

AHS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 8-10 AND 15-17, 2020

Thursday, October 8

10-11:30 am Keynote speech

Thomas Thornton – Senses of Place and History in the “Toponymic Hotspot” of Sitka Sound

Harvey Kitka – Reflections on Place and History in Sitka Sound (not confirmed)

Moderator: Rachel Mason

2-3:30 pm Remembering Richard Nelson

Miller, Debbie – Loving Alaska and the Joy of Listening

**Gmelch, George and Sharon Gmelch - The Legacy of Richard King Nelson (1941-2019):
An Anthropological Perspective**

Lentfer, Hank - Anthropologist to Artist: The Literary Legacy of Richard Nelson

Moderator: Will Schneider

Friday, October 9

10-11:30 am Women’s Suffrage

**Sherif, Sue - Before and After the Nineteenth Amendment: An Overview of Woman's
Suffrage in Honor of Beverly Beeton**

**Pollnow, Anne Elise - The Sitka Woman’s Club: Sitka’s Connection to the Woman’s
Suffrage Movement**

Moderator: Anjuli Grantham

2-3:30 pm Topics in AK History

Loshbaugh, Shana - The Brief, Awkward History of Fort Kenay

**Williams, Leanna Prax - Missing from the Northern Sky: An Analysis of Newspaper
Coverage of the Merrill and Eielson searches, 1929-1930**

**Wight, Philip - Roadblock: The Origins of the Anti-Roads Movement in Alaska, 1960-
1980**

Tidwell, Tia - Christine Storm, Main Character in Edna Ferber’s *Ice Palace*

Moderator: Tom Bundtzen

Saturday, October 10

10 – 11:30 am 1918 Influenza Epidemic

Leggett, Aaron - A Dena'ina Perspective on the 1918 Flu Epidemic

Troll, Tim – The Spanish Flu in SW Alaska: Bristol Bay and Unalaska

Moderator: Mike Hawfield

2 – 3:30 pm Annual Business Meeting, Election Results, Awards, Memorials, Local Historical Society Reports

Thursday, October 15

10-11:30 am Sitka – A Powerful Place

Schmidt, Angela - Historical Scenes of Sitka (films)

Pollnow, Anne Elise –Tlingit Placenames on the Katlian Bay Road Project

Poulson, Rebecca - Sitka in the 1880s: Small-Town Politics and Personalities that Shaped Alaska

Moderator: Erik Johnson

2-3:30 pm Sitka's History

Monteith, Daniel - Sheldon Jackson Boarding School and Its Impact on Language and Culture

Woods, Fred – The Rise of the Sitka Saints: A Century of Sitka Latter-day Saint History

Vandegrift, Doug – Historic Bars of Sitka

Moderator: Rebecca Poulson

Friday, October 16

10-11:30 am The History of ANCSA

Ongtooguk, Paul – ANCSA: The Whitewater of Indigenous Land Claims

Grand Chief Peter Johnston - The Yukon Land Claims Process: Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow

Haycox, Stephen - Complex Circumstances, and Unforeseen Consequences: The End of Treaty-Making and ANCSA

Schneider, Will - ANCSA: Aboriginal Title to the Land and Aboriginal Hunting and Fishing Rights

Moderator: Patuk Glenn

2-3:30 pm Monuments and History in the Public Square Discussion

Panelists: Aaron Leggett, Mary Ehrlander, and Ross Coen

Moderator: Ian Hartman

Saturday, October 17

10-11:30 am Russian America

Haycox, Stephen - "Longue durée": Russia's Half-Hearted Approach to North America

Black, Dawn - The Interactions of the Russian American Trading / Hunting Companies and Priests with the Alaskan Artels on Marmot, Hinchinbrook and Sitka (Baranov) Islands

Moderator: David Ramseur

2-3:30 pm Alaska Canneries

King, Bob – The Journals of Ole Mathison

Grantham, Anjuli - New Analysis of the Alaska Packers Association's China Contracts

Ringsmuth, Katie – "A Project for the Moment"

Moderator: Averil Lerman