2018 SESAH Conference
Manhattan, Kansas
Saturday Study Tour of Kansas Flint Hills, October 6
Itinerary

Led David Sachs, the Saturday Study Tour will leave the Kansas State University Student Union at 9:30am. The tour will take us through scenic and historically significant portions of Kansas’ Flint Hills.

On our way, we will pass through Council Grove which was the beginning point for the Santa Fe Trail. As we pass through the town we can see two distinctive early buildings designed by Charles Squires, a talented architect from Emporia. As we pass through Council Grove we will stop at the Kaw Methodist Mission and learn about the native peoples and the early settlers.

We will also pass through the National Prairie Preserve, where will stop to see a short video on the Prairie ecosystem and tour the buildings of the Spring Hill Ranch, a National Historic Landmark.

Our tour will reach Cottonwood Falls by 11:00am when we will be able to tour the Chase County Courthouse. Completed in 1873, the Second Empire-style civic building is Kansas’ oldest extant courthouse. It was designed by John Haskell, who worked out of Lawrence and who was Kansas most celebrated early Kansas architect.

After we leave Cottonwood Falls we will pick up box lunches in Strong City. We will return to Manhattan in time to catch the late afternoon flights to Chicago and Dallas.