



Call for Session Proposals:
***Debunk'd: History Myths & Mysteries:
Offering Fresh Perspectives on Age-Old Issues***
Connecticut League of History Organizations Annual Conference
Monday, June 4, 2018, at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT

Proposal Submission Deadline: Sunday, January 21, 2018

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.

The Connecticut League of History Organizations invites you to share your insights at the next **CLHO Annual Conference on June 4, 2018**. The full-day conference is the perfect opportunity to discover practical advice, skills, and to participate in discussions, as well as network with your colleagues. Let's prove that history organizations not only preserve the past, but we play a key role in shaping the futures of our communities!

You are invited to contribute to the conversation with session proposals. We are seeking basic to mid-level workshops, inspirational stories, and models from the regional heritage field. Please consider these topics and questions while developing your proposal:

Help us Debunk the Mysteries of...

How to be Social with Social Media!
Finding Inspiration among the Everyday Weeds
Where did all the funding go?
Running a Successful Fundraiser
How come People don't visit us?

What are visitors looking for?
Building Successful Relationships & Partnerships
Internal Board Management & Governance
How do we attract a more diverse audience?
What's better: real people or technology?
Finding a director, an intern, a volunteer, anyone...?

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Proposal Requirements:

Download and fill out the proposal form located at <http://clho.org/Annual-Conference>.

Please be sure to include a 250 word abstract describing your session, name of session leader, organizational or business affiliation, job title/position and contact information. Include mailing address, phone and email and name(s) of additional presenters and contact information. Send electronically in Microsoft Word .doc or PDF formats to Laurie Lamarre, CLHO Executive Director at director@clho.org by January 21, 2018. Include "Proposal Submission, CLHO June 2018 Conference" in the subject line.

Notification: You will receive an email notification no later than March 1, 2018 if your proposal has been accepted. All submitted proposals undergo review and selection by conference committee. Proposals highlighting Connecticut organizations and collections are highly encouraged. Hands-on workshops will be given priority.

Have an idea that you'd like to talk about? We're here to help!

Send an email to director@clho.org or call our office at (860) 832-2674. We love to talk through ideas, meet new people, and make connections.

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