

Wyoming State Historical Society SPEAKERS LIST

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Bruner, Sylvia	The Flyboys of Bomber Mountain, Cattle Wars and more	Sylvia is the director of the Jim Gatchell Museum in Buffalo. She is a former member of the Society's Executive Committee and the current president of the Johnson County Historical Society.	X	X	X	director@jimgatchell.com . 307-684-9331.
Greer, Mavis	Women in Archaeology	Men dominated the archaeology field when it first became a formalized career in the 1930s. Cultural Resource Mgmt. in the 1970s paved the way for increased jobs, and women took advantage of the opportunity. Greer focuses on specific women who made contributions to Wyoming archaeology. Greer holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the Univ. of Missouri-Columbia.	X	X	X	mavis@greerservices.com
Ewig, Rick	Wyoming Topics	Wyoming's Depression Years; The War history Committee; Only a Maniac; Bribery and Corruption in Cheyenne; Quest for statehood, plus more. Rick is a retired historian and a very sought-after speaker.	X	X	X	rewig@uwyo.edu
Fabian, Linda	Wyoming History in Art Wyoming State Capitol	Featuring the original art works of the late artist David Paulley commissioned by the Society in 1989 to celebrate the state's centennial. Each painting reflects an actual event in Wyoming history. This program is based on the history of the Wyoming State Capitol Bldg. and its inhabitants.	X	X	X	linda@wyshs.org
Galloway, David	1870s Yellowstone: Fact or Fiction?	A former Yellowstone tour guide, David is the author of the <i>Frontier Traveler series</i> , novels based on historical facts. <i>Burning Ground</i> imagines a modern-day protagonist (Graham Davidson) with all the 1871 Hayden Expedition of the future park. <i>Fatal Ground</i> takes place in Montana Territory and the nascent park during 1872-1876. In <i>Bitter Ground</i> (to be published late 2023), Graham will travel with the Nez Perce as they flee from the army in 1877 and seek asylum in Canada. David will discuss event that occurred during these years and challenge the audience to discern whether they are fact or fiction.		X	X	dagallowayauthor@gmail.com
Glass, Jefferson	Reshaw: The Life and Times of John Baptiste Richard and/or Empire: The Pioneer Legacy of an American Ranch Family	Jefferson is an author and historian from Buffalo, Wyoming. He is available to speak at county chapter meetings, or events around the state.	X	X	X	jglass@reshaw.net

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Helton, Jennifer	The History of Suffrage. Jennifer has many titles she can present.	Jennifer Helton is Assistant Professor of History at Ohlone College in Fremont, California. She has written on the history of the woman suffrage movement in the west for a variety of outlets, including <i>High Country News</i> , <i>WyoFile</i> , and <i>Montana: The Magazine of Western History</i> . Her essays have appeared in <i>Equality at the Ballot Box</i> (Pierre: South Dakota Historical Society Press, 2019) and <i>Women Making History: The Nineteenth Amendment</i> , edited by Tamara Gaskell. (National Park Service, 2020). A native of Wyoming, she has Bachelor's Degrees in History (with Honors) and Classics and a Master's Degree in Humanities from Stanford University. Learn more at https://www.jenniferhelton.org		X	X	Jennifer.helton@gmail.com
Javitz, Tempe	The Photography of Jessamine Spear Johnson	Tempe, the granddaughter of Montana photographer Jessamine Spear Johnson, presents about her work since 2007 to conserve/catalog Jessamine's photographs and about Jessamine's impressive techniques and wide breadth of themes including portraits; landscapes; botanicals; historical sites; silhouettes she titled " <i>Skyliners</i> ;" candid shots; and still life compositions from the early 1900's through 1950's.	X	X	X	tjavitz@gmail.com
Jording, Mike	Univ. of WY School of Nursing and the Story of Bonnie (Messersmith) Hendricks	Mike is a past president of the WSHS, and the WSHS Foundation. He is president of the Weston County Historical Society and can do a variety of programs on Wyoming history. He was instrumental in helping with the Society's "Wyoming History in Art" project.	X	X	X	mike_jording@yahoo.com
McCormick, Kylie	51 Years of Freedom Wyoming's Suffrage Story, 1869-1920	A fresh look on a long-standing controversy and critical evidence about Wyoming's suffrage story that restores the contributions made by Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard and Esther Hobart Morris. McCormick uncovered previously ignored evidence of speeches given by Hebard and 1869 Wyoming Legislator William Bright. Her research represents the first significant challenge to T.A. Larson and offers a new perspective on women's suffrage in Wyoming.	X	X	X	KLMcCormick1@gmail.com
Molony, Janelle	Overland Adventures	Janelle Molony, M.S.L. is an award-winning author and recognized family historian with ties to Wyoming's territorial history. She has received various honors for her research findings, as published in		X	X	Janelle.molongy@yahoo.com

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	and Odd Coincidences Along the Way	several academic journals and topical magazines such as <i>Wild West</i> . She is currently authoring a fictionalized novel of an Overland traveler's diary. Janelle is available to discuss trail diaries or memoirs from 1864, highlighting the various people, places, and events that are witnessed in Wyoming. Diaries of interest include Ringo, Earp/Rousseau, Joongenwaard/Rysdam, Kelly/Larimer, Loughary, Dunlap, Townsend/Bozeman, Harter, Forman, and Logan (not all-inclusive). More info at: JanelleMolony.com				
Mueller, Jack	Estelle Reel	Mueller presents on the life and career of Estelle Reel, the first woman elected and to hold the office of state superintendent of public instruction and the second woman elected to hold a statewide office anywhere in the U.S. As a result, January 7th of each year is now designated as "Estelle Reel Day" in Wyoming.	X	X	X	jfmwyo@aol.com
O'Brien, Cheryl	POW Camps in Wyoming during WWII.	O'Brien's book, <i>World War II POW Camps of Wyoming</i> , published in 2019, features details, photos and stories about Wyoming's nineteen POW camps and camp residents. In addition, O'Brien's article, "Camp Dubois, Wyoming: A Legacy of Literature," was published in the Autumn 2015 issue of the <i>Annals of Wyoming: The Wyoming History Journal</i> .	X	X	X	cherobrien@dteworld.com
Nelson, Jane	The Rudersdorf Sisters of Wyoming:	Jane is a 5 th generation Wyomingite both and raised in Laramie, a retired faculty member at the University of Wyoming, a former president and current board member of the Albany County Historical Society, and a co-editor of the recently published collection of essays titled "Territorial Days on the Laramie Plains. Her program documents the socioeconomic role of women in history.	X	X	X	jnelson@uwoyo.edu
Romanoski, Jennifer	Cemeteries, Cattle Wars, DAR, Fort McKinney and more	Jennifer is the Museum Educator at the Jim Gatchell Museum in Buffalo. She considers herself a "Jill of All Trades!"	X	X	X	educator@jimgatchell.com , 307-684-9331
Waggener, John	Snow Chi Minh Trail: The History of Interstate 80 between Laramie and Wolcott Junction	Waggener describes the history of a 77-mile stretch of I-80 that long-haul truckers have dubbed the "Snow Chi Minh Trail," a negative reference to the similarly mountainous roadway used by North Vietnamese soldiers. The road stretch in south-central Wyoming, dedicated in 1970, is steeped in tragedy, controversy, myth and even conspiracy.	X	X	X	waggener@uwoyo.edu ; 307-766-2563

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Waggener, Leslie	Second Ku Klux Klan in Wyoming	The KKK is a historically violent organization that has operated in three periods of American history. The KKK of the 1920s moved beyond the original Klan's targeting of Black people and broadened its message of hate to include Catholics, Jews, and foreigners and promoted fundamentalism and devout patriotism along with advocating white supremacy. Waggener presents on the actions and influence of the Second KKK in Wyoming.	X	X	X	lwaggen2@uwyo.edu ; 307-399-3543