



The Fifties in Focus

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August 2 & 3

Kearney, Nebraska

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Center, Kearney Public Library, the World Theatre, University of Nebraska-Kearney History Department, Buffalo County Historical Society/Trails & Rails Museum, Kearney Downtown on the Bricks Business Association, the Classic Car Collection, Kearney Cultural Partners, Kearney Area Children’s Museum, and the contributions of many other generous businesses, organizations, and individuals.

All events are free and open to the public (unless otherwise noted with a “\$”). Schedule is subject to change.

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Thursday, August 1

6:30 pm-9:00 pm - Downtown on the Bricks Concert -- Surfin Safari Band

Intersection of Central Avenue and 24th Street, Downtown Kearney

More info: <http://downtownkearney.com>

Friday, August 2

5-7 PM -- Food Truck -- Merryman Performing Arts Center parking lot \$

5:45 PM - A Century of Fashion: the 1950s - Merryman Performing Arts Center (225 W 22nd St.)

Presented by Sue McLain, Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau

7 PM - Keynote Remarks: Dr. William Hitchcock - Merryman Performing Arts Center

William W. Corcoran Professor of History at the University of Virginia

Title: *“Liking Ike: How Dwight Eisenhower Defined the 1950s”*

Saturday, August 3

9:15 AM-4:45 PM - Rock Around the Clock Breakout Sessions - Kearney Public Library (2020 1st Ave.)

**breakout sessions will run approximately 50 minutes each*

Time	Niobrara Room	South Platte Room
9:15 AM	The Fight for Civil Rights <i>Becky Stone & Dr. Lenneal Henderson, Chautauqua scholars</i>	Let’s Play Ball! Sports in American Life <i>Dr. Catherine Biba, Hastings College</i>

10:15 AM	Almost 70 Years Agricultural Advances from the 1950s <i>Bob Klein, Emeritus Professor, UNL Extension Service</i>	A President's Big Plans: Eisenhower, the Interstate Highway System and the Space Race <i>Dr. David Nichols, Southwestern (KS) College</i>
11:15 AM	What's Up with Ward & June? The 1950s American Family in Myth, Memory, & Reality <i>Dr. Catherine Biba, Hastings College</i>	Crises of the 1950s Cold War <i>Dr. William Hitchcock, University of Virginia</i>
12:45 PM	SAC, Deterrence, and Nebraska in the Early Cold War <i>Dr. Jerry Martin, retired Offutt AFB Historian</i>	Setting the Record Straight: Dwight Eisenhower's actions Civil Rights and Joe McCarthy <i>Dr. David Nichols, Southwestern (KS) College</i>
1:45 PM	Whom We Shall Welcome: Immigration and the Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion in Postwar America <i>Dr. Danielle Battisti, University of Nebraska-Omaha</i>	Invasion of the Body Snatchers: Popular Culture in a Decade of Consensus <i>Dr. Simon Appleford, Creighton University</i>
2:45 PM	History of Rock N' Roll <i>Randall Snyder, Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau</i>	The Korean War: Uncharted Waters in the Cold War <i>Dr. Thomas Berg, University of Nebraska-Lincoln</i>
3:45 PM	A Lost Consensus? Politics and Culture in the 1950s <i>Dr. Danielle Battisti, University of Nebraska-Omaha</i>	Buying the Good Life: How the Rise of Suburbia and Consumer Culture Changed America <i>Dr. Simon Appleford, Creighton University</i>

9:15 AM - 4:45 PM - Collection of Oral Histories - UNK History Department/Senior College of Central Nebraska -- Loup Room, Kearney Public Library

11 AM - 2 PM - Food Trucks available in KPL parking lot \$

***Also available all weekend** -- 1950s Downtown Walking Tour courtesy of Buffalo County Historical Society/Trails and Rails Museum

4-6 PM - 1950s Show and Shine at MONA Parking Lot (Central Ave. north of 24th St.), in cooperation with the Classic Car Collection

*Kids' Activities courtesy of Kearney Area Children's Museum

*Food Trucks available \$

6:30-9 PM - An evening with Rosa Parks and Thurgood Marshall - World Theatre (2318 Central Ave.) (concessions available \$)

6:30 PM - Rosa Parks portrayed by Becky Stone

7:30 PM - Thurgood Marshall portrayed by Lenneal Henderson

8:30 PM - Concluding Q & A with scholars and closing remarks