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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