Conference

Creating Historical Knowledge Socially

New Approaches, Opportunities and Epistemological Implications of Undertaking research with Citizen Scholars

October 26 - 28, 2017

Conveners: Matthew Hiebert (GHI Washington), Simone Lässig (GHI Washington), Trevor Muñoz (Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities, University of Maryland)
Thursday, October 26

1:00 – 1:30 pm  Welcome and Opening Remarks  
Simone Lässig (Director, GHI)  
Matthew Hiebert (GHI)

1:30 – 3:30 pm  Panel I: Developing Communities of Practice  
Chair: Carl-Henry Geschwind (Independent Scholar/Historian)

Mia Ridge (British Library)  
How Can Crowdsourcing and Citizen History help teach Historical Thinking?

Rebecca Kahn (Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society)  
Pelagios Commons: Decentralizing Knowledge Creation in the Web of Historical Data

Raymond Siemens (University of Victoria)  
Thoughts Towards an Engaged and Open Social Scholarship

3:30 – 3:45 pm  Coffee Break

3:45 – 5:45 pm  Panel II: Knowledge Production through Partnership and Engagement
Chair: Jennifer Serventi (National Endowment for the Humanities)

Denise Burgher (University of Delaware), Jim Casey (Princeton University), and Elizabeth Hopwood (Loyola University Chicago)

Collective Histories and Communities of Knowledge: Transcribe Minutes and the Colored Conventions

Franklin Hildy (University of Maryland)

The Theatre-Finder Project: Sustainability, Efficiency, and the Challenge of Crowd Sourcing with Citizen Scholars

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Reception and Keynote Lecture
(Introduction by Simone Lässig)

Patrick Manning (University of Pittsburgh)

Frontiers of Digital History: Citizen Scholars, New Knowledge, and Public Debate
Friday, October 27

9:00 - 11:00 am  Panel III: Social Research Methods and Publics
Chair: Ursula Lehmkuhl (University of Trier)

Samantha Blickhan (Adler Planetarium)
*Crowdsourcing Public History: Text Transcription, Historical Documents, and the Zooniverse*

Matthew Hiebert
*Crowdsourcing Data in the Mass Observation Project (1937-1965)*

Vladimir I. Zadorozhny (University of Pittsburgh)
*Towards Computational Social Sustainability*

11:00 – 11:15 am  Coffee Break

11:15 – 1:15 pm  Panel IV: Standards, Authority, and Participation
Chair: Fabian Cremer (Max Weber Foundation – International Humanities)

Laura Coyle (National Museum of African American History and Culture)
No Time Like the Present: Launching the National Museum of African American History and Culture's Crowdsourced Research Projects

Meghan Ferriter (Smithsonian Institute)

Joseph Koivisto (University of Maryland)
Crowdsourcing as a Means of Authority Assessment and Enhancement for Cultural Heritage Description

1:15 – 2:15 pm Lunch (on your own)

2:15 – 4:15 pm Panel V: Social Formations of Knowledge
Chair: Atiba Pertilla (GHI)

Constance Crompton (University of Ottawa)
People’s Patterns: Social Prosopography and the Gay Liberation Movement

Aleisa Fishman (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)
History Unfolded: U.S. Newspapers and the Holocaust

Silke Glitsch (Göttingen State and University Library)
Exploring the Visual History of Göttingen University: A Citizen Science Approach

7:00 pm  Conference Dinner at
          Meze Restaurant
          2437 18th Street NW
          Washington, DC 20009

Saturday, October 28

9:00 – 10:30 am  Panel VI: Implications of Knowledge Co-creation
                  Chair: Trevor Muñoz

  Katharina Hering (Georgetown University)
  Punchcards for Social Change: Participatory Research in History

  Heather Wolfe (Folger Shakespeare Library)
  Citizen Humanists in Shakespeare's England: what the Folger has Learned from Developing our Crowd

10:30 – 10:45 am  Coffee Break
10:45 am – 12:15 pm **Concluding Discussion and Closing Remarks**

12:15 pm Lunch (at the GHI)

**End of Conference**

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