



QUARTERLY REPORT:  
SPRING 2024 - IN REVIEW

# CHAPMAN CENTER FOR RURAL STUDIES

## WHAT'S NEW?

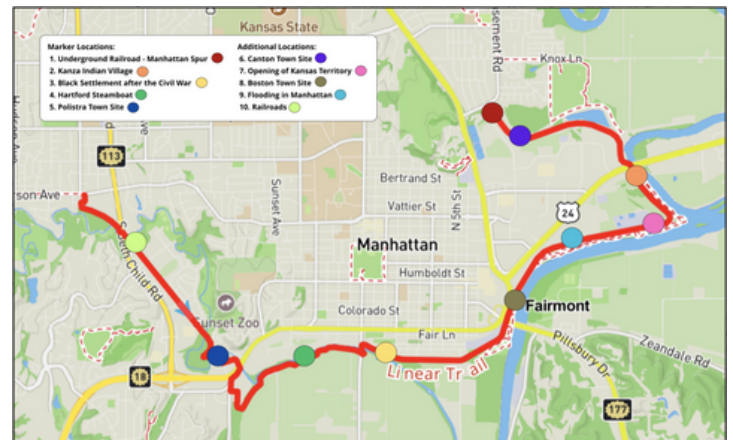
We cannot help but brag about all of the incredible work that our Chapman Center scholars have done over the last few months. We would like to spotlight a student who has been consistently fulfilling the Center's mission and makes us look amazing while doing it. Holly Hill has taken the reigns on a special venture in collaboration with the Riley County Genealogical Society. "Walking Through History on the Linear Trail" is a series of 10 historical markers related to Manhattan's past, which will be placed at trailheads along the 9.4 mile path of the Linear Trail. The first marker was placed on June 22 behind the Four Points by Sheraton.

It commemorates the settlement of Manhattan, originally named Polistra, in 1854. Four more markers will be dedicated within the next months of this summer. The last 5 markers will be dedicated next year in Summer 2025.



The next marker dedication, "The Hartford Steamboat & the Naming of Manhattan," will be on August 18. Dr. Kohn and Holly will both be speaking at the program. Their presentation is called, "The City of Many Names, The Hartford Steamboat Crash and the Naming of Manhattan."

Below is the map of the historical markers color coded by location. For more information or to read about this project, visit our [website](#).



## ALUMNI & STAFF SPOTLIGHT

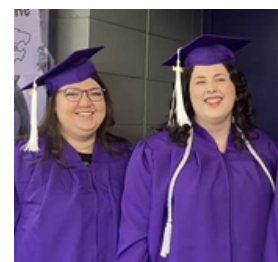
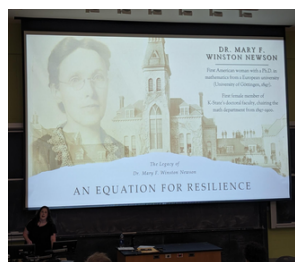
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Center alumnae Meghan Ward has finished out her last year at the CCRS with a bang. Her research on [Dr. Mary F. Winston Newson](#), chair of the mathematics department at Kansas State Agricultural College from 1897-1900, has been invaluable to the Chapman Center and to Meghan's overall academic growth. It has been such a joy to watch her make immense strides towards her bright future.

Meghan was recently [featured on KMAN! Radio](#) with Melanie Highsmith, Curator of Education and Design for the Riley County Historical Museum, to speak about her work during the station's "In Focus" segment. She then ventured on to present her research for the "[Mary Winston Newson Lectures](#)" hosted by the [Association for Women in Mathematics](#) KSU Student Chapter. These lectures were presented by underrepresented scholars in mathematics.

Adding to her full plate, Meghan was selected to showcase her project at the K-State Undergraduate Research Symposium. Next, rounding out her busy year at the annual Sapiens Symposium hosted by the Anthropology Program, Meghan, along with CCRS alum Anna Poggi-Corradini, unveiled one of the newest additions to the CCRS projects website. [K-State Archaeology through the Decades](#), under supervision from Dr. Ritterbush, shows how K-State Archaeology helps deliver the land-grant promise to Kansans by creating opportunities for hands-on research and serving Kansas communities.

Finally, with sadness and pride in our hearts, we watched our girl Meghan walk across the stage at graduation with two other Center scholars, Nina Behrens and Anna Poggi-Corradini. We will miss you all!



## CENTER ACTIVITIES

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If we seemed busy these last couple of quarters, well that's because we were! Our scholars were all over the place (in only the best ways)! April was a whirlwind of activities we are so stoked to share about.

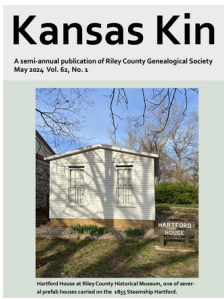
We rocked the "house" this year during KSU's Open House. At our table, we had a couple of 1924 photo booth cutouts from the Royal Purple. It was so much fun snapping polaroids for those who posed in them. The cutouts were from actual students in the 1924 Royal Purple yearbook, adding to the fun! We even had a chance to speak to a former schoolmate of our Mark Chapman. We know Mark would be proud of the Center today!





We, of course, celebrated our scholars at the Undergraduate Research Symposium hosted by the Staley School of Leadership. Among the 80+ students invited to present their research, CCRS scholars Lillianna Lamagna (L), Andrew Navarro (Center), Meghan Ward, and Natalie McPherson (R) represented us spectacularly.

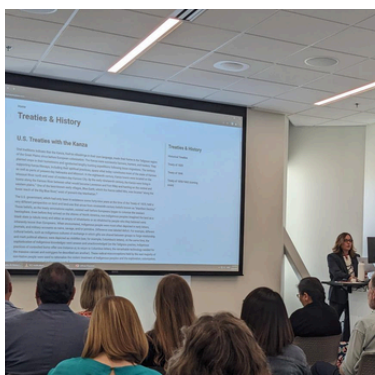
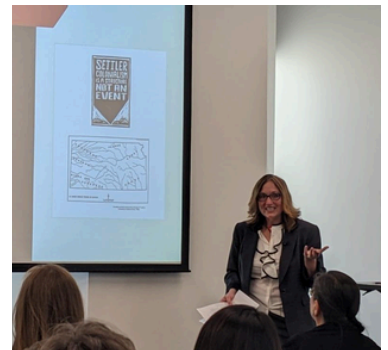
The Chapman Center had the pleasure of presenting at this year's Kansas Science Festival. This event is a celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) that encourages learning and curiosity for all ages. During this fun-filled day, we had the pleasure of teaching the history of Language and Linguistics. Participants received a spectrogram, or picture, of their own voice!



Lastly, Holly's story was featured on the cover of Riley County Genealogical Society's semi-annual publication called *Kansas Kin*. Her well-researched, well-written, and important article called, 'The City of Many Names: The Legacy of the Hartford Steamboat Immigrants in Manhattan Kansas, goes in-depth about the history of the Hartford steamboat immigrants. The Hartford House (cover) at the Riley County Historical Museum, was one of several prefab houses carried on the 1855 Steamship Hartford.

## KAW LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION DOCUMENTARY

We also have exciting news about the Kaw Language Revitalization Documentary. Dr. Lisa Tatonetti, 2023-2024 Coffman Chair for University Distinguished Teaching Scholars, recently gave her Coffman Chair Lecture called, "Treaties, Teaching, and First-Gen Land Grant Responsibilities." Her presentation shared the teaching and learning resources created in relation to our Kansas Land Treaty Project, including two videos, oral histories, and curriculum that highlights the intersections of Indigenous histories and the Kansas State land grant.



As part of this event, Dr. Tatonetti premiered *Creator Gives Us Language: Sharing the Story of Kaáanze íe Rematriation*, an eighteen-minute documentary produced by the Kansas Treaties Project that shares stories of how Kaw Nation citizens and linguists worked to awaken Kaáanze íe, the language of the Kaw Nation. The film features language director for the Kaw Nation, Storm Brave, and Vice Chair of the Kaw Nation, James Pepper Henry, and was co-produced by Dr. Tai Edwards at Johnson County Community College and Mary Kohn, Director of the Chapman Center.

# THE CENTER SUPPORTS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Along with the K-State Office of Engagement and College of Arts and Sciences, the Chapman Center will be helping to encourage faculty to build connections with external partners, theme 5 in the Next-Gen K-State strategic plan, with the "Integrating Engagement Across All We Do" Grant. Funding will support efforts to build and strengthen connections with external stakeholders through teaching, RSCAD (Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities, and Design), and service with the goal of fostering community impact through engagement.



Eight recipients receiving a total of \$32,000 have already been chosen for the IEAWD Grant and will be announced very soon!

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Check out the dates below for more Chapman Center events happening in the near future:

### JULY

- **July 5th:** Dr. Kohn spoke at MENSA in Kansas City
- **July 29th:** Hosted by the K-State College of Education, Grandparents, parents, children, and grandchildren will learn about the changing ways we maintain friendships by studying 19th century autograph books and much more.

### AUGUST

- **August 18th:** Riley County Genealogical Society "Walking through History on the Linear Trail" - Holly Hill and Mary Kohn will share stories of the Hartford Ferry and how Manhattan got its name.
- **August 20th:** Welcome back, Wildcats!
- **August 30th:** Chapman Center Engagement Open House - A mix and mingle event for those working on engagement in the college of Arts and Sciences with a chance to learn more about resources in the Chapman Center and the future of engagement at the university.

### SEPTEMBER

- **September 26th-28th:** Lillianna Lamagna and Mary Kohn will present research at Linguistic Association of the Southwest (LASSO).

### OCTOBER

- **October 9th-10th:** The Chapman Center will be attending the 2024 Kansas Arts Council Symposium.

*If you are interested in a visit from the Chapman Center, please contact at [chapmancenter@ksu.edu](mailto:chapmancenter@ksu.edu) for digitization days, information on internship partnerships with K-State, talks on the ghost towns of Kansas, the language of Kansans, archiving techniques, and much more.*



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