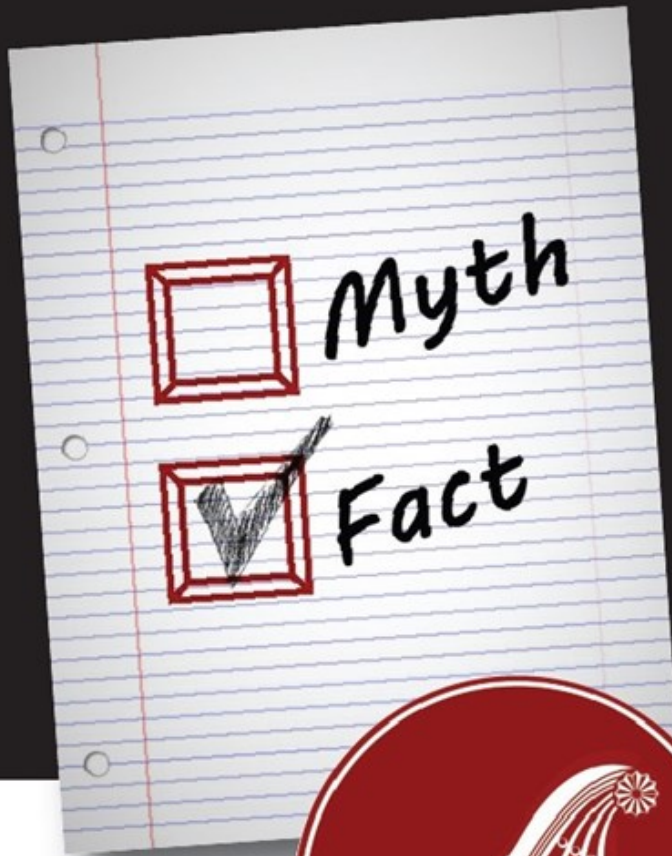


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Debunk'd: History Myths & Mysteries



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In today's climate of unrelenting media, questions of what's fake news or real news, the cloying clutter of internet trolls, as well as the "unvetted information on demand" internet generation, our history organizations provide a grounding of reality for our visitors with truth as conveyed by our facts and artifacts. But...do we?

What is the role that history organizations play in getting the "truth" out there, and preserving today's truths for the future? Do your labels, docents, AND programs offer truth to your audience, and, whose truth is it? Have you ever come across an unbreakable mystery – or myth – in your organization? Did it hold you or your organization back? What assumptions do you have about your visitors, your board, your finances, or your collections that close doors on new opportunities? Do you have a history mystery, professional skill, or trick of the trade that you'd like to share?

Get ready to debunk some of the issues and challenges of the past – and jumpstart your future! With insight from our colleagues, we hope to turn "can't do," "won't work," "why try" - into "can do," "will work," and "let's go" practices

KEYNOTE

Debunk'd: History, Memory, and Healing

"History is written by the victors." - Winston Churchill

Please join CLHO for our annual conference keynote, facilitated by **Jamal Jimerson of the Minority Inclusion Project**, with panelists **Lorén Spears (Tomaquag Museum)**, **Matthew Warshaeur (Professor of History, Central Connecticut State University)**, and **Braden Paynter (International Coalition of Sites of Conscience)**, for an intriguing discussion about the practice of history and preserving memories, and how opening doors can open minds to stronger community connections.

In today's contemporary times of heightened anxiety and the increase of the "with us or against us" mentality, the people and places that practice and present history (historians, historical societies, and museums) are spending valuable time considering what to preserve, what to say, and how to present it.

Can history help heal our divisions? Or will our perceptions and memories of historic events further the divide? How can our field, with our interests, skills, and authentic experiences, help bring relief to our communities?

Exhibitors Open from 9am-4pm

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets!

9am—4pm SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING LOBBY

At-A-Glance CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30am **Registration Opens** | SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING
LOBBY Coffee and Continental Breakfast
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9-9:45 **CLHO Annual Meeting** | SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING
ROOM 106 **Exhibitors Open**

10-11 **BREAKOUT SESSION 1** | SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING

ROOM 105 *What and How are Adult Visitors Learning at History Museums:
In Their Own Words*
Lisa Marcinkowski June, UConn

ROOM 109 *Where I Live: Connecticut's Grade 3 Curriculum*
Elizabeth Normen, Connecticut Explored

ROOM 111 *Museums & Social Media: A Legal Perspective*
Betsy Golden Kellem; Aetna, The Barnum Museum

ROOM 125 *Myth: The Record must be Perfect! Fact: Just Do It! Cataloguing in CT Collections*
Diane Lee, Fairfield Museum and History Center

ROOM 106 *Shared Resources: How Can We Collaborate to Save Money and Be More Effective?*
Dan Yaeger, New England Museum Association

11:15-1:15 **LUNCH & KEYNOTE** | CONSTITUTION ROOM, MEMORIAL HALL
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1:30-2:30pm **BREAKOUT SESSION 2** | SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING

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ROOM 105 *Seeing Change: Using Art to Teach History—Florence Griswold Museum's SEE/change Project*

David D.J. Rau, Florence Griswold Museum; Leslie Evans, Avery-Copp House Museum; Karen Wizevich, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University

ROOM 109 *Debunking Collections Mysteries and Myths*

Beth Burgess; Harriet Beecher Stowe Center; Molly Woods & Tasha Caswell; Connecticut Historical Society; Sophie Huget, Noah Webster House & West Hartford Historical Society / The Mark Twain House; and Anastasia Thibeault

ROOM 111 *Debunking Myths about Refugees and Immigrants*

Elizabeth Rose, Fairfield Museum and History Center
Jessica Suarez, Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants

ROOM 125 *Storytelling and Truth: Journalism in the Museum*

Christine Pittsley, Connecticut State Library; Cindy Simoneau, Southern Connecticut State University; Jodie Mozder Gil, Southern Connecticut State University; Christina Nhean, Wethersfield Historical Society

ROOM 106 *Where's the Funding?*

Scott Wands, Connecticut Humanities; Mary Dunne, State Historic Preservation Office; Renee Tribert, CT Trust for Historic Preservation

2:30-3 **Coffee & Cookies Break**
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3-4pm **BREAKOUT SESSION 3** SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING

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ROOM 105 *National Mythology Through a Native Lens: Thanksgiving From Another Perspective*
Christopher Newell (Passamaquoddy), Akomawt Educational Initiative

- ROOM 109 ***StEPs Forward: Keeping Momentum in Your StEPs Site or Learning About Becoming One***
Melissa Josefiak, StEPs-CT Mentor, Stacey Danielson, StEPs-CT Organization; and Scott Wands, CT Humanities
- ROOM 111 ***Dark Stewardship: When Ghosts Become Part of the Collection***
Joanie DiMartino, Smith-Harris House; Leslie Evans, Avery-Copp House; Elizabeth Wood, Stonington Historical Society; and Jeff Belanger, Emmy-nominated host, writer, and producer of PBS *New England Legends*
- ROOM 125 ***Ban History Mysteries***
Sophie Huget, Jennifer DiCola Matos
Noah Webster House & West Hartford Historical Society
- ROOM 106 ***Having Faith in the Process: Building Internal & External Trust to Create Organizational Change***
Shannon Burke, Beth Burgess, Katie Burton
Harriet Beecher Stowe Center
- 4:15-4:30 **WRAP-UP & RAFFLE** CONSTITUTION ROOM, MEMORIAL HALL
- 5-7pm **AWARDS OF MERIT RECEPTION & NETWORKING** **REDFIN**
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Our Mission

The Connecticut League of History Organizations builds connections among those who preserve and share the stories and objects of our past.

What We Do

For nearly 70 years, CLHO has strengthened and sustained our members by sharing knowledge and experience, and promoting best practices among museums, historical societies and all who steward Connecticut's heritage collections.

How We Do It

Sharing best practices and contemporary trends that affect historical societies, museums, and libraries.
Serving as a communication hub facilitating peer-to-peer networking.
Supporting current generations of those who promote and safeguard Connecticut's cultural heritage with five decades of experience.
Offering a flexible and responsive array of programs and publications.

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Registration, Sessions & Exhibitors: Social Sciences Building

