

*Outcasts, Pariahs,
Criminals: Histories of
Others and Othering*

**THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to Roosevelt University's Downtown Chicago campus and the thirteenth annual conference of the Midwest World History Association. The COVID-19 health emergency is officially over but COVID itself served to reorder and reprioritize much in our lives. This year we have decided to have an only face-to-face meeting, going back to our pre-COVID practice, one that helped to build and maintain the sense of a tight knit family that the MWWHA community has become. We will discuss this move at our EC meeting to explore whether or not the increase in community building outweighs the barriers that it creates for some members of our community. That said, if you are new, we are delighted that you have decided to join us. We hope that your experience will be like my own and that you will return for many years to come. For those of you who already come to MWWHA conferences on a regular basis, welcome back! We've been waiting for you.

The conference theme, "Outcasts, Pariahs, and Criminals: Histories of Others and Othering", builds off of last year's "Difficult Histories" by highlighting the histories of and by those who have been othered. As many political leaders move to protect people from having to engage in "uncomfortable" discussions around the history of racism, sexism, classism, nationalism, and xenophobia, this theme invites presentations and discussions on how world historians at all levels – high school, community college, or university - can best create spaces within which to explore, share, teach and learn about contested topics. This year's theme is also a recognition of the change in federal law that once again makes incarcerated citizens eligible for Pell grants and the hopeful increase of educational opportunities for those most impacted by the carceral state. As always, while designed to spark discussion, the conference theme is not intended to limit possibilities: our conference committee accepted papers, roundtables, and workshops on a wide range of themes and time periods. The MWWHA is a unique organization that brings together community college, university, and K-12 faculty, independent historians, and students at all levels to learn from each other, to create community, and to grow together. Expanding our efforts in this area will also be a topic of discussion in our EC meeting.

As you look through the program, you will note that there are many panels, roundtables, and workshops on people who have been labeled as Outcasts, Pariahs, and Criminals. It is my hope that we can learn together how better to weave them into our understandings of the past and present and to learn from them how best to create positive change here and across the globe. We have

much to learn from each other. You are encouraged to attend as many of the sessions as possible AND take the time to attend our keynote address by Jarrod Shanahan about the carceral state. I invite you to become part of our ongoing and growing MWWHA family. Once you join us, you won't want to leave us . . . that's a promise.

Again, welcome to Chicago's South Loop and Roosevelt University. A special thanks goes out to Keturah Brown, Kate Bolgrien, Sarah Eltabib, Jeanne Grant and all of the other members of the MWWHA conference committee and leadership team for all of their work behind the scenes to ensure that the conference runs smoothly. I look forward to getting to know you better and hope that you find your time with us an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Andrae Marak
President
Midwest World History Association



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE – ALL PRESENTATIONS ARE IN-

PERSON

SESSION ONE: FRIDAY, 1:00-2:30 PM

Paper Presentations Room 1: *Empires, Colonies, and Their Dissolution*

- **Gracie Trevino:** *Spain: Failing Monarchy and the Rif War*
- **Cory Forbes:** *Pragmatic Ethno-Nationalism: The conflict between Kemalism and Racism in the Early Turkish Republic (1922- 1945)*

Paper Presentations Room 2: *Conflicts in Popular Culture*

- **Charles McCaffrey:** *The Aftershock of War: The Portrayal of Combat Veterans in Early Postwar American Popular Culture*
- **Justin Olmstead:** *Delivering Essential Science: Sandia National Laboratories and the Complexities of National Security*

SESSION TWO: FRIDAY, 2:45-4:15 PM

Paper Presentations Room 1: Teaching Difficult Histories and Empires

- **Donald Eberle:** *“Go to the DEVIL!”: Crime, Punishment, and American Jurisprudence in the Mutt and Jeff comic strip*
- **Victoria Pelky:** *Execution and the Theatricality of Power: How Showmanship and Violence Plays a Role in the Creation of a Nation*

Roundtable Room 2: Navigating the New Pell Grant Landscape for College Programs in Prison - Craig Miller, Edward Green, Elizabeth Price

MWWHA Executive Meeting 4:30-5:30 PM (all members welcome)

PRE-KEYNOTE RECEPTION 5:30-6:00 PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS 6:00-7:30 PM

Jarrold Shanahan is an assistant professor of Criminal Justice at Governors State University. Jarrod is the author of *Captives: How Rikers Island Took New York City Hostage* (Verso, 2022), the co-author of *States of Incarceration: Rebellion, Reform, and America's Punishment System* (Reaktion/Field Notes, 2022), an editor of *Treason To Whiteness is Loyalty to Humanity: A Noel Ignatiev Reader* (Verso, 2022), and an editor of the journal *Hard Crackers: Chronicles of Everyday Life*. Jarrod is also the co-author of *City Time: The Social World of Sentenced Men at Rikers Island*, forthcoming from NYU Press, and *Skyscraper Jails*, forthcoming from Haymarket Books.

SESSION THREE: SATURDAY, 8:30-10:00 AM

Roundtable Room 1: Discrimination, Dispossession, and Difficult Histories: Teaching Empires and their Dissolution - Mark Soderstrom, Eileen Orzoff-Baranyk, James Tallon

Workshop Room 2: History from the Other Side - Jennifer Wahl, Craig Miller

SESSION FOUR: SATURDAY, 10:15-11:45 AM

Paper Presentations Room 1: Subalterns, Pariahs, and Minorities in History

- **Andrew Magnusson:** *Zoroastrians and Accommodation in Early Islamic History*

- **Sarah Eltabib:** *Breaking Chains, Forging Votes: The Criminalization and Othering of Suffragettes in the Fight for Women's Rights*

Paper Presentations Room 2: Borders and Conflict

- **Michael Bulfon:** *The President's Busy with a Coup Attempt, Maybe There Will Be Clean Water Tomorrow: 10 Years, 6 Presidents, and 3 Water Projects in Guinea-Bissau from 2000-2010.*
- **Tristan Miguel Osteria:** *Cold War Missions: Development and Strategy in Winning Over the Philippines during the 1950s and early 1960s*
- **Andrae Marak:** *Drug Cartels Do Not Exist: AKA Understanding the U.S.-Mexico Border Region through the Use of History, Borders, and Borderlanders*

LUNCH – SATURDAY, 11:45-1:00 PM

There are box lunches available for those who have ordered them but there are also many local lunch spots within easy walking distance of the conference site. Local restaurants include everything from more upscale, sit-down places like Miller's Pub and The Gage, to local favorites like the great Cuban sandwiches at Cafecito or famous deep-dish pizza at Gino's East as well as fast-food staples like Epic Burger and Chipotle.

SESSION FIVE: SATURDAY, 1:00-2:30 PM

Paper Presentations Room 1: Social Justice and Historical Perspectives

- **Morgan Jennings:** *The Disintegration of Unity: Contextualizing Discontent Within Pan-Arab Ideology*
- **Anthony Baker:** *An analysis of Rennyō's (釋蓮如) Buddhist Philosophy*

- **Keith Snedegar:** *A Course in Outsider History|*

Workshop Room 2: Using Effective Literacy Practices in World History Classrooms - Erik Beckman

Roundtable Room 3: Experiential Teaching Beyond the Classroom: How do we help students experience something they can never truly experience? - Nikki Magie, Steve Glazer, Cynthia Noyes, Rick Warner

SESSION SIX: SATURDAY, 2:45-4:15 PM

Paper Presentations Room 1: Unfolding Histories of the Carceral State

- **Abby Cunniff:** *The Labor History of California's Incarcerated Firefighters*
- **Troy Brundige:** *Transformations of U.S Law Enforcement Liability: The Historical Morphology of Qualified Immunity as a Spatial Problem*
- **Jarrod Shanahan:** *Skyscraper Jails: A Vision From the Future?*