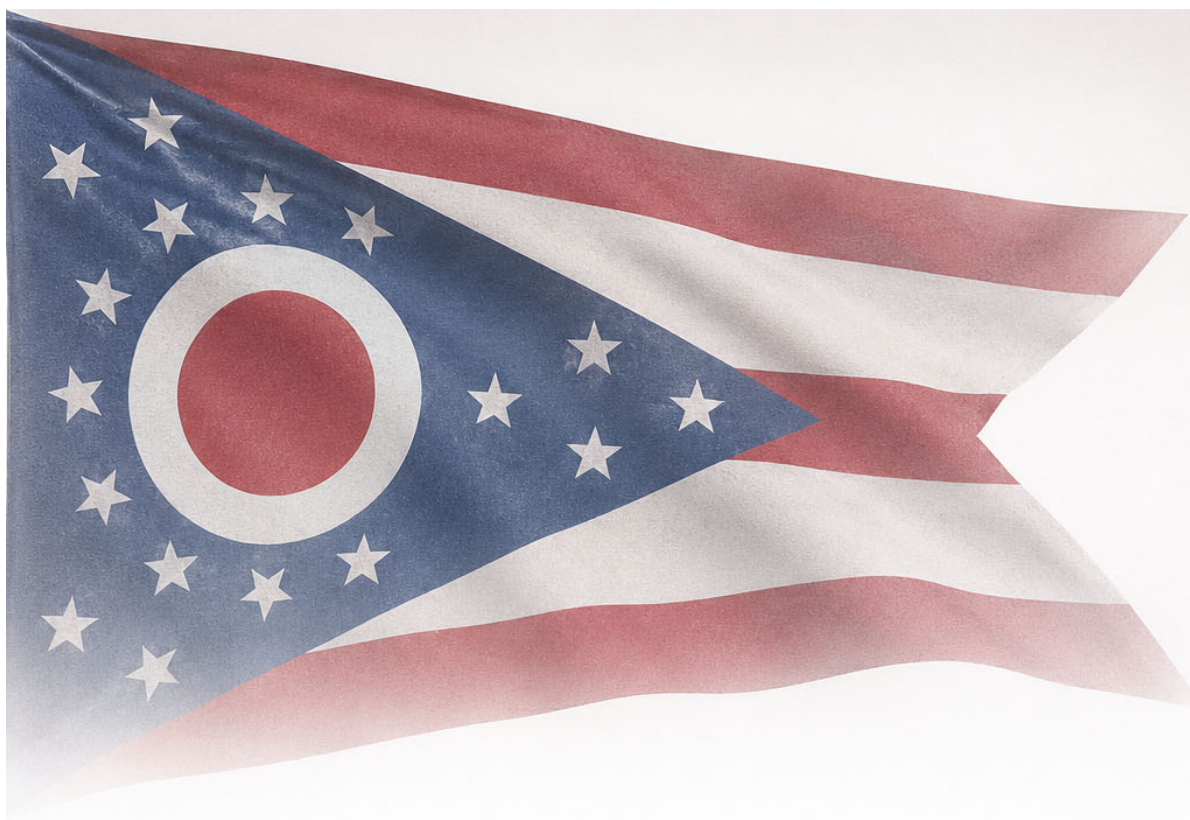




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DAY TWO

9:00 AM

PANEL 3

Race, Ethnicity, Ohio, and the Presidency

CHAIR

Gina M. Martino, University of Akron

PANELISTS

Janet L. Donovan, University of Colorado Boulder, “The Washington Administration, the Northwest Ordinance, and the Ohio Country: Important Precedents on Indigenous Land Rights, Slavery, and Settlement Patterns”

Joshua Dubbert, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museum, “Toward a New Interpretation of the Election of 1876”

Tameka Ellington, William McKinley Presidential Library & Museum, “President William McKinley: An Advocate for African American People”

Beth Voth, Southern Methodist University, “Warren Harding and the American Controversy of Blackness”

10:30 AM

PANEL 4

The Legacy of Ohio Presidents on Contemporary Politics

CHAIR

J. Cherie Strachan, University of Akron

PANELISTS

James T. McHugh, University of Akron, “William Henry Harrison and the Caroline Affair: A Brief Presidency and One Long-Term Legacy”

Christopher P. Banks, Kent State University, “President Taft’s Historical Influence on the Rise and Political Significance of the Modern Shadow Docket”

David B. Cohen, University of Akron, and **Robert Alexander**, Bowling Green State University “Presidential Health, Inability, and Succession before the 25th Amendment: Six Ohio Presidencies.”

Austin Trantham, Saint Leo University, “Contingent Executives: Secretaries of State and Pseudo-Presidential Authority”

1:15 PM

PANEL 5

Ohio Presidents, Reconstruction, and the Gilded Age

CHAIR

Benjamin Baughman, Ohio History Connection

PANELISTS

Ryan P. Semmes, Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, “The Council of War: Ulysses S. Grant’s Cabinet and Reconstruction”

Eric Matthews, Thiel College, and **Hannah Scriven**, Thiel College, “Three Ohio Presidents, One Challenge, One Missed Opportunity”

Brian M. Saxton, John Carroll University, and **Andrew C.M. Mizsak**, Lakeland Community College, “Ohio Presidential Influence on the Federal Government Workforce”

2:30 PM

PANEL 6

Ohio’s Ascendancy in National Politics and Popular Culture

CHAIR

Gregory Wilson, University of Akron

PANELISTS

John F. Chappo, Pennsylvania College of Technology, “From Border North Whigs to the White House: The Structural Origins of Ohio’s Presidential Ascendancy, 1869-1923”

Michael M. Carver, Bowling Green State University, “Woodrow Wilson and The Holy Trinity”

Yang Lin, University of Akron, “The ‘Open Door’ vs. the ‘Gated Door’: A Cluster-Agon Analysis of McKinley’s and Trump’s Rhetorical Frameworks Towards China”

Raymond D. Irwin, Ohio State University, “Fictional Ohio Presidents and Presidential Contenders in Motion Pictures and Television”

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