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THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION
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2025 PROGRAM

Sessions will be held at

Atkinson Hall

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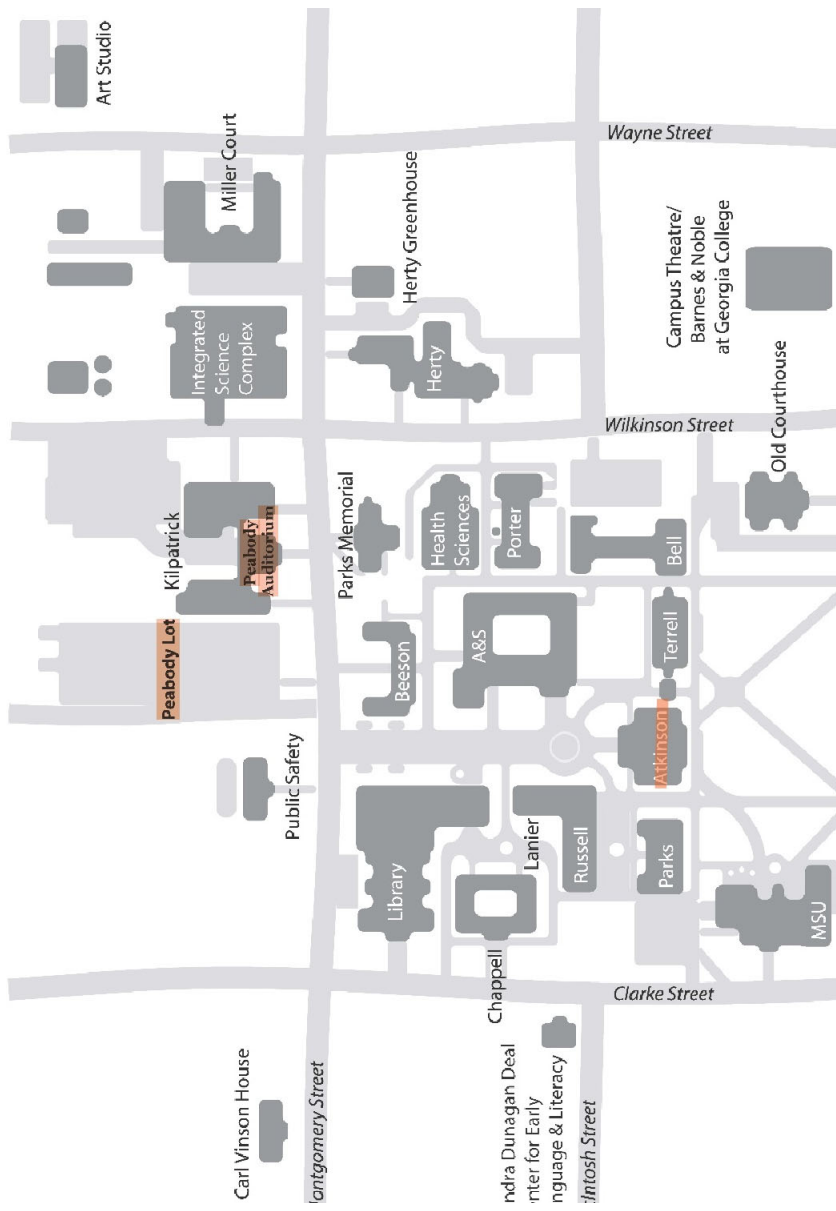
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The Georgia Association of Historians represents all historians operating in the State of Georgia and surrounding states, and the ***Journal of the Georgia Association of Historians (JGAH)*** continues that representation by offering a peer-reviewed publication venue to all historians in Georgia or the surrounding states and to all participants at the association's annual meeting.

The editor will accept **article submissions** in **all fields of history and historical pedagogy**, and all presenters at the organization's annual conference are encouraged to submit papers for review. Submissions will be reviewed by at least two anonymous referees prior to an editorial decision.

Potential articles submitted should be prepared in a recent version of Microsoft Word. They should be double-spaced and conform in style to the latest edition of either *Turabian's Manual for Writers* or the *Chicago Manual of Style*.

The journal is published annually and distributed in February of each year. Late spring or early summer submissions are preferred, but papers submitted by the end of September may also be eligible for publication in the next issue.

Articles may be submitted electronically to the editor, James Hill Welborn III, at james.welborn@gcsu.edu.

The journal also publishes **book reviews** of recently released works authored or edited by GAH members. Review copies may be submitted to the book review editor: Ashton Ellett, Richard B. Russell Library, University of Georgia Libraries, 300 South Hull St., Athens, GA 30602.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

❖ **3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tour of the Old Governor's Mansion**

120 S Clarke St, Milledgeville, GA 31061

❖ **5:00 p.m.-7:00 pm: Welcome Reception – Happy Hour**

Metropolis Cafe

111 N Wayne St, Milledgeville, GA 31061

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

❖ **8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Registration**

Atkinson Hall Lobby

❖ **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Regents Academic Advisory Committee on History (RAACH) Room 206**

First Session

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a. m.

Session 1-1: Roundtable – “Reckoning with the Past”: Soliciting Contributors for an Edited Volume on Place-Based Projects across Georgia (Room 107)

Chair/Moderator: Christopher Lawton, Georgia Tech

- Laura Nelson, Princeton University
- Randy Reid, Athens Academy
- Mark Evans, Piedmont University
- Montu Miller, Athens-Clarke County Schools
- Jackie Ellett from Piedmont University
- Melanie Pavich, Mercer University

Session 1-2: Roundtable – The 2024 Election in Historical Context (Room 108)

Chair/Moderator: Jim Galloway, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

- James C. Cobb, The University of Georgia
- Ashton Ellett, Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies
- Marko Maunula, Clayton State University

Session 1-3: Interpreting History Through Place: Historical Sites, Resorts, and Local Celebrations (Room 104)

Chair/Commentator: Katherine Rohrer, University of North Georgia

- “There’s Lots to See in Georgia: Telling the State’s History Through Its Historic Sites,” Jennifer Dickey, Kennesaw State University
- “Taking the Waters in Northeast Georgia: Gainesville’s Mineral Resorts, 1870-1930,” Deanna Gillespie, The University of North Georgia
- “Milledgeville Celebrates the Bicentennial,” David Parker, Kennesaw State University

Session 1-4: Power, Gender, and Authority: Historical Perspectives from Witch Hunts to Colonial Feminism and Medieval Widowhood (Room 105)

Chair/Commentator: Hubert Van Tuyl, Augusta University

- “Thou Shalt Not Suffer a Witch to Live: Scripture and Witchcraft in James VI’s Daemonologie,” Lashonda Slaughter-Wilson, Albany State University
- “Feminist Consciousness in Colonial India: Analysis of the Text Stree Purush Tulana (Comparison between Woman-Man),” Samiha Chandwani, Georgia State University
- “Widowhood and Power: Duchesses, Regency, and Church Authorities in High Medieval Poland,” Sebastian Bartos, Valdosta State University

Lunch on your own
11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
See the local guide for some options.

❖ **11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Executive Board Meeting (Room 207)**

Second Session
1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Session 2-1: French Francophone Histories: Cultural Religious, and Environmental Perspectives
(Room 104)

Chair/Commentator: Christopher Ward, Clayton State University

- “The Problem of Evil at the Intersection of Enlightenment and Catholic Enlightenment Debate in Eighteenth-Century France,” Jeffrey Burson, Georgia Southern University
- “Mapping the Social Networks of the Girondins from Bordeaux,” Stephen Auerbach, Georgia College and State University
- “Challenging the Radiance of France: Jacques Ellul’s Prophetic Stance against France’s Nuclear Consensus, 1945 – 1991,” Bronson Long, Georgia Highlands College

Session 2-2: Workshop – “Using Generative AI to Support Principles of Universal Design for Learning in History Classrooms,” (Room 109)

Facilitator: Jayme Faegin, Georgia Highlands College

Session 2-3: The Politics of the Peach State in the 19th and 20th Centuries (Room 106)

Chair/Commentator: Ashton Ellett, Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies

- “The Civil Rights District: Ralph David Abernathy, John Lewis and the 1977 Fifth District Election,” Scott Blusiewicz, University of Mississippi
- “Rebel Girl: Mildred Rutherford’s Anti-Suffragist Campaign,” Lauren Bradshaw, The University of North Georgia
- “Joshua Hill: 19th Century RINO,” Bradley Rice, Clayton State University

Session 2-4: Cultural Cartographies: Indigenous Art and Identity in Post-Removal America (Room 105)

Chair/Commentator: Lashonda Slaughter-Wilson, Albany State University

- “Mapping the Art of Jaune Quick-To-See Smith,” Matt Jennings, Middle Georgia State University
- “‘Captain Fall Leaf Behaved Admirably’: New Loyalties and Pathways After Indian Removal,” Luke Ryan, Georgia Gwinnett College

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Third Session
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Session 3-1: Environmental Calamities and Making Sense of Imperial Fallouts in North America
(Room 104)

Chair/Commentator: Andrew Goss, Augusta University

- "The Man in Black and His Angry God: Evaluating Algonquian Spirituality and Epidemiological Outbreaks in Seventeenth Century Dawnland," Tyler Daniels, Valdosta State University
- "'Relative to the Cattle Ranging on our Lands. They cannot be Restrained Well': Ecological Outsiders on Southeastern Indian Lands," Hendry Miller, University System of Georgia
- "'Geography of Opportunity': Native American Self-Determination & Passageways to Freedom within the Coastal Plain Region," Vickie Everitte, Valdosta State University

Session 3-2: Judicial History and Analysis: Examinations of the Georgia Court System" (Room 106)

Chair/Moderator: Aran MacKinnon, Georgia College and State University

- "The Fire Last Time: A Survey of Georgia County Courthouse Records," Tom Aiello, Valdosta State University
- "Character Evidence as Bearing on Consent in Rape Cases in the Antebellum Georgia Supreme Court: *Camp v. State*, 1847," Mary Block, Valdosta State University
- "Bad Mother: The Vilification of Christina Boyer," Stephanie Chalifoux, University of West Georgia

Session 3-3: Social Reform and Racial Dynamics in the Depression Era: Labor Education and New Deal Politics (Room 105)

Chair/Commentator: Kenja McCray, Clayton State University

- "Labor Education in the Depression South: The Social Gospel and Workers' Schools," Michael Law, University of Georgia
- "Black Magic of the New Deal: Chip Robert, Party, Race, and Reform, 1933 – 1948," Randy Patton, Kennesaw State University

Keynote Address
Peabody Auditorium
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Reception to follow
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Fourth Session

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Session 4-1: Roustabouts, Rebels, and Rogues: On the Margins of Loyalty and Morality in the Civil War South (Room 104)

Chair/Moderator: Brandi Simpson Miller, Wesleyan College

- “‘I Don’t Give a Damn’: Smuggling, Illicit Trade, and the Real Rhett Butler,” Robert Poister, University of Georgia
- “Of Vice and Men: Confronting Economic Privation, Moral Depravity, and Military Defeat on the Confederate Homefront,” James Hill “Trae” Welborn, Georgia College and State University
- “The Murder of an Age: Robert Loudon and the Confederate Boat Burners,” Laura June Davis, Columbus State University

Session 4-2: The US Media and Russia, 1917–2024 (Room 105)

Chair/Moderator: Jeffrey Burson, Georgia Southern University

- “US Newspapers and the Russian Revolutions of 1917,” Alice K. Pate, Kennesaw State University
- “Sputnik in the US and Soviet Media, 1957 – 1960,” Katya Vladimirov, Kennesaw State University
- “Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine through the Lens of American Popular Media: An Exploration of History, Language and Imagery, 2022 – 2024,” Elaine Mackinnon, The University of West Georgia

Session 4-3: Transforming Historical Narratives: Decolonization, Education, and Interfaith Understanding (Room 106)

Chair/Commentator: Casey Patrick Cater, Georgia State University

- “Decolonizing Epistemology: Assessing the Archives in Historical Scholarship,” Opeoluwa Balogun, Georgia State University”
- “Talent Development in History Education,” Sarah FitzGerald, Ophélie Desmet, and Rosieana Johnson, Valdosta State University
- “Increasing Interfaith Awareness and Reducing Antisemitism,” Albert Slomovitz, Kennesaw State University
- “EXACT: A Critical Thinking Initiative,” Patrick Ludolph, Georgia Gwinnett College and Ihor Pidhainy, Georgia Gwinnett College

Session 4-4: Legacies of Influence: Examinations of a Post-Confederate South (Room 109)

Chair/Commentator: Joshua Butler, Albany State University

- “Henry Alexander Hunt & Black Advancement in Middle Georgia: The Flint River School’s Lasting Impact on Macon County, Georgia,” Kyle Harris, Florida A&M University
- “The Public Forum of the Confederacy: The Confederate Veteran Magazine and the Development of a Compound-Public Space,” Joshua Morrow, Georgia College and State University

- “The Long (Dead) Hand of Mildred Lewis Rutherford: A Personal History,” Robert Miller, Independent Historian

Poster Session

9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Atkinson Lounge

Chair: Matthew Jennings, Middle Georgia State University

- “Spectacle and Success: How the 1994 World Cup and the 1996 Summer Olympics Pressed Soccer into American Culture,” Dylan Bailey, Lagrange College
- “Enrobed Oppression: The Dressed of Georgia’s Yeoman Women,” Madalyn Courson, University of North Georgia
- “Race-Based Reflections,” Kendal Dorsey, Georgia State University
- “The Georgia Kaleidoscope: The History of Georgia Delegates to the 1977 National Women’s Conference,” Hayden Reeves, Georgia Southern University
- “Payne City National Register Nomination,” Susan Asbury (advisor), Middle Georgia State
 - Caitlyn Blackwell
 - Adam Richardson
 - Sagan Tompkins
- “Turning Girlhood Histories into Girlhood Futures: Stories of Southwest Georgia,” Susan Bragg (advisor), Georgia Southwestern State University

- Morgan Dollar
- Megan Ogden
- Temple Williams
- Amelia Howard
- Jordan White
- Ariaahna Jones
- Melissa Lewicki
- Luther Bludsworth
- Cat Coules
- Tamiya Graham
- Cloie Davis

Fifth Session
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Session 5-1: Religion, Violence, and Politics: Contextualizing Contemporary Issues in Historical Perspective (Room 106)

Chair/Commentator: Andrew Goss, Augusta University

- “Venerable Delusions: Irrational Political Beliefs as Identity Anchors in Medieval and Contemporary Contexts,” Andrea Winkler, Mercer University
- “Challenging Sectarianism Through Literature: Lessons on Gender and Political Identity from the Lebanese Civil War (1975-1990),” Stefanie Sevcik, Mercer University
- “Colonialism, Religious Nationalism and Gendered Sexual Violence,” Sunita Manian, Georgia College and State University
- “The Case of Roop Kanwar’s Death and Other Slayings: Remembering Human Sacrifice in Contemporary Times,” Jason Tatlock, Georgia Southern University
- “Costa Rican Pandemic Oral Histories: Narratives of Resilience, Misinformation, Violence, and Inequity during COVID-19,” Carmen Kordick Coury, Southern Connecticut State University

Session 5-2: Navigating Power and Identity: Black Experiences in Georgia from Enslavement to Reconstruction (Room 109)

Chair/Commentator: Larry Benjamin Grubbs, Georgia State University

- “Troubling Jim Crow: Contested Stories of Black Girlhood in Southwest Georgia,” Susan Bragg, Georgia Southwestern State University
- “Contrived Control: Power Dynamics in Southwest Georgia during Enslavement, the Civil War, and Reconstruction,” Joshua Butler, Albany State University
- “Black and White Cooperation in the Construction of Postbellum Free Black Life in Northern Georgia,” Kenneth Wheeler, Reinhardt University

Session 5-3: Intersecting Ideologies: Theological Liberalism, Racial Egalitarianism, and Gender Dynamics in Nineteenth-Century Abolitionism and Emancipation (Room 104)

Chair/Commentator: Matt Jennings, Middle Georgia State University

- “The Deniers of Christ And the Insane Theorizers of That Infidel City: The Correlation Between Liberal Theology and Racial Egalitarianism Among Abolitionists,” Charles Boyd, Georgia State University
- “The Great Emancipator: Lincoln and His Preoccupation with Negro Emigration, 1840-1865,” Edward Hightower, Atlanta Metropolitan State College

Session 5-4: Crisis, Culture, and Community: Unveiling Historical Narratives of the Late 20th Century (Room 105)

Chair/Commentator: Mark Huddle, Georgia College and State University

- “Documenting Georgia’s Undocumented Hispanic Community: 1986-1988,” Libia Jiménez Chávez, University of Georgia
- “The Thiokol Chemical Disaster: The Worst Industrial Disaster in Georgia History,” Roy Williams, Georgia State University
- “Absolute Beginners: Boomer Anxiety and Regret in Thatcher’s UK,” Carol White, Clayton State University
- “The Neoliberal Necropolitics of US Public Health Campaigns for Youth in the 1980s,” Jeremy Lowe, University of California, San Francisco

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12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

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