



## **The Great War: How America Came of Age**

July 14-16, 2017

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>:**

**Noon – 4:00 p.m.      Tours of the Harding Home**

*The Harding Home and Museum*  
380 Mount Vernon Avenue  
Marion, OH 43302

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.      Opening Reception**

*Marion Country Club*  
2415 Crissinger Road  
Marion, OH 43302

The opening reception of the 2017 Warren G. Harding Symposium will be held in the ballroom of the Marion Country Club, opened in 1921 to honor and entertain newly elected President Warren G. Harding and his many distinguished guests. A feature of the evening will be a display of unique World War I artifacts on loan from the Ohio History Connection. Beginning at 8:00 p.m. there will also be an optional book study conducted by Gary Branson, executive director of the Marion Public Library and a symposium advisory committee member. The book featured will be *Dead Wake: the Last Voyage of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson. It is available online, in bookstores and at your local library.

**Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>:**

**9:00 a.m.              Tour of the Harding Home**

*The Harding Home and Museum*  
380 Mount Vernon Avenue  
Marion, OH 43302

**10:30 a.m. Presidential Wreath-Laying Ceremony**

*The Harding Memorial  
Delaware Avenue at Veterans Park  
Marion, OH 43302*

The Harding Memorial is the final resting place of President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding. It is widely regarded as the most impressive presidential monument outside of Washington, D.C. Dedicated by President Herbert Hoover in 1931, the massive white marble structure is 103 feet in diameter and 53 feet high. On behalf of the White House, the United State Army will conduct the annual wreath-laying ceremony honoring President Harding.

**1:00 p.m. Workshop Sessions**

*The Marion Campus Health Technologies Building  
1467 Mount Vernon Avenue  
Marion, OH 43302*

**1:00 – 2:15 p.m. War Against War: the American Fight for Peace**

**Dr. Michael Kazin** is Professor of History at Georgetown University. He is an expert in U.S. politics and social movements, during the 19th and 20th centuries. He is the author of *American Dreamers: How the Left Changed a Nation*, which was named a best book of 2011 by *The New Republic*, *Newsweek/Daily Beast*, and *The Progressive*. His latest book, *War Against War: The American Fight for Peace, 1914-1918*, was published in January, 2017, by Simon and Schuster. Prior to his position at Georgetown, Dr. Kazin served as Professor of History at the American University. In 1996, he served as John Adams Chair in American Studies at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. He has also lectured in Japan, Germany, Italy, France, Great Britain, and Russia as well as throughout the United States.

**2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Impact on the Home Front**

**Dr. David Steigerwald** is Professor of History at The Ohio State University. He teaches courses in Twentieth Century America, ranging from World War I through The Sixties. He is the author of *Wilsonian Idealism in America* and *The Sixties and the End of Modern America.*, and the co-author (with Michael Flamm) of *Debating the Sixties: Liberal, Conservative, and Radical Perspectives*. Dr. Steigerwald has twice been honored by Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society, with the Clio Award for Outstanding Teaching in History. He is a recipient of the university's highest recognition for teaching excellence, the Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award. In December 2014, Dr. Steigerwald was honored to deliver the fall commencement address at The Ohio State University.

**4:00 – 5:15 p.m. The Real 'Return to Normalcy'**

**Sheryl (Sherry) Smart Hall** is a native of Marion, Ohio and graduated from Heidelberg University with majors in both English and American Studies. She began her career in journalism as a reporter for *The Marion Star*, serving as city hall and police reporter, as well as the Sunday edition editor. She later served as copy editor and bureau chief at the *Canton (Ohio) Repository*. In 2009, she was named manager of the Harding Presidential Site after eight years as coordinator of the site's education programs. Ms. Hall is the author of *Warren G. Harding and the Marion Daily Star: How Newspapering Shaped a President*.

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner and Keynote**

*The Ohio State University at Marion  
Guthery Community Room  
1461 Mount Vernon Avenue  
Marion, OH 43302*

**Dr. Andrew Huebner** is Professor of History at the University of Alabama, where he specializes in United States History and Military and Naval History. His research interests are focused on 20<sup>th</sup> century Social and Political History and War and American Culture. His current project (in manuscript) is titled, *Love and Death in the Great War*. Dr. Huebner's keynote remarks will focus on how World War I dramatically changed the culture of our country.

**NEW TO THE SYMPOSIUM! HARDING PRESIDENTIAL SITE OPTIONAL EVENT!**

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>:**

**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Friends of the Harding Home Day**

*The Ohio State University at Marion  
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Symposium attendees will have the option to attend the annual *Friends of the Harding Home Day* event. Following a brunch buffet and meeting, Harding researcher Jon Andersen will present a program titled, *Camping with Warren, Tom, Henry and Harvey*. He will explore the famous camping trip in Maryland which included President Warren G. Harding, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone and answer the question – “What really went on that weekend?”

**Advance reservations are required.** This event is free for Friends of Harding Home members and \$20 for non-members. Registration (whether Friends member or guest) is required. To register, please call the Harding Presidential Site at 800-600-6894, email at [hardinghome.org](http://hardinghome.org) website, or register through the “News and Events” members tab on the website.