



Centennial Histories Symposium

Saturday, March 24, 2018

“The Usable Past: Mennonite Higher Education in Review”

Eastern Mennonite University/Lehman Auditorium

In the thirty years between 1887 and 1917, Mennonite groups in the United States founded what are today the five schools associated with Mennonite Church, USA: Bethel College (1887), Goshen College (1893), Bluffton University (1899), Hesston College (1908), and Eastern Mennonite University (1917). As part of the centennial celebration of the youngest of these schools, EMU, this symposium will investigate the first centuries of these five schools by pulling together the authors of each of their centennial histories. The goal is to create a “Usable Past” - to use the experiences of the previous century to help guide Mennonite higher education through the challenges and opportunities of the next century.

Sessions with the authors will run all day on Saturday, March 24 in Lehman Auditorium on the campus of Eastern Mennonite University. Comment will be provided by a panel of former Mennonite college and university presidents and by current faculty members and students. All are welcome to join in what promises to be a dynamic discussion of the past and future of Mennonite higher education.

For full details and registration information, go to emu.edu/history.

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