

## Session Topics Suggested for 2024 Annual Conference

Are you interested in submitting a session proposal for the 2024 Annual Conference, but need help with a topic? Here is a list of suggestions for topics from 2023 Annual Conference attendees (in no particular order).

Fundraising

Communications – crafting your message, navigating the ever changing world of social media, how to use traditional communications techniques.

Sessions for Consultants/Independent History Professionals

How to Prepare an AASLH Award Nomination

Collections Care

Disability History and Accessibility

Evaluation/Visitors Studies

Curators and Collection Manager Content

Local Issues and Impact

Historic House Museum Interpretation

Small Museum Sessions Led by Small Museums

Strategies for Engaging with People and Organizations that Oppose a More Inclusive Telling of History

Board Governance Issues/Strategies

Including Educators on Interpretive/Exhibits Teams

History of Voter Access and Suppression and Other Election-Related Topics

History Advocacy – language use in the field, meeting people where they are, using data to drive our collective work.

Military History

More Foundations and Funders Included in Sessions

Managing COVID Recovery

Strategic Planning and Project Management

Supporting Staff/Preventing Burnout

Guest Engagement

Leading from the Middle

Innovative Programming

Sessions for People Nearing Retirement – What are options for professionals leaving institution-based work? What are possibilities for independent history work? How do you gracefully accept younger people coming in as you exit?

How can people reclaim their history?

More on the 250<sup>th</sup>

More Nuts and Bolts Sessions

History of Jews in the South

Working with Volunteers

Changing Systems to Help a Museum Better Represent All People

More About Civics

Visitors Services Responsibilities

Finance

AASLH DEAI Statement

Dive into the Themes and Stories that the Host Locations/Region Is Uniquely Equipped to Help Attendees Explore

- Highway Markers
- Adult Education and Programming
- History Organizations Doing Good Work
- What AASLH Is Doing Itself to Improve with the Feedback From Members
- Archives-Related Sessions
- How to Gather Oral Histories and Conduct Interviews Properly
- Managing Environmental Issues in Your Historic Building
- Workers' Rights
- Sessions for History Organizations/Doers that Are Not Museums
- Tightrope of Politics and Tackling Complicated and Potentially Fraught Topics
- Sessions that Put Reframing History and Making History at 250 into Action Through Event/Program/Curriculum Swapping and Brainstorming Sessions
- Transgender History
- Getting Public Officials Involved/Interested in the History of The Community
- Repatriation and Cultural Property Focused Workshops
- Working with Indigenous Groups
- Digital Access to Collections
- Writing for Public Audiences
- Effective Public Programming Post-COVID
- The Importance of State and Local History
- Criminal Justice
- How to Reach New Audiences with Collections
- Balancing Work When You Are Understaffed and Overcommitted
- Creating Exhibits
- How to Attract and Use Younger Volunteers
- Effects of Climate Change on Institutions
- Connecting with Schools and Local Communities
- Music Museums and Preservation of Historic Museum Venues
- More Lightning Round Sessions with Lots of Ideas
- Gift Shop Strategy
- Sexual Harassment and Gender Discrimination
- Impact of AI and ChatGBT on Field of State and Local History
- Women's History
- What Did We Learn From Failing?
- Small Museums and ADA Compliance