

Why Join the World History Association?

Benefits of Membership

- Subscriptions to WHA publications
- Diverse membership: K-12, community college, four-year college, and university faculty, students, and independent scholars.
- Eligibility for the different prize competitions sponsored by the WHA.
- Deeply discounted registration fees at its annual conferences and symposia.
- One of the least expensive memberships in the profession
- Eligibility to stand for election to the Executive Council and the other offices that guide the direction and programs of the profession's largest and most influential world history organization
- Unparalleled regional, national, and international networking opportunities.

WHA Members

The WHA is a community of thoughtful, active members who cooperate, debate, and create. Members represent a wide range of institutions; they congregate at the association's summer conference, its meeting with the American Historical Association in January, its new annual overseas symposia, and at regional meetings throughout the year.

The WHA actively encourages a global perspective. It has members and affiliates around the world; it holds its annual conference outside the US every third year; and in 2010, it instituted its overseas symposium series, which annually co-sponsors tightly focused academic symposia on topics of world historical interest at various venues outside of the US.

Scholarly Exchange and Networking

Through its publications, the WHA keeps readers informed on the latest scholarship and pedagogical innovations. The award-winning *Journal of World History* has broad thematic and chronological coverage—and, of course, a global scope. The *Journal* contains high quality, well-researched, peer-reviewed articles written by scholars from around the world. Topics range from ancient trading practices to twentieth-century genocide.

The semi-annual *World History Bulletin* includes a Teaching Forum dedicated to issues in world history pedagogy, essays on a selected world history theme, official WHA business, news about upcoming conferences, calls for papers, paper/book/teaching prize announcements, and other important notices.

In addition to the two subscriptions that come with membership, the WHA supports *World History Connected*, <http://worldhistoryconnected.press.uiuc.edu/>, an on-line journal aimed especially at teachers, that addresses world history issues, and the H-World discussion list: <http://www.h-net.org/~world/> >

Specific Attention to Teaching

The WHA aims to satisfy teachers' intellectual needs while still finding ways to make world history accessible to students. Unlike many academic organizations that tend to focus entirely on

university-level research, the WHA believes that world history needs to reach all people, especially the young. Developing an understanding and appreciation for different traditions and cross-cultural interactions in history can and should begin in childhood. Therefore, WHA members have helped to develop various state curriculum standards and AP world history programs in high schools, and they continue to be active in those areas. The WHA encourages participation by a wide range of teaching professionals and addresses issues that relate to in-class experience at the K-12, community college, four-year college, and university levels. Fully 50 percent of the many panels, papers, and round tables at its annual conferences focus on pedagogical issues. Its Teaching Committee is actively engaged in promoting superior world history pedagogy around the globe, and the WHA sponsors a number of prizes that reward superior teaching and encourage active student participation in world history studies.

Learn More about the WHA

Fuller information about the WHA and a membership form can be found at www.thewha.org.

Sites of Forthcoming Conferences and Symposia

Conferences

July 7-10, 2011: Capital Normal University, Beijing China

June 28-July 1, 2012: Albuquerque High School, Albuquerque New Mexico

June 26-28, 2013: North Hennepin Community College, Minneapolis, MN

Symposia

January 2-4, 2012: Pannasastra University, Siem Reap, Cambodia

October, 2013: Notre Dame University, Fremantle, Australia