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Phi Alpha Theta Arkansas Regional Conference

The Phi Alpha Theta Arkansas Regional Conference took place in Searcy, Arkansas at Harding University on April 2, 2022. First established in 1921, Phi Alpha Theta is an academic honor society for students and professors of history. Harding University's own Eta Phi chapter was honored to host the regional conference for the first time since 2017.

Over a dozen students from across the state presented their historical papers at this year's conference. Apart from Harding, participating universities included the University of Arkansas, Arkansas State University, and Arkansas Tech University. The speakers, both undergraduate and graduate students, covered a range of topics from 19th century political figures to the historical analysis of the banana. The Eta Phi chapter would like to thank the Brackett Library and the Harding History House, as well as Dr. Steve Breezeel for providing technical support and plenary speaker Dr. Fred Bailey.

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Harding University Presenters



Eric Johnson

Blood Must Flow: Arkansas Militia Wars of 1868-1869



Elijah Fisher

Abraham Lincoln and the Marathon of Emancipation



Grace Ann Green

Olympe de Gouges: A Woman Too Revolutionary for Revolution



Casey Lay

Monkey Business: Piecing Together the Scopes Trial from the Press, the Populists, and the Progressives

Guest Presenters

John Harrod, University of Arkansas
Robert F. Kennedy: Campaign of 1968

David Gleason, Arkansas State University
German Revolutionaries and Texas Secession

Jared Allinson, Arkansas State University
Changing Conceptions of Nature and U.S. Economic Interest in Mexican California

Allie Morris, University of Arkansas
The Earthquake of John Brown

Nicholas Terra, Union University

The 1775 Bermuda Gunpowder Plot: An Analysis of Its Historical and Cultural Significance

Anne Adams, Union University

A “Sincere and Informal” Relationship: Twentieth-Century Popular Monarchy and the Bond Between Wilhelmina of the Netherlands and Her People in World War II

Hannah Shepherd, Arkansas Tech University

Communities Collide: An Overview of the Early Twentieth-Century South Asian Immigration Experience in America

Kyra Franks, Arkansas State University

The Polarizing Banana: A Look into Twentieth Century American Society Through the Lens of a Fruit

Madison Garrett, Arkansas State University

Expressionism in Weimar Cinema and Its Cultural Influence on the Modern Film-Making Industry

Zane Brown, Arkansas State University

Liturgy of the Plains

Special Presentations



Public History Panel I: Creating an Exhibit on Preacher Roe

Chair: Rachel Walters

Panelists: MaryKyle Bartlett, Avery Barnett, Elijah Fisher, Cody Johnson



Public History Panel II: Working in Preservation & Celebration

Chair: J.R. Duke

Panelists:

Angela Gibbs, *Curator, Jacksonport State Park*

Bonnie Marberry, *Park Interpreter, Jacksonport State Park*

Sarah Wilhoit, *Director of the Interior Architecture and Design Program, Harding University*

Hannah Wood, *Archivist and Special Collections Librarian, Brackett Library*



Plenary Speaker:

Dr. Fred Bailey, *Abilene Christian University*

Award Winners



John Harrod (left), *Best Undergraduate Paper on American History*

David Gleason (right), *Best Graduate Paper*

Anne Adams (not pictured), *Best Undergraduate Paper on World History*

