Arizona Territory”

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**Session 4B: Significant Places and Events, Big and Small. Location: Redrock**

*Chair: Jodi Silvio*

**Richard Quartaroli**, “Exploration Like Seduction Puts a Premium on the Virgin: John Wesley Powell’s Second Exploration and Surveying of the Colorado River and its Tributaries, 1871-72”

**Kevin Schindler**, “One Small Step in Arizona”

**John Mack**, “The Art World Responds: World War I in Pigment and Stone”

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6:00 P.M. **AZ Heritage Center, Tempe. Reception and Cash Bar.**

**Tour the new exhibits at the AZ Heritage Center, Arizona Historical Society**

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# Saturday, April 28

7:30 A.M. – noon. – **Registration.** *Location:* **Conference Center Lobby**

**Book Displays.** *Location:* **Conference Center Lobby**

8:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

**Session 5A: Livestock Livelihood.** *Location:* **Tempe**

*Chair:* Fred Veil

Barbara Jaquay, “Sheep Herding in Arizona”

C. Gilbert Storms, “The Lost Ranches of Arizona’s Santa Cruz Valley, 1854–1861”

Anne O’Brien and Dorothy Webb, “The Phoenix Stockyards: From Cattle to Commerce”

**Session 5B: Westward the Women.** *Location:* **Redrock**

*Chair:* Melanie Sturgeon

Lee Ann Powers, “Matilda Jane Barnett Crampton Moore: From Taming the Territory to Pioneer Proprietress”

Catherine Ellis and David Boone, “Roberta Flake Clayton and the Influence of the Mormon Temple in Mesa”

Virgil Alexander, “Wilma Gray Sain - Miami Educator and Historian”

10:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

**Session 6A : Murder, Mayhem, and Massacre.** *Location:* **Tempe**

*Chair:* Stuart Rosebrook

Richard L. Powers, “Murder and Mayhem along the Old Toll Road in Kane Springs – The Making of a Legend, ‘Pearl Hart’”

Ron Woggon, “The Murder of Arizona’s ‘Outlaw’ Judge”

Bob Boze Bell, “Olive Oatman’s Dark Secret: Did she have children by a Mojave?”



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**Session 6B: Building a City/Community.** *Location: Redrock*

*Chair:* Lynn Haak

**Don Larry**, “Dr. Chandler’s Legacy, Built and Unbuilt: An exploration using computer modeling and the archives of Frank Lloyd Wright”

**Vince Murray**, “Hughes Acres: The Bloody Backstory of a Mid-Century Tempe Subdivision”

**Kathy Farretta**, “Community Engagement in Flagstaff”

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**Noon – 1:30 P.M. – Luncheon.** *Location: Fiesta I & II*

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**2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**Arizona Justice Forum.** *Location: Tempe*

Historians and legal experts discuss the historic and contemporary issues involved in *U.S. v. Gila Valley Irrigation District*. A landmark Arizona Indian water rights case involving the Gila River Indian Community, the San Carlos Irrigation District and the federal government.

## FIELD TRIPS

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**2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum.**

Take a bus ride to the Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum where history and mystery collide when the curious dig into the saga of the Dutchman Jacob Waltz and his Lost Gold Mine, supposedly hidden deep within the recesses of these majestic mountains. Visitors come to the Museum, dedicated to collecting, preserving and displaying the artifacts, history and folklore of the area, to immerse themselves in the wonder of the mountain and the myth. Limited to 24 persons.

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## Field Trips (cont.)

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### Scottsdale's Museum of the West.

Explore the history, art and rich cultural heritage of the West. From exhibits of Hopi pottery masterworks to rare posters starring silver screen cowboys and Indians, you'll discover the unique stories of the people, places and events of the 19 states of the American West, and the bordering Canadian provinces and Mexican states. Drive at your leisure to visit the museum and then visit the stores at Old Town Scottsdale.

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**6:00 P.M. – Reception.** *Location: Conference Center Lobby*

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**7:00 P.M. – Awards Banquet.** *Location: Fiesta I & II*

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**Accommodations: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel**, 2100 S. Priest, Tempe, 85282. Phone: 480 967-1441 or [http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/P/PHXMPDT-AHC-20180423/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/P/PHXMPDT-AHC-20180423/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)  
**Rates:** \$129 per night, single or double, plus tax. *Make reservations by April 6.*

For conference information call Emily Orzel at (520) 617-1166. Or, visit our website: [www.arizonahistory.org](http://www.arizonahistory.org). **Space for meals and special events is limited. Please register early.**

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