

## [CFP: Third Annual Midwestern History Conference](#)

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The Midwestern History Association and the Hauenstein Center at Grand Valley State University invite proposals for papers to be delivered at the Third Annual Midwestern History Conference to be held on June 7, 2017 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This conference continues a discussion commenced during the last two years during collaborative conferences at the Hauenstein Center designed to spark the revival of Midwestern studies.

We welcome papers of *all kinds* relating to all aspects of the history of the American Midwest. Given that this year's conference will be held in collaboration with the Agricultural History Society, we are particularly interested in proposals that relate to the agricultural and rural history of the American Midwest and some of those proposals could become part of hybrid panels organized by the Midwestern History Association, the Hauenstein Center, and the Agricultural History Society and held during a special collaborative session on June 8, 2016. We encourage participants in the Midwestern history conference to also attend the Agricultural History Society annual meeting, which will be held immediately following the Midwestern history conference on the campus of Grand Valley State University from June 8-10.

Individual proposals should be a maximum of 300 words and describe the topic to be addressed. Panel proposals are also welcome and should be a maximum of 1,000 words. All proposals should be accompanied by the short vitas of the participants. Proposals should be sent to Scott St. Louis of Grand Valley State University's Hauenstein Center at [stlouis1@gvsu.edu](mailto:stlouis1@gvsu.edu). There is no registration fee for attending the Midwestern history conference but there will be a request to RSVP online in coming months.

The Midwestern History Association, created in the fall of 2014, is dedicated to rebuilding the field of Midwestern history, which has suffered from decades of neglect and inattention. The MHA advocates for greater attention to Midwestern history among professional historians, seeks to rebuild the infrastructure necessary for the study of the American Midwest, promotes greater academic discourse relating to Midwestern history, and offers prizes to scholars who excel in the study of the Midwest. To become a member of the Midwestern History Association, please contact MHA Secretary Ted Frantz at [efrantz@uindy.edu](mailto:efrantz@uindy.edu)

Inspired by Ralph Hauenstein's life of leadership and service and housed at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies is dedicated to raising a community of ethical, effective leaders for the twenty-first century. The Center's Common Ground Initiative engages thought leaders to confront the political and cultural challenges our diverse communities face. By challenging humanities scholars, culture commentators, and political leaders from the left and right to explore the possible common ground between their respective camps, the Hauenstein Center promotes common ground for the common good.

Proposals are due by January 1, 2017.

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