Organization of American Historians®
FY 2015–16 ANNUAL REPORT

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I am happy to report on the 2015–16 year’s activities and current challenges of the Organization of American Historians. The OAH remains vital by keeping up with changes in the historical profession and in higher education and by adapting to the demands of the current media environment. Its continued flourishing relies on the skills and commitment of hard-working staff led by Executive Director Kathy Finley, the generous volunteer efforts of elected and appointed committee members, and the adherence of the wider membership. The dues of members, the contributions of OAH lecturers, the working relationship between Indiana University and the OAH, the many compensated services that the National Park Service contracts with the OAH to provide, and the generosity of donors all are essential to sustaining the OAH. As president I feel enormously appreciative of all those contributions and want to express my thanks.

The OAH has maintained its financial stability because of excellent financial management and implementation of strict cost-cutting decisions. Yet, the conditions that have made the past few years difficult are likely to remain. I would point out two, in particular: the availability of the Journal of American History online through educational institutions reduces the incentive for historians to join the organization in order to read the journal; and the rising proportion of adjunct and part-time employment among historians means that our would-be members are less able to afford membership or registration and travel expenses for the annual meeting. The latter condition has been exacerbated by cutbacks at colleges, universities, K–12 schools, and public history institutions, making fewer sources of conference funding available for those with full-time jobs as well.

The OAH has addressed these difficulties creatively and to a notable extent successfully by offering numerous new incentives to join the organization and allowing teachers and students to register for the annual meeting at reduced rates, as well as by improving its profile overall, as indicated below. The OAH Merrill Fund and the Presidents’ Travel Fund award competitive grants to graduate students and recent Ph.D.’s to cover costs of attending the annual meeting, but there is a need for wider funding.

Several different approaches are being taken to improve the outlook. One important shift this year is a restructuring and enlarging of the Membership Committee to promote likely avenues for stimulating growth in membership. The new committee should be functioning by the fall of 2016, and staff member Elisabeth Marsh is working with the new
committee to maximize efforts to maintain and augment the membership. Appointments
to the restructured committee rely on the work of the Committee on Committees, which
makes almost all committee appointments outside of those made by the Nominating
Board. The valuable service of the Committee on Committees is often invisible to the
wider membership, and I want to point it out here, to express the whole organization’s
indebtedness to that committee and its hard-working chair during 2015–16, Jennifer Brier.

Another approach is to upgrade the organization’s social media outreach. Retaining
existing members year after year is as important as recruiting new members, and social
media can make members frequently aware of the benefits of membership. The OAH
no longer publishes its print newsletter (Outlook); instead, it sends updates to members
bimonthly by email, keeping recipients current with the organization and alerting them to
relevant events, prize opportunities and application deadlines, and breaking news about the
organization and the history field. A new committee on Marketing and Communications,
vigorously chaired by Sara Georgini, is now operating: its members have excellent plans
for blogging and tweeting to support the OAH Annual Meeting, the OAH Distinguished
Lectureship program, and all OAH publications. The new committee will coordinate its
efforts to complement the OAH blog Process, initiated two years ago under the leadership of
then-Executive Editor Edward Linenthal. Process has been gathering clicks and contributors,
which suggests the efficacy of using these new media to tie both members and nonmembers
to the OAH.

The organization’s glossy quarterly magazine, The American Historian, launched only
two years ago, was intended to appeal to a very wide range of those interested in U.S.
history, serve as a membership benefit that would attract new members, and possibly turn
a profit (by attracting advertisers). The editor, Jonathan Warner, has recruited historians to
write such varied and engaging articles that the magazine is consistently a “good read” and
advertisers’ willingness to sign on has been gratifying.

The OAH Distinguished Lectureship program has added dozens of new lecturers, too,
who are appointed by the OAH President. These OAH members donate to the organization
their speaking fees for a Distinguished Lecture solicited through the program. The OAH
is also encouraging lecturers to consider donating at least one speaking fee each year for an
invited lecture not recruited through the program. The lecturers’ generosity is an important
source of income. While all previous OAH lecturers have been college or university faculty,
the OAH Executive Board this year voted to expand the pool to include high school
teachers. Outgoing board member Andrea Sachs, of St. Paul Academy and Summit School
in St. Paul, Minnesota, became the first high school teacher to be appointed as an OAH
Distinguished Lecturer.

The Journal of American History continues to be the flagship journal of the American
history field, its peer-reviewed contents both leading and responding to intellectual
developments in the broader profession. Stephen Andrews, previously Associate Editor, has
been serving as interim editor since July 2016, when Edward Linenthal retired from the
position, while a national search has taken place for a new editor (who will also become a
tenured member of the Indiana University History Department). The search committee
was composed of two Indiana University faculty members and two OAH members, Jane Kamensky and Michele Mitchell. The entire OAH Executive Board is immensely grateful to Professors Kamensky and Mitchell, whose dedication to the task and whose excellent judgment played a very strong part in the success of the search. We are very happy to welcome the new OAH Executive Editor, Benjamin H. Irvin (presently Associate Professor of History at the University of Arizona), who will take up the post in July 2017.

The annual meeting of the OAH in Providence in April 2016, convening under the theme of “Leadership” in a presidential election year, proved to be a convivial and intellectually stimulating occasion. It attracted 1,745 registrants, approximately an 18% increase over the previous year. Several new features in addition to regular sessions, such as “Hey, I Know Your Work,” chat rooms, and an opening day Happy Hour in the book exhibit, have become popular and will be continued.

Plans are firm already for the 2017 annual meeting in New Orleans. The Program Committee, led by Robert Self and Brenda Stevenson, has made heroic efforts to assemble a fascinatingly diverse array of sessions under the theme of “Circulation.” All the Program Committee members together worked very hard through 2015 and 2016 to bring the most exciting new work to all who attend the meeting. The equally hard-working and creative Local Resource Committee, under the vigorous leadership of Mary N. Mitchell and Rosanne Adderley, is making the most of the conference location in New Orleans, bringing local historical institutions into collaboration with the conference program and setting up a fantastic array of events and tours. All the historians who plan the meeting—or attend it—owe an immense debt to OAH staffer Hajni Selby, who has devoted herself tirelessly to improving the process of creating the meeting program. She expedited the Program Committee’s tasks by working with the OAH’s IT department to mastermind the creation of new digital tools and then to publicize the meeting, with an increasingly accessible and smooth web presence.

With today’s instant global communication, the international programs of the OAH are more important than ever. We are very pleased that grantors are extending for another three years the Germany residency program, which sends an OAH scholar to teach an advanced month-long seminar in U.S. history at the University of Tübingen, Germany, and that the Japan residencies, which send two OAH scholars to spend two weeks in Japan giving lectures and seminars, will be funded again this coming year. The China residencies, a collaborative project of the OAH and the Chinese association of scholars who work on U.S. history (called AHRAC), was slated to end this year. An intrepid committee of three scholars who had been leading the program since its beginning (former president Alice Kessler-Harris, Beth Bailey, and Wang Xi) traveled to China and conducted a thorough review of the program’s successes and weaknesses, in order to seek additional funding. The happy result of their extraordinary efforts is the Ford Foundation’s continued funding of the program for another three years. The same committee also conferred with AHRAC leaders to instigate certain changes in the program that should make it run more smoothly. The OAH International Committee has taken charge of it in the past and will continue to do so, but Beth Bailey has generously agreed to play an important new oversight role as Coordinator of the OAH-AHRAC.
Exchange Program. The program involves not only sending three OAH members to lecture for a week each at participating universities in China but also hosting three up-and-coming Chinese scholars of American history in the United States, where they attend the OAH meeting, make contacts, and reside for several weeks at a host institution in a location where they can conduct research. All this requires a demanding process, which Professor Bailey and the International Committee will organize from the U.S. side.

In addition to the activities and publications that the OAH runs, our organization serves as the formal public voice of historians of early America and the United States. As such, the organization participates in the National Coalition for History, an advocacy and lobbying group headquartered in Washington, D.C., that lobbies Congress and keeps an eye on funding and leadership at federal agencies essential to supporting history at the national and local levels. The OAH has stepped up this past year to respond to issues in relation to history leadership of the National Park Service and the history offices of the NASA Space Center, with so far good effect.

The OAH prizes the earnest efforts of staff and active members who serve on its committees and participate in its programs. Serving the community of historians, the organization helps to create that community, which I hope to see becoming ever more diverse while remaining equally loyal.

ABOUT THE OAH

The Organization of American Historians (OAH) is the world’s largest professional society dedicated to the teaching and study of American history. Founded in 1907 as the Mississippi Valley Historical Association (MVHA), we became the OAH in 1965 to reflect a broader scope focusing on national studies of American history.

We represent more than 7,700 historians in the U.S. and abroad. Our members include college and university professors, high school teachers, archivists, museum curators, public historians, students, and scholars employed in state and federal government agencies and in the private sector.

We are funded through member dues, philanthropic contributions, revenue from the annual meeting, and the support of Indiana University.
OVERVIEW
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
KATHERINE M. FINLEY

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Recently, the OAH surveyed members to determine their major reasons for joining the organization. The number one reason members joined was to be part of the history community. The second and third reasons, respectively, were to receive the *Journal of American History* (*JAH*) and to attend the OAH Annual Meeting. The results of this survey show a significant shift from previous years when the number one benefit was the *JAH* subscription and the number two benefit was the OAH Annual Meeting. Being part of the history community ranked low on the scale of “benefits.” Yet the results are not surprising, since most associations—whether academic, professional or trade—no longer rely on “hard benefits” such as publications to attract and retain members. This shift in attitude does not mean that the *JAH* is not the best tangible benefit we produce nor that it has lost stature in the historical community. Nothing could be further from the truth. But in today’s online world, members (and nonmembers) can access the *Journal* electronically. Thus, the OAH needs to create and market “value” based on intangible benefits.

Along with this challenge, the OAH and other associations (particularly academic ones) face the reality of a decreasing number of full-time jobs within the academy. Those who still enjoy full-time, tenure-track positions have found that departments and universities have cut budgets, which further limits funding for travel and professional development. All associations also face the issue of an aging membership. While all these factors have resulted in a slight decrease in membership, the good news is that, according to this same survey, 86% of our members believe that we are providing good value for the money. The task facing us this coming year and into the future is to convince the up-and-coming historians (whether working in academia or public history) that being part of the history community is essential not only for their own professional development but also for the future of the history profession.

Despite the challenges facing the OAH, we have had a good year serving our community of historians. Some of our successes this past year include:

- Continuing our work with the National Park Service (for the 22nd year) on collaborative projects that have an impact on the public’s perception of history and provide the parks with quality historical interpretation at their facilities. In this centennial year of the NPS, the OAH is working on 51 projects, an all-time record number. Since this program’s inception, the OAH has worked on projects at over 250 parks. At the end of the fiscal year, OAH was informed that it receive funding for 11 new projects as part of the NPS Special Civil Rights Initiative.
• Expanding our reach through our Distinguished Lectureship program (now in its 35th year) by providing lectures in 30 states plus the District of Columbia. We have over 400 lecturers in the program, who serve as our ambassadors. Even though most lectures are delivered on college and university campuses, we are continuing to branch out to historical societies, departments of education, and professional associations,

• Conducting a successful 2016 OAH Annual Meeting—“On Leadership.” Attendance at the meeting was up almost 18%, from 1,475 at the 2014 meeting in St. Louis to 1,745 for the 2016 meeting in Providence.

• Offering over 22 different benefits designed to provide value to members in all stages of their careers and in all venues where historians practice their craft. As noted above, 86% of the members find tremendous value in OAH membership.

• Rewarding the best scholarship, leadership, service and teaching in the profession with 28 different awards. Last year, we awarded $18,000 in prizes and also offered 10 travel grants to students. This was the first year for the John Higham Research Fellowship, made possible through the generosity of William and Carol Joyce.

• Receiving funding from the Ford Foundation to continue our China residency program (after a hiatus of one year) and receiving funding from the Thyssen Foundation to continue our Germany residency programs.

• Adding the Process blog to OAH’s portfolio of publications, which includes its flagship publication, the Journal of American History, and The American Historian (which in 2015 received the Indiana Society of Association Executive’s Star Award for Best Association Magazine in the State of Indiana).

• Conducting a successful search for the OAH’s Executive Editor to replace Ed Linenthal, who retired in July 2016.

• Attaining several legislative victories—the most important of which was the passage of the “Every Child Succeeds” law, which specifically earmarks money for teaching American history.

In the context of the many challenges that the history profession faces, the OAH has worked hard to create value for members and foster a community of historians where all historians feel welcome. We appreciate your membership and support of the organization this past year and look forward to working with members to strengthen our community and the profession. We hope you enjoy reading more about the OAH’s various programs and publications in the pages that follow.
I am pleased to report that the June 30, 2016, fiscal year for the OAH will have a small operating deficit of $2,684. On a consolidated basis, we will show a loss of $107,272. This is entirely due to “marking to market” our long-term investment portfolio that is managed by the Indiana University Foundation. These funds fluctuate and can result in swings in both directions. From a managerial standpoint, while we are concerned by the paper losses, it does not have direct bearing on the operational aspects of the OAH. The audit has been completed, and once again, the OAH’s audit firm, Crowe Horwath, has issued an unqualified, or “clean” opinion.

Contributing to the 2016 results was a much more successful OAH Annual Meeting. In Providence, Rhode Island, we garnered $100,000 more in revenues than the previous year and attendance was up to 1,745, an increase of approximately 18%. While our revenues from exhibits and booths were down by $80,000, we did have a concomitant drop in expenses by $50,000, which still resulted in a $60,000 net revenue level for the OAH. With the trends in digitalization and wireless communication changing rapidly, we are anticipating that the reduced use of space by publishers will continue. We are, in turn, reviewing the management and expenses associated with the exhibit space so it can remain a source of funds for the OAH. One new aspect is our hiring of a small outside firm that specializes in advertising to help us market the New Orleans annual meeting along with The American Historian magazine. Advertising is this firm’s entire focus, and we are already seeing benefits, as we are ahead of last year’s estimates for the use of convention space for the 2017 annual meeting.

The National Park Service (NPS) continues its strong backlog of projects. Totaling 51 at fiscal year end (including 16 new projects), we are anticipating an important database product that will assist the NPS and the OAH in the management of the program. Designed internally by the OAH, we will be setting up an NPS tracking program for all of the NPS projects, keeping them on time and on budget. We released it in October 2016, and we hope this new management tool will help us garner more projects from the NPS and elsewhere.

Our staff remains exceptionally committed to managing the OAH in an efficient manner without losing focus of our mission. Each year, they review all projects and the associated expenses and have done an outstanding job.
Crowe Horwath of Indianapolis, Indiana, prepared the audit report for the Organization of American Historians. After auditing the financial statements of the OAH, Crowe Horwath issued the following opinion on October 26, 2016.

“In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization of American Historians as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and changes in their net assets and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”

The full audit report may be found on the OAH Web site at http://www.oah.org/auditors-report.

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**ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN HISTORIANS**

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

June 30, 2016 and 2015

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| Net assets |           |           |
| Unrestricted: |           |           |
| Undesignated | (360,695) | (359,281) |
| Board designated | 1,068,258 | 1,183,718 |
| **Total unrestricted** | 707,563 | 824,437 |
| Temporarily restricted (Note 8) | 552,299 | 543,149 |
| Permanently restricted (Note 8) | 312,033 | 311,581 |
| **Total net assets** | 1,571,895 | 1,679,167 |

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### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
**Year ended June 30, 2016**

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| Change in net assets      | (120,695)    | 46,455                 | 3,260                  | (70,980)|
| Net assets at beginning of year | 945,132     | 496,694                | 308,321               | 1,750,147|
| **Net assets at end of year** | $ 824,437 | $ 543,149               | $ 311,581             | $ 1,679,167|
## Financial Highlights

### Organization of American Historians

**Statements of Cash Flows**

*Years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015*

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Supplemental cash flows information:

- **In-kind contributions**: $535,900

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*
MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

RENEWAL, RECRUITMENT, AND BENEFITS

The OAH ended FY2015–16 with 7,041 members. This is a decrease of 124 or 1.7% from FY2014–15. Our retention rate was slightly lower in FY2015–16 (78.2%) than in FY2014–15 (78.88%) but higher than in FY2013–14 (76.83%).

OAH members have access to over 22 different member benefits. We have increased efforts to inform members of their various benefits to ensure they are able to make full use of their OAH benefits.

We have continued our outreach to both prospective and lapsed members, expanded our presence on social media to reach additional potential members and to improve engagement with current members, and we are working on various methods to increase member engagement and retention.

During FY2015–16, we restructured the Membership Committee. The new committee will be in place as of November 2016 and will consist of 10 members drawn from all constituencies of OAH membership and who will be diverse in their geographical locations. This change was implemented to increase the ability of the membership committee to provide feedback and advice to the OAH business office, as opposed to the former model, which was composed of over 70 members.

Current Membership by Category (as of 6/20/2016)

- Life/Patron - 504
- Under 45K - 765
- Over 45K - 1226
- Over 70K - 1036
- Over 100K - 754
- Over 150K - 3
- Dual - 26
LECTURESHP PROGRAM

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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In FY 2015–16, 77 OAH Lectures were presented to audiences in 30 states plus the District of Columbia. Our speakers continued to be hosted primarily by colleges and universities; other host organizations included:

- Grand Lake Gardens Senior Living Community, Oakland, California, and the Boca Grande Community Center in Boca Grande, Florida
- Tower Hill School in Wilmington, Delaware, and Catholic Memorial School in West Roxbury, Massachusetts
- The New York City Department of Education
- The Delaware Humanities Forum, the Minnesota Historical Society, the New Jersey Historical Commission, and the Utah Division of State History
- The American Bar Association in conjunction with the Federal Judicial History Office

Video Lectures
More than 50 OAH Lecture videos are currently available on YouTube. The most watched of those added during FY2015–16 are:

- “The Children of Loving v. Virginia: Living at the Intersection of Law and Mixed-Race Identity” by Martha S. Jones
- “Truman’s Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb and Its Legacy” by J. Samuel Walker.

Thanks
We recognize and gratefully acknowledge these individuals for giving OAH Lectures in FY 2015–16: (see list under Development and Philanthropy)
The Organization of American Historians and the National Park Service have worked collaboratively for twenty years in a shared mission to ensure that the history presented to the American public in the units of the NPS is in line with current scholarly understandings of the past. The program also seeks to expand the dialogue among professional historians, by exposing academic historians to the methodologies of public history and enabling public historians and those doing history work within NPS to take part in a larger scholarly conversation about the past and about the publics, as historians, with whom we work.

The formal relationship between the OAH and the NPS began in 1994, at the height of the culture wars, when there was a growing awareness within the historical profession that academic history was not having much impact on public perceptions of the past and that public historians working to present thoughtful, nuanced information about the past needed professional support as they came increasingly under fire amid public controversy. As the public conversation, the NPS, and the profession have evolved, so has the OAH-NPS relationship. Indeed, one of the best attributes of the OAH-NPS program is that it provides an infrastructure within which to experiment and be creative in the service of historical goals. While the projects completed through the program vary in period and scope, they tend to fall into the general categories of primary research, historical synthesis, peer review, professional development, and consulting.

In 2015–16 the OAH collaborated with NPS on 51 ongoing projects, which included 14 new agreements. Shortly after the close of this fiscal year, OAH received word that NPS was undertaking a civil rights initiative at a number of its sites, and the OAH will be working on 11 new projects related to this initiative. These agreements represent new ongoing work on NPS Administrative Histories, Historic Resource Studies, scholar roundtables, an NPS workshop, and other specialized studies and projects. For more information about these projects, for a complete list of our current projects, and for a cumulative list of all projects completed in the OAH-NPS partnership, please visit www.oah.org.
INTERNATIONAL RESIDENCY

The three residency programs offered by the OAH continue to be popular with our members and remain very competitive.

Japan

Since 1997, the Japan–United States Friendship Commission has provided a grant to the OAH and the Japanese Association for American Studies to allow two U.S. historians to spend two weeks at Japanese universities giving lectures, attending seminars, and advising students and researchers interested in American history. In 2016 Neil Foley of Southern Methodist University was hosted by Takahiro Sasaki at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies discussing race and ethnic relations in the 20th-century U.S. Madeline Y. Hsu of the University of Texas, Austin, was hosted by Manako Ogawa at Ritsumeikan University discussing Asian-American history and transpacific history. The residency program also funded three Japanese graduate students who are studying in the United States to attend the OAH Annual Meeting. Those students were Keita Okuhiro from the University at Albany, State University of New York; Yukako Otori from Harvard University; and Hirobumi Endo from Stony Brook University, State University of New York. In 2015 the committee approved a proposal presented by three graduate students who had previously received an OAH/JAAS grant to attend the OAH Annual Meeting. This stimulating sponsored session, “Building Middle Ground in U.S. History Scholarship,” included three papers by these graduate students: Mishio Yamanaka’s “The School Desegregation Movement in Reconstruction New Orleans: Creoles of Color, Civil Rights and Unsettled Color Line,” Ai Hisano’s “More ‘Natural’ Than Nature: The Federal Policy and Corporate Enterprise of Food Coloring in the Progressive Era,” and Masako Hattori’s “Educating ‘Soldiers of Civilization’: The Military Mobilization of American Youth, 1939–1942.” Masako Notoji, Professor Emerita at the University of Tokyo and former executive board member of the Japanese Association for American Studies from 1999 through 2005, ably chaired the session, which had been organized by two of her undergraduate students. Two commentators, Judy Tzu-Chun Wu, Professor of Asian American Studies and History, University of California, Irvine, and Glenn T. Eskew, Professor of History at Georgia State University, offered insightful remarks. Both Professors Eskew and Wu were previously Short-Term Lecture Residency Award recipients.
Germany

The Germany residency program continues to be funded by a grant from the Fritz-Thyssen Foundation. This program allows one U.S. historian to spend thirty days at the University of Tübingen to conduct an advanced undergraduate/graduate student seminar. All reports from Germany indicate that this program is a great success and is very popular with the students at the University of Tübingen. Miroslava Chávez-García from the University of California, Santa Barbara, was the 2016 recipient.

China

During 2016 Alice Kessler-Harris, Beth Bailey, and Wang Xi on behalf of the Organization of American Historians and the American History Research Association of China (AHRAC), approached the Ford Foundation to obtain continued support for the teaching seminar that has been held in June at the American Studies Center at Beijing Foreign Studies University in the People’s Republic of China. We were happy to report that their efforts were successful in obtaining a tie-up grant to extend this program for three more years. [Awardees are listed in the back of this report.]
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This past year, the last under the executive editorship of Edward T. Linenthal, the growth and development of the many OAH publications and projects continued. The JAH is the central piece of the publications office but works in ever-closer concert with the other ways the OAH reaches out to the membership and beyond: The American Historian, Process—A Blog for American History, the JAH Podcast, the “Teaching the JAH” feature, Recent Scholarship Online, and our social media outlets.

The Journal of American History

We are proud that the JAH continues to publish the best scholarship in American history. Over the past year, we have published pieces that cover the full chronological range of that history and engage a wide variety of fields. We offered an Interchange on World War I, a “Textbooks and Teaching” section on the always-contentious issue of assessment, and an installment in the Metagraph series, which features innovative ways to think and write about the past. Our “Teaching the JAH” feature drew from one of the early American pieces published this year, Robert Michael Morrissey’s “The Power of the Ecotone: Bison, Slavery, and the Rise and Fall of the Grand Village of the Kaskaskia.”

The creation and evolution of The American Historian and Process have provided venues for pieces and features that might otherwise have appeared in the JAH in some form. We hoped that this would allow the JAH to focus on its most important content—cutting-edge scholarship based on thorough research. While we will continue to publish our many special sections, round tables, Interchanges, and other features, we now have space to make sure that the best material submitted to the JAH is published in a more timely fashion.

We also continue to do monthly podcasts focused on a selection of articles submitted to the JAH. This year we have featured conversations between the former JAH editor Edward T. Linenthal and historians such as Nina Silber, Robert Orsi, Yael A. Sternhell, and Rebecca Jo Plant. In addition, the former JAH assistant editor Jessie Kindig discussed
Michael K. Honey’s Sharecropper’s Troubadour: John L. Handcox, the Southern Tenant Farmers’ Union, and the African American Song Tradition (2013). Although Ed Linenthal has returned to full-time teaching in the Department of History at Indiana University, we have invited him to continue to do the podcast for the next year because of his excellent work and passion for the project.

**The American Historian**

*The American Historian (TAH)* has moved into its second year of publication and continues to expand the scope and variety of the pieces that it publishes. This past year’s four issues focused on “History and Animals,” “Technology,” “The History of Aging,” and “Writing History for a Popular Audience.” The most popular featured pieces in each of those issues were an article by Janet M. Davis on the history of animal protection in the United States, an innovative piece by Frank Gibbs on critiquing the visual representation of data in history articles, an essay by Jessie F. Ballenger on the development of ageism in the postwar United States, and a round table discussion featuring Danielle McGuire, Andrew Miller, and the Pulitzer Prize–winning author T. J. Stiles discussing their experiences with writing books geared toward a popular audience and navigating the unfamiliar terrain of trade presses.

*The American Historian* also continued to publish timely articles relating to current events. Charles Postel’s article historically contextualized the populism of Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump; a piece by Louis A. Perez Jr. discussed the importance of understanding U.S.-Cuban relations beyond the context of the Cold War; and an essay by Jason Morgan Ward examined the real legacy and meaning behind the Confederate flag.

*TAH* also featured several innovative pedagogy articles: W. Caleb McDaniel on teaching a backward survey—that is, starting in the present and working toward the past; an essay by Russell C. Brown and Stephen C. Schell on abandoning chronology in favor of teaching thematically in the high school classroom; and an article by Chris Myers Asch on having students serve as “editors” for prospective book chapters.

We are proud that the writers for *TAH* range throughout the “big tent” of the OAH. We have featured articles by public historians, tenured professors at a range of two- and four-year colleges and universities, K–12 teachers, graduate students, and those involved in publishing. We are seeing an increase in the number of unsolicited pitches and manuscript submissions and are gratified that our colleagues are eager and excited to write for *TAH* when asked. All of these academic communities have found *TAH* to be a place where they feel comfortable contributing their words and ideas and where they can see discussions about topics important to them. In December 2015, *TAH* won an Indiana Society of Associations STAR Award for the best magazine produced by an association with a budget of over $1 million.
**Process—A Blog for American History**

*Process* has nearly doubled its monthly page views over the past year. With the benefit of this fast-moving and versatile platform, the OAH has been able to provide an increasingly popular space for historically grounded commentary on the present. For example, the blog arranged for reviews of the revived *Roots* series to be published on the blog as episodes aired, followed by a Reddit question-and-answer session about the series in the context of the history of American slavery. Social media has brought widely read works of cultural and political commentary to a new audience, beyond the existing OAH membership. *Process* has drawn people to *The American Historian* online, the *JAH* Editor’s Choice articles available through the *Oxford University Press Journals* Web site, *JAH* podcasts, and the “Teaching the *JAH*” feature.

The blog has become an important site of collaboration between the OAH’s various departments and an important way to communicate with the OAH membership. For the 2016 annual meeting the blog became an increasingly prominent central hub for attendees. In the months surrounding the meeting, *Process* featured previews, highlights, recaps, and resources for attendees, and it continues to direct readers to the OAH Distinguished Lectureship Program and to raise awareness of the benefits of membership in the OAH.

Some interesting posts from *Process* during the last year are:
- Louise Knight, “The Historical Stage Is Set for a Woman to Be Elected President”
- Kevin Kruse, “Making Twitter Your Global Office Hours”
- Julio Capó Jr., “Teaching the Pulse Massacre”
- Shana Weinberg, “Slavery and the University: Reclaiming a Difficult History in Providence”
- Marc Stein, “Jonathan Ned Katz Murdered Me: History and Suicide”
- Barbara Winslow, “Thinking about Shirley Chisholm during the Current Presidential Primaries”
- Matthew Stanley, “Free State of Jones Capsizes Lost Cause Myths”
- Bridget Ford and Christopher Endy, “Flipping the Narrative on MOOCs in the Nation’s Largest University System”

**Newsletters**

This past year, we ceased publication of the OAH print newsletter, *Outlook*. The cessation of the print edition not only saves the organization money but also helps save the environment. To ensure that news is regularly transmitted to members, the OAH is now publishing *OAH Update*, the OAH online newsletter, twice a month. The open rates for the online newsletter remain much higher than most online newsletters. The average open rate for organizations similar to OAH is 17%. The average open rate for *OAH Update* is 40.9 %, with the highest open rate of 45.5 % and the lowest open rate of 35%. Also, the average click through rate is 11.8 %, whereas the average for similar organizations is 9.4 %.
OAH Distinguished Members at the 2016 OAH Annual Meeting

2015 OAH Annual Meeting

“Chat Room” discussion at the 2016 OAH Annual Meeting

Black Liberalism session at the 2016 OAH Annual Meeting
The 2016 OAH Annual Meeting was held in Providence, Rhode Island, from Thursday, April 7 to Sunday, April 10. The conference theme “On Leadership” was developed by OAH Past-President Jon Butler and the 2016 program committee chairs Ann Fabian and Eric Rauchway. Blocks of approximately sixteen sessions were held each day, with plenary sessions on Thursday and Friday. Breakfasts, luncheons, and receptions were held on Friday and Saturday, and the exhibit hall was open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The 2016 OAH Program Committee evaluated over three hundred full-session and single-paper proposals. The final program included 186 sessions, networking and social events, meal functions, and tours. The program included the “Hey, I Know Your Work!” Mentorship program that connected twenty-one mentors with twenty-seven recent scholars. It also included the first official year of “The Hub” that connected twenty-seven OAH members with representatives from five publishers to discuss manuscripts and proposals. We also launched “The Chat Room,” an informal seminar where attendees can gather to discuss predetermined topics. The Chat Room seminars were a resounding success, with most tables
overflowing with discussion. Board members from other associations remarked that they would take the idea back to their own groups. Four plenary sessions were held on Thursday and Friday, two on each day. The plenary featuring Nobel Laureate Paul Krugman attracted record numbers with over 500 people in attendance. The plenary sessions were located in the rear of the Exhibit Hall, which worked well to increase traffic significantly, as remarked by exhibitors.

Total attendance at the 2016 meeting was 1,745, an increase of almost 18% from last year. The Exhibit Hall contained sixty-one exhibit booths, seven panel displays, and four museum exhibits. The exhibit hall opened at 3:00 pm on Thursday, April 7, closing with the Opening Night Reception from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm; the hall was also open on Friday and Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, respectively. Advertising for the program saw a slight decrease from last year, but sponsorship remained consistent from previous years.

The meetings department worked closely with the membership department to enhance the promotion of the 2016 OAH Annual Meeting. In a push to increase attendance, the OAH continued with a four-panel mailer that outlined the highlights, points of interest, and reasons to attend the conference, as well as the traditional postcard that was mailed as a final reminder to register.

The OAH Web site gave us the opportunity to display extensive information about the conference. This allowed us to familiarize those who do not receive the OAH Annual Meeting Program to the conference. We increased our Twitter and Facebook promotions, as well as advertising in the publications of the OAH and partner organizations.
AWARDS AND PRIZES

AWARDS AND PRIZES GIVEN IN 2016

The awards given in 2016 total $18,000

The Organization of American Historians sponsors or cosponsors awards, prizes, fellowships, and grants given in recognition of scholarly and professional achievements in the field of American history. The awards and prizes are presented each year at the OAH Annual Meeting.

The following awards were given in 2016, totaling $18,000.

- John Higham Research Fellowship (inaugural) – 1 fellowship, $1,500
- Frederick Jackson Turner Award – 1 award, $1,000
- Merle Curti Award – 2 awards, $500/each
- Richard W. Leopold Prize – 1 prize, $1,500
- Avery O. Craven Award – 1 award, $500
- James A. Rawley Prize – 1 prize, $1,000
- Ellis W. Hawley Prize – 1 prize, $500
- Liberty Legacy Foundation Award – 1 award, $1,000
- Lawrence W. Levine Award – 1 award, $1,000
- Darlene Clark Hine Award – 1 award, $2,000
- David Montgomery Award – 1 award, $1,000
- Mary Jurich Nickliss Prize in U.S. Women’s and/or Gender History – 1 prize, $1,000
- Lerner-Scott Prize – 1 prize, $1,000
- Louis Pelzer Memorial Award – 1 award, $500
- Binkley-Stephenson Award – 1 award, $500
- David Thelen Award – 1 award, $500
- Huggins-Quarles Award – 1 award, $1,500
- Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau Teacher of the Year Award – 1 award, $500
- Erik Barnouw Award – 1 award, $500

Non-Monetary Awards

- Friend of History Award
- Roy Rosenzweig Distinguished Service Award
- Stanton-Horton Award for Excellence in National Park Service History
- The Huggins-Quarles Award recipient also received $750 for travel.
- Five Samuel and Marion Merrill Graduate Student Travel Grants of $500 each were presented in 2016 from funds supported by a bequest from the Merrill Trust: $2,500.
- Five grants of $750 each from the Presidents’ Travel Fund for Emerging Historians were given in 2016: $3,750.
• The China residency program was on hiatus this year and will resume in 2017 with funding from the Ford Foundation.

• The Fritz Thyssen Foundation has extended funding for three additional years to sponsor one resident scholar for each year of the grant to offer a seminar at the University of Tübingen on a U.S. history topic of his or her design. The fifth residency took place in 2016. The program will now continue through 2020.

• The OAH was awarded $28,000 from the Japan–United States Friendship Commission to fund the Japan Residencies Program for fiscal year 2016. Two OAH members were selected to receive residencies. Three Japanese students studying in the United States were selected to receive funding to attend the 2016 meeting.

2016 OAH Award and Prize Winners

The John Higham Research Fellowship was given for the first time this year, thanks to the generosity of William L. and Carol B. Joyce, as well as gifts from other students of John Higham, members of his family, and colleagues, for graduate students writing doctoral dissertations for a PhD in American history.

• Evan Taparata, University of Minnesota

The Roy Rosenzweig Distinguished Service Award is given annually to an individual or individuals whose contributions have significantly enriched our understanding and appreciation of American history.

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The Friend of History Award recognizes an institution or organization, or an individual working primarily outside college or university settings, for outstanding support of historical research, the public presentation of American history, or the work of the OAH.

• NASA Johnson Space Center History Office, Houston, Texas

The Frederick Jackson Turner Award is given annually to the author of a first scholarly book dealing with some aspect of American history.

• Mark G. Hanna, University of California, San Diego, Pirate Nests and the Rise of the British Empire, 1570–1740 (published for the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture by the University of North Carolina Press)

• Honorable Mention: Joshua L. Reid, University of Washington, The Sea Is My Country: The Maritime World of the Makahs (Yale University Press)


The Merle Curti Award is given annually for the best books published in American social history and American intellectual history.

• Social History: Julie M. Weise, University of Oregon, Corazón de Dixie: Mexicanos in the U.S. South since 1910 (University of North Carolina Press)

• Intellectual History: Daniel Immerwahr, Northwestern University, Thinking Small: The United States and the Lure of Community Development (Harvard University Press)
The Richard W. Leopold Prize is given every two years to the author or editor of the best book on foreign policy, military affairs, historical activities of the federal government, documentary histories, or biography written by a U.S. government historian or federal contract historian.


The Avery O. Craven Award is given annually for the most original book on the coming of the Civil War, the Civil War years, or the Era of Reconstruction, with the exception of works of purely military history.

- Martha Hodes, New York University. *Mourning Lincoln* (Yale University Press)

The James A. Rawley Prize is given annually for the best book dealing with the history of race relations in the United States.


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- **Susan Hanket Brandt**, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, “Gifted Women and Skilled Practitioners: Gender and Healing Authority in the Delaware Valley, 1740–1830” (Temple University, August 2014; Adviser: Dr. Susan E. Klepp)

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- **Neil Foley**, Southern Methodist University, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies: changing constructions of race, citizenship, and transnational identity in the Borderlands, Mexico and the American West; Mexican immigration; and comparative civil rights politics of African Americans and Mexican Americans
- **Madeline Y. Hsu**, University of Texas, Austin, Ritsumeikan University: transnationalism, transpacific history, U.S.-East Asian relations

Three Japanese students studying in the United States were selected to receive funding to attend the 2016 OAH Annual Meeting:

- **Hirobumi Endo**, Stony Brook University, State University of New York
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- **Yukako Otori**, Harvard University

**Germany Residency Program**: Thanks to a generous grant from the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, the OAH is pleased to continue the Germany Residency Program in American history at the University of Tübingen. The resident scholar will offer a seminar on a U.S. history topic of his or her design.

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