



Local Stories, National Narratives

A Conference in Honor of John L. Brooke

June 2-3, 2023

John L. Brooke embodies the characteristics of a superlative historian, incomparable mentor, and transformative educator. Winner of the Merle Curti Award for Intellectual History from the Organization of American Historians, the National Historical Society Book Prize for American History, the Bancroft Prize for American History, and the SHEAR Best Book Prize (twice!), John's scholarship has earned him more than just the highest accolades in his field; it has influenced a generation of scholars who look to him for inspiration and mentorship. Whether as a dissertation advisor or informal mentor, John recognizes that encouragement is as important as instruction and has fostered relationships that help students flourish as scholars and as people. While this Conference is a testament to the impact John has had in the fields of American social and political history (not to mention global environmental history), it is even more a tribute to the personal impact he has had in the lives of those who have benefited from his generous tutelage.


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Friday, June 2

3:00-4:00	Registration & Coffee
4:00-4:15	Introductory Remarks
	Scott Levi, The Ohio State University
4:15-6:00	Opening Plenary
	<i>Comments:</i> Michael W. Zuckerman, University of Pennsylvania Mitchell Snay, Denison University Mary Kupiec Cayton, Miami University Kent "Kip" Curtis, The Ohio State University

Saturday, June 3

8:00-9:00	Breakfast (provided)
9:00-10:30	Session 1: Politics and the State
	<i>Chair:</i> Lindsay Schakenbach Regele, Miami University
	<i>Comments:</i> Mark Boonshoft, Virginia Military Institute Dillon L. Streifeneder, SUNY at New Paltz Matt White, The Ohio State University
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	Session 2: Community and the Local
	<i>Chair:</i> Todd Estes, Oakland University
	<i>Comments:</i> Alison Clark Efford, Marquette University Kevin Vrevich, Wesleyan University Scott King-Owen, Bexley City Schools
12:30-1:30	Lunch (provided)
1:45-3:15	Session 3: Religion
	<i>Chair:</i> A. Glenn Crothers, University of Louisville
	<i>Comments:</i> Hunter Price, Western Washington University Heather S. Nathans, Tufts University Timothy C. Leech, Independent Historian
3:30-5:00	Session 4: Civil Society and the Public Sphere
	<i>Chair:</i> Johann Neem, Western Washington University
	<i>Comments:</i> Larry A. Skillin, Saint Ambrose University David Dzurec, University of Scranton Emily J. Arendt, Montana State University Billings
5:30-6:30	Toasting John



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