

**PRESS RELEASE – for immediate release**

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From: Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum  
204 S Main St; Wichita, KS 67202

**KANSAS 1776: A DYNAMIC LANDSCAPE**

**Sunday- June 28, 2026**

**Presentation starts at 2:00pm**

**Admission FREE**

**Open to the public, All ages**

Although the land we call Kansas has changed greatly since 1776, it was already a dynamic cultural and environmental landscape before the “founding fathers” forged a new nation. Human activities and natural processes alike had transformed Kansas over the course of millennia as a changing climate, Indigenous burning practices, dynamic waterways, and other developments shaped and reshaped what became the Sunflower State.

Join us at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum on Sunday, June 28, as we celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> and take a glance into what our own state looked like two-and-a-half centuries ago in Adam Hodge's presentation “Kansas 1776: A Dynamic Landscape”, part of Humanities Kansas's Speakers Bureau.

**About the Presenter**

Adam Hodge is the Head of Reference at the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka. He has a Ph.D in History with specialization in Environmental and Indigenous History of the North American West.

**About Humanities Kansas**

Humanities Kansas is an independent nonprofit leading a movement of ideas across Kansas. Since 1972, HK's programming, grants, and partnerships have documented and shared stories to spark conversations and invite new insights. Together with statewide partners and supporters, HK encourages Kansans to draw on diverse histories, literatures, and cultures to create connections with one another and strengthen Kansas communities and our democracy. [Humanitieskansas.org](http://Humanitieskansas.org)

Doors open at 1:00pm; the program starts at 2pm in the DeVore Auditorium (2nd Floor)  
Open to the public. Free admission.

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Museum Hours: Tuesday – Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm.  
Regular Admission: \$5 Adults (13+); \$2 Children

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*OUR VISION: To provide a world-class museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County, Kansas.*