

**Communal Studies Conference
Zoar Village
October 5-7, 2017**

Wednesday, October 4

8:30 a.m. – Pre-conference tour by van to Kirtland, Ohio Mormon sites
Leaves from Sleep Inn
Dinner on your own

Thursday, October 5

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – CSA Board Meeting – Canal Tavern of Zoar – cellar meeting room
8:30 a.m. -- Second pre-conference tour to Shaker Historical Society in Shaker Heights
Leaves from Sleep Inn
3 p.m. – Registration at Sleep Inn
Book Display at the Wilkshire Banquet Center
6 p.m. – Opening Banquet – Wilkshire Banquet Center

- Greetings from Scott Gordon, Mayor of Zoar, and Jon Elsasser, President of the Zoar Community Association
- Eleanor Sullivan, St. Louis, Zoar mystery author and a descendant of Zoar's leader Joseph Bimeler, will talk about her newly-published mystery, "Tree of Heaven," and will sign copies of her three books.

9 p.m. – Hospitality Room – Sleep Inn

Friday, October 6

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Session A – Church

Eberhard Fritz –Zoar Origins in Württemberg
Archivist for the Duke of Württemberg, Altshausen

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Break – Outside Schoolhouse

10:30 a.m. to noon – Sessions B
Session B-1 Church

Matt Grow, Moderator

Gerald MacDonald
Universität Bochum
The Roots of Zoar in Radical German Pietism

Hermann Ehmer
University of Tübingen
Life after the failure of the apocalypse. A comparative study of the communities of Zoar, Ohio and Korntal, Germany.

R. Douglas Hurt

Purdue University
Zoar: Agriculture in Communal Ohio, 1817-1898

Session B-2 School (downstairs)

Jon Andelson, Moderator

Joshua Lockyer
Arkansas Tech University
Contributing to Society-Wide Adaptability?: Analyzing Dancing Rabbit
Ecovillage's Significance Through the Lens of Transformative Utopianism

Donald Pitzer
University of Southern Indiana, Center for Communal Studies
The Origins and Applications of Developmental Communalism from Amana to
Zoar

Timothy Miller
University of Kansas
Does communal activity come in waves? If so, when have they occurred?

Session B-3 School (upstairs)

Heather Van Wormer, Moderator

Nick Siegert
The Ephrata Cloister
Natural Man Illumined

Denise Seachrist
Kent State University at Stark
Auctioning Off History: Twenty Years Following the Sad Demise of the Snow
Hill Cloister

Andy Borella
Independent Researcher
A multi-situated ethnographic research on American and European Bruderhof
communities

Noon to 1 p.m. – Lunch (catered box lunch at the Zoar Volunteer Fire Department)

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Sessions C

Session C-1 Church

Richard Marshall, Moderator

Christian Goodwillie
Hamilton College
Disorder at Union Village: The Death of Father David Darrow

Roger Hall
Center for American Music Preservation
"Heavenly Music": Evolution of communal singing at Kirkland, North Union and Zoar

Kerry Hackett
University of Central Lancashire, UK
The tension of change: Adaptation in the Shaker infirmary

Session C-2 School (downstairs)

Laura Kohl, Moderator

Sanja Nilsson
Dalarna University/Gothenburg University
The Rise and Fall of the Bride of Christ: the breakup of the contemporary charismatic Christian community Knutby Filadelfia, Sweden

Can Mert Kökerer
Galatasaray University / The New School for Social Research
An alternative conception of politics in the Federation of Damanhur and Auroville: politicization of ecological, spiritual and social ambitions

Bryan Monte
Independent Researcher
Harvest Hills at 45: How to Stop Graying and Start Growing Again

Session C-3 School (upstairs)

Dan McKanan, Moderator

Doug Hamilton
Independent Researcher
Describing Communal Meditating Fairfield, Iowa

Lina Verchery
Harvard University

Whose Community? Human and Non-Human Communities in the City of Ten
Thousand Buddhas in Ukiah, California

Michelle D. Tiedje
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
“A *Big Try*”: Reform and Racism in William Lane’s New Australia

Session C-4 TOUR

2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Break -- Outside Schoolhouse

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Sessions D
Session D-1 Church

Nick Siegert, Moderator

Kathleen Fernandez
Director, Communal Studies Association
Taking Care of "Strangers and Exiles": Thomas Rotch and the Zoar Separatists

Mandy Altimus-Stahl
Massillon Museum
The Friendly Association for Mutual Interests (or Kendal Community) 1826-1829

Linda Hixon
Worcester State University
"...to labor and to pray": The Hopedale Sewing Circle 1848-1862

Session D-2 School (downstairs)

Ronald Kohl, Moderator

Laura Johnston Kohl
University Presenter-Jonestown Survivor
Peoples Temple - Change and the Chameleon that was Jim Jones

Catherine Abbott
University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin
Racial Thinking in Jim Jones' Peoples Temple

Laura Johnston Kohl and Catherine Abbott
Peoples Temple - What label defines it?

Session D-3 School (upstairs)

Zach Rubin, Moderator

Chris Roth
Fellowship for Intentional Community/Communities Magazine
Never a Dull Moment: Contemporary Community Evolution

Susan Love Brown
Florida Atlantic University
Communal Societies and the Market

Elph Morgan
Great Oak Cohousing
Change in perspective

Session D-4 TOUR

Book Display at the Wilkshire Banquet Center
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Dinner at Wilkshire Banquet Center
7:45 p.m. – “Forever We Stand: Zoar on Trial” - by Eleanor Sullivan. Play at Tuscarawas Valley High School. Cast: The Courthouse Players, Canton, OH (many in the cast are attorneys or judges.) This play depicts the background of the Zoar Separatists’ landmark 1852 U. S. Supreme Court Case upholding that the membership contracts of communal groups are legal. This case has been used as precedent by many other communal groups.

9:00 p.m. (or after play) – Hospitality Room – Sleep Inn

Saturday, October 7

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Sessions E
Session E-1 Church

Ruth Baer Lambach, Moderator

Etta Madden
Missouri State University
Soaring Above Zoar: Constance Fenimore Woolson's Fictional Views

Robert Selig
Independent Researcher
O Gieb Mir Brod Mich Hungert: The Great Famine of 1816 and the Founding of Zoar

Fred Smith

Ohio History Connection
A Brief History of the Zoar Separatists as told through their Buildings

Session E-2 School (downstairs)

Stewart Davenport, Moderator

Christa Shusko
York College of Pennsylvania
Changing Times Call for Temporary Communes: Alice Bunker Stockham's Vrilina Heights Metaphysical School

Kevin Coffee
Oneida Community Mansion House
Offering up Utopia: devolution of the Oneida Community within the structures of modernity

Heather Van Wormer
Grand Valley State University
How Communities Work: Everyday Actions and Regular Members at the City of David

Session E-3 School (upstairs)

Christian Goodwillie, Moderator

Marc Rhorer
Florida Atlantic University
Gender and Leadership Change: The Deposition of Shaker Ministry Eldress Lucy Smith from Pleasant Hill, Kentucky

Carol Medlicott
Northern Kentucky University
"Very savage and wild": Spiritual Encounters Between Shakers and Native Peoples

James Seelye
Kent State University at Stark
Forced Intentional Communities: Great Lakes Indian Gatherings in the 19th Century

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Break -- Outside Schoolhouse

10:30 a.m. to noon – Sessions F
Session F-1 Church

Christa Shusko, Moderator

Cheryl Coulthard
Texas A&M

"Significant Sacrifice: The Implications of Adopting Celibacy for the Rappite Community"

Peter Hoehnle
Amana Heritage Society

Images of a Moving Garden: Drawings and Maps of Inspirationist Communities in Germany and America

Diana Garno

Independent Researcher

Icaria and 1848 French Revolution Changes

Session F-2 School (downstairs)

Larry Foster, Moderator

Ronald Kohl

20-year Synanon Resident

Charles E Dederich, Synanon Founder, Believed in Change for the Sake of Change

Alison Bass

West Virginia University

How growing up in a progressive intentional community shaped my worldview

Tom Kendig

Old Economy Village

Can An Unintentional Group Be Considered A Communal Society?

Session F-3 School (upstairs)

Etta Madden, Moderator

Gregory Brown

University of Southern Indiana

Communities as Crucibles of Resilience

Zach Rubin and Ma'ikwe Ludwig
University of Missouri and Fellowship for Intentional Community
Revisiting Kanter's Thesis: Commitment Mechanisms, Governance, and Success
in Present-Day Intentional Communities

Tom Berkshire
Generations of Hope
Double Social Utility -Redefining 21st Century Intergenerational Intentional
Communities

Session F-4 TOUR of the Bimeler Museum

Noon to 2:00 p.m. – Lunch and Auction in the Zoar Volunteer Fire Department

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Sessions G

Session G-1 Church

Matt Grow, Moderator

Stewart Davenport
Pepperdine University
Latter-day Judas: The Effects of John C. Bennett's Betrayal on Joseph Smith and
Mormon Polygamy

Stephen Taysom
Cleveland State University
Intrareligious Elites and the Making of Modern Mormonisms

Timothy Hoxha
University of Toronto
From Mormon to American: The Shifting Function and Identity of the Brigham
Young Experience

Martha Bradley-Evans
University of Utah
The Role of Space in Memory, Identity and Narrative

Session G-2 School (downstairs)

Denise Seachrist, Moderator

Amy Hart
University of California, Santa Cruz
Life After Community: Georgiana Bruce and the Continued Pursuit of Social
Reform

Charles Nuckolls
Brigham Young University
A Study of Membership Applications to Nathan Meeker's Union Colony in
Colorado: 1869-1871

Cori Flatt
Northern Kentucky University
Utopia, Ohio: The Struggle Within

Session G-3 School (upstairs)

Deborah Altus, Moderator

Zach Rubin
University of Missouri
Intentional Community "Re-Arrangements": Labor, Power, Time, and Money as
Social Critique at Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage

Summer Jones
Grinnell College
Striving for Eden: Working Towards Equality in Two Virginia Communes

Jonathan Andelson
Grinnell College
The Problem of Equality in Intentional Communities

Session G-4 TOUR

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Break -- Outside Schoolhouse

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – Sessions H

Session H-1 Church

Susan Love Brown, Moderator

Deborah Altus
Washburn University
Walking the Narrow Ridge: Earth Literacy and Community in East Tennessee

Devin Manzullo-Thomas
Messiah College
"Unity in Diversity": Negotiating Communal Boundaries in the Brethren in Christ
Church, 1930-1950

Kim Strubell
Maharishi International University
Regenerative development of community

Session H-2 School (downstairs)

Ma'ikwe Ludwig, Moderator

Stephen Lloyd-Moffett
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
Beauty from Ashes: Reimagining Community After Devastation and
Disappointment

Brad Whitsel
Penn State-Fayette Campus
Mankind United

Dan McKanan
Harvard Divinity School
Millennial Camphillers: The Challenge of New Leadership at Newton Dee and
Heartbeet

Session H-3 School (upstairs)

Kathy Fernandez, Moderator

Molly Reed
Cornell University
Environment, Agriculture, and Science in the Age of Fourier

Bryce Taylor
Brigham Young University
Losing Spiritual Control: Adin Ballou and the Dismantling of the Practical
Christian Republic

Douglas Winiarski
University of Richmond
Toward a Shaker Theology of the Jerks

Book Display at the Wilkshire Banquet Center

6:00 p.m. – Book Signing: Ma'ikwe Ludwig will sell and sign her book, “Together
Resilient: Building Community in the Age of Climate Disruption” before dinner.

6:30 p.m. – Awards Banquet – Wilkshire Banquet Center

9:00 p.m. (or after Banquet) – Hospitality Room – Sleep Inn

Sunday, October 8

9:30 a.m. – Separatist-style Church Service at Zoar United Church of Christ (public invited)

(Note: A Continental Breakfast [9 a.m.] and a Community Lunch [11 a.m.] are available by reservation. Call the Zoar Community Association 330-874-3011 for reservations.)

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