Sustainability & Preservation:  
Local + Regional + Global

Historians tend to focus on change; the ways in which world history is tightly intertwined with questions of globalization further emphasize our attention to transformation. What happens when we shift our gaze to look carefully at what persists, and why? What environmental and cultural attributes have staying power? Based on such questions, presentations & panels may investigate sustainability & preservation in any register, including: the environment, water & water rights, air quality, climate, indigenous communities, immigration, religious history, borderlands—including the US West, education, and pedagogy. The program committee will also accept proposals unrelated to this theme. A Call for Papers will be posted on the WHA website starting in September.

For this conference, we are partnering with the University of Utah and other local sponsors; we will hold most sessions on the U of Utah’s lovely campus in the Foothill Cultural District. The Cultural District is home to the Natural History Museum of Utah, Red Butte Botanical Gardens, the Fort Douglas Military Museum, This is the Place Heritage Park, and many other local attractions.