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25 years since **Y2K**

South Dakota State Historical Society
2024 History Conference

April 5 - 6, 2024

Ramkota Conference Center, Pierre

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conference summary:

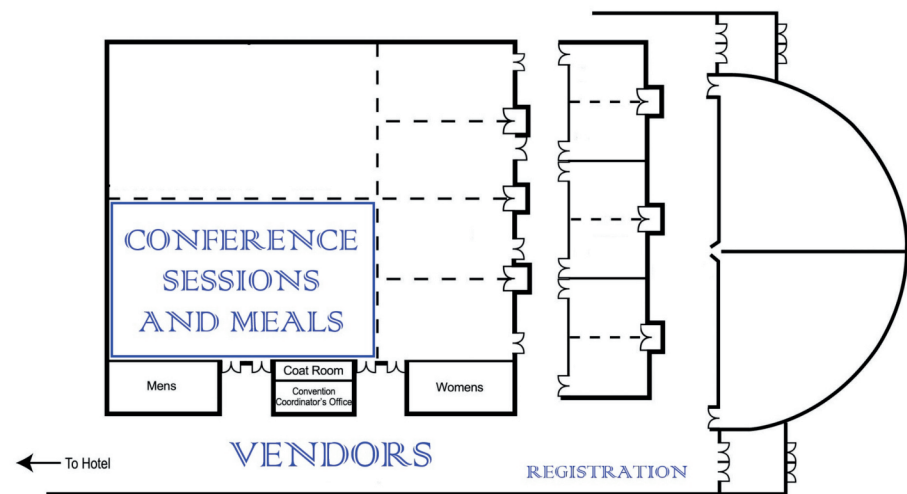


Twenty-five years ago, the world feared that a new “computer superbug” named Y2K would disrupt our technology-driven society. After the threat passed, technology continued to reach greater heights, and the ways we tell South Dakota’s history have changed dramatically as a result. The 2024 South Dakota State Historical Society History Conference in Pierre will highlight the innovative ways our history is being discovered, studied, and utilized.

conference information:

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920 W Sioux Ave, Pierre SD 57501 (605) 224-6877



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On-Site Registration

Thursday April 4
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday April 5
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday April 6
7:00 am - 11:00 am

f e a t u r e d s p e a k e r s :

Benjamin L. Ross has been entrusted with analyzing, interpreting, and planning for the future of some of the most important historic sites in the United States, including the homes of Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr. Ben received bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture—with a focus on historic preservation and sustainable design—from Ball State University. He has been a historic preservation specialist and architectural historian with RATIO Architects in Indianapolis for the past 15 years.

Amy Scott-Stoltz is the current president of the League of Women Voters of South Dakota. She holds a BA in Philosophy and Psychology from Augustana University and MBA in Finance from the University of Sioux Falls and has taught as an adjunct professor for SDSU. She is currently a Financial Advisor for Raymond James Financial Services. She has previously served as president of the Sioux Falls Public Schools Education Foundation, the Children's Care Hospital and School Auxiliary, and the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation Board. In addition, Amy received the Woman of Achievement award from the Sioux Falls Business and Professional Women's group.

Pat Snow has been the CTO for the State of South Dakota since 2015 and served as Commissioner/CIO for the State from March 2018 to October 2019. He began his career with State government in 1996, helping South Dakota lead the nation in consolidated Information Technology infrastructure. More recently Pat has led efforts to construct and enhance cyber-security capabilities, bring high-speed broadband to State, K12 and higher education customers, leverage public/private cloud services, and evangelize data analytics as a decision support platform. He is a past president of the National Association of State Technology Directors, is a member of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, and is the Information Systems Technology Advisory Board Member at Mitchell Technical Institute.

Chelle Somsen is the current State Archivist for the South Dakota State Historical Society and has been with the State Archives since 1996. She has a Master of Arts in United States History from Mankato State University and a Bachelor of Arts in History from South Dakota State University.

Jason Steinhauer is a bestselling author, public historian, podcast host, founder of the History Communication Institute, creator of History Club, Global Fellow at The Wilson Center, and Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. He is an adjunct professor at the Maxwell School for Citizenship & Public Affairs at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C., teaching a course on bringing history into policymaking. Jason's bestselling book, *History, Disrupted: How Social Media & the World Wide Web Have Changed the Past*, examines how social media shapes what we know about the past. In 2014, he coined the term "History Communicators" and has worked with colleagues worldwide to found the new field of History Communication. He is passionate about creating an educated, informed and historically and media literate citizenry.

Cassie Vogt is the current State Archaeologist for the South Dakota State Historical Society and manages the Archeological Research Center in Rapid City. She graduated from College of St. Scholastica with her Bachelor of Arts degree in 2009, and from St. Cloud State University with her Master of Science in 2017.

J. Scott Winchester, AIA, NCARB, is Tribal Liaison at Bodwé Professional Services. Scott is responsible for promoting tribal client relations, planning, business development, and project management, which positions him as a leader in comprehensive community engagement. As a citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, he has over 43 years of architectural experience and specializes in designing facilities using his unique perspective on the value of cultural reflection within spaces that focus on sustainability. Scott earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Notre Dame and is a registered architect.

c o n f e r e n c e s c h e d u l e :

FRIDAY APRIL 5

- 8:00 - 8:15 am Opening Remarks**
Dr. Ben Jones, Director of the State Historical Society
- 8:15 - 8:20 am Conference Logistics**
Chelle Somsen, State Archivist
- 8:30 - 9:30 am Session 1: The 1874 Black Hills Expedition: 50 Photo Sites, 150 Years**
Paul Horsted, Photographer
Sponsored by Deadwood Historic Preservation
Hear about Horsted's project tracking General Custer's reconnaissance of the Black Hills through the lens of photographer William H. Illingworth.
- 9:30 - 10:00 am Vendor Break**
- 10:00 - 10:50 am Session 2: League of Women Voters in the New Millenium**
Amy Scott-Stoltz & Nancy Hallenbeck
Sponsored by Ann McKay Thompson
Current leadership discuss the organization's successes from the past 25 years.
- 11:00 - 11:50 am Session 3: South Dakota Archivists Panel**
Michele Christian, SDSU: "Digitizing the Past: what it Takes to put History Online"
Laurie Langland, DWU: "Digitization: When Fantasy Meets Reality in a Small Archive"
Mike Runge, City of Deadwood: "Digitizing Deadwood for the 21st Century"
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch**
Featuring an update on Cultural Heritage Center renovation
Co-Sponsored by ISG and McGough Construction
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm Session 4: Wet Plate Collodion Photography in the Modern World**
Shane Balkowitsch, ambrotypist
Learn about the history of the wet plate photography process and Shane's current photography projects at his Bismarck studio.
- 2:30 - 3:00 pm Vendor Break**
- 3:00 - 3:50 pm Session 5: Minuteman Missiles in South Dakota: From Mega-Deterrent to Museum**
Timothy Pavek, retired engineer, Ellsworth Airforce Base
Before Y2K's technology scare, the Cold War presented a different, more sinister threat. After the crisis passed, Tim Pavek led the charge in preserving South Dakota's role in protecting the nation.
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm Session 6: Y2K on the Prairie**
Pat Snow, CTO, State of South Dakota
Hear how state government planned to take on the millennium bug right here at home.
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm Networking Social at RedRossa in The Hills Room**
Hosted by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm After Hours: 90's Trivia**
Hosted by the South Dakota State Archives - Ramkota Ballroom
How well do you remember the 90's? Come to this free and open-to-the-public event to find out. No conference registration required - invite your friends!



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SATURDAY APRIL 6

- 8:30 - 9:45 am Session 7: 25 Years of the Historical Society: a panel**
Current program directors of the State Historical Society discuss how archaeology, the archives, historic preservation, the museum, and the press have changed since 1999.
- 9:45 - 10:15 am Vendor Break**
- 10:15 - 11:30 am Session 8: Section 106 Mitigation Activities: Preserving Memory While Moving Forward at the Oyate Health Center**
Alex Hokkanen, J. Scott Winchester, and Benjamin Ross
In preparation for building a new Oyate Health Center facility, Seven Generations A+E conducted archaeological and historical investigations on the original: a century-old former boarding school and tuberculosis sanatorium. This presentation shares results of those investigations.
- 11:30 - 1:30 pm Awards Luncheon and Keynote Speaker**
Keynote address featuring public historian Jason Steinhauer
Luncheon sponsored by Verna Kay Bormann
Following the awards ceremony for the Governors Awards for History, hear national bestselling writer and historian Jason Steinhauer discuss his book, social media, and what it means to 'do history' in the digital age.

f e a t u r e d s p e a k e r s :

Shane Balkowitsch has been a practitioner of Frederick Scott Archer's 1851 Wet Plate Photography process for over a decade. Shane's life's work is titled "Northern Plains Native Americans: A Modern Wet Plate Perspective". Using the wet plate process, this project is a journey to capture 1000 present day Native Americans on glass plates at his Bismarck, North Dakota, natural light studio. Among the 68 international collections that have archived his work are the Smithsonian, the Library of Congress, the University of Oxford's Pitt Rivers Museum, the Royal Photographic Society of the United Kingdom, and the South Dakota State Archives. Shane does not own, nor has ever used, a digital camera.

Dedra McDonald Birzer, Ph.D., is the current director and editor-in-chief of the South Dakota Historical Society Press. She is also an adjunct professor at Hillsdale College. She received her Doctorate in History from the University of New Mexico in 2000, her Master of Arts in History from University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1993, and her Bachelor of Arts in History/Spanish from Texas Lutheran University in 1991.

Michele Christian is the Archivist and Special Collections Librarian at the Hilton M. Briggs Library, South Dakota State University. Between 2000 and 2013, she was the Collections Archivist and University Records Analyst for the Special Collections Department of the Iowa State University Library, and the Labor Archivist at the State Historical Society of Iowa from 1999 to 2000. Christian has written on various topics including managing artifacts in archives, applying social media for outreach, and using oral histories in collection development. She received her MA in history and MLIS from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and her BA in history from the University of Northern Iowa.

Jenna Carlson Dietmeier, Ph.D., is the current interim State Historic Preservation Officer for the South Dakota State Historical Society and has been with SHPO since 2017. She received her Doctorate in Anthropology from the College of William and Mary in 2017, her Master of Arts in Archaeology from Illinois State University in 2011, and her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from University of Duluth in 2009, summa cum laude.

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Dr. David Grabitske is the current Assistant Director and Museum Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society. He received his Doctor of Business Administration from Metropolitan State University in 2014. He previously managed services for the Texas Historical Commission and Minnesota Historical Society.

Nancy Hallenbeck has a bachelor's and master's degree from Augustana University and a graduate degree from Western Michigan University. She got her first teaching job in suburban Detroit, Michigan, where she met her husband, Mark. She retired from teaching after 41 years mostly working with students with special needs. Nancy also earned National Board Certification in 2005 as a Middle Childhood Generalist. Along with her duties as the Treasurer of the League of Women Voters of South Dakota, she is the Co-District Lay Leader of the Southeast District of the Dakotas United Methodist Church. She plays in two bell choirs, belongs to P.E.O. Chapter CQ, and takes part in two Bible Studies.

Alex Hokkanen, Associate AIA, LEED AP BD+C, is Project Coordinator at Seven Generations Architecture + Engineering, Part of Bodwé Professional Services Group. Alex is deeply passionate about sustainable health environments, ecologically sound community planning and culturally appropriate design. He supports the Seven Generations A+E team in all aspects of the architectural practice, including proposal writing, architectural design and production with a special focus on design research in the areas of indigenous planning and culturally reflective design. Alex earned a Master of Architecture from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Minnesota.

Paul Horsted has photographed people and places across the Dakotas for more than 40 years. Early on, he was a staff photographer at the Sioux Falls Argus Leader, and later Chief Photographer at the South Dakota Department of Tourism. For the past 30 years, Paul has worked as an independent photographer with numerous national publication credits. His passion is "re-photography" of early historic photo sites across the region (and recently across the United States in 24 National Parks). Results are published in several books and featured in his live presentations.

Laurie Langland is the University Archivist, Associate Professor, and Archivist for the Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota. She received her Master of Arts in Information and Library Science from the University of Arizona in 1997.

Mike Runge has been the Archivist/Collection Manager for Deadwood Historic Preservation Office since 2002. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in History, with Anthropology and Museum Studies Minors, from the University of Wisconsin in 1997. He is also a volunteer firefighter with the Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department.

Timothy J. Pavek is a retired engineer and Environmental Restoration Program Manager from Ellsworth Air Force Base. Tim graduated from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, and in 1984 began working at Ellsworth AFB, 812th Civil Engineering Squadron, as a Missile Facilities Engineer responsible for 150 Launch Facilities and 15 Launch Control Facilities for the Minuteman II Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) of the 44th Missile Wing. When missile deactivation began in 1990, he became the Minuteman II Deactivation Program Manager and in 1994 he assumed responsibility for the missile sites' preservation. He retired in 2019 after 34 ½ years of service to the Air Force. Mr. Pavek has been involved with the preservation and interpretation of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site for over 30 years and continues to volunteer.