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## SYMPOSIUM ON HISTORY OF ASTRONOMY AND ORIGINS OF BASEBALL IN MEMORY OF HISTORIAN CRAIG B. WAFF

Cincinnati Observatory Center: Friday, June 27–Sunday, June 29, 2014

### Registration Information

A unique, interdisciplinary symposium on the history of astronomy and on the origins of baseball in memory of historian Craig B. Waff will be held the last weekend of June 2014 at the Cincinnati Observatory Center in Ohio, under the auspices of the Antique Telescope Society and the Vintage Base Ball Association, two organizations in which Craig was actively involved. Keynote speakers at the banquet dinner Saturday night, June 28, will be two eminent historians who were Craig's colleagues and friends: **Steven J. Dick**, former NASA Chief Historian, and **John Thorn**, Official Historian of Major League Baseball. Keynote speaker bios, preliminary program, and registration form are attached.

The symposium will begin Friday evening, June 27, with registration check-in and an ice cream social at 6:00PM. After welcoming remarks, there will be an introductory brief history of the Cincinnati Observatory, a behind-the-scenes tour of the 169-year-old telescope (once largest in the U.S.) and the 110-year-old telescope, plus viewing through them after dark (weather permitting). Papers will be presented on the mornings and early afternoons of Saturday and Sunday. Each afternoon there will also be an informal show-and-tell of vintage astronomical and baseball equipment. Sunday afternoon there will be a behind-the-scenes tour of the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and of the nearby historic Crosley Field.

Because of the unique diversity of the program, and the fact that some attendees may have only limited time, three options are offered for registration:

- 1) the full symposium (from the Friday evening ice cream social through Sunday afternoon tour)
- 2) an astronomy-concentration half-symposium (from Friday evening through the Saturday banquet, including the behind-the-scenes tour of the Cincinnati Observatory and viewing through the telescopes, weather permitting)
- 3) a baseball-concentration half-symposium (from the Saturday banquet through Sunday afternoon, including the behind-the-scenes tour of the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and nearby historic Crosley Field).

**All three options include the Saturday night reception, banquet dinner, and two keynote speakers.**

In addition, for spouses, friends, and the local community who may not wish to attend the papers sessions, there are also options to register for/purchase additional single tickets for:

- 4) just the Friday night ice cream social, tour of the historic telescopes, and viewing through them (if weather nice)
- 5) just the Saturday night reception, banquet dinner, and keynote talks by the two eminent speakers.

**NOTE:** Because the registration fees include all food functions for the weekend (ice cream social Friday evening, continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday, Saturday night reception and banquet, continental breakfast and lunch on Sunday, all morning coffee and afternoon iced tea breaks, plus Friday evening and Sunday afternoon tours), *the registration fee also applies to all speakers.* Most meals will be catered at the Cincinnati Observatory Center; to accommodate spouses and additional guests, the Saturday reception/banquet will be held Xavier University's beautiful President's Board Room.

The Cincinnati Observatory lecture room has a limited seating capacity of 50 people. Thus, through May 15, registration will be made preferentially available to members of the ATS, the VBBA, and other astronomy and baseball lists and organizations. Beginning May 15, the event will be heavily publicized in the wider Cincinnati metropolitan area as well. *As registration is first-come, first served and capacity is limited, registration before **May 15 is strongly encouraged.*** Final cut-off for all registration is June 15 (the caterers and Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame require advance head counts).

Hotel information is attached. It is recommended that you make hotel reservations as soon as possible (Friday evening, June 27, a Bruno Mars concert will be filling many hotel rooms). Travel agent Valerie Niemi can help.



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**Registration Form—Please PRINT LEGIBLY!**

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE 1 \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees:** For each registrant interested in the daytime sessions and events, choose one of the first three options below. Note that *all three include meals at COC plus the Saturday reception, banquet, and two keynote speakers.*

**Choice 1. Full symposium:** from Friday evening June 27 through Sunday afternoon, June 29. Includes 1) Friday evening ice cream social with behind-the-scenes tour of the Cincinnati Observatory and viewing through the historic telescopes (weather permitting), 2) continental breakfast + lunch + breaks on both Saturday and Sunday, 3) Saturday night reception and banquet with the two keynote speakers, and 4) Sunday afternoon guided tours of the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and of nearby historic Crosley field.

Cost per person: \$ 245 x Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ = Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Choice 2. Half-symposium, astronomy concentration:** from Friday evening June 27 through Saturday evening, June 28. Includes 1) Friday evening ice cream social with behind-the-scenes tour of the Cincinnati Observatory and viewing through the historic telescopes (weather permitting), 3) continental breakfast + lunch + breaks on Saturday, and 4) Saturday night reception and banquet with the two keynote speakers.

Cost per person: \$ 185 x Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ = Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Choice 3. Half-symposium, baseball concentration:** from Saturday evening June 28 through Sunday afternoon, June 29. Includes 1) Saturday night reception and banquet with the two keynote speakers, 2) continental breakfast + lunch + breaks on Sunday, and 3) Sunday afternoon guided tours of the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and of Crosley field.

Cost per person: \$ 185 x Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ = Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Optional additional/individual tickets** for Friday evening ice cream social with behind-the-scenes tour of the Cincinnati Observatory and viewing through the historic telescopes (weather permitting):

Cost per person: \$ 25 x Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ = Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Optional additional/individual tickets** for Saturday evening reception, banquet, and two keynote speakers:

Cost per person: \$ 79 x Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ = Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**ALL REGISTRANTS FOR SATURDAY BANQUET:** please select entree (indicate number of people per choice):

Beef Tenderloin \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken/Salmon duet \_\_\_\_\_ Portobello Wellington (vegetarian) \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restriction? gluten free \_\_\_\_\_ low fat/low cholesterol \_\_\_\_\_ low salt \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form with check for grand total made out to Cincinnati Observatory (memo: Waff Symposium). To use credit card, use the COC's secure online registration form at <https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1727747-ZBRG2jrclQ>, or call the COC at 513-321-5186 M–F 9AM–5PM. Seating is limited, so register early (ideally by May 15). Final deadline: June 15, 2014.**