

SHSI Names New Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Go ahead and take the word "interim" out of **Heather Gibb's** job title. The State Historical Society of Iowa has named her **the new Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer**, a role she has filled on an interim basis since 2019.

Gibb will oversee the State Historic Preservation Office on a permanent basis and looks forward to continuing her work in developing eSHPO (an electronic filing system), digitizing the office's resources and supporting historic preservation projects across the state.



Heather Gibb, Ph.D.

She brings an extensive educational background to the position, including bachelor's degrees in anthropology and zoology from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, as well as a master's degree and Ph.D. in anthropology, with certificates in conservation biology and GIS, from the University of Missouri.

She has worked as a National Science Foundation Fellow and focused on combining natural history, archaeology and science in the classroom as an in-class science expert. With an interdisciplinary background as a zooarchaeologist and experience with Midwestern archaeology, Gibb likes to help people connect with the past through education.

Before joining the State Historic Preservation Office, Gibb coordinated records, compliance and review at the State Historic Preservation Office in Missouri while finishing her dissertation on conservation biology, GIS and archaeological databases. She can be reached at heather.gibb@iowa.gov.



Back-to-School Resources

As Iowa students return to school, we're encouraging teachers and families to tap into our educational resources, including our "[Primary Source Sets](#)," "[Read Iowa History](#)," "[Goldie's History Kits](#)," "[Read. Inquire, Write](#)" or "[National History Day in Iowa](#)." Each program offers a range of activities for students of all ages, in the classroom and at home.

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A Call for First Gulf War Artifacts

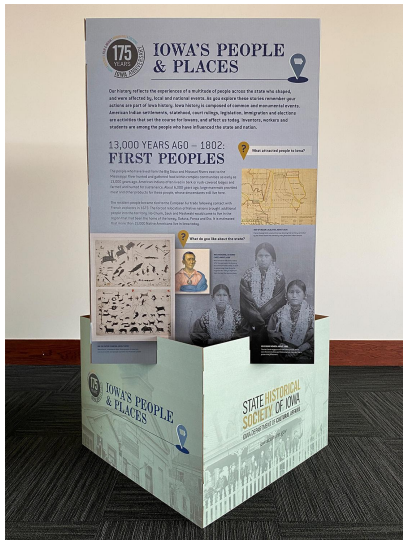
As the country marks **30 years since the First Gulf War**, the State Historical Society of Iowa is seeking help from the public to strengthen its collection of **objects and artifacts that tell the stories** and actions of Iowans during the two-month battle, and any military service after 1990. Iowans and others interested in donating are encouraged to learn more through our online [Object Donation form](#).

Pictured: Donated by Daniel Lamb of Marshalltown, this U.S. Army uniform jacket is held in the State Historical Museum of Iowa collection. Lamb wore the jacket in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm.



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Commemorate Iowa's 175 Anniversary of Statehood



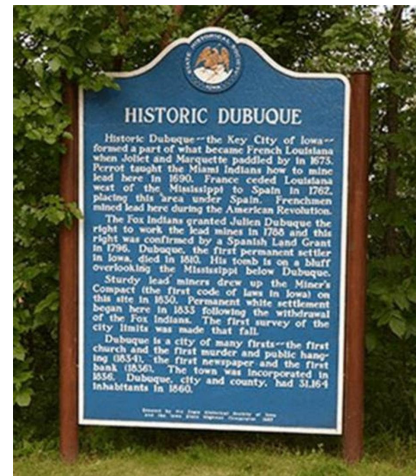
You can request a complimentary mail-order **pop-up display** about "Iowa's People & Places" that is free-standing, lightweight and easy to assemble. It's perfect for museums, historical societies, libraries, community centers and other public locations.

Exhibitors will receive a digital toolkit to help plan and promote related programs for adults, children and educators.

[REQUEST A DISPLAY](#)

State Historical Markers Grants

Grants are available to help communities create and install their own **historical markers to tell the stories of the people and places from Iowa's past**. With support from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, grants up to \$2,000 are available for the manufacture and shipment of a 2-by-3-foot cast aluminum historical marker. The program is open to all time periods and geographic areas of the state, and priority will be given to markers that focus on historically underrepresented groups.



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DAYS OF LEARNING



ART

FILM

HISTORY

Celebrate Moments & Culture

A new collection of online resources is now available as part of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' ongoing **Days of Learning** initiative, which connects educators, students, parents and lifelong learners to **a showcase of Iowa's arts, history, humanities, film and culture.**

The new multimedia collection, "**Celebrate Moments & Cultures,**" features a mix of milestones, memorable stories and points of view from Iowa's past, specially curated by the department staff and other experts from cultural and humanities organizations across the state.

BROWSE THE NEW COLLECTION

Coming Up Online

Iowa History 101: Soldier Mob in Keokuk

Aug. 26, Noon

Join Stefan Lund as he discusses an **1863 mob attack by Union soldiers on a Keokuk newspaper.** He'll examine the context of similar Civil War era violence against the press, how popular conceptions of loyalty and civic duty contributed to the violence, and its significance for the history of the First Amendment in war time.



REGISTER

Iowa Stories: Celebrating Labor Day: From the Bottom Up

Sept. 2, Noon

Join University of Iowa labor-history scholars Shelton Stromquist and John McKerley to **learn about the origins of Labor Day,** its roots in the "Great Upheaval," and its traditions of parades, picnics and public demonstrations. They will share stories chronicled in the State Historical Society of Iowa's Iowa Labor Collection and recently digitized oral history interviews.



REGISTER

Iowa History 101: We Learned to do the Things That Rural Women Did

Sept. 9, Noon

Join Jenny Barker-Devine, professor of history at Illinois College, to **learn more about how ordinary Iowa farm women developed their skills, forged friendships, and fostered community** through extension homemakers clubs. Whether they canned vegetables or studied global politics, farm women worked through their clubs to improve conditions for Iowa's farm families.

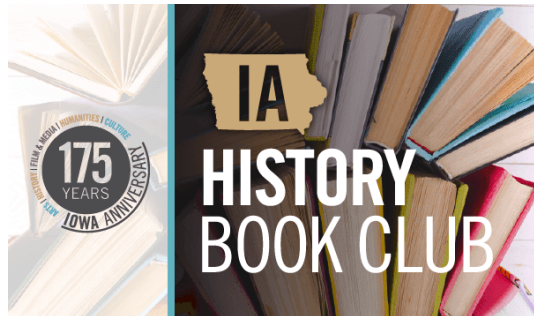


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Iowa History Book Club: The Sacred Cause of Union

Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

Tune in for the next virtual session of Iowa History Book Club, when **author Thomas Baker will discuss "The Sacred Cause of Union: Iowa and the Civil War,"** his Shambaugh Award-winning book examining the experience of Iowans during the American Civil War.



REGISTER

Review Iowa Stories Webinar Online



WATCH THE VIDEO

Iowa Stories: Iowa Women's Corrections

Recording Now Available Online

Did you miss the Iowa Stories webinar about Iowa Women's Corrections or want to see it again? Catch up on Erica J. Spiller's recent discussion about Iowa's prison history and the time women were sentenced to penitentiaries before their own housing plans were established.

Visit the Research Centers

The State Historical Library & Archives Research Centers in Iowa City and Des Moines recently reopened for **in-person visits by appointment** only on Thursdays and Fridays. Schedule your next visit for **access to 209 million historic documents, photographs, newspapers and more** from our vast collections.



[SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT](#)

IOWA'S PREMIER CULTURAL EVENT

CELEBRATE IOWA *Gala*

Save the Date: December 10, 2021

Iowa's statewide celebration of art, history, film and culture is back!

You won't want to miss the 10th annual celebration featuring Iowa cuisine, music, entertainment and, of course, Iowans like **you!** We hope you'll join us.

Friday, December 10
6 - 7 p.m. VIP Reception
7 - 11 p.m. Celebrate Iowa Gala
Scottish Rite Consistory, Des Moines



On Dec. 28, Iowa will mark a major milestone: 175 years of statehood.

Stay up-to-date by subscribing to our [Celebrate Iowa newsletter](#).

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National Preservation Conference, Nov. 2-5

Join thousands of preservationists and preservation lovers at **the nation's**



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premier conference for those who work to save, sustain and interpret historic places. With more than 32 thought-provoking sessions and networking events, you'll connect with advocates and architects, city planners and historic site directors, students and elected officials, commissioners and main street directors, and more during this virtual conference. **Register by Oct. 5.**

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Coming Up

- Aug. 17: **NTHP Webinar: Preservation Project Planning Basics**
- Aug. 26: **Iowa History 101: Soldier Mob in Keokuk**
- Sept. 2: **Iowa Stories: Celebrating Labor Day: From the Bottom Up**
- Sept. 9: **Iowa History Book Club: The Sacred Cause of Union**
- Sept. 9: **Iowa History 101: The Things That Rural Women Did**
- Nov. 2-5: **National Preservation Conference** (Register by Oct. 5)
- Dec. 10: **Celebrate Iowa Gala**

Please check our online calendar for more events and opportunities across the state.

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