

2019 ALHHS/MeMA Annual Meeting

A hearty welcome from the Buckeye State! Join us in Columbus, OH for the annual meeting of the Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences and the Medical Museums Association on the campus of the Ohio State University.

Program Highlights

An exciting program of tours, traditional paper/presentations and lightning talks awaits ALHHS and MeMA members. Thursday and Friday tour options will include the Museum of Biodiversity (<http://mbd.osu.edu>), Orton Geological Museum (<https://ortongeologicalmuseum.osu.edu>), the Medical Heritage Center (<https://go.osu.edu/mhc>) and special tours of historic German Village led by Village resident historians. (<https://www.experiencecolumbus.com/neighborhoods/german-village-brewery-district/>)

We are excited to welcome this year's Keynote speaker Jenny Robb, curator of the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum. The Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum was established in 1977 with the founding gift of artwork and papers of alumnus Milton Caniff, famous for 'Terry and the Pirates' (1934-1946) and 'Steve Canyon' (1947-1988), both landmarks in newspaper comics. Today the collection includes 30,000 original cartoons, 45,000 books and 2.5 million comic strips and newspaper clipping. "Drawing Blood: Comics and Medicine", a special exhibit about medical cartoons will open on April 20th and be available for viewing throughout the ALHHS/MeMA conference.

With the recent discussion of a possible merger of ALHHS and MeMA, the program committee has arranged a special-focus panel on intersections and partnerships between museums and libraries/archives. The session will feature four presentations, plus commentary from James Edmonson, former Chief Curator of the Dittrick Medical History Center.

For the first time, the annual meeting will feature a poster session, and later an extended break allowing time to chat with poster presenters.

Venue

The 2019 annual meeting will be held at the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital on the campus of the Ohio State University. The James is the largest cancer hospital in the Midwest and the third largest in the nation. Recognizing that art is good for the body and soul, the James is filled with art in an effort to lift the spirits of patients, their visiting families and friends. Staff members took another step forward on Feb. 16, 2018 with the grand opening of The James Art Gallery.

Be sure to visit the large, welcoming exhibit space at the top of the grand staircase in The James' lobby features rotating exhibits and artists with Ohio connections.

Accommodations

Hotel accommodations have been arranged at Columbus's Hyatt Regency Hotel (<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/ohio/hyatt-regency-columbus/cmhrc>), conveniently located adjacent to food, drink, and cultural hotspots, including history German Village, the Brewery, the Arena Districts, and the Short North Arts District.

The recently renovated hotel, featuring 631 rooms and suites is located at 350 North High Street, and is easily accessed via car or public transportation.

Other hotels close to the medical campus are:

Varsity Inn OSU South: <https://www.varsityinn.com/>

Spring Hill Suites by Marriott Columbus OSU: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cmhos-springhill-suites-columbus-osu/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>

Harrison House Bed and Breakfast: <https://www.harrisonhouse-columbus.com/>

Victorian Village Guest House: <https://www.victorianvillageguesthouse.com/>

The Blackwell: <https://www.theblackwell.com/>

GETTING AROUND

Transportation to the Hyatt Regency from the airport is provided by, [COTA AirConnect](#) for just \$2.75 each way. The shuttle leaves every thirty minutes and runs from 6 am to 9 pm, seven days a week.

For sightseeing, there is much in walking distance from the hotel. You may also use the complimentary [CBUS](#) bus line, which runs the length of High Street from Italian Village, south to Short North, the Arena District, and to German Village and the Brewery District.

For destinations further away, Columbus is very accessible via rideshares such as Lyft and Uber. Taxis are also a great option, although they typically must be ordered in advance.

EXPERIENCING COLUMBUS

Columbus, Ohio is the nation's fourteenth largest city. Over the last decade it has experienced exceptional growth in population, income, and housing. As a result, the city—a boomtown of food, drink, and culture—has much to offer visitors.

You don't have to look hard to find family-friendly fun here. The world-renowned Columbus Zoo, home to Jack Hanna and nearly 10,000 animals from six world regions is not to be missed. Visit the website of the [Columbus Zoo](#) and click on the "Discover" tab to inquire into special VIP and behind-the-scenes tours. Columbus's Center of Science and Industry (COSI) is also a great place for adults and kids alike. [COSI](#) features hands-on exhibits that allow guests to ride a high-wire unicycle, explore the streets of yesteryear or have a hair-raising (literally) encounter

with electricity. The stunning [Franklin Park Conservatory](#) is another must-see. Explore over 400 species of plants in the conservatory's biomes and make sure to visit the Pacific Island Water Garden, which is transformed each spring into a tropical haven for hundreds of butterflies.

If you are interested in art and film, there are several great options. Visit the Columbus Museum of Art, which features a variety of late-nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century American and European works of art. [CMOA](#) encourages visitor involvement, so be sure to stop by the Wonder Room for hands-on experimentation. With no permanent galleries, the exhibitions at the [Wexner Center of the Arts](#) on OSU's campus are always fresh. From February 2 to April 18, as just one example, the Wexner will host *John Waters: Indecent Exposure*, a collection of more than 160 photographs, sculptures, and videos by the cult filmmaker and cultural commentator. While on campus, stop by the [Gateway Film Center](#) to check out the latest in independent cinema.

Columbus is also home to the renowned Ohio State Buckeyes and several major sports teams. If you want to check out an event, there are plenty of options. The major league soccer team, the Columbus Crew, plays from March through October in MAPFRE Stadium, just a 10-minute drive from the Hyatt Regency. If you prefer baseball, the Columbus Clippers, Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, play at Huntington Park—just a 15-minute walk from the hotel. The season runs from April to September. The Division I Buckeyes host a variety of events on Ohio State's campus. Single game tickets are available via <http://ohiostatebuckeyes.com/tickets/>.

For food, drink, and shopping, Columbus offers limitless options. Consider the historic [North Market](#), just steps from the Hyatt. The market, open from 9 am to 7 pm Tuesday through Saturday, offers fresh-baked Bavarian pretzels and Homemade Polish pierogi alongside Indian and Mexican cuisine, artisan cheeses, fresh spices, French macarons and Columbus's own, Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams.

Walk just north of the market and you'll find the city's bustling Short North Arts District. The district features a variety of boutiques for men, women, children, and four-legged friends. Stop by Tiger Tree for quirky gifts and check out the Candle Lab, where you can make custom, one-of-a-kind scents. There are no shortage of options for food and drink. Consider dinner reservations at [Marcella's](#) (Italian), [The Pearl](#) (seafood), or [the Guild House](#) (creative, seasonal cuisine). For a more casual, but still outstanding, experience, check out Bakersfield Short North (tacos and tequila), Philco Bar + Diner (upscale dine food/local beer/wine), Short North Pint House, Arch City Tavern, Standard Hall, and the Short North Food Hall.

For a slower, more scenic experience, head south of the hotel, just a short ride on the complimentary CBUS bus line, and you'll find German Village. A historic area with tree-lined, cobblestone streets, German Village is heavy on charm—see if you can spot The Little's miniature door, built into the side of a Third Street home. Take a quiet stroll through Schiller Park, peruse some antiques, and grab a bite to eat. For casual fare, consider Katzinger's Deli, Stauf's Coffee, or a quick nibble at Pistacia Vera. For a more upscale meal, make reservations at local favorites: [Barcelona](#) (Spanish), [Lindey's](#) (Bistro fare), or [G.Michael's Bistro & Bar](#) (Southern-inspired dishes).

We are looking forward to seeing you in Columbus!

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