



The Fifties in Focus

2021 Nebraska Chautauqua

August 6 & 7

Ashland, Nebraska

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

Visit www.nebraskachautauqua.org or call 402-474-2131 for more information.

Tuesday, August 3

3 PM -- Virtual Program: *Did Eisenhower Destroy McCarthy?*

Dr. David Nichols, Professor Emeritus, Southwestern (KS) College

Via Zoom Webinar ([registration link](#) on nebraskachautauqua.org) or via HN's Facebook page

Friday, August 6

4-7 PM -- Food for purchase (near the Chautauqua tent; SE of 13th and Silver Streets) \$

-Ashland-Greenwood Teammates Fundraiser

-Food Trucks

5:30 PM - A Century of Fashion: the 1950s - Chautauqua Tent (SE of 13th & Silver Sts.)

Presented by Sue McLain, Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau

6:30 PM - Keynote Remarks - Chautauqua Tent (SE of 13th & Silver Sts.)

Jim Newton, author of *Eisenhower: The White House Years*

Title: "*The Middle Way: Eisenhower and the Struggle for National Consensus*"

-Q & A to follow moderated by Danielle Battisti, University of Nebraska Omaha

8-10 PM - Reception, Glacial Till Cider House and Tap Room (1419 Silver St.)

-cake and cash bar; 1950s themed attire welcome

Saturday, August 7

8 AM - Breakfast & Coffee available for purchase (outside of Ashland Public Library, 1324 Silver St.) \$

-Ashland-Greenwood Spirit Squad (8-10 AM)

-The Beanery (8 AM to noon)

9 AM-5 PM - Rock Around the Clock Breakout Sessions - Ashland Public Library (1324 Silver St.)

**breakout sessions will run approximately 50 minutes each unless otherwise noted*

Time	North Room	South Room
9:00 AM	SAC, Deterrence, and Nebraska in the Early Cold War <i>Brian York, Curator, SAC Museum</i>	History of Rock N' Roll <i>Randall Snyder, Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau</i>
10:00 AM	Red Channels: Anti-Communism in 1950s Film and Television <i>Dr. Sean Trundle, University of Nebraska-Lincoln</i>	Crises and Opportunities of the 1950s Cold War <i>Dr. Thomas Berg, Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau</i>
11:00 AM	The Fight for Civil Rights <i>Becky Stone & Dr. Lenneal Henderson, Chautauqua scholars</i>	75 minutes
12:15 PM	LUNCH	
1 PM	Conformity and Its Discontents: Suburbanization and Consumer Culture <i>Dr. Sean Trundle, University of Nebraska-Lincoln</i>	A Lost Consensus? Politics and Culture in the 1950s <i>Dr. Danielle Battisti, University of Nebraska-Omaha</i>
2 PM	Fire in the Hole: The Contrasting Visions of Dwight Eisenhower and Earl Warren <i>Jim Newton, Eisenhower and Warren scholar</i>	What's Up with Ward & June? The 1950s American Family in Myth, Memory, & Reality <i>Dr. Catherine Biba, Hastings College</i>
3 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>	The Korean War: Uncharted Waters in the Cold War <i>Dr. Thomas Berg, Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau</i>
4 PM	Let's Play Ball! Sports in American Life <i>Dr. Catherine Biba, Hastings College</i>	Post-War Pop: Memorabilia of the 1950s <i>Donald-Brian Johnson, Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau</i>

Also at the Library -- Local 1950s Displays courtesy of the Ashland Historical Society

11 AM - 3 PM - Food Trucks available on 13th Street, east of the Ashland Public Library \$

Noon - 4 PM - Kids' Activities, north lawn of Ashland Public Library (1324 Silver St.)

12:30 PM -- Limbo and Hula Hoop Competition

3-6 PM - 1950s Car Show, Silver Street at 15th Street, sponsored by the Ashland Chamber of Commerce

4-7 PM - Food for purchase (near the Chautauqua tent) \$

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-Food Trucks

5:30-8 PM - An evening with Rosa Parks and Thurgood Marshall - Chautauqua Tent (SE of 13th & Silver Sts.)

5:30 PM - Rosa Parks portrayed by Becky Stone

6:30 PM - Thurgood Marshall portrayed by Lenneal Henderson

7:30 PM - Concluding Q & A with presenters and closing remarks, moderated by Dr. Catherine Biba, Hastings College

8 PM -- 1950s Sock Hop -- Chautauqua Tent (SE of 13th & Silver Sts.)

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