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LECTURESHIP PROGRAM ROSTER EXPANDS WITH ADDITION OF NEW, PROMINENT HISTORIANS

BLOOMINGTON, IN — The Organization of American Historians is expanding its Distinguished Lectureship Program with the appointment of 21 expert and engaging speakers on U. S. history.

Many of the new lecturers are from the nation’s top universities and offer expertise on issues such as immigration, women’s rights, racism, human rights, and the histories of labor, medicine, slavery, religion, and technology.

The 2019-2020 cohort of new lecturers, appointed by OAH President Joanne Meyerowitz, joins nearly 600 other esteemed OAH Distinguished Lecturers. They can be scheduled to provide insights on important topics, headline historical commemorations and events, and bring context to some of today’s most perplexing issues. Donation of their speaker fees to the OAH is an important part of the organization's non-dues revenue stream.

"OAH’s Distinguished Lecturers provide a vital service to communities, libraries, museums, and universities by increasing public awareness and understanding of the importance of American history. This is especially valuable today as our nation faces unique challenges," says Katherine M. Finley, the OAH’s executive director. "We congratulate these individuals on achieving this high honor and we thank them for their service to OAH."

New OAH Distinguished Lecturers, 2019-2020

- Brooke L. Blower Boston University
- Geraldo Cadava Northwestern University
- Julio Capó, Jr. Florida International University
- Veronica Castillo-Muñoz University of California, Santa Barbara
- Kathleen Franz Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History
- Susan Goodier SUNY Oneonta
- Kimberly A. Hamlin Miami University
- LaShawn Harris Michigan State University

- Cheryl Hicks University of Delaware
- Emily Suzanne Johnson Ball State University
- Robert Douglas Johnston University of Illinois at Chicago
- Manu Karuka Barnard College
- Sarah Knott Indiana University
- Katherine M. Marino UCLA
- Elizabeth Stordeur Pryor Smith College
- Bethel Saler Haverford College
- Naoko Shibusawa Brown University
- Gregory D. Smithers Virginia Commonwealth University
- Sarah B. Snyder American University
- David Vaught Texas A&M University

For a complete list of participating speakers and topics and more information about the OAH Distinguished Lectureship Program, visit lectures.oah.org or call 812-855-7311 or e-mail lectures@oah.org

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN HISTORIANS

Founded in 1907, the Organization of American Historians (OAH) is the world's largest professional association dedicated to American history scholarship. With more than 7,500 members from the U.S. and abroad, OAH promotes excellence in the scholarship, teaching, and presentation of American history, encouraging wide discussion of historical questions and equitable treatment of history practitioners. It publishes the quarterly *Journal of American History*, the leading scholarly publication and journal of record in the field of American history for more than nine decades. It also publishes *The American Historian* magazine. Formerly known as the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the association became the OAH in 1965 to reflect a broader scope focusing on national studies of American history. Its national headquarters are located in the historic Raintree House on Indiana University's Bloomington campus. For information, visit oah.org, e-mail oah@oah.org, or call 812.855.7311.