



SOCIETY FOR
**HISTORY IN THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

2023 ANNUAL
MEETING

**FEDERAL HISTORY 2.0: RETHINKING METHODS
AND APPROACHES IN THE WAKE OF A PANDEMIC**

National Archives Building, Washington, D.C.

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A special thank you to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for hosting our annual meeting.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.

MORNING WORKSHOPS

Jobs in Federal History, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Jefferson Room

Business Meeting, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Adams Room

Lunch Break, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON PANELS

Session 1, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Panel 1: Keeping History Alive at National Security Agency during COVID

Jefferson Room

John Tokar, Chief, Center for Cryptologic History, National Security Agency

David Hatch, Senior Historian, Center for Cryptologic History, National Security Agency “History Today and CryptoComics”

Robert Simpson, Librarian, National Cryptologic Museum, National Security Agency “Digitizing the National Cryptologic Museum’s Collections”

Sarah Parsons, Historian, Center for Cryptologic History, National Security Agency “CCH’s Cryptologic History Symposium Goes Virtual”

Panel 2: When NARA Gives You a Directive: Making the Most of M-19-21

Washington Room

Gabrielle Barr, MSI, Archivist, Office of NIH History and Stetten Museum

Haley Higingbotham, M.A., Assistant Archivist, Office of NIH History and Stetten Museum

Devon Valera, M.A., Assistant Curator and Collections Manager, Office of NIH History and Stetten Museum

Town Hall with NARA Chief Operating Officer, 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

McGowan Theater

William J. “Jay” Bosanko, Chief Operating Officer, NARA

Mr. Bosanko will provide a broad update on the consolidation of classified records from the Presidential Libraries, the declassification outlook, Presidential Library museum issues, and the agency’s priority initiatives. He will take questions from session attendees.

Networking Happy Hour, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Astro Beer Hall, 1306 G St NW, Washington, DC 20005

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.

Light Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

McGowan Theater Lobby

MORNING PANELS

Session 2, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Panel 3: Establishing a New History Office during the Pandemic: Veteran Affairs History Office

McGowan Theater

Mike Visconage, Veteran Affairs Chief Historian

Robyn Rodgers, Veteran Affairs Senior Archivist

Tom Blackburn, Veteran Affairs History Webmaster and Communications Specialist

Katie Rories, Veterans Health Administration Historian

Jeffery Seiken, Ph.D., Veterans Benefits Administration Historian

Richard Hulver, Ph.D., National Cemetery Administration Historian

Panel 4: “Behind the Scenes of a Public Institution: Collecting Oral Histories of the United States Postal Service”

Jefferson Room

Jenny Lynch, Historian and Corporate Information Services Manager, United States Postal Service

Steve Kochersperger, Senior Research Analyst in Postal History, United States Postal Service

Emily Hilliard, Program Director for Folk and Traditional Arts, Mid Atlantic Arts

Alison Bazylinski, Assistant Curator, Smithsonian’s National Postal Museum

Chair: Lynn Heidelbaugh, Curator, Smithsonian’s National Postal Museum

Panel 5: Open Access, Start to Finish and Beyond: Analysis, Development, Outreach, Evaluation, and Evolution

Washington Room

Felicia Wivchar, Associate Curator, Art and Archives division of the Office of the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives

Michelle Strizever, Photography and Digital Content Specialist, Art and Archives division of the Office of the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives

Mackenzie Miessau, Registrar, Art and Archives division of the Office of the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives

Session 3, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Panel 6: Trends in Federal Historical Declassification

Jefferson Room

Michael McCoy, Joint Historian with the CIA, Office of the Historian, Department of State

Jeff Charlston, Chief, Classification and Declassification Management, Department of State

Jim David, Curator, Space History Department, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

David Waltrop, Lead, Discretionary Declassification, Historical Programs Staff, Central Intelligence Agency

Panel 7: Best Practices for Oral History in the Federal Government: A Discussion

Washington Room

Sara Berndt, Historian, Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State

Matthew A. Wasniewski, Historian, Office of the Historian, U.S. House of Representatives

Gabrielle Barr, Archivist, Office of NIH History and Stetten Museum

Joel Christenson, Senior Historian, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Historical Office

Christine “Zero” Reilly, Historian, United States Air Force

Lunch Break, 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SHFG’s History Project: An Opportunity to Help Meet an Overdue Need,

1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Washington Room

AFTERNOON PANELS

Session 4, 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Panel 8: Doing Digital History in Public: Accessibility, Sustainability, and Platform Affordances in Digital Projects

McGowan Theater

Brice Bowrey, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of Maryland, College Park

Lauren Cain, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of Maryland, College Park

Jordan Grant, Digital Experience Specialist, National Museum of American History

Janine Hubai, Ph.D. Student, Department of History, George Mason University

Victoria Van Hying, Assistant Professor, College of Information Studies, University of Maryland, College Park

Panel 9: Unconventional Histories

Jefferson Room

Tristan Williams, Ph.D. Candidate, West Virginia University; Research Fellow OSD Historical Office
“Hashtagging History: Connecting the Public and Historians Through Social Media”

Eric W. Boyle, Chief Historian, U.S. Department of Energy
“On a Mission to Uncover Secrets From the Past: The Story Behind the Curious Origins of Forever Chemicals”

David Goldman, Independent Scholar
“The Oft Overlooked Autobahn Crises of 1963—How Army Soldiers and Young Officers Stood Down the Soviets and Nearly Averted World War III”

Panel 10: COVID-19 and Federal History Offices

Washington Room

Mark L. Howe, Cultural Resources Specialist
International Boundary and Water Commission, United States Section
“Borderlands Changes from Covid-19 to Today: Field Work and the Historical Record”

Tracy Baetz, Chief Curator, U.S. Department of the Interior Museum

Jason Jurgena, Registrar and Office of the Secretary Art Collection Manager,
U.S. Department of the Interior Museum
“Pivots and Possibilities: U.S. Department of the Interior Museum Projects Shaped by the Pandemic”

Awards Ceremony and Trask Lecture, 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

McGowan Theater

William “Bill” Barry, NASA Chief Historian, retired

The Society is pleased to honor Dr. William Barry as the 2023 Trask Awardee, in recognition of his innumerable contributions to federal history as NASA’s Chief Historian. As detailed in his award nomination, Dr. Barry brought NASA’s history program “fully into the 21st century” and exhibited an “open and inviting leadership style.” His innovative efforts to forge creative partnerships within NASA and with international and private entities to broadly share “the remarkable saga of space exploration” provide an excellent example of a successful federal history program.

Vibrant federal history programs are essential if agencies are to fully understand where they have been and facilitate the application of the lessons of the past to future operations. With the Trask Award, the Society honors Dr. Bill Barry’s demonstrated commitment to these principles and service to the federal history community.

Closing Reception, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

District Chophouse, 509 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20004

SHFG Member Award

Paul Sadin, *Fifty Years of Protecting Communities and Safeguarding the Nation: A History of the Los Angeles District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 1966–2016*

Prize for Article or Essay

Dr. Joel Hebert, “Our Greatest Strength: Navy Wives and the Manpower Crisis in the 1970s U.S. Navy,” published by the Naval History and Heritage Command.

SHFG Book Award

Seth C. Bruggeman, *Lost on the Freedom Trail: The National Park Service and Urban Renewal in Postwar Boston*, published by the University of Massachusetts Press, 2022.

Excellence in New Media Award

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) History Office’s Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Program (Tomb 100)

Historic Preservation and Exhibitions

U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) History Office,
Major General Dennis Nolan Building

Maryellen Trautman Award

Judson MacLaury, Chief Historian (retired), U.S. Department of Labor (1971-2011)

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