

**SHFG Annual Meeting
April 24-25, 2015**

Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies, Shepherdstown, WV

Friday, April 24

12:30-2:00pm: **Registration**

Robert C. Byrd Center

2:00-4:00pm: **Digital History Workshop**

Chair, Jay Wyatt, Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies

Micki Kaufman, CUNY Graduate Center

“Everything on Paper Will Be Used Against Me: Quantifying Kissinger”

Billy Wayson

“Making Sense of Digital Information Using Qualitative Analysis Software

Tom Faith, Office of the Historian, Department of State

“Mapping the *Foreign Relations of the United States Series*”

James Wyatt, Robert C. Byrd Center

“Rethinking Congressional History on the Web through Collaborative Digital Exhibits”

6:00-7:20pm: **Opening Session & Trask Lecture**

Welcome: Ray Smock, Director, Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies

Introduction: Carl Ashley, President, SHFG

***Roger F. Trask Lecture: Victoria A. Harden, former Director of the Office of NIH History
and the Stetten Museum at the National Institutes for Health***

7:30-9:00pm: **Reception**

Bavarian Inn

Saturday, April 25

8:00-8:45am: Registration; Coffee & Light Breakfast

Robert C. Byrd Center

Morning Sessions, 8:45am-10:15am

PANEL I: **Unpacking the Life Cycle of the *Foreign Relations of the United States Series***

Auditorium

Chair, Mandy Chalou, Office of the Historian, Department of State

Alexander Wieland, Office of the Historian, Department of State

“Conceptual and Methodological Challenges in Compiling the Foreign Relations Series.”

Kristin Ahlberg, Office of the Historian, Department of State

“The Foreign Relation Series and Human Rights: Documenting the Carter Administration”

Carl Ashley, Office of the Historian, Department of State

“Declassifying the History of U.S. Foreign Relations in FRUS”

Erin Ford Cozens, Office of the Historian, Department of State

“From Page to Book: Publishing the Foreign Relations series”

PANEL II: **Internships and Fellowships in the Federal Government: Experiences in History Offices**

Room 165

Chair, Anne Musella

Danielle Dulken, American University

“National Coalition for History”

Michael Goodwin, Florida Atlantic University

“US Senate Historical Office”

Julie Prieto, Army Center for Military History

“The Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF)”

PANEL III: **Public/Private Partnership: Ancestry.com and the National Archives**

Room 41

Quinton Atkinson, Senior Director of Global Content Acquisition and Partner Development,
Ancestry.Com

Morning Sessions, 10:30-12:00pm

PANEL IV: **Central Intelligence Agency Historical Review Program: Declassifying the Agency’s Past**

Auditorium

Chair, Michael McCoy, Office of the Historian, Department of State

Peter Nyren, Historical Programs Coordinator
Celia Mansfield, Foreign Relations Coordinator

PANEL V: **Photographic Research in the Digital Age, A Roundtable Discussion**
Room 41

Chair, Erin Cozens, Office of the Historian, Department of State

Sarah Barksdale, Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration Commission
Joel Christenson, Office of the Secretary of Defense Historical Office
Eric Boyle, National Museum of Health and Medicine

PANEL VI: **Institutional Histories: Lessons From the Past and Directions for the Future**
Room 165

Chair, Kristina Giannotta, Society for History in the Federal Government

Gregory Martin, Naval History and Heritage Command
“The Business of History”

Robert Adcock, George Washington University

“The Increase and Diffusion of Knowledge”: Constructing the Relation of the Smithsonian
Institution of Politics, 1835-1866”

Christopher Donohue, National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

“Capturing Genome History at the NHGRI: An Archival and Scholarly Initiative

12:00-1:00pm Catered Lunch & Graduate Student Networking Session
Robert C. Byrd Center

1:00-1:50pm Awards Ceremony, Auditorium

Afternoon Sessions, 2:00-3:30pm

PANEL VII: **"What is the Value of a Secret? Challenges Encountered in the Declassification and Release of Special Collections," Roundtable session**

Auditorium

Amanda Weimer, National Archives, National Declassification Center
Jennifer Halpern, National Archives, National Declassification Center

Joshua Mason, National Archives, National Declassification Center
Brewer Thompson, National Archives, National Declassification Center

PANEL VIII: **Battlefields, Wars, and Interpretation from the American Frontier to the Nuclear Age**
Room 165

Chair, Elizabeth Charles, Department of State

Michael Binder, Air Force Declassification Office

“Losing Historic Places, Losing our History”

James McNaughton,

“History of the Cold War”

Nathan Wuertenberg, George Washington University

“Relics of Barbarism: Memories of Frontier Violence: Federal Indian Policies and the Indian Removal Act of 1830”

David Goldman, US Army Center for Military History

“The Big Lift, 1963—Model for the Cold War”

PANEL IX: **On Being a Historian *for* versus a Historian *of*: The Relationship between Historians and their Agencies, Roundtable**

Room 41

Chair, Emily Swafford, American Historical Association

Jessie Kratz, National Archives and Records Administration

Karen Kruse Thomas, JHU Bloomberg School of Public Health

Tom Wellock, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Afternoon Sessions, 3:45-5:15pm

PANEL X: **Water, Infrastructure, and Emergency Operations: Three Case Studies in the History of the Army's Civil Work Program**

Auditorium

Chair: John C. Lonquest, Chief, Office of History, US Army Corps of Engineers

Charles A. Camillo, Historian, Mississippi River Commission, USACE

Jeffrey Mitchell Brideau, Post-Doctoral Researcher, IWR, USACE

Matthew T. Percy, Historian, Office of History, USACE

Comment: Joe Manous, Program Manager, Institute for Water Resources (IWR), USACE

PANEL XI: **Data Collection and Documentation in the Digital Age**

Room 165

Chair, Joshua Botts, Office of the Historian, Department of State

Michael Lawson, Morgan Angel & Associates

“Close Attention to Detail: The Challenge of Collecting, Imaging and Interpreting Historical Documents in the Contemporary Digital World of Litigation”

Dana John Stefanelli, Smith Library, Mount Vernon

“Federal City Studies: Digital Research and Data Sharing About Early Washington, DC.

Jody Brumage, Robert C. Byrd Center

“Reevaluating the Archivist’s Role in Appraisal: Necessary Steps to Face the Issues of Born-Digital Collections”

5:20-6:00pm: Business Meeting
Auditorium