

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL AND GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR
HISTORIANS OF THE GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVE ERA

Friday, April 17, 2015
St. Louis, Missouri

President Lloyd Ambrosius, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, called the council meeting of the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era to order. Also in attendance were:

Jo Ann Argersinger, Southern Illinois University
Peter Argersinger, Southern Illinois University
Albert Broussard, Texas A&M University
Stacy Cordery, Monmouth College
Chelsea Gibson, SUNY-Binghamton
Julie Greene, University of Maryland, College Park
Gayle Gullett, Arizona State University
Cheryl Hicks, University of North Carolina-Charlotte
Kristin Hoganson, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Julia Irwin, University of South Florida
Benjamin Johnson, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Robert Johnston, University of Illinois at Chicago
Jacqueline Moore, Austin College
Christopher Nichols, Oregon State University
Julia Ott, The New School
Charles Postel, San Francisco State University
Katherine Unterman, Texas A&M University
Phil VanderMeer, Arizona State University
Amy Wood, Illinois State University

After introductions, Lloyd Ambrosius asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous annual meeting (April 11, 2014). The minutes were adopted.

Ambrosius then explained that since reports from the committee chairs, officers, and editors were pre-circulated, we would not hear presentations from each committee, etc.; rather, each report would be acknowledged, and members could ask questions if they had any. We could then devote the majority of the meeting to specific agenda items related to some of the reports.

Past President's Report (Julie Greene) [see attached]

There were no questions or discussion.

Executive Secretary's Report (Amy Wood)

*Agenda Item A: subsidizing graduate student participation in SHGAPE-related activities at the OAH.

Ambrosius began the discussion by raising Julie Greene's reminder that the Council had voted in 2013 to offer up to \$250 each to students who had papers accepted on SHGAPE-sponsored sessions in order to subsidize their travel to the OAH; plus we would offer them complimentary tickets to the luncheon (for a total of \$1500). The officers had waited to implement this decision until we saw the results of the ad-hoc development committee. The officers now believe, based on the success of the development committee's fundraising, that we should begin offering these subsidies.

At the officers' meeting held earlier that day, the officers devised the following recommendation: We set aside \$750 for student travel; the program committee would have the discretion to divide those funds up amongst students giving papers at SHGAPE-sponsored events according to need. We estimate about three students per year. We would then offer complimentary luncheon tickets to those students and we would honor them at that event (\$900 total). We would then expect them to join SHGAPE. The remaining \$600 would be used to reduce the cost of the luncheon by \$30 for any students who wanted to come. That would allow up to 20 students to attend the luncheon at the reduced cost of \$20.

Phil VanderMeer asked if we could add more incentives for graduate students to join SHGAPE, by offering mentoring sessions or social events, or buying them drinks at the reception. Others seconded the idea of offering mentoring or networking opportunities for students.

Discussion then ensued about whether we would also subsidize student travel for sessions we sponsored at the AHA. We decided that we would begin with the OAH since we have more of a presence there and we could tie the travel grant to the luncheon. There were also questions about how the Program Committee would determine need; it was decided that they would solicit a few sentences from the students requesting subsidies. It was also decided that this first year would be experimental, and we would come to some standardization process after seeing how it played out this first year. Kristin Hoganson asked if the main intention of the award was to support students in need or to honor students in order to build the association. There seemed to be consensus that our main intention was the latter. It was left that the money would be divided according to the discretion of the Program Committee.

Hoganson offered a motion: *The Council will authorize the expenditure of \$750 to the program committee to offer travel grants to graduate students, plus an additional \$150 to offer complimentary luncheon tickets. The Council also authorizes the expenditure of \$600 to subsidize luncheon tickets for graduate students.*

It was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Phil VanderMeer/Stacy Cordery)

Agenda Item A: Revising the Bylaws to increase the cost of life memberships from \$500 to \$800

VanderMeer offered a motion: *The Council votes to revise the Bylaws to increase the cost of life memberships from \$500 to \$800.* It was seconded.

There was then a brief discussion about the amount, and it was concluded that \$800 was appropriate as it was comparable to other organization's lifetime membership dues. Hoganson

asked if the lifetime membership could be given as a membership renewal on the Cambridge Univ. Press website rather than a donation, so that people could use institutional funds to purchase it. It was confirmed that, although the lifetime membership contributes to our endowment, it is a membership, not a donation.

The motion then passed unanimously.

Agenda Item B: Increasing the DeSantis Book Prize from \$500 to \$1000.

Ambrosius explained that the officers recommend that the prize amount should stay as is, since the award itself is a recognition. Albert Broussard recommended that we revisit the question down the road. Phil VanderMeer pointed out that compared to other book prizes, ours is small. Brief discussion then ensued about whether we should subsidize travel for prize committee chairs' travel, but since we do not subsidize the travel of award winners or the Distinguished Historian we invite to give the luncheon address, it was confirmed that we cannot subsidize committee chairs' travel.

No motion was offered, and the matter was dropped.

Report of the Nominating Committee (Robert Cherny)

Agenda Item A: Selecting a council member to serve as one of four members on the nominating committee.

Ambrosius announced that Julie Greene has agreed to serve on the committee, replacing Maureen Flanagan.

Report of the Membership Committee (Julia Irwin)

Agenda Item A: Increasing SHGAPE's visibility and membership

Ambrosius announced that increasing membership is his highest priority for his term as President. Any expenditures should help increase visibility and membership, for example subsidizing student luncheons. Our new representative at Cambridge University Press, Patrick McGinty, also wants to help increase our membership. At a breakfast with McGinty that morning, attended by Benjamin Johnson, Amy Wood, and Lloyd Ambrosius, McGinty said that he could arrange it so that SHGAPE members receive 20% off Cambridge Univ. Press books, which would provide an incentive to join SHGAPE.

Ambrosius had also discussed with McGinty the possibility of targeting the OAH membership lists, or at least those OAH members who identify themselves with the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, if not the whole list. McGinty will pursue gaining one-time access to the OAH lists via a broker. CUP would then send a message to members we wanted to target with link to our website and the CUP membership page. Ambrosius then asked the Council if we would be willing to subsidize the cost of accessing the OAH list if CUP cannot cover the cost.

A brief discussion of the costs and benefits of this approach ensued. Several expressed the concern that the yield from this venture might be too low to warrant the expense, and there

might be other ways to spend that money. Members then raised other ideas to increase membership, including:

- We target people who have published articles in JGAPE and submitted panels for SHGAPE sponsorship at the AHA and OAH, as well as people who serve on SHGAPE committees (many of whom are not members)

- We advertise the travel grants for graduate students on H-NET and to department chairs, which would increase visibility

- We use Facebook to send out quarterly drives to become a member

- We build a footer into H-NET announcements encouraging readers to become members

Julia Irwin also suggested that we send out reminders to people who have submitted articles to JGAPE to become members, though Benjamin Johnson believed this would be inappropriate. Irwin also said that CUP has been very good about sending out email campaigns, and our membership numbers are up compared to where we were last year at this time. Amy Wood added that McGinty suggested that CUP add a "bill me later" function to the membership enrollment page. This technique is often used in the publishing world to increase subscriptions.

The discussion then returned to the idea of instituting a mentoring program for graduate students to encourage their membership. Gayle Gullett volunteered to lead the mentoring program. She will look at other programs as a model and noted that it is important that graduate students have the opportunity to meet each other as well. Irwin had ideas, such as a dissertation workshop with a mentor who provides feedback on the student's work, and agreed to speak to Gullett separately. Ambrosius noted that the letter sent to department chairs about the travel grants could also mention the mentoring program. Chelsea Gibson volunteered to help with this venture as well and suggested that she could arrange an informal graduate student social event at the OAH. Ambrosius officially formed a Mentoring Program Committee, chaired by Gayle Gullett. Chris Nichols volunteered for the committee as well.

Charles Postel suggested that SHGAPE increase its visibility to the public by becoming known as a place where issues relevant to today's world are researched and discussed, much the way the Business History Conference has done. The BHC has an "expertise database," which journalists and other members of the public or media can use when wanting historical expertise on a particular present-day topic. We could similarly create a database of experts on various topics within the GAPE field. This venture could also increase membership by bringing distinguished historians into the Society. Discussion of this idea ensued. Ambrosius asked Postel to work on creating such a database with the assistance of Wood and Nichols.

Report of the Programming Committee (Lloyd Ambrosius) [see attached]

No discussion or questions

Report of the Development Committee (Jo Ann Argersinger)

Agenda Item A: Making the Development Committee a permanent committee

Argersinger offered a motion: *The Council makes the Development Committee a permanent committee.* It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item B: Undertaking fundraising for a Best Book prize.

It was discussed that we would need to find a donor to endow the prize in his or her name, or find a donor or donors to endow the prize in the name of a distinguished historian they would like to honor.

Argersinger offered a motion: *The Council authorizes the Development Committee to raise funds for a Best Book Prize.* The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item C: Raising funds through other naming opportunities.

Argersinger offered a motion: *The Council authorizes the Development Committee to raise funds by offering other naming opportunities for donors.* The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Report of the Website and Online Outreach Committee (Christopher McKnight Nichols)

Agenda Item A: Adopting a formal/informal schedule for updating the website.

Chris Nichols explained that rather than updating the website on an ad hoc basis, it would be more efficient, and would reflect best practices, to have set times in the year when the website would be updated. It was agreed that the website would be updated each December, after new officers and council members were elected, and in late Spring/early Summer, when new committee were formed and the Council Meeting minutes were completed.

Report of the Vincent J. Desantis Prize Committee

No discussion or questions.

JGAPE Report (Benjamin Johnson and Robert Johnston)

Agenda Item A: Seeking greater revenue to support JGAPE editorial work

Ambrosius explained that the officers support seeking more revenue to support JGAPE, but no action is needed.

Further Business

1. Revision of Bylaws.

Ambrosius had reviewed our Bylaws and found sections which warranted revision in order to bring the language of the Bylaws into conformity with our current practices. These are:

**Article 3. Nominating Committee: Delete "... position of Treasurer; and each odd-numbered year the Nominating Committee shall create a slate of nominees for the ..." and add "..., Treasurer, ..." so that the last part of the sentence will read: "each even-numbered year the Nominating Committee shall create a slate of nominees for the positions of Vice President/ President-Elect, Treasurer, and such other elective offices as hereafter may be created. ..."

**Article 4. Elections: Replace "... Chair of the Membership Committee ..." with "... Executive Secretary ..."

**Article 9. Committees, Paragraph 3. Distinguished Historian: Replace "... in odd-numbered years beginning in 1997. ..." with "... in even-numbered years beginning in 2014. ..."

A motion by the officers was offered to approve these revisions: *The council revises the Bylaws to bring the language in accordance with our current practices.* It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Announcements

1. Ambrosius announced that Amy Wood would chair the JGAPE Best Article Prize Committee for 2015 and Kate Unterman would chair the Fishel-Calhoun Article Prize Committee for 2015. Ambrosius will make his selections for the other committee members in the next few weeks.

2. Jacqueline Moore announced that the H-SHGAPE Editorial Board has lapsed. She will step down as chair. Ambrosius said he will find a new chair based on suggestions.

Miscellaneous

Julie Greene returned to the issue of supporting JGAPE with more revenue. Benjamin Johnson clarified that he did not intend that request to be an action item, but it was simply a matter he wanted to flag for the Council. He noted that he will be discussing the JGAPE contract with Patrick McGinty. A brief discussion then ensued about whether we would renew our contract with CUP; we would need to give notice to CUP by the end of this year if we decided not to renew. The benefits and stability that CUP offers us was stressed, and Johnson explained that the biggest financial benefit from CUP is not in individual membership or subscriptions, but in the bundling of our journal with other CUP products and journals for institutional subscriptions. That structuring doesn't allow us to benefit from having a larger individual subscription base, but that is the nature of the present-day publishing. Johnson said he will continue discussions with CUP.

Ambrosius then adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Wood
May 12, 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was my great pleasure and privilege to serve as President of SHGAPE during the last two years. I thank all current and recent officers and council members for their energy and commitment to SHGAPE. I am grateful already to President Lloyd Ambrosius for his leadership and for helping the transition to new officers move rapidly and efficiently; I welcome our new Vice President Kristin Hoganson and our Treasurer, Stacy Cordery; and I thank Phil VanderMeer for taking over so helpfully as interim treasurer upon the unfortunate health crisis of SHGAPE's dear friend and Treasurer Gordon Baaken.

In the last years, SHGAPE has focused on three major projects: searching for new editors of the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* to succeed Alan Lessoff, who stepped down after ten years of inspiring work on the journal; improving the social media outreach of the Society, particularly by building a new website; and a major fundraising campaign to strengthen our endowment and allow us to embark upon some new initiatives. Each of these projects has been successful:

1. Everyone at SHGAPE was delighted to welcome Robert Johnston of the University of Illinois at Chicago and Benjamin Johnson of Loyola University in Chicago as Co-Editors of JGAPE. They served along with Alan Lessoff during a transitional period; their first issue (as two rather than three co-editors) appeared in January of this year. We congratulate Robert and Ben on the publication of this issue!
2. Christopher Nichols, along with his committee members Nicole Phelps and Robert McGreevey, has done heroic work creating a new website for SHGAPE. It is a beautiful and informative site with a multitude of features: www.SHGAPE.org. You will see in Chris's report that the site is receiving 500 to 900 page visits daily. As we work to recruit more members to SHGAPE we should brainstorm about the most effective ways to deploy the website, which now eloquently broadcasts our identity, strengths, and resources to the world.
3. Our third initiative has been fundraising, and we are all grateful to Jo Ann Argersinger of Southern Illinois University for spearheading this effort. As you will see in Jo Ann's report, the 2014 campaign raised just under \$3000, with promises of \$2000 more in coming years. Jo Ann's work over the last two years has given a terrific boost to the financial profile of the Society and has established a promising pattern for the future.

In short, the Society is doing very well in most respects: it is financially strong, has recruited excellent candidates to our officer and council positions, and has a record of excellence in its journal, its presence at the OAH and AHA, and now its website as well. Thanks for all this are due especially to our nominating, program, and online outreach committees. It is also clear, however, as Julia Irwin points out in her report, that our membership figures remain low. In

recent years, officers of SHGAPE have taken care to articulate the broad reach of our Society's interests in a number of ways, to dissociate the society from notions that it focuses only on northeastern and/or political history, for example. Drawing the widest possible range of scholars into our Society – and scholars at every stage of their career, including particularly graduate students and junior scholars – is critical for building the future of SHGAPE.

Julia Irwin's report is filled with promising ideas for recruiting more members. I commend Julia for her leadership on this issue and recommend that we consider her suggestions carefully. I note that the Council voted the following in 2013: to "Annually offer \$250 awards to support travel to the OAH for up to five graduate student members who have had papers accepted on SHGAPE sessions. Award recipients will also receive complimentary tickets to the SHGAPE Luncheon." The officers had decided to wait to implement this Council decision until the ad hoc development committee was able to do some initial work. I believe that has been achieved, and we should now take steps to publicize these awards and seek to award them for next year's OAH.

In closing, I extend my sincere thanks to everyone involved in SHGAPE for the help and support you provided during my presidency. It has been a great honor working with all of you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Greene

Immediate Past President

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

SHGAPE Program Committee: Members of the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era Program Committee in 2014 were Kristin L. Hoganson (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Raymond "Skip" Hyser (James Madison University), Robert Kane (Niagara University), and myself. I am grateful to them for serving on this committee the past two years and especially for their prompt evaluation of the proposed panels for annual meetings of the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians.

American Historical Association: The Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era co-sponsored the following seven sessions at the 2015 annual meeting of the American Historical Association, New York City:

Rethinking Gender and Power: How Elite Women in Turn-of-the Century New York Leveraged Wealth to Build Domestic, Philanthropic, and Political Capital

Friday, January 2, 2015, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Chair: Maureen Montgomery, University of Canterbury

Papers: "Using Privilege to Transcend Tradition: An Analysis of Gender and Power in the Home," Yael Merkin, Harvard University; "How the Socialites of Edith Wharton's New York Took Woman's Suffrage from Frumpy to Fashionable," Johanna C. Neuman, American

University; "Founding the Birth Control Movement: Margaret Sanger's New York Network of Wealthy Feminists," Joan Marie Johnson, Northeastern Illinois University

Imperial New York City: The Scientific Survey of Puerto Rico

Saturday, January 3, 2015, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Chair: Darryl E. Brock, University of Bridgeport

Papers: "Nathaniel Lord Britton and the Making of the Scientific Survey of Puerto Rico," Brian M. Boom, New York Botanical Garden; "The Scientific Survey of Puerto Rico as Agent for Insular Development and Cultural Nationalism," Darryl E. Brock; "The Science of Imperialism and the New York Academy of Sciences' Puerto Rican Survey," Julio-Figueroa-Colon, Fundación Sendaro Verde

Comment: Mariola Espinosa, University of Iowa

Soldiers and Workers: Military Labor in the Age of Empire

Saturday, January 3, 2015, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Chair: Peter M. Beattie, Michigan State University

Papers: "Soldiering Lives, Working Lives: Life Courses of African Colonial Soldiers," Michelle Moyd, Indiana University, Bloomington; "'An Army of Working Men': American Soldiers as a Labor Force, 1865-1900," A. Hope McGrath, University of Pennsylvania; "The Work of U.S. Colonial Warfare and Administration and Counterinsurgency in Cuba and the Philippines, 1898-1902," Justin Jackson, New York University

Comment: Julie Greene, University of Maryland at College Park

Constructing Belonging, Making Places: Indigenous Peoples, Memory, and Migration in the Great Lakes Borderlands

Saturday, January 3, 2015, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Chair: Jean M. O'Brien, University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Papers: "Roots of Rebellion: Anishinaabeg of Upper Canada and the Challenge of Transnationality," Karen Marrero, Wayne State University; "Veterans and Bureaucrats: 'Out in the Brush': Anishinaabe Pension Claims in Postbellum Michigan," Michelle Cassidy, University of Michigan; "Between Past and Presence: Settler Masculine Imaginings and Settler and Indigenous Encounters in Detroit, 1871-1922," Kyle T. Mays, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Comment: The Audience

New Approaches to Racial Violence in North America

Saturday, January 3, 2015, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Chair: John Radzilowski, University of Alaska, Southeast

Papers: "Father Theodore Suk: A Man of Faith," Barbara Pulaski, Mount Ida College; "Alfred Jurtzykowski and his Foundation: A Brief Outline," Czeslaw Karkowski, Hunter College and Mercy College; "Zbysko, 'The Mighty Pole': Stanley Zbyszko, Polish Americans, and Sport in the Early Twentieth Century," Neal Pease, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; "Jan Brozek's Contribution to Copernican Studies Originating from His Queries in Warmia in 1618," Jan Chroboczek, Institute de Microélectronique, Électromagnétisme et Photonique

Comment: The Audience

Immigrant Women at the Edge of the Nineteenth-Century Marketplace

Monday, January 5, 2015, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Chair: Tracy Deutsch, University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Papers: "Enslaved Women and African Marketing Practices in Antebellum Charleston," Alisha Cromwell, University of Georgia; "Sacred Savings?: Irish American Women and the Domestic Economy," Laura D. Kelley, Tulane University; "'About Making a Living': Immigrant Businesswomen in Nineteenth-Century U.S. Cities," Susan Ingalls Lewis, State University of New York at New Palz

Comment: Jocelyn Wills, Brooklyn College, City University of New York

Scholarship, Activism, and Expertise: The Social Sciences in the United States in the Twentieth Century

Monday, January 5, 2015, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Chair: John Louis Recchiuti, University of Mount Union

Papers: "Experts and Democracy: Political Science and Urban Reform in the Early Twentieth Century," Ariane M. Liazos, Harvard University; "When Empathy Fails: Some Problematic 'Progressives' and Expertise," Stephen Turner, University of South Florida; "The Carnegie Corporation's Gunnar Myrdal, Black Scholars of Race, and Postwar Racial Liberalism," Maribel Morey, Clemson University

Comment: John Louis Recchiuti

Organization of American Historians: The Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era co-sponsored the following seven sessions at the 2015 annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, St. Louis:

The Legacy of C. Vann Woodward's *Origins of the New South* in the Twenty-first Century

Thursday, April 16, 2015, 1:45-3:15 p.m.

Chair: Michael O'Brien, University of Cambridge

Panelists: Natalie Ring, University of Texas at Dallas; Jonathan Wells, Temple University; Tammy Ingram, College of Charleston; Sarah Gardner, Mercer University

Corporal Punishment, Capital Punishment and Performance in the 19th Century South

Friday, April 17, 2015, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Chair: Victoria Bynum, Texas State University, San Marcos

Papers: "'I Got Stripes': The Whipping of Poor White Southerners in the Late Antebellum Era," Keri Leigh Merritt, Independent Scholar; "White Punishment and African American and Native American Defiance at Hampton Institute," Clay Cooper, Middle Tennessee State University; "'The Hanging of Bad Tom Smith': Public Execution and Civil Religion in the Victorian South," Bob Hutton, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Comment: Jeff Forret, Lamar University

A Lasting Legacy: Coercive Labor Systems in Post-Civil War America

Friday, April 17, 2015, 10:50 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Chair: Pete Daniel, Independent Scholar

Papers: "Peonage and Prostitution: Women Workers at Florida's Cross City Turpentine Camps, 1900 to 1921," Catherine Gyllerstrom, Auburn University; "'Only Woman Blacksmith in America is a Convict': Black Women and Prison Labor in the New South," Talitha LeFlouria, Florida Atlantic University; "Debt Peonage in Judicial and Political Transition: Unfree Labor in Territorial New Mexico and the Post-War American South," William Kiser, Arizona State

University

Comment: Paul Ortiz, University of Florida

Politicizing Taboos: The Suffrage Campaign, Urban Space and the Realignment of Gender Roles in the Early Twentieth Century

Friday, April 17, 2015, 1:50-3:20 p.m.

Chair: Susan Goodier, Hamilton College

Papers: "When Women Occupy Wall Street," Amy Shore, State University of New York at Oswego; "'They Will Not be Shut Out': Suffragists' Mobilization of 'Dangerous' Space in Gotham," Lauren Santagelo, New-York Historical Society/The New School; "Fashioning the Public Sphere: Suffrage Fashions and the Transformation of the Political Landscape," Einay Rabinovitch-Fox, New York University

Comment: Maureen Flanagan, Illinois Institute of Technology

The Limits of Freedom: Labor, Violence, and Coercion in the American West

Saturday, April 18, 2015, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Chair: Gunther Peck, Duke University

Papers: "What Limits? Bound Indian Labor in the American West and the Fallacy of the 'Natural Limits of Slavery' Argument," Michael Magliari, California State University, Chico; "Creating a Free White Workforce in Northwestern California: Labor, Violence, and Environment, 1860-1906," Michael Karp, Saint Louis University; "'A slave in Uncle Sam's service': Military Labor after the Thirteenth Amendment," Hope McGrath, University of Pennsylvania

Comment: Stacey Smith, Oregon State University

Sympathy for the Sinner: The Problem of Humanitarian Feeling from the Early Republic to the Progressive Era

Saturday, April 18, 2015, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Chair: Daniel Wickberg, University of Texas at Dallas

Papers: "Suffering Sinners: Pain, Sympathy, and the 'Fallen Woman'," Margaret Abruzzo, University of Alabama; "Making Room for Mercy: Pardoning and Executing Discretion in the Progressive Era," Carolyn Strange, Australian National University; "Sympathetic Sentiment and the Psychological Treatment of Prisoners in the Progressive Era," Amy Louise Wood, Illinois State University

Comment: Daniel Wickberg

Marriage on the Margins: Contested Romance and the Limits of Spousal Legitimacy

Sunday, April 19, 2015, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Chair: Renee Romano, Oberlin College

Papers: "The Taboo on Cousin Marriage in the History of America and in American History," Susan McKinnon, University of Virginia; "Social Reformers and the Radicalization of American Child Marriage at the Turn of the Twentieth Century," Nicholas Syrett, University of Northern Colorado; "I Am My Own Stepfather: Stepparent-Stepchild Marriage in American Law and Media, 1890-1920," William Cuby, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Submitted by Lloyd E. Ambrosius, chair of the SHGAPE Program Committee (2014)

