

**World-Historical Gazetteer Advisory Committee Meeting
University of Pittsburgh**

*Hosted by the World History Center at the Pitt Humanities Center
Cathedral of Learning 602*

Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9, 2017

September 7

7:00: Reception and light dinner at the Wyndham Pittsburgh University Center Bar

September 8

8:30-9:00: Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:30: Welcome and Project Orientation

9:30-10:30: Participant Self-Introductions

10:30-12:00: Conversation about Plans and Progress

We seek feedback from the Advisory Committee and associates about the WHG NEH proposal, including our plans for:

- *Infrastructure, interfaces, and user scenarios*
- *The spine and ecosystem architecture*
- *Content and data sources*
- *Proposed accomplishments after three years*

12:00-1:30: Lunch

1:30-5:00: Conversation about Gazetteer Semantics

We seek feedback from the Advisory Committee and associates about our approaches to semantic questions including:

- General principles for modeling place-and-time and feature type: leveraging existing solutions, reaching consensus and sidestepping the impossible

3:00-3:15 Coffee break

3:15-5:00: Continued conversation...

- Learning from user stories (identifying and specifying interfaces to this data)

7:00-8:30: Dinner

September 9

8:30-9:00: Continental Breakfast

9:00-12:00: Conversation about the State of the Field

We invite discussion with the Advisory Board about questions including:

- *Further discussion of user stories if needed*
- *Survey of the state of the field*
- *The relationship between the WHG and existing cognate projects*
- *Existing content for the spine and significant ecosystem projects*
- *Advisory Board roles*

12:00-1:30: Lunch

1:30-5:00: Technical Discussion of Data Structure and Ecosystem Architecture

Discussion among the technical subgroup of the Advisory Board about topics including:

- *Ontologies*
- *Place record format*
- *API requirements*
- *Development Platforms*

3:00-3:15: Coffee Break

3:30-5:00 Continued conversation

6:30-8:30: Dinner

Workshop Participants

- Clifford Anderson (clifford.anderson@vanderbilt.edu), Director of Scholarly Communications for the Jean and Alexander Heard Library, Vanderbilt University
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