

Mining History Association

PROGRAM*

Annual Conference, June 15-19, 2017 University of Alaska-Fairbanks Fairbanks, Alaska

Registration Desk Hours:

Thursday, June 15 12:00 pm-4:00 pm, Moore-Bartlett-Skarland Hall Lobby
Friday, June 16 7:00 am-3:00 pm, Reichardt Building in Boyd Lecture Hall foyer
Saturday, June 17 7:00 am-11:00 pm, Reichardt Building in Boyd Lecture Hall foyer

All Paper Sessions will be in Pearl Barry Boyd Lecture Hall, Reichardt Building, UAF Campus

Thursday June 15

12:30--3:30 Tour Mining History Materials, Special Collections, University of Alaska-Fairbanks Library (Tour Requires Pre-Registration)
1:00 MHA Board Meeting, Conference Room, Hess Recreation Center (Moore-Bartlett-Skarland Hall Complex)
5:00 Opening Reception, Alaska Mining Hall of Fame (catered)

Friday June 16

7:00-8:30 Breakfast buffet available at conference venue
8:00-8:15 Welcome and what to expect from the conference (Paul White)
8:15-9:30 **Session 1: Fairbanks and Alaska Mining**
Jane Haigh, *Survey of the Development of Mining in the Fairbanks Area*
John Baeten, *The Technology, Mining Methods, and Landscape of the Fairbanks Mining District*
Robert Spude, *Fairbanks Assayer G. E. Beraud and 88 Tons of Gold*
9:30-9:45 Break
9:45-11:00 **Session 2: Mining and the Media**
Jeremy Mouat, *When the Medium was the Message: Mining Journals and Journalists, 1880-1920*

Brian Leech, *Digging's Degree of Difficulty: the Changing Portrayal of Mining Labor in Movies and Games*

Tetiana Soviak, *Real Man's Work as Entertainment: Spike TV's Coal*

11:00-12:15 **Session 3: Mining History in Worldwide Context**

Greg Drew, *Captain Bagot's Mine: The History of the Kapunda Mine, South Australia, 1844-1878*

Sharon Carter Jenkins, *The History and Heritage of Iron Mining on the Canigou Mountain, South Eastern Pyrenees*

Rudy Davison, *Murder and Mayhem at the Cashin Mine in Paradox Valley, Colorado*

12:15-1:45 Lunch (on your own)

1:45-3:00 **Session 4: Mining History: New Sources and Perspectives**

Terry Reynolds, *Owe My Soul?: Company Stores on the Michigan Iron Ranges*

Alexia Sober, *Regarding the Mine Landscape as an Artifact*

Eric Nystrom, *Witnessing the Development of the Mining West: Finding History in Court Records*

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-4:30 **Session 5: Gold and Copper Miners**

Stephen Hart, *Gold Rush and Copper Boom: In Georgia and Tennessee?*

Jennifer Hildebrand and John Callan, *Historic Chinese Placer Mining: The History, Techniques, and Application of Archaeology in American Canyon*

William Hawes, *Braden Copper Co.: Early Days at the Southern End of the Kennecott Empire*

6:00-8:00 MHA Awards Banquet -- Ivory Jacks Roadhouse

Saturday June 17

7:00-8:30 Breakfast buffet available at conference venue

8:00-9:15 **Session 6: Alaska: Milling and Mining Camp Life**

Andrew Higgs, *The First Stamp Mills of Fairbanks, 1910-1912*

Paul White, *Broken Ore, Broken Bodies: The Wear and Tear of Mill Work on Alaska's Gold Miners*

Rolfe Buzzell, *Women in the Sunrise Mining Camp, 1895-1901*

9:15-9:30 Break

9:30-10:45 **Session 7: Mining, Science, and Travel**

Patrick R. Anthony, *Alexander von Humboldt as Technical Theorist: How Mining Shaped His Cartography and Plant Geography*
Catherine Holder Spude, *Mining, Tourism and the Twentieth Century Middle Class*
Nic Haygarth, *Robert Sticht of Mount Lyell: Fragile Genius or Faded Liability?*

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:15 **Session 8: Labor, Capital, and Technology**

Michael Camp, *The United Mine Workers of America and Jimmy Carter's Energy Policy*

William W. Culver, *Financing the Mines: Early Industrial Capitalism at Harvey Hill, Quebec, 1847-1881*

Adam Romero, *Beyond the Mother Lode: Synthetic Cyanide and the Chemicalization of California Gold Mining (1886-1905)*

12:30-2:00 **Presidential Luncheon** at Dine 49, Woods Hall, UAF Campus
Passing of the Presidential Pick: Erik Nordberg, MHA President 2016-17, and **Peter Maciulaitis**, MHA President, 2017-18
Presidential Lecture

2:00-2:15 **MHA 2018 Presentation**: Deadwood and the Black Hills

2:20-3:15 **MHA Business Meeting** at Dine 49, Wood Center, UAF Campus.

3:30-5:30 **F.E. Company Machine Shop Tour** Buses depart from outside of the Wood Center.

Dinner on your own in Fairbanks

Sunday June 18

FIELD TRIPS REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION

8:30 Field Trip #1. **Chatanika Gold Dredge and the Permafrost Tunnel**
All day tour. Bus will depart Wood Center at 8:30 am. Lunch provided.

8:30 Field Trip #2. **Permafrost Tunnel and Fort Knox Gold Mine**
All day tour, led by Tom Bundtzen. Bus will depart Wood Center at 8:30 am. Lunch provided.

Monday, June 19

FIELD TRIPS REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION

7:00 Field Trip #3. **Pogo Mine**
All day tour, led by Tom Bundtzen. Bus will depart Wood Center at 7:00
am SHARP. Lunch provided.

8:30 Field Trip #4. **Lode Mines of the Fairbanks District**
All-day tour, led by Paul White. Drive your own vehicle, box lunch
provided. Tour will proceed as a convoy, and depart from the Wood
Center. Bring boots as some hiking required. Clipper Mine visit.

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