

## Augustana Historical Society

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The Augustana Historical Society is a not-for-profit organization of professional scholars, amateur historians, and above all friends of Augustana College. We're bound together by our desire to preserve and tell Augustana's stories.

Our mission statement describes our purpose: to preserve the history of Augustana College and its relation to the Lutheran Church and to Swedish-American immigration and culture. We do this through publications, presentations, and preserving written records and artifacts.

#### **Our Own History**

Since its founding in 1930, the Society has traced the stories of Swedish-Americans who settled in the Midwest, built the Augustana Synod, and organized, taught, and studied at Augustana College and Theological Seminary in Rock Island, Illinois. Like all histories, these stories often intermingle. We have found the Augustana stories to be moving records of vision and courage. Many still remain untold. We're dedicated to recovering and telling them, believing that the more we know of them, the more fully we can understand who we are and who we want to be.

#### What We Do: Some of Our Activities

We tell Augustana stories in publications ranging from the scholarly work of distinguished professors such as Conrad Bergendoff, Thomas Tredway and Fritiof Fryxell, to biographies of outstanding figures in our history, to histories of the college itself. We sponsor lectures and presentations on a variety of topics. We have restored historic areas on the Augustana campus and placed monuments, markers, and displays to commemorate these areas. Recent work by one of our members received an award of commendation from the Concordia Historical Society.

### **Membership Benefits**

By joining the Augustana Historical Society you will receive advance copies of all AHS publications, either free or at greatly reduced prices.

- You'll receive a 10% discount on any AHS publication
- AHS Newsletter
- Advance invitations to programs in the fall and spring



For more information, visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/ AugustanaHistoricalSociety

See reverse and join today!

I /We wish to join the Augustana Historical Society

Membership type: ( ) Annual Membership - \$35 single membership includes married/partnered couples ( ) Augustana Student

Membership - \$5

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"We are, and we become, what we believe and hope."

-Conrad Bergendoff