

**2019 Meeting of the Society of Appalachian Historians**

Hosted by the University of Virginia's College at Wise

Abingdon, Virginia

May 19-21, 2019

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

**4:00-6:00 pm** **SAH REGISTRATION/WELCOME RECEPTION**

**Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center**

**ALL SESSIONS IN THE EXECUTIVE AUDITORIUM EXCEPT DINNER SESSION**

**MONDAY, MAY 20**

**8:15 – 9 am SAH REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN AT Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center**

**9 – 9:15 am Welcome to Abingdon**

**9:15 – 10:45 am SESSION 1: Modern Appalachia**

Moderator: Bob Hutton, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

“The Career of Cas Walker”

*Joshua Hodge, University of Tennessee, Knoxville*

“Enterprise to Empowerment in Appalachia”

*Mitch Smith, Morehead State University*

“Sizzling Spit, Fiddling Fests, and Farming Tourists: Tourism, Economic Development, and Social Change in Appalachia, 1946-1970”

*Elisabeth Moore, West Virginia University*

“Appalachian Queens: The Importance of the Debutante in Western North Carolina's Rhododendron Festival”

*Matthew R. Blaylock, University of Tennessee, Knoxville*

**11 am – 12 pm SESSION 2: Slavery, Race, and Public History in Southern Appalachia**

Moderator: Steven Nash, East Tennessee State University

“Breaking Down Walls: Encouraging Conversation through Performance Art at an Appalachian Historic Site”

*Kimberly Floyd, Vance Birthplace State Historic Site*

“All in the Family: Programming Slavery at Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site”

*Emily Crawford, Shenandoah National Park*

**12 – 1:45 pm LUNCH BREAK (ON YOUR OWN)**

**2 – 3:30 pm SESSION 3: Labor and Politics in Early 20th Century Appalachia**

Moderator: Barry Whittemore, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega

"Progressive Spirit" and Coal Company Towns in the Early 20th Century

*Lloyd Tomlinson, West Virginia University*

"The Ties that Bind: Railroad Workers in Corbin, Kentucky, 1880-1920"

*Matthew O'Neal, University of Georgia*

"From the Mine War to the New Deal: The Political Careers of the 'Journalists' Who Covered West Virginia's Post World War I Labor Troubles"

*Rebecca Bailey, Northern Kentucky University*

**4-5 pm Tour Abingdon Muster Ground (meet at Visitor Center)**

**5:30 – 9 pm Dinner, 103/104 Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center**

***Southwest Virginia's Railroad*** **at 25: A Retrospective Discussion with Kenneth Noe**

**TUESDAY, MAY 21**

**9 – 11 AM SESSION 4: Civil War Era**

Moderator: Melanie Storie, East Tennessee State University

“The Darkness Binds Them: Occupying Troops and the Leisure Activity of

Cave Exploration”

*Lucas Wilder, Mississippi State University*

“West Virginia Women on the Civil War Homefront”

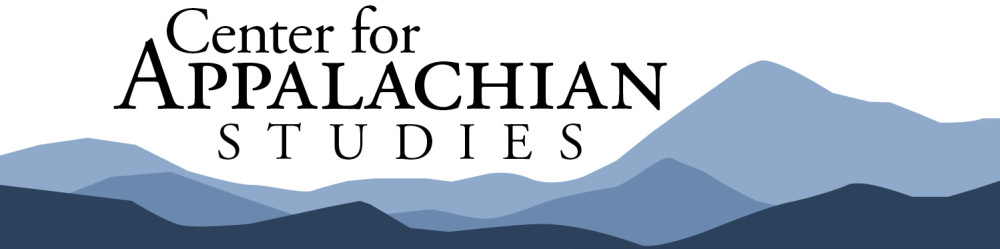
*Amanda Shaver, Marshall University*

“’Upon the Brink of the Precipice’: Beersheba Springs During the Union Occupation of Middle Tennessee”

*Merritt R. Blakeslee, Ph.D., Independent Scholar*

**11:15 am** Business Meeting Open to All Interested Parties

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