

Call for Presentations

Law and Justice in Arkansas

Arkansas Historical Association 84th Annual Conference
April 10-12, 2025
Fort Smith, Arkansas

The Arkansas Historical Association (AHA) invites proposals for its eighty-fourth annual conference, meeting in Fort Smith, April 10-12, 2025. We seek presentations on a wide range of topics from all time periods that explore the history of Arkansas's legal system, the enforcement and administration of the law, judicial cases and personalities, and challenges to injustice. Presentations will be limited to twenty minutes. Use of audiovisual elements is encouraged.

Fort Smith was established as a U.S. military outpost in 1817 to keep peace between the Osage and Cherokee nations. The city that developed around the fort became a hub for migrants heading west, as well as a seat of law and justice, and headquarters for U.S. Marshals operating against outlaws sheltering in Indian Territory. The U.S. continued to use the greater Fort Smith area as a military base (Fort Chaffee) from World War II to Vietnam, processed Vietnamese and Cuban refugees there, and provided shelter to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Please send proposals of approximately 200 words to:

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Proposals should be submitted by October 18, 2024, and include a mailing address, telephone number, and email address. Proposals may be submitted by email. Please contact the program chair with any questions. **All presenters must be members in good standing of the Arkansas Historical Association. Membership details are available on the AHA website at arkansashistoricalassociation.org.** Those submitting proposals should be certain they can attend the conference. Acceptance of a proposal often requires the rejection of others, and conference sessions are built upon the expectation that those presentations will be made.