

# 2008 PROGRAM COMMITTEE

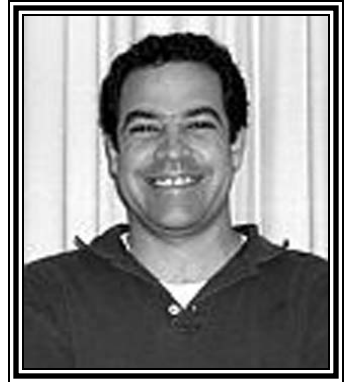


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## FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

If you run a Google search for quotations about taking risks, the results are instructive: certainly, the volume of sound bytes produced by clever people on the subject is impressive, but more striking is the variety of ways that humans understand risk – from the centrality of adventure in learning about one’s self to the inescapable presence of risk in striking it rich, as well as in losing one’s shirt. Likewise, the history of the North American West is replete with a variety of risk-takers motivated by every imaginable reason for not playing it safe. Immigrants, migrants, adventurers, scientists, entrepreneurs, opportunists, artists, political activists, missionaries, visionaries, spies, writers – they and many other kinds of risk-takers would find their hopes tested in the West, sometimes with spectacular success, other times with dramatic and even devastating failure.

Risk-taking and risk-takers have been at the center of national mythmaking about the West, of course, but too often the iconic figures of American expansion – the fur-trapper, the placer miner, the cowboy, the homesteader – have overshadowed the complex landscape of risk that has shaped people’s experience of the West. It is this complexity, this richness and variety of risk-taking propositions in the West, that the Program Committee chose to highlight in this year’s conference, and we extend our great thanks to the Committee for its hard work (along with a deep bow of gratitude to Sandy Zepka at Williams College, who provided unparalleled organizational support to the process). We had a wealth of proposals to choose from and faced many difficult decisions, but we believe that this program offers an extraordinary array of topics that will appeal to the diverse interests of our association.

In addition to the risk-takers who populate our histories, this year’s conference has taken up several other adventurous undertakings in the programming itself. We are thrilled that Matt Basso approached us early on to suggest that we run a documentary film festival alongside the WHA this year, and we are very thankful that the institutional support of the University of Utah and the American West Center has helped this initiative move forward. Conference-goers will find details about the films in a supplement that will be provided at the conference. This year, too, we have included six sessions sponsored by the Recovering the Hispanic Literary Heritage Project, which are woven throughout the conference. We have also included sessions on Wednesday afternoon that appeal specifically to K-12 teachers, and we thank the organizers of these sessions for crafting such pertinent panels that widen the doors of the WHA to such a wide range of educators. Finally, this year’s conference sees an unusually rich variety in the kinds of sessions offered: in addition to more roundtables on a range of subjects, a number of sessions explicitly address the role of digital technology and other media in our scholarly work, in the classroom, and in the public realm.

“It doesn’t work to leap a twenty-foot chasm in two ten-foot jumps” – or so an American proverb tells us – and the West has been home to particularly audacious

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chasm-jumpers. Many of them have landed over the years in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake, a fitting backdrop for considering the risky business of western history, and we are grateful to the local arrangements committee for putting together the tours that will allow us to leave the safe confines of the hotel. We hope that the days ahead bring you new friendships along with the old ones; fresh ideas along with the familiar; and a sense of possibility for the future of our organization.

Karen Merrill  
Pablo Mitchell  
Co-chairs, 2008 Program Committee

## WHA BOOK CORRAL

**The 2008 WHA Book Corral will be held Friday, October 24th, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., in Marriott Amethyst One. Meet your favorite author, get your book signed (and receive a free drink with every purchase), and support the WHA. All proceeds go to the WHA endowment fund.**

## STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

**The Western History Association is very pleased to recognize the following Graduate Student Volunteers:**

### **Brigham Young University**

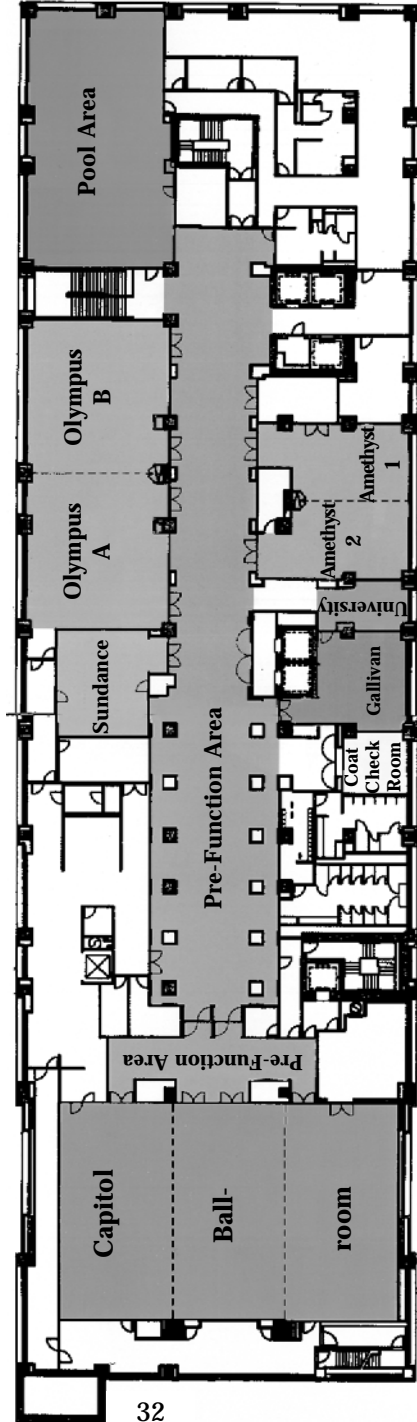
Brett Dowdle, Chris Jones, Mike Shamo, Corey Smallcanyon, Jared Tamez, Stan Thayne, and Ryan Wimmer.

### **University of Utah**

John Alexander, Catherine Ashton, Adele Bealer, Ben Cater, Jenel Cope, Melanie Newport, Rachel Osborne, and John Worsencroft.

# CONFERENCE CENTER MAP

## Salt Lake City Marriott City Center Hotel

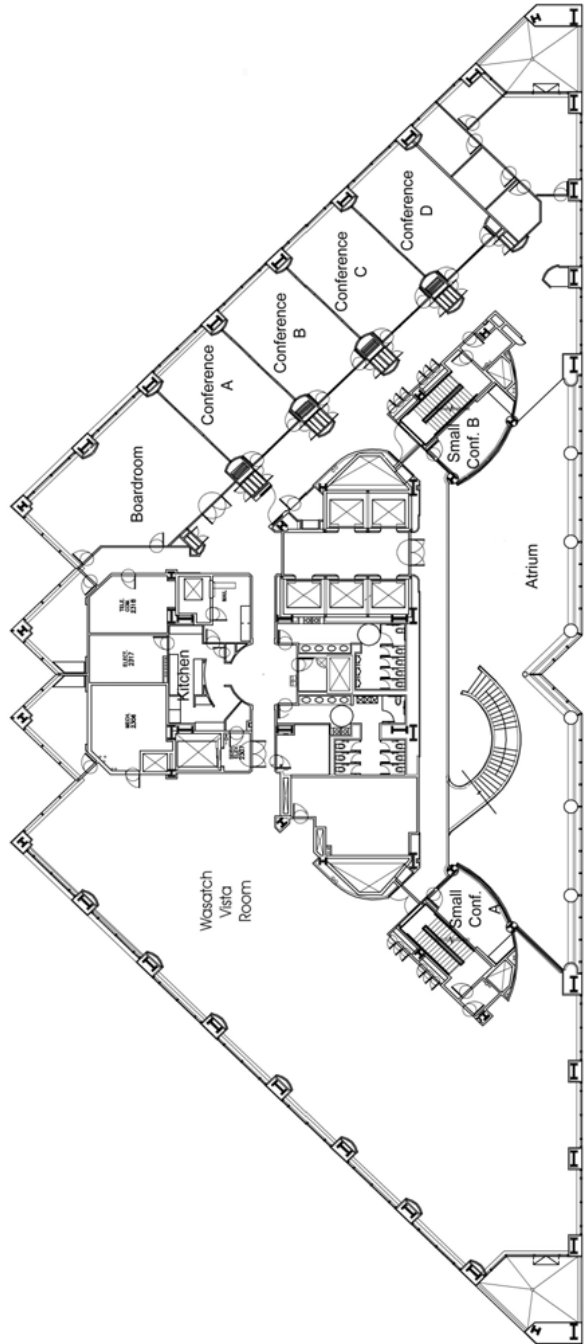


# CONFERENCE CENTER MAP

Wells Fargo Building

THE 23<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR

EVENT CENTER



# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

**WEDNESDAY 8:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M. MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 600 (LEVEL 6)**

## **2008 WHA Documentary Film Festival**

*(For screenings, please see registration packet.)*

**Sponsored by**

**The American West Center, University of Utah**

**WEDNESDAY 1:00-2:30 MARRIOTT UNIVERSITY ROOM**

## **Teaching Western History in the K-20 Classroom**

**Moderator Brian Collier, Northern Arizona University**

**Panelists**  
**Matt LaMore, Mill Creek Middle School**  
**Kathryn Christensen, St. Michael's Indian School**  
**Lindsey Passenger, Northern Arizona University**  
**Veronica Arce, Riley Street Middle School**  
**Sarah Brynaert, Northwest Career Pathways Alternative School**

**Comment Melody Miyamoto, Coe College**

**WEDNESDAY 1:00-2:30 MARRIOTT AMETHYST TWO**

## **Teaching Teachers Thematic Historical Inquiry: Integrating Western History Primary Sources into the Classroom**

**Moderator Kevin Hatfield, University of Oregon**

**Panelists**  
**Mark Horner, University of Oregon**  
**Carol Buswell, National Archives and Record Administration**  
**Bill Rexford, Sisters High School**  
**Karen Boyd, Skyview Middle School**

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY

3:00-4:30

MARRIOTT AMETHYST TWO

## **Balancing Context and Activities: How Academia Can Help Teach Western History, K-12**

Moderator **Jessie Embry**, Brigham Young University

Panelists *Creating Workshops to Teach Utah History*  
**Jessie Embry**, Brigham Young University

*Combining University Professors and School Teachers in a Summer Academy*  
**Pam Su'a**, Jordan School District, Utah

*Context and Content in Elementary School Classrooms*  
**Julie Cook**, Logan School District, Utah

Comment **Audience**

WEDNESDAY

3:00-4:30

MARRIOTT UNIVERSITY ROOM

## **The Pleasure and Perils of Conducting Oral History Research**

### ***Coalition for Western Women's History Roundtable***

Moderator **Joan Jensen**, New Mexico State University

Panelists **Jennifer Nez Denetdale**, University of New Mexico  
**Gretchen Lemke-Santangelo**, St. Mary's College of California  
**Karen Leong**, Arizona State University  
**Andrea Radke-Moss**, Brigham Young University  
**Sandra Schakel**, Boise State University

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

THURSDAY 8:30-10:00 WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR, CONF. ROOM C

## The Riskiest Business: The Nevada Test Site Oral History Project and the Study of Cold War Techno-science

### A Roundtable Discussion

Moderator **Mary Palevsky**, University of Nevada-Las Vegas

Panelists  
**Andy Kirk**, University of Nevada-Las Vegas  
**Robert Futrell**, University of Nevada-Las Vegas  
**Mary Palevsky**, University of Nevada-Las Vegas  
**Leisl Carr Childers**, University of Nevada-Las Vegas

THURSDAY 8:30-10:00 MARRIOTT UNIVERSITY ROOM

### Mobility in the West

Chair & Comment **William F. Deverell**, University of Southern California

Paper *An Indian Teacher in the Indian Service: Native Employment in the Reservation System, 1900-1930*

**Cathleen D. Cahill**, University of New Mexico

Paper *'Go West, Young Woman!': Women's Migration and the Making of Early Hollywood*  
**Hilary A. Hallett**, Rutgers University

Paper *A Home for the Wandering Jew: Jewish Farmers, Land Identity, and the Birth of the Jewish Macho*  
**Taylor Spence**, Yale University

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

THURSDAY 8:30-10:00 WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR CONF. ROOM A

## Big Lives, Big Challenges: A Panel on Recent Biographies

- Moderator **Louis S. Warren**, University of California at Davis  
Author, *Buffalo Bill's America: William Cody and the Wild West Show*
- Panelists **Martha A. Sandweiss**, Amherst College  
Author, *Passing Strange: A Gilded Age Tale of Love and Deception Across the Color Line*
- Donald Worster**, University of Kansas  
Author, *A Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir*
- Clyde A. Milner II & Carol A. O'Connor**, Arkansas State University  
Co-Authors, *As Big as the West: The Pioneer Life of Granville Stuart*

THURSDAY 8:30-10:00 MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 400 (LEVEL 4)

## Pacific Problems, Pacific Possibilities: Reorienting 'Western' History

- Chair **Savani Toluta'u Aupiu**, University of Utah
- Paper *The Pacific and Western History Assessment*  
**Matthew Kester**, Brigham Young University-Hawai'i
- Paper *Unsettling Settler Colonialism: A Critical Look at Hawaiians in the American West*  
**Hokulani Aikau**, University of Hawai'i at Manoa
- Paper *Atrocity's Aftermath: War, Crime and Punishment in America's Pacific Frontier*  
**Keith Camacho**, University of California, Los Angeles
- Where are the Sources?: Creating a Transnational Pacific Archive*  
**Anapesi Lakalaka Ka'ili**, University of Utah
- Comment **Vincente Diaz**, University of Michigan

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

THURSDAY 8:30-10:00 MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 300 (LEVEL 3)

## Railroads and Foreign Capital: Socioeconomic and Entrepreneurial Processes in Northwest Mexico (1880-1950)

Chair & Comment **Hilarie J. Heath**, Facultad de Ciencias Administrativas y Sociales, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California

Paper *All the Benefits of the Law: An Analysis of the Hiring Practices of the Foreign-owned Railroad Companies in Baja, California, Mexico, between 1904 and 1952*  
**Andrea Spears Kirkland**, Facultad de Ciencias Administrativas y Sociales, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California

Paper *Social and Commercial Impact of the Sonora Railroad, 1880-1910*  
**Juan Manuel Romero Gil**, Department of History, Universidad de Sonora

Paper *Imperialism, Capitalism, and the Ferrocarril Sud-Pacífico de Mexico, 1900-1950*  
**Daniel Lewis**, Huntington Library

THURSDAY 8:30-10:00 WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR CONF. ROOM D

## The First American West: State of the Field

Chair **Walter Nugent**, University of Notre Dame

Paper *The American South as Trans-Appalachian Frontier*  
**Daniel Usner**, Vanderbilt University

Paper *The Necessity of Borders: Reflections on Land and People North of the River Ohio*  
**Susan Gray**, Arizona State University

Paper *West Together, Wests Apart*  
**Stephen Aron**, UCLA and Autry National Center

Comment **John Mack Faragher**, University of Yale  
**Malcolm Rohrbough**, University of Iowa

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

THURSDAY 8:30-10:00 MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 500 (LEVEL 5)

## The Nature of Public History: National Parks, the Environment, and the American West

Chair & Comment **David Louter**, National Park Service

Paper *Uncovering the Past: Public History and the Demise of the Cattle Industry on the Arizona Strip*  
**David Sproul**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Paper *Desert Gardens, Urban Oases: Federal Landscapes and the Western Environment*  
**Art Gómez**, National Park Service

Paper *Institutional Interactions: The Environment and St. Thomas, Nevada*  
**Aaron MacArthur**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

THURSDAY 8:30-10:00 MARRIOTT AMETHYST TWO

## Resituating the Middle: Indian Politics and Identity in the Trans-Missouri West

Chair **David Bernstein**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Paper *Border Landlords: American Indian Land Speculation in Kansas*  
**John P. Bowes**, Eastern Kentucky University

Paper *Opportunity Lost: Pawnee and U.S. Geopolitics on the Middle Border*  
**David Bernstein**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

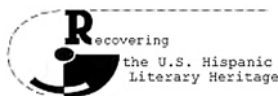
Paper *'Send them back on their own side': Omahas and Mormon in the Missouri Valley, 1846-1852*  
**Rebekah M.K. Mergenthal**, University of Chicago

**Elliot West**, University of Arkansas

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

THURSDAY 10:30-NOON MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 500 (LEVEL 5)

## Disrupting Borders/Disrupting Genders: Chicano and Mexicano Bodies of Resistance in Early Twentieth-Century History and Literature



Chair &  
Comment  
Paper

**Bárbara Reyes**, University of New Mexico

*The Life and Times of Jack Mugarrieta Garland: Constructing the Transgender Body in Turn-of-the Century Greater Mexico*

**Linda Heidenreich**, Washington State University

Paper

*Homosocial Relations in Las Aventuras de Don Chipote: Gender, Cultural Production, and Mexican Migrant's Survival in 1920s Greater Mexico*

**Rita Urquijo Ruiz**, Trinity University

Paper

*The Y.M.C.A., Physical Education, and the Construction of Mexican Masculinity, 1900-1930*

**José Alamillo**, Washington State University

THURSDAY 10:30-NOON MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 400 (LEVEL 4)

## Women, Gender, and Settler Colonialism in the U.S. and Canadian Wests

Chair &  
Comment  
Paper

**Maria Raquel Casas**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

*Risky Business and Uneven Terrain: (Western) Canadian History and the Historiography of Gender and Imperialism*

**Adele Perry**, University of Manitoba

Paper

*Settler Colonialism and Maternalism in the American West and Australia*

**Margaret Jacobs**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Paper

*Visual Histories across Colonial Boundaries*

**Angela Wanhalla**, University of Otago

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

**THURSDAY 10:30-NOON MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 600 (LEVEL 6)**

**The Mexico-U.S. Borderlands at the Periphery of Two  
Nation-States: National Identity Construction from a  
Transnational Perspective  
A Roundtable Discussion**

Moderator **Marco Antonio Samaniego López**, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California

Panelists  
**Manuel Ceballos**, Colegio de la Frontera Norte  
**Jeremy Adelman**, Princeton University  
**Martín González de la Vara**, Colegio de Michoacan  
**Antonia Castañeda**, St. Mary's University  
**Ignacio Almada**, Colegio de Sonora  
**Omar Valerio-Jiménez**, University of Iowa

**THURSDAY 10:30-NOON MARRIOTT UNIVERSITY ROOM**

**Green River Country**

Chair & Comment **Mark W.T. Harvey**, North Dakota State University

Paper *Bunch Grass and Water: Anglo Settlement of Desolation Canyon, Green River*  
**James M. Aton**, Southern Utah University

Paper *Men in the Margin*  
**Steven L. Gerber**, InterContinental Hotels Group

Paper *I Had Arrived at Perfection: the Lost Canyons of the Green River*  
**Roy Webb**, University of Utah

**THURSDAY 10:30-NOON MARRIOTT AMETHYST TWO**

**Opening the Visual West: Images and History in the Digital Age**

Moderator **Kathryn Morse**, Middlebury College

Panelists  
**Peter Blodgett**, Huntington Library  
**Bonnie Christensen**, Punahou School  
**Mark Klett**, Arizona State University  
**Monica Rico**, Lawrence University  
**Claudia Wright**, Cottonwood High School

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

THURSDAY 10:30-NOON WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR CONF. ROOM A

## Skirting Risk: Ensuring Success through Corruption, Malfeasance and Fraud: Late 19th Century Political History Through New Lenses

Chair & Comment **Jane Haigh**, University of Arizona

Paper *Political Power, Patronage and Protection Rackets: Corruption in Denver 1889-1900*  
**Jane Haigh**, University of Arizona

Paper *Land Thieves or Bona Fide Settlers?: The Case of Charles Robinson, from California Squatter to Free-Soil Kansas Governor*  
**Tamara Venit**, Stanford University

Paper *The Spoils System Goes West from Washington*  
**Scott L. Stabler**, Grand Valley State University

Paper *New Sources to Illuminate Corruption in the West*  
**Steven P. Fisher**, University of Denver

THURSDAY 10:30-NOON WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR CONF. ROOM B

## The Promise and Impact of Statehood for Alaska and Hawaii 1946-2007

Chair & Comment **Mary Mangusso**, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

Paper *Alaska/Hawaii Statehood and the Modern Civil Rights Movement*  
**John S. Whitehead**, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

Paper *An Appropriated State: How the Alaskan Landscape Became a National Treasure*  
**Roxanne Willis**, Harvard University

Paper *Message to Garcia, The Unrealized Promise of Alaska Statehood*  
**Stephen Haycox**, University of Oregon

THURSDAY 10:30-NOON WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR, CONF. ROOM C

## Moving to Center Stage: The Great Migrations into the American West

### A Roudtable Discussion

Chair & Comment **Elliott R. Barkan**, California State University, San Bernadino

Panelists **Patty Limerick**, University of Colorado

**Carl Abbott**, Portland State University

**Richard Etulain**, University of New Mexico

**Roger Lotchin**, Independent Scholar

**Henry Yu**, St. John's University

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

THURSDAY 10:30-NOON MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 300 (LEVEL 3)

**Perils of Place: Teaching Western History to Diverse Audiences**  
Sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society

## A Roundtable Discussion

Moderator **Stephen Aron**, UCLA and Autry National Center

Panelists  
**Connie Chiang**, Bowdoin College  
**Lawrence Culver**, Utah State University  
**Michael Lansing**, Augsburg College  
**Cynthia Prescott**, University of North Dakota  
**Juti Winchester**, Buffalo Bill Historical Center

THURSDAY 10:30-NOON WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR CONF. ROOM D

## Digging Up Old Tombstone: New Takes on a Story Long Thought Dead

Chair **Louis Warren**, University of California, Davis

Paper *'An International Controversy, If Not War': The Cowboy Crisis in Mexico*  
**Katherine Benton-Cohen**, Georgetown University

Paper *Transnationalism, Transregionalism, and Social Violence in the Worlds of Tombstone and Tucson Chinese*  
**Grace Delgado**, Pennsylvania State University

Paper *Masculinity, Friendship, and Sexuality in Wyatt Earp's West*  
**Andrew Isenberg**, Temple University

Paper *Wild West and Barbaric North: Tombstone's Transnational Frontier Legacy*  
**Samuel Truett**, University of New Mexico

Comment **Louis Warren**, University of California, Davis

THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M. MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 600 (LEVEL 6)

## 2008 WHA Documentary Film Festival

(For screenings, please see registration packet.)

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

FRIDAY

8:30-10:00

MARRIOTT UNIVERSITY ROOM

## Movin' In, Movin' Out: Trials of the Urban and Suburban 20th Century West

Chair & Comment **Amy Scott**, Bradley University

Paper *After the Deluge Comes Rebirth: Flooding, Urban Revitalization, and Civic Identity in Denver's Central Platte Valley*  
**B. Erin Cole**, University of New Mexico

Paper *Wilderburbs: Nature, Culture and the Rise of Rural Development in the Rocky Mountain West, 1960-2000*  
**Lincoln Bramwell**, University of Nevada-Las Vegas

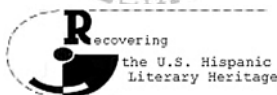
Paper *Better Red Than Dead: San Francisco and the Emergence of an 'Indian City'*  
**Kent Blansett**, University of New Mexico

FRIDAY

8:30-10:00

MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 500 (LEVEL 5)

## Forgotten Pages: The Historical Role of Spanish-Language Newspapers in the U.S.



Chair & Comment **Gerald Poyo**, St. Mary's University

Paper *Echoes of the Mexican Voice: Mexican American Youth Newspapers in the 1930s and 1940s*  
**Félix Gutiérrez**, University of Southern California

Paper *Spying, Filbustering and Texas' First newspaper: La Gaceta de Texas*  
**Nicolás Kanellos**, University of Houston

Paper *On Political Events: El Mensajero Semanal and the Constitution of a Cosmopolitan Print Culture*  
**Rodrigo Lazo**, University of California, Irvine

Paper *'Keeping Culture Alive': The Oral, Written and Spoken Space of Chicano/a Border Epistemology*  
**Gabriel Meléndez**, University of New Mexico

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

FRIDAY

8:30-10:00

MARRIOTT AMETHYST TWO

## Native Peoples of the Midwest: Revisiting Old Records for New Insights

- Chair **Laurie Arnold**, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame
- Paper *Insider/Outsider: Frances Densmore as Cultural Historian of the Ojibwa*  
**Joan M. Jensen**, New Mexico State University
- Paper *Maps, Native Lands, and Transitions in the Nineteenth-Century Midwest*  
**Lucy Eldersveld Murphy**, Ohio State University, Newark
- Paper *'[W]e Once More Recommend our Half Breeds to Your Kindness': Debates about Race, Kinship, and the Value of Treaty Documents as Sources of Native Knowledge in the Nineteenth-Century Midwest*  
**Rebecca Kugel**, University of California, Riverside
- Comment **R. David Edmunds**, University of Texas, Dallas

FRIDAY

8:30-10:00

WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR CONF. ROOM A

## Risky Encounters on the Cultural Frontier: Native Americans and Anglos in Arizona and New Mexico, 1860-1930

- Chair **Lynne M. Getz**, Appalachian State University
- Paper *Trading Post Wives: The Wetherill Women Meet the Navajo*  
**Lynne M. Getz**, Appalachian State University
- Paper *'She is a Favorite With the Soldiers at Fort Wingate': Navajo Women Prostitution, and Sexual Violence in the American Southwest--1863 to 1880*  
**Jennifer Nez Denetdale**, University of New Mexico
- Paper *Art, Pageantry, and Americanization: The Indian Welfare Division of the Arizona Federation of Women's Clubs*  
**Bonnie Thompson**, Arizona State University
- Comment **Wade Davis**, University of Montana

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

FRIDAY 8:30-10:00 WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR CONF. ROOM B

## The Risky Business of Managing Miners and Capital in Colorado's Coal Fields

Chair **Mary Murphy**, New York University

Paper *'Dreaming about Wealth and Fairness': Josephine Roche's Challenge to the Rockefeller's Industrial Representation Plan*  
**Maria E. Montoya**, New York University

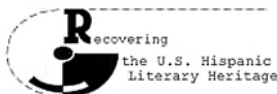
Paper *Playing with Fire: Telling Stories about Coal, Mining History, and Fossil-Fuel Dependency*  
**Thomas G. Andrews**, University of Colorado, Denver

Comment **Mary Murphy**, Montana State University  
**Andrew Isenberg**, Temple University



FRIDAY 8:30-10:00 MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 400 (LEVEL 4)

## Memoir and the Challenge of Historiography



Chair & Comment **José Aranda**, Rice University

Panelists *Recovering Lesbian and Gay Lives in El Paso/Juarez Through Oral History*  
**Emma Pérez**, University of Colorado, Boulder

*Embedded Histories, Recovered Literatures of Mexican America*  
**José Aranda**, Rice University

*The Archive as Specter--A Mexican Lyric*  
**John-Michael Rivera**, University of Colorado, Boulder

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

FRIDAY 8:30-10:00 WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR CONF. ROOM C

## Redefining the State: Political Activism in the Pacific Northwest

- Chair & Comment  
Paper
- Laurie Mercier**, Washington State University
- Rediscovering the Nations Within: Non-Indians and Treaty Rights in the Pacific Northwest*  
**Sherry L. Smith**, Southern Methodist University
- Paper
- Legislating Loyalty: State Prosecution of World War I in the Pacific Northwest*  
**Mary Murphy**, Montana State University

FRIDAY 8:30-10:00 WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR CONF. ROOM D

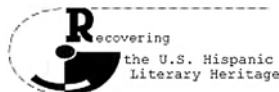
## Making Western Documentaries

### A Roundtable Discussion

- Moderator
- Matthew Basso**, University of Utah
- Panelists
- Gerilyn Dreyfous**, Salt Lake City Film Center  
**Ken Verdoia**, KUED-TV (PBS Affiliate)  
**Kerri Hopkins**, University of Utah

FRIDAY 10:30-NOON MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 400 (LEVEL 4)

## Recovering 'Mexicanas/Hispanas' Lives in Mexican and U.S. History



- Chair & Comment  
Panelists
- Antonia I. Castañeda**, St. Mary's University
- Naturaleza, habitat y vida cotidiana en los cronistas del septentrion occidental de la Nueva Nueva Espana: 1542-1690*  
**Blanca Lopez de Mariscal**, ITESM
- Becoming American, Defining Community: The Women of the Smelter School, 1924-1940*  
**Monica Perales**, University of Houston
- Technological Research of Recovered Latino History: The Case of Lina Delire*  
**Gabriela Baeza Ventura**, University of Houston

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

FRIDAY 10:30-NOON MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 600 (LEVEL 6)

## **New Directions in Railroad History: Using Digital Tools to Address Social, Political, and Demographic Mobility in Nebraska and Beyond A/V**

Chair **Douglas Seefeldt**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Paper *Migrant and Immigrant Communities in Southeastern Nebraska, 1870-1880: A GIS Analysis of the Colonization of Burlington Railroad Lands*  
**Kurt E. Kinbacher**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Paper *William Jennings Bryan and the Railroad: The 1896 Presidential Campaign*  
**Nathan Sanderson**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Paper *Women on the Rails: Suffrage Activism and the Railroad in Nineteenth-Century Nebraska*  
**Leslie Working**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Comment **Richard White**, Stanford University

*Audience members are encouraged to bring laptops to "surf the net" while the panelists present their scholarship in a discussion-style format.*

FRIDAY 10:30-NOON WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR CONF. ROOM B

## **Making Space for Race**

### **A Roundtable Discussion**

Moderator **Pablo Mitchell**, Oberlin College

Panelists **Ernesto Chávez**, University of Texas, El Paso

**Linda Espana-Maram**, California State University, Long Beach

**Augusto Espiritu**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**John Mckiernan-González**, University of Texas, Austin

**Natalia Molina**, University of California, San Diego

**Raúl Ramos**, University of Houston

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

FRIDAY 10:30-NOON WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR CONF. ROOM A

## Heterosexualizing America's Frontier Past

- Chair **Elizabeth Jameson**, University of Calgary
- Paper *Degeneracy on the Frontier: When Sexual Inversion Met the Turner Thesis in Fin-de-Siècle America*  
**Peter Boag**, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Comment **Gregory H. Nobles**, Georgia Institute of Technology  
**Catherine C. Cocks**, School for Advanced Research  
**Dee Garceau-Hagen**, Rhodes College

FRIDAY 10:30-NOON MARRIOTT AMETHYST TWO

## Environmental Crossings: State-Power and Ecological Exchange on the U.S.-Canadian and U.S.-Mexican Borders

- Chair **Joseph Taylor III**, Simon Fraser University
- Paper *Epidemics, Indians, and Border-Making in the 19th-Century Pacific Northwest*  
**Jennifer Seltz**, Western Washington University
- Paper *Divided Ranges: Trans-border Ranches and the Creation of National Space Along the Western Mexican-U.S. Border*  
**Rachel St. John**, Harvard University
- Paper *The Forgotten Salmon Wars: State Power and Conservation in the Western U.S.-Canadian Borderlands*  
**Lissa Wadewitz**, Linfield College
- Comment **Karl Jacoby**, Brown University

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

FRIDAY

10:30-NOON

MARRIOTT UNIVERSITY ROOM

## Reading the Land: An Interactive Discussion about Landscape as Evidence

- Chair **Kathleen A. Brosnan**, University of Houston
- Paper *Saving Whose Heritage? Salvage Archaeology at Glen Canyon before the Dam*  
**Marcus Hall**, University of Utah
- Paper *Art/Land as Evidence: Making Land Matter in the History of Modern  
American Art*  
**Emily Neff**, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
- Paper *Through the Windshield: Reading Landscapes of Mobility*  
**Cathrine Gudis**, University of California, Riverside
- Comment **Audience**

FRIDAY

10:30-NOON

WELLS FARGO BUILDING 23RD FLOOR, CONF. ROOM C

## Western Provocateur: Living with Hal Rothman

### A Roundtable Discussion

- Chair **C. L. Higham**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Panelists **Sara Ewert**, Weber State University: Rothman as Environmental Historian  
**Dan Flores**, University of Montana: Rothman as Public Intellectual  
**Art Gómez**, National Park Service: Rothman as Parks Historian: the Later Years  
**Char Miller**, Trinity University: Rothman as Editor of Environmental History  
**Virginia Scharff**, University of New Mexico: Rothman as Scholar of Tourism  
and Post-Industrial Culture  
**Melody Webb**, National Park Service: Rothman as Parks Historian: The Early  
Years  
**Richard White**, Stanford University: Rothman as Las Vegas Scholar and Promoter  
**Robert Righter**, Southern Methodist University: Rothman as Public Historian
- Comment **Al Hurtado**, University of Oklahoma

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

FRIDAY 2:30-4:00 MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 300 (LEVEL 3)

## History goes Public: Deadwood, Gambling, and Historic Preservation

- Chair **Suzanne Julin**, National Council on Public History
- Paper *Taking Risks to Stay Alive: Responses to Economic Change in Deadwood, South Dakota*  
**David Wolff**, Black Hills State University
- Paper *'Deadwood Would Have Died': The Effects of Legal Gambling in Deadwood, South Dakota*  
**Suzanne Julin**, National Council on Public History
- Paper *Before and After Gambling: Risky Business and Deadwood's Survival*  
**Kevin Kuchenbecker**, Historic Preservation Officer
- Comment **Nancy Koupal**, South Dakota Historical Society Research and Publishing

FRIDAY 2:30-4:00 MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 400 (LEVEL 4)

## Race, Place, and Environment

### A Workshop

- Chair **Phoebe Kropp**, University of Pennsylvania
- Paper *Migrants and Desire for Nature: A Case Study from Late Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century Chicago*  
**Colin Fisher**, University of San Diego
- Paper *Race and Disaster: Chinese Vulnerability and Power in Early Twentieth-Century San Francisco*  
**Joanna Dyl**, University of South Florida
- Paper *Drowning in Los Angeles.: Recognizing the Importance of Place in African American History*  
**Kevin Allen Leonard**, Western Washington University

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

FRIDAY 2:30-4:00 MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 500 (LEVEL 5)

## Never Surrender: Native American Struggles for Justice in the American West

- Chair **Thomas Maxwell-Long**, California State University, San Bernardino
- Paper *Congress, the FBI, and the AIM: the April 1976 Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security Hearing to Investigate the American Indian Movement*  
**Jenel Cope**, University of Utah
- Paper *Swearing Oaths and Mapping Loyalties: Untangling the Race and Gender Nexus in Arizona State Formation*  
**Katrina Liane Jagodinsky**, University of Arizona
- Paper *Cross-Cultural Lingua Francas and Social Change: The Chinook Trade Jargon and the Transformation of Indigenous Society in the Pacific Northwest*  
**Anne Burnett Keary**, University of Utah
- Paper *Indians, Eagles and Poor Folks Down By the River: Reassessing the Environmental Justice of the Orme Dam Decision*  
**Scott K. Risley**, Northern Arizona University
- Comment **Thomas Maxwell-Long**, California State University, San Bernardino

FRIDAY 2:30-4:00 MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 600 (LEVEL 6)

## Teaching What to Whom? -- Survey Histories of the American West

- Moderator **C. L. Higham**, Davidson College
- Panelists **William Katerberg**, Calvin College  
**Andrew Graybill**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
**Sarah Ewert**, Weber State University  
**Sheila McManus**, University of Leithbridge

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

FRIDAY

2:30-4:00

MARRIOTT SUNDANCE ROOM

## Commemorations: The Business of Remembering the History of the American West

Chair & Comment

**William G. Robbins**, Oregon State University

Paper

*When Virginia was the Wild West: Narratives of Nationhood in the Jamestown 2007 Commemoration*

**Andrew Fisher**, College of William and Mary

Paper

*New Gatherings at a Remade River: Celilo Falls 50 Years after the Inundation*

**Katrine Barber**, Portland State University

Paper

*'Radio is the Sound Salvation': Crafting Academic History for Public Radio at the Oregon Sesquicentennial*

**Mark Spence**, Independent Historian

FRIDAY

2:30-4:00

MARRIOTT UNIVERSITY ROOM

## 'Great Expectations': Challenging Assumptions in Indigenous History

Chair

**Matthew C. Whitaker**, Arizona State University

Paper

*Studies and Studied: Research on the Indian Student Placement Program*

**Megan Falater**, Independent Scholar

Paper

*'Guardians of the Indian Image!' Indigenous Activism Through Television*

**Monica L. Butler**, Arizona State University

Paper

*Native Decolonization and the Use of Cinematography in U.S. Survey Courses*

**Gary Kieffner**, University of Texas, El Paso

Comment

**Brian S. Collier**, Northern Arizona University

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

FRIDAY

2:30-4:00

MARRIOTT AMETHYST TWO

## Mobilizing for Political Power in the Postwar West

Chair &  
Comment  
Paper

**David Gutierrez**, University of California, San Diego

*The Rise of Mexican and Latino Electoral Politics in Los Angeles, California: The Quest for Political Reform and Power, 1945-2007*

**José G. Moreno**, California State University, Long Beach

Paper

*Pedagogy of Chicano Power: Sal Castro, Paulo Freire, and the Mexican-American Youth Leadership Conferences, 1963-1968*

**Mario T. Garcia**, University of California, Santa Barbara

Paper

*The West Turns Right: The 1976 U.S. Senate Elections in the Mountain States*

**Jay Logan Rogers**, University of Utah

Paper

*"Fairies Come Out!": Forging a Cross-Campus Gay Student Movement in California during the 1970s*

**David A. Reichard**, California State University, Monterey Bay

FRIDAY

2:30-4:00

MARRIOTT AMETHYST ONE

## "Holy Murder" Revisited: Violence in Utah Territory

### A Roundtable Discussion

Chair

**Douglas Seefeldt**, University of Nebraska

Panelists

**Polly Aird**, Independent Scholar

**Thomas G. Alexander**, Brigham Young University

**William Bagley**, Independent Scholar

**Ned Blackhawk**, University of Wisconsin, Madison

**Todd Kerstetter**, Texas Christian University

**Douglas Seefeldt**, University of Nebraska

Comment

**Floyd O'Neil**, University of Utah

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

SATURDAY

8:30-10:00

MARRIOTT UNIVERSITY ROOM

## The Risks of Religious Encounters

Chair &  
Comment

**Jan Shipps**, Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis

Paper

*Priests, Indians, and Other "Filthy Creatures": Anti-Catholicism and Race in 1870s California*

**Joshua Paddison**, UCLA

Paper

*The Orientalism Mormon Utah in the Nineteenth Century*

**Richard Francaviglia**, University of Texas, Arlington

Paper

*A Mormon Encounter with Buddhism: The 1901 Correspondence of Elder Alma O. Taylor and the Rev. Nishijima Kakuryo*

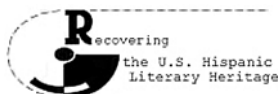
**Reid L. Neilson**, Brigham Young University

SATURDAY

8:30-10:00

MARRIOTT AMETHYST TWO

## Windows to the Past: The New Mexico Office of the State Historian Digital History Project



Chair

**Estevan Rael-Gálvez**, State Historian

Panelists

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**Dennis Trujillo**, Deputy State Historian

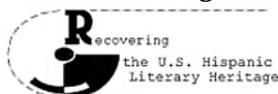
**Patricia Trujillo**, University of Texas, San Antonio

**Andres Padilla**, Sandia Labs

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

**SATURDAY 8:30-10:00 MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 300 (LEVEL 3)**

## Sin Fronteras: Re-Writing Texas History



Chair &  
Comment  
Panelists

**Arturo Madrid**, Trinity University

*Jovita González, In the Borderlands of History*

**Maria Cotera**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

*Archival and Production Project on The Role of the Catholic Priests, Women Religious, and Laity in the Chicano Movement in Texas*

**Gilberto Hinojosa**, University of the Incarnate Word

**Maria Eva Flores**, Our Lady of the Lake University

*Battle Without End: Public Discourses of the Texas War*

**Raul Ramos**, University of Houston

**SATURDAY 8:30-10:00 MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 500 (LEVEL 5)**

## Markets and Exchange in the Trans-Pacific World

Chair &  
Comment  
Paper

**David Igler**, University of California, Irvine

*The Hide and Tallow Trade and the Making of the Trans-Pacific West*

**John Ryan Fischer**, University of California, Davis

Paper

*Shifting Away from the Atlantic Market: Russian Expeditions to Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, 1741-1793*

**Edward Carson**, Houston Christian High School

**SATURDAY 8:30-10:00 MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 400 (LEVEL 4)**

## Intersections: African American History and Western History

### A Roundtable Discussion

Moderator

**Modupe Labode**, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Panelists

**Albert Broussard**, Texas A & M University

**Doug Flamming**, Georgia Institute of Technology

**Ramona Houston**, Morehouse College

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

SATURDAY 8:30-10:00 MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 600 (LEVEL 6)

## At Play in the West: Leisure, Sport, and Identity

- Chair & Comment **Karen Merrill**, Williams College
- Paper *Asian Immigrant Movie-going in California, 1907-1942*  
**Denise Khor**, Yale University
- Paper *Cosmopolitanism, Nationality, and Japanese American Athletics in the Pacific Northwest before World War II*  
**Shelley Lee**, Oberlin College
- Paper *"Mettle, metal, and Mountains": Mountain Climbing, Identity Formation Technology, and the Environment in the Wasatch Range*  
**Eric Solberg**, University of Utah

SATURDAY 8:30-10:00 MARRIOTT AMETHYST ONE

## Risky Work and Relations of Labor

- Chair **Cecilia M. Tsu**, University of California, Davis
- Paper *Systems of Servitude, Relations of Risk: Locating Unfree Labor in Nineteenth-Century California*  
**Edward Melillo**, Oberlin College  
**Benjamin Madley**, Yale University
- Paper *'Mining Camps as Mosaics of Risk and Protection: Italians as an In Between Racial Group in Arizona's Copper Camps*  
**Phylis Cancilla Martinelli**, St. Mary's College
- Paper *Railroad Relativity: Chinese, Cheyennes, and the First Transcontinental Railroad*  
**Manu Vimalassery**, New York University
- Paper *Reconstructing the African American Community of Thurber, Texas*  
**Timothy Pinnick**, Independent Scholar

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

SATURDAY

8:30-10:00

MARRIOTT SUNDANCE ROOM

## Performing and Problematizing Masculinity in the American West

Chair & Comment **C.J. Pascoe**, University of California, Berkeley

Paper *'They are as Near Brutes as They Can Get': Immigrants, Mormons, and Masculinity at Work on the Transcontinental Railroad*  
**Ryan Dearing**, University of Utah

Paper *'We Also Serve': Conscientious Objector Smokejumpers and Western Masculinity in World War II*  
**Annie Hanshew**, University of Utah

Paper *"You Can't Say 'No' to a Soldier": Sexual Violence and Masculinity in Utah During World War II*  
**Michael Smith**, University of Utah

SATURDAY

10:30-NOON

MARRIOTT AMETHYST TWO

## Probing Mormonism's Polygamous Past: C'est risqué!

Chair & Comment **Sarah Barringer Gordon**, University of Pennsylvania Law School

Paper *What Proportion of the Mormon Population Practiced Polygamy*  
**Lowell Bennion**, Independent Scholar

Paper *Making the U.S. Safe for Monogamy: Suppressing Polygamy in Utah in the 1880s*  
**Kathryn M. Daynes**, Brigham Young University

Paper *The Legacies of Mormon Polygamy*  
**B. Carmon Hardy**, California State University

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

SATURDAY 10:30-NOON MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 400 (LEVEL 4)

## Western Historical Trails

### *A Westerners International Session*

- Chair **John Porter Bloom**, Vice President & Founder of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association
- Paper *Salt Lake City: Nexus of Western Trails*  
**Reba Wells Grandrud**, Past President of Old Spanish Trail Association
- Paper *The Gila Trail and Other Southern Trails*  
**Patricia Etter**, Emeritus archivist and librarian, Arizona State University
- Paper *The National Historic Trails: Criteria, Preservation, Development*  
**Aaron Mahr**, Superintendent, National Trails System Office, National Park Service
- Comment **Jere Krakow**, Emeritus, Partnership for the National Trails System

SATURDAY 10:30-NOON MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 600 (LEVEL 6)

## Exploring LDS Church History Library Collections

- Presenters **Christine Cox**, Director, Church History Customer Services, LDS Church History Library  
**William Slaughter**, Reference and Research Supervisor, LDS Church History Library

This presentation will examine a variety of resources, including photographs, emigration records, journals and diaries, published materials as well as electronic resources that are available to researchers at the LDS Church History Library.

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

SATURDAY

10:30-NOON

MARRIOTT UNIVERSITY ROOM

## Bad Boys and Shady Ladies of the B-Westerns

- Chair **Cynthia Miller**, Emerson College
- Paper *Evil Wears a Black Hat: Today's Malevolent Imagery as Influenced by B-Westerns and Dime Novels*  
**Donald Reeves**, National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum
- Paper *Billy the Kid and The Cisco Kid: The Interactions of History and Popular Culture*  
**Gary Keller**, Arizona State University
- Paper *From 'Soiled Doves' to Outlaw Queens--Those B-Western Girls You Don't Take Home to Mother*  
**Cynthia Miller**, Emerson College
- Comment **Audience**

SATURDAY

10:30-NOON

MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 500 (LEVEL 5)

## Working for Wages and Conserving the Land: Culture Communities and the Meaning of Relief Work in the Depression Era

- Chair **Colleen O'Neill**, Utah State University
- Paper *Working, Belonging, and the Wind River Relief Economy*  
**Brian Hosmer**, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Paper *The Chippewa Indian Was Always Self-Supporting: Ojibwe Workers and Political Contestation in Federal Relief Programs, 1933-1942*  
**Chantal Norrgard**, University of Minnesota
- Paper *Archie from the Tenement, Jake from the Farm: Working Class Youth Culture in Western and Midwestern CCC Camps and Communities 1933-1942*  
**Jeff Suzik**, Shady Side Academy
- Comment **Lawrence M. Lipin**, Pacific University

# RISKY BUSINESS SESSIONS

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**SATURDAY                      10:30-NOON                      MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM 300 (LEVEL 3)**

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## **Western Historians and Documentary Filmmakers: A Conversation**

This is your chance to talk to some of the wonderful documentary filmmakers featured in the 2008 WHA Documentary Film Festival. Do you want to know more about the topics they discussed? Have you ever wondered about specific decisions made by filmmakers? Wish you could talk to a filmmaker about how they would like their film taught? Want to talk with fellow western historians about how to most effectively use documentaries in the classroom? Come with your questions for a free-ranging conversation.

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**SATURDAY    10:30-NOON    MARRIOTT SUNDANCE ROOM**

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## **The 2008 Presidential Election and the Meaning of “the West”**

### **A Roundtable Discussion**

How will western voters influence the 2008 presidential election? What does “the West” mean in context of debate about such topics as immigration, border politics, environmental matters, and economic growth? Mindful of how quickly the landscape of politics can change in a presidential campaign, the WHA will pull together a panel of discussants who will address – and help frame a discussion about – the most timely political issues in the days leading up to the election.