AGS Virtual Conference 2021 Schedule

Friday, June 18th

2:30-3:45 PM EDT Laurel Gabel – Gravestones 101 (for new attendees only)

4:30-5:00 PM EDT Perky Beisel – Welcome to the AGS Conference
Dennis Montagna – Introduction to AGS
Silent Auction Opens on SLACK

5:15-6:45 PM EDT *RECONCILING THE PAST & FUTURE IN CEMETERIES*

- June Hadden Hobbs, Gardner-Webb University, "The Whole Earth for a Memorial: Green Burials and Green Memorialization"
- Liz Clappin, Moreland Altobelli Associates, "People Who Live in Cemeteries: The Lost World of Those who Cohabit with the Dead"
- Peyman Eshagi, Free University of Berlin, "Jannat al-Baq Recreated: Contemporary Material Representations of a Demolished Sacred Cemetery of Islam"

6:30 PM EDT to…. General Meet and Greet (aka Gabbing at the Gravestone)

Saturday, June 19th

9:00-10:30 AM EDT *MAUSOLEUMS*

- Joy Giguere, Penn State York, "'The Most Expensive Mausoleum in the Country, if not the World': Mausoleum Construction, Media Fascination, and the Industrial Capitalist Elite in Gilded Age America"
- Gisela Monteiro, Independent Scholar, "The Portuguese House in the Cemetery: Tradition and Popular Culture"
- John Bry, Independent Scholar, "Mansions of the Dead: The Community Mausoleum Movement"

10:45 AM-12:15 PM EDT *ARTISTS AND GRAVEDTONES*

- Maria Kucheryavaya, The Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences / The University of Manchester, "Gravestones, Emotions, and Representations: Celebrities' Burials at Moscow Cemetery"
- Tehila Sade, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, "Images of Displaced Memories: Depictions of Graves and Gravestones in the Artworks of Lukasz Baksik and Simcha Shirman"
- Adrian Butler, University of Denver, "Victory Memorialized: The Artist John Paulding and Soldier Monuments"

12:30 PM EDT to…. General Meet and Greet (aka Gabbing at the Gravestone)

Sunday, June 20th

4:00-6:15 PM EDT *RESEARCHING and DOCUMENTING CEMETERIES and GRAVEDTONES*

- Krista Horrocks, Ohio History Connection, "Harris Cemetery: Rediscovering a Lost African-American Burial Ground in Dublin, Ohio"
- Caroline Jones and Lauren Davis, Texas State Library and Archives Commission, "Researching Gravesites and Historical Monuments at the TSLAC"
- Ashlynn Rickord Werner, PlotBox, "Truth or Legend: The Story of Old Cambridge Cemetery"
- Carol Kelly, Gloucester Cemeteries Advisory Committee, "Dolliver's Cemetery Inscriptions"
- Nadeya Patel, Tarleton State University, "Digitization and Mapping of the Old Arlington Complex: Preserving the Past while Appealing to Future Generations"

6:30-7:30 PM EDT Virtual Field Trip to Colorado Cemeteries

7:30 PM EDT to… General Meet and Greet

Monday, June 21st

8:00-10:30 AM EDT *IDENTITY IN CEMETERIES*

- Matthew J. Trew, Independent Scholar, "From Pasture to Palace: Nationalism, Heritage, and Erasure at a Shared Cambodian-Vietnamese War Cemetery"
- Amy Larner Giroux, University of Central Florida, "Correlating Grave Marker Attributes and Nativity in St. Michael's Cemetery, Pensacola, Florida"
- Brian Johnson, American Research Institute in Turkey, and Richard Whittmann, Orient-Institut Istanbul, "Testament to a Cosmopolitan Past: Istanbul's Ferikoy Protestant Cemetery: Preserving Its Legacy for the Future
- Laura Macaluso, Independent Scholar, "The Story of "Inventing Disease" Via the Eli Whitney Grave Marker, Grove Street Cemetery, New Haven, Connecticut"
- Ahmed Shaikhon, Helwan University, "Gravestone Symbolism at the Historic Jewish Cemetery in Alexandria, Egypt"

Tuesday, June 22nd

7:00-8:00 PM EDT Annual Meeting and Silent Auction Overview

8:15-9:15 PM EDT *VERNACULAR MARKERS*

- Ryan Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University, "Signs of Community: African-American Slab-Plate Markers in Central Virginia"
- Jane Stockton, Independent Scholar, "Pottery Grave Markers in Union County, Illinois"
- Deborah Franklin, Independent Scholar, "Worthless Trash or Cultural Treasure: African American / Christian Burial Traditions and Grave Decorations found in Texas Cemeteries"
- Mary Tucker, Stephen F. Austin State University, "Gravegoods – A Primer for Preservation"

9:15 PM EDT to… General Meet and Greet

Wed., June 23rd

12:00-1:00 PM EDT Introduction to AGS Chapters and Chapters Roundtable

1:15-2:15 PM EDT Virtual Field Trip to Florida Cemeteries

2:30-3:45 PM EDT *SLEUTHING IN CEMETERIES*

- Jonathan Kewley, Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England, "'Well, I Just Like It,' The Role of Personal Preference in the Design of Early Modern Gravemarkers"
- Ashley Oliphant, Pfeiffer University, and Beth Yarbrough, Independent Scholar, "Two Blondes and A Buccaneer: How We Found Jean Laffite's Gravestone"
- Lynn Davis, Friends of Lakeview Cemeteries of the Greater Patchogue Foundation, "The Captain, A Princess, and My Witch"

Thursday, June 24th

8:00-10:00 AM EDT *CEMETERY TOURISM*

- Janine Marriott, Arnos Vale Cemetery Trust/University of Hertfordshire, "Dead InterEDTing: Historic UK Cemeteries as Visitor Spaces"
- Sharon Pajka, Gallaudet University, "Women Writers in Virginia Cemeteries"
- Loren Rhodes, Independent Scholar, "Postcards from History: San Francisco's Mission Delores as Recorded in Tourist Postcards"
- Linda Levitt, Stephen F. Austin State University, "Geocaching in Cemeteries"

Friday, June 25th

2:00-3:45 PM EDT *CEMETERY CHALLENGES*

- Ryan Seidemann and Christine Halling, Office of Attorney General, "Louisiana Statewide Cemetery Response Task Force"
- Shayleen Ottman, ERO Resources Corporation, "Using Ground-Penetrating Radar in Cemeteries: How GPR Can Help Cemeteries Meet Their Preservation and Management Goals"
- Bill Hosley and Christine Ermenc, Independent Scholars, "Silver Lining: How the Pandemic Transformed our Engagement with Gravestone Studies"
- Michele Zakis, Independent Scholar, "Graves in the Midst: Exploring South Florida's Unexpected Burial Sites"

4:00-4:45 PM EDT *HERITAGE IN CEMETERIES*

- Jeffrey Smith, Lindenwood University, "Burying the Lost Cause: Confederate Monuments and Cemeteries"
- John Cadena, Independent Scholar, "United in the Fight for Freedom: Remembering America's LGBTQ Service Members"
- Ron Stockton, University of Michigan-Dearborn, "The Grave of Tecumseh"

5:00-6:00 PM EDT Virtual Field Trip to TBD Cemeteries

6:00 PM EDT to… General Meet and Greet

Saturday, June 26th

c. 10:00 AM-2:00 PM EDT Preservation/Conservation "Workshop" (activities and final times to be determined by the Preservation Committee)

Sunday, June 27th

5:00-6:00 PM EDT Cemetery Cocktails and Gravestone Hors d'oeuvres
Silent Auction on SLACK ends at 6:00 PM EDT

6:00-7:00 PM EDT Awards Ceremony
Student Scholarship Winners
Oakley Presentations
Forbes Presentation

7:00-7:30 PM EDT Silent Auction Results

7:30-8:00 PM EDT Perky Beisel – AGS 2021 Conference Report
Dennis Montagna – Closing Remarks, 2022 Announcement

8:00 PM EDT to… General Meet and Greet