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23rd Annual WHA Conference Costa Rica 2014

July 16 - 18



The **World History Association**, along with our gracious local host, the **University of Costa Rica**, are pleased to announce the **2014 WHA Costa Rica Conference**. The dual themes of the conference will be **The Environment in World History** and **Latin America In World History**.

John R. McNeill will present this year's Keynote Address, "How Hungry Mosquitoes Liberated the Americas, 1776-1898."

The conference will offer a wonderful opportunity to commune with an international community of world history scholars, teachers, and students. The conference venue and official conference hotel, the Costa Rica Marriott Hotel San Jose, will provide a wonderful backdrop to reconnect with colleagues from around the globe, an excellent setting for the collegiality that is a well-known feature of our annual conference. Conference registration fee includes coffee breaks and two evening receptions. We welcome former attendees, as well as new, to join us for what will be a memorable and rewarding experience.

Pre and Post-Conference tours are being provided by **Travel Excellence**. We recommend you arrive early and stay after the conference to take advantage of all the country has to offer. Information on the tours can be found below.

Finally, many of your conference-related questions are answered in the Conference Information and FAQs link also found below.

[Conference Program Without Abstracts](#) [Revised 7/11/14]

[Conference Program With Abstracts](#) [Revised 7/11/14]

PLEASE POST OR CIRCULATE THE COSTA RICA FLYER TO INTERESTED COLLEAGUES

[Costa Rica Conference Flyer](#)

FOR CONFERENCE-RELATED QUESTIONS

[2014 Costa Rica Conference Information and FAQs](#) [Updated 4/14/14]

FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

[Costa Rica Conference Abstract Submissions](#) [NOTE: Deadline for Submissions has passed]

REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

[Costa Rica Conference Online Registration](#)

[Costa Rica Conference Registration Form](#) [PDF to download for registration by mail]

CALL FOR PAPERS

INFORMATION ON PRESENTING A PAPER

We have extended the deadline for the call for papers for the Costa Rica Conference. Please use the link below to submit.

[Abstract Submission](#) **NOTE: Deadline for new submissions has passed**

[Call for Papers](#): **NOTE: Deadline for new submissions has passed**

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

John R. McNeill

"How Hungry Mosquitoes Liberated the Americas, 1776-1898"

J.R. McNeill studied at Swarthmore College and Duke University and since 1985 has taught at Georgetown University. He has held two Fulbright awards, fellowships from Guggenheim MacArthur, the Woodrow Wilson Center, and a visiting appointment at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales. His books include *The Atlantic Empires of France and Spain, 1700-1765* (1985); *The Mountains of the Mediterranean World* (1992); *Something New Under the Sun: An Environmental History of the Twentieth-century World* (2000), co-winner of the World History Association book prize, the Forest History Society book prize, and runner-up for the BP Natural World book prize, listed by the London *Times* among the 10 best science books ever written (despite not being a science book) and translated into 9 languages; *The Human Web: A Bird's-eye View of World History* (2003), co-authored with his father William McNeill and translated into 7 languages; and most recently, *Mosquito Empires: Ecology and War in the Greater Caribbean, 1620-1914* (2010), which won the Beveridge Prize from the American Historical Association and was listed by the *Wall Street Journal* among the best books in early American history. In 2010 he was awarded the Toynbee Prize for 'academic and public contributions to humanity.'

CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The **Costa Rica Marriott Hotel San Jose**, the conference venue and official conference hotel, is a beautiful colonial hacienda set on a 30-acre coffee plantation. The hotel offers unique architecture, deluxe accommodations, a fitness center, outdoor pools, a golf driving range, fitness trails, four restaurants on-site, with others nearby. The rate for registered conferees includes breakfast and free internet access. Located only 4 miles from the airport and a short cab ride to the city center. Special discounted rates available for registered conferees. The discount code will be sent to you once you register for the conference.

[Costa Rica Marriott Hotel San Jose](#)

Heredia, Costa Rica

T: 888-236-2427 or 506-2298-0000

Rates

\$138 per night for single occupancy

\$152 per night for double occupancy

\$26 per night for each additional person over 12 years of age [for up to 2 additional people]

\$11 per night for children between 6-12 years of age

Children under 6, no additional charge

Plus 13% hotel tax

By Costa Rican law a housekeeping fee and a bellman's fee are not included in the hotel charge. These additional fees will be \$2 USD per day for housekeeping and a bellman's fee of \$5 for check-in/check-out are additional and will be charged to your room.

• Breakfast buffet included

• Free WiFi access in rooms & conference area

- Business center
- Outdoor swimming pools
- Fitness center
- Jogging/fitness trails, tennis, golf driving range
- Four on-site restaurants

A NOTE TO CONFEREES

To keep registration fees and room rates affordable we request that you make your hotel reservations at our contracted hotel, the Costa Rica Marriott Hotel San Jose. The WHA is committed to a contractual obligation in order to bring the room rate below the normal rate. If you stay at a hotel other than the official hotel we may fall short of our housing obligations and will be financially responsible for any unfulfilled rooms. We thank you for this additional support.

ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATIONS

This alternative hotel is not an official conference hotel so no discount code is required.

Courtyard San Jose Escazu

San Jose, Costa Rica

Phone: 888-236-2427 or 506-2208-3000

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sjocy-courtyard-san-jose-escazu/

We also suggest checking www.Hotels.com or www.TripAdvisor.com for other reasonably priced accommodations.

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION TO THE CONFERENCE INCLUDES:

- Entry to all Conference Panels
- Attendance at Keynote Address and Plenary Sessions
- Opening and Closing Receptions
- Conference Materials
- Morning and Afternoon Tea & Coffee Breaks

REGISTRATION FEES

WHA Members: Regular Registration

Early \$295 | Regular \$325 | Late \$355

Non-Members: Regular Registration*

Early \$410 | Regular \$440 | Late \$470

*This includes a complimentary one-year membership to the World History Association.

The non-member conference rates also apply to retired, non-employed, and student conferees who are not current members.

WHA Members: Full-Time Students

Please email a current, valid I.D. that confirms your full-time student status.

Early \$150 | Regular \$170 | Late \$190

Guest Pass

Good for entry to tea/coffee breaks and social events only if accompanied by registered conferee.

Early \$75 | Regular \$90 | Late \$100

Early Registration runs now through February 28, 2014

Regular Registration runs from March 1, 2014 – May 14, 2014

Late Registration begins on May 15, 2014

REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

[Costa Rica Conference Online Registration](#)

[Costa Rica Conference Registration Form](#) (PDF to download for registration by mail)

HOW ARE REGISTRATION FEES DETERMINED?

The WHA strives to keep your total conference costs, including registration fees, as low as possible, even though the expenses to organize and implement the event have risen precipitously over the last few years. WHA conference fees are in line with many other ACLS organizations, and this year's rates are the same rates as for our conference in 2012.

We listened to your suggestions on ways to improve the conference experience and have accordingly moved this year's conference to a hotel setting. With that added convenience come some additional costs which are reflected in the registration fees. To offset this we are pleased to report that the WHA has negotiated very reasonable room rates at the conference hotel which will result in lowering your total costs.

For those in need of funding assistance to attend the conference, information on scholarships can be found here: [WHA Conference Scholarships](#).

We are also able to offer a limited number of full or partial waivers for conference registration. The survival of the organization depends on your registration fees, however, so we ask that only those with extreme financial hardship apply for a reduced rate.

We know the conference in Costa Rica will be an enriching experience, both personally and professionally, for everyone in attendance, and we hope you feel the cost of registration is worth keeping the organization in good standing financially. We appreciate your understanding in this regard and looking forward to seeing you in Costa Rica.

CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The World History Association offers several scholarship to attend the annual conference:

- World Scholar Travel Fund (offered to scholars and teachers primarily outside of North America)
- The William H. McNeill Teacher Scholarship (offered to K-12 and community college teachers)
- Partial or Full Conference Registration Fee Waivers (a limited number offered to WHA members with economic needs)

Information about these scholarships can be found here: [Conference Scholarships](#).

REFUND POLICY

Conference Refunds for Presenters and Panelists

Presenters and Panelists who are unable to secure funding from their institutions to attend the conference may request a full refund if notice is received by APRIL 15, 2014. After this date, a \$75 administrative fee will be applied. Requests must be made in writing or via email.

Conference Refunds for General Conferees

The last day for conference registration fee refunds (less a \$75 administrative fee) is MAY 31, 2014. Requests must be made in writing or via email. Refund requests received after May 31, 2014 will not be honored.

If you have any problems with registration or have any further questions, please e-mail us at: thewha@hawaii.edu.

For more information about the World History Association, please go to our main website: www.thewha.org.

OPTIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Graduate level extension semester credits are available through the University of San Diego. Details about the program can be found on the USD Extension Credit Form: [USD Credits](#). More information is available at pce.sandiego.edu/index.jsp.

Questions regarding registration should be direct to:

Marilyn Green

University of San Diego, Professional and Continuing Education

619-260-5902 | marilyngreen@san Diego.edu | pce.sandiego.edu

EXHIBITORS

If you are interested in Exhibiting, placing an ad in the Conference Program, sponsoring the Keynote Address, a coffee break, or a reception at the conference, information is available here: [Exhibitors, Program Ads and Sponsorships](#).

CONFERENCE TOURS

The WHA has partnered with **Travel Excellence** to secure a wide variety of tours at affordable group rates. Complete information on all tours and the registration link is available here: [Travel Excellence](#). While tours indicate a 'minimum of two persons,' that is for the tours themselves, not individual reservations for the tour.

An overview of all tours is available here: [Costa Rica Tour Overview](#). For more details on individual tours, please click on the following tour descriptions and start planning your dream trip.

One-Day Pre-Conference Tours

[Canopy San Luis](#) aka Zipline Tour [full-day tour, Mon. 7/14/14]

[Pacuare River White Water Rafting](#) [full-day tour, Mon. 7/14/14]

[Doka Estate Coffee Tour, Poas Volcano and La Paz](#) [full-day tour, Tues.7/15/14]

[Discovering San Jose City – Costa Rica Past and Present](#) [half-day tour, Wed. 7/16/14]

Short Post-Conference Tours (Begin Sat. 7/19/14)

[Adventure in Arenal – 2 nights / 3 days](#)

[Adventure in Manuel Antonio – 2 nights / 3 days](#)

[Adventure in Monteverde – 2 nights / 3 days](#)

[Adventure in Pacuare River – 2-nights / 3 days](#)

[Adventure in Tortuguero – 2 nights / 3 days](#)

One-Week Post-Conference Tours (Begin Sat. 7/19/14)

[Costa-Rica – A Bit of Everything](#)

[Costa Rica Two Waves](#)

[Costa Rica Volcano, Mountain & Beach Adventure](#)

For more information or to register for tours, click here: [Travel Excellence](#)

Please note: Tour prices are subject to change. Please check the [Travel Excellence](#) website for the latest pricing and other information.

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Details

Start:
July 16, 2014

End:
July 18, 2014

Event Categories:

Venue

Costa Rica Marriott Hotel San Jose
*700 meters west from Bridgestone/Firestone, La
Ribera de Belen Heredia, Costa Rica*

Organizer

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