



ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 8-10, 2025
LEXINGTON, KY



KMHA Conference Schedule at A Glance Day 1: Sunday, June 8, 2025

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| 10 am - 1 pm | African Cemetery No. 2 Preservation Project
419 E 7th St, Lexington, KY 40508 |
| 3:30 - 4:30 pm | Tour of the 21c Museum Hotel Galleries (<i>tentative</i>)
167 W Main St, Lexington, KY 40507 |
| 5 - 7 pm | Opening Reception at Ashland - The Henry Clay Estate
120 Sycamore Rd, Lexington, KY 40502 |
| 7:30 - 9:00 pm | Drinking About Museums meet up at the Lockbox, 21c Museum Hotel
167 W Main St, Lexington, KY 40507 |

KMHA Conference Schedule at A Glance

Day 2: Monday, June 9, 2025

Note: Conference sessions will take place at Cowgill Center, Transylvania University

- 8:00 am** Registration Open at the Cowgill Center, Transylvania University
- 9 - 10:15 am** Session A: **Rethinking the “Conjure” Chest**
Deana Thomas, University of Kentucky
Session Location: Classroom A
- Session B: **How Do You Do That?**
Sally Rogers, South Union Shaker Village
Session Location: Classroom B
- 10:15 - 10:30 am** Morning Break with Refreshments
- 10:30 - 11:45 am** Session A: **Introduction to the Kentucky Heritage Emergency Response Network (KHERN)**
Leah Craig, Kentucky Historical Society
Rusty Heckaman, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
Ruth Bryan, University of Kentucky
Session Location: Classroom A
- Session B: **To Protect and Serve: Security Issues at Small Museums, Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Historic Sites**
James Seaver, Kentucky Historical Society
Susan Brown, Transylvania University
Session Location: Classroom B
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm** Lunch provided by KMHA at the Zim’s Cafe, Old Fayette County Courthouse
215 W Main St UNIT 25, Lexington, KY 40507

KMHA Conference Schedule at A Glance

Day 2: Monday, June 9, 2025 (Continued)

1:30 - 2:45 pm

Session A: **Ancient Histories, Archival Collections: The Kentucky Geological Survey's Efforts to Organize and Share Geologic Resources**

Cheyenne Hohman, Kentucky Geological Survey, University of Kentucky
Liz Adams, Kentucky Geological Survey, University of Kentucky

Session Location: Classroom A

Session B: **Objects ARE Evidence: Founding Era Material Culture and the 250th**

Zachary Distel, National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Session Location: Classroom B

2:45 - 3:00 pm

Afternoon Break with Refreshments

3:00 - 4:15 pm

Session A: **Goldilocks and the Three Museums: Best Practices for School Tours at Museums of All Sizes**

Betsy Huggins, Speed Art Museum
Emily Dippie, Kentucky Derby Museum
Michelle Amos, The Little Loomhouse

Session Location: Classroom A

Session B: **Supper Club: Inspiring Cultural & Culinary Conversations**

Alissa Keller, Museums of Historic Hopkinsville and Christian County
Matthew Brown, Chef Emeritus and Wandering Kentucky Founder

Session Location: Classroom B

Session C: **Tour of Transylvania University Archives**

Susan Brown, Transylvania University

Session Location: Off-site, Meet in Cowgill Lobby

5 pm - 6:30 pm

Tours of LexHistory and the Bluegrass Trust for Historic Preservation
210 N Broadway, Lexington, KY 40507

6:30 - 8:30pm

Dinner, Drinks, and Tours at West Sixth Brewing
501 W 6th St #100, Lexington, KY 40508

KMHA Conference Schedule at A Glance

Day 3: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

*Note: Conference sessions will take place at
Kentucky Horse Park*

- 8:00 am** Registration Open at the Kentucky Horse Park
- 9 - 10:15 am** Session A: **That's All She Wrote!: Lessons Learned from the Publication Process**
Jessica Whitehead, Kentucky Derby Museum
Session Location: Classroom A
- Session B: **From Abstraction to Action: Engaging Visitors with Hands-on History**
Megan Jones, Louisville Water Tower
Session Location: Classroom B
- 10:15 - 10:30 am** Morning Break with Refreshments
- 10:30 - 11:45 am** Session A: **The Vital Role of Museum Gift Shops in Cultural Institutions**
Delaney Thomas, Kentucky Historical Society
Session Location: Classroom A
- Session B: **Ask An Educator: Insights and Inspiration from the World of Teaching**
Maddie Menz, Kentucky Historical Society
Brett Pritchett, Museums of Historic Hopkinsville Christian County
Session Location: Classroom B
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm** Lunch provided by KMHA and Annual Meeting at the Kentucky Horse Park
- 1:30 - 3 pm** Tour of the Kentucky Horse Park