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NEW SPEAKERS ADDED TO DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP PROGRAM ROSTER FOR 2017-2018

BLOOMINGTON, IN—The Organization of American Historians appointed 31 new speakers to its prestigious Distinguished Lectureship Program earlier this month.

These scholars, who are affiliated with some of the nation’s top universities, join more than 500 other OAH Distinguished Lecturers who speak to audiences across the country each year and are widely sought for appearances at museums, libraries, universities, community centers, churches and synagogues, and other venues.

OAH Distinguished Lecturers promote understanding and appreciation of all facets of U.S. history from the 1600s through the present, which is an essential component of the organization’s mission.

According to Katherine M. Finley, the OAH's executive director, the speaking fees earned by the speakers are an important part of the organization's non-dues revenue stream. “In these turbulent times, the Distinguished Lectureship Program provides an important service to communities and institutions. We thank these historians for their service to the organization and their efforts to increase the public's understanding of American history and to help OAH achieve its mission,” she said. “And we congratulate them on achieving this high honor.”

New OAH Distinguished Lecturers, 2017-2018

- Mustafa Aksakal Georgetown University
- James R. Barrett University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Peter S. Carmichael Gettysburg College
- Joan E. Cashin Ohio State University
- Marcia Chatelain Georgetown University
- George Chauncey Yale University
- Catherine Ceniza Choy University of California, Berkeley
- Jennifer Delton Skidmore College
- Elizabeth Fenn University of Colorado Boulder
- Max Paul Friedman American University
- Gerald Lee Gutek Loyola University Chicago
- Peter Charles Hoffer University of Georgia
- Andrew J. Huebner University of Alabama

- Michael Innis-Jimenez University of Alabama
- Julia F. Irwin University of South Florida
- Moon-Ho Jung University of Washington
- Ross A. Kennedy Illinois State University
- Laura L. Lovett University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Mireya Loza National Museum of American History
- Monica Muñoz Martinez Brown University
- Tiya Alicia Miles University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Christopher McKnight Nichols Oregon State University
- Roger L. Nichols University of Arizona
- Stephen R. Ortiz Binghamton University, State University of New York
- Rebecca Jo Plant University of California, San Diego
- Renee Romano Oberlin College
- Johanna Schoen Rutgers University–New Brunswick
- Johnny Smith Georgia Tech
- Steven Stoll Fordham University
- Leigh Ann Wheeler Binghamton University, State University of New York
- Jonathan W. White Christopher Newport University

For a complete list of participating speakers and topics, information about costs and scheduling, reviews, and upcoming lectures, visit oah.org/lectures, 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 7,800 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 (MVHA), the association became the OAH in 1965 to reflect a broader scope focusing on national studies of American history. The OAH national headquarters are located in the historic Raintree House on Indiana University's Bloomington campus. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.